

# **Exotic** Brane Junctions from **F**-theory

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# F-theory

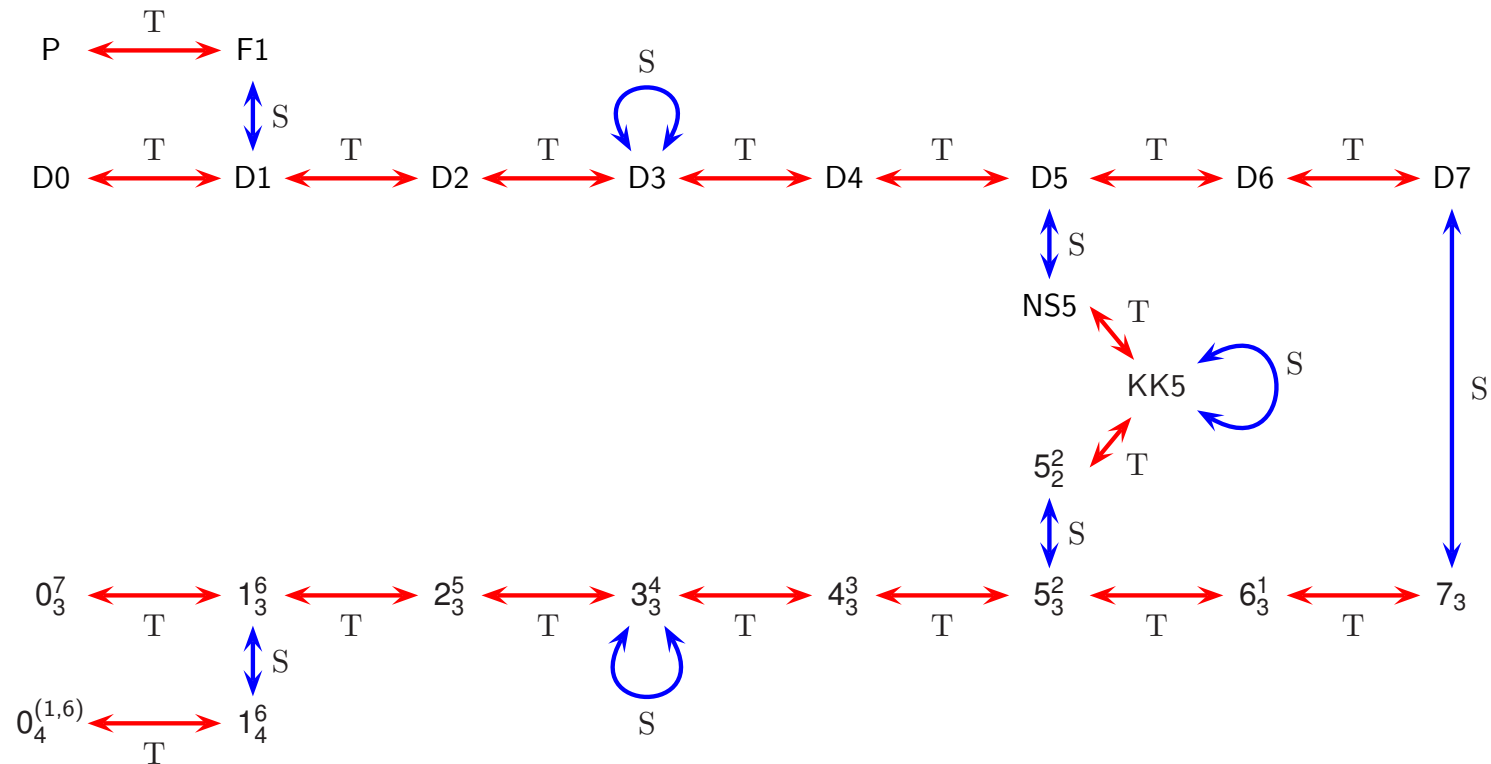
- ✓  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  S-duality monodromy
- ✓  $[p, q]$  7-brane on which  $(p, q)$ -string is ending
- ✓ branch cut, string junctions, and non-trivial (gauge) groups

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

$[0, 1]$  7-brane = “NS7-brane” or **exotic**  $7_3$ -brane

# Exotic branes

- ✓ from standard branes via string dualities in lower dim
- ✓  $\text{codim} = 2 \rightarrow$  **monodromy** by string dualities



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# **Exotic** brane junctions

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

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](#)

Nomenclature  $b_n^{(d,c)}$  :

$$\text{mass} = \frac{R_1 R_2 \cdots R_b (R_{b+1} \cdots R_{b+c})^2 (R_{b+c+1} \cdots R_{b+c+d})^3}{g_s^n \ell_s^{b+2c+3d+1}}$$

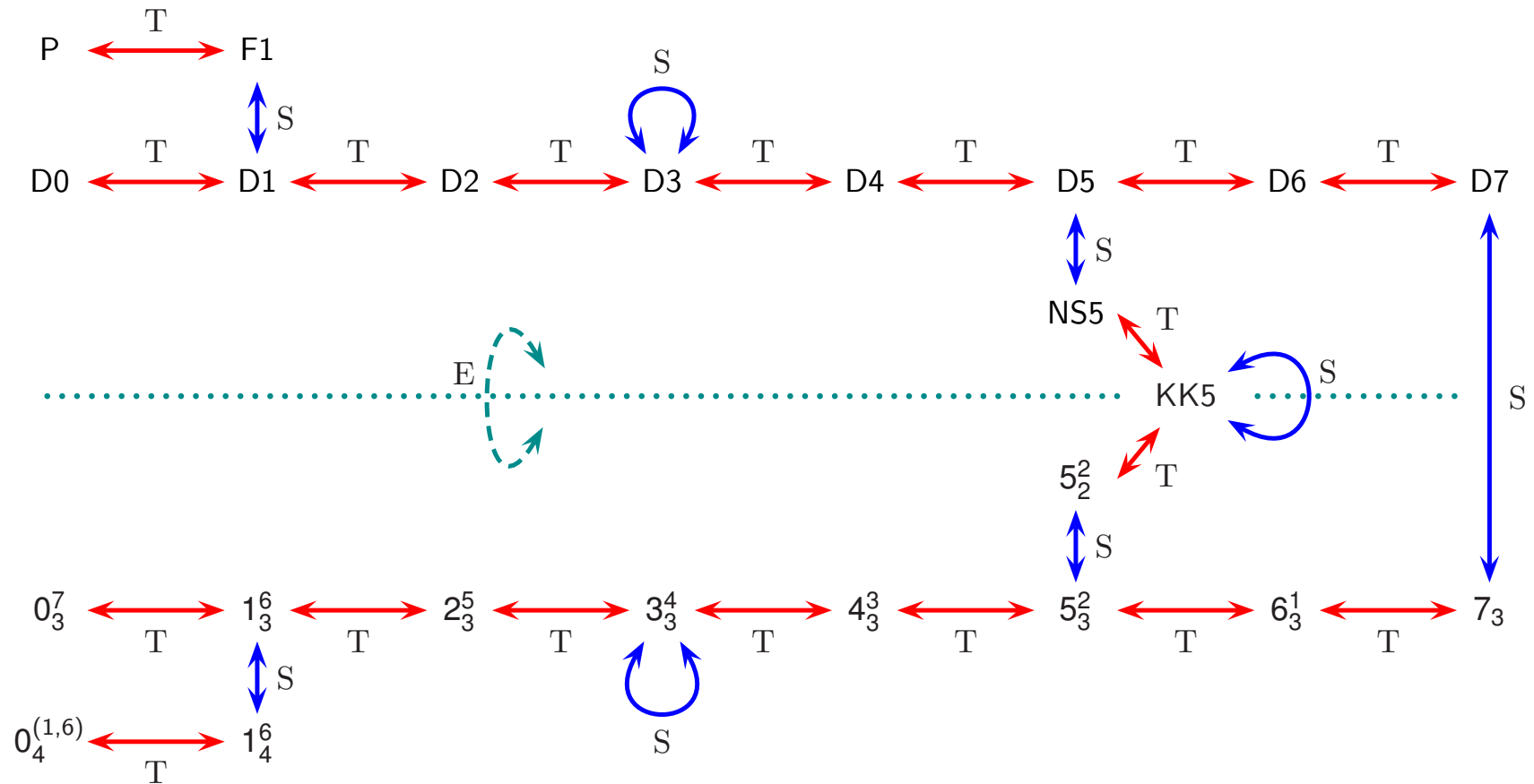
String dualities

$$\mathbf{T}_y : R_y \rightarrow \frac{\ell_s^2}{R_y}, \quad g_s \rightarrow \frac{\ell_s}{R_y} g_s$$

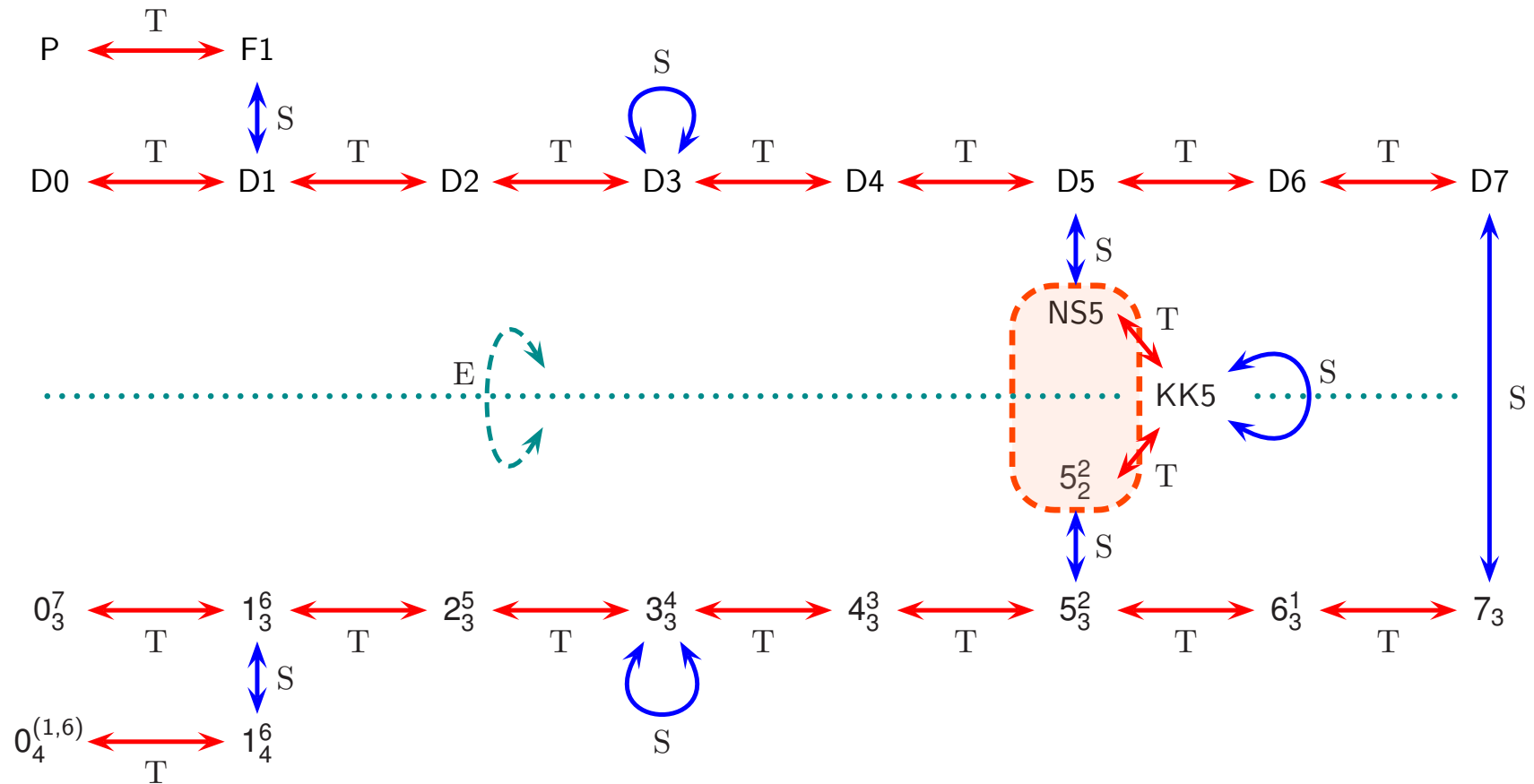
$$\mathbf{S} : g_s \rightarrow \frac{1}{g_s}, \quad \ell_s \rightarrow g_s^{1/2} \ell_s$$

$$\text{D5}(12345) \xrightarrow{\mathbf{S}} \text{NS5}(12345) \xrightarrow{\mathbf{T}_9} \text{KK5}(12345,9) \xrightarrow{\mathbf{T}_8} 5_2^2(12345,89) \xrightarrow{\mathbf{S}} 5_3^2(12345,89)$$

$5_1$                        $5_2$                        $5_2^1$



The  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  pairs  $(Dp, p_3^{7-p})$ ,  $(NS5, 5_2^2)$ ,  $(F1, 1_4^6)$ ,  $(P, 0_4^{(1,6)})$  yield **the same physics** as that of  $(D7, 7_3)$ .



We focus on  $[p, q]_{s5}^T$ -brane =  $(p \text{ NS5}, q \text{ } 5_2^2)$ .

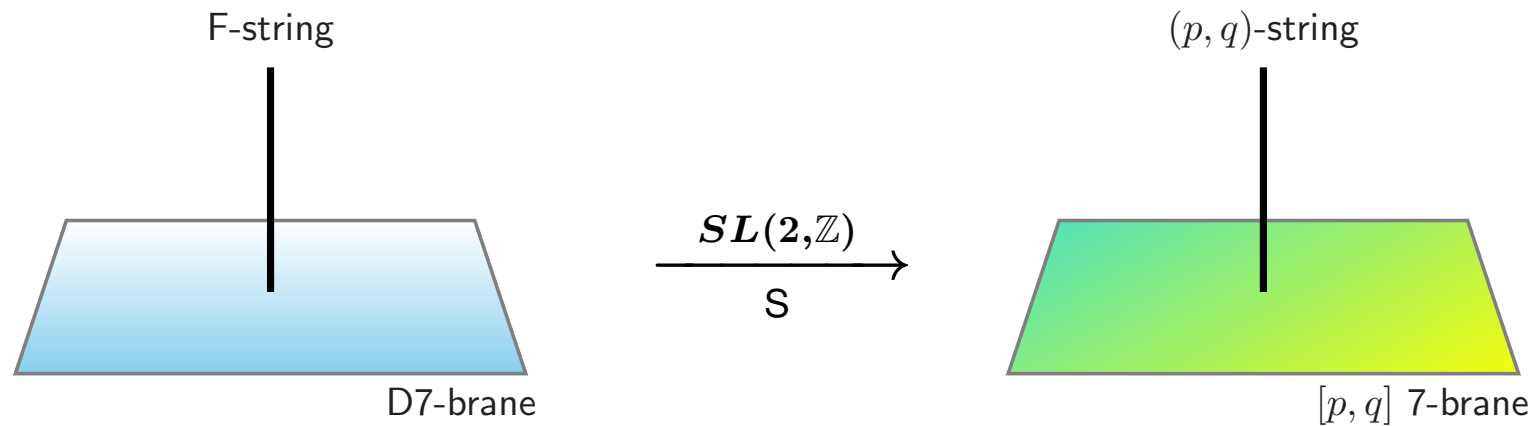


F-string : couple to  $B_{(2)}$

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

D7(1234567) : couple to  $\rho(z) = C + ie^{-\phi}$  ( $z = x^8 + ix^9$ )

F-theory



$(1, 0)$ -string = F1

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

$(0, 1)$ -string = D1

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

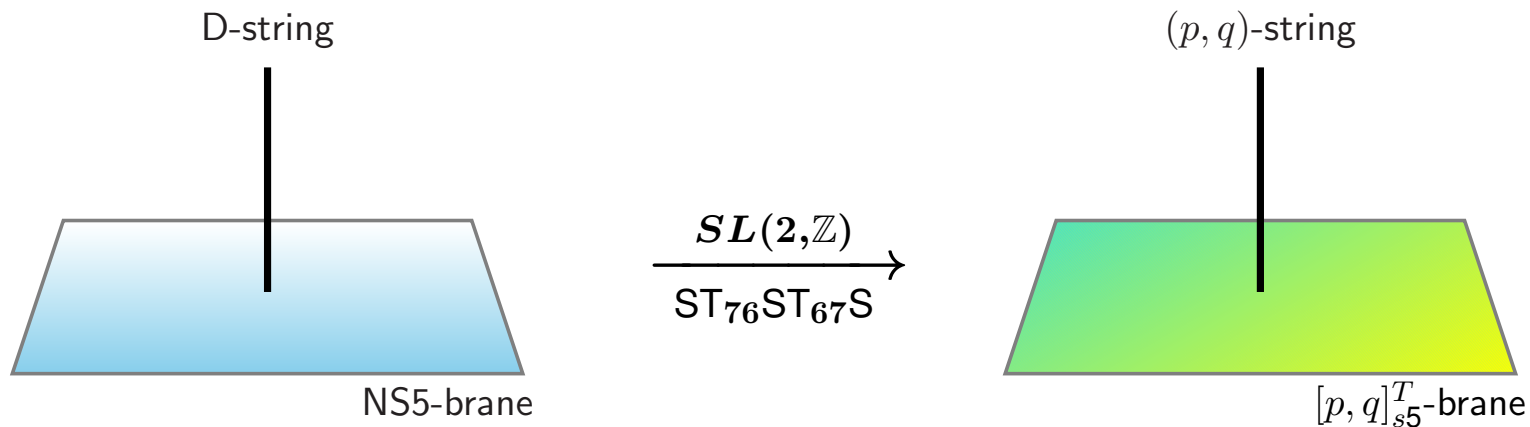
Open D-string is ending on  $7_3(1234567)$ .

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

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

NS5(12345) : couple to  $\rho(z) = B_{67}^{(2)} + ie^{+2\phi} \quad (z = x^8 + ix^9)$

ST<sub>67</sub>-dualized



$(1, 0)$ -string = D1

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

$[1, 0]_{s_5}^T$ -brane = NS5(12345)

$[0, 1]_{s_5}^T$ -brane =  $5_2^2(12345, 67)$

Open D3-brane wrapped on  $T_{67}^2$  is ending on  $5_2^2(12345, 67)$ .

$(r, s)$ -string crossing the branch cut of  $[p, q]$  7-brane :



w/ charge conservation law :  $qr - ps = \pm 1$

$$\text{monodromy matrix : } K_{[p, q]_7^S} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + pq & -p^2 \\ q^2 & 1 - pq \end{pmatrix}$$

“ $[p, q]_7^S$ ” means  $[p, q]$  7-brane

$(r, s)$ -string crossing the branch cut of  $[p, q]_{s5}^T$ -brane :



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

monodromy matrix :  $K_{[p, q]_5^T} = K_{[p, q]_7^S}$

$(p, q)_1$  :  $p$  D1 +  $q$  "D3 wrapped on  $T_{67}^2$ "

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

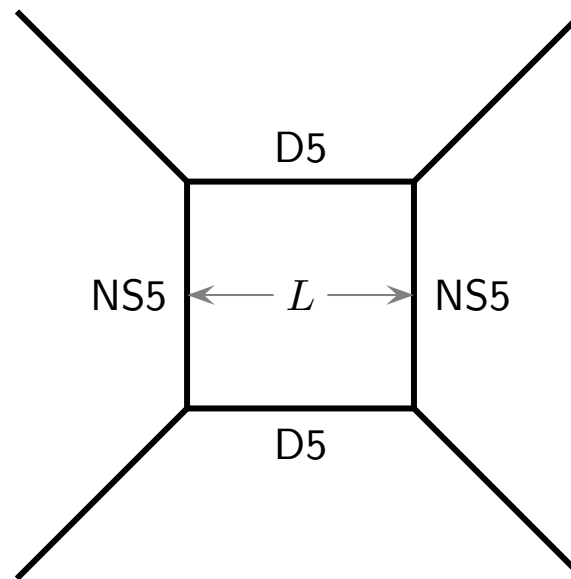
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Benini, Benvenuti and Tachikawa: [arXiv:0906.0359](#)

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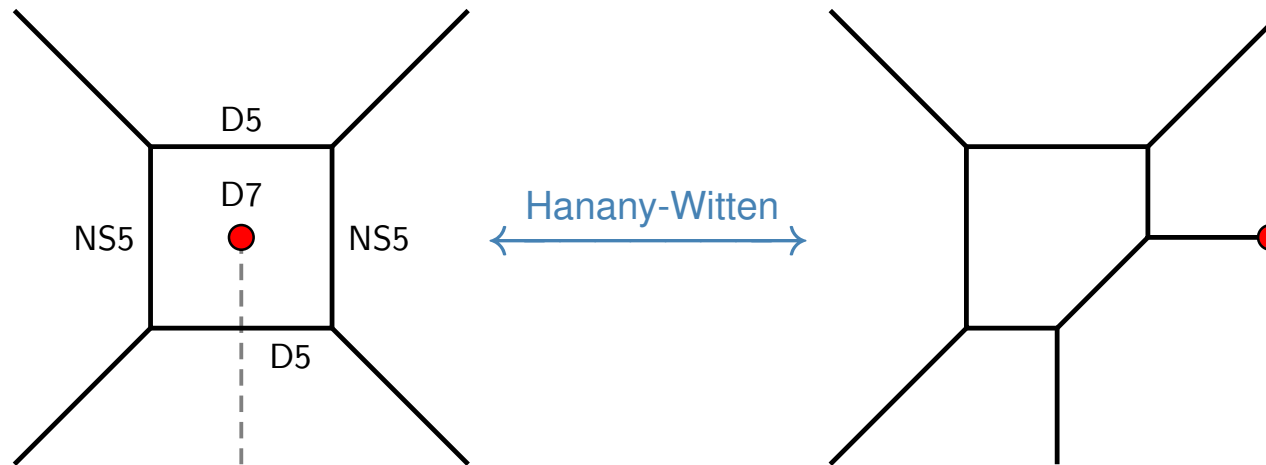
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5D SUSY gauge theory by **brane construction** :



- ✓  $N_c$  D5 between 2 NS5 =  $SU(N_c)$  gauge symmetry
- ✓  $N_f$  D5 outside 2 NS5 =  $N_f$  flavors
- ✓  $\frac{1}{g_{\text{YM}}^2} \simeq \frac{L}{g_s \ell_s^2}$

5D SUSY gauge theory by **brane construction** :

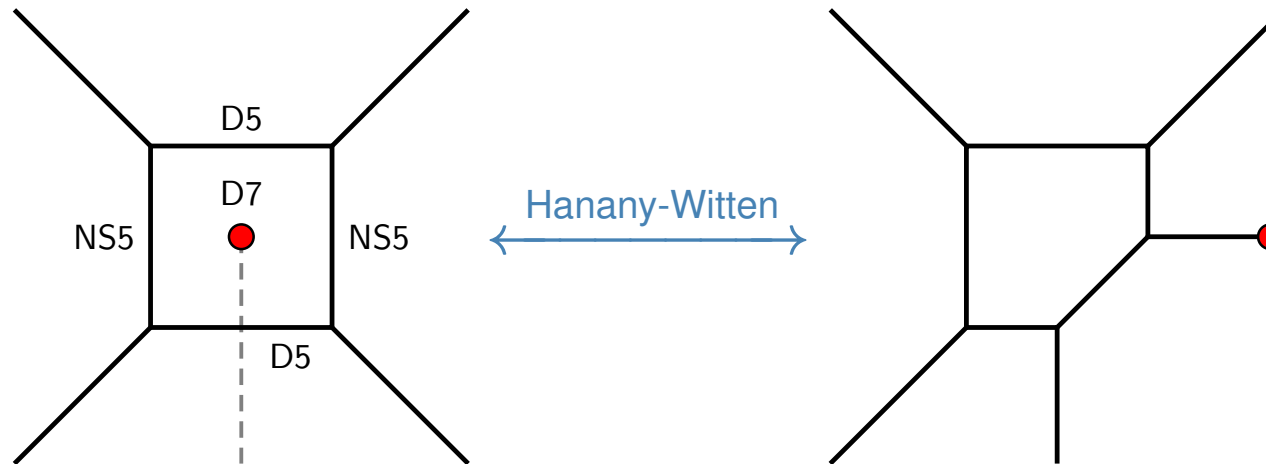


IIB		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	$n$ D7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	D5	-	-	-	-	-				-	
	NS5	-	-	-	-	-					-
$(r, s)_5$	$r$ D5	-	-	-	-	-				angle	
	$s$ NS5	-	-	-	-	-				angle	

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

$L \rightarrow 0$  limit : SCFT with  $E_{n+1}$  symmetry

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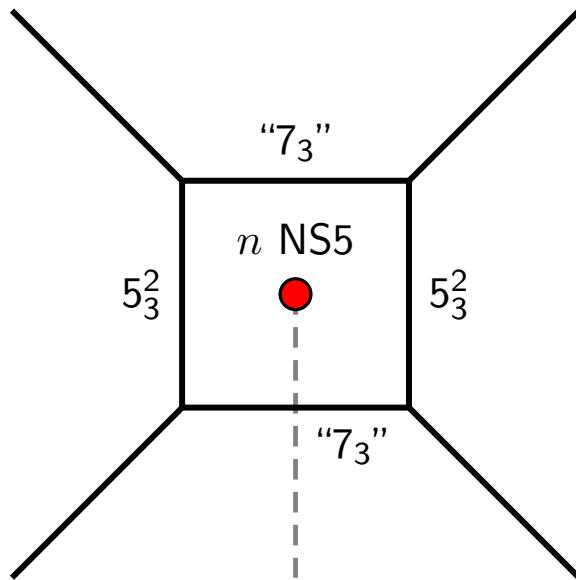
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	$n$ D7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	D5	-	-	-	-	-				-	
	NS5	-	-	-	-	-					-
$(r, s)_5$	$r$ D5	-	-	-	-	-				angle	
	$s$ NS5	-	-	-	-	-					

Perform string dualities :

- ST<sub>67</sub>-dual → 5D
- ST<sub>47</sub>-dual → 4D
- ST<sub>34</sub>-dual → 3D

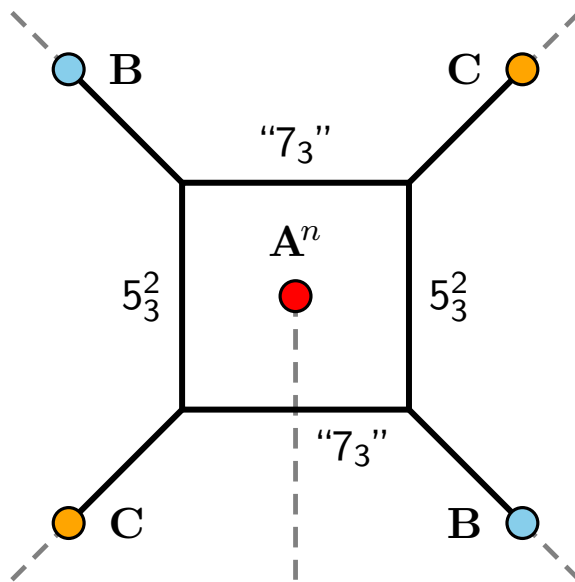


ST<sub>67</sub>-dualized system :



IIB		0	1	2	3	4	5	⑥	⑦	8	9
$A^n$	$n$ NS5	—	—	—	—	—	—				
	"7 <sub>3</sub> "	—	—	—	—	—		—	—	—	
	$5_3^2$	—	—	—	—	—		• <sup>2</sup>	• <sup>2</sup>		—
$(r, s)_5$	$r$ "7 <sub>3</sub> "	—	—	—	—	—		—	—	angle	
	$s$ $5_3^2$	—	—	—	—	—		• <sup>2</sup>	• <sup>2</sup>		

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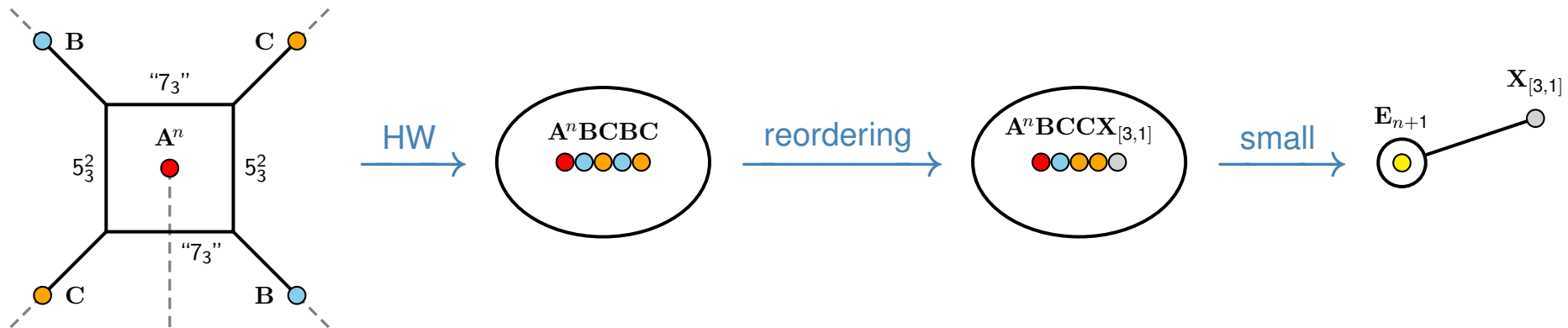
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	"7 <sub>3</sub> "	—	—	—	—	—		—	—	—	
	$5_3^2$	—	—	—	—	—		• <sup>2</sup>	• <sup>2</sup>		—
$(r, s)_5$	$r$ "7 <sub>3</sub> "	—	—	—	—	—		—	—	angle	
	$s$ $5_3^2$	—	—	—	—	—		• <sup>2</sup>	• <sup>2</sup>		

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 w/  $n$  flavors  $\rightarrow$  SCFT w/  $E_{n+1}$  symmetry



$n \geq 9$  : no fixed point

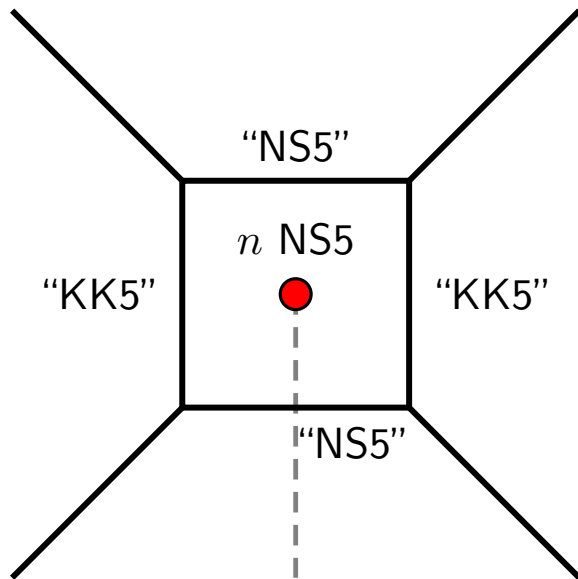
gauge coupling on wrapped  $7_3$  :

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

strong coupling limit :

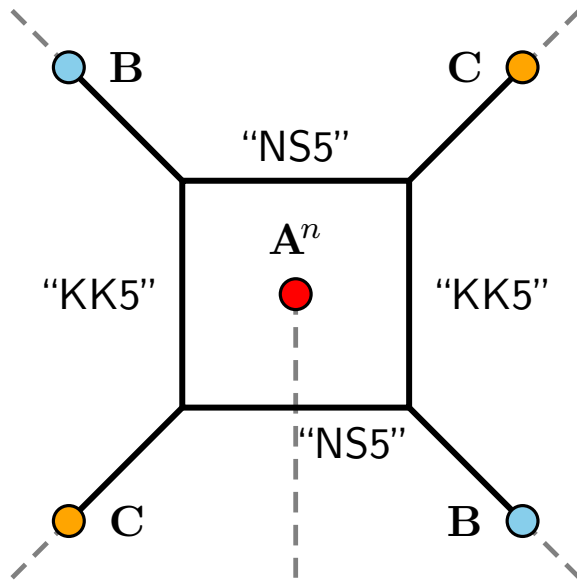
$$\ell_s \rightarrow 0, \quad \frac{\tilde{R}_i}{\ell_s^2}, \quad L \rightarrow 0$$

ST<sub>47</sub>-dualized system :



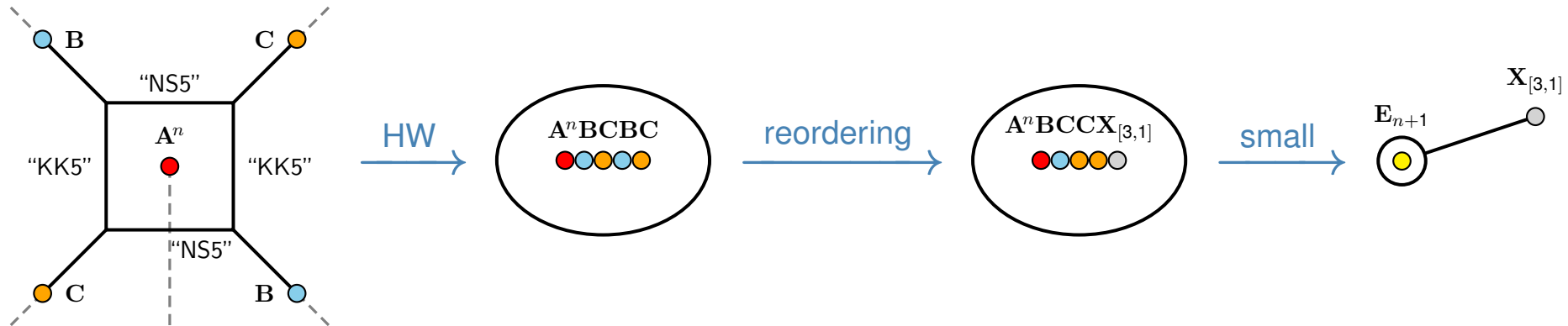
IIB		0	1	2	3	④	5	6	⑦	8	9
$A^n$	$n$ NS5	—	—	—	—		—	—			
	"NS5"	—	—	—	—				—	—	
	"KK5"	—	—	—	—	—			• <sup>2</sup>		—
$(r, s)_4$	$r$ "NS5"	—	—	—	—				—		angle
	$s$ "KK5"	—	—	—	—	—			• <sup>2</sup>		

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$A^n$	$n$ NS5	—	—	—	—		—	—			
	“NS5”	—	—	—	—				—	—	
	“KK5”	—	—	—	—	—			• <sup>2</sup>		—
$(r, s)_4$	$r$ “NS5”	—	—	—	—				—		
	$s$ “KK5”	—	—	—	—	—			• <sup>2</sup>		angle

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



$n \geq 9$  : no fixed point

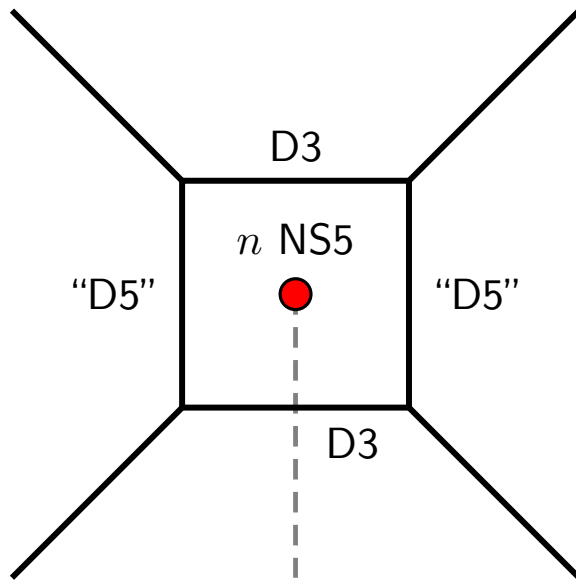
gauge coupling on wrapped NS5 :

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

strong coupling limit :

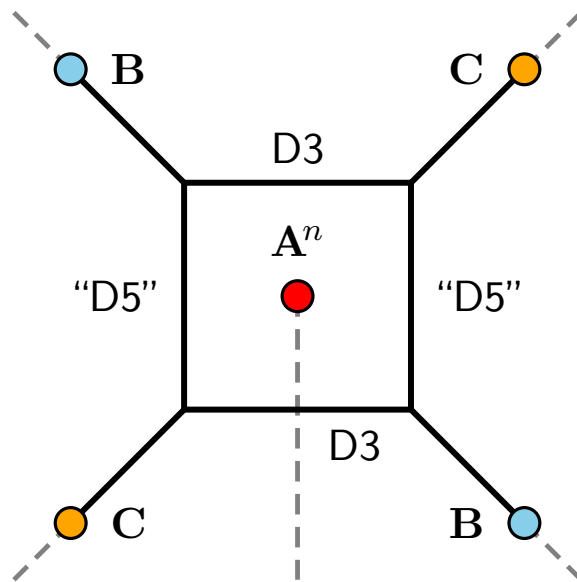
$$\ell_s \rightarrow 0, \quad \frac{\tilde{R}_7}{\ell_s^2}, \quad L \rightarrow 0$$

ST<sub>34</sub>-dualized system :



IIB		0	1	2	③	④	5	6	7	8	9
$A^n$	$n$ NS5	—	—	—			—	—	—		
	D3	—	—	—						—	
	"D5"	—	—	—	—	—					—
$(r, s)_3$	$r$ D3	—	—	—						angle	
	$s$ "D5"	—	—	—	—	—					

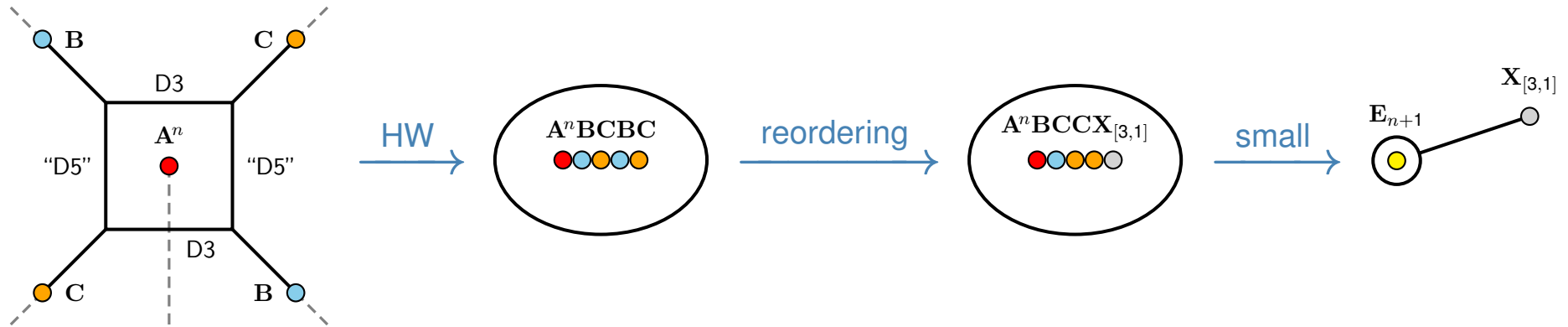
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	D3	—	—	—						—	
	"D5"	—	—	—	—	—					—
$(r, s)_3$	$r$ D3	—	—	—						angle	
	$s$ "D5"	—	—	—	—	—					



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



$n \geq 9$  : no fixed point

gauge coupling on NS5 :

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

strong coupling limit :

$$L \rightarrow 0$$

# 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.

## Exotic F-theories

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

**Thanks**

# **Appendix**

- Solitonic five-branes in IIA theory :

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

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

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

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

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

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- Solitonic five-branes in IIB theory :

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

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

$$5_2^2(12345,89) : \pm\epsilon = \Gamma^{012345}(\sigma_3)\epsilon$$

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

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

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- Defect branes in IIA theory :

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- Defect branes in IIB theory :

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

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

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

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

$$1_4^6(1,234567) : \pm\epsilon = \Gamma^{01}(\sigma_3)\epsilon$$

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

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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 :

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- $Dp(12 \cdots p)$  :

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



- F1(1) :

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\rho' = B'^{(6)}_{234567} + ie^{-2\phi'} = -\frac{1}{\rho_{F1}}$$

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

- P(1) :

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# **F**-theory

Vafa: hep-th/9602022

Zwiebach et al: hep-th/9709013, 9801205, 9804210, 9812028, 9812209, etc.

Zwiebach: “Seven-brane, string junctions and Lie algebra,” 1998年国際シンポジウム「ゲージ理論の力学と弦双対性」

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

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

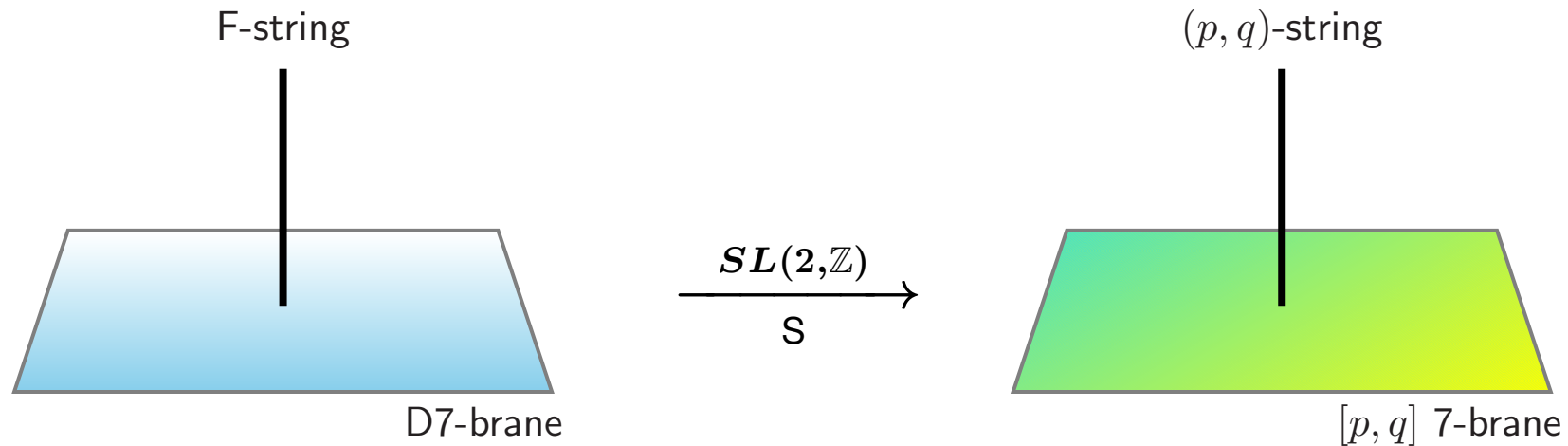
$$F_{(3)}^i \rightarrow \Lambda^i_j F_{(3)}^j, \quad \tilde{F}_{(5)} \rightarrow \tilde{F}_{(5)}, \quad G_{MN}^E \rightarrow G_{MN}^E$$

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

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

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

D7-brane : (magnetically) couple to  $C \in \rho(z)$



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

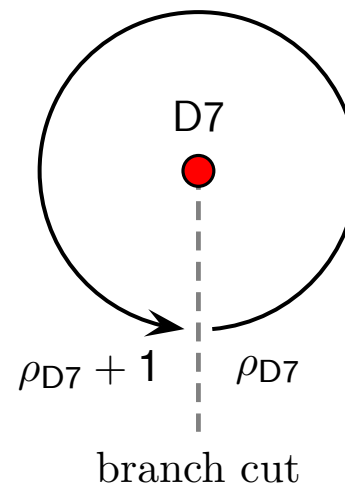
$(0, 1)$ -string = D-string

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

$[0, 1]$  7-brane =  $7_3$ -brane (or NS7-brane)

When  $\rho$  moves around a D7-brane counterclockwise,

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



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

or equivalently

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

Monodromy matrix  $K_{[1,0]}$  is  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  transformed to  $K_{[p,q]}$  for  $[p, q]$  7-brane :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow g \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \end{pmatrix}, \quad g = \begin{pmatrix} p & r \\ q & s \end{pmatrix} \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$$

$$K_{[p,q]} = g K_{[1,0]} g^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + pq & -p^2 \\ q^2 & 1 - pq \end{pmatrix}$$

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



$(r, s)$  5-brane crossing the branch cut of  $[p, q]$  7-brane :



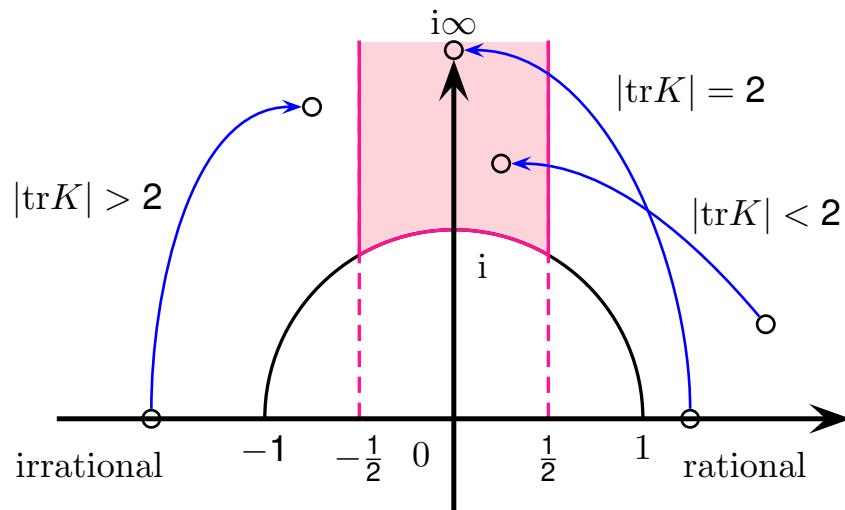
w/ charge conservation law :  $qr - ps = \pm 1$

$(p, q)_5$ -brane :  $p$  D5-branes +  $q$  NS5-branes on which  $(p, q)$ -string is ending

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

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

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



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

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

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

trK	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

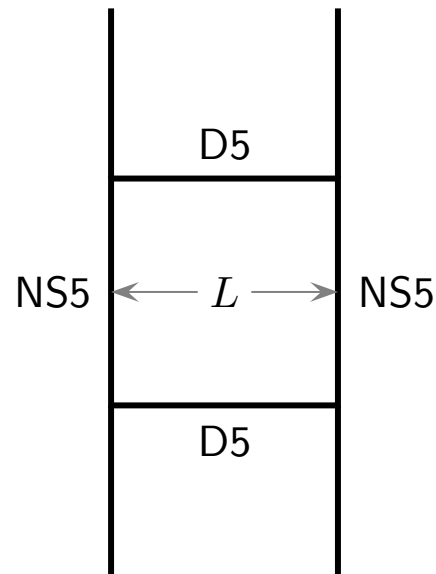
$$K_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + pq & -p^2 \\ q^2 & 1 - pq \end{pmatrix} = \mathbb{1} + zz^T S, \quad S \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} X_{z_1} X_{z_2} &= X_{(z_2 + (z_1 \times z_2) z_1)} X_{z_1} = X_{z_2} X_{(z_1 + (z_1 \times z_2) z_2)} \\ z_1 \times z_2 &\equiv -z_1^T S z_2 = z_2 S z_1 = \det \begin{pmatrix} p_1 & p_2 \\ q_1 & q_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ K_{z_2} K_{z_1} &= K_{(z_1 + (z_1 \times z_2) z_2)} K_{z_2} = K_{z_1} K_{(z_2 + (z_1 \times z_2) z_1)} \end{aligned}$$

Application

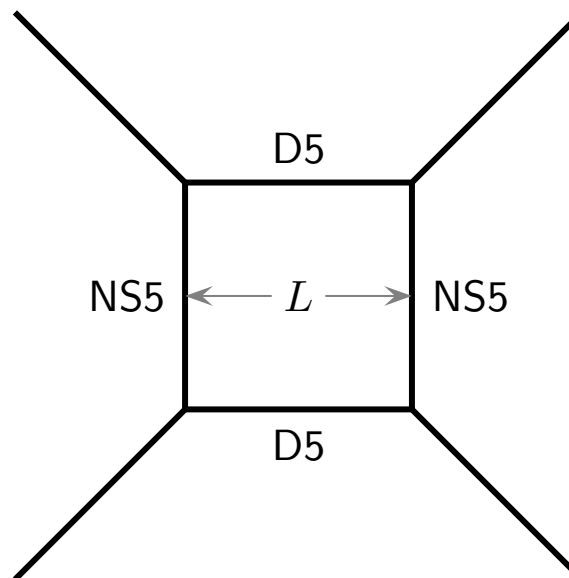
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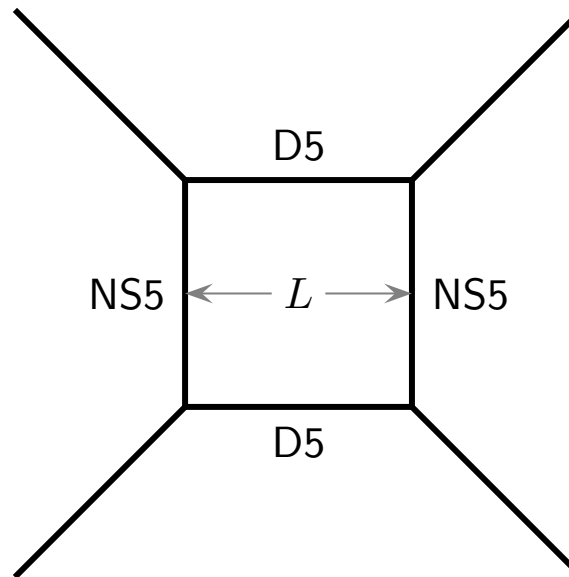
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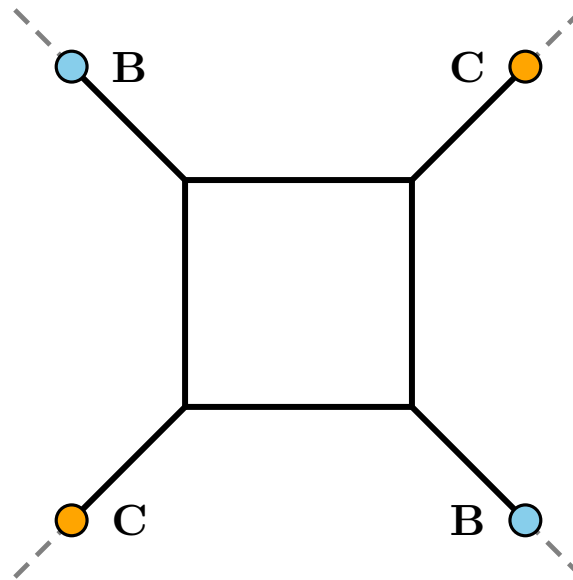
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$$\frac{1}{g_{\text{YM}}^2} \simeq \frac{L}{g_s \ell_s^2}$$

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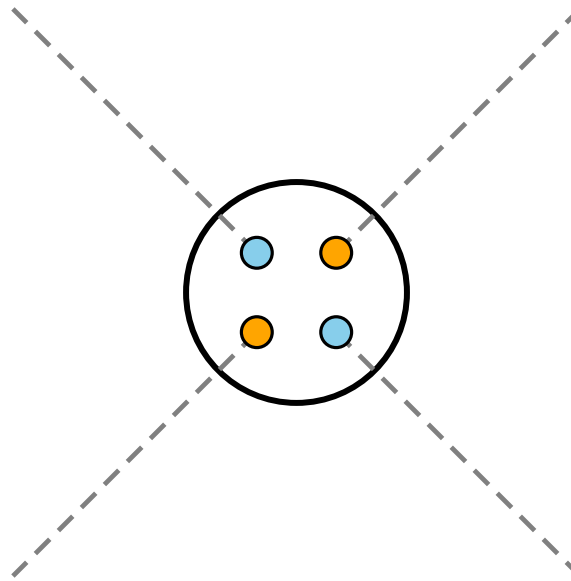
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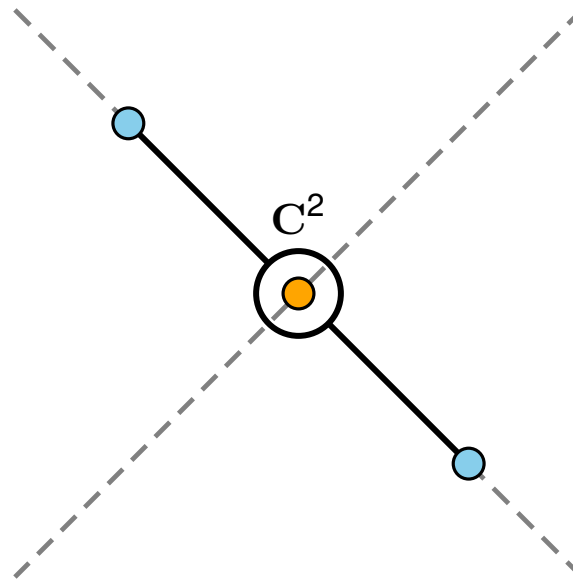


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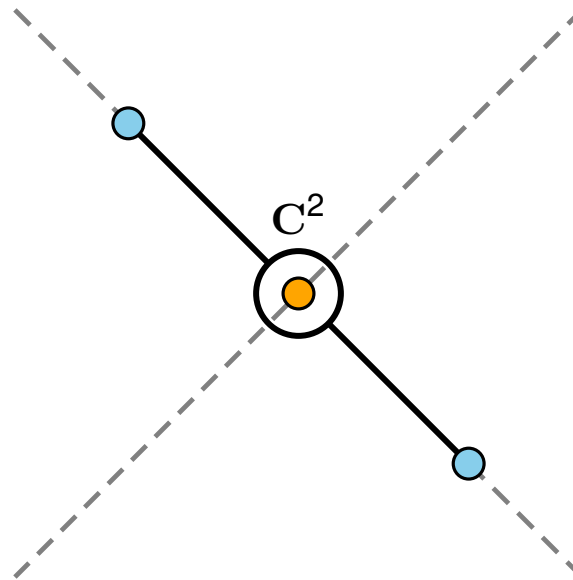


strong gauge coupling limit on 5-branes = small loop limit

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

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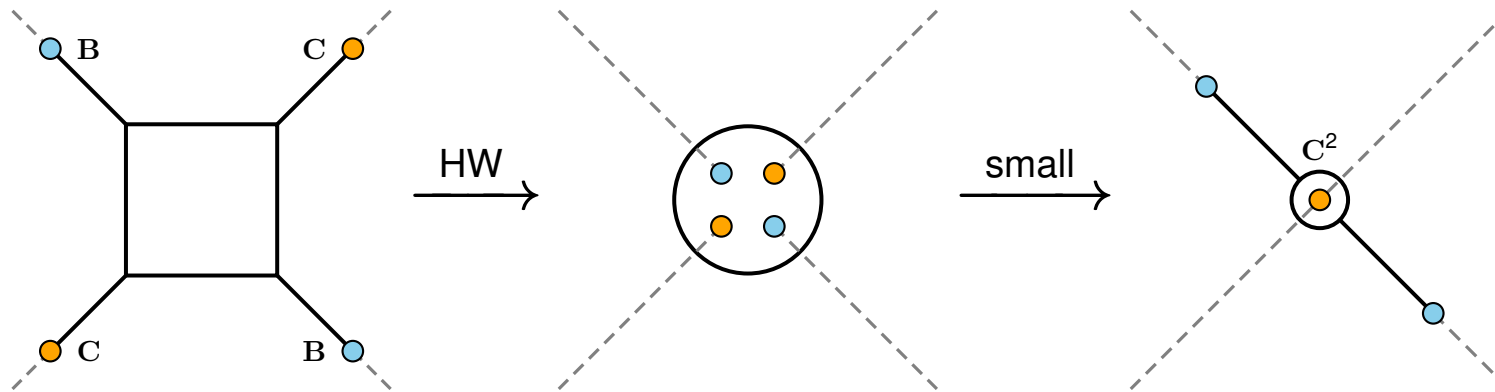


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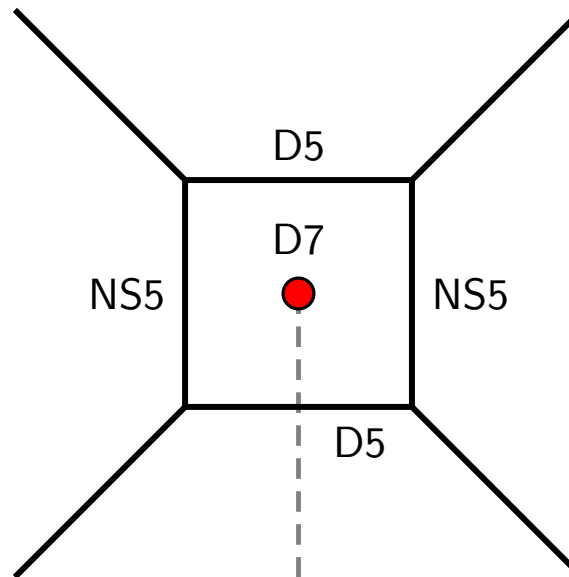
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→ SCFT w/  $E_1 \simeq SU(2)$  global symmetry emerges!

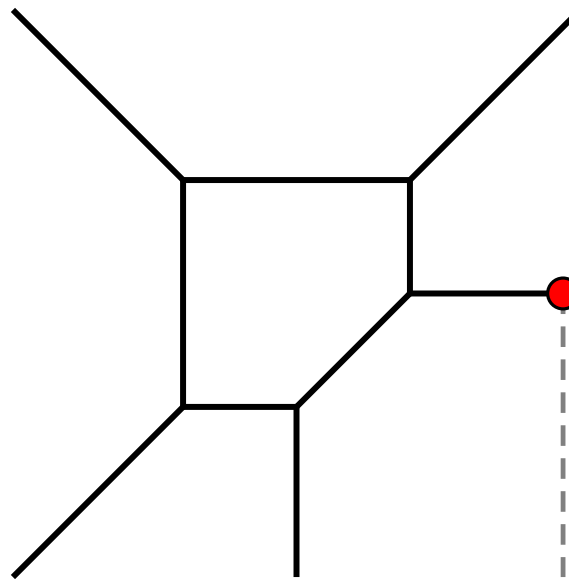
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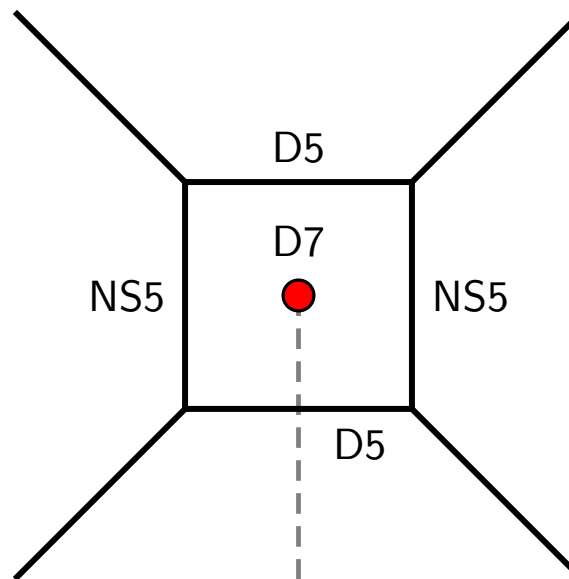


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new horizontal semi-infinite D5-brane appears = 1 flavor

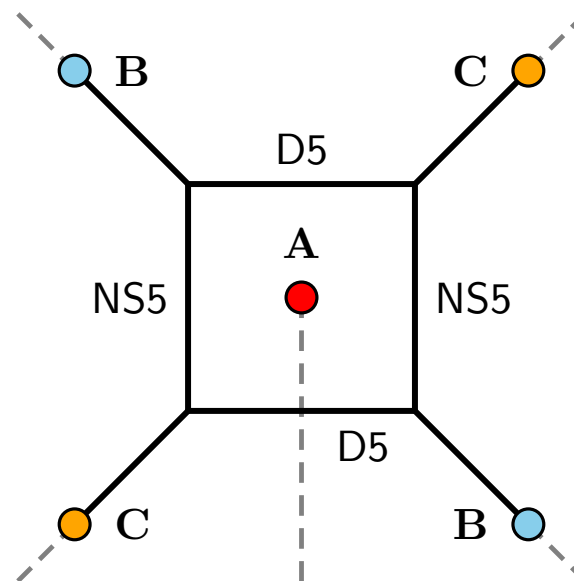
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A-brane :  $[1, 0]$  7-brane = D7-brane

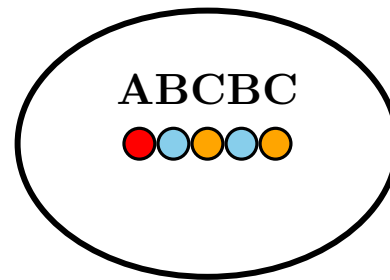
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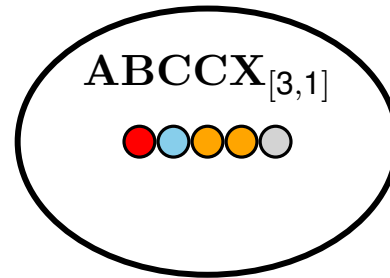


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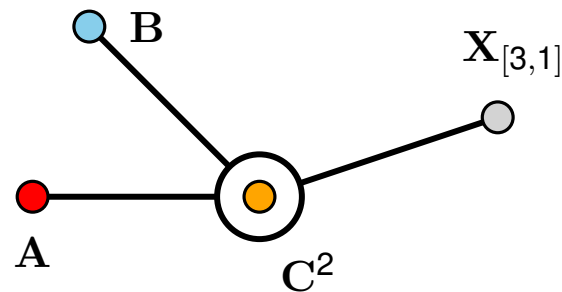


re-ordering of 7-branes :  $ABCBC = ABCCX_{[3,1]}$

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

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small loop limit

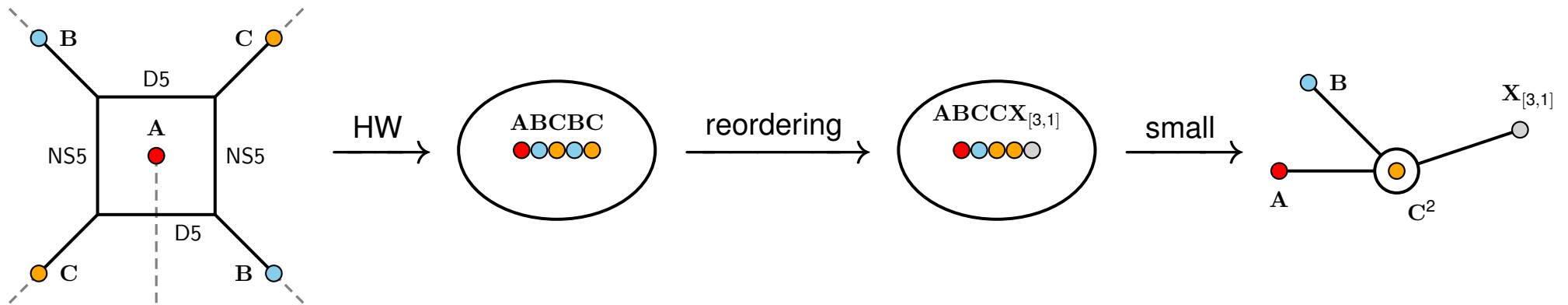
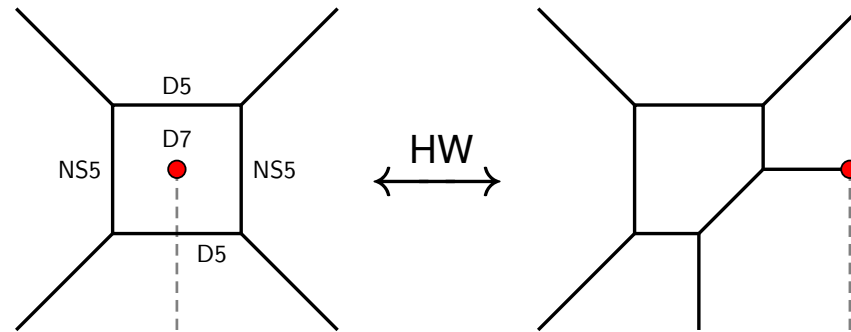
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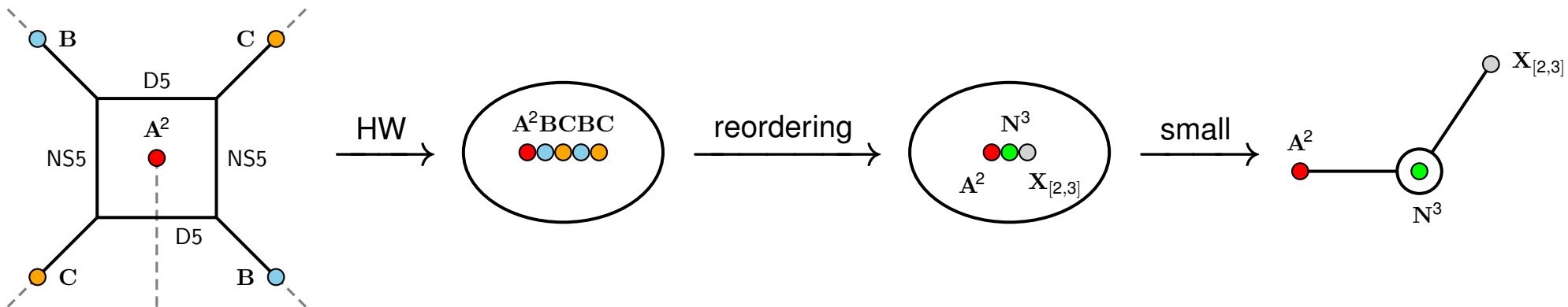
1 D7-brane :

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



2 A-branes :

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



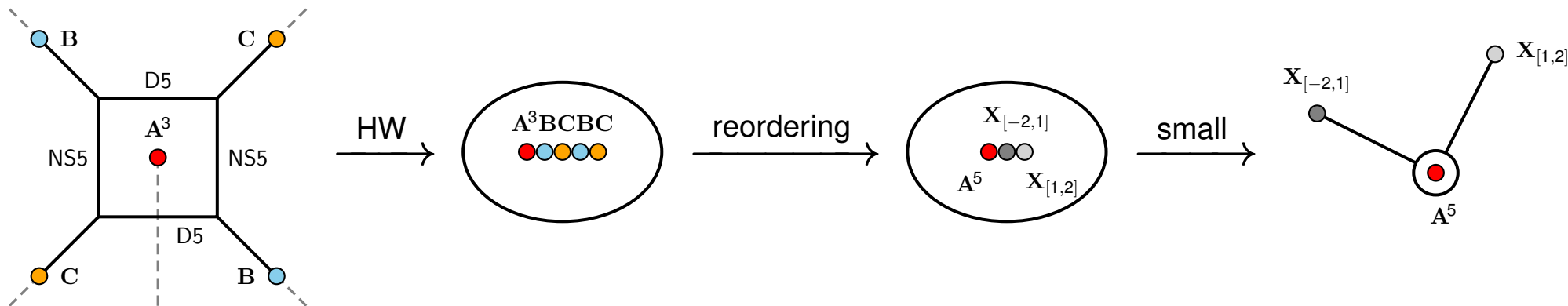
N-brane  $\equiv$   $[0, 1]$ -brane

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

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3 A-branes :

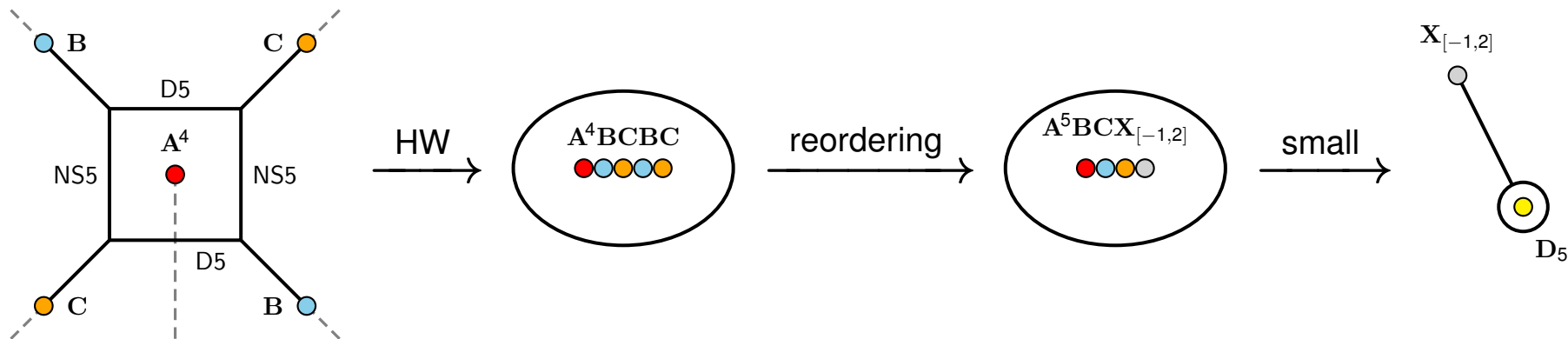
$SU(2)$  gauge w/ 3 flavors  $\rightarrow$  SCFT w/  $E_4 = SU(5)$  symmetry



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

4 A-branes :

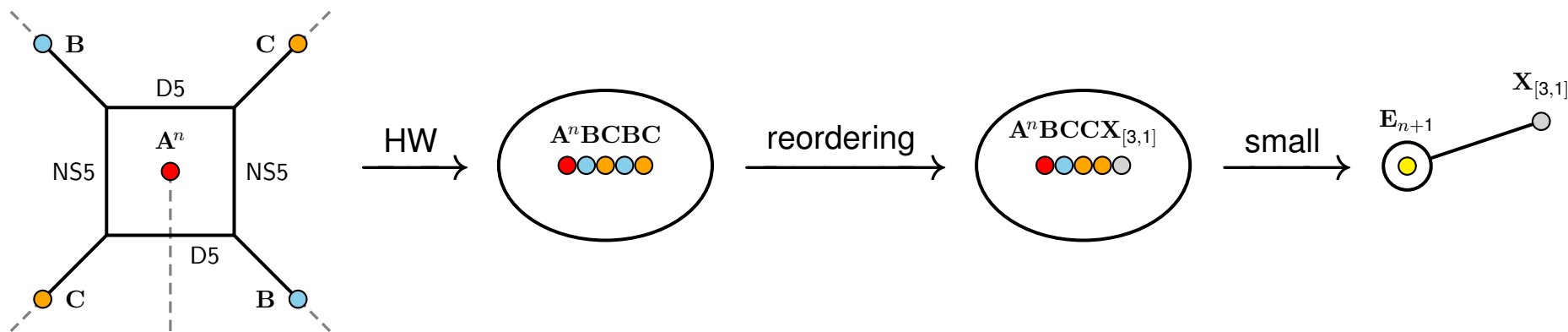
$SU(2)$  gauge w/ 4 flavors  $\rightarrow$  SCFT w/  $E_5 = SO(10)$  symmetry



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

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

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

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