

Instanton corrected hypermultiplet moduli spaces and black hole counting

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Introduction I

The moduli space of $D = 4, \mathcal{N} = 2$ (ungauged) SUGRA splits into a product $\mathcal{M}_V \times \mathcal{M}_H$. The vector multiplet part \mathcal{M}_V is very well understood, but the hypermultiplet part \mathcal{M}_H is still largely mysterious:

- In Type II/CY compactifications, \mathcal{M}_V can be computed exactly in the (2,2) SCFT. On the contrary, \mathcal{M}_H is subject to g_s corrections, especially instantons.
- In Het/ $K3 \times T^2$, \mathcal{M}_H can in principle be computed in the (0,4) SCFT, but this is hard in practice.
- Technical difficulty: \mathcal{M}_V is a special Kähler manifold, conveniently described by a holomorphic prepotential. \mathcal{M}_H is a quaternionic-Kähler manifold, not even Kähler.

Computing the exact QK metric \mathcal{M}_H would have lots of applications:

- New CY topological invariants, higher rank Donaldson-Thomas invariants, NS5-D-brane bound states, ...
- A very useful packaging of black hole degeneracies, keeping track of the dependence on the moduli at infinity.
- New tests of Heterotic-type II duality, new K3 invariants, ...
- Possibly important for model building: the scalar potential in gauged supergravity generally depends on the hypermultiplet metric.

Beyond the QK metric, an infinite series of higher-derivative F-term interactions on \mathcal{M}_H awaits to be computed...

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The hypermultiplet landscape I

Consider type IIA/ $\mathbb{R}^{1,3} \times X$:

$$\mathcal{M}_4 = \mathcal{SK}_K(X)_{2h^{1,1}} \times \mathcal{QK}_{cx}(X)_{4(h^{1,2}+1)}$$

- $\mathcal{SK}_K(X)$ parametrizes the complexified **Kähler** structure $J \in H^2(X, \mathbb{C})$. In the large volume limit, it is determined by the intersection product C_{abc} and $\chi(X)$. At finite volume it receives worldsheet instanton corrections: genus zero Gromov Witten invariants.
- $\mathcal{QK}_{cx}(X)$ describes parametrizes the **complex** structure of X , the Wilson lines of the **RR forms** on $H_{\text{odd}}(X)$, and the **axio-dilaton**. It is well understood at zero string coupling, but gets one-loop correction and instanton corrections from D-branes/ $H_{\text{odd}}(X)$ and NS5/ X (see later)

The hypermultiplet landscape II

Consider now type IIA/ $\mathbb{R}^{1,2} \times S^1 \times X$:

$$\mathcal{M}_3 = \mathcal{QK}_K(X)_{4(h^{1,1}+1)} \times \mathcal{QK}_{cx}(X)_{4(h^{1,2}+1)}$$

- $\mathcal{QK}_{cx}(X)$ is identical to the HM moduli space in 4 dimensions.
- $\mathcal{QK}_K(X)$ parametrizes, in addition to the complexified **Kähler** structure J , the Wilson lines of the **RR forms** on $H_{\text{even}}(X)$, the **radius** R of the circle and the **NUT scalar**, dual to the KK gauge field. At $R = \infty$, it is obtained by from $\mathcal{SK}_K(X)$ by the c-map,

$$\tilde{T}_{2h^{1,1}+3} \rightarrow \mathcal{QK}_K(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathcal{SK}_K(X)$$

where $\tilde{T}_{2h^{1,1}+3}$ is a **twisted torus**, a circle bundle over $T_{2h^{1,1}+2}$.

The hypermultiplet landscape III

Similarly, consider type IIB/ $\mathbb{R}^{1,3} \times Y$:

$$\mathcal{M}_4 = \mathcal{SK}_{cx}(Y)_{2h^{1,2}} \times \widetilde{\mathcal{QK}}_K(Y)_{4(h^{1,1}+1)}$$

- $\mathcal{SK}_{cx}(Y)$ parametrizes the **complex** structure of Y , via the periods $X^\Lambda = \int_{\gamma^\Lambda} \Omega$, $F_\Lambda = \int_{\gamma_\Lambda} \Omega = \partial F / \partial X^\Lambda$ of the holomorphic 3-form Ω . It has **no quantum correction** whatsoever.
- $\widetilde{\mathcal{QK}}_K(Y)$ parametrizes the complexified Kähler structure, the Wilson lines of the RR forms on $H_{\text{even}}(Y)$, and the axio-dilaton. It is well understood at zero string coupling, but gets one-loop correction and instanton corrections from D-branes/ $H_{\text{even}}(Y)$ and NS5/ Y (see later).

The hypermultiplet landscape IV

Finally, consider now type IIB/ $\mathbb{R}^{1,2} \times S^1 \times Y$:

$$\mathcal{M}_3 = \widetilde{\mathcal{QK}}_{cx}(Y)_{4(h^{1,2}+1)} \times \widetilde{\mathcal{QK}}_K(Y)_{4(h^{1,1}+1)}$$

- $\widetilde{\mathcal{QK}}_K(Y)$ is identical to the HM moduli space in 4 dimensions.
- $\widetilde{\mathcal{QK}}_{cx}(Y)$ parametrizes, in addition to the complex structure, the Wilson lines of the RR forms on $H_{\text{odd}}(X)$, the radius R of the circle and the NUT scalar, dual to the KK gauge field. At $R = \infty$, it is obtained by from $\mathcal{SK}_{cx}(Y)$ by the c-map,

$$\tilde{T}_{2h^{1,2}+3} \rightarrow \widetilde{\mathcal{QK}}_{cx}(Y) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathcal{SK}_{cx}(Y)$$

where $\tilde{T}_{2h^{1,2}+3}$ is a twisted torus, a circle bundle over $T_{2h^{1,2}+2}$.

The hypermultiplet landscape V

Using dualities, we can reduce these 4 QK manifolds to a single one:

- Good old mirror symmetry ($Y = \tilde{X}$): exchanges Kahler and cx structures:

$$SK_K(X) = SK_{cx}(\tilde{X})$$

- T-duality on S^1 ($Y = X$): exchanges VM and HM, radius and coupling:

$$QK_K(X) = \widetilde{QK}_K(X), \quad QK_{cx}(X) = \widetilde{QK}_{cx}(X)$$

- Generalized mirror symmetry:

$$QK_K(X) = QK_{cx}(\tilde{X})$$

- S-duality of type IIB, or lift IIA to M-theory on $X \times T^2$: $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ should act isometrically any of these spaces.

The hypermultiplet landscape VI

More slowly:

- T-duality implies that the 4D HM spaces $\mathcal{QK}_{cx}(X)$, $\widetilde{\mathcal{QK}}_K(Y)$ at $g_s = 0$ are given by the c-map of $\mathcal{SK}_{cx}(X)$, $\mathcal{SK}_K(Y)$.

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- The 4D HM spaces are known to have a **one-loop** correction proportional to χ , inducing a further twist of \tilde{T}^{2h+3} over the SK base. This predicts a one-loop correction to the 3D VM spaces $\mathcal{QK}_K(X)$, $\widetilde{\mathcal{QK}}_{cx}(Y)$, coming from loops of gravitons along S^1 .

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- Moreover, **D-instanton** on (resp. NS5-instanton) corrections to $\mathcal{QK}_{cx}(X)$ must equal contributions from **black holes** winding around S^1 (resp. Taub-NUT instantons) to $\widetilde{\mathcal{QK}}_{cx}(X)$. Thus $\mathcal{QK}_{cx}(X)$ looks like a very good way to package degeneracies of BPS black holes, keeping track of moduli dependence !

The hypermultiplet landscape VII

To summarize: to a given CY 3-fold X one may associate two QK spaces:

- $\mathcal{QK}_K(X)$, describing the complexified **Kähler** structure of X , together with stable objects in the derived category of **coherent sheaves** on X , and NS5.
- $\mathcal{QK}_{cx}(X)$, describing the complex structure of X , together with stable objects in the derived Fukaya category of **special Lagrangian** submanifolds (SLAG) on X , and NS5.
- Generalized (homological) mirror symmetry identifies $\mathcal{QK}_K(X) = \mathcal{QK}_{cx}(\tilde{X})$.
- $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ (and, if X is K3 fibered, $SL(3, \mathbb{Z})$ by Het/type II duality) must act isometrically on $\mathcal{QK}_K(X)$.

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Twistor techniques for QK spaces I

- Recall that a $4d$ -dimensional manifold \mathcal{M} is QK if its holonomy is $Sp(d) \times Sp(1) \subset SO(4d)$. \mathcal{M} is an Einstein space, in general non Kähler. The relevant spaces for SUGRA have negative curvature.
- QK manifolds \mathcal{M} of dimension $4d$ are in (local) 1-1 correspondence with **HK cones** \mathcal{S} of dimension $4d + 4$: HK manifolds with a homothetic vector and a $SU(2)$ isometric action rotating the 3 complex structures.

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- By Hitchin's theorem, HK manifolds \mathcal{S} of dimension $4d + 4$ are in 1-1 correspondence with complex spaces $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{S}} = \mathcal{S} \times \mathbb{C}P^1$ equipped with a **complex symplectic** structure Ω (and some more data).
- The HKC condition restricts $\mathcal{Z}_{\mathcal{S}}$ to have a \mathbb{C}^* action under which Ω is homogeneous. The complex symplectic structure Ω descends to a **complex contact** structure on $\mathcal{Z} = \mathcal{M} \times \mathbb{C}P^1 = \mathcal{S}/\mathbb{C}^*$.

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Twistor techniques for QK spaces II

- QK manifolds of dimension $4d$ are in (local) 1-1 correspondence with **complex contact manifolds** \mathcal{Z} of dimension $4d + 2$. \mathcal{Z} is a $\mathbb{C}P^1$ bundle over \mathcal{M} , and carries a (Lorentzian) Kähler-Einstein metric:

$$ds_{\mathcal{Z}}^2 = \frac{|D\zeta|^2}{(1 + \zeta\bar{\zeta})^2} + \frac{\nu}{4} ds_{\mathcal{M}}^2$$

where

$$D\zeta \equiv d\zeta + p_+ - ip_3 \zeta + p_- \zeta^2$$

is the **canonical (1,0)-form** on \mathcal{Z} , \vec{p} is the $Sp(1) = SU(2)$ part of the Levi-Civita connection on \mathcal{M} , and $\nu \propto R(\mathcal{M}) < 0$ is a numerical constant.

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Twistor techniques for QK spaces III

- Locally in a patch U_i , one can always find a function $\Phi_{[i]}(x^\mu, \zeta)$, defined up to addition of a holomorphic function, such that

$$\mathcal{X}^{[i]} = 2 \left(e^{\Phi_{[i]}} D\zeta \right) / \zeta,$$

is a **holomorphic one-form** (i.e. $\bar{\partial}$ closed) on \mathcal{Z} , invariant under the real structure

$$\overline{\tau(\mathcal{X}^{[i]})} = -\mathcal{X}^{[i]},$$

where τ is the antipodal map acting as $\tau : \zeta \rightarrow -1/\bar{\zeta}$.

- The “**contact potential**” $\Phi_{[i]}$ yields a Kähler potential for $ds_{\mathcal{Z}}^2$:

$$K_{\mathcal{Z}}^{[i]} = \log \frac{1 + \zeta\bar{\zeta}}{|\zeta|} + \text{Re } \Phi_{[i]}(x^\mu, \zeta).$$

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- Locally on U_i , there exist complex Darboux coordinates such that

$$\mathcal{X}^{[i]} = d\alpha^{[i]} + \xi_{[i]}^\Lambda d\tilde{\xi}_{\Lambda}^{[i]}.$$

- The global information is provided by **complex contact transformations** relating Darboux coordinates on $U_i \cap U_j$. These are generated by holomorphic functions $S^{[ij]}(\xi_{[i]}^\Lambda, \tilde{\xi}_{\Lambda}^{[j]}, \alpha^{[i]})$:

$$\begin{aligned}\xi_{[i]}^\Lambda &= f_{ij}^{-2} \partial_{\tilde{\xi}_{\Lambda}^{[j]}} S^{[ij]}, & \tilde{\xi}_{\Lambda}^{[j]} &= \partial_{\xi_{[i]}^\Lambda} S^{[ij]}, \\ \alpha^{[i]} &= S^{[ij]} - \xi_{[i]}^\Lambda \partial_{\xi_{[i]}^\Lambda} S^{[ij]}, & e^{\Phi_{[i]}} &= f_{ij}^2 e^{\Phi_{[j]}},\end{aligned}$$

where $f_{ij}^2 \equiv \partial_{\alpha^{[i]}} S^{[ij]}$, in such a way that $\mathcal{X}^{[i]} = f_{ij}^2 \mathcal{X}^{[j]}$.

- $S^{[ij]}$ are subject to consistency conditions $S^{[ijk]}$, gauge equivalence under local contact transformations $S^{[i]}$, and reality constraints.

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- For generic choices of $S^{[ij]}$, the **moduli space of solutions of the above gluing conditions**, regular in each patch, is finite dimensional, and equal to (a circle bundle over) \mathcal{M} itself.
- On each patch U_i , $u_m^{[i]} = (\xi_{[i]}^\Lambda, \tilde{\xi}_{\Lambda}^{[i]}, \alpha^{[i]})$ admit a Taylor expansion in ζ around ζ_i , whose coefficients are functions on \mathcal{M} . The functions $u_m^{[i]}(\zeta, x^\mu)$ parametrize the "**twistor line**" over $x^\mu \in \mathcal{M}$.
- The metric on \mathcal{M} can be obtained by expanding $\mathcal{X}^{[i]}$ and $du_m^{[i]}$ around ζ_i , extracting the $SU(2)$ connection \vec{p} and a basis of $(1, 0)$ forms on \mathcal{M} in almost complex structure $J(\zeta_i)$, and using $d\vec{p} + \frac{1}{2} \vec{p} \times \vec{p} = \frac{\nu}{2} \vec{\omega}$.
- Deformations of \mathcal{M} correspond to deformations of $S^{[ij]}$, so are parametrized by $H^1(\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{O}(2))$.

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Twistor techniques for QK spaces VI

- Any (infinitesimal) isometry $\kappa_{\mathcal{M}}$ of \mathcal{M} lifts to a **holomorphic** isometry $\kappa_{\mathcal{Z}}$ of \mathcal{Z} . The moment map construction provides an element of $H^0(\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{O}(2))$, given locally by holomorphic functions

$$\mu_{[j]} = \kappa_{\mathcal{Z}} \cdot \mathcal{X}^{[j]} = e^{\Phi_{[j]}} \left(\mu_+ \zeta^{-1} - i\mu_3 + \mu_- \zeta \right).$$

The moment map of the Lie bracket $[\kappa_1, \kappa_2]$ is the contact-Poisson bracket of the moment maps.

- Toric QK manifolds** are those which admit $d + 1$ commuting isometries. In this case, one can choose $\mu_{[j]}$ as the position coordinates. The transition functions must then take the form

$$S^{[ij]} = \alpha^{[j]} + \xi_{[j]}^{\Lambda} \tilde{\xi}_{\Lambda}^{[j]} - H^{[ij]},$$

where $H^{[ij]}$ depends on $\xi_{[j]}^{\Lambda}$ only.

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- More generally, one can consider "**nearly toric QK**", where $H^{[ij]}$ is a general function but its derivatives wrt to $\tilde{\xi}_{\Lambda}^{[j]}$, $\alpha^{[j]}$ are taken to be infinitesimal.
- The twistor lines can then be obtained by Penrose-type integrals. The formulae are simplest when $\partial_{\alpha^{[j]}} H^{[+j]} = 0$, and in the absence of "anomalous dimensions", e.g.

$$\xi_{[j]}^{\Lambda}(\zeta, x^{\mu}) = \zeta^{\Lambda} + \frac{Y^{\Lambda}}{\zeta} - \zeta \bar{Y}^{\Lambda} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_j \oint_{C_j} \frac{d\zeta'}{2\pi i \zeta'} \frac{\zeta' + \zeta}{\zeta' - \zeta} \left(\partial_{\tilde{\xi}_{\Lambda}^{[j]}} - \xi_{[j]}^{\Lambda} \partial_{\alpha^{[j]}} \right) H^{[+j]}$$

$$e^{\Phi^{[j]}} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_j \oint_{C_j} \frac{d\zeta'}{2\pi i \zeta'} \left(\zeta'^{-1} Y^{\Lambda} - \zeta' \bar{Y}^{\Lambda} \right) \partial_{\xi_{[j]}^{\Lambda}} H^{[+j]}(\xi(\zeta'), \tilde{\xi}(\zeta'))$$

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The perturbative hypermultiplet moduli space I

- Consider the HM moduli space $\mathcal{M} = \widetilde{\mathcal{QK}}_K$ in type IIB compactified on Y . Recall that at tree level, $\mathcal{M} \sim \text{c-map}(\mathcal{SK}_K)$. The latter is governed by the prepotential $F(X)$, given at large volume by

$$F(X^\Lambda) = -\kappa_{abc} \frac{X^a X^b X^c}{6X^0} + \frac{\zeta(3)(X^0)^2}{2(2\pi i)^3} \chi_Y - \frac{(X^0)^2}{(2\pi i)^3} \sum_{q_a > 0} n_{q_a}^{(0)} \text{Li}_3 \left(e^{2\pi i q_a \frac{q^a}{X^0}} \right)$$

- The twistor space of the c-map is governed by

$$H_{\text{tree}}^{[0+]} = \frac{i}{2} F(\xi^\Lambda), \quad H_{\text{tree}}^{[0-]} = \frac{i}{2} \bar{F}(\xi^\Lambda)$$

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- The effect of the one-loop correction is to induce an "anomalous dimension" $c_\alpha = \frac{1}{96\pi} \chi_Y$ for the action coordinate α near $\zeta = 0$.

The perturbative hypermultiplet moduli space II

- As a result, the twistor lines are given at one loop by

$$\begin{aligned}\xi^\Lambda &= \zeta^\Lambda + \frac{1}{2}\tau_2 (\zeta^{-1}z^\Lambda - \zeta\bar{z}^\Lambda), \\ \rho_\Lambda &= \tilde{\zeta}_\Lambda + \frac{1}{2}\tau_2 (\zeta^{-1}F_\Lambda(z) - \zeta\bar{F}_\Lambda(\bar{z})), \\ \tilde{\alpha} &= \sigma + \frac{1}{2}\tau_2 (\zeta^{-1}W(z) - \zeta\bar{W}(\bar{z})) - \frac{i\chi\gamma}{24\pi} \log \zeta,\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}e^\Phi &= \frac{\tau_2^2}{2} V(t^a) - \frac{\chi\gamma\zeta(3)}{8(2\pi)^3} \tau_2^2 - \frac{\chi\gamma}{192\pi} \\ &+ \frac{\tau_2^2}{4(2\pi)^3} \sum_{q_a\gamma^a \in H_2^+(Y)} n_{q_a}^{(0)} \operatorname{Re} [\operatorname{Li}_3(X) + 2\pi q_a t^a \operatorname{Li}_2(X)]\end{aligned}$$

$$W(z) \equiv F_\Lambda(z)\zeta^\Lambda - z^\Lambda\tilde{\zeta}_\Lambda, \quad X = e^{2\pi i q_a z^a}, \quad z^a = b^a + it^a,$$

$$\rho_\Lambda \equiv -2i\tilde{\xi}_\Lambda^{[0]}, \quad \tilde{\alpha} \equiv 4i\alpha^{[0]} + 2i\tilde{\xi}_\Lambda^{[0]}\xi^\Lambda,$$

Enforcing S-duality and electric-magnetic duality I

- In the absence of one-loop and worldsheet instanton corrections, \mathcal{M} admits an isometric action of $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$. This can be shown by producing **global** sections of $H^0(\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{O}(2))$ satisfying the $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ algebra under (contact) Poisson bracket:

$$\xi^0 \mapsto \frac{a\xi^0 + b}{c\xi^0 + d}, \quad \xi^a \mapsto \frac{\xi^a}{c\xi^0 + d},$$

$$\tilde{\xi}_a \mapsto \tilde{\xi}_a + \frac{i c}{4(c\xi^0 + d)} \kappa_{abc} \xi^b \xi^c,$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\xi}_0 \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} d & -c \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\xi}_0 \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix} + \frac{i c \kappa_{abc} \xi^a \xi^b \xi^c}{12(c\xi^0 + d)^2} \begin{pmatrix} c(c\xi^0 + d) \\ -[c(a\xi^0 + b) + 2] \end{pmatrix}.$$

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Enforcing S-duality and electric-magnetic duality II

- This descends to the standard action of $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ on \mathcal{M} ,

$$\begin{aligned} \tau &\mapsto \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}, & t^a &\mapsto t^a |c\tau + d|, & c_a &\mapsto c_a, \\ \begin{pmatrix} c^a \\ b^a \end{pmatrix} &\mapsto \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c^a \\ b^a \end{pmatrix}, & \begin{pmatrix} c_0 \\ \psi \end{pmatrix} &\mapsto \begin{pmatrix} d & -c \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_0 \\ \psi \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

where the type IIB fields c^0, c^a, c_a, c_0, ψ are related to the type IIA variables $\zeta^\Lambda, \tilde{\zeta}_\Lambda, \sigma$ by the "generalized mirror map"

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta^0 &= \tau_1, & \zeta^a &= -(c^a - \tau_1 b^a), \\ \tilde{\zeta}_a &= c_a + \frac{1}{2} \kappa_{abc} b^b (c^c - \tau_1 b^c), & \tilde{\zeta}_0 &= c_0 - \frac{1}{6} \kappa_{abc} b^a b^b (c^c - \tau_1 b^c), \\ \sigma &= -2(\psi + \frac{1}{2} \tau_1 c_0) + c_a (c^a - \tau_1 b^a) - \frac{1}{6} \kappa_{abc} b^a c^b (c^c - \tau_1 b^c). \end{aligned}$$

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Enforcing S-duality and electric-magnetic duality III

- The contact potential $e^\Phi = \frac{\tau_2^2}{2} V(t^a)$ is not invariant, but transforms so that K_Z undergoes a Kähler transformation,

$$e^\Phi \mapsto \frac{e^\Phi}{|c\tau + d|}, \quad K_Z \mapsto K_Z - \log(|c\xi^0 + d|), \quad \chi^{[j]} \rightarrow \frac{\chi^{[j]}}{c\xi^0 + d}$$

- The one-loop term and worldsheet instanton corrections break $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ **continuous S-duality**. A discrete subgroup $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ can be restored by summing over images:

$$\text{Li}_k(e^{2\pi i q_a z^a}) \rightarrow \sum_{m,n} \frac{\tau_2^{k/2}}{|m\tau + n|^k} e^{-S_{m,n}},$$

where $S_{m,n} = 2\pi q_a |m\tau + n| t^a - 2\pi i q_a (m c^a + n b^a)$ is the action of a (m, n) -string wrapped on $q_a \gamma^a$.

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Enforcing S-duality and electric-magnetic duality IV

- The tree-level $2\zeta(3)\chi_Y/g_s^2$ and $\zeta(2)\chi_Y$ are unified together with **D-instantons**, while the worldsheet instantons are unified with Euclidean **D- string instantons**.
- After Poisson resummation on $n \rightarrow q_0$, we get a sum over D(-1)-D1 bound states,

$$e^\Phi = \dots + \frac{\tau_2}{8\pi^2} \sum'_{q_\Lambda} n_{q_a}^{(0)} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{|k_\Lambda z^\Lambda|}{m} \cos\left(2\pi m q_\Lambda \zeta^\Lambda\right) K_1\left(2\pi m |q_\Lambda z^\Lambda|_{\tau_2}\right)$$

where $z^0 = 1$, $q_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$, $q_a \gamma^a \in H_2^+(Y)$, $n_0^{(0)} = -\chi_Y/2$.

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Enforcing S-duality and electric-magnetic duality V

- From the point of view of type IIA on the mirror CY X , $D(-1)$ and $D1$ correspond to $D2$ wrapped on A-cycles in $H_3(X, \mathbb{Z})$. B-cycles can be restored by **symplectic invariance**:

$$e^\Phi = \dots + \frac{\tau_2}{8\pi^2} \sum_\gamma n_\gamma \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{|W_\gamma|}{m} \cos(2\pi m \Theta_\gamma) K_1(2\pi m |W_\gamma|)$$
$$W_\gamma \equiv \frac{1}{2} \tau_2 (q_\Lambda z^\Lambda - p^\Lambda F_\Lambda), \quad \Theta_\gamma \equiv q_\Lambda \zeta^\Lambda - p^\Lambda \tilde{\zeta}_\Lambda$$

where n_γ are a priori new topological invariants of X . However this result can only hold in the "one instanton" approximation.

- The exponent $|W_\gamma| \pm i\Theta_\gamma$ agrees with the classical action of $D2$ -branes wrapped on a SLAG γ , or $D5$ -branes with a coherent sheaf F .

The hypermultiplet twistor space I

- The contact structure on the twistor space can be obtained by inserting an elementary **symplectomorphism** generated by

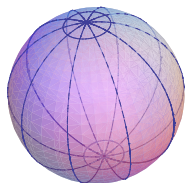
$$S_{\gamma}^{[ij]}(\xi_{[i]}^{\Lambda}, \tilde{\xi}_{\Lambda}^{[j]}, \alpha^{[j]}) = \alpha^{[j]} + \xi_{[i]}^{\Lambda} \tilde{\xi}_{\Lambda}^{[j]} + \frac{i}{2(2\pi)^2} n_{\gamma} \text{Li}_2(\mathcal{X}_{\gamma}) .$$

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across the "BPS ray" $\ell(\gamma)$,

$$\ell(\gamma) = \{ \zeta : \pm W_{\gamma} / \zeta \in i\mathbb{R}^{-} \} ,$$

$$\mathcal{X}_{\gamma} = e^{-2\pi i(q_{\Lambda} \xi_{[i]}^{\Lambda} + 2ip^{\Lambda} \tilde{\xi}_{\Lambda}^{[j]})}$$



- The BPS rays and the invariants n_{γ} in general depend on the point in $SK(X)$.

The hypermultiplet twistor space II

- BPS rays $\ell(\gamma_1)$ and $\ell(\gamma_2)$ cross at **lines of marginal stability**. The **wall crossing formula**

$$\prod_{\substack{\gamma=n\gamma_1+m\gamma_2 \\ m>0, n>0}}^{\curvearrowright} U_{\gamma}^{n^{-}(\gamma)} = \prod_{\substack{\gamma=n\gamma_1+m\gamma_2 \\ m>0, n>0}}^{\curvearrowright} U_{\gamma}^{n^{+}(\gamma)},$$

ensures that the consistency of the twistor space across the LMS.

Gaiotto Neitzke Moore; Kontsevich Soibelman; Joyce; ...

- The metric is regular across the LMN. Physically, single instanton contributions on one side of the wall get replaced by **multi-instanton** configurations on the other side.

Counting BH and NS5-branes I

- If indeed $n_{p,q}$ counts the number of BH microstates, the instanton series will be severely divergent. It is conceivable that the finite radius of the circle puts a cut-off on allowed charges, or that only polar states contribute...
- We know of one example where the instanton measure and BPS degeneracy differ: R^4 couplings in $D = 9$ type II string theories. The **D(-1) instanton** measure $n(N)$ is given by the $U(N)$ matrix integral, while the index degeneracy $\Omega(N)$ of N **D0-branes** is given by the Witten index of the $U(N)$ Matrix at zero temperature:

$$\Omega(N) = 1 = \left(1 + \sum_{d|N, d < N} \frac{1}{d^2} \right) - \sum_{d|N, d < N} \frac{1}{d^2} = n(N) + b(N)$$

The difference $b(N)$ comes from a "bulk contribution" to the index due to flat directions in the potential.

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- In contrast to D-instantons, **NS5-brane instantons** should induce genuine contact transformations, with $S^{[ij]} \propto e^{ik\alpha^{[ij]}} F_k(\xi, \tilde{\xi})$. It is not clear a priori what function F_k to consider.
- One might hope to determine the NS5 instantons by $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ duality from the D5-instantons. This is difficult due to the complicated transformation rule of $\tilde{\xi}_\Lambda, \alpha$, and the fact that e^Φ becomes ζ -dependent.
- Enforcing a larger duality group, e.g. $SL(3, \mathbb{Z})$ as apparent in the dual heterotic string on $K3 \times T^3$, may allow to shortcut this route and obtain NS5-brane contributions from perturbative corrections.

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NS5-brane or NUT contributions II

- When the **NS5-brane** charge k is non-zero, electric and magnetic translations no longer commute: $[p^\Lambda, q_\Sigma] = k\delta_\Sigma^\Lambda$. As a result, the Fourier coefficients become **wave functions**:

$$F_k(\xi, \tilde{\xi}) = \sum_{l^\Lambda \in \Gamma_e / (2|k|\Gamma_e)} \sum_{n^\Lambda \in \Gamma_e + l^\Lambda} \Psi_{l^\Lambda}(\xi^\Lambda + n^\Lambda, k) e^{4\pi i k n^\Lambda \tilde{\xi}_\Lambda}$$

- To relate Ψ on different patches, the contact transformations must be quantized, consistently with wall crossing: the **quantum dilogarithm** is a natural candidate for this task...
- Does Ψ bear any connection to the (generalized) topological amplitude ?

Conclusion I

- Twistors give a powerful parametrization of QK manifolds. Determining the exact twistor space is hard, for lack of a consistent framework for non-perturbative string theory. Recent developments in mathematics are suggestive...
- The exact metric on $\mathcal{QK}_{K,cx}(X)$ seems to offer a very convenient packaging of the degeneracies of 4D black holes, although the issue of divergence remains to be understood.
- In some cases with a high degree of symmetry, one may hope that automorphy will fix the hypermultiplet metric exactly.
- One may also consider higher derivative \tilde{F}_g -type corrections to the hypers, suggestive of a generalized topological wave function.