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Today I will report on the headlines
for a few projects

The common theme in all these projects is the BPS spectrum of $\mathcal{N}=2$ supersymmetric field theories in four- and in two-dimensions.

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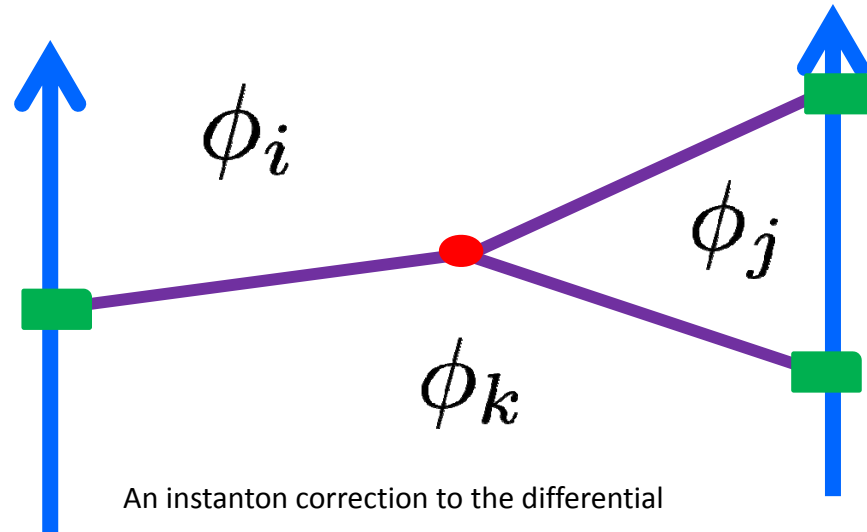
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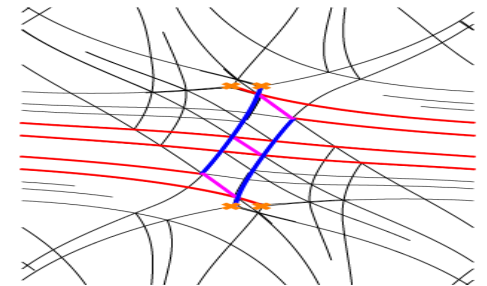
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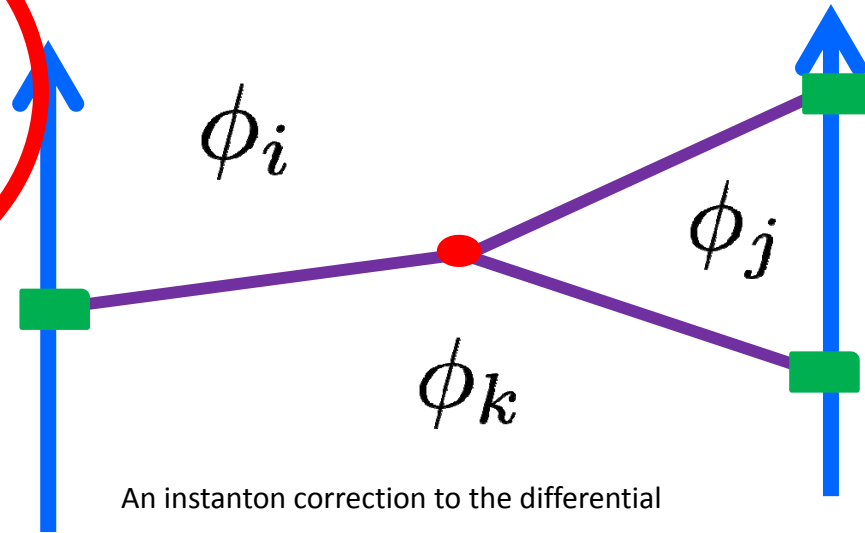
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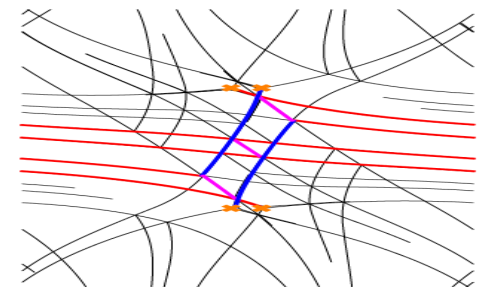
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BPS States

$$\mathcal{H} = \bigoplus_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \mathcal{H}_\gamma \quad E \geq |Z_\gamma|$$

$$\mathcal{H}_\gamma^{\text{BPS}} = \{ \psi : E\psi = |Z_\gamma|\psi \}$$

These states are in a rep of $SO(3)_{\text{rot}} \times SU(2)_R$

$$\mathcal{H}_\gamma^{\text{BPS}} = \underbrace{((2, 1) \oplus (1, 2))}_{\text{C.O.M.}} \otimes \mathfrak{h}_\gamma^{\text{BPS}}$$

No-exotics conjecture

In field theories with good UV fixed point
 $SU(2)_R$ acts trivially on $\mathfrak{h}_\gamma^{\text{BPS}}$.

“Exotics” would violate this conjecture.

Motivated by positivity properties of line defects GMN

This has been proven (pretty) rigorously for pure
 $SU(N)$ gauge theory in:

Geometric engineering of (framed) BPS states

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Geometric Engineering

Recall geometric engineering of pure $SU(N)$ gauge theory

(Aspinwall; Katz, Morrison, Plesser; Katz, Klemm, Vafa)

Family of resolved A_{N-1} singularities $X_N \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$

Take a scaling limit of Type IIA on $X_N \times \mathbb{R}^{1,3}$

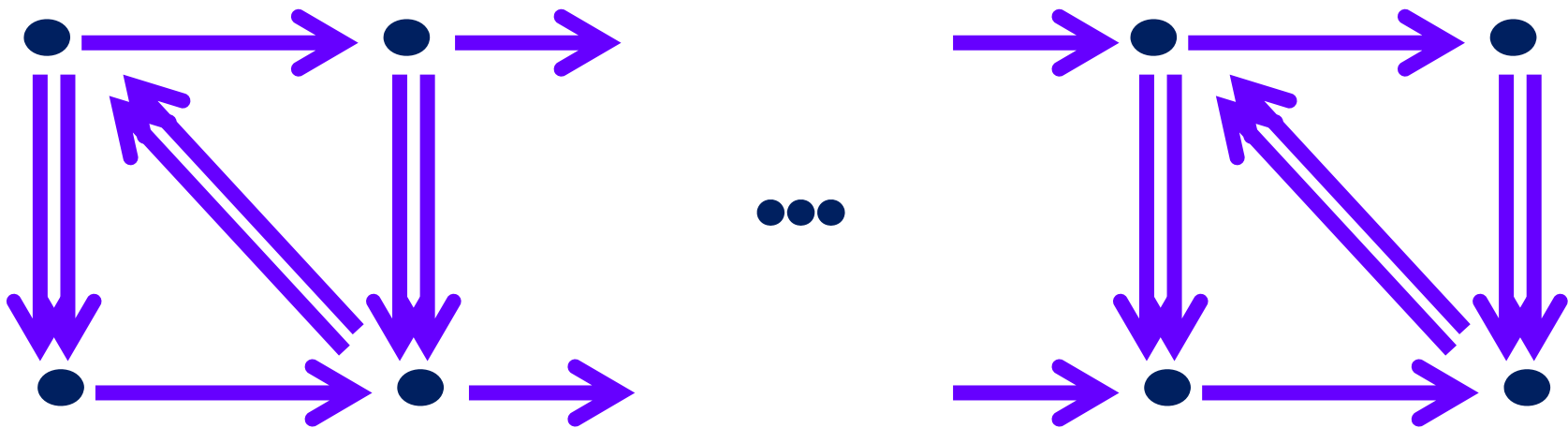


Recover $\mathcal{N}=2$ $SU(N)$ SYM

Exceptional Collections & Quivers

Take a strong exceptional collection \mathcal{L}_α on X_N

Compute $\text{Ext}^0(\oplus \mathcal{L}_\alpha)$ algebra to get quiver:



(Fiol, 2000; Cecotti, Vafa, et. al. ; Diaconescu et. al.)

Outline of Proof

The no-exotics conjecture follows from the statement that the “motive” of the moduli space is a function of $[\mathbb{P}^1]$.

“Motives” : A method of telling when spaces are related to each other by cutting and pasting and taking products.

Three ideas in the proof:

Use recent math results on motivic structure of framed quiver moduli spaces in an “infinite B-field” chamber.

Recursion relations between framed and unframed degeneracies only involve $[\mathbb{P}^1]$.

Motivic KSWCF only adds Laurent polynomials in $[\mathbb{P}^1]$.

Review Framed BPS States

A line defect L (say along $\mathbb{R}_t \times \{0\}$) is of type ζ if it preserves the susys:

$$Q_{\alpha}^A + \zeta \sigma_{\alpha\dot{\beta}}^0 \bar{Q}^{\dot{\beta}A}$$

Example: $L_{\zeta} = \exp \int_{\mathbb{R}_t \times \vec{0}} \left(\frac{\varphi}{2\zeta} + A + \frac{\zeta}{2} \bar{\varphi} \right)$

$$\mathcal{H}_L = \bigoplus_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \mathcal{H}_{L,\gamma}$$

$$E \geq -\text{Re}(Z_{\gamma}/\zeta)$$

Framed BPS States saturate this bound. They have proven to be very useful.

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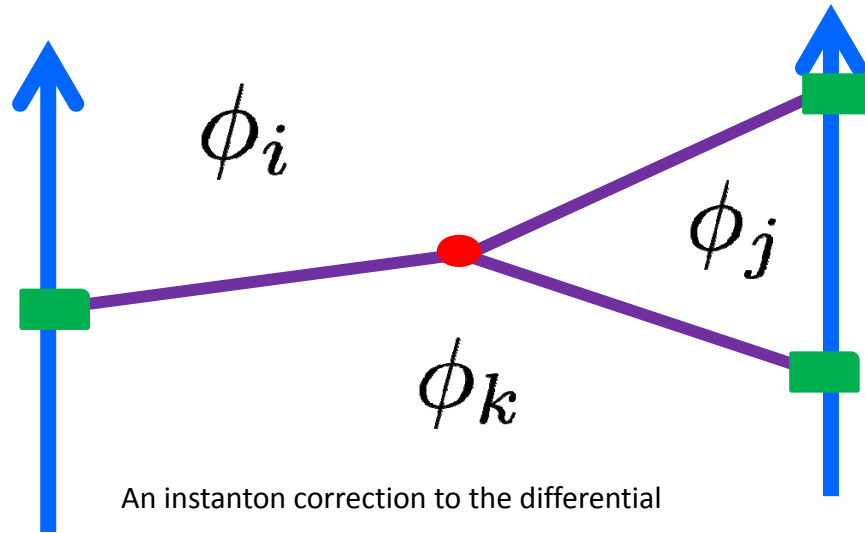
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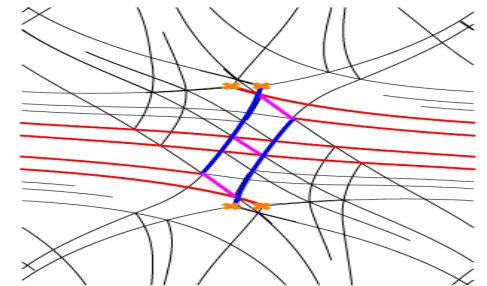
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Singular Monopole Moduli Space

Yang-Mills-Higgs system for compact simple G

$$(A, X) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \text{Tr}(F * F + DX * DX)$$

$$F = *DX$$

$$F = \gamma_m \text{vol}(S^2) + \dots \quad X \rightarrow X_\infty - \frac{\gamma_m}{2r} + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{M}(\gamma_m; X_\infty) \quad \gamma_m \in \Lambda_{cr} \subset \mathfrak{t} \subset \mathfrak{g}$$

$$\vec{x} \rightarrow 0$$

$$F = P \text{vol}(S^2) + \dots \quad X \rightarrow -\frac{P}{2r} + \dots$$

$$\overline{\mathcal{M}}([P]; \gamma_m; X_\infty) \quad [P] \in \Lambda(G)^*/W \subset \mathfrak{t}/W$$

Dimension Formula

Repeat computation of Callias; E. Weinberg to find:

Regular $X_\infty \longrightarrow$ Simple roots $\langle \alpha_I, X_\infty \rangle > 0$

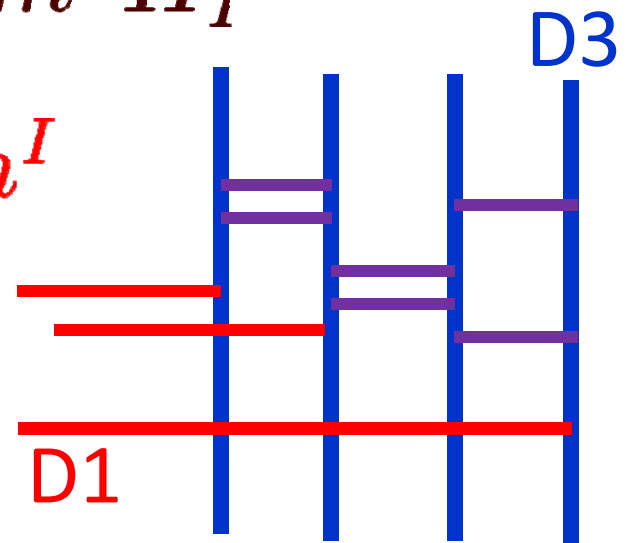
P^+ : Weyl group image such that $\langle \alpha_I, P^+ \rangle \geq 0$

$$\tilde{\gamma}_m := \gamma_m + P^+ = \sum_I \tilde{m}^I H_I$$

$$\dim \overline{\mathcal{M}}([P]; \gamma_m; X_\infty) = 4 \sum_I \tilde{m}^I$$

$$\overline{\mathcal{M}} \neq \emptyset \iff \tilde{m}^I \geq 0$$

?



Properties of $\overline{\mathcal{M}}$

$\overline{\mathcal{M}}$ Hyperkähler (with singular loci - monopole bubbling)

$\overline{\mathcal{M}}$ has an action of $so(3) \oplus \mathfrak{t}$

$so(3)$: spatial rotations

\mathfrak{t} -action: global gauge transformations commuting with X_∞

$$v \in \mathfrak{t} \longrightarrow G(v) \in \text{VECT}(\overline{\mathcal{M}})$$

$\mathcal{N}=2$ Super-Yang-Mills

Second real adjoint scalar Y

Vacuum requires $[X_\infty, Y_\infty]=0$.

$$X_\infty + iY_\infty = \zeta^{-1} a \in \mathfrak{t} \otimes \mathbb{C}$$

Collective coordinate quantization 

Dirac Operator: $\hat{D} := \gamma^\mu (D + G(Y_\infty))_\mu$

(Sethi, Stern, Zaslow; Gauntlett & Harvey ; Tong; Gauntlett, Kim, Park, Yi; Gauntlett, Kim, Lee, Yi; Bak, Lee, Yi; Bak, Lee, Lee, Yi; Stern & Yi)

Semiclassical Framed BPS states

Organize L^2 -harmonic spinors by \mathfrak{t} -representation:

$$\text{Ker}_{L^2} \hat{D} = \bigoplus_{\gamma_e} \text{Ker}_{L^2}^{\gamma_e} \hat{D} \quad \gamma_e \in \Lambda_{wt} \subset \mathfrak{t}^*$$

$$\mathcal{H}^{\text{BPS}}(L_\zeta; \gamma_m, \gamma_e; a) := \underbrace{\text{Ker}_{L^2}^{\gamma_e} \hat{D}}$$

$SU(2)_R$ acts on sections of $T\mathcal{M}$ rotating the 3 complex structures;
 $SO(3)_{\text{rot}} \times SU(2)_R$
-1 acts on spinors as chirality.

Some Physical Mathematics

Easy fact: There are no L^2 harmonic spinors for ordinary Dirac operator on a noncompact hyperkähler manifold.

➡ \exists Semiclassical chamber ($Y_\infty=0$) where all populated magnetic charges are just simple roots

Other semiclassical chambers have nonsimple magnetic charges filled.

➡ Nontrivial semi-classical wall-crossing
(Higher rank is different.)

➡ Interesting math prediction for

$$\hat{D} = \gamma^\mu (D + G(Y_\infty))_\mu$$

Jumping Index

The L^2 -kernel of \hat{D} jumps.

No exotics theorem 

Harmonic spinors have definite chirality

 L^2 index jumps! How?!

Along hyperplanes in Y -space zero modes mix with continuum and \hat{D}^+ fails to be Fredholm.

(Similar picture proposed by M. Stern & P. Yi.)

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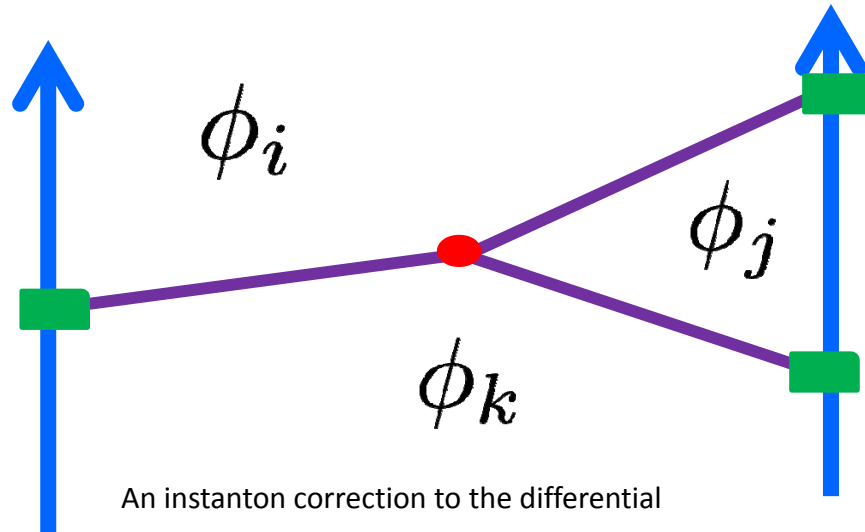
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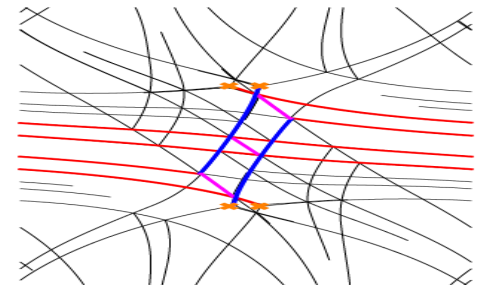
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Higher rank is different

$SU(2)$, $N_f = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$: All BPS states are in hypermultiplets or vectormultiplets and have $\Omega = 1, -2$

More generally: This holds for all theories $S[A1]$. Katz, Klemm, Mayr, Vafa, Warner; GMN; Bridgeland & Smith.

Already in the semiclassical limit in $SU(3)$ you can see higher spin multiplets (Gauntlett, Kim, Park, Yi)

But there are still more surprises:

Sometimes Ω grows exponentially with charge.

Last year I conjectured that this couldn't happen -- for a good reason

Thermodynamic Argument

Consider d-dimensional CFT in box of spatial volume V :

$$E(T, V) = \alpha VT^d \quad S(T, V) = \beta VT^{d-1}$$

$$S(E, V) = \kappa V^{1/d} E^{(d-1)/d}$$



$$\frac{\log |\Omega(\gamma)|}{|\gamma|} \rightarrow 0$$



However, explicit computations, both with spectral networks and wall – crossing independently show that there are regions of Coulomb branch and charges where growth is exponential.

$$\exists u_{wild} \quad \exists \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \quad \langle \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \rangle = m > 2$$

$$\gamma_{a,b} = a\gamma_1 + b\gamma_2 \quad a, b \geq 1$$

$$\log |\Omega(n\gamma_{a,b}; u_{wild})| \underset{n \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} nC_{a,b}(m)$$

$C_{a,b}(m) > 0$

How do you prove this?

Proof Using Spectral Networks

This is a technique whereby the study of soliton degeneracies on surface defects is used to produce four-dimensional BPS degeneracies. (GMN)

We get an exact result for $\Omega(n\gamma_{1,1}; u_{wild})$

$$P_m(z) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - (-1)^{mn} z^n)^{n\Omega(n\gamma_{1,1})/m}$$

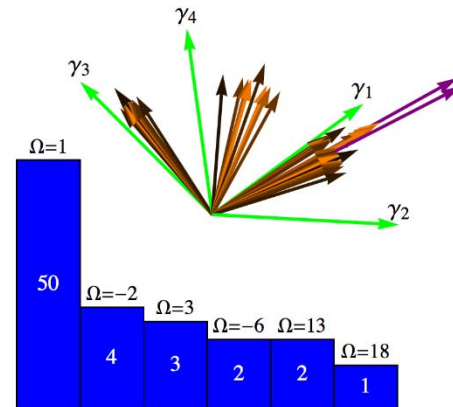
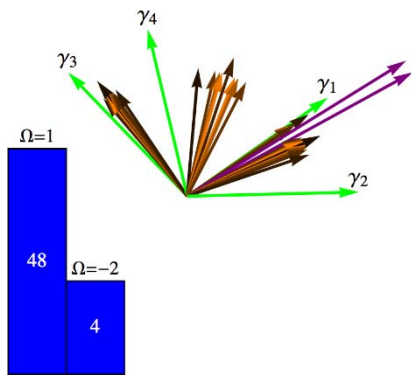
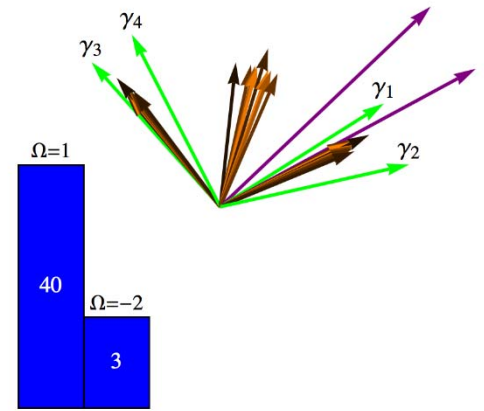
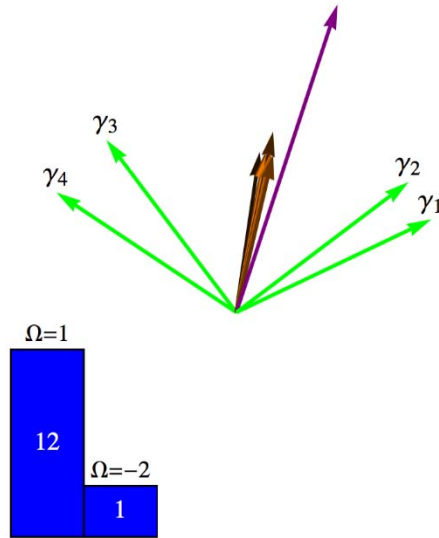
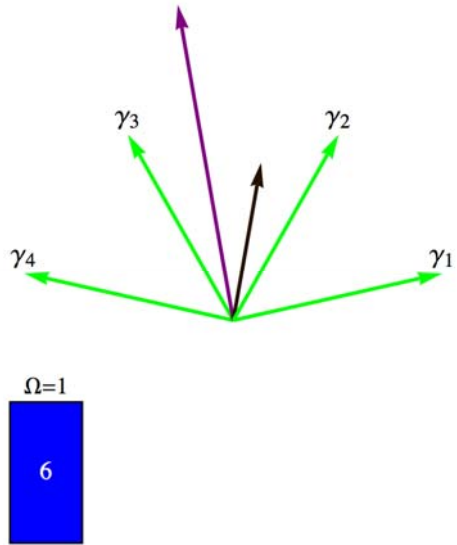
$$P_m = 1 + z(P_m)^{(m-1)^2}$$

(Same equation appears in
Kontsevich & Soibelman;
Gross & Pandharipande)

$$\Omega(n\gamma_{1,1}) = \frac{m}{(m-1)^2 n^2} \sum_{d|n} (-1)^{md+1} \mu\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) \binom{(m-1)^2 d}{d}$$

Spectral networks show similar generating functions always satisfy algebraic equations. (Confirming M.K.)

Proof Using Wall-Crossing



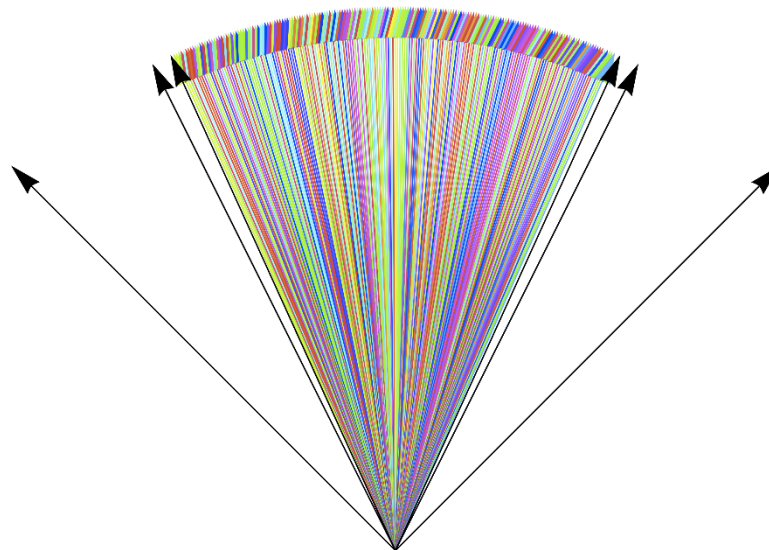
Kronecker m-Quiver

The critical wall-crossing has two hypermultiplets
with charges $\langle \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \rangle = m > 2$

No nearby occupied rays \longrightarrow

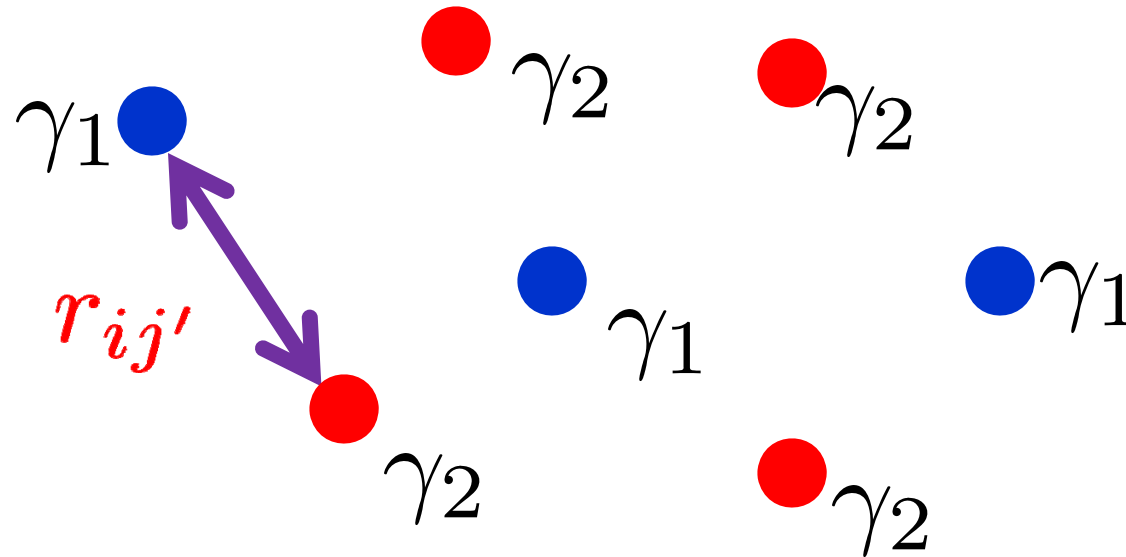
We get the wild spectrum of the Kronecker m-quiver:

Rays through
occupied BPS
charges:



BPS Giants

States from wall-crossing should have a semiclassical multi-centered picture:



Denef equations for $na\gamma_1 + nb\gamma_2$ 

$$C|na\gamma_1 + nb\gamma_2| \leq \langle r_{ij'} \rangle$$

No contradiction with thermodynamic argument.

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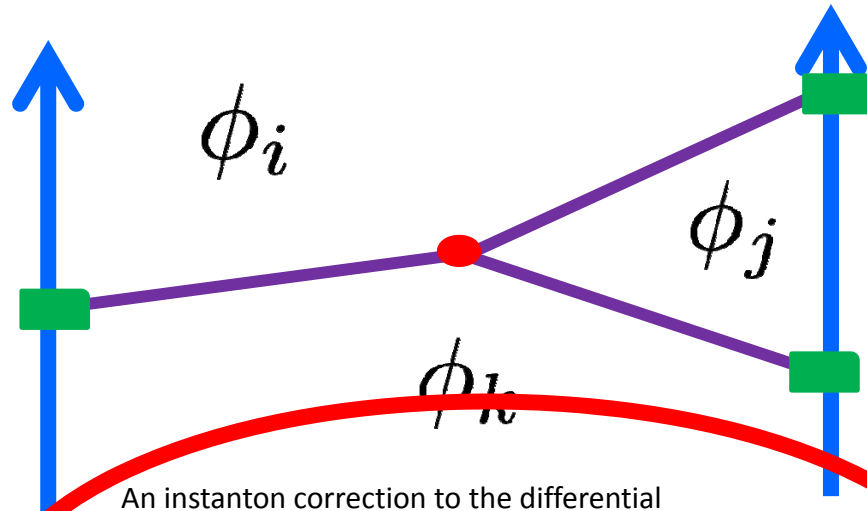
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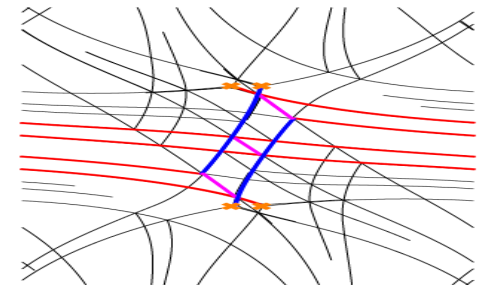
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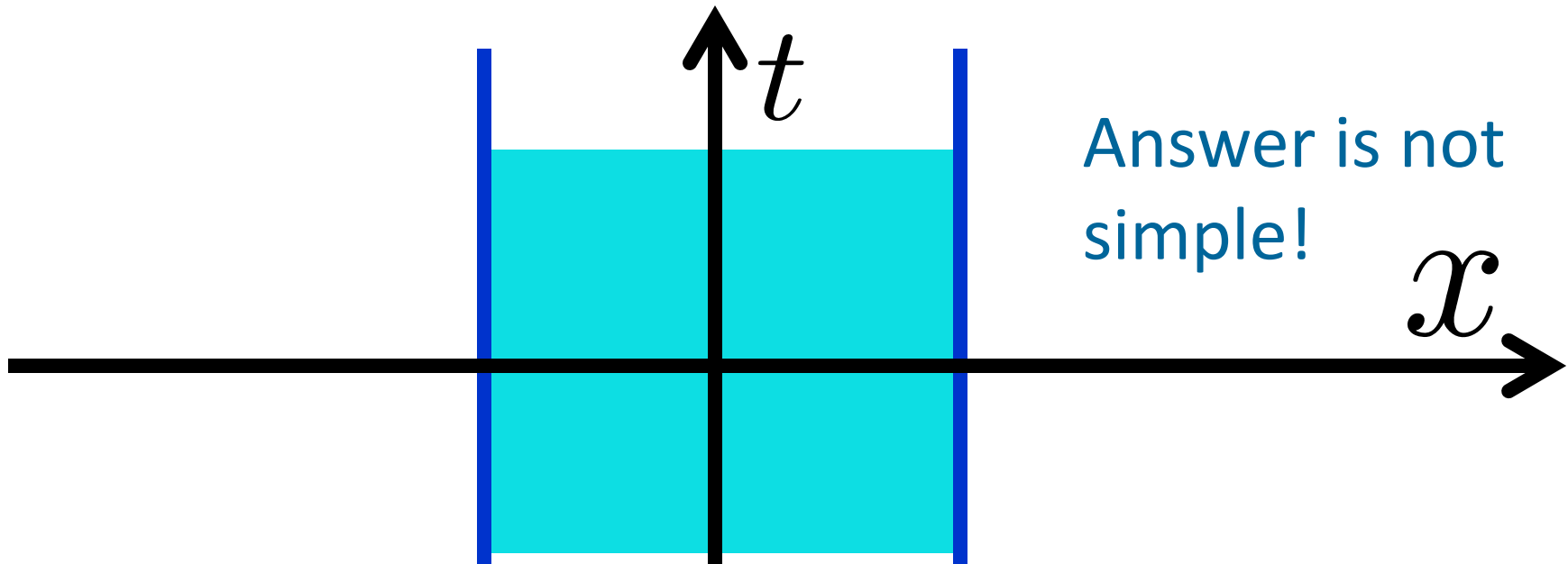
D=2, $\mathcal{N}=2$ Landau-Ginzburg Theory

X: Kähler manifold

$W: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ Superpotential (A holomorphic Morse function)

Simple question:

What is the space of BPS states on an interval ?

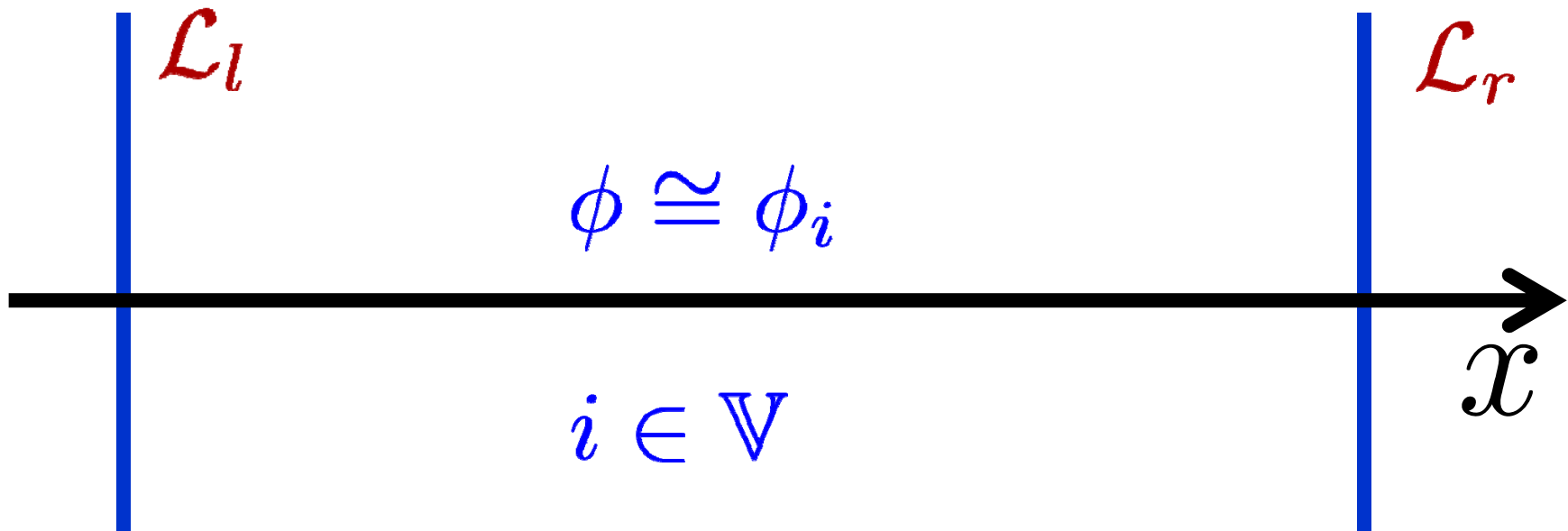


Choose boundary conditions to preserve two susy's,
parametrized by phase ζ ,

For LG field ϕ we can choose any pair of Lagrangian
subspaces (subject to some fine print)

The theory is massive:

Field in the middle of a large interval is close to a
vacuum:



Does the Problem Factorize?

For the Witten index: Yes

$$\mu_{\mathcal{L}_l, i} = \text{Tr}(-1)^F e^{-\beta H}$$

$$\mu_{\mathcal{L}_l, \mathcal{L}_r} = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{V}} \mu_{\mathcal{L}_l, i} \cdot \mu_{i, \mathcal{L}_r}$$

For the BPS states? **No!**

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{L}_l, \mathcal{L}_r} \neq \sum_{i \in \mathbb{V}} \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{L}_l, i} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{i, \mathcal{L}_r}$$

BPS Solitons on half-line D:

Semiclassically:

Q_ζ -preserving BPS states must be solutions of differential equation

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = \zeta \frac{\partial \bar{W}}{\partial \phi} \quad X = \mathbb{C}$$

$$\phi|_{\partial} \in \mathcal{L}_l$$

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi_i$$

$$x \rightarrow \infty$$

Quantum?

Morse Theory & SQM à la Witten

View 1+1 Landau-Ginzburg model as
Supersymmetric Quantum Mechanics for target space

$$\phi \in \text{Map}(D \rightarrow X)$$

$$\text{Kähler form on } X: \omega = d(pdq)$$

$$h = \int_D (\phi^*(pdq) + \text{Re}(\zeta^{-1}W))$$

$$\mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{L}_{l,i}} = \bigoplus_p \phi_{\mathcal{L}_{l,i}}^p(x) \mathbb{Z} \quad d_{\mathcal{L}_{l,i}}$$

Factorizing the Complex

When the interval is much longer than the scale set by W the Morse complex is

$$\mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{L}_l, \mathcal{L}_r} = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{V}} \mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{L}_l, i} \otimes \mathbb{M}_{i, \mathcal{L}_r}$$

But!

$$d_{\mathcal{L}_l, \mathcal{L}_r} \neq d_{\mathcal{L}_l, i} \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes d_{i, \mathcal{L}_r}$$

Why?

Instantons

$$h = \int_D (\phi^* (pdq) + \text{Re}(\zeta^{-1}W))$$

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \phi = - \frac{\delta h}{\delta \phi}$$

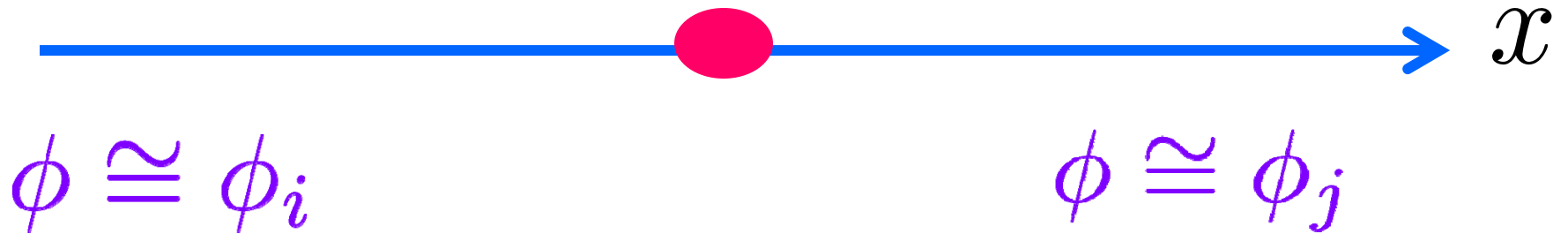
“ ζ -instanton equation”:

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \right) \phi = \zeta \frac{\partial \bar{W}}{\partial \phi}$$

Stationary points are solitons: $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = \zeta \frac{\partial \bar{W}}{\partial \phi}$

Now we will construct some special ζ -instantons using the solitons on \mathbb{R}

Solitons For $D=\mathbb{R}$



For general ζ there
is no solution

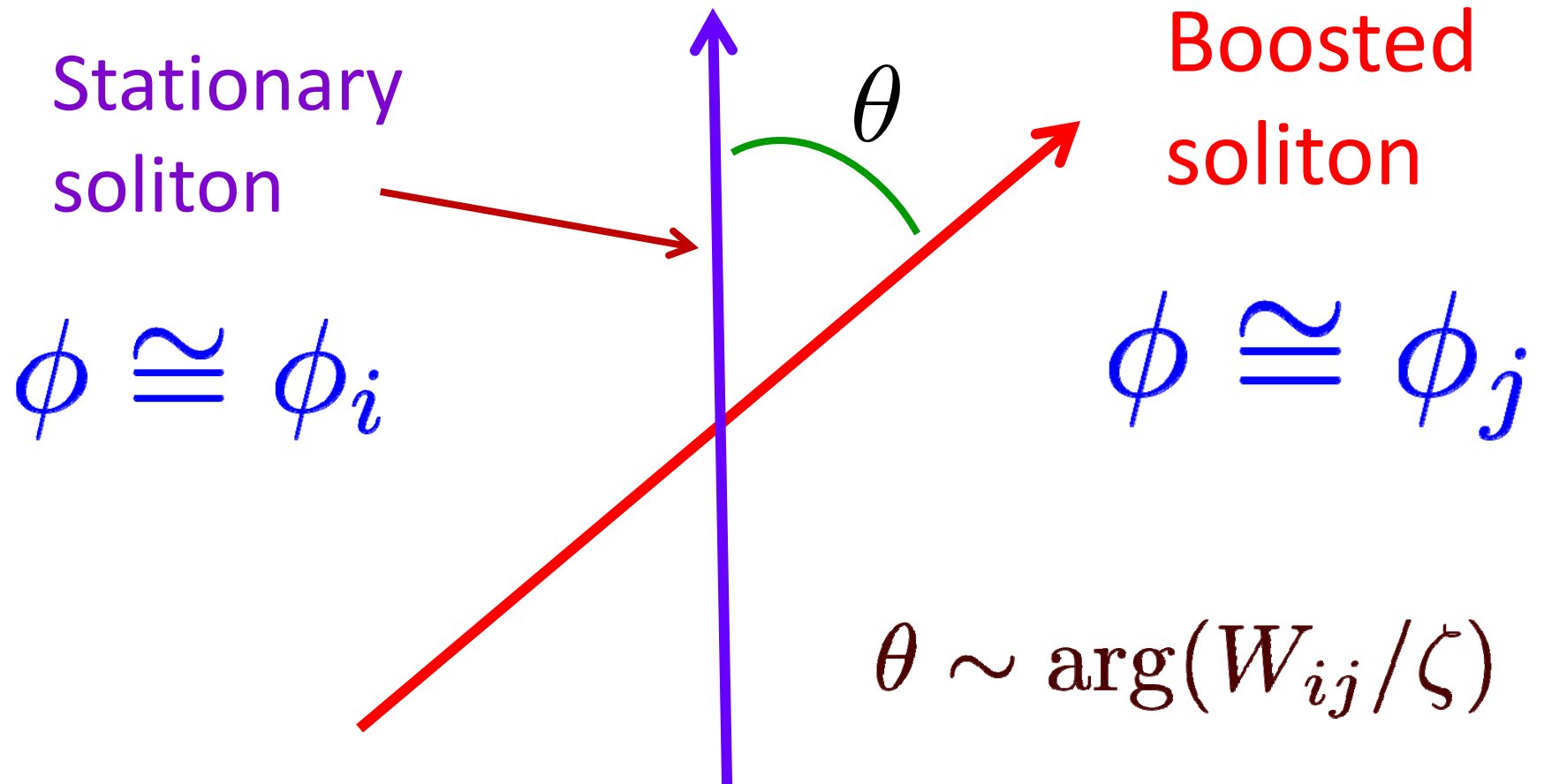
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Solutions
exist
only for:

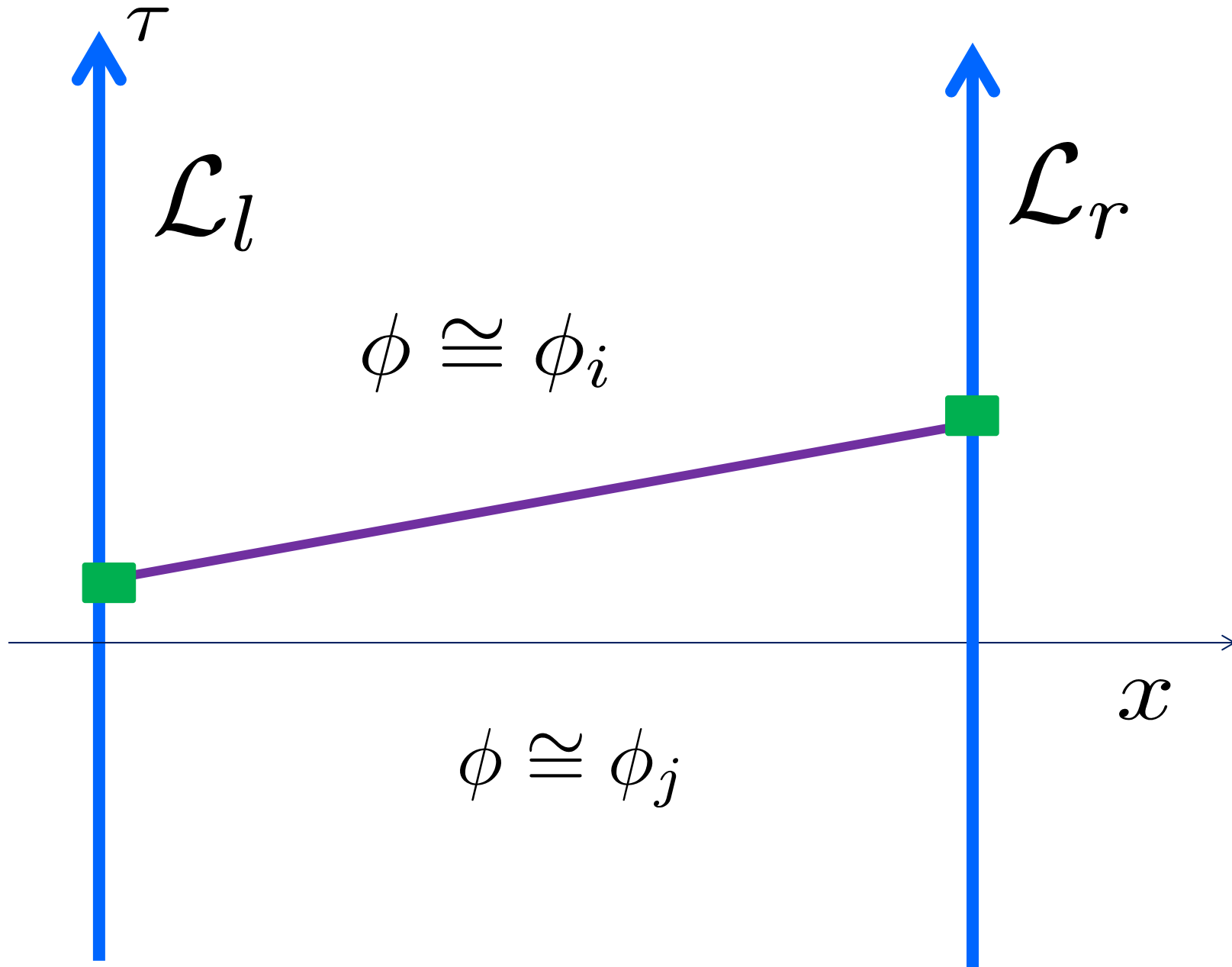
$$\zeta = \zeta_{ji} := \frac{W_j - W_i}{|W_j - W_i|} = \frac{W_{ji}}{|W_{ji}|}$$

The Boosted Soliton

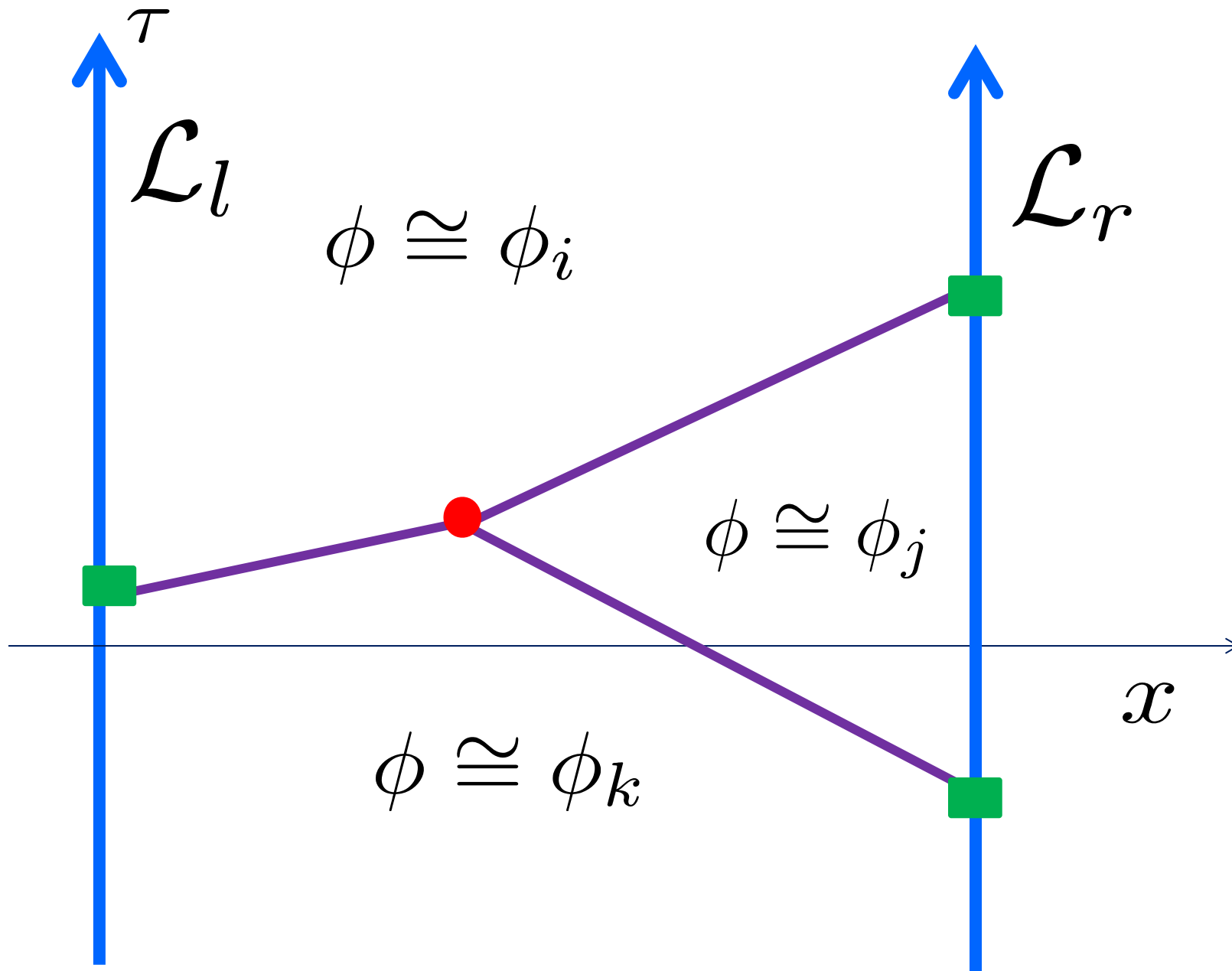
$$\phi_{ij}^{\text{inst}}(x, \tau) := \phi_{ij}^{\text{sol}}(\cos \theta x + \sin \theta \tau)$$



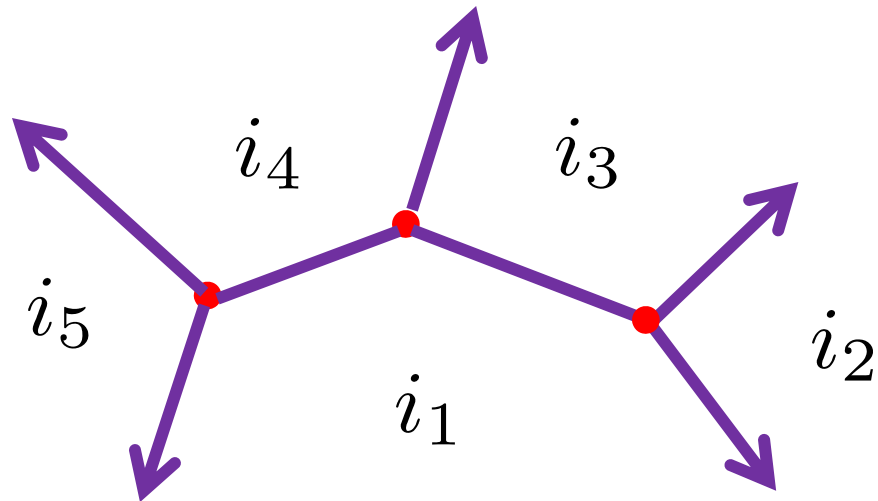
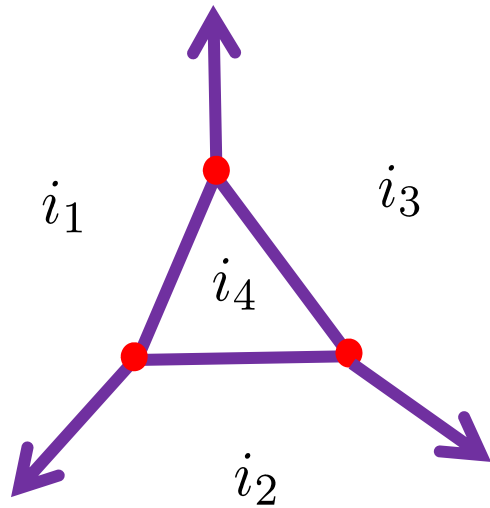
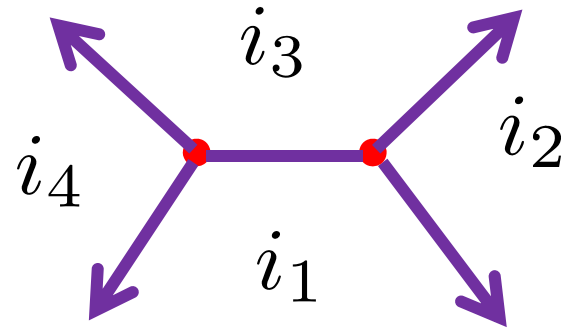
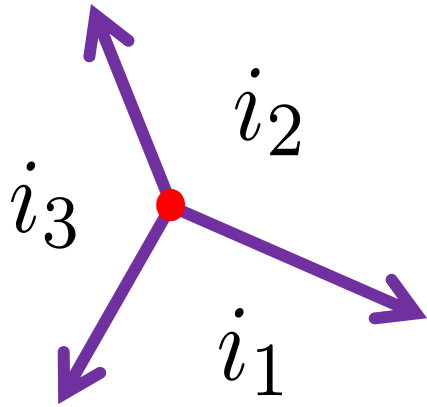
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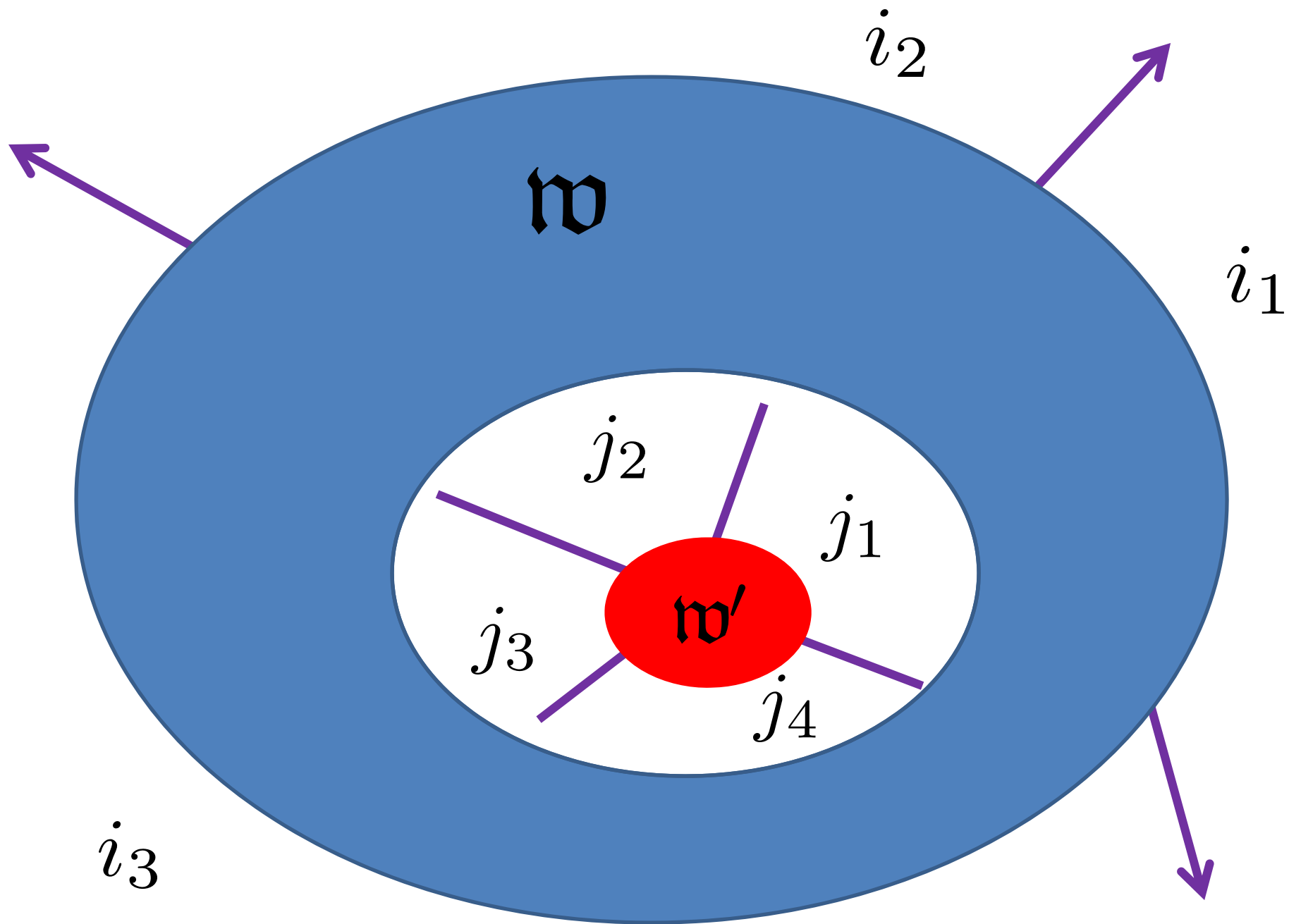


More Instanton Corrections to Naïve d



(Planar) Instanton Webs





Algebraic Structures

This defines a convolution structure on the space of webs:

$$\mathfrak{w}_1 * \mathfrak{w}_2$$

Applied to planar instanton webs it describes a graded Lie algebra ...

... together with higher multiplications defining an L_∞ structure.

Applied to half-plane instanton webs it defines an A_∞ category

D-brane categories

Branes are solutions of the Maurer-Cartan equations:

$$dA + A * A + A * A * A + \dots = 0$$

This gives an “infrared” alternative to the (“ultraviolet”) Fukaya-Seidel construction of the category of D-branes in the LG model.

Choosing a brane at either end of the interval we thereby construct the full differential for computing BPS states.

Categorified Wall-Crossing

Applied to supersymmetric interfaces we obtain an A_∞ functor of D-brane categories.

This categorifies Cecotti-Vafa wall-crossing for solitons.

Similar ideas applied to surface defects in 4d should categorify the KSWCF.

and so on, and so forth ...

And that's the way it is...

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