Gauge theory, integrability and curve counting

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Motivation and Background

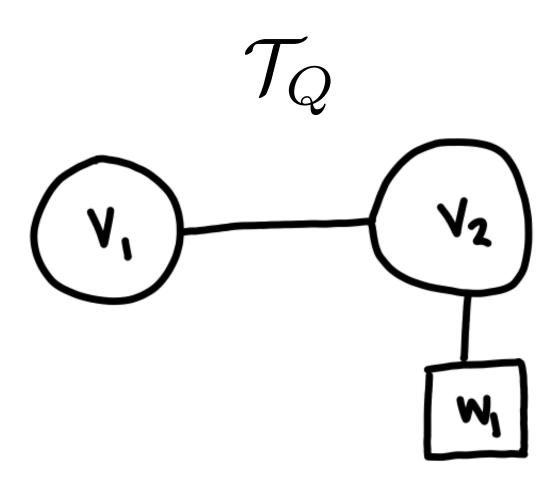
- Extended algebras acting on BPS states of supersymmetric field theories in various dimensions
 - Supersymmetric indices/partition functions as characters
 - Quantum algebras acting on homology, K-theory, elliptic cohomology of quiver varieties
- 3d mirror symmetry/symplectic duality and enumerative geometry of quiver varieties evolve together with physics. Becoming indistinguishable. Physics <-> Geometry
- Exponential $N^{3/2}$ growth of states counted by indices. AdS₄ holography saddle points. Geometry -> Physics?

Outline

- Rapid review of (geometric aspects of) 3d $\mathcal{N}=4$ (quiver) gauge theories
 - Vortices and curve counting
 - 3d mirror symmetry/symplectic duality
- Physical realisation of vertex functions and characters of quantised coordinate rings [Bullimore, SC, Zhang]
- Elliptic cohomology and duality interfaces [Bullimore, SC, Zhang (in preparation)]
- Mirror symmetry of twisted indices and quantum K theory of quiver varieties [Dinkins, SC, Zhang (in preparation)]
- Geometry of the AdS/CFT correspondence?

Background on 3d $\mathcal{N}=4$ gauge theory

- SYM theory preserving 8 supercharges $Q_{lpha}^{a\dot{a}}$
- Specified by gauge group G and representation $R \oplus \bar{R}$
- Built from vectormultiplets $(A_{\mu}, \sigma, \varphi)$ and hypermultiplets (X, Y)
- Symmetries:
 - $G_H \times G_C$ global symmetry
 - $SU(2)_H \times SU(2)_C$ R-symmetry



Monopoles

- .32 instantons F= *Do, D+o=0
- · Live in Qc cohomology
- · H.S.[Mc] = \(\int \tau^{\delta(m)} \) [BFN, Bullimore &. d]

Vortices

- . Time independent solitons
- . Define stable maps f: PHMH

BPS Zoo

Vacua pair of symplectic resolutions

- . Two branches MH and Mc
- · N= 4 susy => hyperkähler cones
- · MH is classical (µ"(01/16)
- · Mc1. = (123x51), (k) / W

Chiral Rings

- . E[MH] and C[Mc] rings of local ops.

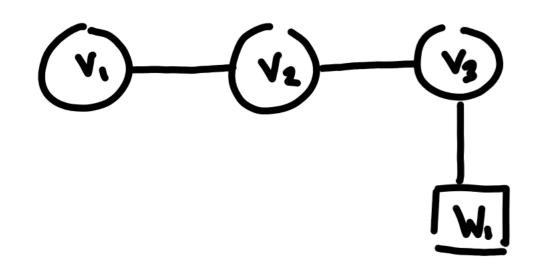
 Ginvariant monopoles
- . Captured by cohomology of QH and Qc
- · Graded by R-charge t. Equipped with bracket 1,3.

Boundary Conditions

- . N=(2,2) bcs. Dirichlet or Neumann
- · Define Lagrangians I c MH x Mc
- . Associate with elliptic cohomology.

Quiver gauge theory

• Higgs vacuum moduli space \mathcal{M}_H is a Nakajima quiver variety





 $ilde{\mathsf{T}}_t^ imes \mathcal{M}_H$ $\mathsf{T}_H = G_H imes \mathbb{C}_t^ imes$

Assume

- $\begin{array}{ll} \bullet & \text{Generic FI parameters } \mathfrak{C}_C \text{ and masses} \\ \mathfrak{C}_H \cdot \mathscr{M}_H \text{ is smooth and } \mathscr{M}_H^{\mathsf{T}_H} \text{ is finite.} \\ \alpha \in \mathscr{M}_H^{\mathsf{T}_H} \end{array}$
- \mathcal{M}_H is GKM.
- \mathscr{T} is good: $\mathrm{Tr}\,\mathbb{C}[\mathcal{M}_C] = \sum_{\mathfrak{m}\in\mathrm{Hom}(\mathbb{C}^{ imes},T)} t^{\Delta(\mathfrak{m};R)}$

 $K_{\mathsf{T}_H}(\mathscr{M}_H)$ is generated by tautological classes \mathscr{V} and \mathscr{W}

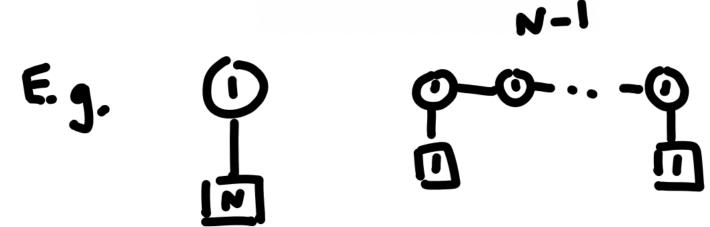
[McGerty and Nevins]

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FI parameters $\zeta \in \operatorname{Pic}(\mathcal{M}_H) \times \mathbb{C}^{\times}$

$$K_{\mathsf{T}_H}(\mathcal{M}_H) = \mathbb{Z}[s_i^{\pm 1}, x_i^{\pm 1}, t^{\pm 1}]/R$$

3d mirror symmetry



- Theories $\mathcal T$ also have a Coulomb branch $\mathcal M_C$
 - Parametrised by vevs of monopole operators built from vectormultiplet (A_{μ},σ,ϕ)
 - Assume pair of symplectic resolutions \mathcal{M}_H and \mathcal{M}_C
- 3d $\mathcal{N}=4$ gauge theories come in mirror pairs [Intrilligator and Seiberg]
- Zeroth order statement:

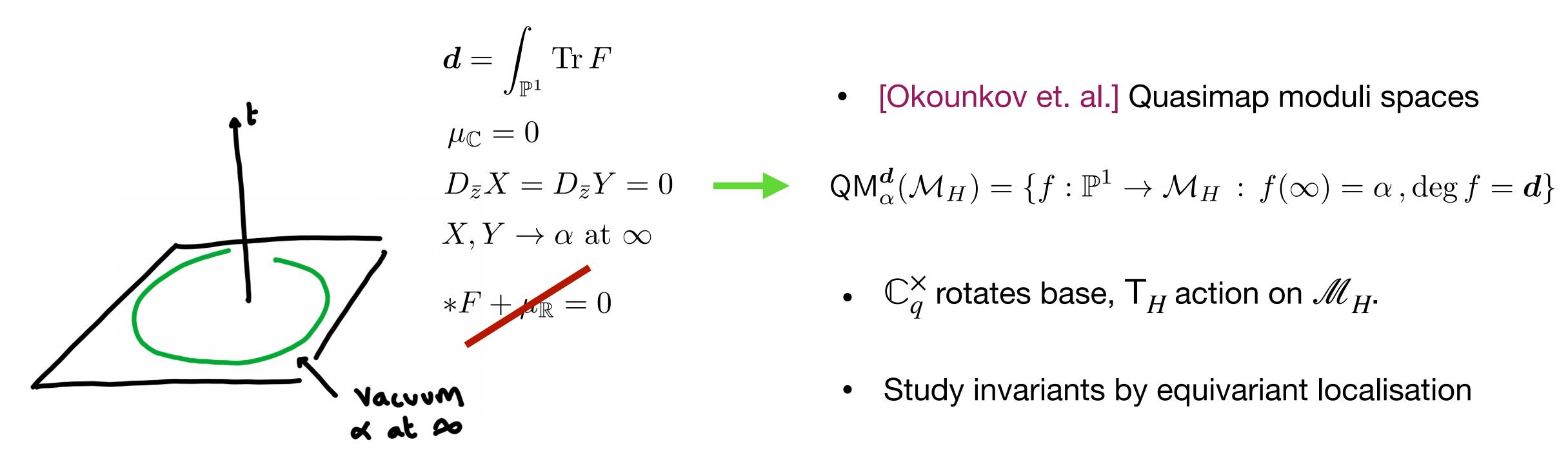
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bounday conditions
vacuum moduli
chiral rings
solitons

BPS objects match across the duality. We study boundary conditions and vortices.

Vortices and enumerative geometry

• Vortices are 1/2 BPS time-independent solitons



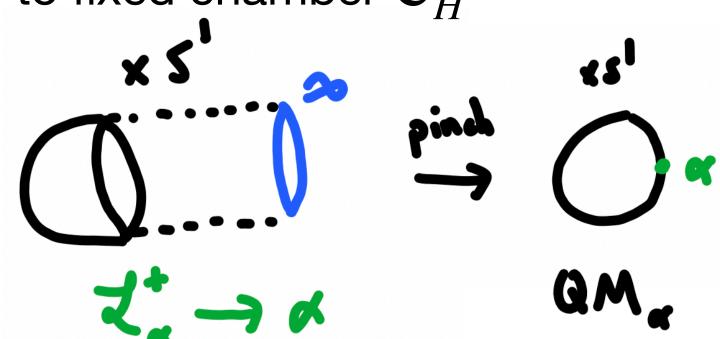
• [Okounkov et. al.] Quasimap moduli spaces

$$QM_{\alpha}^{d}(\mathcal{M}_{H}) = \{f : \mathbb{P}^{1} \to \mathcal{M}_{H} : f(\infty) = \alpha, \deg f = d\}$$

- \mathbb{C}_q^{\times} rotates base, T_H action on \mathcal{M}_H .
- Study invariants by equivariant localisation

Physical setup

- Place \mathcal{T} on a hemisphere $S^1 \times H^2$
- Boundary condition \mathcal{B}_{α} at finite distance
- Particular class of (Dirichlet) boundary conditions associated to fixed chamber \mathfrak{C}_H



• We compute the partition function $\mathscr{Z}_{S^1 \times H^2}(\mathscr{B}_{\alpha})$ by supersymmetric localisation. (Vortex pfn).

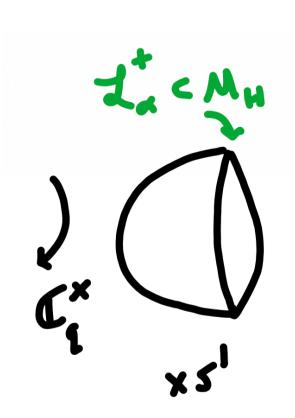
Vertex functions

• Vertex function counts quasimaps $\mathbb{P}^1 \to \mathcal{M}_H$.



$$V_{\alpha}(\mathcal{M}_{H}) \in K_{\mathbb{C}_{q}^{\times} \times \mathsf{T}_{H}}(\mathcal{M}_{H})_{\mathrm{Loc.}} \qquad V_{\alpha}(\mathcal{M}_{H}) = \sum_{\boldsymbol{d} \in H_{2}(\mathcal{M}_{H}, \mathbb{Z})} \zeta^{\boldsymbol{d}} \chi_{\mathbb{C}_{q}^{\times} \times \mathsf{T}_{H}}(\mathsf{QM}_{\alpha}^{\boldsymbol{d}})$$

- $QM_{\alpha}^d(\mathcal{M}_H)$ has a virtual deformation-obstruction theory. Compute the vertex function by localisation.
- Upshot:



$$\mathcal{Z}_{S^1 \times H^2}(\mathcal{B}_{\alpha}) = e^{\phi_{\alpha}} \operatorname{PE}\left[\frac{1-t}{1-q}N_{\alpha}^+\right] V_{\alpha}(x,\zeta;q,t)$$

$$\varphi_{\alpha} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{1}_{i} \mathbf{1}_{i}^{(i)}$$

State-operator map

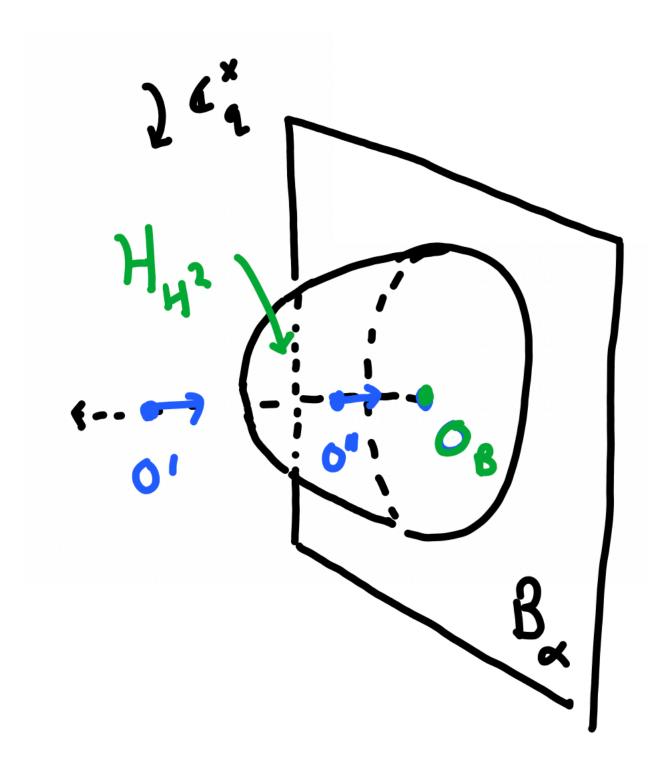
- Place theory on $\mathbb{R}^{\geq 0} \times \mathbb{R}^2$ with Ω -deformation. $Q_{H,C}^2 = \mathscr{L}_V$. `Alternative quantisation'.
- Quantises the bulk rings $\mathbb{C}_q[\mathcal{M}_{H/C}]$ quantum symplectic reduction, classified by $H^2(\mathcal{M}_{H/C},\mathbb{C})$
- State-operator principle tells us: $\mathcal{H}_{H^2}=\mathrm{Ops}_{\mathbb{R}^2_0}$
- In particular, sum over boundary monopoles. half index

$$\mathcal{Z}_{S^1 \times H^2} \sim \text{Tr}_{H^2} (-1)^F e^{\{Q,Q^{\dagger}\}} = \text{Tr}_{Ops} (-1)^F e^{\{Q,Q^{\dagger}\}}$$

Heuristically:

States
$$\int_{QM_{\Lambda}} \hat{A}(T_{vir.}) = \int_{f.p.} \hat{a}(T_{f.p.}QM)$$

$$QM_{\Lambda}$$



Example

$$G_{H} = (C^{x})^{N} \times_{1,...,\times N} R_{H} = C_{t}^{x}$$

Fix chamber $G_{H} = 1 \times_{1} \times_{...} \times_{N}$

Vacua are $\alpha = 1,...,N$

$$k_{\tau}(M_{H}) = Z[s^{\pm 1}, x_{1}^{\pm 1}, t] / R \qquad \mathcal{D}|_{x} : S \mapsto x_{n}^{-1}$$

$$TX = S(X_{1} + ... + X_{N}) + t_{s}^{-1}(X_{1}^{-1} + ... + X_{N}^{-1}) - 1 - t$$

$$N_{x}^{+} = \sum_{i \le n} sx_{i} + t_{i>n}^{-1} \sum_{i > n} sx_{i}^{-1}$$

$$T(B_{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{d} PE\left[\frac{1-i}{1-i}N_{x}^{i}\right]$$

$$= PE\left[\frac{1-i}{1-i}N_{x}^{i}\right] \sum_{i=1}^{d} \frac{1}{(4x; /x_{a}; 4)} dx$$

$$\times (4x; /x_{a}; 4) dx$$

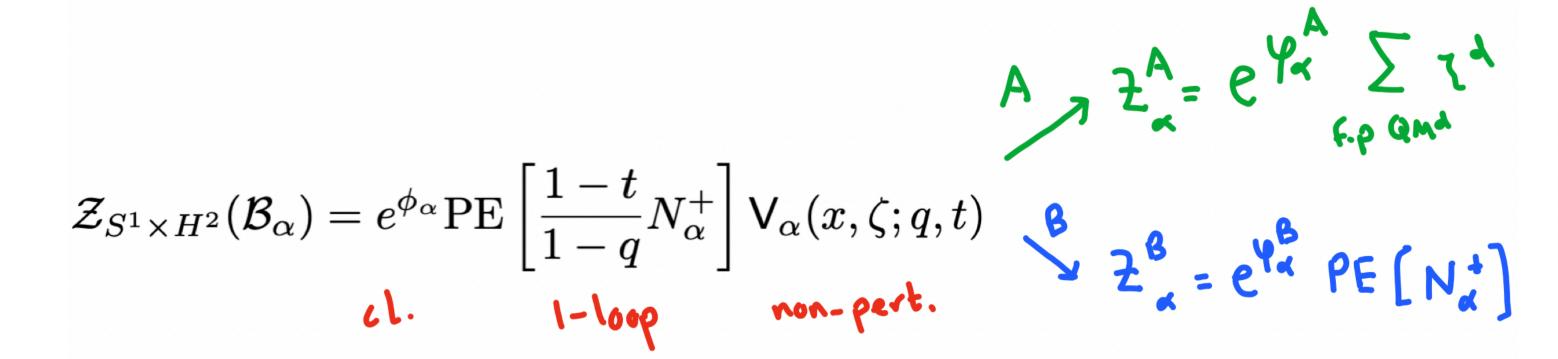
$$\times (4x; /x_{a}; 4) dx$$

Modules

- Half index: $\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{B}_{\alpha}) = \operatorname{Tr}_{\operatorname{Ops}}(-1)^{F} e^{\{Q,Q^{\dagger}\}}$
 - In specialised limits (A-limit and B-limit) the index receives contributions from only Q_H or Q_C cohomology. Higgs or Coulomb operators for good theories.







Half index

state-operator

Boundary

Conditions

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Quasimaps /vortices [Okounkov et.al.]

G[MN], G, [M.]

Elliptic cohomology

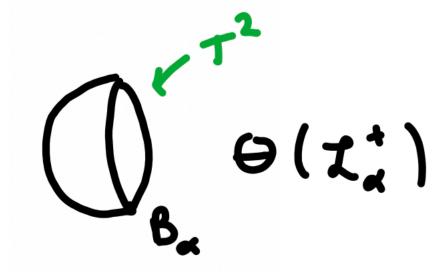
- K-theory class: $|\mathscr{M}_H^{\mathsf{T}_H}|$ copies of functions on $\left(\mathbb{C}^{\mathsf{X}}\right)^N$ $K_{\mathsf{T}_H}(\mathcal{M}_H) \hookrightarrow \bigoplus \mathbb{Z}[x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_N^{\pm 1}]$
- Elliptic cohomology class: $|\mathscr{M}_H^{\mathsf{T}_H}|$ copies of functions on $(E_{\tau})^N$ $E_{\mathsf{T}_H}(\mathcal{M}_H) \hookrightarrow \bigoplus$ 'functions' on E_{τ}^N
- (Extended) elliptic cohomology classes are sections of line bundles over the elliptic cohomology scheme

$$E_{\mathsf{T}_H}(\mathcal{M}_H) := \left(\bigsqcup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{M}_H^{\mathsf{T}_H}} \mathcal{O}_{\alpha}\right) / \Delta \qquad \mathcal{O}_{\alpha} = E_{\tau}^N \times E_{\tau}^{\mathrm{Pic}(\mathcal{M}_H)} \qquad \mathsf{GKM}: \quad \begin{array}{c} \mathsf{S}_{\mathsf{K}} \Big|_{\mathsf{O}_{\mathsf{K}} \mathsf{O}_{\mathsf{p}}} = \left. \mathsf{S}_{\mathsf{p}} \Big|_{\mathsf{O}_{\mathsf{K}} \mathsf{O}_{\mathsf{p}}} \right. \\ \text{if } \mathsf{K}, \mathsf{p} \text{ joined by curve } \mathsf{C} \end{array}$$

Notion of fundamental class

$$\Theta: K_{\mathsf{T}_H}(\mathcal{M}_H) \to E_{\mathsf{T}_H}(\mathcal{M}_H)$$

Partition functions Elliptic cohomology of N = (2,2) b.c.s.

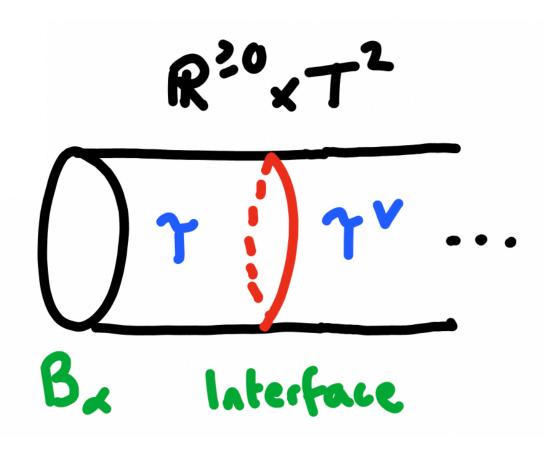


Mirror dual boundary conditions





Mirror symmetry should exchange vertex functions. What is the dual boundary condition?



• Collide exceptional Dirichlet with interface.

$$\mathcal{I} \in E_{\mathsf{T}_H \times \mathsf{T}_C}(\mathcal{M}_H \times \mathcal{M}_C)$$

Collision = putative inner product on elliptic cohomology.

$$\frac{2}{2\times 7^2} = \langle B, B' \rangle$$
(.f. K. theory
$$\langle B, B' \rangle = \left[B B' \right] PE[TA_H] = \mathcal{K}(B G B'; M_H)$$

We obtain the elliptic stable envelope of [Aganagic, Okounkov]

$$\langle \mathcal{B}_{lpha}, \mathcal{I}
angle = \operatorname{Stab}_{lpha}^{\operatorname{Elliptic}}$$

Mirror symmetry of vertex functions

• Elliptic stable envelope is a map $\operatorname{Stab}: E_{\mathsf{T}_H}(\mathcal{M}_H^{\mathsf{T}_H}) \to E_{\mathsf{T}_H}(\mathcal{M}_H)$

R²⁰xT

T'Y

Bx Interface

• The support is stable

Supp Stab(
$$\alpha$$
) $\subset \bigcup_{\beta \leq \alpha} \mathcal{L}_{\beta}^{+}$

- 'Up-down' basis in spin chain
- Collision gives the dual boundary condition as *enriched Neumann*. The Higgs branch image is the stable envelope.

$$\Upsilon(\Upsilon; B_{\alpha}) = \Upsilon(\Upsilon'; B_{\alpha}^{\vee})$$
Vertex fct.
$$= \int \frac{ds}{s} \operatorname{Stab}^{E}(\alpha) \left[\operatorname{hyper.}_{contributions} \right]$$
of MH
$$= \int \operatorname{Stab}^{E}(\alpha) |_{\beta} \Upsilon(\Upsilon'; B_{\beta'})$$

$$\beta \in \alpha \qquad \text{Vertex function}$$
of Mc

$$\gamma = \left(\frac{1}{N}\right)^{1} \wedge M_{H} = Hilb^{N}(C^{2})$$

$$\tau_{H} = C_{2}^{2} \times C_{E}^{2} \quad \lambda = \Pi$$

$$K_{r}(x) = \mathbb{Z}[W_{i}^{*}, z_{i}^{*}, t_{i}^{*}]/R$$
 $W_{i} = 2^{\alpha_{x}(i)} t_{x}(i)$

$$\mathcal{I}_{1\text{-loop}}^{B,\lambda} = \operatorname{PE}\left[\frac{t-q}{1-q}N_{\lambda}^{+}\right] = \prod_{s \in \lambda} \frac{\left(qz^{a_{\lambda}(s)+l_{\lambda}(s)+1}t^{\frac{1}{2}(l_{\lambda}(s)-a_{\lambda}(s)-1)};q\right)_{\infty}}{\left(tz^{a_{\lambda}(s)+l_{\lambda}(s)+1}t^{\frac{1}{2}(l_{\lambda}(s)-a_{\lambda}(s)-1)};q\right)_{\infty}} \\ = \sum_{\pi \in \operatorname{RPP}(\lambda)} \left(\zeta t^{-\frac{1}{2}}q^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^{|\pi|} \prod_{s \in \lambda} \frac{\left(w_{s}(\lambda)^{-1};q\right)_{-\pi_{s}}}{\left(qtw_{s}(\lambda)^{-1};q\right)_{-\pi_{s}}} \prod_{\substack{s,t \in \lambda \\ s \neq t}} \frac{\left(qt\frac{w_{t}(\lambda)}{w_{s}(\lambda)};q\right)_{\pi_{t}-\pi_{s}}}{\left(qzt^{\frac{1}{2}}\frac{w_{t}(\lambda)}{w_{s}(\lambda)};q\right)_{\pi_{t}-\pi_{s}}} \left(qzt^{\frac{1}{2}\frac{w_{t}(\lambda)}{w_{s}(\lambda)};q\right)_{\pi_{t}-\pi_{s}}}\right)$$

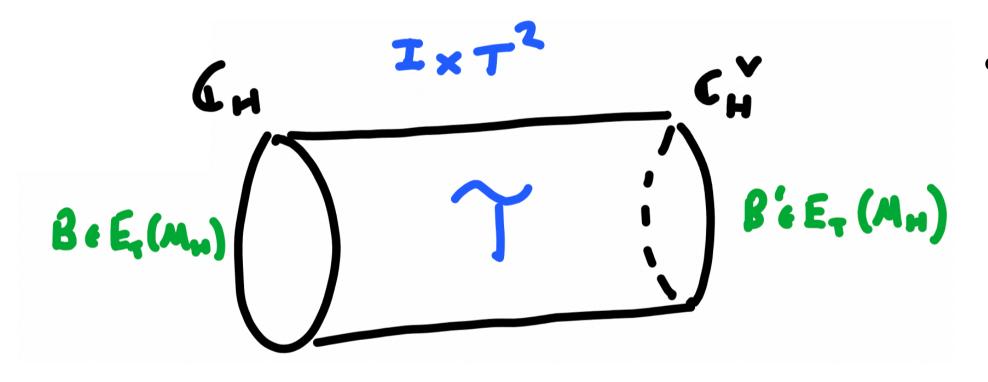
Elliptic stable envelope becomes diagonal in specialised limits:

$$\lim_{B} \Upsilon = \prod_{s \in \lambda} \frac{1}{1 - 2h_{s}(s)} = \lim_{B} \Upsilon = \sum_{s \in \lambda} |\Pi|$$

$$\lim_{B} \Upsilon = \prod_{s \in RP(\lambda)} |\Pi| = \prod_{s \in$$

Verma characters of G[Hilln(C2)]?
[Nakajima + Kodera]

Unitarity of Stab



- Left and right means flip chamber (reverse orientation)
- Inner product tells us

$$\mathcal{Z}_{I\times T^{2}}(\mathrm{ED}_{\alpha},\mathrm{ED}_{\beta}') = \langle \mathcal{L}_{\alpha}|\mathcal{L}_{\beta}'\rangle = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$
$$\mathcal{Z}_{I\times T^{2}}(\mathrm{EN}_{\alpha},\mathrm{EN}_{\beta}') = \langle \mathrm{Stab}_{\alpha}|\mathrm{Stab}_{\beta}'\rangle = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

• ESE is an orthornormal change of basis on $E_{\mathsf{T}_H}(\mathcal{M}_H)$

Twisted indices

A and B twisted indices are partition functions on $S^2 \times_{A/B} S^1$. (3d lift of A and B model)



- Can be expressed as Witten indices: $\mathcal{I}_{A,B}(\mathcal{T}) = \mathrm{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}_{S_{A,B}^2}}(-1)^F q^J t^R$
- Count states in Q_H (or Q_C) cohomology. Expect to compute sheaf cohomology groups of *unmarked* (twisted) quasimap moduli spaces.
- We can compute either index by a technique called Coulomb branch localisation.
- **General principle:** the path integral can be *sliced* and three manifold pfns factorise (holomorphic factorisation [Beem et. al]):

$$= \sum_{\alpha} \left(\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right)$$

$$T_{A} = \int_{\alpha} \mathcal{R}_{s'xH^{2}}(B_{\alpha}; t \rightarrow tq) \mathcal{R}_{s'xH^{2}}(B'_{\alpha}; t \rightarrow tq)$$

$$\sim \int_{\alpha} V_{\alpha}^{tm} V_{\alpha}^{tm'}$$

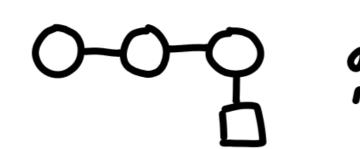
$$T_{B} = \int_{\alpha} V_{\alpha} V_{\alpha}^{'}$$

Mirror symmetry of twisted indices

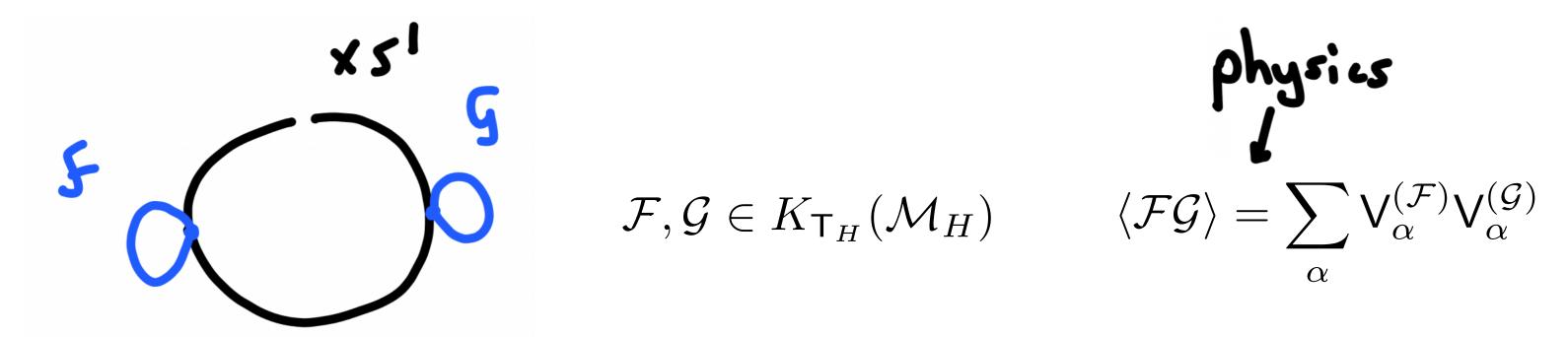
 Instead, expand in stable basis (enriched Neumann boundary conditions) and use mirror symmetry. Proof by picture:

$$\Sigma_{\alpha} \leftarrow \Sigma \qquad \Sigma_{\alpha} \qquad \qquad \Sigma$$

Quantum K-theory (B-twist)



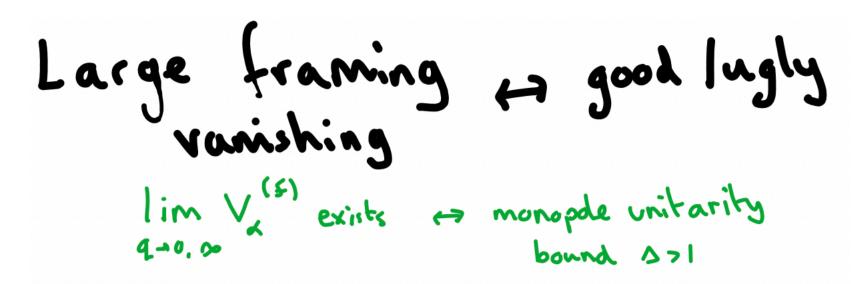
Enhance the setup with chiral operator insertions (line operators here)



- Gauge/bethe etc. [Nekrasov and Shatashvili, Okounkov et. al.] tell us: $U_{\hbar}(\hat{\mathfrak{g}}) \curvearrowright K_{\mathsf{T}_H}(\mathcal{M}_H)_{\mathrm{Loc.}}$
- Quantum K-theory construction of [Smirnov et. al.] define a 'curve corrected' version of $K_{T_H}(\mathcal{M}_H)$ with algebra structure:

$$QK_{\mathsf{T}_H}(\mathcal{M}_H) = \mathbb{Z}[s^{\pm 1}, x^{\pm 1}, t^{\pm 1}, \zeta^{\pm 1}]/\text{Bethe equations}$$

- $QK_{\mathsf{T}_H}(\mathcal{M}_H)$ is generated by quantum tautological classes: $\mathbf{\hat{Q}} = \mathbf{\hat{V}} + \mathbf{\hat{V}}$
- Sometimes it happens that $\hat{\mathcal{V}} = \mathcal{V}$





In that case:

• From the point of view of holomorphic factorisation:

$$\langle \xi \zeta \rangle = \sum_{x} V_{x}^{(\xi)} V_{x}^{(\xi)} = \sum_{x} \xi_{x} \zeta_{x} PE[TM_{H}] + O(\xi)$$

= $\chi(\xi \otimes \zeta; M_{H}) + O(\xi)$

• No insertions then B-twisted index = Higgs branch Hilbert series!

Mirror symmetry of quantum K-theory? (A-twist?)

• Mirror symmetry of twisted indices:

Already quite involved. Required duality interfaces and elliptic stable envelopes.

$$\Upsilon_{A}(\Upsilon)$$
 $\Upsilon_{A}(\Upsilon')$
 $\Upsilon_{B}(\Upsilon')$
 $\Upsilon_{B}(\Upsilon')$

• Enhancing with operator insertions, the B side is the quantum K-theory.

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c.f. 2d homological mirror symmetry

$$(X) = (X) + (X) +$$

• Geometrically, we've shown the O(1) version of this duality is the equivalence of ordinary quasimaps of \mathcal{M}_H to twisted quasimaps of \mathcal{M}_C .

Summary

- Demonstrated that exceptional Dirichlet boundary conditions \mathscr{B}_{α} reproduce enumerative invariants of symplectic resolutions (Operator count coincides with geometric localisation formulae).
- In particular, half indices yield Verma characters of quantised coordinate rings.
- We discussed the role of elliptic cohomology in boundary conditions of 3d $\mathcal{N}=4$ theories. Duality interfaces can be used to derive mirror dual boundary conditions: The mirror dual of exceptional Dirichlet is enriched Neumann. (Fixed point vs. Stable basis)
- Holomorphic factorisation in physics provides novel formulae for quasimap invariants.
- The unitarity of the elliptic stable envelope implies mirror symmetry of twisted indices. It would be interesting to investigate the algebraic structure in more detail. In particular a mathematical definition of the A side is lacking.

