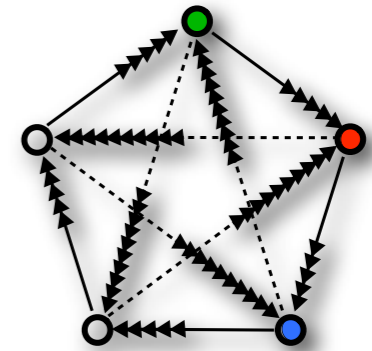


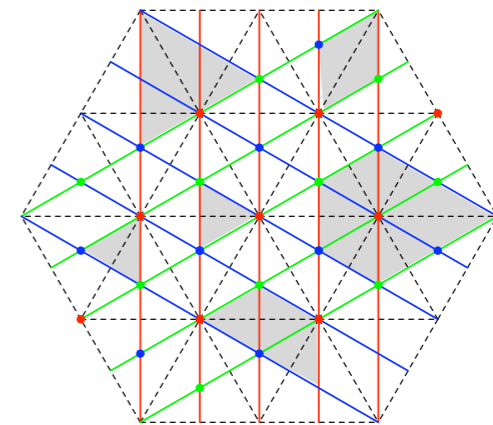
# Matrix Factorizations, D-branes and Homological Mirror Symmetry

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- Motivation, general remarks
- Mirror symmetry and D-branes
- Matrix factorizations and LG models
- Toy example: eff. superpotential for intersecting branes, applications



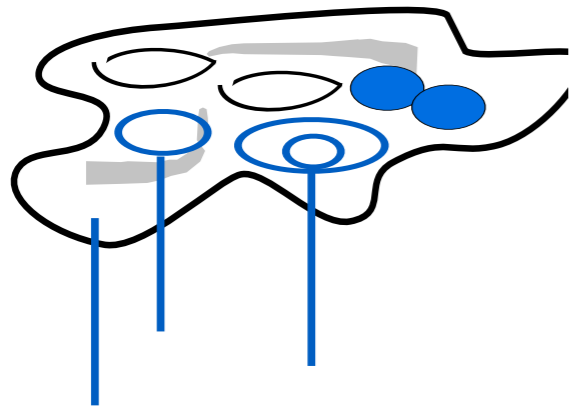
much more diverse instantons  
than for closed strings  
(world-sheet and D-brane  
instantons)



# Part I Motivation: D-brane worlds

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Typical brane + flux configuration on a Calabi-Yau space



closed string (bulk) moduli  $t$

open string (brane location + bundle) moduli  $u$

3+1 dim world volume with effective  $\mathcal{N}=1$  SUSY theory

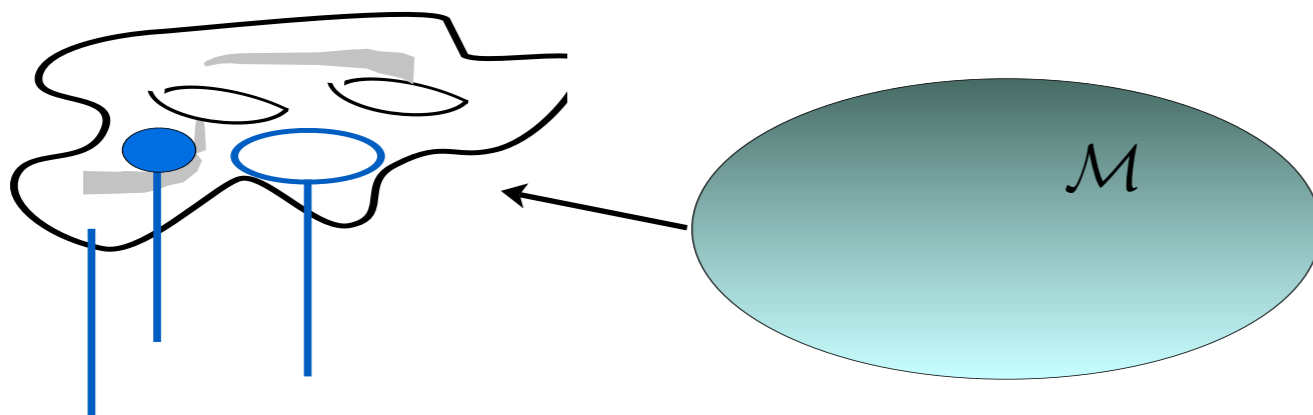
What are the exact effective superpotential, the vacuum states, gauge couplings, etc ?

$$\mathcal{W}_{\text{eff}}(\Phi, t, u) = ?$$

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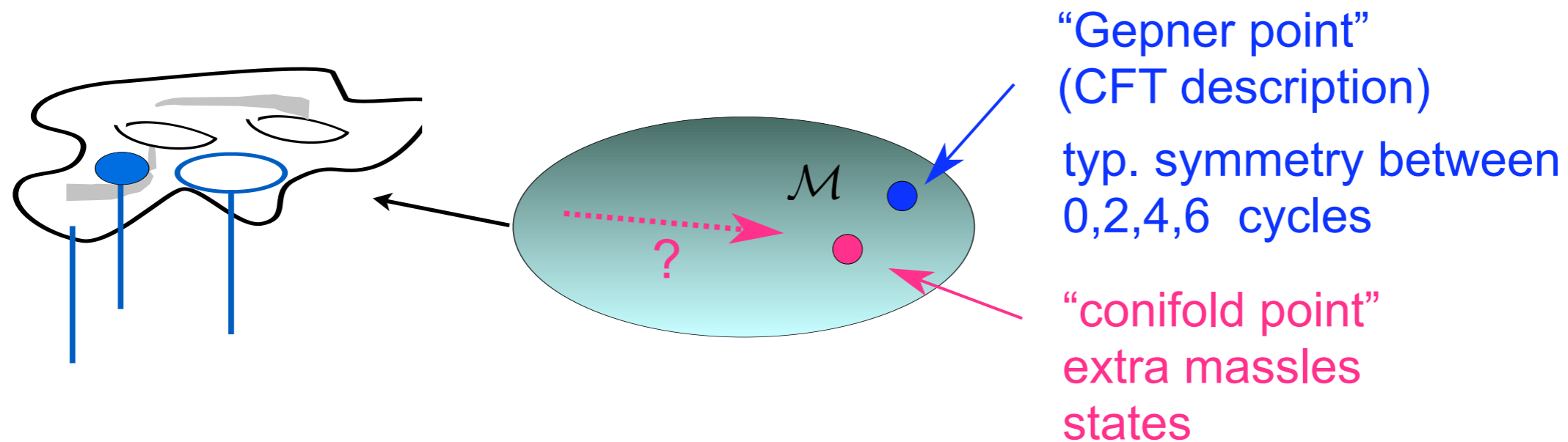
Classical geometry:  
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In fact, practically all of string  
phenomenology deals with the  
boundary of the moduli space  
(weak coupling, large radius)

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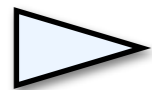
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Quantum corrected geometry:  
(instanton) corrections wipe out  
notions of classical geometry

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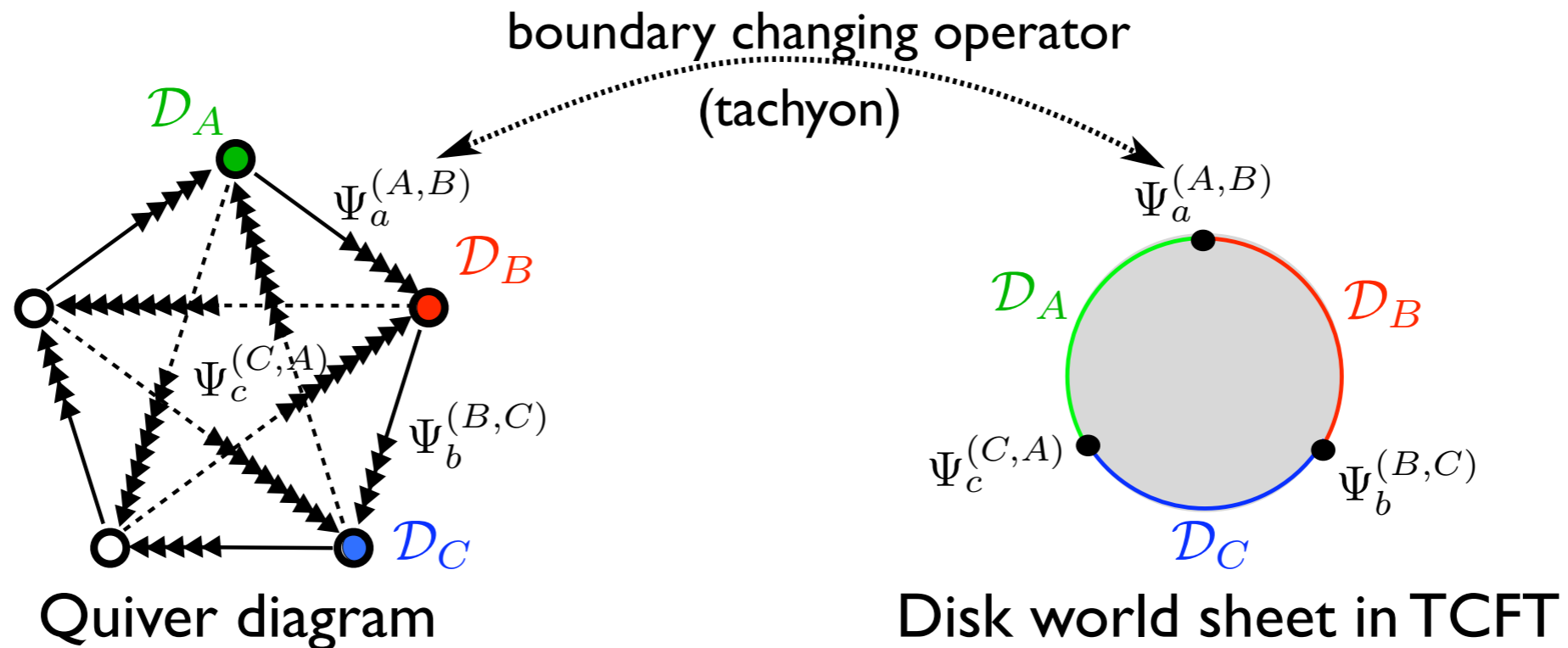
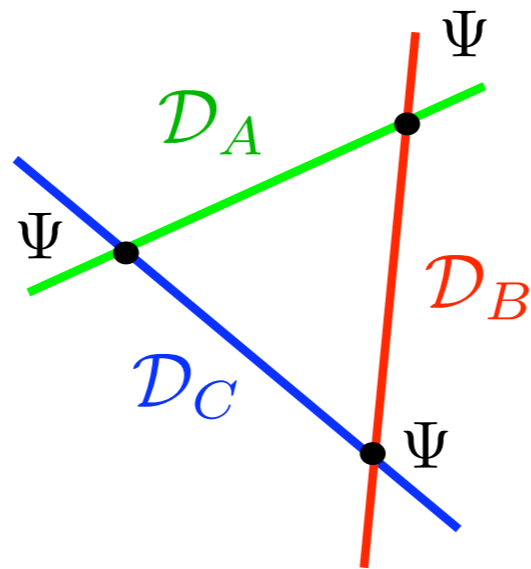
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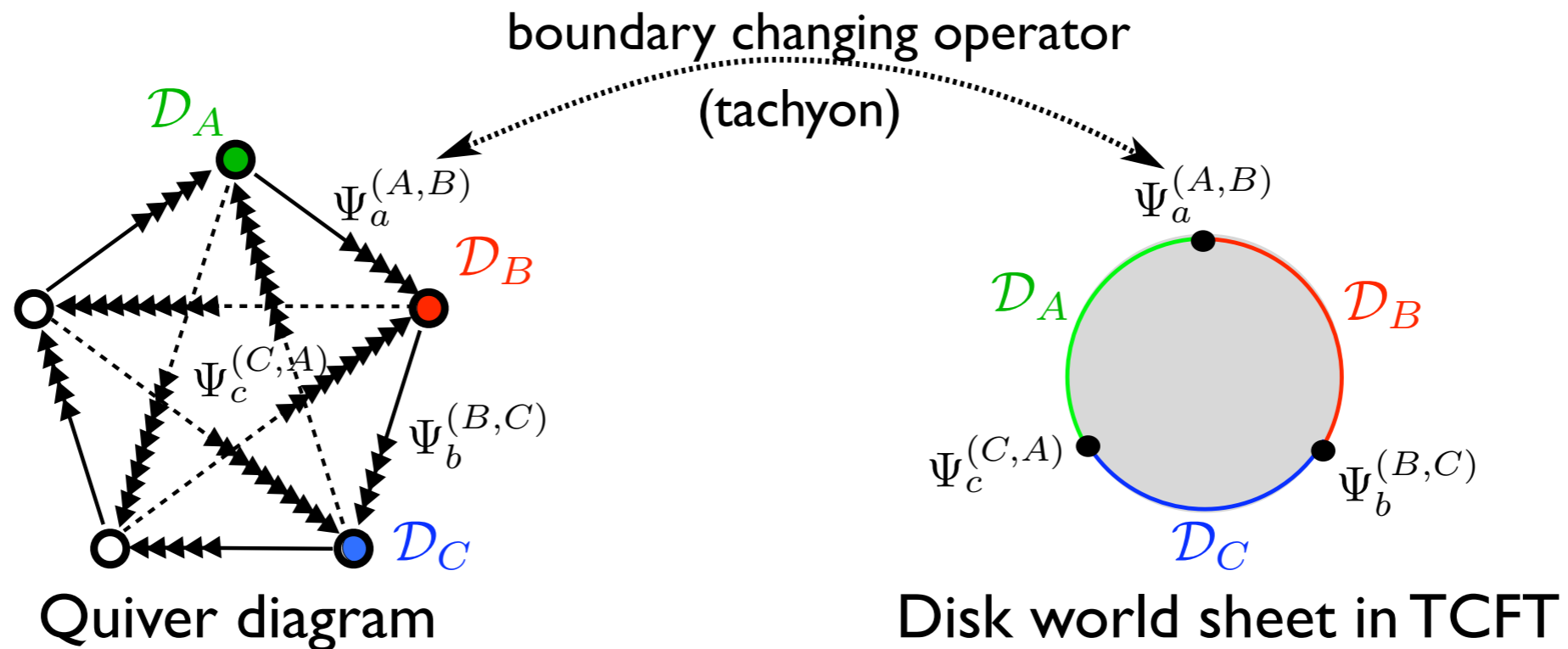
Need to develop formalism capable of describing the physics of general D-brane configurations (here: topological B-type D-branes), incl their continuous deformation families over the moduli space

...well developed techniques (mirror symmetry) mostly for non-generic (non-compact, non-intersecting, integrable) brane configurations branes only !

# Intersecting branes: eff. potential for quivers



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Superpotential  $\sim$  closed paths in quiver

$$\mathcal{W}_{eff}(T, u, t) = T_a T_b T_c \underbrace{\langle \Psi_a^{(A,B)} \Psi_b^{(B,C)} \Psi_c^{(C,A)} \rangle}_{C_{abc}(t,u)} + T_a T_b T_c T_d \underbrace{\langle \Psi_a^{(A,B)} \Psi_b^{(B,C)} \Psi_c^{(C,D)} \Psi_d^{(D,A)} \rangle}_{C_{abcd}(t,u)} + \dots$$

tachyons

closed and open string  
moduli

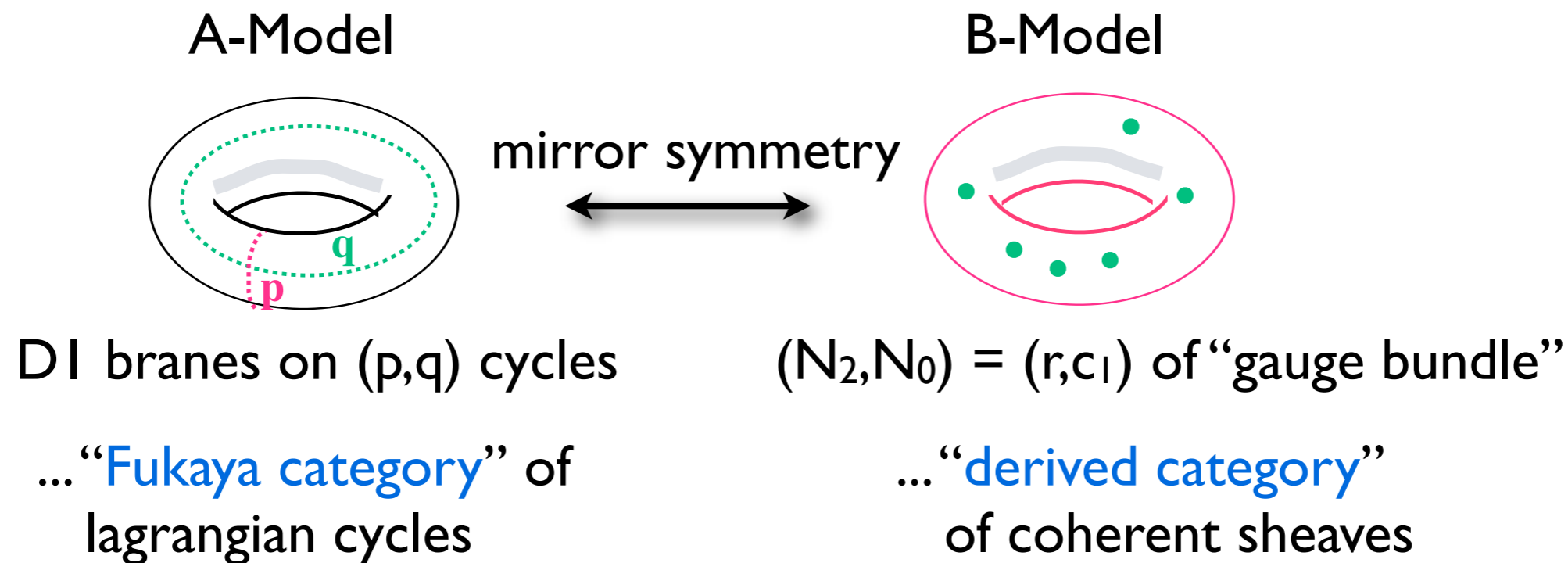
$$\sim \text{const} + \mathcal{O}(e^{-t}, e^{-u})$$

instanton corrections... how to compute?

# D-branes: homological mirror symmetry

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- Mirror symmetry acts between full categories descr. A- and B-branes!

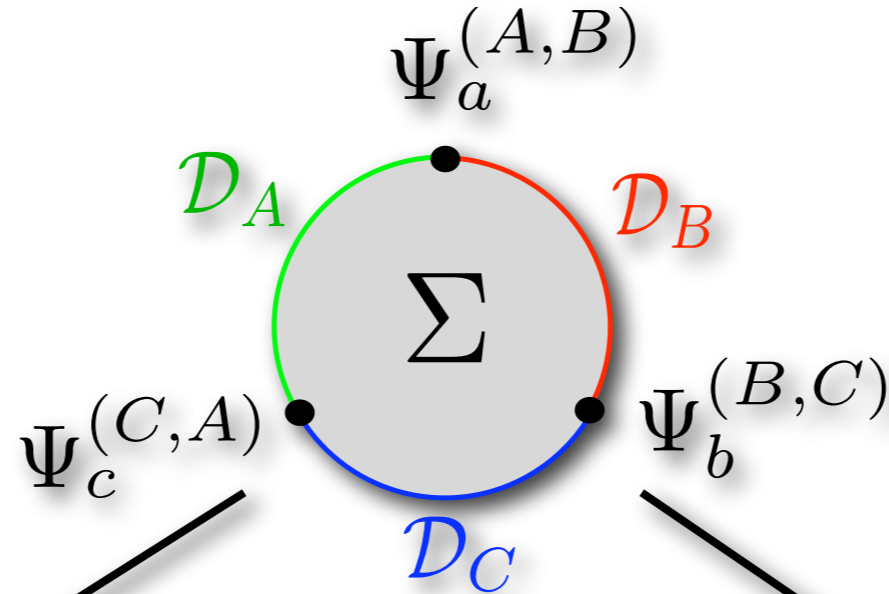
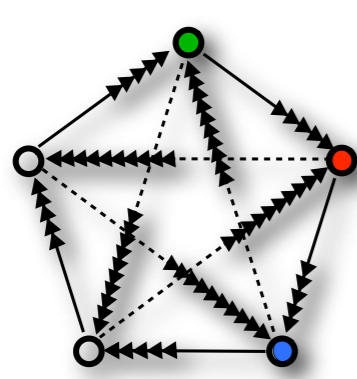


- There is much more to this than just quantum numbers (K-theory)  
Homological mirror symmetry also preserves the higher  $A_\infty$  products  
(open string correlators)



# Mirror symmetry and open string TFT correlators

Disk amplitude for intersecting branes  $C_{abc}(\tau; u_A, u_B, u_C) = \langle \Psi_a^{(A,B)} \Psi_b^{(B,C)} \Psi_c^{(C,A)} \rangle$

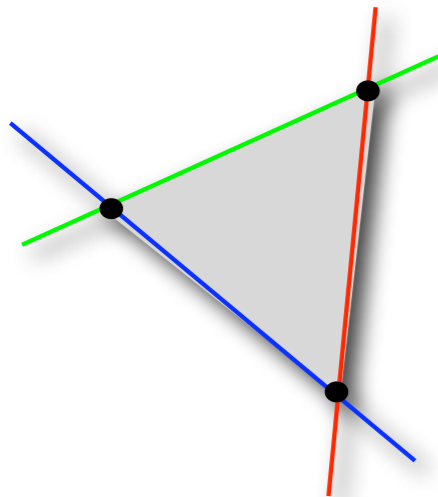


**A-Model**

localizes on holomorphic maps:  
world-sheet instantons  $\Sigma \rightarrow T_2$

**B-Model**

(Landau-Ginzburg model)  
localizes on constant maps:  
**classical**



Fukaya products

$$C_{abc} \sim e^{-S_{\text{Inst}}}$$

$$S_{\text{Inst.}} \sim \text{Area}$$

←.....→  
mirror symmetry

Massey products

$$\lambda_m(\Psi^{\otimes m}) = \Psi_{a_0} C_{a_1 \dots a_m}^{a_0}$$

# B-model correlators

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- General structure of 3-pt fct in (holom) Chern-Simons theory:

$$C_{abc} = \langle \Psi_a \Psi_b \Psi_c \rangle = \int_X \text{Tr}[\Psi_a \wedge \Psi_b \wedge \Psi_c] \wedge \Omega^{(3,0)}$$

Wedge product of sections

$$\Psi_a \equiv \Psi_a^{(A,B)} \in \text{Ext}^1(X; \bar{\mathcal{V}}^A, \mathcal{V}^B)$$

- Branes  $\sim$  vector bundles:  
sections are collections of vectors = matrices
- To perform mirror map... need **flat** sections  
determined by some flatness equations

# B-model correlators....

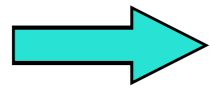
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- For the bulk theory, the flatness equations coincide with the Picard-Fuchs equations for periods, arising from the variation of Hodge structures
- For open strings theory is not yet well developed (in general no flatness to begin with, obstructions)
- Physicist's pragmatic approach:  
obtain diffeqs from contact terms in Landau-Ginzburg formulation

# Part II D-branes and Matrix Factorizations

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Seek: Description of topol. B-type D-branes that captures the mathematical intricacies, while allowing to do explicit computations



LG formulation of B-type branes in terms of matrix factorizations

Important: explicit moduli dependence of all quantities

# Landau-Ginzburg description of B-type D-branes

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- Consider bulk  $d=2$   $N=(2,2)$  LG model with superpotential:

$$\int_{\Sigma} d^2 z d\theta^+ d\theta^- W_{LG}(x) + \text{cc.}$$

B-type SUSY variations induce boundary (“Warner”)-term:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Sigma} d^2 z d\theta^+ d\theta^- (\bar{Q}_+ + \bar{Q}_-) W_{LG} &= \int_{\Sigma} d^2 z d\theta^+ d\theta^- (\theta^+ \partial_+ + \theta^- \partial_-) W_{LG} \\ &= \int_{\partial\Sigma} d\sigma d\theta W_{LG} \end{aligned}$$

- Restore SUSY by adding boundary fermions  $\Pi = (\pi + \theta^+ \ell)$   
 (... not quite chiral:  $\bar{D} \Pi = E(x)|_{\partial\Sigma}$  )

via a boundary potential:  $\delta S = \int_{\partial\Sigma} d\sigma d\theta \Pi J(x)$

Condition for SUSY:

$$J(x)E(x) = W_{LG}(x)$$

# Matrix factorizations

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- BRST operator:  $Q(x) = \pi J(x) + \bar{\pi} E(x) = \begin{pmatrix} & J(x) \\ E(x) & \end{pmatrix}$

thus SUSY condition implies a **matrix factorization** of  $W$ :

$$Q(x) \cdot Q(x) = W_{LG}(x) 1$$

Total BRST operator  $\mathcal{Q} = Q + Q_{bulk}$

then squares to zero:  $\mathcal{Q}^2 = 0$

- Generalization for  $n$  LG fields: need  $N=2^n$  boundary fermions, and

$$J_{N \times N} \cdot E_{N \times N} = E_{N \times N} \cdot J_{N \times N} = W_{LG} 1_{N \times N}$$

- B-type Susy D-branes:

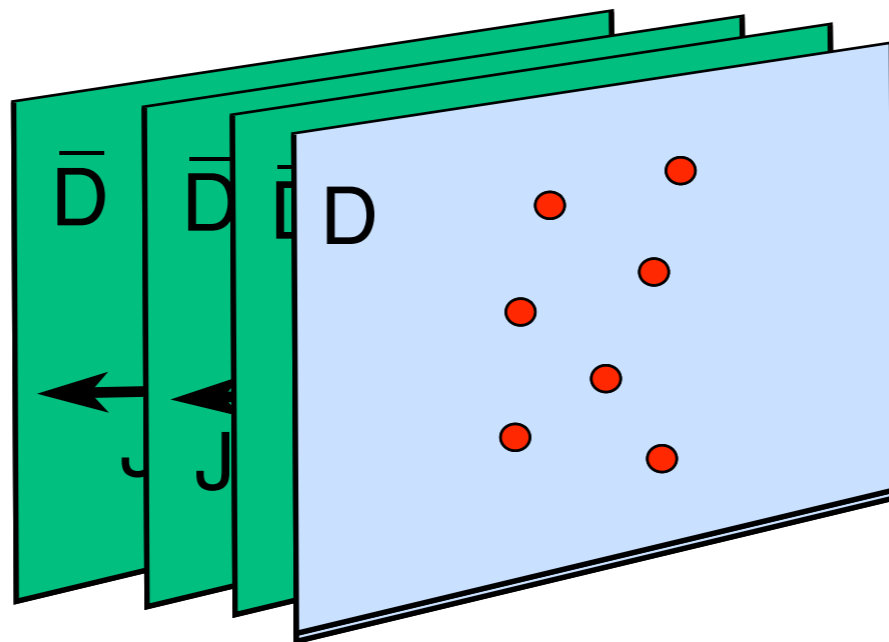
I:I to all possible matrix factorizations of a given  $W=W(x,t)$

# Physical interpretation

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- N... Chan-Paton labels of space-filling  $\overline{D}\overline{D}$  pairs

Boundary potentials  $J, E$  form a **tachyon profile** that describes condensation to given B-type D-brane configuration in IR limit



eg.  $J(x, u) = \prod_{i=1}^n (x - u_i) \quad c_1 = n$

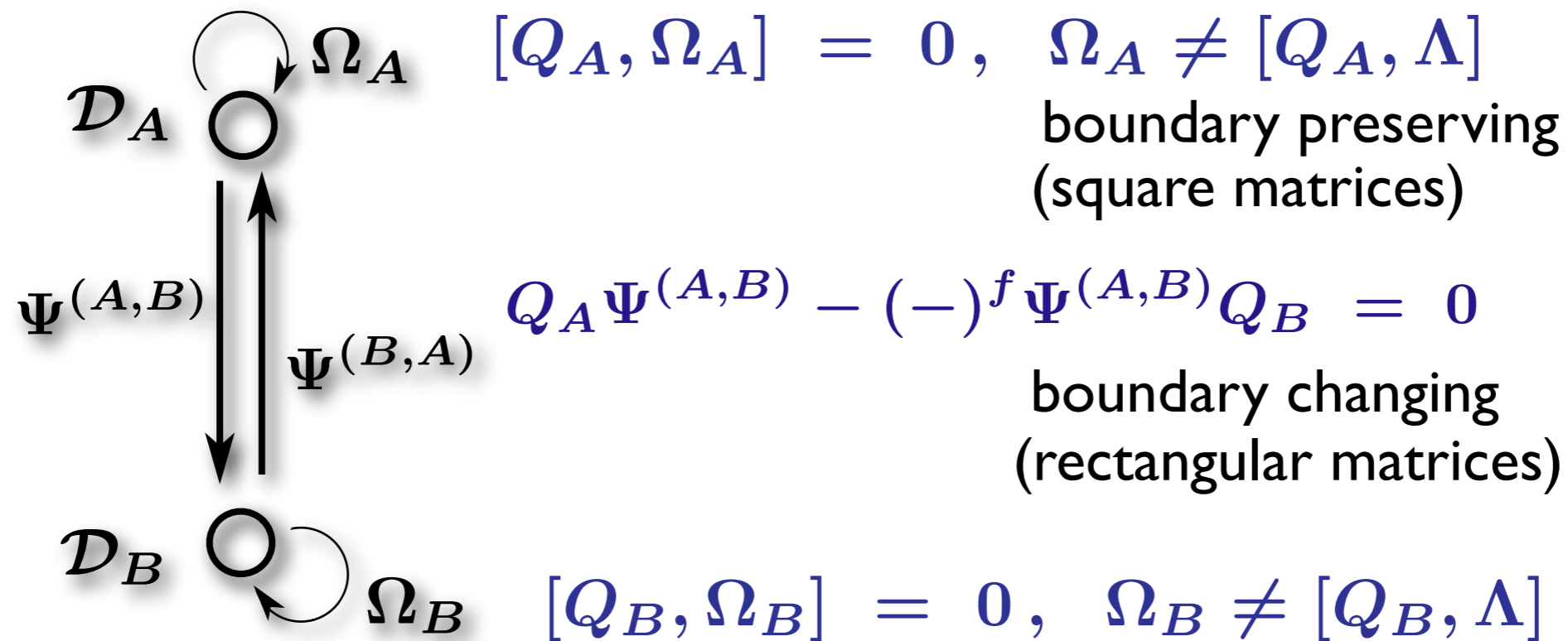
- Geometrically: Maps  $J, E$  are sections of certain bundles

$\text{Ker } J, \text{Ker } E$  encode bundle data of branes:  $(r, c_1, \dots; u)$

# Open string cohomology

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- Physical open string spectrum is determined by the cohomology of the BRST operator:



- These are the ingredients of a nice category....



# Kontsevich's category $\mathcal{C}_W$

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The LG model provides a concrete physical realization of a certain triangulated  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded category  $\mathcal{C}_W$

- objects: “complexes” ( $\sim$ composites of  $D\bar{D}$  branes):

$$D_\ell \cong \left( P_1^{(\ell)} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{J^{(\ell)}} \\ \xleftarrow{E^{(\ell)}} \end{array} P_0^{(\ell)} \right), \quad J^{(\ell)} E^{(\ell)} = W$$

- maps (boundary Q-cohomology):

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 D_{\ell_1} & & \left( P_1^{(\ell_1)} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{J^{(\ell_1)}} \\ \xleftarrow{E^{(\ell_1)}} \end{array} P_0^{(\ell_1)} \right) \\
 \downarrow & \cong & \begin{array}{ccc}
 \downarrow \phi_\alpha^{\ell_1, \ell_2} & \begin{array}{c} \psi_\alpha^{\ell_1, \ell_2} \\ \psi_\alpha^{\ell_1, \ell_2} \end{array} & \downarrow \phi_\alpha^{\ell_1, \ell_2} \\
 D_{\ell_2} & & \left( P_1^{(\ell_2)} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{J^{(\ell_2)}} \\ \xleftarrow{E^{(\ell_2)}} \end{array} P_0^{(\ell_2)} \right)
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

# Kontsevich's category $C_W$

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Category of Matrix factorizations is isomorphic to  $D(\text{Coh}(M))$ , the derived category of coherent sheaves on  $M$  =  
category of B-type D-branes! (O, HHP)

# Part III: branes on the elliptic curve

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- Simplest Calabi-Yau: the cubic torus

$$T_2 : W = \frac{1}{3}(x_1^3 + x_2^3 + x_3^3) - a(\tau) x_1 x_2 x_3 = 0$$

complex str modulus



- Mirror map:

$$\frac{3 a (a^3 + 8)}{\Delta} = J(\tau)^{1/3}, \quad \Delta \equiv a^3 - 1$$



flat coo of complex structure moduli space =  
Kahler parameter of mirror curve

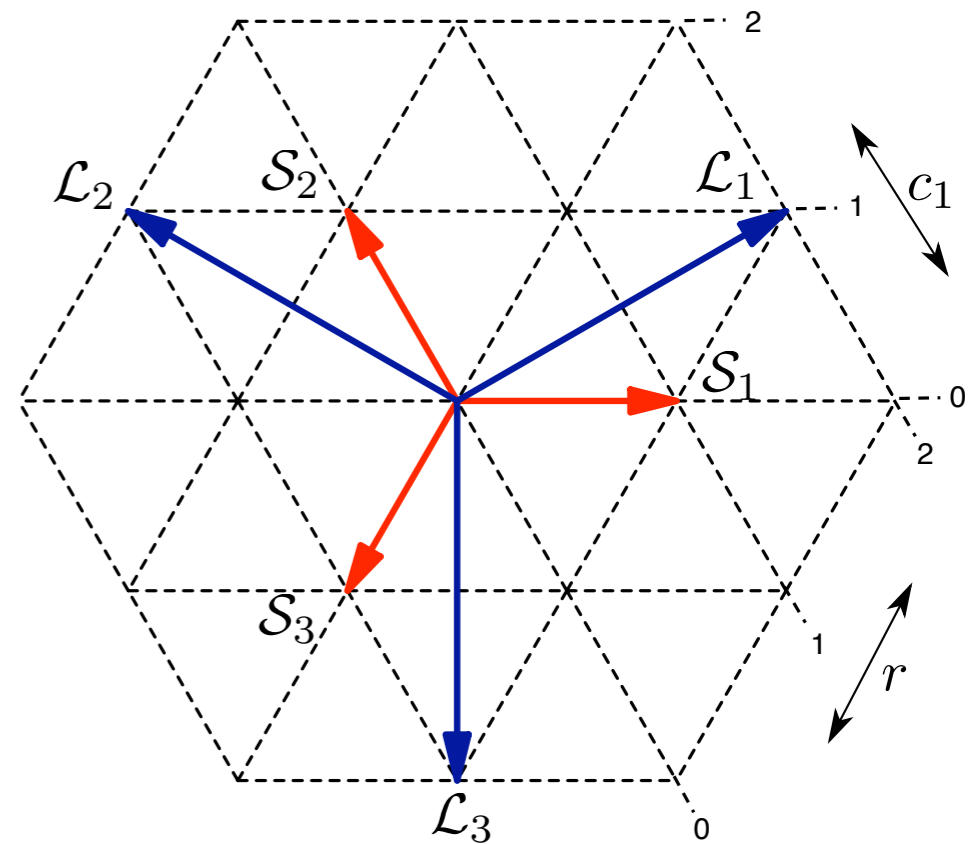
# Test example: branes on the elliptic curve

- B-type D-branes are composites of D2, D0 branes, characterized by  $(N_2, N_0; u) = (\text{rank}(V), c_1(V); u)$

... these are mirror to A-type D1-branes with wrapping numbers  $(p, q) = (N_2, N_0)$

- We will consider the “long-diagonal” branes with charges

$$(N_2, N_0)_{\mathcal{L}_A} = \{(-1, 0), (-1, 3), (2, -3)\}$$



# 3x3 matrix factorization

- Factorizations corresponding to the long diagonal branes  $L_i$

$$J_i = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1^{(i)} x_1 & \alpha_2^{(i)} x_3 & \alpha_3^{(i)} x_2 \\ \alpha_3^{(i)} x_3 & \alpha_1^{(i)} x_2 & \alpha_2^{(i)} x_1 \\ \alpha_2^{(i)} x_2 & \alpha_3^{(i)} x_1 & \alpha_1^{(i)} x_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (i=1,2,3)$$

$$E_i = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\alpha_1^{(i)}} x_1^2 - \frac{\alpha_1^{(i)}}{\alpha_2^{(i)} \alpha_3^{(i)}} x_2 x_3 & \frac{1}{\alpha_3^{(i)}} x_3^2 - \frac{\alpha_3^{(i)}}{\alpha_1^{(i)} \alpha_2^{(i)}} x_1 x_2 & \frac{1}{\alpha_2^{(i)}} x_2^2 - \frac{\alpha_2^{(i)}}{\alpha_1^{(i)} \alpha_3^{(i)}} x_1 x_3 \\ \frac{1}{\alpha_2^{(i)}} x_3^2 - \frac{\alpha_2^{(i)}}{\alpha_1^{(i)} \alpha_3^{(i)}} x_1 x_2 & \frac{1}{\alpha_1^{(i)}} x_2^2 - \frac{\alpha_1^{(i)}}{\alpha_2^{(i)} \alpha_3^{(i)}} x_1 x_3 & \frac{1}{\alpha_3^{(i)}} x_1^2 - \frac{\alpha_3^{(i)}}{\alpha_1^{(i)} \alpha_2^{(i)}} x_2 x_3 \\ \frac{1}{\alpha_3^{(i)}} x_2^2 - \frac{\alpha_3^{(i)}}{\alpha_1^{(i)} \alpha_2^{(i)}} x_1 x_3 & \frac{1}{\alpha_2^{(i)}} x_1^2 - \frac{\alpha_2^{(i)}}{\alpha_1^{(i)} \alpha_3^{(i)}} x_2 x_3 & \frac{1}{\alpha_1^{(i)}} x_3^2 - \frac{\alpha_1^{(i)}}{\alpha_2^{(i)} \alpha_3^{(i)}} x_1 x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

W, BHLW

These satisfy  $J_i E_i = E_i J_i = W_{LG} 1$

if the parameters satisfy the cubic equation themselves:

$$W_{LG}(\alpha_i) \equiv \alpha_1^3 + \alpha_2^3 + \alpha_3^3 + a(\tau) \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 = 0$$

Thus the parameters parametrize the (jacobian) torus and can be represented by theta-sections:

$$\alpha_\ell^{(i)} \sim \Theta \left[ \frac{1-\ell}{3} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \mid 3u_i, 3\tau \right]$$

$u, \tau$ ...flat coordinates of open/closed moduli space (Kahler moduli in mirror A-model)

# Open string BRST cohomology

Solving for the BRST cohomology yields explicit t,u-moduli dependent matrix valued maps, eg (a=1,2,3):

- marginal operators corr. to brane locations

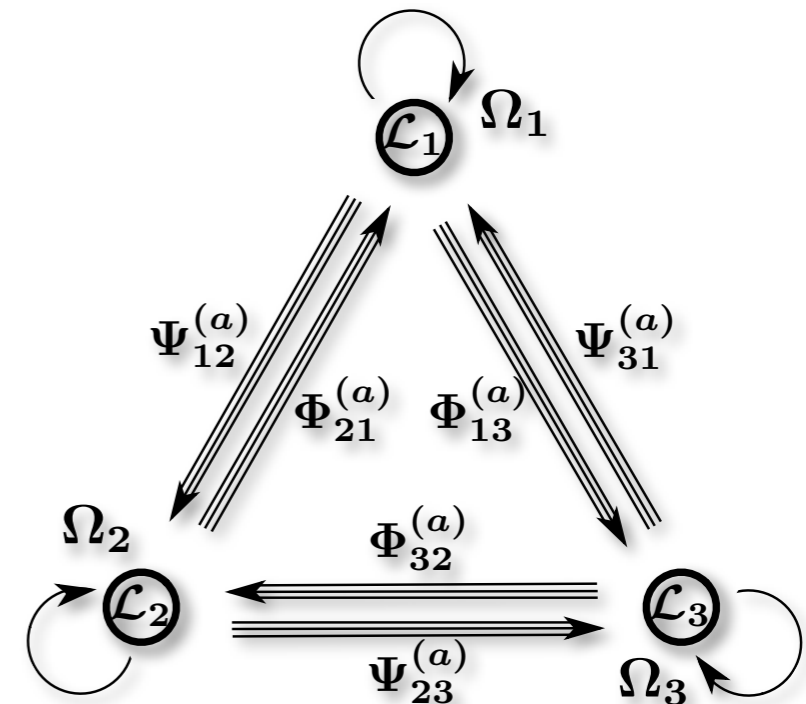
$$\text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{L}_A, \mathcal{L}_A) : \Omega_A = \partial_{u_A} Q(u_A)$$

- tachyon operators

$$\text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{L}_A, \mathcal{L}_B) : \Psi_{AB}^{(a)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & F_{AB}^{(a)} \\ G_{AB}^{(a)} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{with eg, } F_{12}^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} \zeta_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \zeta_2 \\ 0 & \zeta_3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad G_{12}^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\zeta_1}{\alpha_1^{(1)} \alpha_1^{(2)}} x_1 & \frac{\zeta_3}{\alpha_1^{(1)} \alpha_2^{(2)}} x_2 & \frac{\zeta_2}{\alpha_1^{(1)} \alpha_3^{(2)}} x_3 \\ \frac{\zeta_2}{\alpha_1^{(2)} \alpha_3^{(1)}} x_2 & \frac{\zeta_1}{\alpha_2^{(2)} \alpha_3^{(1)}} x_3 & \frac{\zeta_3}{\alpha_3^{(1)} \alpha_3^{(2)}} x_1 \\ \frac{\zeta_3}{\alpha_1^{(2)} \alpha_2^{(1)}} x_3 & \frac{\zeta_2}{\alpha_2^{(1)} \alpha_2^{(2)}} x_1 & \frac{\zeta_1}{\alpha_2^{(1)} \alpha_3^{(2)}} x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } \zeta_\ell \sim \Theta \left[ \frac{1-\ell}{3} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \mid 3u_2 - 3u_1, 3\tau \right]$$

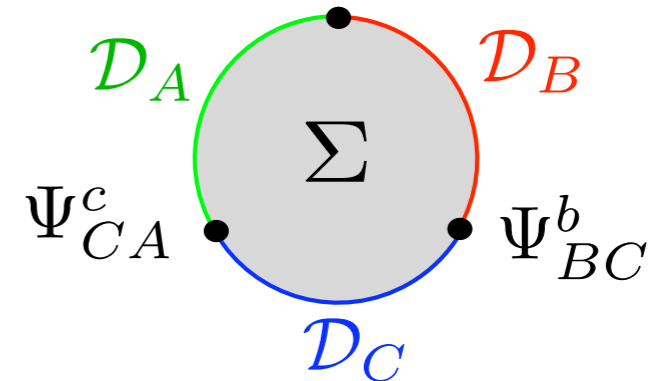


# Superpotential on brane intersection I

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- Compute 3-point disk correlators = Yukawa couplings  $\Psi_{AB}^a$

$$\mathcal{W}_{eff} = T_a T_b T_c C_{abc}(\tau, u_i) + \dots$$



$$C_{abc}(\tau, u_1, u_2, u_3) = \langle \Psi_{13}^a(u_1, u_3) \Psi_{32}^b(u_3, u_2) \Psi_{21}^c(u_2, u_1) \rangle$$

Use Kapustin-Li super-residue formula (from localization of path integral) for the matrix-valued, moduli-dependent operators:

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint \text{Str} \left[ \left( \frac{dQ}{dW} \right)^{\otimes \wedge 3} \Psi_{13}^{(a)} \Psi_{32}^{(b)} \Psi_{21}^{(c)} \right]$$

## (A side remark)

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- 90% of the actual work is not explained here  
The point is to determine proper “flat cohomology representatives” which includes their t-dependent normalization
- For the closed string, this is achieved by the Picard-Fuchs differential equations, which are based on the theory of Hodge variations ... the heart of mirror symmetry

For open strings, a suitable non-commutative variant is not known

- Developed an approach based on contact terms that mimics Hodge theory for matrix valued operators, and leads to a matrix diffeq of the form:

$$\nabla_t \bar{\Psi}_a(t) = d \left( \frac{\phi \bar{\Psi}_a}{dW} \right)_+$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_t &\equiv \partial_t + U([\partial_t Q, *]) \\ U &\equiv \left( \frac{\{dQ, *\}}{dW} \right)_+ \\ &\text{(propagator)} \end{aligned}$$



# Superpotential on brane intersection II

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- Solve differential eqn to determine t-dep of operators
- Insert in KL residue formula and make heavy use of theta-function identities such as the addition formula:

$$\theta_a[u_1] \cdot \theta_b[u_2] = \sum \theta_{a-b+c}[u_1 - u_2] \theta_{a+b+c}[u_1 + u_2]$$

(math: expresses product in Fukaya-category)

- Final result: theta functions

$$C_{111}(\tau, \xi) = e^{6\pi i \xi_1 \xi_2} q^{3\xi_2^2/2} \sum_m q^{3m^2/2} e^{6\pi i m \xi}$$

$$C_{123}(\tau, \xi) = e^{6\pi i \xi_1 \xi_2} q^{3\xi_2^2/2} \sum_m^m q^{3(m+1/3)^2/2} e^{6\pi i (m+1/3)\xi}$$

$$C_{132}(\tau, \xi) = e^{6\pi i \xi_1 \xi_2} q^{3\xi_2^2/2} \sum_m^m q^{3(m-1/3)^2/2} e^{6\pi i (m-1/3)\xi}$$

What's the interpretation of the q-series?  $(\xi \equiv u_1 + u_2 + u_3 = \xi_1 + \tau \xi_2)$

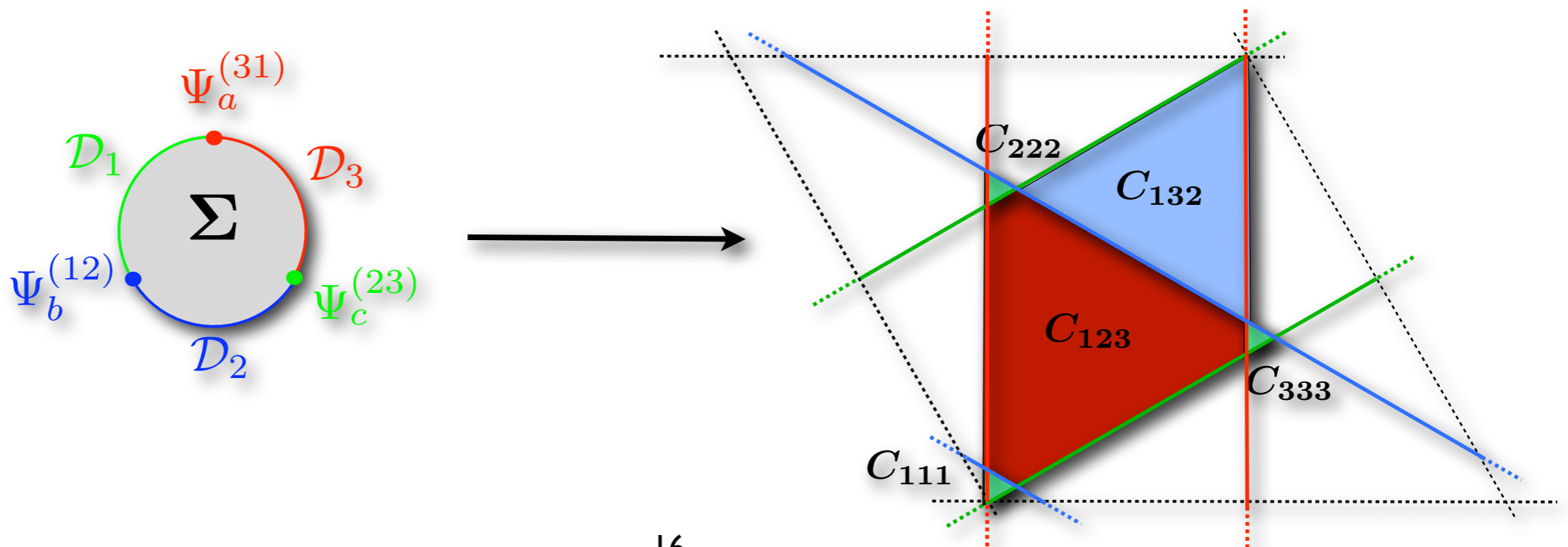
# The topological A-Model: instantons

- Interpretation of q-series: In A model mirror language, these are contributions from triangular disk instantons whose world-sheets are bounded by the three D1-branes:

$$C_{abc} \sim e^{-S_{\text{inst}}} \sim q^{\Delta_{abc}} + \dots$$

(the u-dependence corresponds to position and Wilson line moduli)

Count maps:  $\Sigma \rightarrow T_2$



# Complete effective potential (long diag branes)

$$\mathcal{W}_{\text{eff}}(\tau, u, T) = \sum_{N=1}^6 T^{(a_1)} \dots T^{(a_N)} C_{a_1, \dots, a_N}^{(N)}(\tau, u_1, \dots, u_N)$$

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 tachyons
 moduli

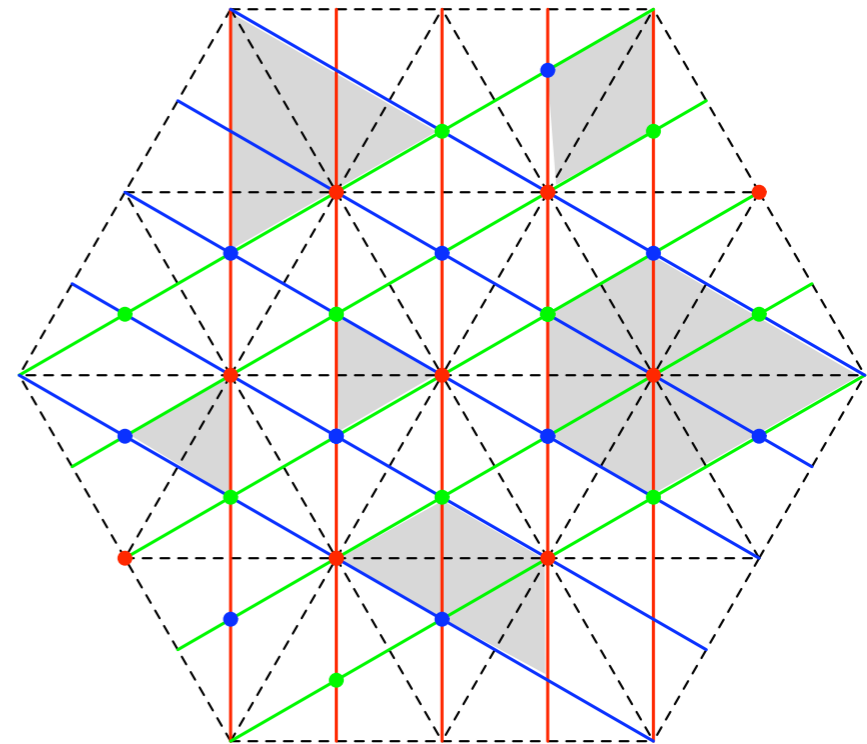
- B-model: difficult to compute higher N-point Massey products with  $N > 3$ !

For (flat) elliptic curve, A-model is simpler....

- Generically, N-point functions get contributions from N-gonal instantons

General structure:  
indefinite theta-functions summing over  
all lattice translates, positive areas

$$\sum'_{m,n} q^{mn} \equiv \left( \sum_{m,n>0} - \sum_{m,n<0} \right) q^{mn}$$



# Polygons and instantons

**N=4: trapezoids**

$$\mathcal{T}_{ab\bar{c}\bar{d}}(\tau, u_i) = \delta_{a+b, \bar{c}+\bar{d}}^{(3)} \Theta_{trap} \left[ \begin{array}{c} [b - \bar{c}]_3 \\ [\bar{d} - \bar{c} + 3/2]_3 \end{array} \right] (3\tau | 3(u_1 + u_2 + u_4), 3(u_1 - u_3))$$

$$\Theta_{trap} \left[ \begin{array}{c} a \\ b \end{array} \right] (3\tau | 3u, 3v) = \sum'_{m,n} q^{\frac{1}{6}(a+3n)(a+3n+2(b+3m))} e^{2\pi i((a+3n)(u-1/6)+(b+3m)v)}$$

**N=4: parallelograms**

$$\mathcal{P}_{a\bar{b}c\bar{d}}(\tau, u_i) = \delta_{a+c, \bar{b}+\bar{d}}^{(3)} \Theta_{para} \left[ \begin{array}{c} [c - \bar{b}]_3 \\ [\bar{d} - c]_3 \end{array} \right] (3\tau | 3(u_1 - u_3), 3(u_4 - u_2))$$

$$\Theta_{para} \left[ \begin{array}{c} a \\ b \end{array} \right] (3\tau | 3u, 3v) \equiv \sum'_{m,n} q^{\frac{1}{3}(a+3n)(b+3m)} e^{2\pi i((b+3m)u+(a+3n)v)}$$

**N=5: pentagons**

$$\mathcal{P}_{a\bar{b}\bar{c}\bar{d}\bar{e}}(\tau, u_i) = \delta_{a, \bar{b}+\bar{c}+\bar{d}+\bar{e}}^{(3)} \Theta_{penta} \left[ \begin{array}{c} [-b - c - d]_3 \\ [e + c + d]_3 \\ [c - d + \frac{3}{2}]_3 \end{array} \right] (3\tau | 3(u_5 - u_2), 3(u_1 - u_4), 3(u_3 + u_2 + u_4))$$

$$\Theta_{penta} \left[ \begin{array}{c} a \\ b \\ c \end{array} \right] (3\tau | 3u, 3v, 3w) \equiv \sum'_{m,n,k} q^{\frac{1}{3}(a+3(n+k))(b+3(m+k)) - \frac{1}{6}(c+3k)^2} e^{2\pi i((a+3(n+k))u+(b+3(m+k))v+(c+3k)(w-1/6))}$$

**N=6: hexagons**

$$\mathcal{H}_{a\bar{b}\bar{c}\bar{d}\bar{e}\bar{f}}(\tau, u_i) = \delta_{0, \bar{a}+\bar{b}+\bar{c}+\bar{d}+\bar{e}+\bar{f}}^{(3)} \Theta_{hexa} \left[ \begin{array}{c} [-b - c - d]_3 \\ [c + d + e]_3 \\ [c - d + \frac{3}{2}]_3 \\ [a - f + \frac{3}{2}]_3 \end{array} \right] (3\tau | 3(u_5 - u_2), 3(u_1 - u_4), 3(u_3 + u_2 + u_4), 3(-u_6 - u_1 - u_5))$$

$$\Theta_{hexa} \left[ \begin{array}{c} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{array} \right] (3\tau | 3u, 3v, 3w, 3z) \equiv \sum'_{m,n,k,l} q^{\frac{1}{3}(a+3n)(b+3m) - \frac{1}{6}(c+3k)^2 - \frac{1}{6}(d+3l)^2} e^{2\pi i((a+3n)u+(b+3m)v+(c+3k)(w-1/6)+(d+3l)(z+1/6))}$$

$$\sum'_{m,n,k,l} = \sum_{m,n \geq 0} \sum_{\substack{k \geq 0 \\ < k_{max}}} \sum_{\substack{l \geq 0 \\ < l_{max}}} - \sum_{m,n \leq -1} \sum_{\substack{k \leq -1 \\ > k_{min}}} \sum_{\substack{l \leq -1 \\ > l_{min}}}$$

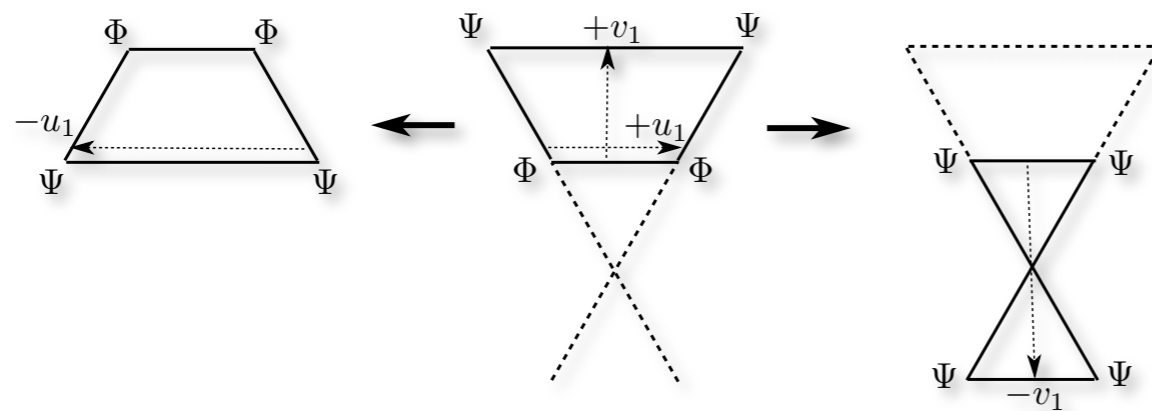
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Area becomes negative:  
resum instantons in terms  
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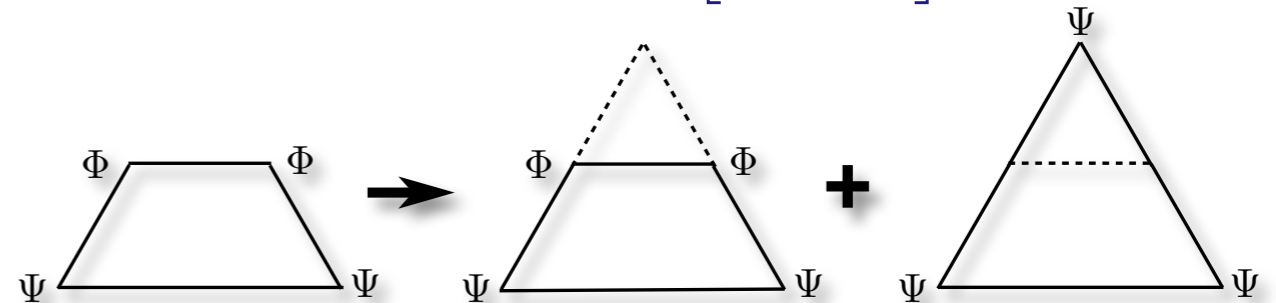
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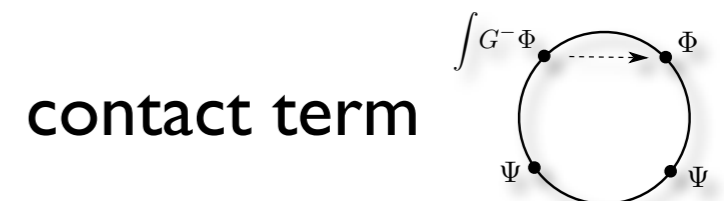
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$$\Theta_{trap} \left[ \begin{matrix} a \\ b \end{matrix} \right] (3\tau | 3(u \pm \tau), 3v) = e^{\mp 6\pi i v} \Theta_{trap} \left[ \begin{matrix} a \\ b \end{matrix} \right] (3\tau | 3u, 3v) \\ \mp e^{-2\pi i(u-\frac{1}{6})(b-\frac{3}{2} \pm \frac{3}{2})} e^{2\pi i v(b-\frac{3}{2} \mp \frac{3}{2})} q^{-\frac{1}{6}(b-\frac{3}{2} \pm \frac{3}{2})^2} \Theta \left[ \begin{matrix} a+b \\ -3/2 \end{matrix} \right] (3\tau | 3u)$$

induces “homotopy transformation”,  
modular anomaly of eff action  
(compensate by non-lin field redef)



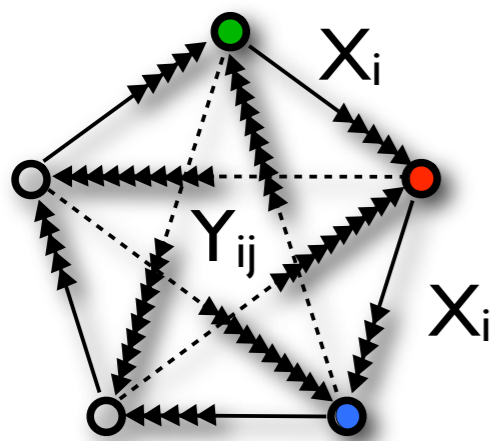
$$\mathcal{T}_{ab\bar{c}\bar{d}} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_{ab\bar{c}\bar{d}} + f_{\bar{c}\bar{d}}^e \Delta_{abe}$$



# Summary and Outlook

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- math: Cat of matrix factorizations  $\longleftrightarrow$   $D(\text{Coh}(M))$   
 phys: Boundary LG theory  $\longleftrightarrow$  Open string B-type top. CFT
- Represent all quantities in a quiver diagram (objects and maps) by explicit moduli-dependent, matrix-valued operators
- Combined with mirror symmetry this allows to explicitly compute instanton-corrected superpotentials (in particular, for intersecting brane configs). Requires solving a flatness DEQ.
- Generalization to  $M = \text{CY 3-folds}$ , eg. for quintic is cumbersome:



$$\mathcal{W}_{eff} = C_{XXY}(t) \text{Tr}XXY + C_{XXYXXY}(t) \text{Tr}(XXY)^2 + \dots$$

t... interpolates between Gepner-point (BCFT) and large radius

... new results in enumerative geometry