

# Affine $SU(N)$ algebra from wall-crossings

Takahiro Nishinaka  
( KEK )

arXiv: 1107.4762 : T. N. and Satoshi Yamaguchi

12 Aug. 2011



## Counting BPS D-branes on CY3

- Microstates of black holes in  $R^4$
- Instanton counting on D-branes
- Topological string
- Quiver gauge theory, Brane tilings
- Wall-crossing phenomena



## Counting BPS D-branes on CY3

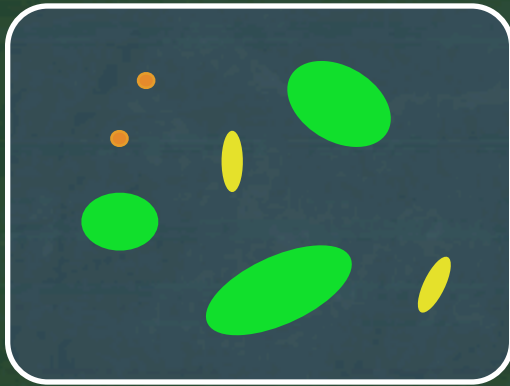
- Microstates of black holes in  $R^4$
- Instanton counting on D-branes
- Topological string
- Quiver gauge theory, Brane tilings
- Wall-crossing phenomena



# D4-D2-DO on CY3

D4-D2-DO bound states on CY3

6-dim  
(Calabi-Yau)



D2/DO branes on a single D4

4-dim  
( $R^4$ )

- BPS particle

$\mathcal{N} = 2$  supersymmetry

## # D-brane bound states?

The degeneracy of BPS D-branes depends on the moduli parameters

||

sizes and B-fields of compact cycles

## Wall-crossing phenomena



# D4-D2-DO on CY3

## Large radii limit

DO-brane  $\longrightarrow$  instanton on D4

D2-brane  $\longrightarrow$  magnetic flux on D4

Chern-Simons interaction on D4

DO-charge = # instantons

$$\int_{D4} C^{(1)} \wedge F \wedge F \longrightarrow Q_0 = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int F \wedge F,$$

D2-charge = # magnetic flux

$$\int_{D4} C^{(3)} \wedge F \longrightarrow Q_2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int F \wedge k,$$

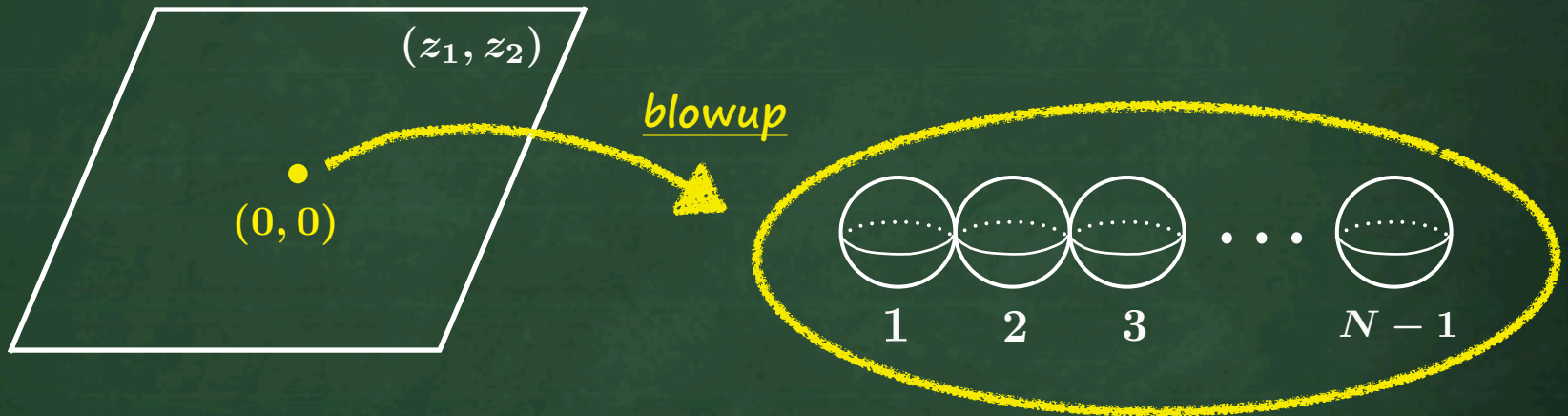
$k$ : unit volume form on 2-cycle



# ALE instantons

If a D4-brane is wrapped on ALE space...

$A_{N-1}$ -ALE space: minimal resolution of  $\mathbb{C}^2/\mathbb{Z}_N$



$$(z_1, z_2) \rightarrow (\omega z_1, \bar{\omega} z_2)$$

where  $\omega = e^{2\pi i/N}$

The *instanton partition function* on a D4-brane wrapping  $A_{N-1}$  ALE space

||

*character of affine  $SU(N)$  algebra*

[Nakajima]

[Vafa-Witten]



# ALE instantons

## Affine $SU(N)$ character

$q$  : Boltzmann weight of  $D0$

$Q$  : Boltzmann weight of  $D2$

$$\chi_r^{\widehat{su}(N)_1} = \frac{1}{\eta(q)^{N-1}} \sum_{n_1, \dots, n_{N-1} \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} n_i^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{N-2} n_i n_{i+1} + n_1 r + \frac{r^2}{2} \frac{N-1}{N}} \prod_{j=1}^{N-1} Q_j^{n_j + \frac{N-i}{N} r}$$

ex.) affine  $SU(2)$

$$\chi_r^{\widehat{su}(2)_1} = \frac{1}{\eta(q)} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{n^2 + nr + \frac{r^2}{4}} Q^{n + \frac{r}{2}}$$



What in *this* talk?

Relation between *ALE instantons*  
and D4-D2-D0 wall-crossings

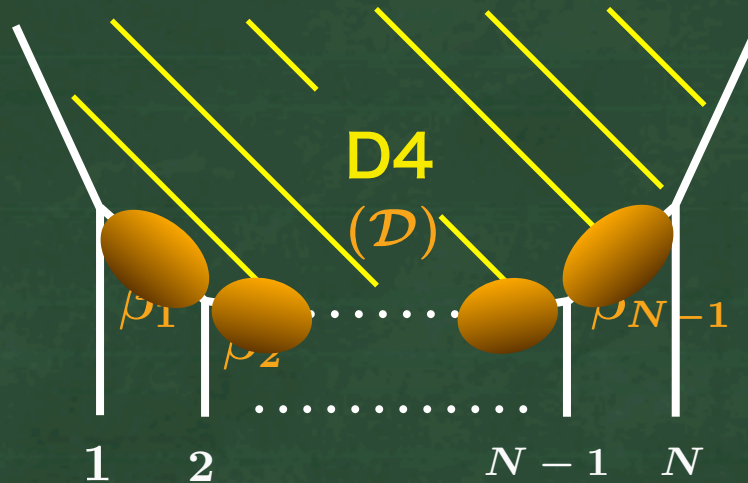




# ALE $\times \mathbb{C}$

$A_{N-1}$ -ALE  $\times \mathbb{C}$

$\mathcal{D} \simeq A_{N-1}$ -ALE space



A single **D4**-brane wrapped on  $\mathcal{D}$

**D2**-branes wrapped on

$\beta_1 \sim \beta_{N-1}$ :  $N - 1$  blowup two-cycles

**D0**-branes localized in  $CY_3$

moduli

||

B-fields and radii of

$\beta_1 \sim \beta_{N-1}$



# Outline of the rest of this talk

1. **Wall-crossings** in  $d=4$ ,  $N=2$  SUSY theory
2. Apply it to **our case**.
3. Summary

Wall-crossings in  $d=4$ ,  $N=2$  SUSY theory



# Wall-crossing of BPS states

## BPS index

The trace is taken over *all one-particle states* with charge  $\Gamma$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega(\Gamma; z) &:= -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}_{\Gamma} [(-1)^{2J} (2J)^2] \quad (z : \text{vacuum moduli parameters}) \\ &= \# \text{ "bosonic" BPS multiplets} - \# \text{ "fermionic" BPS multiplets}\end{aligned}$$

This index is *piecewise constant* in the moduli space of vacua, but *not globally constant*.

## Wall-crossing phenomena

moduli space

$\Omega(\Gamma; z_1)$

$\Omega(\Gamma; z_2)$

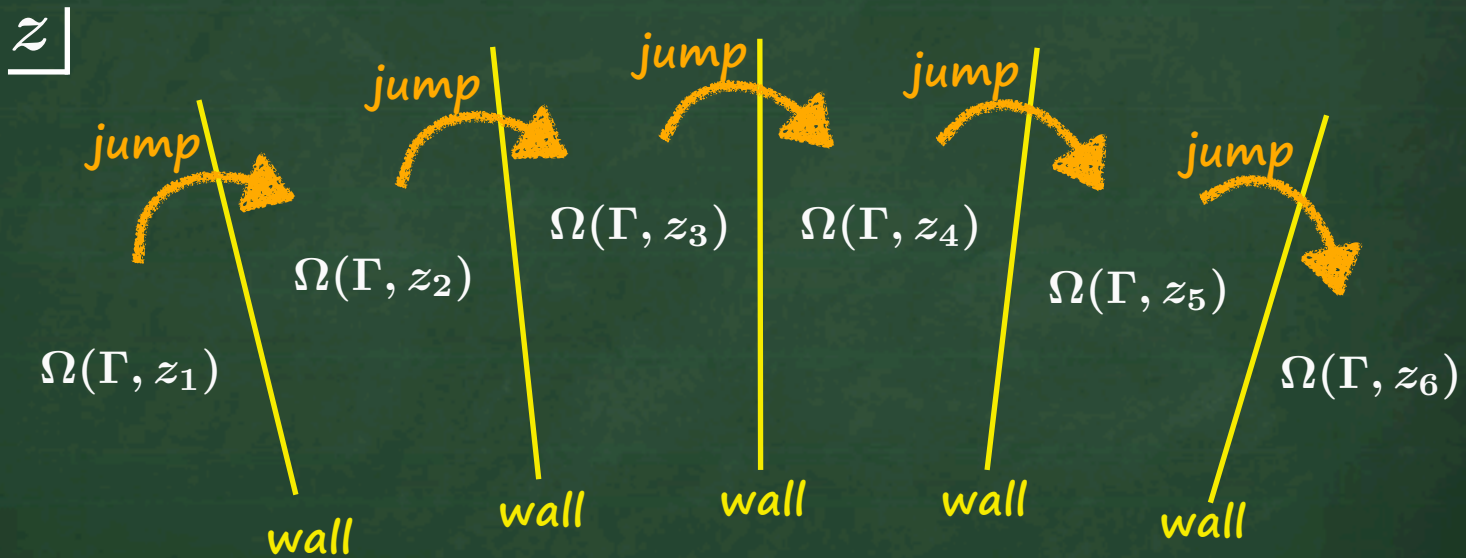
discrete change

wall of marginal stability

$\overset{\text{BPS}}{\Gamma} \rightarrow \overset{\text{BPS}}{\Gamma_1} + \overset{\text{BPS}}{\Gamma_2}$  occurs.

# Wall-crossing of BPS states

So the moduli space is divided into **chambers** by the walls of marginal stability.



The BPS index is exactly constant in each chamber.



# Wall-crossing of BPS states

## Semi-primitive wall-crossing formula

$\Gamma$  : primitive

There is no positive integer that can divide out  $\Gamma$ .  
(except for one)

Suppose the wall-crossing is associated to a BPS decay channel

$$\Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma_1 + n\Gamma_2, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

where  $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2$  are primitive. Then the BPS partition function behaves as

$$\mathcal{Z} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z} \times \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} (1 + (-1)^{j\langle \Gamma_2, \Gamma \rangle} e^{j\Gamma_2})^{\pm j\langle \Gamma_2, \Gamma \rangle \Omega(j\Gamma_2)} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{[Denef-Moore]} \\ \text{[Kontsevich-Soibelman]} \end{array}$$

through the wall-crossing. Here we defined

$$\mathcal{Z} = \sum_{\Gamma} \Omega(\Gamma; z) e^{\Gamma}, \quad e^{\Gamma_1} e^{\Gamma_2} = e^{\Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2}$$

partition function

Boltzmann weight



Apply it to *our case!*



$ALE \times \mathbb{C}$

Wall-crossing?

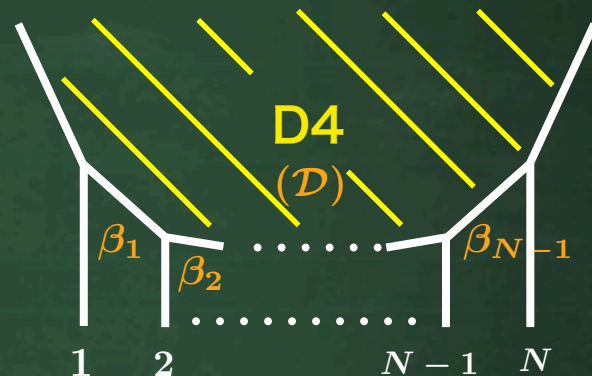
For  $\Gamma = D4 + k^i D2_{(i)} + l D0$ , possible decays are

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma &\rightarrow \Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2 \\ \Gamma_2 &= m^i D2_{(i)} + n D0 \quad (m^i = \pm 1) \\ (\Gamma_1 &= \Gamma - \Gamma_2) \end{aligned}$$



$$\langle \Gamma_2, \Gamma \rangle = 0$$

There is no wall-crossing!!



cf) wall-crossing formula

$$\mathcal{Z} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z} \times \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} (1 + (-1)^{j \langle \Gamma_2, \Gamma \rangle} e^{j \Gamma_2})^{\pm j \langle \Gamma_2, \Gamma \rangle} \Omega(j \Gamma_2)$$

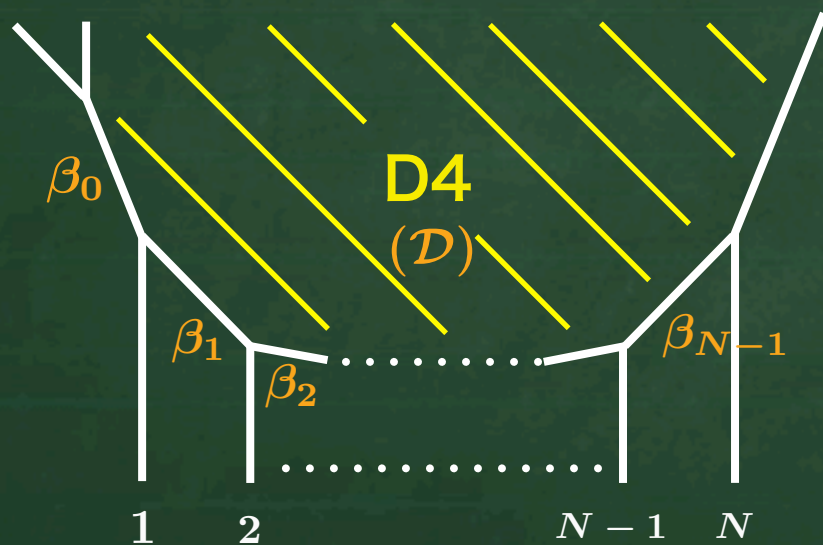




# "Add" dummy cycle

## Dummy cycle and flops

We "add" a *dummy two-cycle*.



In the *large radius limit* of  $\beta_0$ , we should recover the original CY3.

Now, we have a non-vanishing intersection product:

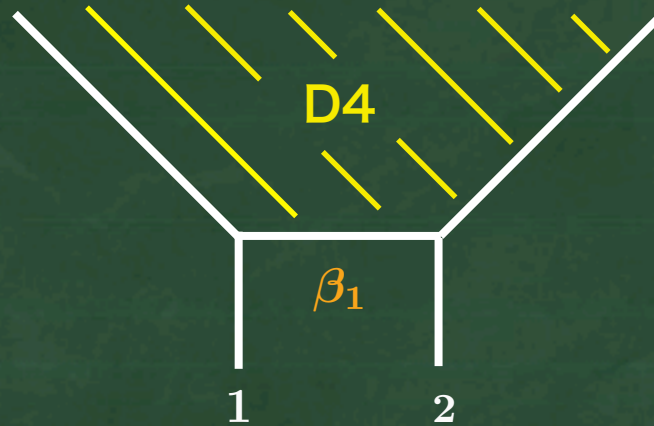
$$\langle \beta_0, \mathcal{D} \rangle = 1$$

→ *Non-trivial wall-crossings!*



# "Add" dummy cycle

ex.)  $A_1 - ALE \times \mathbb{C}$

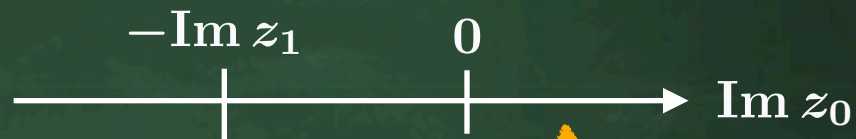
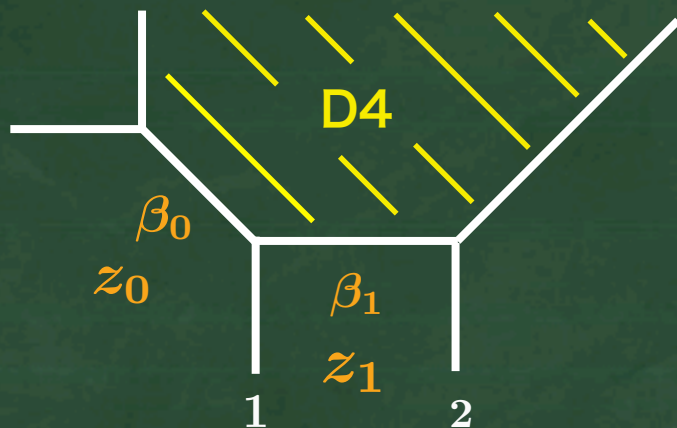


$D_4$  is wrapped  
on  $A_1 - ALE$  space



# "Add" dummy cycle

ex.)  $A_1\text{-ALE} \times \mathbb{C}$



$(0 < \text{Im } z_0)$

moduli parameters

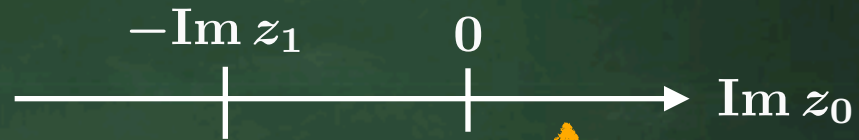
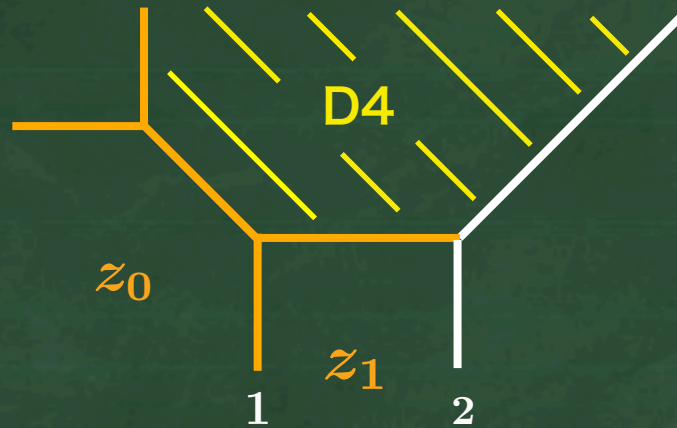
$z_0, z_1 \in \mathbb{C}$

$\text{Im } z_i \sim \text{area of } i\text{-th cycle}$



# "Add" dummy cycle

ex.)  $A_1\text{-ALE} \times \mathbb{C}$



$$(0 < \text{Im } z_0)$$

moduli parameters

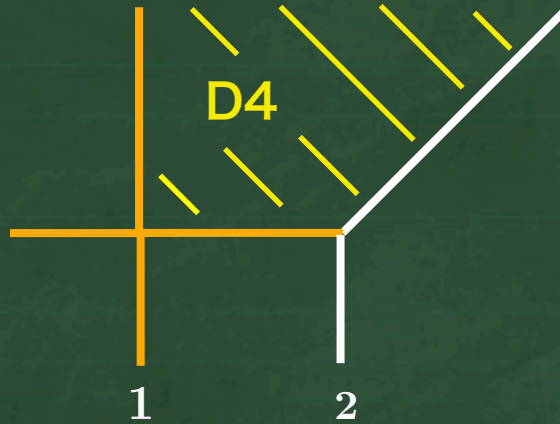
$$z_0, z_1 \in \mathbb{C}$$

$\text{Im } z_i \sim \text{area of } i\text{-th cycle}$



# "Add" dummy cycle

ex.)  $A_1 - ALE \times \mathbb{C}$



moduli parameters

$$z_0, z_1 \in \mathbb{C}$$

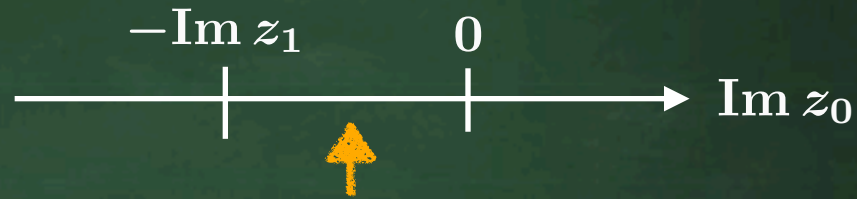
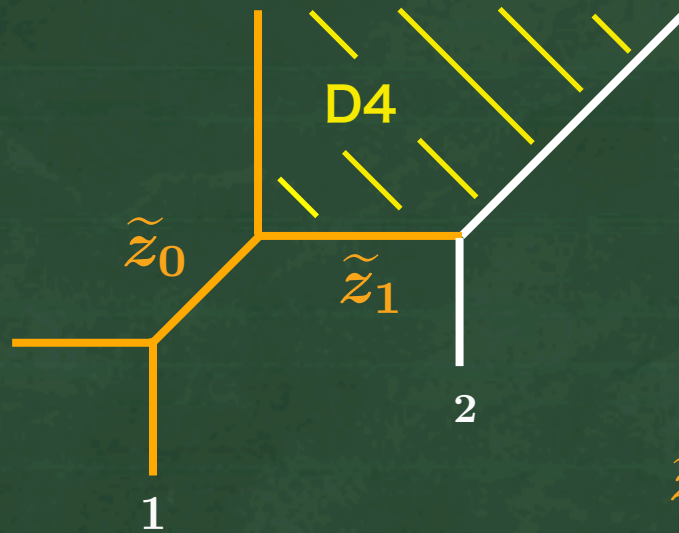
$\text{Im } z_i \sim$  area of  $i$ -th cycle



# "Add" dummy cycle

ex.)  $A_1$ -ALE  $\times \mathbb{C}$

$D4$  is wrapped  
on  $\mathcal{O}(-1) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$



moduli parameters

$$z_0, z_1 \in \mathbb{C}$$

$\text{Im } \tilde{z}_i \sim \text{area of } i\text{-th cycle}$

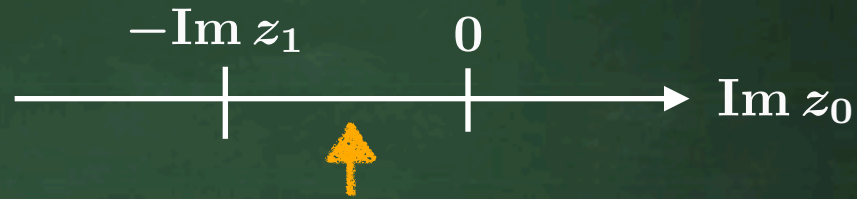
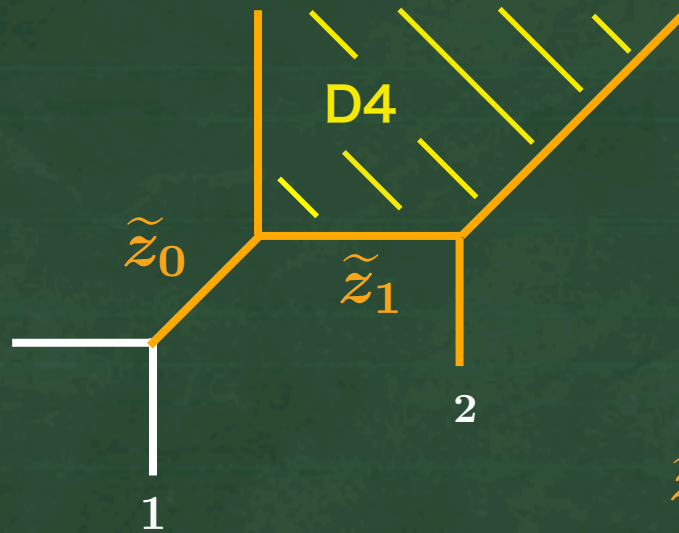
$$\tilde{z}_0 = -z_0, \quad \tilde{z}_1 = z_0 + z_1$$



# "Add" dummy cycle

ex.)  $A_1$ -ALE  $\times \mathbb{C}$

$D4$  is wrapped  
on  $\mathcal{O}(-1) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$



moduli parameters

$$z_0, z_1 \in \mathbb{C}$$

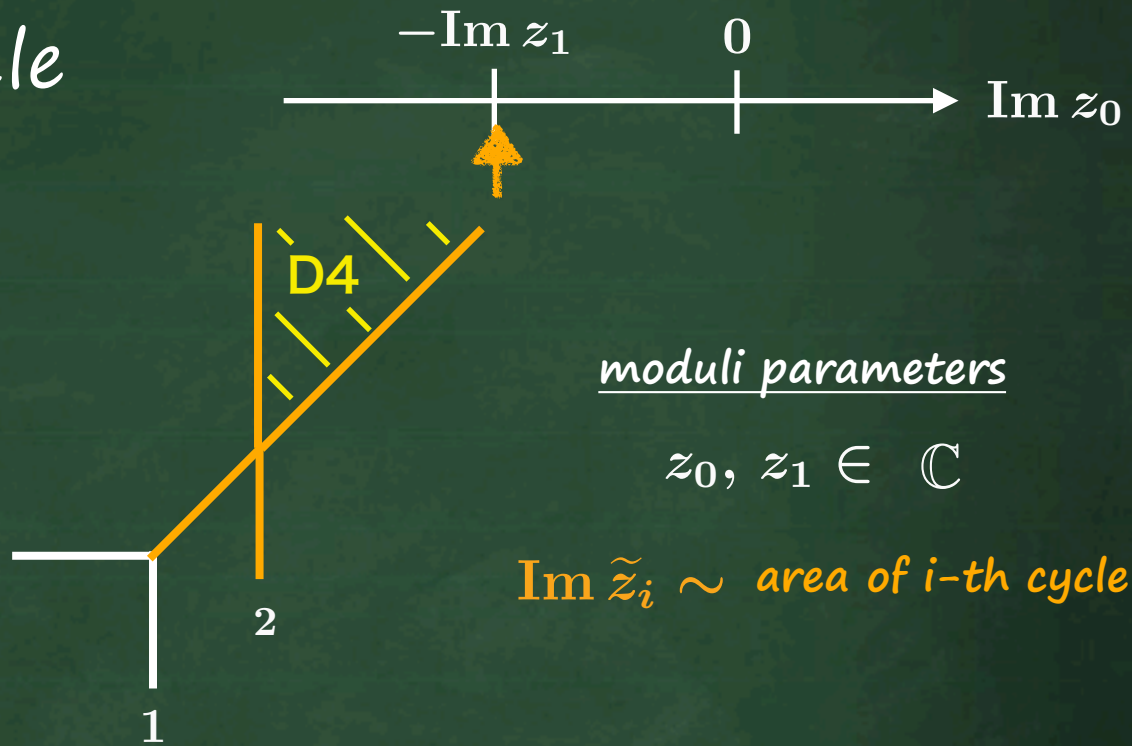
$\text{Im } \tilde{z}_i \sim \text{area of } i\text{-th cycle}$

$$\tilde{z}_0 = -z_0, \quad \tilde{z}_1 = z_0 + z_1$$



# "Add" dummy cycle

ex.)  $A_1 - ALE \times \mathbb{C}$

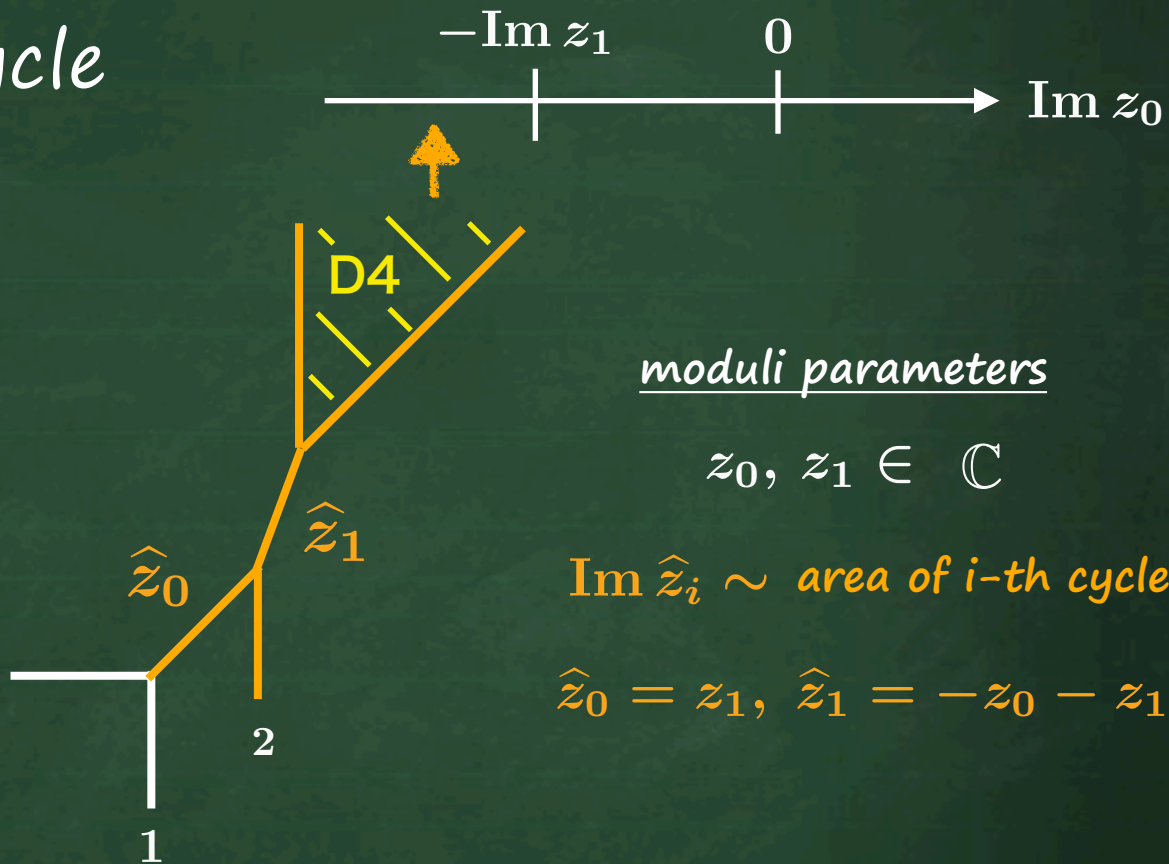




# "Add" dummy cycle

ex.)  $A_1 - ALE \times \mathbb{C}$

$D4$  is wrapped  
on  $\mathbb{C}^2$

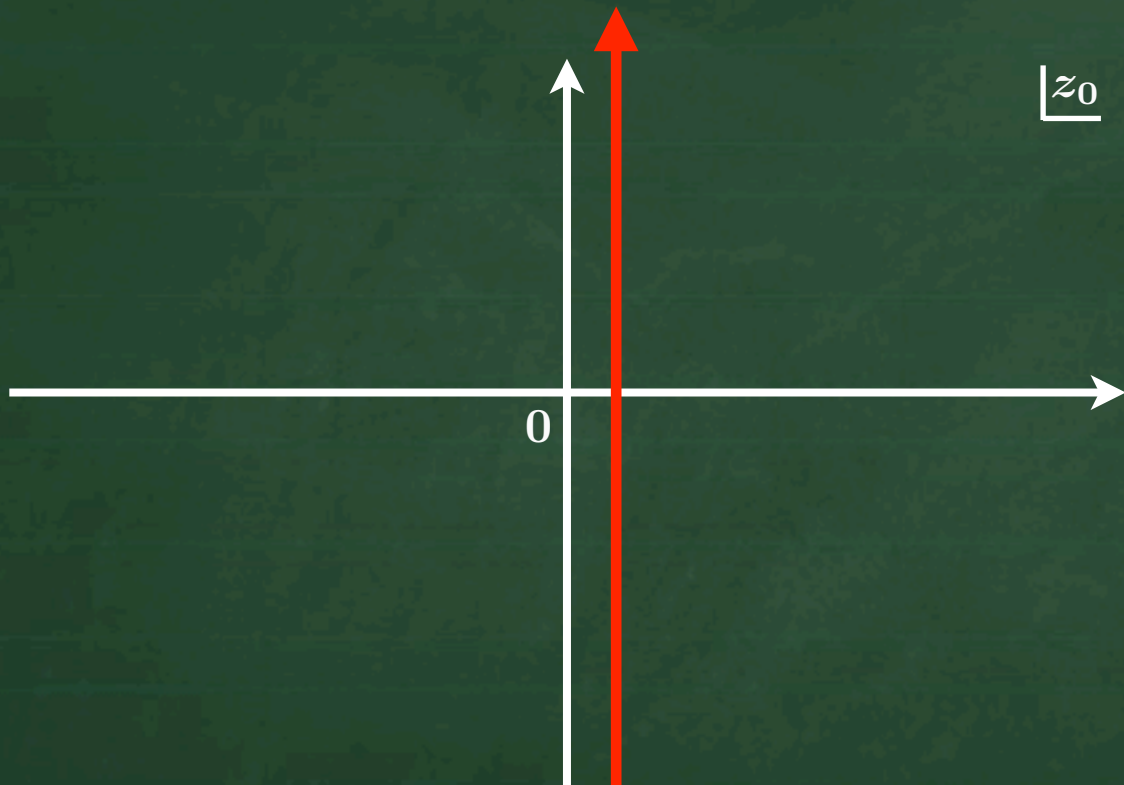


$\text{Im } z_0 = +\infty$   
(large radii)



$z_{+\infty}$

$z_0$



$\text{Im } z_0 = -\infty$   
(large radii)



$z_{-\infty}$

### Walls of MS

$$\Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2$$

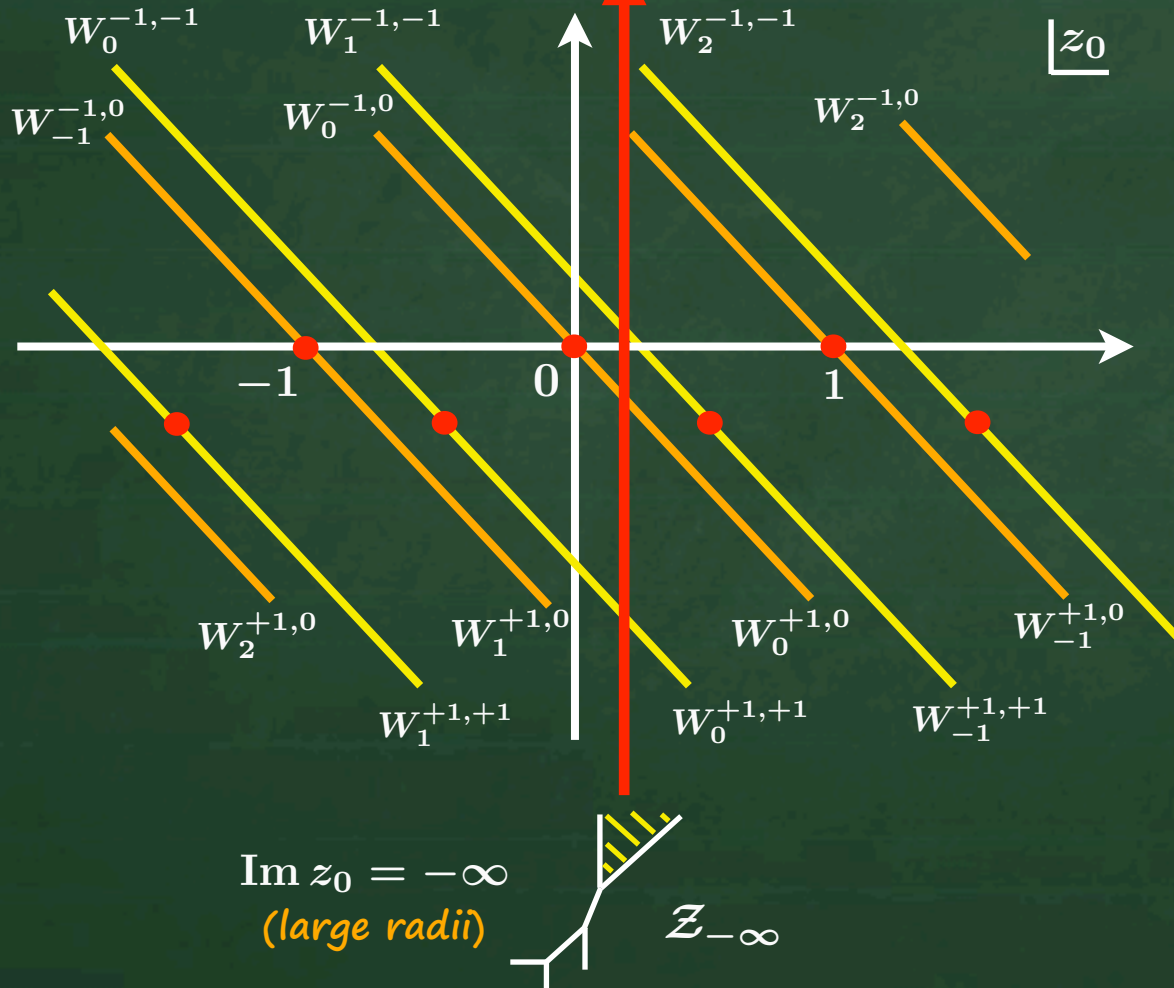
$$\Gamma = D4 + l^i D2_{(i)} + k D0$$

$W_n^{m^0, m^1}$  :

$$\Gamma_2 = \sum_{i=0,1} m^i D2_{(i)} + n D0$$



$\text{Im } z_0 = +\infty$   
(large radii)



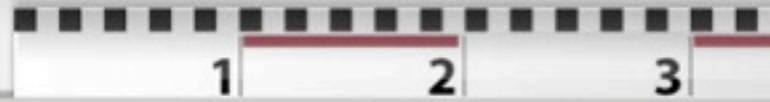
### Walls of MS

$$\Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2$$

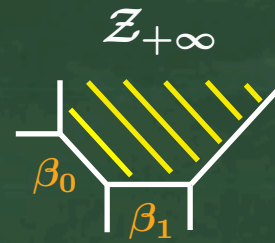
$$\Gamma = D4 + l^i D2_{(i)} + k D0$$

$$W_n^{m^0, m^1} :$$

$$\Gamma_2 = \sum_{i=0,1} m^i D2_{(i)} + n D0$$



# Results of wall-crossings



$$\mathcal{Z} = \sum_{n, m_0, m_1} \Omega(\text{D4} + m^i \text{D2}_{(i)} + n \text{D0}) q^n Q_0^{m_0} Q_1^{m_1}$$

## Result of wall-crossing formula

$$\mathcal{Z}_{+\infty} = \mathcal{Z}_{-\infty} \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 - q^n Q_0)(1 - q^n Q_0 Q_1)$$

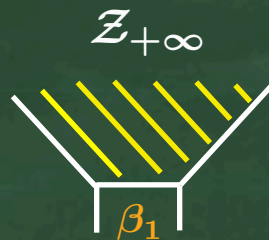
$$\times \prod_{m=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^m Q_0^{-1})(1 - q^m Q_0^{-1} Q_1^{-1})$$

$$\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 - q^n}$$

$\uparrow$



# Results of wall-crossings



$$\mathcal{Z} = \sum_{n, m_0, m_1} \Omega(\text{D4} + m^i \text{D2}_{(i)} + n \text{D0}) q^n Q_0^{m_0} Q_1^{m_1}$$

## Result of wall-crossing formula

$$\mathcal{Z}_{+\infty} = \mathcal{Z}_{-\infty} \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 - q^n Q_0)(1 - q^n Q_0 Q_1)$$

$$\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 - q^n}$$

$$\times \prod_{m=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^m Q_0^{-1})(1 - q^m Q_0^{-1} Q_1^{-1})$$

omit  $\beta_0$

$$\mathcal{Z}_{+\infty} |_{Q_0\text{-independent}} = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{1 - q^n} \right)^3 \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{m^2} Q_1^m = \frac{q^{1/8}}{\eta(q)^2} \chi_0^{\widehat{\text{SU}}(2)_1}(q, Q_1)$$



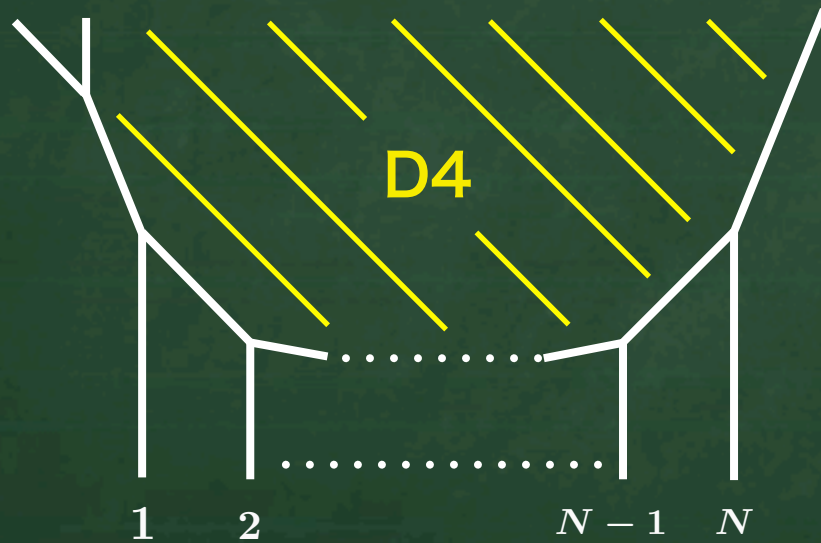
We can generalize it to  $A_{N-1}$  ALE space!!



# Generalization

## Multiple flops

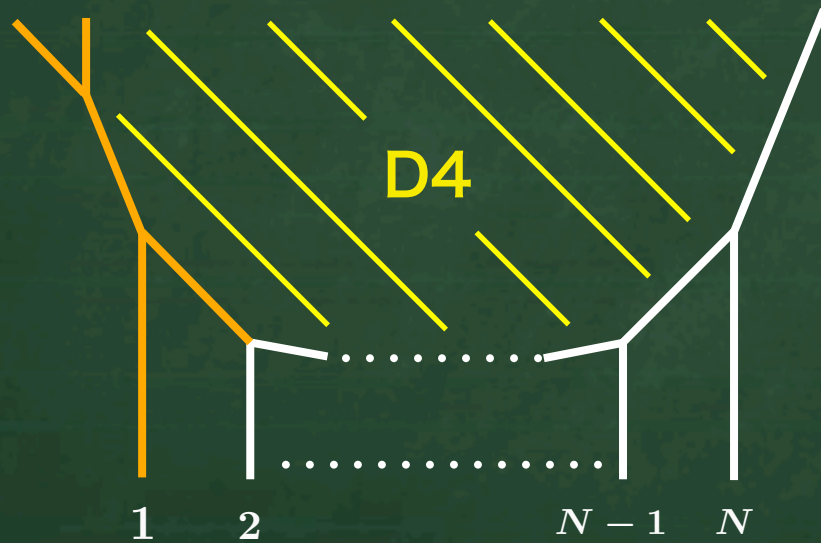
We now have *multiplet flop transitions*.



# Generalization

## Multiple flops

We now have *multiplet flop transitions*.

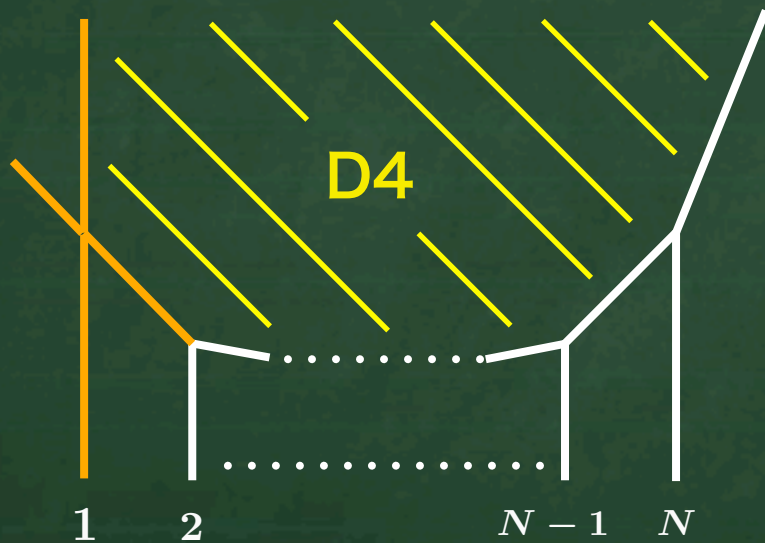




# Generalization

## Multiple flops

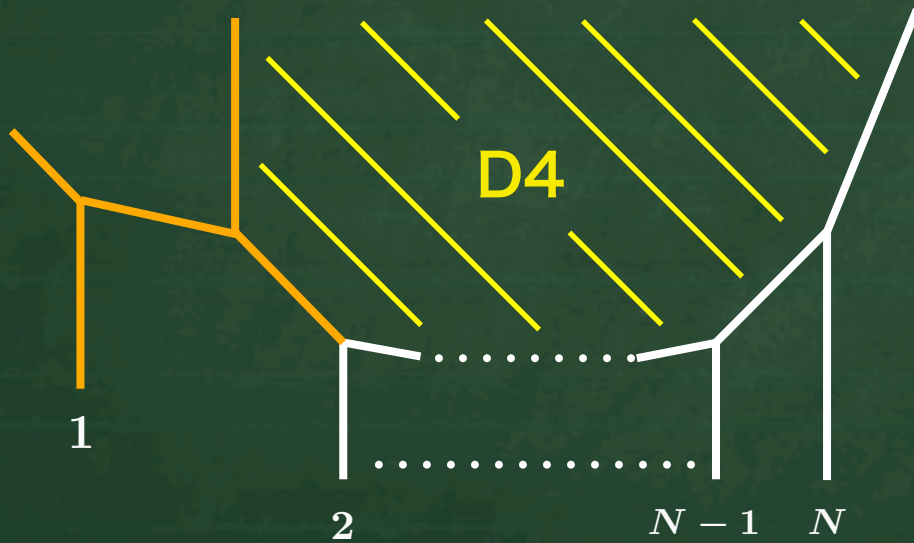
We now have *multiplet flop transitions*.



# Generalization

## Multiple flops

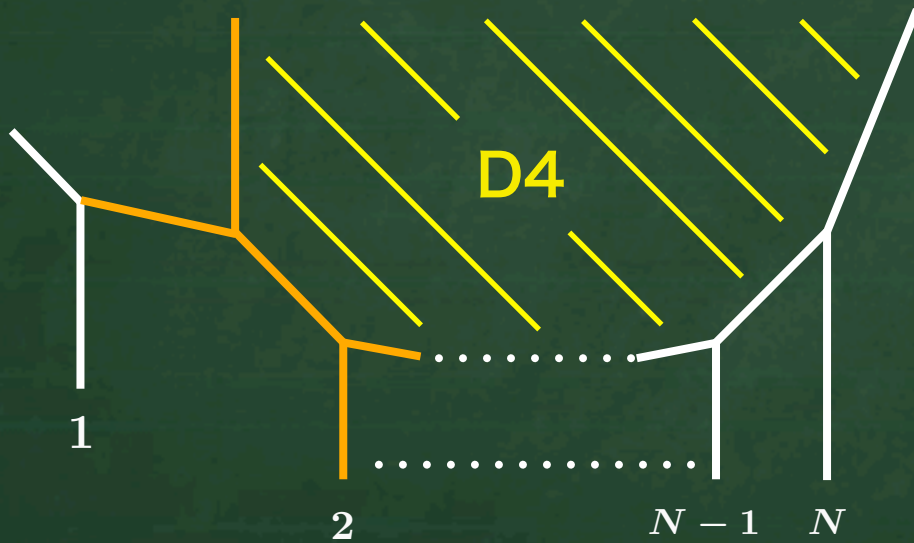
We now have *multiplet flop transitions*.



# Generalization

## Multiple flops

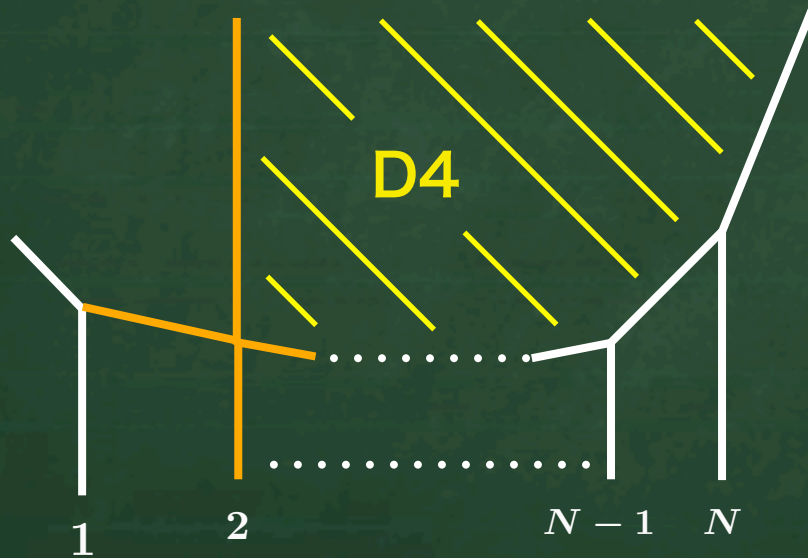
We now have *multiplet flop transitions*.



# Generalization

## Multiple flops

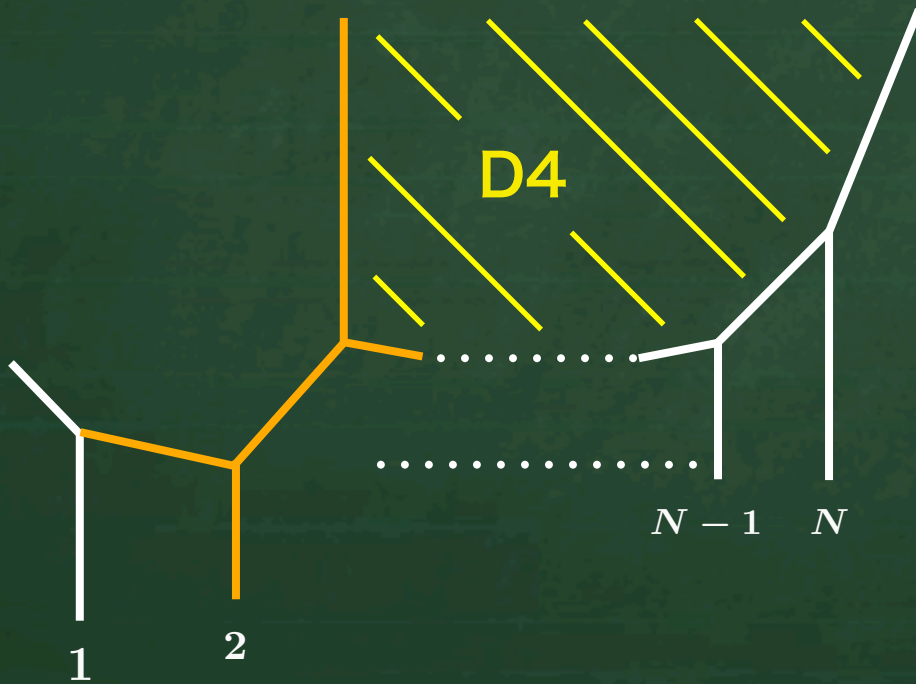
We now have **multiplet flop transitions**.



# Generalization

## Multiple flops

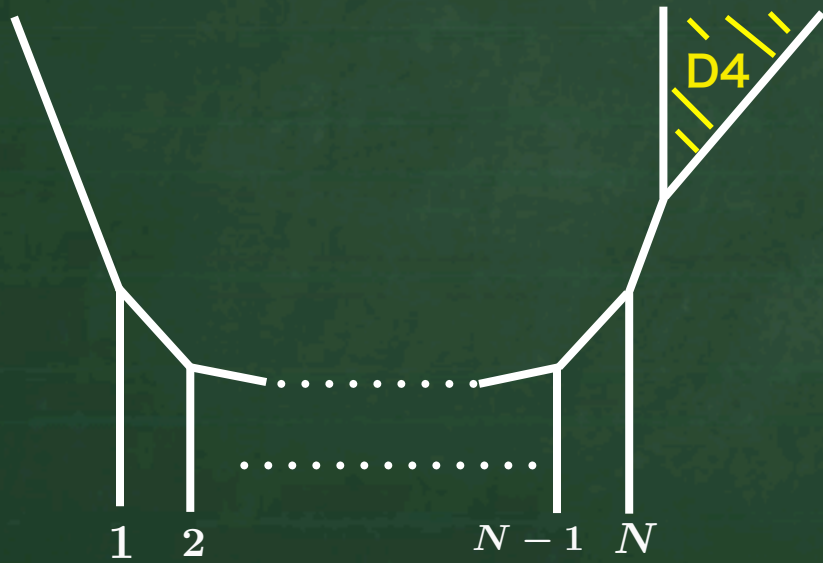
We now have *multiplet flop transitions*.



# Generalization

## Multiple flops

We now have **multiplet flop transitions**.

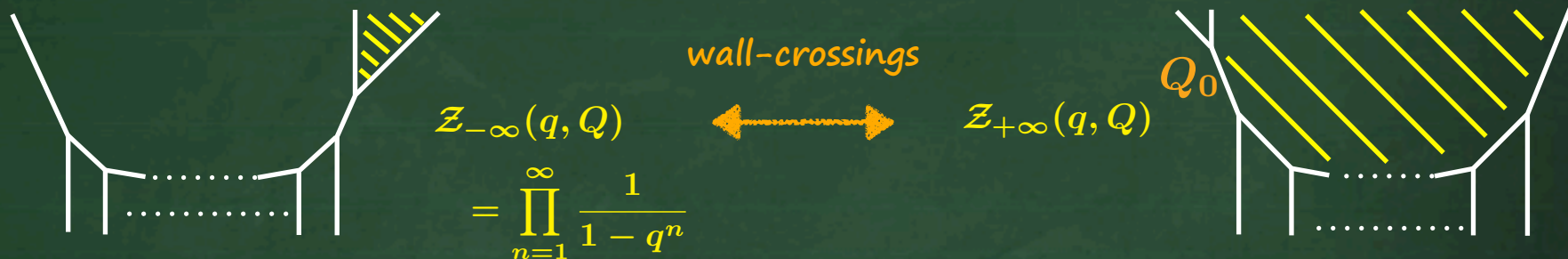


Instantons on  $\mathbb{C}^2$



# Generalization

## Affine $SU(N)$ character from wall-crossings



From the wall-crossing formula, we find

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z_{+\infty}(q, Q) &= Z_{-\infty}(q, Q) \prod_{k=0}^{N-1} \left[ \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 - q^n Q_0 \cdots Q_k) \prod_{m=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^m Q_0^{-1} \cdots Q_k^{-1}) \right] \\
 &= \prod_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{1 - q^\ell} \right)^{N+1} \sum_{n_0, \dots, n_{N-1} \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{n_i(n_i-1)}{2}} \prod_{k=0}^{N-1} (-Q_0 \cdots Q_k)^{n_k}
 \end{aligned}$$



# Generalization

$$\mathcal{Z}_{+\infty}(q, Q) = \prod_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{1-q^{\ell}} \right)^{N+1} \sum_{n_0, \dots, n_{N-1} \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{n_i(n_i-1)}{2}} \prod_{k=0}^{N-1} (-Q_0 \cdots Q_k)^{n_k}$$

After removing dummy cycle...

$$\mathcal{Z}_{+\infty}(q, Q)|_{Q_0\text{-independent}} = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{1-q^n} \right)^2 \chi_0^{\widehat{su}(N)_1}(q, Q)$$

where

$$\chi_0^{\widehat{su}(N)_1}(q, Q) = \frac{1}{\eta(q)^{N-1}} \sum_{n_1, \dots, n_{N-1} \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} n_i^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{N-2} n_i n_{i+1}} \prod_{j=1}^{N-1} Q_j^{n_j}$$

Affine  $SU(N)$  character is correctly reproduced by wall-crossings!





# Summary

- We study the relation between **ALE instantons** and **wall-crossings of D4-D2-D0** on CY3.
- By adding a “dummy” cycle, the wall-crossings **interpolate** the instanton partition functions on **ALE space** and  $\mathbb{C}^2$ .
- Our analysis **relies** on the **wall-crossing formula** of  $d=4, N=2$  theories.

## Future work

- The parameter  $r$  of  $\chi_r^{\widehat{su}(N)_1}$  is left for future work.
- Generalizations to **other** instanton partition functions on Vafa-Witten theories are to be studied.



That's all for my presentation.

Thank you very much.

