

## Compactification of Moduli Spaces of Einstein-Hermitian Connections for Null-Correlation Bundles

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### §0. Introduction

In 1970's by an effective use of twistor theory originated from Penrose [P], gauge-theoretic studies of anti-self-dual connections over 4-manifolds were inaugurated by Atiyah, Hitchin and Singer (see for instance [A-H-S], [A-J], [A-W]). Almost at the same time, Hartshorne determined the moduli spaces of anti-self-dual connections for  $SU(2)$ -bundles over  $S^4$  through a purely algebraic study of the null-correlation bundles over  $\mathbb{P}^3(\mathbb{C})$ . A little later, Kobayashi [K] introduced the concept of Einstein-Hermitian vector bundles over Kähler manifolds, which is in some sense a higher dimensional analogue of anti-self-dual connections over 4-manifolds (see for instance Kobayashi [K] for a general theory of Einstein-Hermitian connections).

The purpose of this paper is to construct a compactified family of Einstein-Hermitian connections on null-correlation bundles over odd-dimensional complex projective spaces  $\mathbb{P}^{2m+1}(\mathbb{C})$ . Let  $\mathbb{P}^m(\mathbb{H}) = \mathrm{Sp}(m+1)/\mathrm{Sp}(m) \times \mathrm{Sp}(1)$  be the  $m$ -dimensional quaternionic projective space, and  $p : \mathbb{P}^{2m+1}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^m(\mathbb{H})$  the corresponding twistor space. The homogeneous space  $\mathrm{Sp}(m+1)/\mathrm{id} \times \mathrm{Sp}(1)$  is a principal fibre bundle over  $\mathbb{P}^m(\mathbb{H})$  with typical fibre  $\mathrm{Sp}(m)$ . Let  $\tau$  be the standard representation of  $\mathrm{Sp}(m)$  in  $\mathbb{C}^{2m}$ . Then  $V := (\mathrm{Sp}(m+1)/\mathrm{id} \times \mathrm{Sp}(1)) \times_{\tau} \mathbb{C}^{2m}$  is a complex vector bundle over  $\mathbb{P}^m(\mathbb{H})$ . Since  $\mathrm{Sp}(m)$  is contained on  $U(2m)$ , the vector bundle  $V$  carries a natural Hermitian metric  $h_V$ . Salamon introduced in [S] a certain type of connections (which we call  $B_2$ -connections) on vector bundles over quaternionic Kähler manifolds, and such connections are later studied by Berard-Bergery and Ochiai [B-O] in a more general setting. We showed that  $B_2$ -connections are Yang-Mills connections and studied them in [N1], which is also obtained by Capria and