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# Introduction

- Study of a particular class of supersymmetric quantum field theories:  
**3d  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  linear quiver gauge theories.**
- Emerging as dimensional reduction of the 4d  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  super Yang-Mills theories.
- Play a very important role in the study of four dimensional quantum gravity.
- Flowing to super conformal fixed points at low energy.
- However, strongly coupled at low energy.
- Thus, no perturbative study possible in the IR.
- Fortunately, some specific configurations in Type-IIB String Theory can describe them in the IR.

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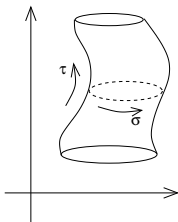
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# 1. Theoretical context

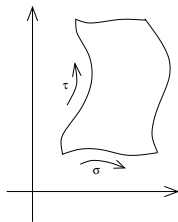
# 1.1. STRING THEORY, SUPERSYMMETRIES AND FIELD THEORIES

## String Theory:

- Particles described by string modes.
- The 2 coordinates of the worldsheet are embedded in the space-time.



**Figure 1:** The worldsheet of a closed string

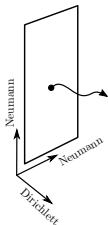


**Figure 2:** The worldsheet of an open string

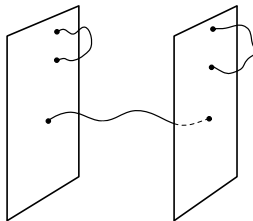
# 1.1. STRING THEORY, SUPERSYMMETRIES AND FIELD THEORIES

## Dp-branes:

- Different boundary conditions at the end points of the open string:
  - ▶  $\partial_\sigma X^\mu = 0$ : Neumann boundary conditions.  
The end of the string can move freely.
  - ▶  $\delta X^\mu = 0$ : Dirichlet boundary conditions.  
Constant position in space along this coordinate.



**Figure 3:** Boundary conditions of an open string



**Figure 4:** Open strings ending on different branes

# 1.1. STRING THEORY, SUPERSYMMETRIES AND FIELD THEORIES

## Supersymmetry:

- It is a symmetry whose charge is a fermionic operator.
- Noether's theorem: A symmetry implies a conserved current composed of charges.
- In supersymmetry, the charges  $Q$  satisfy a superalgebra and have the following action on fermionic and bosonic states:

$$Q |boson\rangle = |fermion\rangle, \quad Q |fermion\rangle = |boson\rangle$$

- R-symmetry transforms different supercharges into each other. It can be introduced via commutation relations.



# 1.1. STRING THEORY, SUPERSYMMETRIES AND FIELD THEORIES

## Fields:

- Since we have quantum strings, oscillator modes acting on the ground state give rise to a quantized spectrum of oscillations.
- This spectrum reveals the presence of different kind of fields.
- To describe fermions, we require to add supersymmetries.
- For superstrings, the space-time needs to be  $D=10$  dimensional to be consistent.
- There are massless fields from the bosonic string common to all string theories, but other kind of fields appears depending on how we add supersymmetry.

# 1.1. STRING THEORY, SUPERSYMMETRIES AND FIELD THEORIES

- We can do different choices when we add fermions to the worldsheet.
- We can add fermions in the left-moving or in the right-moving sectors of the string giving rise to different forms of extra bosonic fields.
- Type-II superstrings: both left and right-moving worldsheet fermions.
- 2 kind of boundary conditions to make the theory consistent:  
**Type-IIA or Type-IIB superstrings.**

## 1.2. TYPE-IIB STRING THEORY

- Type-IIB superstring spectrum gives rise to different fields than the Type-IIA superstring one.
- Type-IIB superstring exhibits  $\mathcal{N} = (2, 0)$  supersymmetry. It is a chiral theory.
- Type-IIB has stable Dp-branes only with p odd. In 10d, the only possibilities are  $(D_1, D_3, D_5, D_7, D_9)$ .

## 1.3. 3D $\mathcal{N} = 4$ QUIVER THEORIES

- **3d  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  linear quiver gauge theories:**

Theories as a product of unitary groups, i.e. with gauge groups of the form:

$$G = \prod_{i=1}^k U(N_i)$$

- Can be represented as:

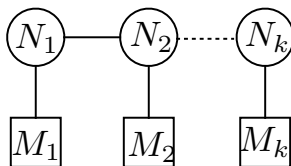


Figure 5: General quiver diagram

# 1.3. 3D $\mathcal{N} = 4$ QUIVER THEORIES

- In 3d, the field content of  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  gauge theories is organized in multiplets with 4 real bosonic fields.

$\mathcal{N} = 4$	$\mathcal{N} = 2$ (superfield)	Components	$SU(2)_C \times SU(2)_H$	G
Vector multiplet	Vector multiplet (V)	$A_\mu$ $\sigma$ fermions and aux.	$\{\sigma, \text{Re}\varphi, \text{Im}\varphi\}$ in $(1, 0)$	adjoint
	Chiral multiplet ( $\Phi$ )	$\varphi$ fermions and aux.		
Hyper multiplet	Chiral multiplet ( $\phi$ )	$Q$ fermions and aux.	$\{Q, \tilde{Q}\}$ in $(0, \frac{1}{2})$	$\mathcal{R}$
	Chiral multiplet ( $\tilde{\phi}$ )	$\tilde{Q}$ fermions and aux.		$\mathcal{R}^*$

**Table 1:** Field content and R-charges of the  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  supermultiplet

- $Q = \frac{\phi_1 + i\phi_2}{\sqrt{2}}$ ,  $\tilde{Q} = \frac{\tilde{\phi}_1 + i\tilde{\phi}_2}{\sqrt{2}}$ ,  $\sigma$  a real scalar.
- These Quantum Field Theories have a really well-known Lagrangian description.

## 1.3. 3D $\mathcal{N} = 4$ QUIVER THEORIES

- The Moduli space is the geometrical space parametrised by the vacuum expectation values (vevs) of the scalar fields present in the theory.
- The scalar fields of the vector-multiplet parametrize the Coulomb branch of the Moduli space.
- The scalar fields of the the hypermultiplet parametrize the Higgs branch.
- In 3d  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  supersymmetry, we have an  $SO(4)_R \simeq SO(3) \times SO(3) \simeq SU(2)_C \times SU(2)_H$  R-symmetry.
- The fields from the vector-multiplets are rotated by the  $SU(2)_C$  factor of the R-symmetry  $SU(2)_C \times SU(2)_H$ .
- The fields from the hypermultiplets are rotated by the  $SU(2)_H$  factor.
- The couplings of the theory have the dimension of a mass, the theories are strongly coupled at low energies.

## 1.4. BRANE REALIZATION OF 3D $\mathcal{N} = 4$ QUIVER THEORIES

- The ends of the open string are charged under gauge fields.
- We have  $U(1)$  gauge field on the worldvolume of the branes.
- With  $N$  parallel  $D_p$ -branes on top of each other, the worldvolume gauge symmetry is enhanced to  $U(N)$ .
- Thus we can find a description of 3d  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  theories using branes in Type-IIB String theory.

# 1.4. BRANE REALIZATION OF 3D $\mathcal{N} = 4$ QUIVER THEORIES

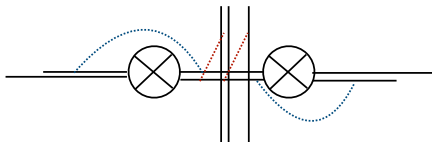
- We start by considering D3-branes presenting a 4d theory.
- To make it a 3d theory, we do a compactification along one of its coordinates.
- To do so, we can introduce other branes in the theory on which the D3s will end.
- We can use two different kind of fivebranes: D5-branes or NS5-branes presenting different boundary conditions.
- Taking care of not breaking all the supersymmetries, we have to add them spanning different directions.



# 1.4. BRANE REALIZATION OF 3D $\mathcal{N} = 4$ QUIVER THEORIES

	$x_0$	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$x_5$	$x_6$	$x_7$	$x_8$	$x_9$
D3	-	-	-	X	X	X	-	X	X	X
D5	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	-	-	-
NS5	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X

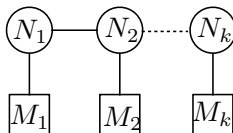
**Table 2:** Our brane system realizing a 3d  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  theory, where “X” means that the brane is point-like in that direction and “-” means it is extended in that direction.



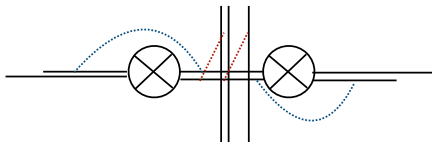
**Figure 6:** A brane configuration example

# 1.4. BRANE REALIZATION OF 3D $\mathcal{N} = 4$ QUIVER THEORIES

- The correspondence between quiver diagrams and brane configurations:

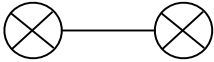
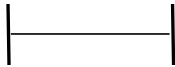
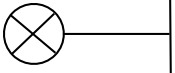


**Figure 7:** General quiver diagram



**Figure 8:** A brane configuration example

# 1.4. BRANE REALIZATION OF 3D $\mathcal{N} = 4$ QUIVER THEORIES

Brane configuration	Fixed transverse coordinates of the D3	Hypermultiplet scalars	Vector multiplet scalars
	$(x_7, x_8, x_9)$	$\{0\}$	$\{\varphi_i, \sigma\}$
	$(x_3, x_4, x_5)$	$\{Q, \tilde{Q}\}$	$\{0\}$
	$(x_3, x_4, x_5, x_7, x_8, x_9)$	$\{0\}$	$\{0\}$

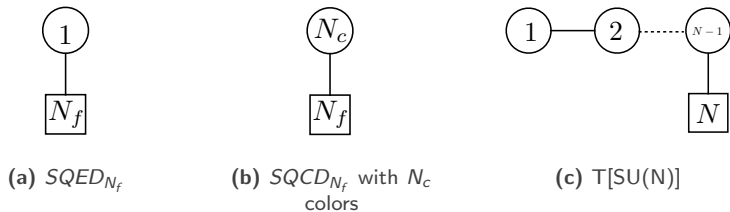
**Table 3:** The different boundary conditions of the D3 and its fields associated

## 2. Study of the 3d $\mathcal{N} = 4$ theories

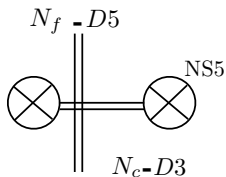
## 2.1. THE DIFFERENT BRANE CONFIGURATIONS

- We can deduce the analog brane configuration of a quiver via the correspondence we found.
- In the IR, we can reorder all the branes along  $x^6$ . During this procedure, we have to take care of:
  - ▶ The S-rule: only one D3 stretched between an NS5 and a D5.
  - ▶ The Hanany-Witten transitions.

## 2.1.1. SPECIAL CONFIGURATIONS

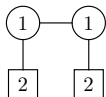


**Figure 9:** Quiver diagram of some special theories

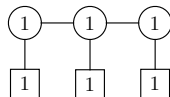


**Figure 10:** The SQCD picture with branes

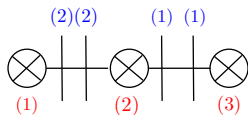
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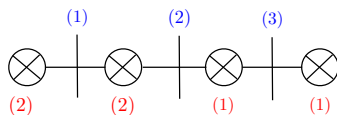
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(b) Quiver of an other random theory



(c) Its linking numbers



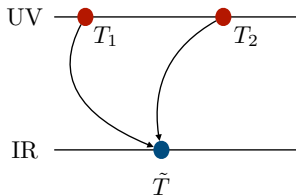
(d) Its linking numbers

**Figure 11:** Determination of  $\rho$  and  $\hat{\rho}$  for two different quivers

$$\rho = (l_1, l_2, l_3, \dots), \quad \hat{\rho} = (\hat{l}_1, \hat{l}_2, \hat{l}_3, \dots)$$

## 2.2. MIRROR SYMMETRY

- 3d mirror symmetry predicts the existence of 3d  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  pairs of theories that flow to the same conformal theory in the infrared.
- An easy way to visualize it is the following:

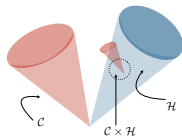


**Figure 12:** Representation of two different theories in the UV flowing to the same one in the IR



## 2.2. MIRROR SYMMETRY

- Mirror symmetry appears in the study of the Moduli spaces of the dual gauge theories.
- The space of vacua parametrised by the scalar fields in the vector multiplet is called the Coulomb branch.
- The space of vacua parametrised by the scalar fields in the hypermultiplet is known as the Higgs branch.
- One of the possible representation is the following:



**Figure 13:** A possible representation of the Coulomb and Higgs branches of a Moduli space as well as a Mixed branch appearing at some subloci

## 2.2. MIRROR SYMMETRY

- Mirror symmetry predicts that the Coulomb branch of a certain gauge theory corresponds to the Higgs branch of a dual theory, and vice-versa.
- Coulomb branch can be affected by quantum corrections, however the Higgs branch is not.
- With mirror symmetry, possibility to compute the Coulomb branch of a given theory via the computation of the Higgs branch of its dual.
- Two theories flow in the IR if they respect the following inequalities for each gauge node:

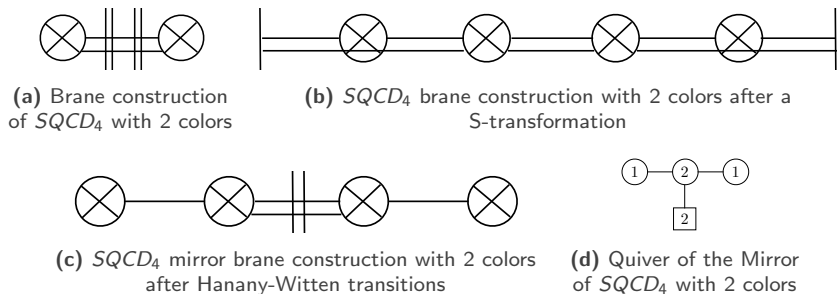
$$M_i + N_{i-1} + N_{i+1} \geq 2N_i$$

- They are called good theories and always flow in the IR.

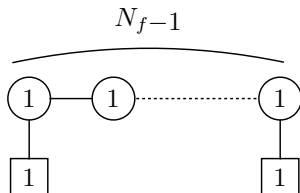
## 2.2. MIRROR SYMMETRY

- There are several ways to obtain the dual Mirror of a theory.
- In field theory, via Electric-magnetic duality.
- In Type-IIB String theory, via S-duality.
- In Type-IIB, S-transformations exchange D5-branes and NS5-branes but keep D3-branes unchanged.
- We just have to reorder all the branes to determine which is the new theory obtained, the dual.
- The theory we obtained in the IR present a flavor group which is the product of the flavor groups of the two Mirror theories.

## 2.2.1. $SQCD_4$ WITH 2 COLORS

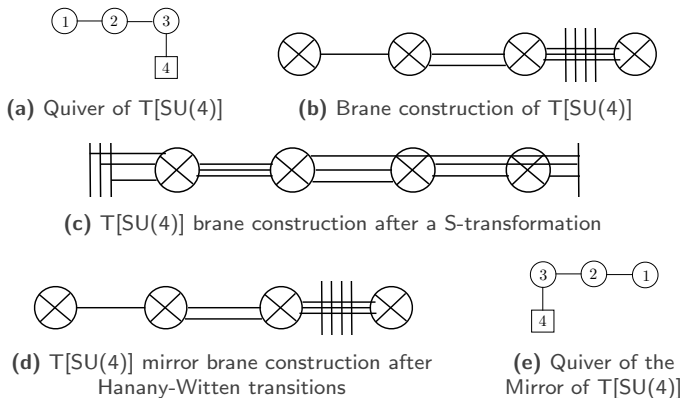


**Figure 14:** The process to obtain the Mirror theory of  $SQCD_4$  with 2 colors



**Figure 15:** The general quiver diagram of the  $SQED_{N_f}$  mirrors

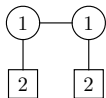
## 2.2.3. $T[SU(4)]$



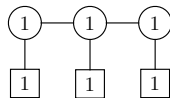
**Figure 16:** The process to obtain the Mirror theory of  $T[SU(4)]$

- $T[SU(N)]$  theories are the self-dual theories of Mirror symmetry.

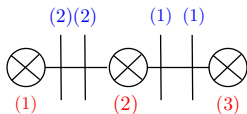
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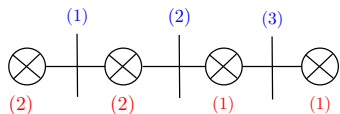
(a) Quiver of a random theory



(b) Quiver of the mirror of the random theory



(c) Determination of its linking numbers



(d) Determination of the linking numbers of the mirror

**Figure 17:** Example of the determination of  $\rho$  and  $\hat{\rho}$  for a quiver and its mirror

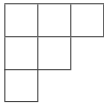
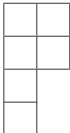
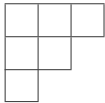
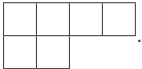
## 2.2.4. THE GENERAL CASE $T_{\hat{\rho}}^{\rho}[SU(N)]$

- The condition for the theory to respect all the supersymmetries is:

$$\hat{\rho}^T > \rho$$

- The condition for the theory to be good and flow in the IR has become:

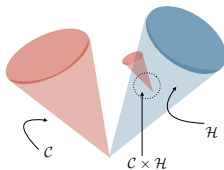
$$\rho^T \geq \hat{\rho}$$

We have  $\rho$ : ,  $\hat{\rho}$ : ,  $\rho^T$ : , and  $\hat{\rho}^T$ : .



## 2.3. THE MODULI SPACE

- The scalar vevs parametrize the Moduli space of vacua of the theory.
- To have a simple visualization, we can look at the following:

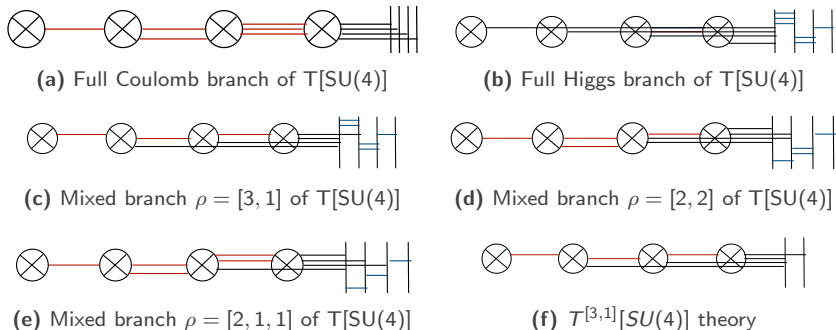


**Figure 18:** A possible representation of the Coulomb and Higgs branches of a Moduli space as well as a Mixed branch appearing at some subloci

## 2.3.1. BRANE REALIZATION OF MIXED BRANCHES OF $T[SU(N)]$ THEORIES

- The vevs of the vector-multiplets are non zero when the D3s are between two NS5s and free to move along  $(x^3, x^4, x^5)$ .
- The vevs of the hypermultiplets are non zero when the D3s are between two D5s and free to move along  $(x^7, x^8, x^9)$ .
- The same theory can have different configurations of moving D3s.
- To manipulate our theory and making it more simpler, we first start by putting all the NS5s of our theory on the left and all the D5s to the right.
- Then, we can choose different ways of linking the D5s and the NS5s by keeping the same number of D3s and always respecting the S-rule.

## 2.3.1. BRANE REALIZATION OF MIXED BRANCHES OF $T[SU(N)]$ THEORIES



**Figure 19:** Different branches of  $T[SU(4)]$

## 2.3.1. BRANE REALIZATION OF MIXED BRANCHES OF $T[SU(N)]$ THEORIES

- We can classify these Mixed branch with a partition of  $N$ :

$\rho = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n]$  with  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_n$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i = N$ , and  $a_i$  is the number of D3s on the  $i$ -th D5 from the left to the right that are link to an NS5 with  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

- It is different from the  $\rho$  used to describe the theory  $T_{\hat{\rho}}^{\rho}[SU(N)]$ .

- We can also introduce an other parameter:

$\rho' = [b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n'}]$  with  $b_1 \geq b_2 \geq \dots \geq b_{n'}$ ,  $\sum_{k=1}^{n'} b_k = N$ , and  $b_k$  is the number of D3s on the  $k$ -th NS5 from the right to the left that are link to an D5 with  $k = 1, \dots, n'$ .

- However,  $\rho'$  is always completely determined by  $\rho$ .
- $\rho$  is the only parameter we need to describe the configuration of our Mixed branch.

## 2.3.1. BRANE REALIZATION OF MIXED BRANCHES OF $T[SU(N)]$ THEORIES

- We can observe that  $\rho$  is the dual partition of  $\rho'$ , which we can then call  $\rho^D$ .
- The full Moduli space expression corresponds to:

$$\mathcal{M} = \bigcup_{\rho} \mathcal{C}_{\rho} \times \mathcal{H}_{\rho}$$

- The Full Coulomb branch is thus:  $\mathcal{C}_{\rho} \times \{0\}$ , and the Full Higgs branch is:  $\{0\} \times \mathcal{H}_{\rho}$ .
- For good theories, the Coulomb branch and the Higgs branch are swapped for the dual theory, we have  $\mathcal{C}_{\rho} \simeq \mathcal{H}_{\rho^D}$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{\rho} \simeq \mathcal{C}_{\rho^D}$ . We can thus rewrite:

$$\mathcal{M} = \bigcup_{\rho} \mathcal{C}_{\rho} \times \mathcal{C}_{\rho^D}, \text{ or: } \mathcal{M} = \bigcup_{\rho} \mathcal{H}_{\rho^D} \times \mathcal{H}_{\rho}$$

## 2.3.2. DIMENSIONS OF COULOMB AND HIGGS BRANCHES VIA BRANE CONFIGURATIONS

- We can find the dimension of the Coulomb and Higgs branch factor of all Mixed branches by looking at the brane configurations.
- The dimensions of the Coulomb and Higgs branch are the most important parameters because they count the number of scalars that can take non-zero vevs in each part of the Moduli space.
- The dimension of the Coulomb branch factor  $\mathcal{C}_\rho$  and of the Higgs branch factor  $\mathcal{H}_\rho$  formula are the following:

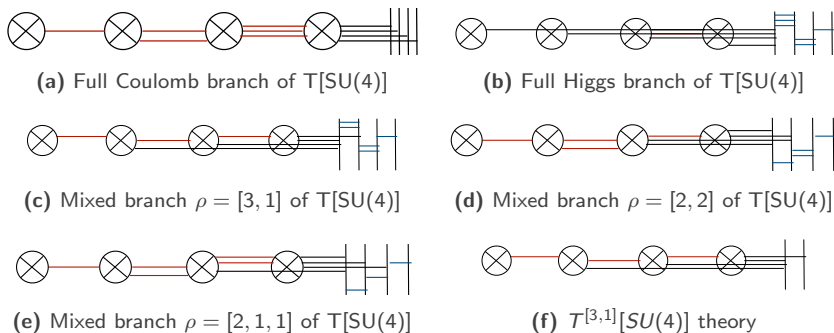
$$\dim(\mathcal{C}_\rho) = \frac{1}{2}(N^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2), \text{ and: } \dim(\mathcal{H}_\rho) = \frac{1}{2}(N^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{n'} b_i^2)$$

denoted by  $d_C$  and  $d_H$  respectively.

## 2.3.2. DIMENSIONS OF COULOMB AND HIGGS BRANCHES VIA BRANE CONFIGURATIONS

- We can thus easily compute  $d_C$  and  $d_H$  just by looking at the Brane configurations realizing these Mixed branches.
- The dimension of the Coulomb branch corresponds to the number D3s that are free to move between two NS5s
- The dimension of the Higgs branch corresponds to the number D3s that are free to move between two D5s.

## 2.3.2. DIMENSIONS OF COULOMB AND HIGGS BRANCHES VIA BRANE CONFIGURATIONS

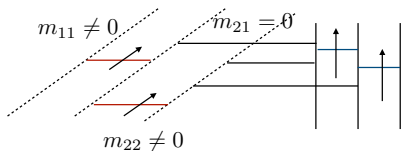


**Figure 20:** Different branches of  $T[SU(4)]$

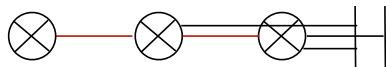
- I have also done these computations for  $T[SU(5)]$  and  $T[SU(6)]$ , they can be seen in the Appendices.



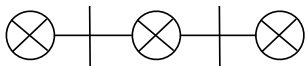
## 2.3.3. MODULI SPACE ISOMORPHISMS



(a) Mixed branch  $\rho = [2, 1]$  of  $T[SU(3)]$



(b) Coulomb branch of the  $T^{[2,1]}[SU(3)]$  theory



(c)  $T^{[2,1]}[SU(3)]$  theory after Hanany-Witten transitions



(d) Quiver of the  $T^{[2,1]}[SU(3)]$  theory

**Figure 21:** Process to obtain the  $T^{[2,1]}[SU(3)]$  theory

$$\mathcal{C}_{[2,1]}(T[SU(N)]) \simeq \mathcal{C}([1] - U(1) - U(1) - [1])$$

## 2.3.4. HILBERT SERIES

- We can reconstruct  $\mathcal{M}$  by counting all the gauge invariant chiral operators, and grade them by their charges under all the different global symmetries of the theory.
- This is what do the Hilbert series.
- If we suppose the chiral operators are charged under  $N$  global symmetries, for each one of them, we can choose  $x_i$ , with  $i = 1, \dots, N$  as a grading parameter called fugacity. We have the formula:

$$HS(x_i) = \sum_{k_1} \sum_{k_2} \dots \sum_{k_N} a_{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_N} \prod_{i=1}^N x_i^{k_i}$$

$a_{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_N}$  is the number of chiral operators having respectively charges  $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_N$  under the  $N$  symmetries.

## 2.3.4. HILBERT SERIES

- We will now present the general formula that can be derived for the Hilbert series of the Coulomb branches.
- Unlike the Higgs branch, the Coulomb branch receives quantum corrections.
- Thus, to study it, we can use monopole operators, which can be defined as a disorder operator in the infrared superconformal field theory.
- The general formula is:

$$HS(t) = \sum_m t^{\Delta(m)} P_G(m, t)$$

where  $t$  is a fugacity keeping track of the conformal dimension of the monopole operators and  $m$  their magnetic charge.

## 2.3.4. HILBERT SERIES

- $P_G(m, t)$  is a correction factor taking care of the different dressings, which can take the form:

$$P_G(t, m) = \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{1}{1 - t^{d_i(m)}}$$

where  $r$  is the rank of the subgroup in which the gauge group is broken when the vev of a bare monopole operator is turned on and  $d_i(m)$  are all the degrees of the  $r$  Casimir operators of this subgroup.

- Then the conformal dimension of a bare monopole operator is given in terms of the magnetic charge  $m$  by the following dimension formula:

$$\Delta(\mathbf{m}) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1}^{N_j} |m_{j,\alpha} - m_{j,\beta}| + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^k M_j \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_j} |m_{j,\alpha}| + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_j} \sum_{\beta=1}^{N_{j+1}} |m_{j,\alpha} - m_{j+1,\beta}|$$

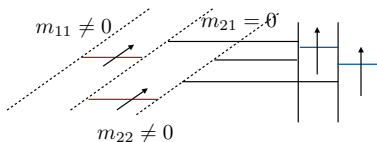
where  $N_j$  corresponds to gauge nodes on the Figure 1 and  $M_j$  to the flavors.

## 2.3.4. HILBERT SERIES

- In the case of linear quiver theories we have considered, we can further refine the counting by including other fugacities  $z_i$ .
- We can relate, in the brane picture, moving D3s between NS5s positions with the magnetic charges of monopole operators  $m$ .

## 2.3.4. HILBERT SERIES

- We now consider the simple case of the  $T[SU(3)]$ .
- Our brane configurations are then associated in the following way.



**Figure 22:** Mixed branch  $\rho = [2, 1]$  of  $T[SU(3)]$

- $m_1$  corresponds to the magnetic charge for  $U(1)$ , and  $m_{21}$  and  $m_{22}$  are the magnetic charges for  $U(2)$ .

## 2.3.4. HILBERT SERIES

- We also have the Weyl chamber condition stating:  $m_{21} \geq m_{22}$ . The Hilbert series for the full Coulomb branch is thus given by the general formula:

$$HS(t, z_1, z_2) = \sum_{m_1=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{m_{21} \geq m_{22}} t^{\Delta(m_1, m_{21}, m_{22})} z_1^{m_1} z_2^{m_{21}+m_{22}} P_{U(1)}(m_1, t) P_{U(2)}(m_{21}, m_{22}, t)$$

with:  $\Delta_1(m_1, m_{21}, m_{22}) = -|m_{21} - m_{22}| + \frac{1}{2}(|m_1 - m_{21}| + |m_1 - m_{22}| + 3|m_{21}| + 3|m_{22}|)$ ,

and the classical factors:

$$P_{U(1)}(m_1, t) = \frac{1}{1-t},$$

and:

$$P_{U(2)}(m_1, m_{21}, m_{22}) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(1-t)(1-t^2)}, & \text{for } m_{21} = m_{22} \\ \frac{1}{(1-t)^2}, & \text{for } m_{21} > m_{22} \end{cases}$$

## 2.3.4. HILBERT SERIES

- Then we can focus on the Mixed branch  $\rho = [2, 1]$ .
- We either need  $m_{21} = 0$  or  $m_{22} = 0$  to respect this configuration. Thus, we deduce the following expression for the Hilbert series of the Coulomb branch factor of the Mixed branch  $\rho = [2, 1]$ :

$$\begin{aligned} HS(t, z_1, z_2) &= \sum_{m_1=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{m_{22} \leq 0}^{\infty} t^{\Delta_1(m_1, m_{22})} z_1^{m_1} z_2^{m_{22}} P_{U(1)}(m_1, t) P_{U(1)}(m_{22}, t) \\ &\quad + \sum_{m_1=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{m_{21} \geq 0}^{\infty} t^{\Delta_2(m_1, m_{21})} z_1^{m_1} z_2^{m_{21}} P_{U(1)}(m_1, t) P_{U(1)}(m_{21}, t) \end{aligned}$$

with:  $\Delta_1(m_1, m_{22}) = \Delta(m_1, 0, m_{22}) = \frac{1}{2}(|m_1| + |m_1 - m_{22}| + |m_{22}|)$ ,

and:  $\Delta_2(m_1, m_{21}) = \Delta(m_1, m_{21}, 0) = \frac{1}{2}(|m_1| + |m_1 - m_{21}| + |m_{21}|)$ .



## 2.3.4. HILBERT SERIES

- The Hilbert series of the Full Coulomb branch of the [1]-U(1)-U(1)-[1] theory is:

$$HS(t, z_1, z_2) = \sum_{n_1=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n_2=-\infty}^{\infty} t^{\Delta(n_1, n_2)} z_1^{n_1} z_2^{n_2} P_{U(1)}(n_1, t) P_{U(1)}(n_2, t)$$

with:  $\Delta(n_1, n_2) = \frac{1}{2}(|n_1| + |n_1 - n_2| + |n_2|)$ , and where  $n_1, n_2$  are the magnetic charges of the two U(1) gauge groups.

- The full Coulomb branch of [1]-U(1)-U(1)-[1] and the the Coulomb branch factor of the Mixed branch  $\rho = [2, 1]$  of  $T[SU(3)]$  are indeed isomorphic.

## 2.3.4. HILBERT SERIES

- By computing these Hilbert series, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} HS(t, z_1, z_2) = & 1 + t \left[ 2 + z_1 z_2 + \frac{1}{z_1 z_2} + z_1 + \frac{1}{z_1} + z_2 + \frac{1}{z_2} \right] \\ & + t^2 \left[ 3 + 2 \left( z_1 z_2 + \frac{1}{z_1 z_2} + z_1 + \frac{1}{z_1} + z_2 + \frac{1}{z_2} \right) \right. \\ & + z_1^2 z_2^2 + \frac{1}{z_1^2 z_2^2} + z_1^2 z_2 + \frac{1}{z_1^2 z_2} + z_1^2 + \frac{1}{z_1^2} + z_1 z_2^2 + \frac{1}{z_1 z_2^2} + \frac{z_1}{z_2} + \frac{z_2}{z_1} + z_2^2 + \frac{1}{z_2^2} \left. \right] \\ & + t^3 \left[ 4 + 3 \left( z_1 z_2 + \frac{1}{z_1 z_2} + z_1 + \frac{1}{z_1} + z_2 + \frac{1}{z_2} \right) \right. \\ & + 2 \left( z_1^2 z_2^2 + \frac{1}{z_1^2 z_2^2} + z_1^2 z_2 + \frac{1}{z_1^2 z_2} + z_1^2 + \frac{1}{z_1^2} + z_1 z_2^2 + \frac{1}{z_1 z_2^2} + \frac{z_1}{z_2} + \frac{z_2}{z_1} + z_2^2 + \frac{1}{z_2^2} \right) \\ & + z_1^3 z_2^3 + z_1^3 z_2^2 + z_1^3 z_2 + z_1^3 + z_1^2 z_2^3 + \frac{z_1^2}{z_2} + z_1 z_2^3 + \frac{z_1}{z_2^2} + z_2^3 + \frac{1}{z_2^3} + \frac{z_2^2}{z_1} + \frac{1}{z_1 z_2^3} \\ & \left. + \frac{z_2}{z_1^2} + \frac{1}{z_1^2 z_2^3} + \frac{1}{z_1^3} + \frac{1}{z_1^3 z_2} + \frac{1}{z_1^3 z_2^2} + \frac{1}{z_1^3 z_2^3} \right] + O(t^4) \end{aligned}$$

## 2.3.4. HILBERT SERIES

- In the end, we can gather the terms in the following expression, verified up to the 9-th order:

$$HS(t, z_1, z_2) = \sum_k \chi^{(k,k)}(z_1, z_2) t^k$$

where  $\chi^{(k,k)}(z_1, z_2)$  are the characters of the representation where  $(k, k)$  are the Dynkin labels of the  $\mathfrak{su}(3)$  Lie algebra.

- We thus have fully computed the Hilbert series of the Coulomb branch factor of the Mixed branch  $\rho = [2, 1]$  of the  $T[SU(3)]$  theory.
- However, this is a whole different process to determine it for the Higgs branch.
- However, since  $T[SU(3)]$  is self-dual under the Mirror Symmetry, the computation of the Higgs branch is not necessary.

# Conclusion

- We have studied 3d  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  quiver theories via Type-IIB Brane configurations.
- We have seen:
  - ▶ How to manipulate them.
  - ▶ How the branches of the Moduli space exchange in respect to the Mirror Symmetry, corresponding to S-duality in Type-IIB String Theory.
- We have been able to compute:
  - ▶ The dimensions of the Coulomb and Higgs branch parts of different Mixed branches of  $T[SU(N)]$  theories.
  - ▶ The Hilbert series of  $T[SU(3)]$  describing its Moduli space.

- Computation of dimensions of Coulomb or Higgs branch parts of mixed branches of more general unitary quiver theories, such as  $T_{\hat{\rho}}^{\hat{\rho}}[SU(N)]$  which is not yet found in the bibliography.
- Computation of Hilbert series for the Higgs branch.

Computation of Hilbert series can be applied to all families of 3d  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  theories (unitary and non-unitary).

- Study of the Type-IIB supergravity solutions in  $AdS_4$  which are dual to the above 3d  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  theories studied here.

These theories play a central role in gauge/gravity correspondence or equivalently the AdS/CFT correspondence (Anti-de Sitter/Conformal Field theory correspondence).

Conjecture stating that String Theory (or its low-dimensional supergravity) in  $(d + 1)$ -dimensional Anti-de Sitter space is dual to a (super)conformal field theory living on its boundary in one dimension lower.

# Appendices

$\rho$	Coulomb branch dimension $d_C$	Higgs branch dimension $d_H$
[5]	0	10
[4,1]	4	9
[3,2]	6	8
[3,1,1]	7	7
[2,2,1]	8	6
[2,1,1,1]	9	4
[1,1,1,1,1]	10	0

**Table 4:** Dimensions of all possible mixed branches of  $T[SU(5)]$

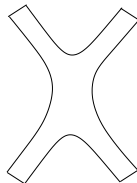


$\rho$	Coulomb branch dimension $d_C$	Higgs branch dimension $d_H$
[6]	0	15
[5,1]	5	14
[4,2]	8	13
[3,3]	9	12
[4,1,1]	9	12
[3,2,1]	11	11
[3,1,1,1]	12	9
[2,2,2]	12	9
[2,2,1,1]	13	8
[2,1,1,1,1]	14	5
[1,1,1,1,1,1]	15	0

**Table 5:** Dimensions of all possible mixed branches of  $T[SU(6)]$



**Figure 23:** One-loop scattering of two closed strings



**Figure 24:** Scattering of two open strings

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