

Exotic Brane Junctions from **F**-theory

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This is a story of string theory.

Various objects (standard branes) in 10D string theory

F-string : $(1 + 1)$ -dim., coupled to 2-form potential $B_{(2)}$.

D p -brane : $(1 + p)$ -dim., coupled to $(p + 1)$ -form potential $C_{(p+1)}$.
F-string is ending on it.

NS5-brane : $(1 + 5)$ -dim., magnetically coupled to $B_{(2)}$.
D1-brane (D-string) is ending on it.

They have been well investigated for 20 years.

D-brane is a useful object
because it captures (non)perturbative dynamics of gauge theory.
(Gauge theory with matters live on a D-brane.)

There also exist **exotic branes** in string theory in **lower** dimensions.

They are “vortex-like” (**codim 2**) objects.

However, their properties are less known. Are they also useful or not?

I have studied them for three years.

Exotic branes

- ✓ from standard branes via string dualities in lower dim (less than 10)
- ✓ vortex-like (codim 2)
- ✓ unclear their roles in string theory and gauge theory

NOTE

D7-brane is an object of codim 2 in 10D.

D7-brane physics has also well studied for 20 years : F-theory

F-theory

- ✓ a part of IIB string theory featured by $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ S-duality
- ✓ D7-brane (i.e., vortex-like object) physics
- ✓ monodromy; branch cut and junctions

In F-theory, we can consider D7-branes connected with other branes.

Their configurations provide various (new) gauge theories.

F-theory will also provide the properties and applications of the **exotic branes**.

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- ✓ Exotic brane junctions
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SCFTs with E_{n+1} symmetry in 5D, 4D, 3D
- ✓ Summary

Exotic brane junctions

Bergshoeff, Ortín and Riccioni: [arXiv:1109.4484](#)

de Boer and Shigemori: [arXiv:1209.6056](#)

Sakatani: [arXiv:1412.8769](#)

TK: [arXiv:1410.8403](#), [1601.02175](#), [1602.08606](#)

We will find ...

- which object is ending on exotic brane.
(F-string is ending on D-brane, while D-string on NS5-brane.)
- which is sensitive to branch cut of exotic brane.
(F- and D-string are sensitive to 7-brane's.)

We study exotic b_n^c -brane whose tension is

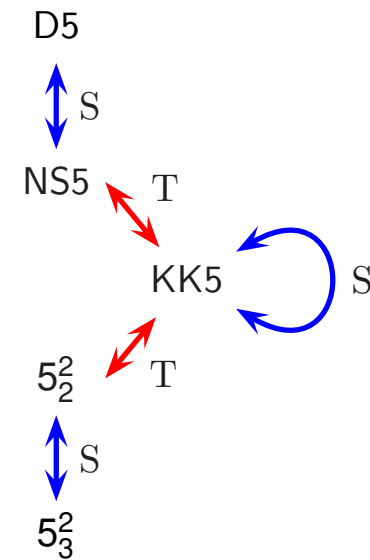
$$\frac{R_1 R_2 \cdots R_b (R_{b+1} \cdots R_{b+c})^2}{g_s^n \ell_s^{b+2c+1}}$$

Performing the following string dualities, the tension is transformed :

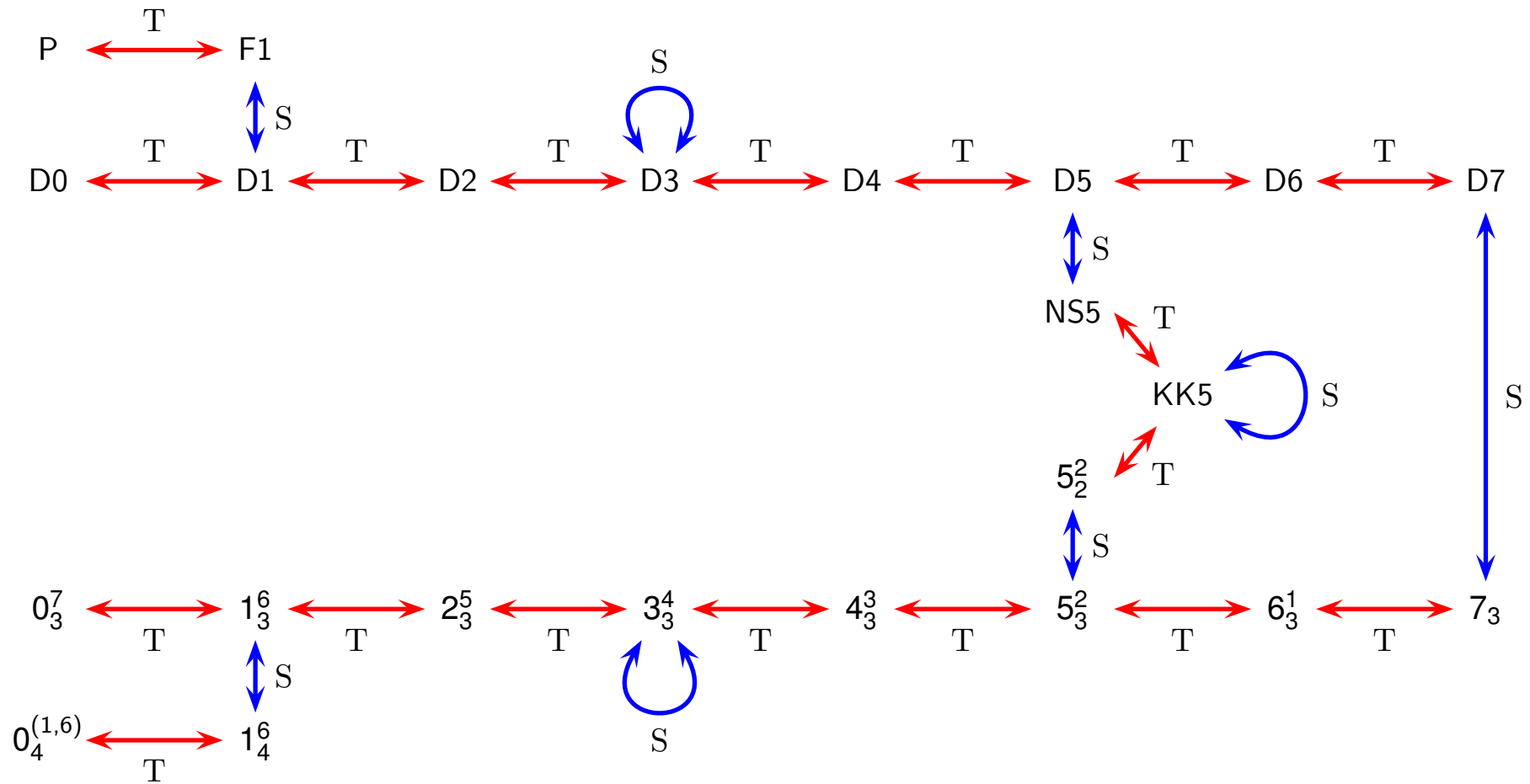
$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{T}_y : & R_y \rightarrow \frac{\ell_s^2}{R_y}, \quad g_s \rightarrow \frac{\ell_s}{R_y} g_s \\ \mathbf{S} : & g_s \rightarrow \frac{1}{g_s}, \quad \ell_s \rightarrow g_s^{1/2} \ell_s \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} R_y : \text{ compact radius of } y\text{-direction} \\ \ell_s : \text{ string length} \\ g_s : \text{ string coupling constant} \end{array}$$

For example, we exhibit the duality chain of 5-branes :

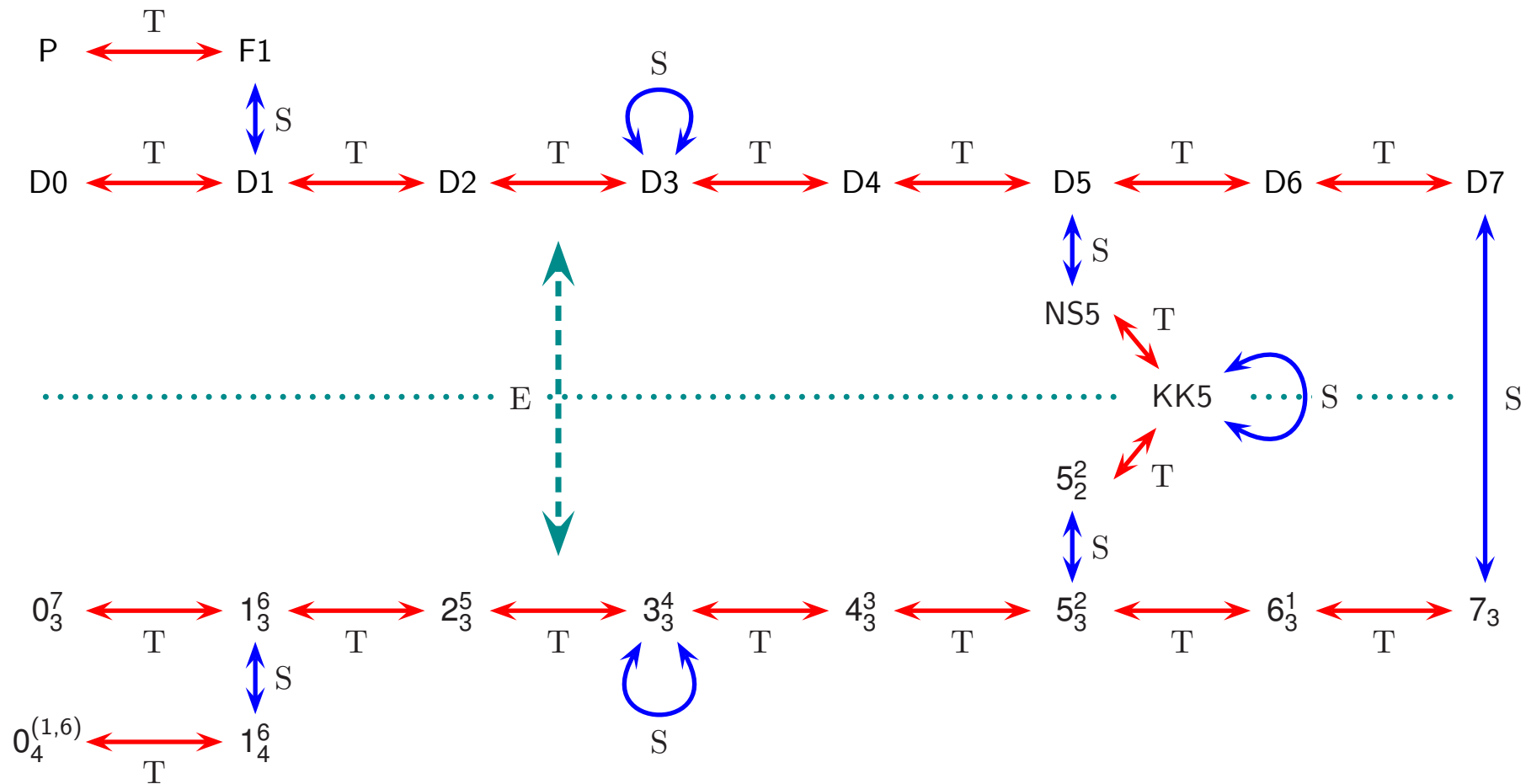
$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} \text{D5}(12345) & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{S}} & \text{NS5}(12345) & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{T}_9} & \text{KK5}(12345,9) & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{T}_8} & 5_2^2(12345,89) & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{S}} & 5_3^2(12345,89) \\ 5_1 & & 5_2 & & 5_2^1 & & & & \end{array}$$



Duality chains of 5-branes in 8D.

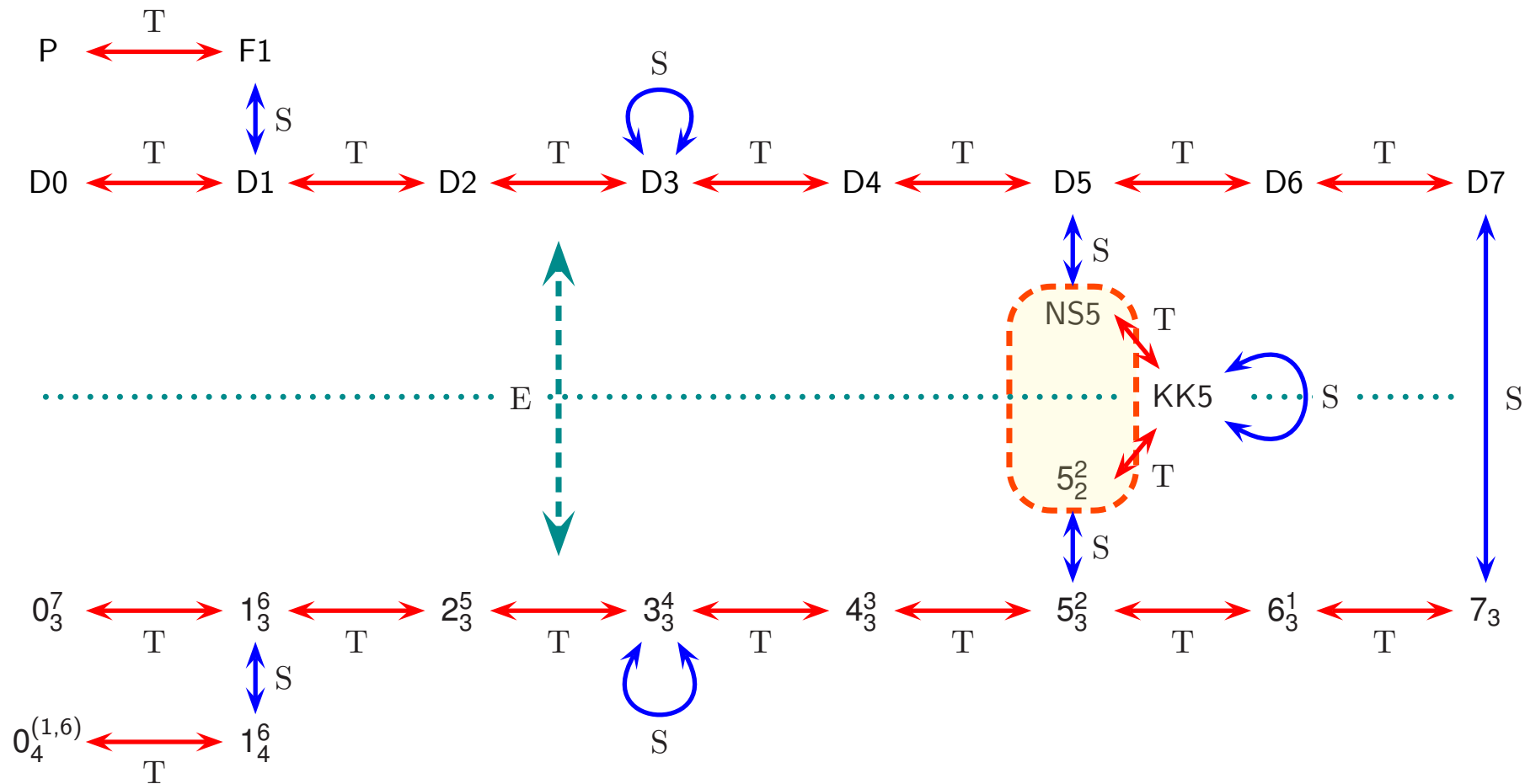


Branes of codim 2 in diverse dimensions.



Pairs (Dp, p_3^{7-p}) , $(NS5, 5_3^2)$, $(F1, 1_3^6)$, $(P, 0_4^{(1,6)})$ are $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ doublets.

Each $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ is a subgroup of U-duality.



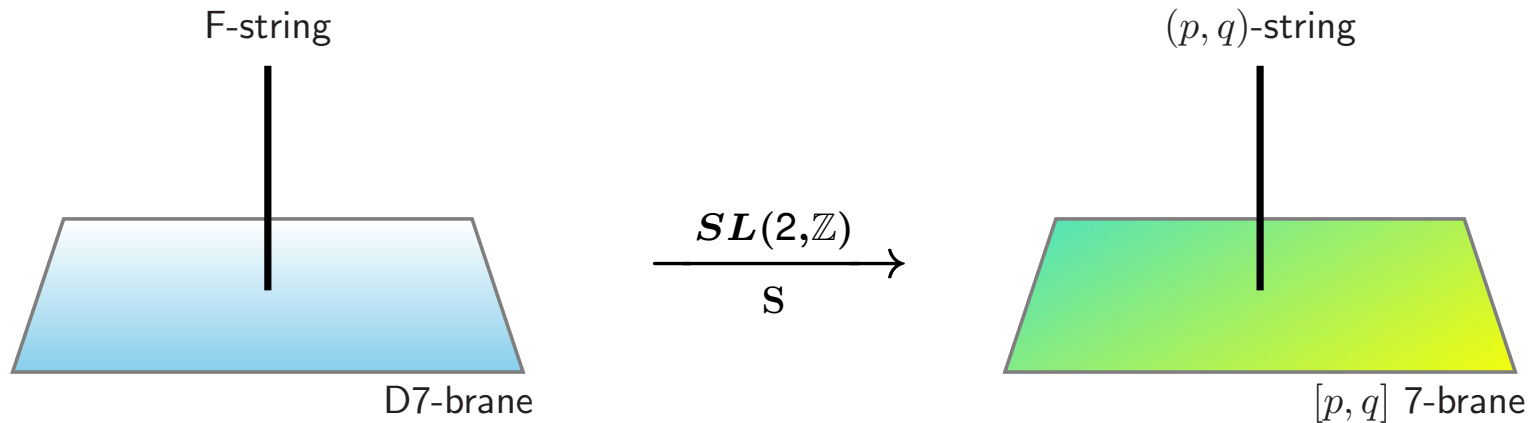
We focus on a pair of p NS5-brane and q 5_2^2 -brane in 8D.
 (referred to as $[p, q]_{s5}^T$ -brane)

F-string : couple to $B_{(2)}$

D-string : couple to $C_{(2)}$

D7(1234567) : couple to $\rho(z) = C + i e^{-\phi}$ ($z = x^8 + i x^9 = r e^{i\theta}$)

$$\rho(z) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \log \left(\frac{\Lambda}{z} \right) = \theta + \frac{i}{2\pi} \log \left(\frac{\Lambda}{r} \right)$$



(1, 0)-string = F1

(0, 1)-string = D1

[1, 0] 7-brane = D7(1234567)

[0, 1] 7-brane = $7_3(1234567)$

Open D-string is ending on $7_3(1234567)$.

This is a setup in F-theory. We perform ST_{67} -duality and reduce 67-directions.

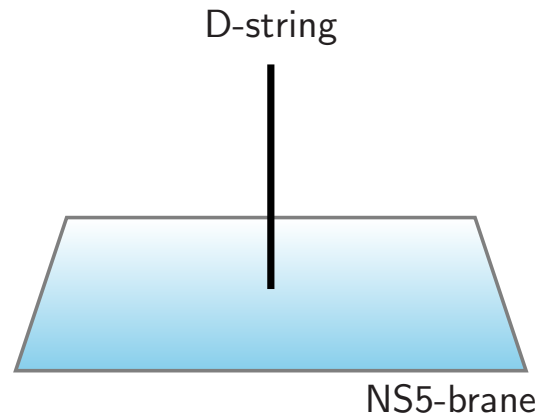
D-string : couple to $C_{(2)}$

D3-brane : couple to $C_{(4)}$

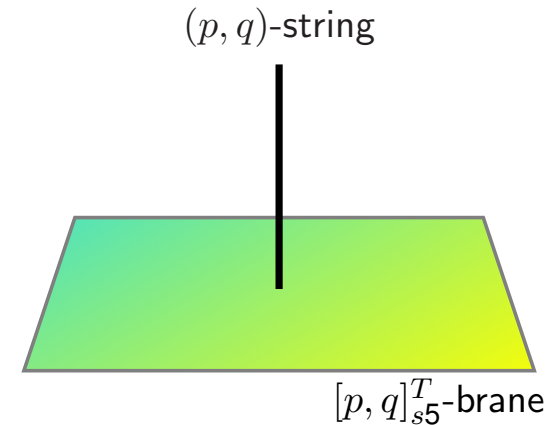
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$$(z = x^8 + ix^9 = r e^{i\theta})$$



$$\xrightarrow[ST_{76}ST_{67}S]{SL(2, \mathbb{Z})}$$



$(1, 0)$ -string = D1

$(0, 1)$ -string = D3 wrapped on T_{67}^2

$[1, 0]_{s5}^T$ -brane = NS5(12345)

$[0, 1]_{s5}^T$ -brane = $5_2^2(12345, 67)$

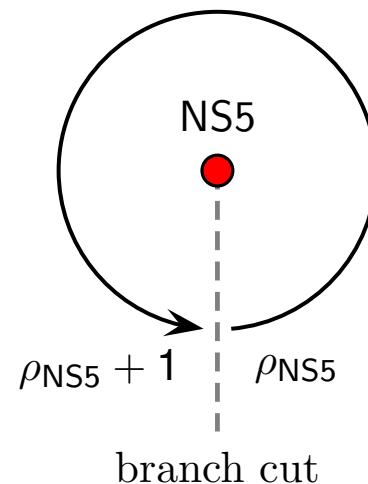
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NS5-brane solution in **8D** :

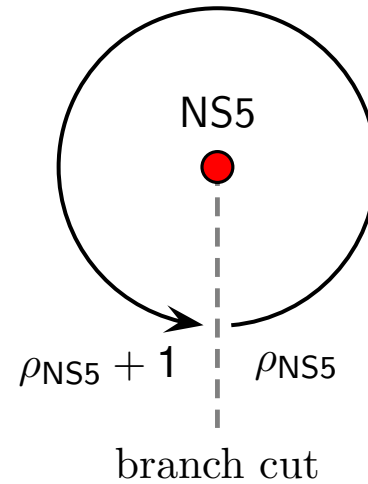
$$\rho(z) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \log\left(\frac{\Lambda}{z}\right) = \frac{\theta}{2\pi} + \frac{i}{2\pi} \log\left(\frac{\Lambda}{r}\right) \quad (z = x^8 + ix^9 = r e^{i\theta})$$

When ρ moves around NS5-brane counterclockwise $\theta \rightarrow \theta + 2\pi$,

it receives a magnetic “charge” of NS5-brane (**monodromy**) : $\rho \rightarrow \rho + 1$



There exists a branch cut in z -plane.



$$\rho \rightarrow \rho + 1 = \frac{a\rho + b}{c\rho + d} \equiv M_{[1,0]} \cdot \rho, \quad M_{[1,0]} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$$

or

$$K_{[1,0]} \cdot (\rho + 1) = \rho, \quad K_{[1,0]} = (M_{[1,0]})^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

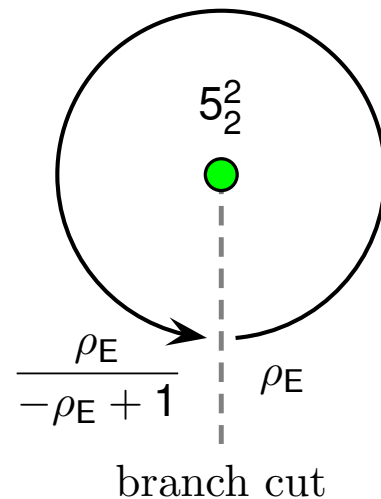
$M_{[p,q]}$: moving around the NS5-brane

$K_{[p,q]}$: going across the branch cut

By $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$, the monodromy matrix for general $[p, q]$ 5-brane is given as

$$K_{[p,q]} = g K_{[1,0]} g^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + pq & -p^2 \\ q^2 & 1 - pq \end{pmatrix} \quad g \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$$

ex) monodromy $K_{[0,1]}$ for exotic 5_2^2 -brane : $K_{[0,1]} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$



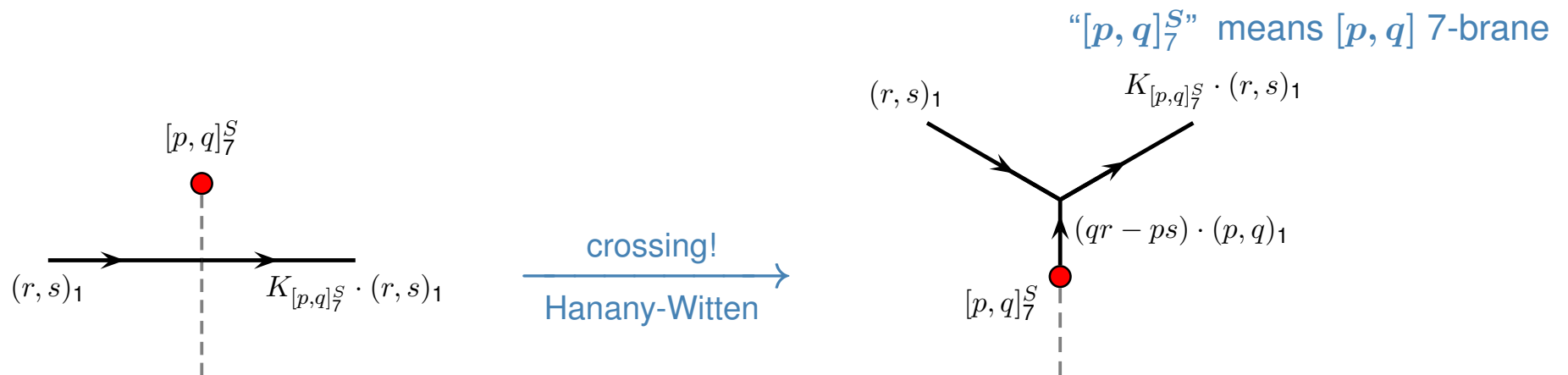
$$\rho_E = -\frac{1}{\rho_{NS5}}$$

Consider an (r, s) -string crossing the branch cut of $[p, q]$ 7-brane from the left.

The string charge is jumped by monodromy.

If the 7-brane goes across the string, the string is no longer crossing the branch cut.

Further, a new string and a junction appear (Hanany-Witten effect).



Note: 7-brane is stretched in 1234567-directions.

This is a string junction in F-theory.

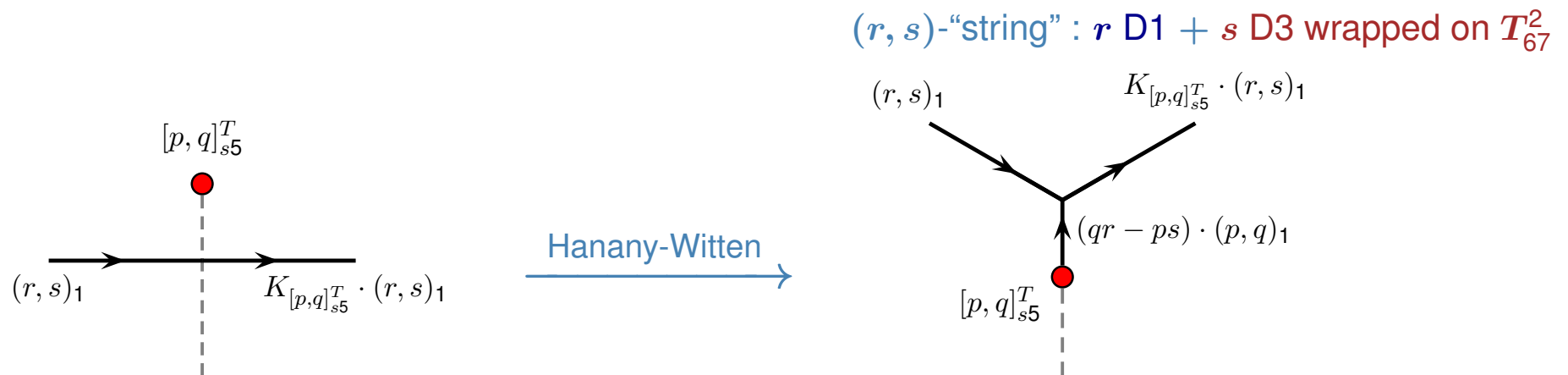
Perform ST_{67} -duality and reduce 67-directions.

We obtain a config. of an (r, s) -“string” crossing the branch cut of exotic $[p, q]$ 5-brane.

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If the 5-brane goes across the “string”, the “string” is no longer crossing the branch cut.

Further, a new “string” with a junction appears (Hanany-Witten effect).



If we set $(p, q) = (0, 1)$,

we find that **D3-brane wrapped on T_{67}^2** is ending on the $5_2^2(12345,67)$.

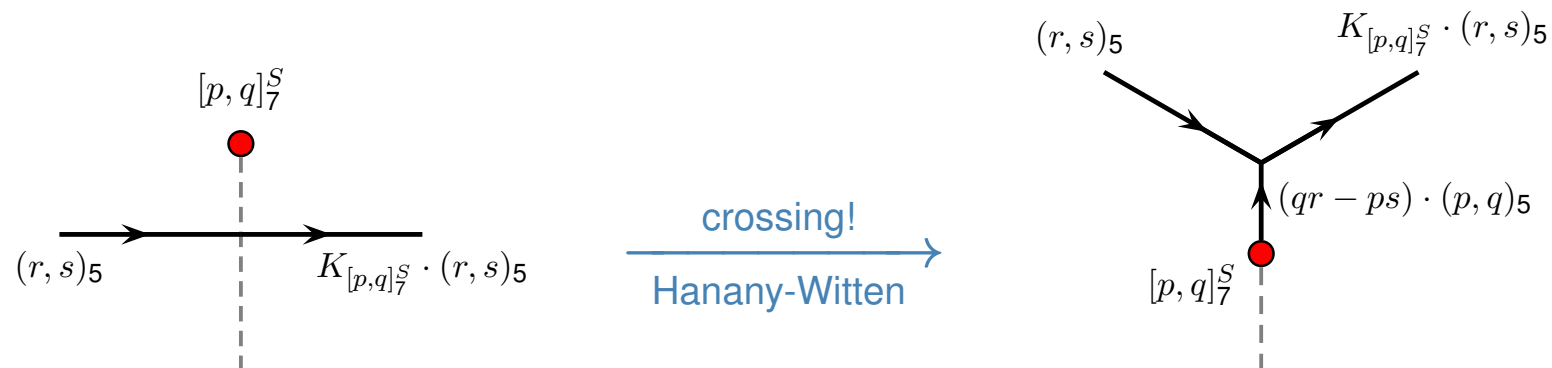
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(r, s) 5-brane : r D5-branes + s NS5-branes on which (r, s) -string is ending



Note: 7-brane(1234567), D5(1234X), NS5(1234Y), $X, Y \in z$ -plane

This is a brane junction in F-theory.

Next, we perform ST_{67^-} , ST_{47^-} or ST_{34} -duality.

Perform the ST_{67} -duality of (r, s) 5-branes with $[p, q]$ 7-brane in F-theory.

We obtain a config. that a new (r, s) “5-brane” with exotic $[p, q]$ 5-brane :

$$(r, s) \text{ “5-brane”} : r 7_3(123467X) \text{ wrapped on } T_{67}^2 + s 5_3^2(1234Y,67)$$



When we set $(p, q) = (0, 1)$,

we find that $5_3^2(1234Y,67)$ -brane is ending on $5_2^2(12345,67)$.

Perform the ST_{47} -duality of (r, s) 5-branes with $[p, q]$ 7-brane in F-theory.

We obtain a config. that a new (r, s) “4-brane” with exotic $[p, q]$ 5-brane :

(r, s) “4-brane” : r NS5(1237X) wrapped on S_7^1 + s KK5(1234Y,7) wrapped on S_4^1



When we set $(p, q) = (0, 1)$,

we see that KK5(1234Y,7)-brane wrapped on S_4^1 is ending on $5_2^2(12345,67)$.

Perform the ST_{34} -duality of (r, s) 5-branes with $[p, q]$ 7-brane in F-theory.

We obtain a config. that a new (r, s) “3-brane” with exotic $[p, q]$ 5-brane :

(r, s) “3-brane” : r D3(12X) + s D5(1234Y) wrapped on T_{34}^2



When we set $(p, q) = (0, 1)$,

we find that **D5(1234Y)-brane wrapped on T_{34}^2** is ending on $5_2^2(12345,67)$.

Now, we **understood**

- ✓ An object ending on 5_2^2 -brane is a **wrapped D3-brane**.
(Its oscillations provide excitation modes on the 5_2^2 -brane worldvolume.)
- ✓ Objects sensitive to 5_2^2 -brane branch cut are
wrapped D3-brane, **5_3^2 -brane**, **wrapped KK5-brane**, **wrapped D5-brane**.
(They are created/annihilated by the Hanany-Witten transitions.)

Application:

SCFTs with E_{n+1} symmetry in 5D, 4D, 3D

DeWolfe, Hanany, Iqbal and Katz: [hep-th/9902179](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-th/9902179)

Benini, Benvenuti and Tachikawa: [arXiv:0906.0359](https://arxiv.org/abs/0906.0359)

Kim, Taki and Yagi: [arXiv:1504.03672](https://arxiv.org/abs/1504.03672)

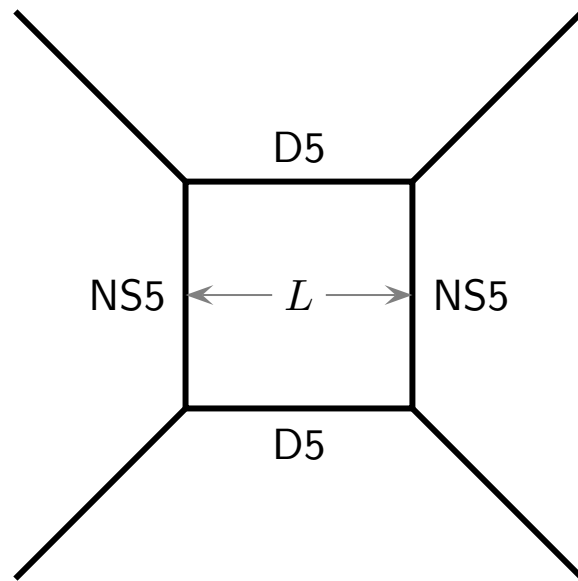
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We will study ...

- how exotic branes can contribute to gauge theories.
(# of 7-branes gives rise to # of flavors.)
- how global symmetry appears in strong coupling limit.
(E_n symmetry appears by 7-branes' alignment.)

This topic is rather technical...

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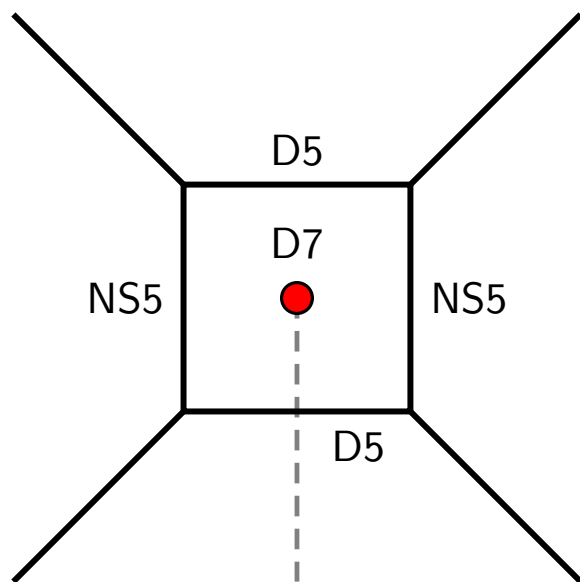
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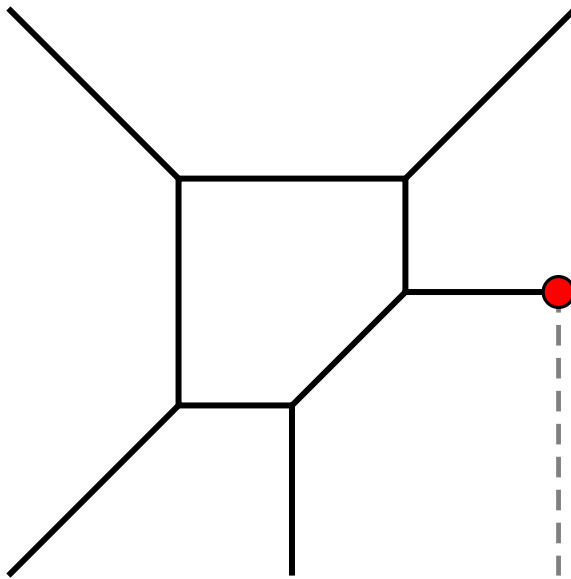
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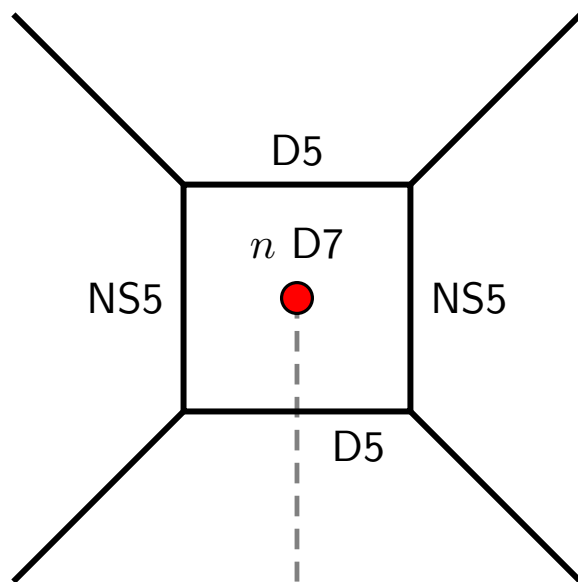
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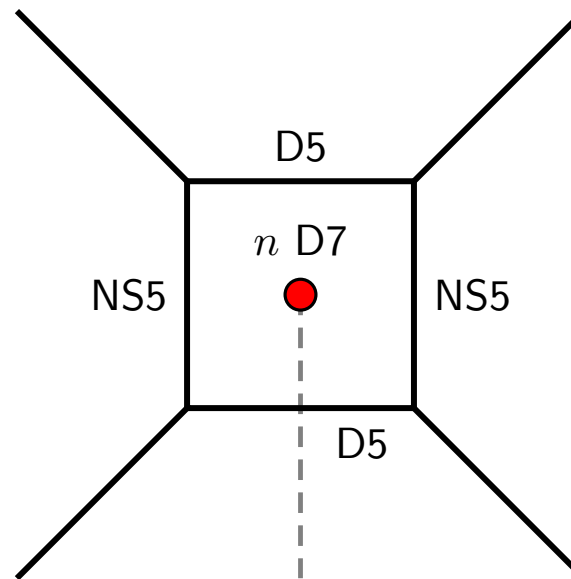
This config. indicates 5D $SU(2)$ gauge symmetry with n flavors on 01234-directions.

In the $L \propto 1/g_{\text{YM}}^2 \rightarrow 0$ limit, this gauge theory flows to SCFT with E_{n+1} symmetry.

(UV fixed point)

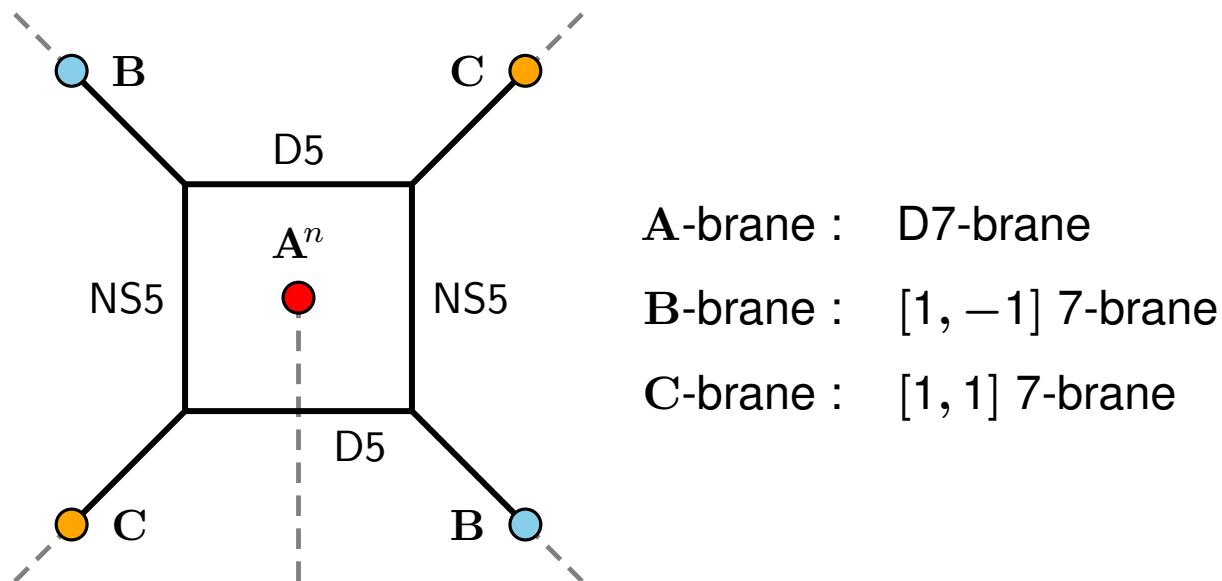
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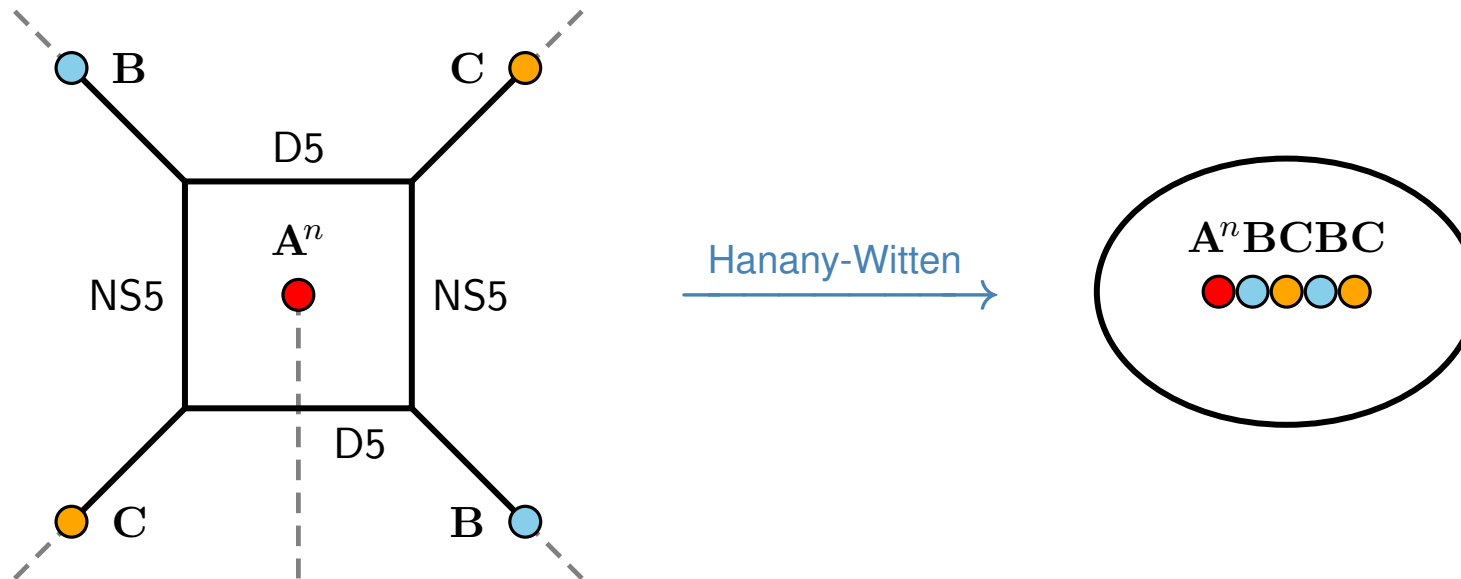
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Without changing the 5D gauge theory on D5-brane,
 semi-infinite (p, q) 5-branes are terminated by $[p, q]$ 7-branes.

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Moving B- and C-branes along the (p, q) 5-branes and going inside the “box”, the (p, q) 5-branes are annihilated by the Hanany-Witten effect.

Further, the “box” becomes “loop” by back reaction of A^n -, B-, C-, B-, and C-branes.

(skipped drawing the branch cuts.)

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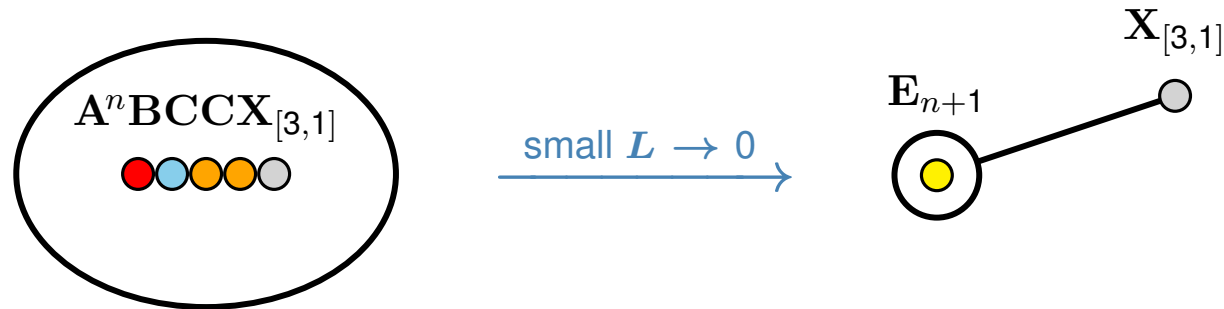
Perform the re-ordering of 7-branes with branch cuts.

When a 7-brane goes across another's branch cut, its monodromy is modified.

$$A^n BCBC \rightarrow A^n BCCX_{[3,1]} \quad \text{with } X_{[3,1]\text{-brane}} \equiv [3, 1]\text{-brane}$$

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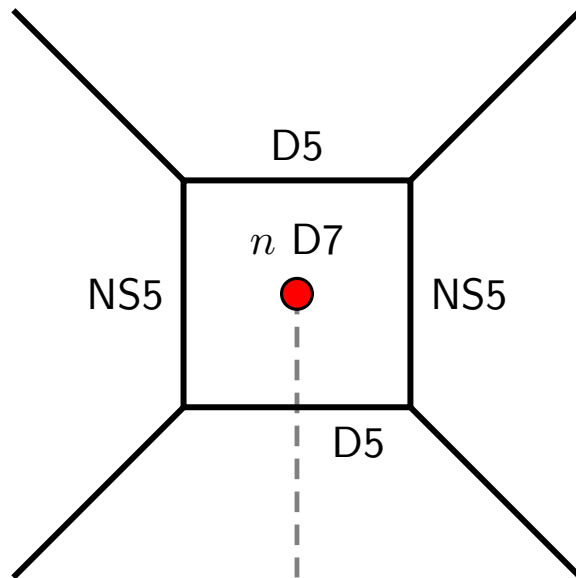
Perform the small loop limit $L \rightarrow 0$. This implies the strong coupling limit $g_{\text{YM}} \rightarrow \infty$.
There exists a non-trivial UV fixed point of 5D gauge theory \rightarrow CFT.

A^n -, B-, and C^2 -branes are collapsed to E_{n+1} -brane.

$X_{[3,1]}$ -brane is gone far away from E_{n+1} -brane.

Open string ending on 5-brane loop and E_{n+1} -brane provides E_{n+1} symmetry.

We argued 5D SUSY gauge theory and its strong coupling limit by **brane construction**.



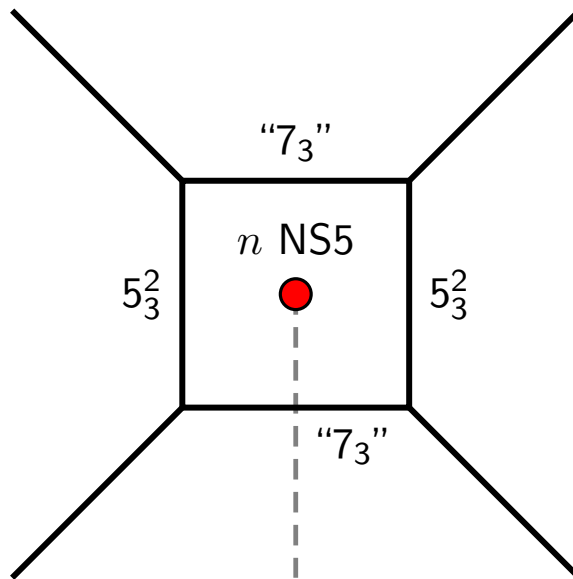
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ST_{67} -dual \rightarrow 5D

Perform string dualities : ST_{47} -dual \rightarrow 4D

ST_{34} -dual \rightarrow 3D

ST₆₇-dualized system :

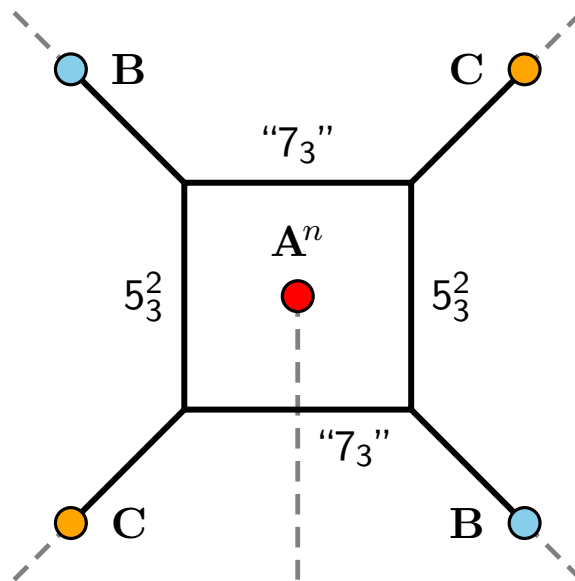


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	"7 ₃ "	—	—	—	—	—		—	—	—	
	5_3^2	—	—	—	—	—		• ²	• ²		—
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There exists 5D $SU(2)$ gauge symmetry with n flavors on 01234-directions.

This gauge theory has non-trivial UV fixed point by RG flow.

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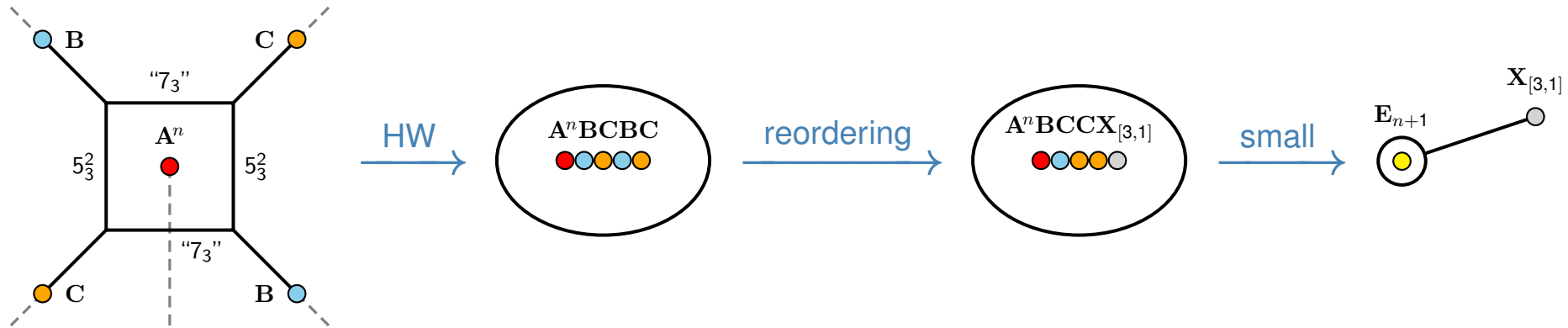
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A-brane : $[1, 0]_{s5}^T$ -brane = NS5

B-brane : $[1, -1]_{s5}^T$ -brane

C-brane : $[1, 1]_{s5}^T$ -brane

5D $\mathcal{N} = 1$ $SU(2)$ gauge with n flavors \rightarrow SCFT with E_{n+1} symmetry



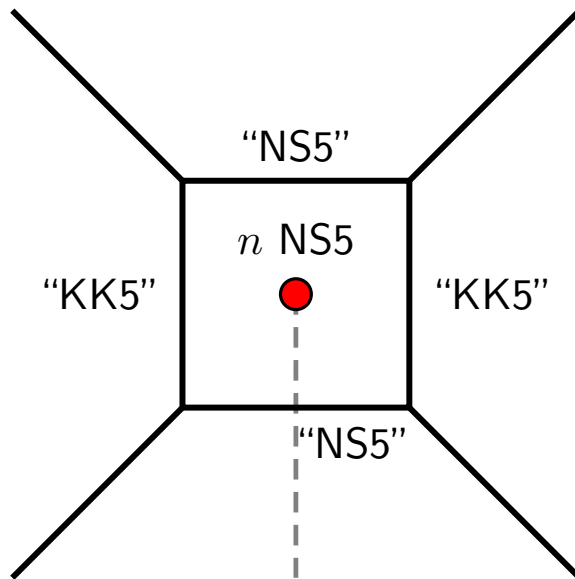
5D gauge coupling is given by Dirac-Born-Infeld action of 7_3 -brane :

$$\frac{1}{g_{\text{YM}}^2} \simeq \frac{V(T_{67}^2)L}{g_s \ell_s^4} = \frac{L}{g_s} \cdot \frac{2\pi \tilde{R}_6}{\ell_s^2} \cdot \frac{2\pi \tilde{R}_7}{\ell_s^2}$$

Then, the strong coupling limit can be controlled as

$$\ell_s \rightarrow 0, \quad \frac{\tilde{R}_i}{\ell_s^2} \rightarrow 0, \quad L \rightarrow 0$$

ST₄₇-dualized system :

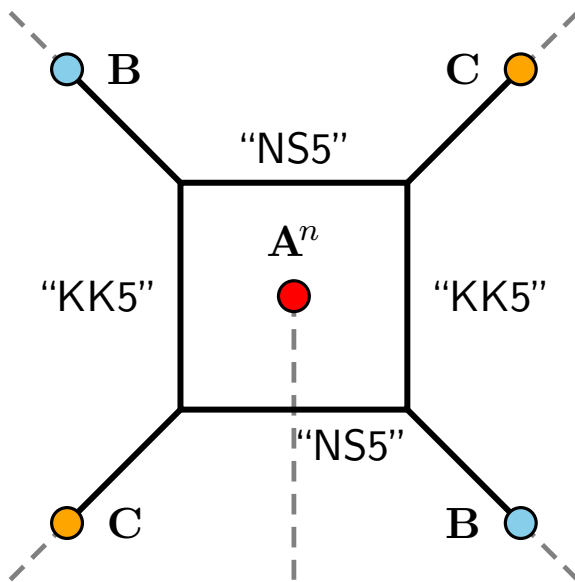


IIB		0	1	2	3	④	5	6	⑦	8	9
A^n	n NS5	—	—	—	—		—	—			
	“NS5”	—	—	—	—				—	—	
	“KK5”	—	—	—	—	—			• ²		—
$(r, s)_4$	r “NS5”	—	—	—	—				—	angle	
	s “KK5”	—	—	—	—	—			• ²		

We can read off 4D $SU(2)$ gauge symmetry with n flavors on 0123-directions.

$$\beta(g_{\text{YM}}) = -\frac{4-n}{16\pi^2} g_{\text{YM}}^3 \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} 0 \leq n \leq 3 : & \text{IR fixed point} \\ n = 4 : & \text{conformal} \\ 5 \leq n \leq 8 : & \text{UV fixed point} \end{cases}$$

ST₄₇-dualized system :



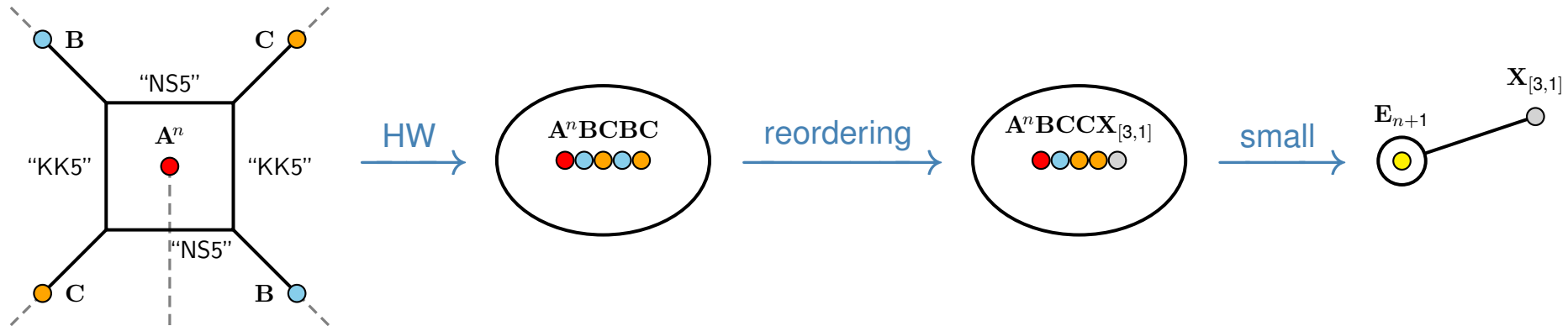
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	"KK5"	-	-	-	-	-			• ²		-
$(r, s)_4$	r "NS5"	-	-	-	-				-		
	s "KK5"	-	-	-	-	-			• ²		angle

A-brane : $[1, 0]_{s5}^T$ -brane = NS5

B-brane : $[1, -1]_{s5}^T$ -brane

C-brane : $[1, 1]_{s5}^T$ -brane

4D $\mathcal{N} = 2$ $SU(2)$ gauge with n flavors \rightarrow SCFT with E_{n+1} symmetry



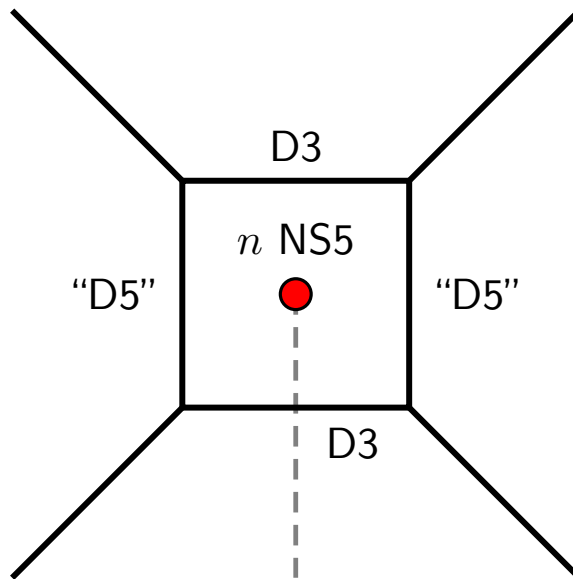
4D gauge coupling is derived from Dirac-Born-Infeld action of NS5-brane :

$$\frac{1}{g_{\text{YM}}^2} \simeq \frac{(2\pi \tilde{R}_7) L}{\ell_s^2}$$

Then, the strong coupling limit is given by

$$\ell_s \rightarrow 0, \quad \frac{\tilde{R}_7}{\ell_s^2} \rightarrow 0, \quad L \rightarrow 0$$

ST₃₄-dualized system :

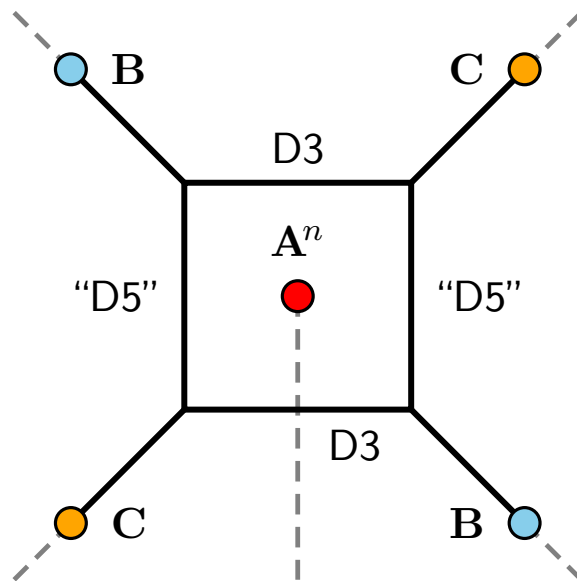


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A^n	n NS5	—	—	—			—	—	—		
	D3	—	—	—						—	
	"D5"	—	—	—	—	—					—
$(r, s)_3$	r D3	—	—	—						angle	
	s "D5"	—	—	—	—	—					

We can see 3D $SU(2)$ gauge symmetry with n flavors on 012-directions.

There exists IR fixed point.

ST₃₄-dualized system :



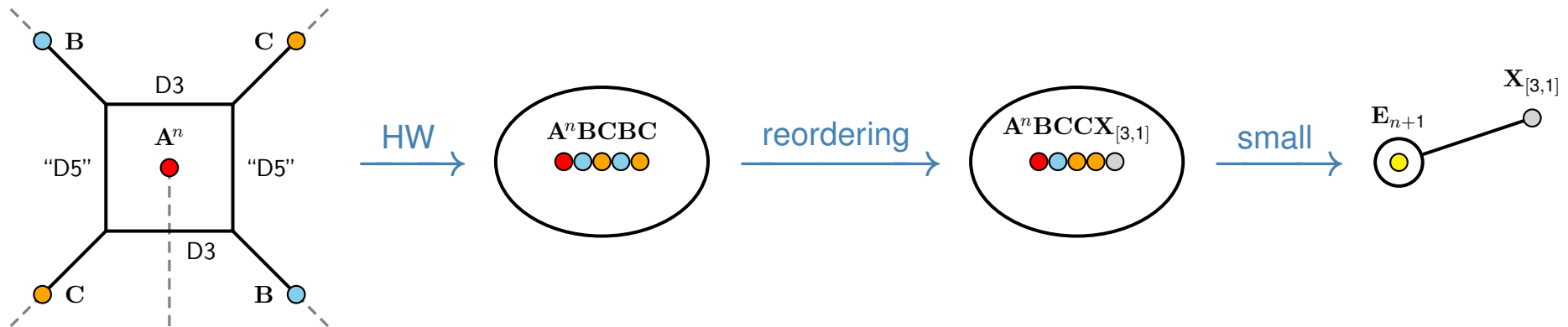
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A^n	n NS5	—	—	—			—	—	—		
	D3	—	—	—						—	
	"D5"	—	—	—	—	—					—
$(r, s)_3$	r D3	—	—	—						angle	
	s "D5"	—	—	—	—	—					

A-brane : $[1, 0]_{s5}^T$ -brane = NS5

B-brane : $[1, -1]_{s5}^T$ -brane

C-brane : $[1, 1]_{s5}^T$ -brane

3D $\mathcal{N} = 4$ $SU(2)$ gauge with n flavors \rightarrow SCFT with E_{n+1} symmetry



3D gauge coupling is given by Dirac-Born-Infeld action of D3-brane :

$$\frac{1}{g_{\text{YM}}^2} \simeq \frac{L}{g_s}$$

Then the strong coupling limit is given by

$$L \rightarrow 0$$

Here we **understood**

- ✓ # of exotic 5-branes gives # of flavors in gauge theory.
- ✓ Alignment of exotic 5-branes in the loop gives global symmetry in the strong coupling limit.

We can construct SCFTs in various dimensions by exotic branes.

This is beyond F-theory result.

Summary

Eventually, we **understood**

- ✓ objects ending on 5_2^2 -brane
= wrapped D3-brane

(Its oscillations provide excitation modes on the 5_2^2 -brane worldvolume.)

- ✓ objects sensitive to 5_2^2 -brane branch cut
= wrapped D3 (and 5_3^2 , wrapped KK5, wrapped D5)

(They are created/annihilated by the Hanany-Witten transitions.)

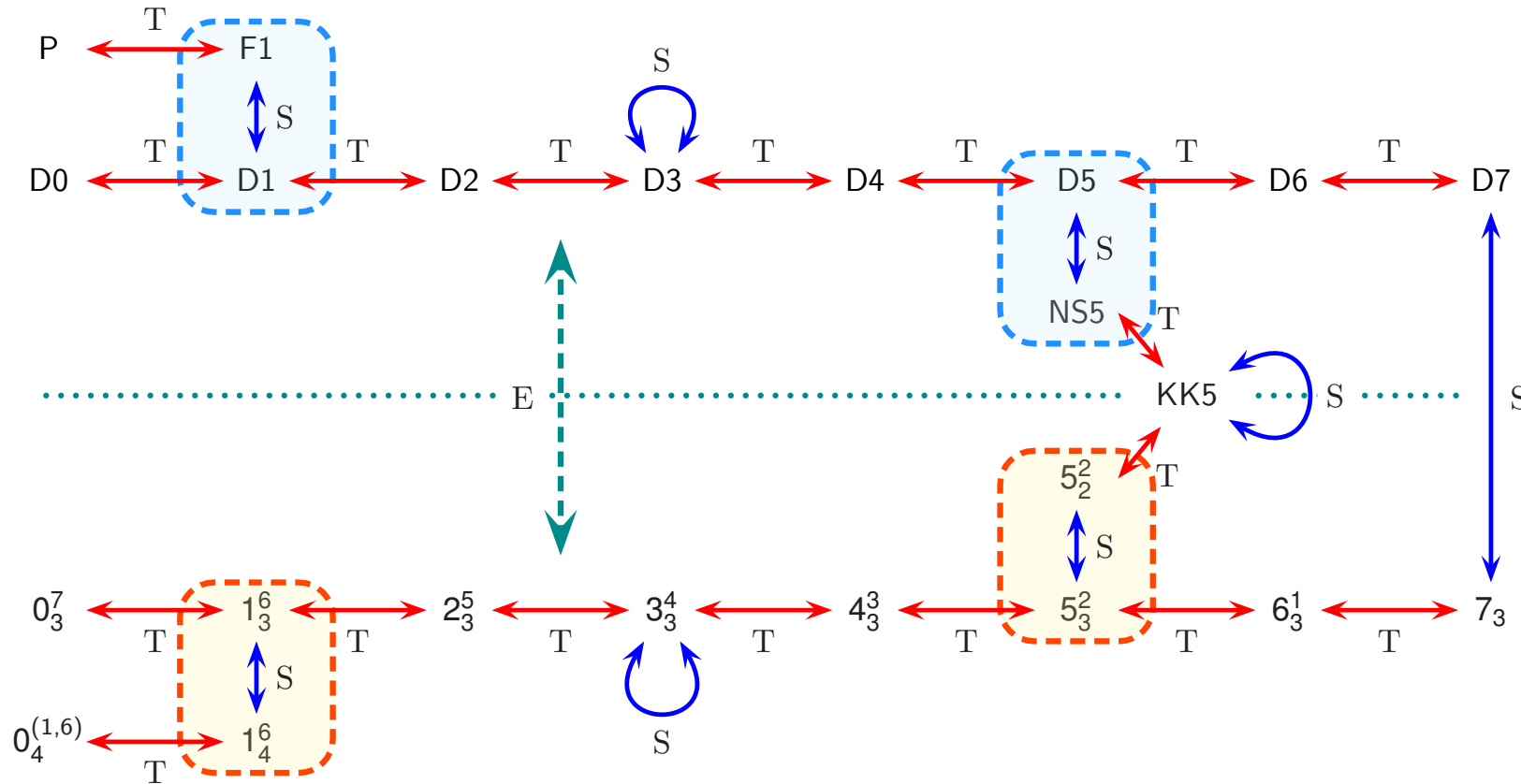
We also **found** the brane constructions which give rise to

- ✓ SCFTs with E_{n+1} symmetry in 5D, 4D, 3D (qualitatively)

We can further construct various brane configurations involving exotic branes.

If you adapt the techniques of the 7-branes to the exotic branes,
you can construct F-theories in **any** dimensions.

Nongeometric $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ doublets : $(1_4^6, 1_3^6)$ -string and $(5_3^2, 5_2^2)$ -brane



These pairs **do not** couple to $[p, q]$ 7-brane in the conventional type IIB supergravity

Go beyond it \rightarrow Exceptional Field Theories (EFTs)

Thanks

Appendix

Properties of **exotic** branes

Lozano-Tellechea and Ortín: [hep-th/0012051](#)

de Boer and Shigemori: [arXiv:1209.6056](#)

Sakatani: [arXiv:1412.8769](#)

TK: [arXiv:1601.02175](#)

- Solitonic five-branes in IIA theory :

$$\text{NS5}(12345) : \pm\epsilon = \Gamma^{012345}\epsilon$$

$$\text{KK5}(12345,9) : \pm\epsilon = \Gamma^{012345}\Gamma\epsilon$$

$$5_2^2(12345,89) : \pm\epsilon = \Gamma^{012345}\epsilon$$

$$5_2^3(12345,789) : \pm\epsilon = \Gamma^{012345}\Gamma\epsilon$$

$$5_2^4(12345,6789) : \pm\epsilon = \Gamma^{012345}\epsilon$$

- Solitonic five-branes in IIB theory :

$$\text{NS5}(12345) : \pm\epsilon = \Gamma^{012345}(\sigma_3)\epsilon$$

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$$5_2^4(12345,6789) : \pm\epsilon = \Gamma^{012345}(\sigma_3)\epsilon$$

- Defect branes in IIA theory :

$$6_3^1(123456,7) : \pm\epsilon = \Gamma^{0123456}(\sigma_1)\epsilon$$

$$4_3^3(1234,567) : \pm\epsilon = \Gamma^{01234}\Gamma(\sigma_1)\epsilon$$

$$2_3^5(12,34567) : \pm\epsilon = \Gamma^{012}(\sigma_1)\epsilon$$

$$0_3^7(,1234567) : \pm\epsilon = \Gamma^0\Gamma(\sigma_1)\epsilon$$

$$1_4^6(1,234567) : \pm\epsilon = \Gamma^{01}\Gamma\epsilon$$

$$0_4^{(1,6)}(,234567,1) : \pm\epsilon = \Gamma^{01}\epsilon$$

- Defect branes in IIB theory :

$$7_3(1234567) : \pm\epsilon = \Gamma^{01234567}(\mathbf{i}\sigma_2)\epsilon$$

$$5_3^2(12345,67) : \pm\epsilon = \Gamma^{012345}(\sigma_1)\epsilon$$

$$3_3^4(123,4567) : \pm\epsilon = \Gamma^{0123}(\mathbf{i}\sigma_2)\epsilon$$

$$1_3^6(1,234567) : \pm\epsilon = \Gamma^{01}(\sigma_1)\epsilon$$

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- NS5(12345) :

$$ds^2 = dx_{012345}^2 + \rho_2 dx_{67}^2 + \rho_2 |f|^2 dz d\bar{z}$$

$$e^{2\phi} = \rho_2$$

$$B_{(2)} = \rho_1 dx^6 \wedge dx^7, \quad B_{(6)} = \frac{1}{\rho_2} dx^0 \wedge dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^5$$

$$\rho = \rho_1 + i\rho_2 = B_{67}^{(2)} + ie^{2\phi} = B_{67}^{(2)} + i\sqrt{\det G_{mn}}$$

$$\tau = (\text{complex structure of } T_{67}^2) = i$$

$$f = 1, \quad m, n = 6, 7$$

- $5_2^2(12345,67)$:

$$ds'^2 = dx_{012345}^2 + \rho'_2 dx_{67}^2 + \rho'_2 |f'|^2 dzd\bar{z}$$

$$e^{2\phi'} = \rho'_2$$

$$B'_{(2)} = \rho'_1 dx^6 \wedge dx^7, \quad B'_{(6)} = \frac{1}{\rho'_2} dx^0 \wedge dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^5$$

$$\rho' = B'_{67}{}^{(2)} + ie^{2\phi'} = B'_{67}{}^{(2)} + i\sqrt{\det G'_{mn}} = -\frac{1}{\rho_{\text{NS5}}}$$

$$\rho'_1 = -\frac{\rho_1}{|\rho|^2}, \quad \rho'_2 = \frac{\rho_2}{|\rho|^2}$$

$$\tau' = (\text{complex structure of } \tilde{T}_{67}^2) = i = -\frac{1}{\tau_{\text{NS5}}}$$

$$\rho'_2 |f'|^2 = \rho_2 |f|^2, \quad m, n = 6, 7$$

- KK5(12345,7) smeared along 6-th direction :

$$ds^2 = dx_{012345}^2 + \tau_2 dx_6^2 + \frac{1}{\tau_2} (dx^7 - \tau_1 dx^6)^2 + \tau_2 |f|^2 dz d\bar{z}$$

$$e^{2\phi} = 1, \quad B_{(2)} = 0, \quad B_{(6)} = 0$$

$$\rho = B_{67}^{(2)} + i\sqrt{\det G_{mn}} = i$$

$$\tau = (\text{complex structure of } T_{67}^2) = \tau_1 + i\tau_2$$

$$f = 1, \quad m, n = 6, 7$$

- KK5(12345,6) smeared along 7-th direction :

$$ds'^2 = dx_{012345}^2 + \tau_2' dx_6^2 + \frac{1}{\tau_2'} (dx^7 - \tau_1' dx^6)^2 + \tau_2' |f'|^2 dz d\bar{z}$$

$$e^{2\phi'} = 1, \quad B'_{(2)} = 0, \quad B'_{(6)} = 0$$

$$\rho' = B'_{67}{}^{(2)} + i\sqrt{\det G'_{mn}} = i = -\frac{1}{\rho_{\text{KK5}}}$$

$$\tau' = (\text{complex structure of } \tilde{T}_{67}^2) = \tau_1' + i\tau_2' = -\frac{1}{\tau_{\text{KK5}}}$$

$$\tau_2' |f'|^2 = \tau_2 |f|^2, \quad m, n = 6, 7$$

- $Dp(12 \cdots p)$:

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{(\rho_2)^{1/2}} dx_{012 \cdots p}^2 + (\rho_2)^{1/2} dx_{a_1 \cdots a_{7-p}}^2 + (\rho_2)^{1/2} |f|^2 dz d\bar{z}$$

$$e^{2\phi} = (\rho_2)^{\frac{3-p}{2}}$$

$$C_{(7-p)} = \rho_1 dx^{a_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge dx^{a_{7-p}}$$

$$C_{(p+1)} = -\frac{1}{\rho_2} dx^0 \wedge dx^1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx^p$$

$$\rho = C_{a_1 \cdots a_{7-p}}^{(7-p)} + ie^{\frac{4}{3-p}\phi} = C_{a_1 \cdots a_{7-p}}^{(7-p)} + ie^{-\phi} (\det G_{mn})^{1/2}$$

$$f = 1, \quad m, n = a_1, \dots, a_{7-p}$$

- $p_3^{7-p}(12 \cdots p, a_1 \cdots a_{7-p})$:

$$ds'^2 = \frac{1}{(\rho'_2)^{1/2}} dx_{012 \cdots p}^2 + (\rho'_2)^{1/2} dx_{a_1 \cdots a_{7-p}}^2 + (\rho'_2)^{1/2} |f'|^2 dz d\bar{z}$$

$$e^{2\phi'} = (\rho'_2)^{\frac{3-p}{2}}$$

$$C'_{(7-p)} = \rho'_1 dx^{a_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge dx^{a_{7-p}}, \quad C'_{(p+1)} = -\frac{1}{\rho'_2} dx^0 \wedge dx^1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx^p$$

$$\rho' = C'_{a_1 \cdots a_{7-p}}^{(7-p)} + ie^{\frac{4}{3-p}\phi'} = -\frac{1}{\rho_{Dp}}$$

$$\rho'_1 = -\frac{\rho_1}{|\rho|^2}, \quad \rho'_2 = \frac{\rho_2}{|\rho|^2}$$

$$\rho'_2 |f'|^2 = \rho_2 |f|^2, \quad |f'| = |\rho| |f|, \quad m, n = a_1, \dots, a_{7-p}$$

- F1(1) :

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{\rho_2} dx_{01}^2 + dx_{234567}^2 + |f|^2 dz d\bar{z}$$

$$e^{2\phi} = \frac{1}{\rho_2}$$

$$B_{(6)} = \rho_1 dx^2 \wedge dx^3 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx^7, \quad B_{(2)} = -\frac{1}{\rho_2} dx^0 \wedge dx^1$$

$$\rho = B_{234567}^{(6)} + ie^{-2\phi}, \quad f = 1$$

- $1_4^6(1,234567)$:

$$ds'^2 = \frac{1}{\rho'_2} dx_{01}^2 + dx_{234567}^2 + |f'|^2 dzd\bar{z}$$

$$e^{2\phi'} = \frac{1}{\rho'_2}$$

$$B'_{(6)} = \rho'_1 dx^2 \wedge dx^3 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^7, \quad B'_{(2)} = -\frac{1}{\rho'_2} dx^0 \wedge dx^1$$

$$\rho' = B'_{234567} + ie^{-2\phi'} = -\frac{1}{\rho_{F1}}$$

$$\rho'_2 |f'|^2 = \rho_2 |f|^2, \quad |f'| = |\rho| |f|$$

- P(1) :

$$ds^2 = -2dx^0dx^1 + \rho_2 dx_1^2 + dx_{234567}^2 + |f|^2 dzd\bar{z}$$

$$e^{2\phi} = \frac{1}{\rho_2}, \quad B_{(2)} = 0, \quad B_{(6)} = 0$$

$$\rho = ie^{-2\phi}, \quad f = 1$$

- $0_4^{(1,6)}(,234567,1)$:

$$ds^2 = -2dx^0dx^1 + \rho'_2 dx_1^2 + dx_{234567}^2 + |f'|^2 dzd\bar{z}$$

$$e^{2\phi'} = \frac{1}{\rho'_2} = \frac{|\rho|^2}{\rho_2}, \quad B'_{(2)} = 0, \quad B'_{(6)} = 0$$

$$\rho' = ie^{-2\phi'} = -\frac{1}{\rho_P}, \quad \rho'_2 |f'|^2 = \rho_2 |f|^2, \quad |f'| = |\rho||f|$$

F-theory

Vafa, “Evidence for F-theory” : [hep-th/9602022](#)

Zwiebach et al: [hep-th/9709013](#), [9801205](#), [9804210](#), [9812028](#), [9812209](#), etc.

DeWolfe, Hanany, Iqbal and Katz: [hep-th/9902179](#)

IIB action in Einstein frame :

$$S_{\text{IIB}} = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^{10}x \sqrt{-G_E} \left\{ R_E - \frac{\partial_M \bar{\rho} \partial^M \rho}{2(\rho_2)^2} - \frac{1}{2} F_{(3)}^i \cdot \mathcal{M}_{ij} F_{(3)}^j - \frac{1}{4} |\tilde{F}_{(5)}|^2 \right\} - \frac{\epsilon_{ij}}{8\kappa^2} \int C_{(4)} \wedge F_{(3)}^i \wedge F_{(3)}^j$$

$$\rho \equiv C + i e^{-\phi} \equiv \rho_1 + i \rho_2, \quad \mathcal{M}_{ij} \equiv \frac{1}{\rho_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\rho_1 \\ -\rho_1 & |\rho|^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F_{(3)}^i \equiv \begin{pmatrix} dC_{(2)} \\ dB_{(2)} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{F}_{(5)} \equiv dC_{(4)} - \frac{1}{2} C_{(2)} \wedge H_{(3)} + \frac{1}{2} B_{(2)} \wedge F_{(3)}$$

$SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ S-duality

$$\rho \rightarrow \frac{a\rho + b}{c\rho + d}, \quad \Lambda^i_j = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$$

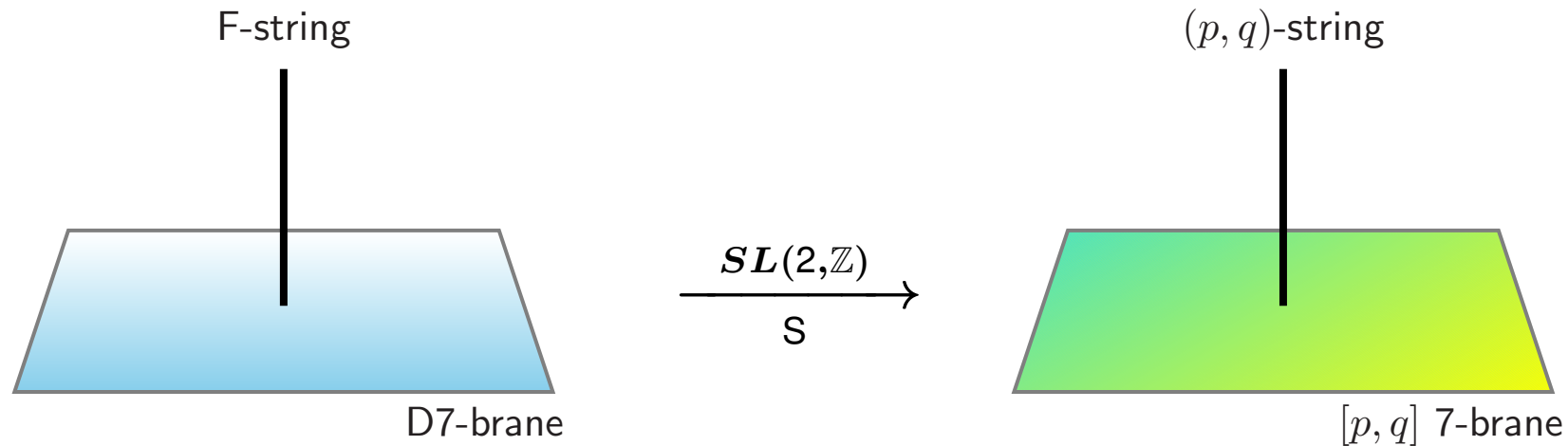
$$F_{(3)}^i \rightarrow \Lambda^i_j F_{(3)}^j, \quad \tilde{F}_{(5)} \rightarrow \tilde{F}_{(5)}, \quad G_{MN}^E \rightarrow G_{MN}^E$$

$$\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \Lambda^{-T} \mathcal{M} \Lambda^{-1}$$

F-string : couple to $B_{(2)}$

D-string : couple to $C_{(2)}$

D7-brane : (magnetically) couple to $\rho = C + ie^{-\phi}$



$(1, 0)$ -string = F-string

$(0, 1)$ -string = D-string

$[1, 0]$ 7-brane = D7-brane

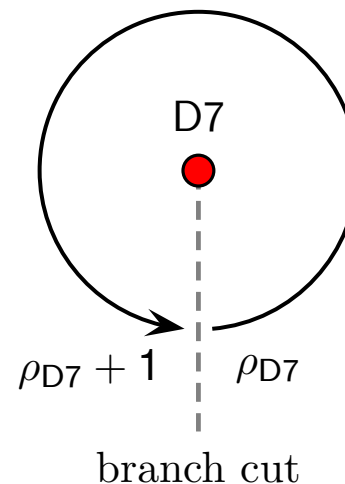
$[0, 1]$ 7-brane = NS7-brane

D7-brane solution :

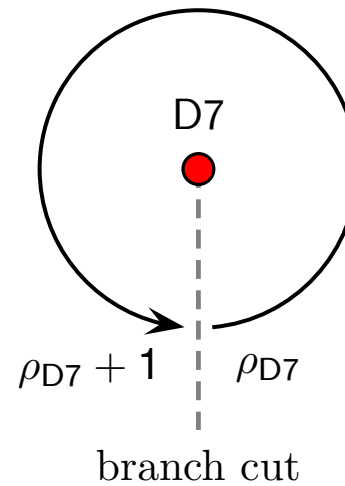
$$\rho(z) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \log\left(\frac{\Lambda}{z}\right) = \frac{\theta}{2\pi} + \frac{i}{2\pi} \log\left(\frac{\Lambda}{r}\right) \quad (z = x^8 + ix^9 = r e^{i\theta})$$

When ρ moves around D7-brane counterclockwise $\theta \rightarrow \theta + 2\pi$,

it receives a magnetic “charge” of D7-brane (**monodromy**) : $\rho \rightarrow \rho + 1$



There exists a branch cut in z -plane.



$$\rho \rightarrow \rho + 1 = \frac{a\rho + b}{c\rho + d} \equiv M_{[1,0]} \cdot \rho, \quad M_{[1,0]} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$$

or

$$K_{[1,0]} \cdot (\rho + 1) = \rho, \quad K_{[1,0]} = (M_{[1,0]})^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

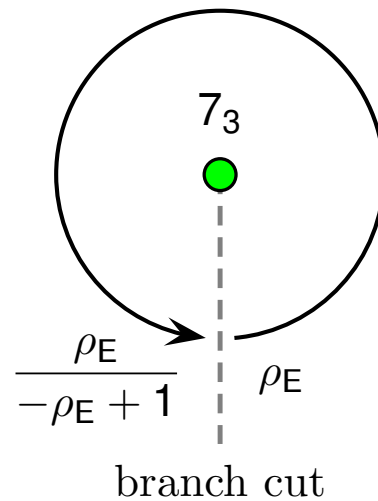
$M_{[p,q]}$: moving around the 7-brane

$K_{[p,q]}$: going across the branch cut

By $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$, the monodromy matrix for general $[p, q]$ 7-brane is given as

$$K_{[p,q]} = g K_{[1,0]} g^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + pq & -p^2 \\ q^2 & 1 - pq \end{pmatrix} \quad g \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$$

ex) monodromy $K_{[0,1]}$ for 7_3 -brane : $K_{[0,1]} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

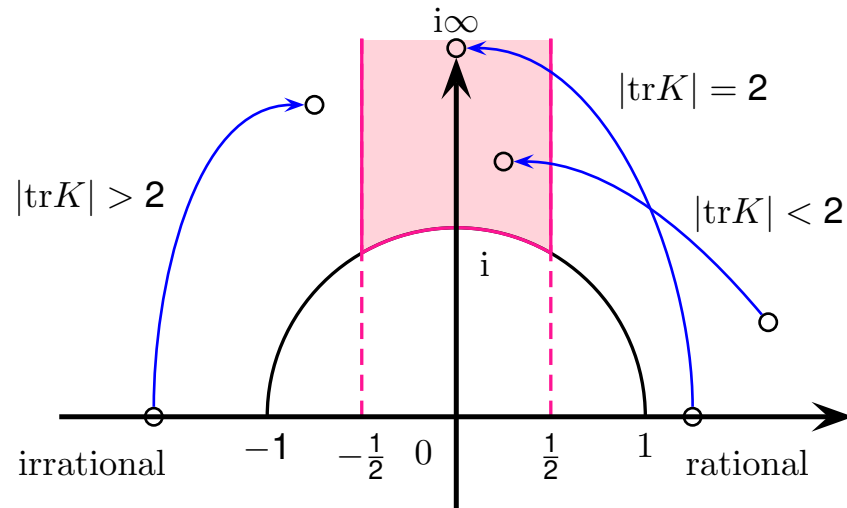


$$\rho_E = -\frac{1}{\rho_{D7}}$$

$|\mathrm{tr}K|$ is a good character to classify 7-branes :

$$K \cdot \rho_* = \frac{a\rho_* + b}{c\rho_* + d} = \rho_*, \quad K = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$$

$$\therefore \rho_* = \frac{1}{2c} \left\{ (a - d) \pm \sqrt{(\mathrm{tr}K)^2 - 4} \right\}$$



$|\mathrm{tr}K| = 2$: parabolic (collapsible)

$|\mathrm{tr}K| < 2$: elliptic (collapsible)

$|\mathrm{tr}K| > 2$: hyperbolic (non-collapsible)

$\text{tr}K$	monodromy	branes	collapsible?	symmetry	
+2	$T^{-n} = K_A^n$	A^n	yes	$A_{n-1} = SU(n)$	$n \geq 1$
	$\mathbb{1} = T^0 = K_C K_B K_C K_B K_A^8$	$\widehat{E}_9 \equiv A^8 BCBC$	yes	\widehat{E}_9	$n = 0$
	$T^{ n } = K_C K_B K_C K_B K_A^{8- n }$	$A^{8- n } BCBC$	no	$\widehat{E}_{9- n }$	$n \leq -1$
+1	$ST \sim K_C K_A$	$H_0 \equiv AC$	yes	H_0	“~” up to G tf.
	$(ST)^{-1} \sim K_C^2 K_B K_A^7$	$E_8 \equiv A^7 BC^2$	yes	E_8	
0	$S \sim K_C K_A^2$	$H_1 \equiv A^2 C$	yes	$H_1 = SU(2)$	
	$-S \sim K_C^2 K_B K_A^6$	$E_7 \equiv A^6 BC^2$	yes	E_7	
-1	$-(ST)^{-1} \sim K_C K_A^3$	$H_2 \equiv A^3 C$	yes	$H_2 = SU(3)$	
	$-ST \sim K_C^2 K_B K_A^5$	$E_6 \equiv A^5 BC^2$	yes	E_6	
-2	$-T^{-n} = K_C K_B K_A^{n+4}$	$D_{n+4} \equiv A^{n+4} BC$	yes	$D_{n+4} = SO(2n+8)$	$n \geq 1$
	$-\mathbb{1} = -T^0 = K_C K_B K_A^4$	$D_4 \equiv A^4 BC$	yes	$D_4 = SO(8)$	$n = 0$
	$-T = K_C K_B K_A^3$	$A^3 BC$	no	$D_3 = SO(6) \simeq SU(4)$	$n = -1$
	$-T^2 = K_C K_B K_A^2$	$A^2 BC$	no	$D_2 = SO(4) \simeq SU(2) \times SU(2)$	$n = -2$
	$-T^3 = K_C K_B K_A$	ABC	no	$D_1 = SO(2) \simeq U(1)$	$n = -3$
	$-T^4 = K_C K_B$	BC	no	—	$n = -4$

$[p, q]$ -brane is expressed by $z = (p, q)^T$ vector and X_z .

The monodromy matrix K_z is also given as

$$K_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + pq & -p^2 \\ q^2 & 1 - pq \end{pmatrix} = \mathbb{1} + zz^T S, \quad S \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Re-ordering the branes $X_{z_1} X_{z_2}$:

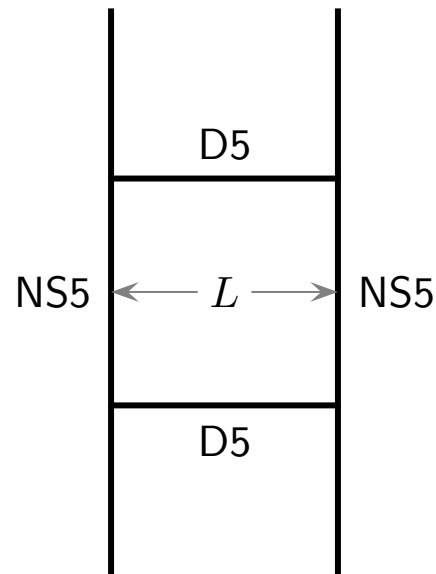
$$X_{z_1} X_{z_2} = X_{(z_2 + (z_1 \times z_2) z_1)} X_{z_1} = X_{z_2} X_{(z_1 + (z_1 \times z_2) z_2)}$$

$$z_1 \times z_2 \equiv -z_1^T S z_2 = z_2 S z_1 = \det \begin{pmatrix} p_1 & p_2 \\ q_1 & q_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$K_{z_2} K_{z_1} = K_{(z_1 + (z_1 \times z_2) z_2)} K_{z_2} = K_{z_1} K_{(z_2 + (z_1 \times z_2) z_1)}$$

Application

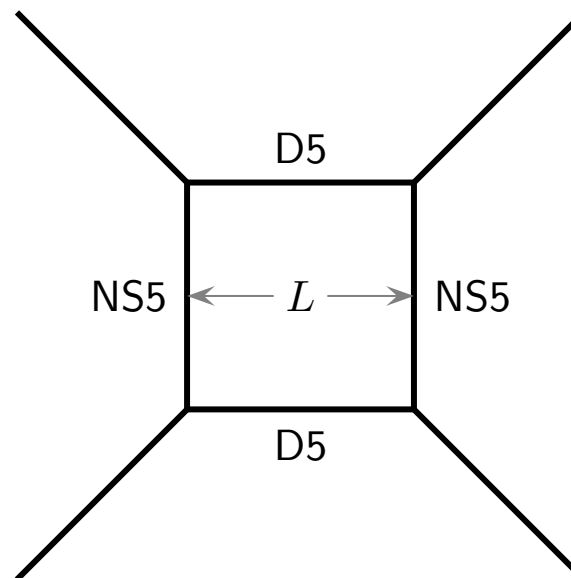
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- ✓ N_f D5 outside 2 NS5 = N_f flavors

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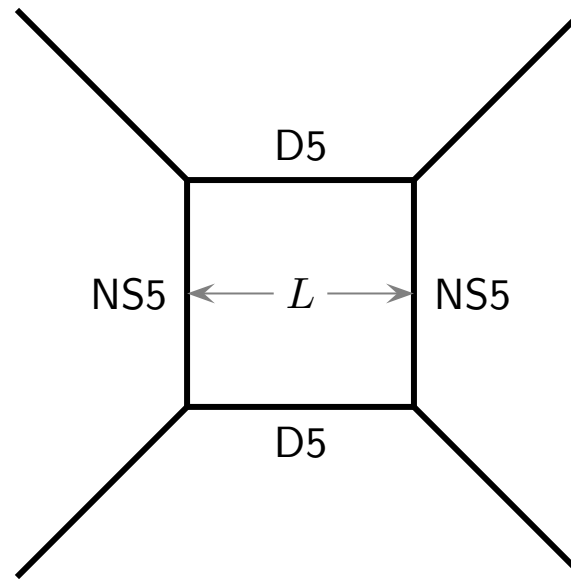
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no D7-branes :

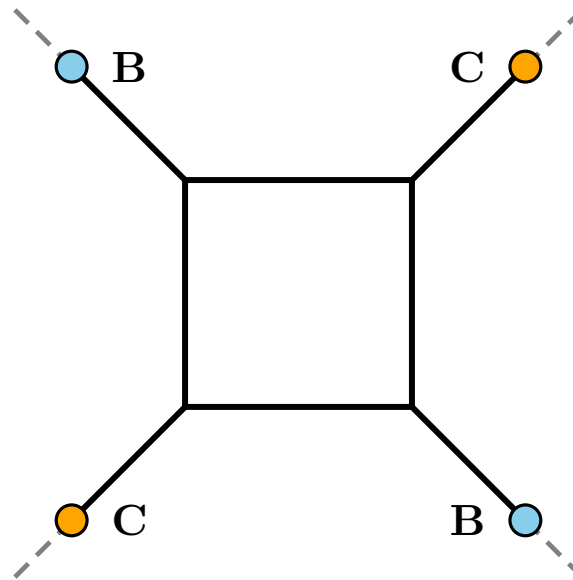
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$$\frac{1}{g_{\text{YM}}^2} \simeq \frac{L}{g_s \ell_s^2}$$

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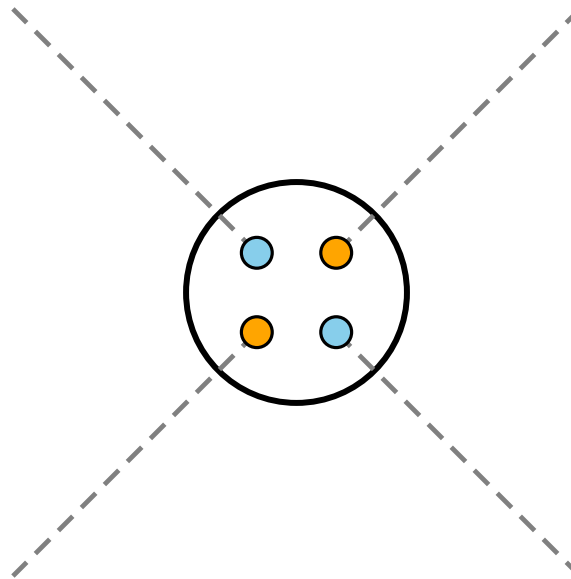


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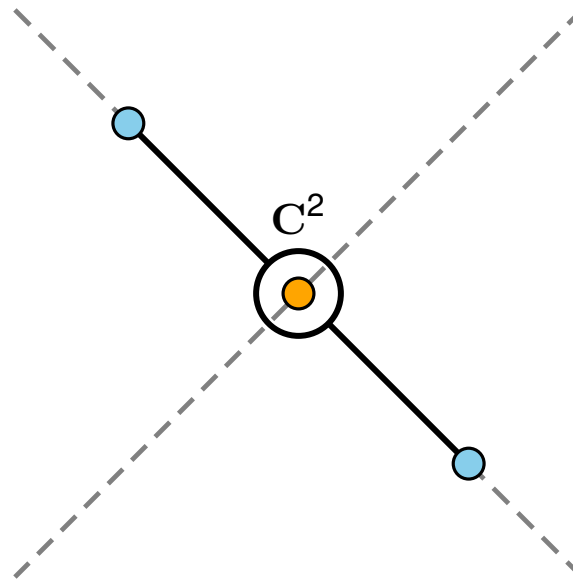


Hanany-Witten transitions

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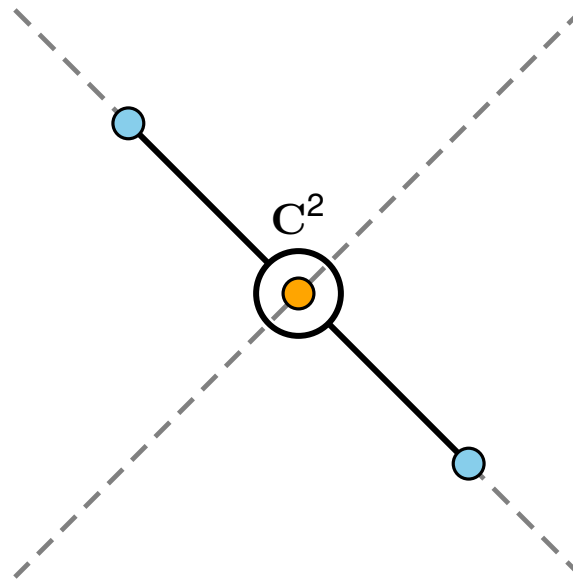


strong gauge coupling limit on 5-branes = small loop limit

$$\ell_s \rightarrow 0, \quad L \rightarrow 0, \quad \frac{L}{\ell_s^2} \rightarrow 0$$

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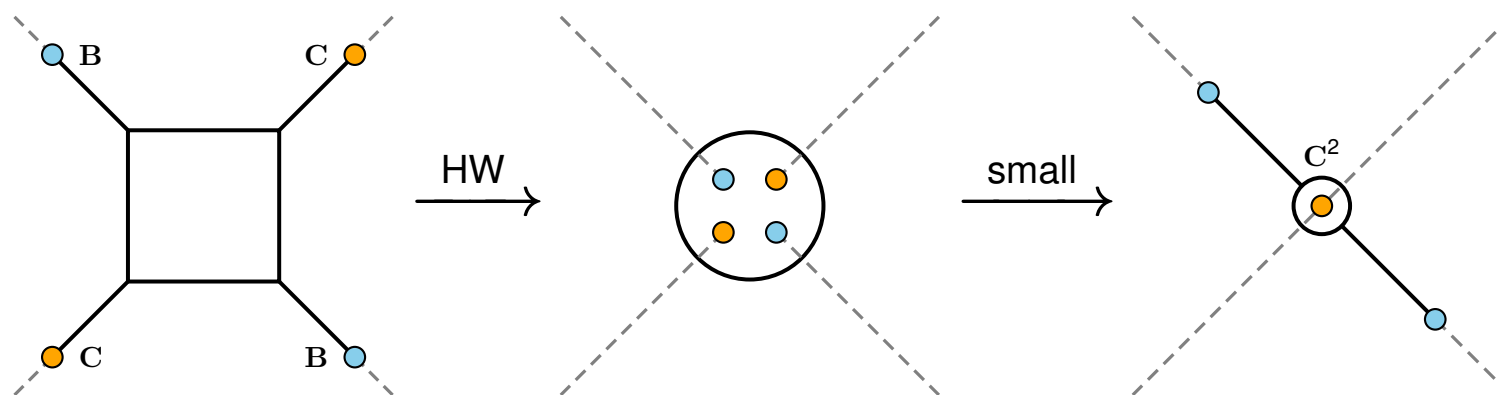


open string ending on 2 C-branes \rightarrow $SU(2)$ symmetry

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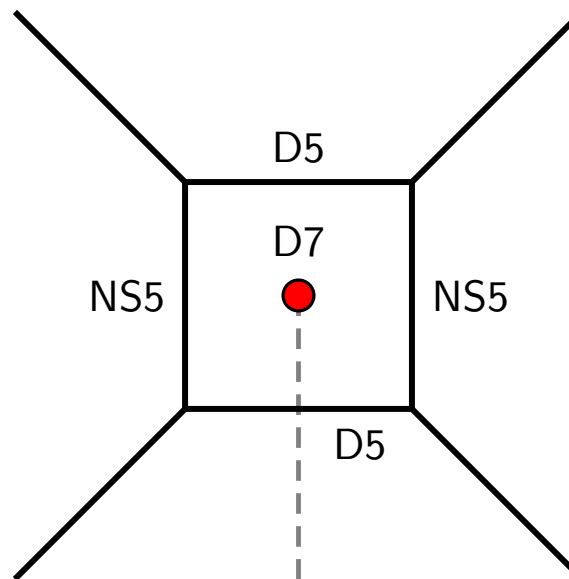
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→ SCFT with $E_1 \simeq SU(2)$ global symmetry emerges!

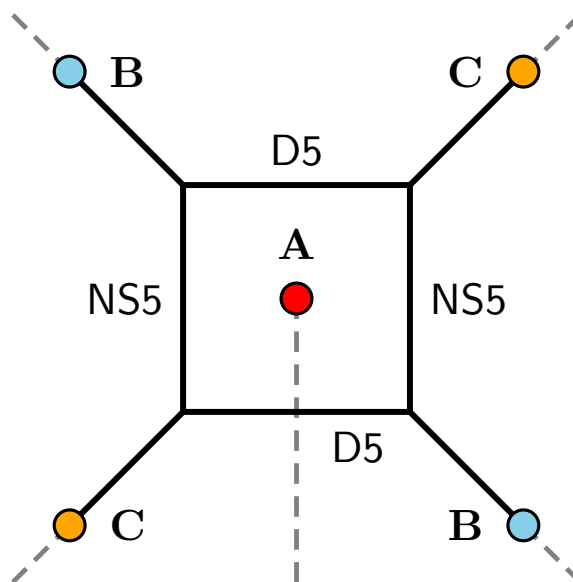
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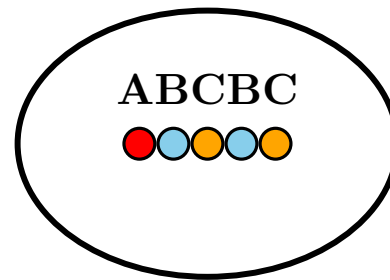
A-brane : $[1, 0]$ 7-brane = D7-brane

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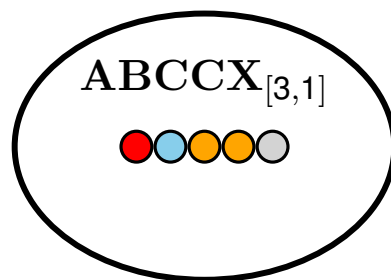


Hanany-Witten transitions

“Box” becomes “loop” by back reaction of ABCBC-branes

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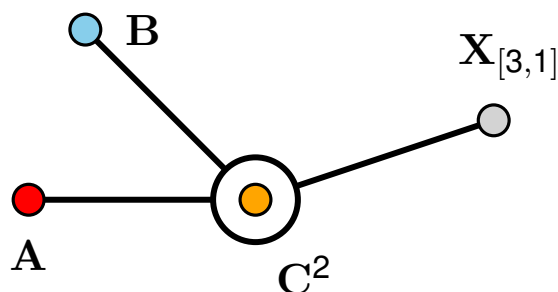


re-ordering of 7-branes : $ABCBC = ABCCX_{[3,1]}$

$X_{[3,1]}$ -brane \equiv $[3, 1]$ -brane

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small loop limit

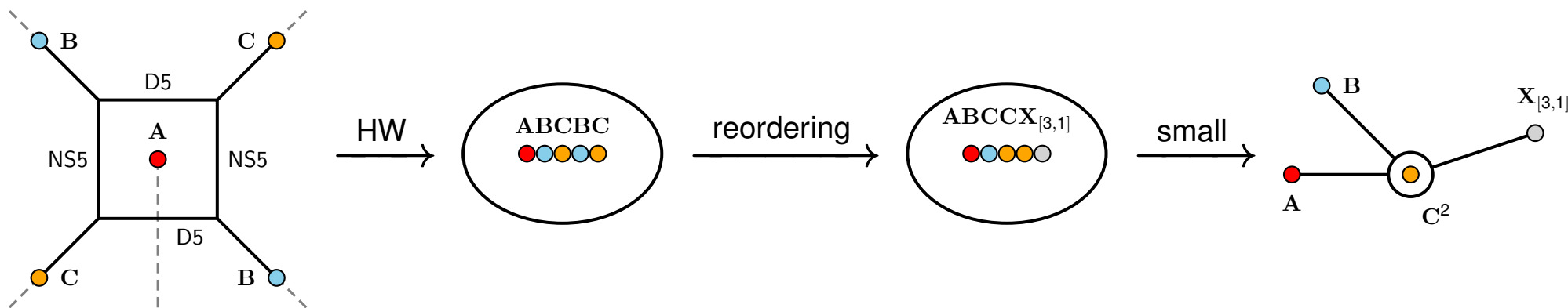
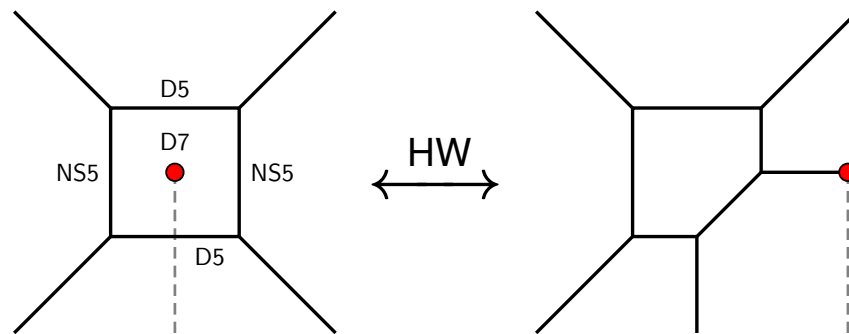
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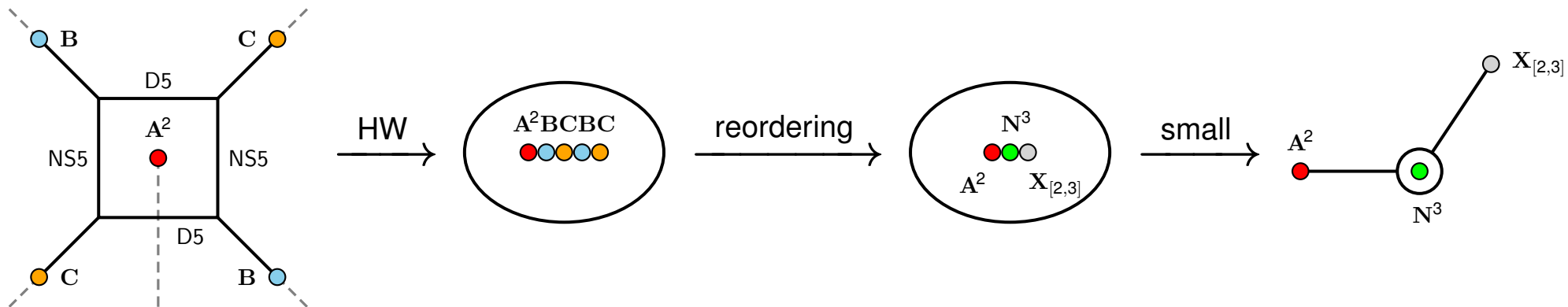
1 D7-brane :

$SU(2)$ gauge with 1 flavor \rightarrow SCFT with $E_2 \supset SU(2)$ symmetry



2 D7-branes :

$SU(2)$ gauge with 2 flavors \rightarrow SCFT with $E_3 = SU(3) \times SU(2)$ symmetry



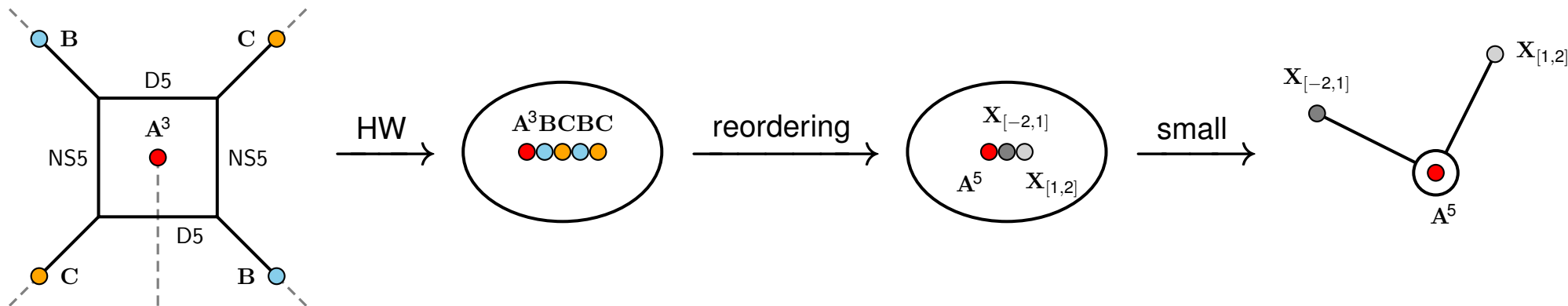
N -brane $\equiv [0, 1]$ -brane

$$A^2BCBC \sim A^2N^3X_{[2,3]} \rightarrow \begin{cases} A^2\text{-brane} : SU(2) \\ N^3\text{-brane} : SU(3) \end{cases}$$

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3 D7-branes :

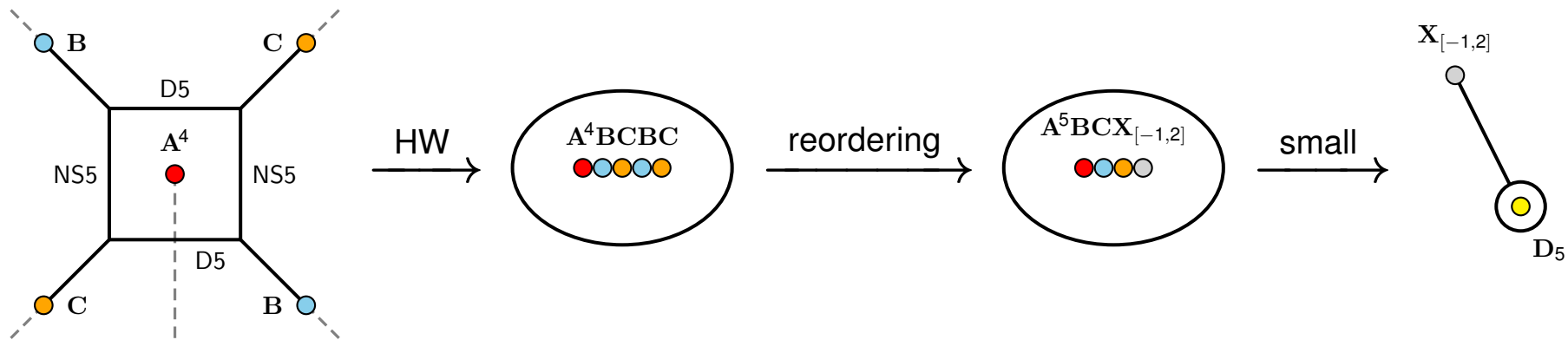
$SU(2)$ gauge with 3 flavors \rightarrow SCFT with $E_4 = SU(5)$ symmetry



$$A^3 BCBC \sim A^5 X_{[-2,1]} X_{[1,2]} \rightarrow A^5\text{-brane} : SU(5)$$

4 D7-branes :

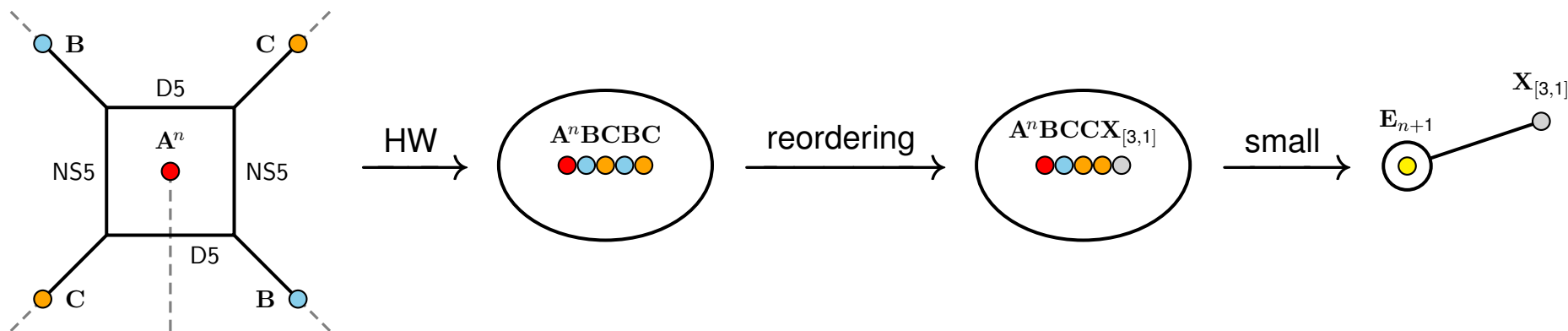
$SU(2)$ gauge with 4 flavors \rightarrow SCFT with $E_5 = SO(10)$ symmetry



$$A^4BCBC \sim A^5BCX_{[-1,2]} \rightarrow A^5BC = D_5 : SO(10)$$

$n = 5, 6, 7$ D7-branes :

$SU(2)$ gauge with $n = 5, 6, 7$ flavors \rightarrow SCFT with E_{n+1} symmetry



After re-ordering $A^n BCBC = A^n BCCX_{[3,1]}$,

$A^n BCC$ are collapsible at one point! $\rightarrow E_{n+1}$ -brane

EFTs in diverse dimensions :

D	U-duality group	arXiv	D	U-duality group	arXiv
9	$E_{2(2)}(\mathbb{Z}) = SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	1512.06115	5	$E_{6(6)}(\mathbb{Z})$	1312.0614 1412.7286
8	$E_{3(3)}(\mathbb{Z}) = SL(3, \mathbb{Z}) \times SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$	1501.01600	4	$E_{7(7)}(\mathbb{Z})$	1312.4542
7	$E_{4(4)}(\mathbb{Z}) = SL(5, \mathbb{Z})$	1302.1652 1412.0635 1512.02163	3	$E_{8(8)}(\mathbb{Z})$	1406.3348
6	$E_{5(5)}(\mathbb{Z}) = SO(5, 5; \mathbb{Z})$	1504.01523			

$$SL(n + 1; \mathbb{Z}) \subseteq E_{n(n)}(\mathbb{Z}) \text{ in } (11 - n)\text{-dim} : 1402.5027$$