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$S.G. \text{ '03}$   $\leftarrow$  Solve  $sl(2)$  Chern-Simons via algebraic curves  
 $S.G., T. Dimofte, L. Hollands \text{ '10}$  } same algebraic curves in 3d/2d  
 $S.G. \text{ r } T. Dimofte \text{ '11}$  }  $\mathcal{N}=2$  SUSY gauge theories  
 $S.G., T. Dimofte, D. Gaiotto$   $\leftarrow$  cutting and gluing

$SL(2)$  Chern-Simons on  
3-manifold  $M$

$\longleftrightarrow$  3d  $\mathcal{N}=2$  SUSY gauge theory  
 $T(M)$

$Z_{SS}(M; \hbar) \equiv Z_{\mathcal{E}_1, \mathcal{E}_2}^{3d}(T(M)) =$  partition function  
on  $S^3$

radius on  $S^3$

radius on  $M$

$$\hbar = b^2 = \mathcal{E}_1 / \mathcal{E}_2$$

6d five-brane theory on  $M \times S^3$

"geometric engineering"

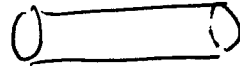
SUSY: put theory  
in  $\Omega$ -background

SUSY: top twist  
along  $M$

Semi-classical limit

$$\hbar \sim b^2 \sim \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2} \rightarrow 0$$

$$S_b^3 \rightsquigarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \times S^1$$



In  $\hbar \rightarrow 0$  limit, replace 6d five-brane theory by 5d max. SUSY Yang-Mills theory (D4-brane)

Symmetry group of this theory (in Euclidean signature)

$$SO(5)_E \times SO(5)_R$$

↖ transverse rotations

bosonic fields:  $(5, 1) \oplus (1, 5)$   
gauge fields      Higgs fields

fermionic fields:  $(4, 4)$

$$SO(5)_E = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} SO(3)_E & \\ \hline & SO(2)_E \end{array} \right); \text{ } SO(5)_R \text{ similarly.}$$

twist

$$SO(3)'_E = \text{diagonal subgroup of } SO(3)_E \times SO(3)_R$$

In top. twisted theory:

Symmetry  $SO(3)'_E \times SO(2)_E \times SO(2)_R$

bosons:  $3 \oplus 3 \oplus \dots$  (w/  $SO(3)'_E$ )  
 $A \quad \phi$  vectors

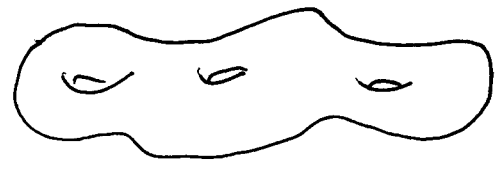
$A = A + i\phi$  complex-valued gauge connection

$Q_{BRST}$  - fixed pts:  $F = dA + A \wedge A = 0$ .  
 $\Leftrightarrow$  SUSY vacua of  $T(M)$  on  $S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^2$

Example



$A(x,y) = y + y^{-1} - (x^{-4} - x^2 - 2 - x^2 + x^4)$



In this example,  $T(M)$  equiv 3d  $\mathcal{N}=2$  gauge theory



SUSY moduli:

$$\hbar \rightarrow 0$$

$$S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^2_{\hbar}$$

$$Z_{3d}(T(M)) = \exp\left(\frac{1}{\hbar} W + \dots\right)$$

↑  
twisted superpotential

Example 3d  $\mathcal{N}=2$  SQED

$$W = \sum_{\text{charged chiral}} (\sigma - \tilde{m}_i) \log(\sigma - \tilde{m}_i)$$

$$W_{S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^2} = \sum \text{Li}_2(\dots)$$

(Kulvan - (Ker) mod)

- minimize  $W$  w.r.t all dynamical fields

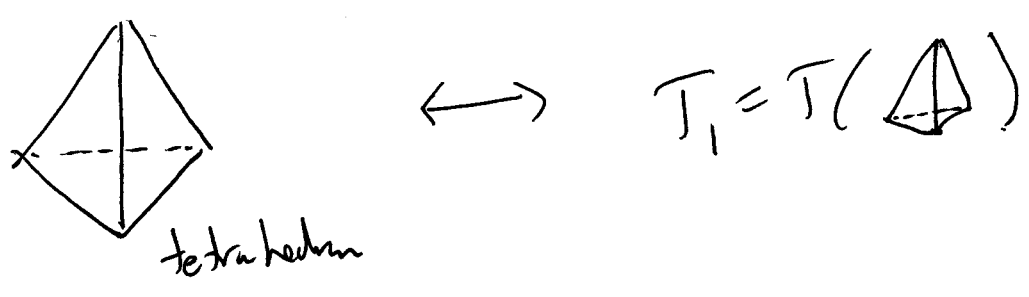
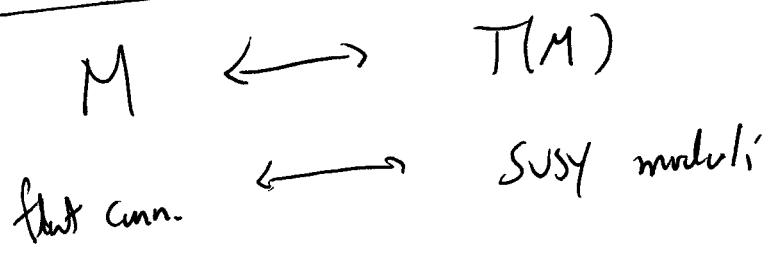
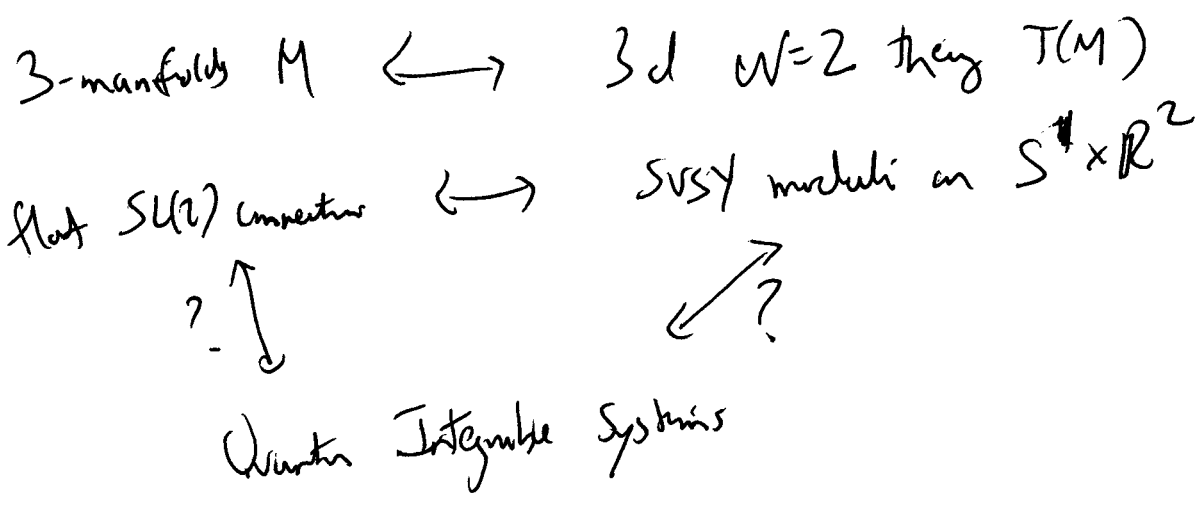
$\mapsto W_{\text{eff}}(v_i)$  ← parameters (= vev's of non-dynamical fields)

- $u_i = \frac{\partial W_{\text{eff}}(v_i)}{\partial v_i}$

$$x_i = e^{u_i}, y_i = e^{v_i}$$

get nice algebraic variety in  $x_i, y_i$

in the example, get the A-polynomial  $A(x, y)$  written above.

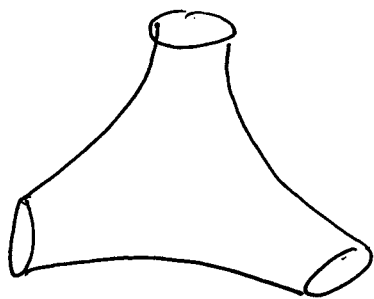


$T_1 =$  a charged chiral field  
 coupled to a background, non-dynamical U(1)

$k = -\frac{1}{2}$   $\leftarrow$

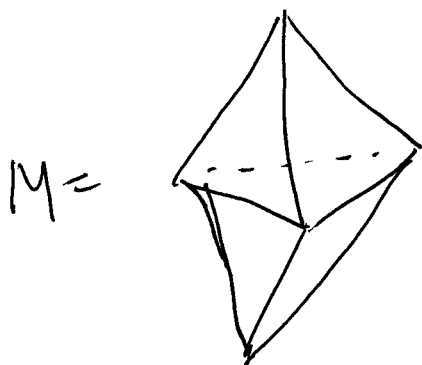
(combination with  $k = \frac{1}{2}$  vacuum...)

Space of susy moduli:



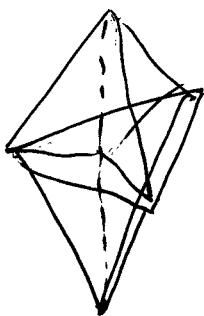
$$A(x, y) = 1 + x + y^{-1}$$

glue two tetrahedra:



$T(M) = U(1)$  gauge theory w/ two charged chiral of charge  $\pm 1$

or M =

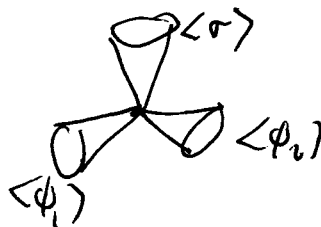


"(2,3) Pochhammer move"

triangulate the same manifold by 3 tetrahedra

This is 3D mirror symmetry!

U(1) with two charged chiral of charge  $\pm 1$



$$W_{IR} = XYZ$$

IR thing = 3 dir's.

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also pentagon identity on  $L_2$ .