

# Coulomb branch of a 3d $N=4$ gauge theory

based on N, Braverman-Finkelberg-N, Kodera-N  
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Input :   
 · a complex reductive group  $G$   
 · a symplectic representation  $M$  of  $G$   
 ( need to assume  $M = N \oplus N^*$  so far )

Output :  $\mathcal{M}_C \equiv \mathcal{M}_C(G, M)$  affine algebraic variety  
 with  $\circ \mathbb{C}^*$ -action  
 $\circ$  Poisson structure  
 sit. holo. sympl. on regular locus

expectations ①  $\mathcal{M}_C$  is what physicists call Coulomb branch  
 of 3d  $N=4$  SUSY gauge theory  
 physicists expect hyperKähler metric  
 our holo. sympl. str. should be the underlying one

② closely related to curve counting in Higgs branch  $\mathcal{M}_H$   
 [cf Hikita conjecture]  $\text{symp. reduction } M // G$   
 e.g. quiver variety =  $\mathcal{M}_H$  (some  $G, M$ )  $\rightarrow$  Davesh's lectures

③ "Koszul" duality between quantizations of  $\mathcal{M}_C$  &  $\mathcal{M}_H$   
 Webster and his collaborators

③' "Ringel" duality between perverse sheaves on  $\mathcal{M}_C$  &  $\mathcal{M}_H$   
 Braden - Mautner, conjectural geometric Satake  
 for KM alg.

④ applications to 3d/4n gauge theories ?

Ex. ①  $G = \mathbb{C}^*$   $\mathcal{M}_C = \mathbb{C}^2 / \mathbb{Z}/n-1 \leftarrow \widetilde{\mathbb{C}^2 / \mathbb{Z}/n-1}$   
 $M = \mathbb{C}^n \oplus (\mathbb{C}^n)^*$   $\mathcal{M}_H = \mathcal{N} \leftarrow T^* \mathbb{P}^{n-1} \uparrow \uparrow$   
 $\updownarrow$   
 flavor of "duality" : same Euler #

## Definition

$D = \text{Spec } \mathbb{C}[[z]]$  formal disk

$D^* = \text{Spec } \mathbb{C}((z))$  punctured disk

$\text{Gr}_G =$  affine Grassmannian of  $G = G_K/G_\Theta$

$= \{ (P, \varphi) \mid P : G\text{-b'dle over } D$   
 $\varphi : P|_{D^*} \simeq D^* \times G \text{ trivialization} \}$  /iso.

$\mathcal{R} =$  variety of triples

$= \{ (P, \varphi, s) \mid P, \varphi : \text{as above}$

$s \in \Gamma(P \times_G \mathbb{N})$  s.t.  $\varphi(s) \in \mathbb{N}_\Theta$  /isom.

$G_\Theta \curvearrowright \mathcal{R} \quad H_*^{G_\Theta}(\mathcal{R}) \quad G_\Theta\text{-equiv. Borel-Moore}$   
 homology of  $\mathcal{R}$

This has a convolution product  $*$  preserving the degree.

Heuristic definition

$$\mathcal{J} := G_K \times_{G_\Theta} \mathbb{N}_\Theta \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_K$$

$$(P, \varphi, s) \mapsto \varphi(s)$$

$$\mathcal{Z} := \mathcal{J} \times_{\mathbb{N}_K} \mathcal{J} = G_K \times_{G_\Theta} \mathcal{R}$$

$$"H_*^{G_K}(\mathcal{Z})" = H_*^{G_\Theta}(\mathcal{R})$$

$$\mathcal{J} \times_{\mathbb{N}_K} \mathcal{J} \times_{\mathbb{N}_K} \mathcal{J} \xrightarrow{p_{ij}} \mathcal{J} \times_{\mathbb{N}_K} \mathcal{J}$$

$$\alpha * \beta = p_{13*} (p_{12}^*(\alpha) \cap p_{23}^*(\beta))$$

Rigorous definition  $\rightarrow$  see [BFN]

\* homological grading is given in relative to  $\mathcal{J}$

unit = fiber over  $(P, \varphi) = (D \times G, \text{id}|_{D^*})$

degree 0

FB [BFN]

$(H_*^{G_0}(\mathcal{R}), *)$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded commutative algebra

Def:  $\mathcal{M}_C = \text{Spec}(\text{above})$  affine alg. variety  
normal

★ Poisson str.  $\Leftarrow$  quantization

$\mathbb{C}^x \curvearrowright D$  loop rotation  
 $\rightarrow \text{Gr}_G, \mathcal{R}$  induced action

$(H_*^{G_0 \times \mathbb{C}^x}(\mathcal{R}), *)$ : noncommutative deformation of  $\mathcal{M}_C$   
parameterized by  $H_{\mathbb{C}^x}^*(pt) = \mathbb{C}[\hbar]$

★ integrable system

$H_G^*(pt) \xrightarrow{\times \mathbb{C}^x} H_*^{G_0 \times \mathbb{C}^x}(\mathcal{R}) \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{M}_C \xrightarrow{\omega} \text{Spec } H_G^*(pt)$   
 $= \mathfrak{t}/W$   
Commutative subalg  
 $(\mathfrak{t} = \text{Lie } T \quad T \subset G \text{ max torus})$   
 $(W = \text{Weyl group})$

Ex ①  $G = \mathbb{C}^x, N = 0$   
 $\mathcal{R} = \text{Gr}_{\mathbb{C}^x} \cong \mathbb{Z}$   
[self-dual generic fiber =  $T^V$ ]  
 $\varphi_m: \mathbb{C}_D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_D$

$H_*^{G_0}(\mathcal{R}) = \bigoplus_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} H_{\mathbb{C}^x}^*(pt)[r^m]$   $r^m = \text{fund. class of } \{m\}$   
 $\mathbb{C}[\omega]$

Calculation:  $r^m * r^n = r^{m+n}$

$\therefore H_*^{G_0}(\mathcal{R}) = \mathbb{C}[\omega, r^{\pm}]$   $\therefore \mathcal{M}_C = \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}^x$   
symp. form =  $dw \wedge \frac{dr}{r}$

In general

We show that  $\mathcal{M}_C \xrightarrow{\text{birational}} \mathfrak{t} \times T^V/W$   $T^V = \text{dual torus}$   
 $\downarrow \mathfrak{t}/W \swarrow$

$$\textcircled{2} G = \mathbb{C}^*, N = \mathbb{C} \text{ (wt 1)}$$

$$\mathcal{R} = \coprod_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{O} \cap z^m \mathcal{O} = \coprod_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} z^{\max(m, 0)} \mathcal{O} \subset \mathcal{O} \cong \coprod_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} z^m \mathcal{O}$$

same if  $m \geq 0$

In general  $H_*^{Gr}(\mathcal{R}) \rightarrow H_*^{Gr}(\mathcal{O}) \cong H_*^{Gr}(Gr_G)$   
is an algebra from

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ w, r^m \text{ (} m \geq 0 \text{)} & & w, r^m \\ w^{-m} r^m \text{ (} m < 0 \text{)} & & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x=r \\ y=wr^{-1} \end{array} \quad \therefore xy = w \quad \therefore H_*^{Gr}(\mathcal{R}) = \frac{\mathbb{C}[x, y, w]}{xy = w}$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{C}} = \mathbb{C}^2 \xrightarrow{w} \mathbb{C} \\ (x, y) \mapsto w = xy$$

$$\textcircled{2}' G = \mathbb{C}^*, N = \mathbb{C} \text{ wt } k \text{ or } \mathbb{C}^k \text{ wt } 1 \Rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{C}} = \mathbb{C}^2 / \mathbb{Z}/k$$

⊗ Kähler & mass parameters

$$\pi_0(\mathcal{R}) = \pi_0(\text{Gr}_G) = \pi_0(G)$$

$\therefore H_*^{\text{Gr}}(\mathcal{R})$  is  $\pi_0(G)$ -graded

$$\therefore \mathcal{M}_C \leftarrow \pi_0(G)^\wedge = \text{Hom}(\pi_0(G), \mathbb{C}^\times)$$

Pontryagin dual

So  $\chi: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  Kähler parameter

$$\rightsquigarrow \pi_0(\chi)^\wedge: \mathbb{C}^\times = \pi_0(\mathbb{C}^\times)^\wedge \rightarrow \pi_0(G)^\wedge \quad \mathcal{M}_H^\chi = M //_\chi G \quad \text{IPS group}$$

Suppose  $G \triangleleft \tilde{G} \twoheadrightarrow N$  sit.  $\tilde{G}/G = T_F$  flavor symmetry  
normal subgroup

$$\rightsquigarrow T_F \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{M}_H = M //_\chi G$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_C := H_*^{\tilde{G}}(\mathcal{R}_{\tilde{G}, N}) \leftarrow \pi_0(\tilde{G})^\wedge \leftarrow \pi_0(T_F)^\wedge = T_F^\vee \text{ dual torus}$$

Prop  $\mathcal{M}_C = \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_C // T_F^\vee$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho: \mathbb{C}^\times &\rightarrow T_F \quad \text{IPS mass} \\ \leftrightarrow \rho: T_F^\vee &\rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times \quad \text{Kähler} \end{aligned}$$

application: toric hyper-Kähler wfds

$$1 \rightarrow T \rightarrow \tilde{T} \rightarrow T_F \rightarrow 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\parallel \\ &(\mathbb{C}^\times)^n \\ &\rightsquigarrow \text{std} \\ &N = \mathbb{C}^n \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_H = \mathbb{C}^n \oplus (\mathbb{C}^n)^* // T$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{M}_C = \underbrace{\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_C}_{\text{Ex 2}} // T_F^\vee = \mathbb{C}^n \oplus (\mathbb{C}^n)^* // T_F^\vee$$

This is the easiest example.  
 $\Rightarrow$  used for tests  
 many conjectures

★ monopole formula (Cremonesi - Hanany - Zaffaroni)

$$G_{\Theta} \curvearrowright Gr_G = G^k / G_{\Theta} \quad \text{or} \quad (P, \varphi) \mapsto (P, g\varphi)$$

left mult. " $P/b_x \rightarrow D^* \times G$ "

Fact. •  $G_{\Theta}$ -orbits are  $\{G_{\Theta} z^{\lambda} \mid \lambda: \mathbb{C}^* \rightarrow T \text{ dominant}\}$  cochar  
 • closure relation  $\Leftrightarrow$  dominance order on cocharacters

e.g.  $G = GL_r \Rightarrow (P, \varphi) \simeq$  direct sum of line b'dles  $G_{\Theta}$ -conj.

$$\mathcal{R} \rightarrow Gr_G$$

fiber is a vector space  
finite codim. in  $\mathbb{N}_G$

$$[(P, \varphi, s)] \mapsto [(P, \varphi)]$$

$$G_{\Theta} z^{\lambda} = \text{vector b'dle over } G/P_{\lambda}$$

(parabolic subgroup of  $\lambda$ )

Mayer-Vietoris splits for

$$\mathcal{R}_{<\lambda} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{R}_{\leq\lambda} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{R}_{\lambda}$$

Th.  $ch_{\mathbb{C}^*}(\mathbb{C}[\mathcal{M}_c]) = P_t(\mathcal{R}) = \sum_{\lambda: \text{dom. cochar}} t^{2\star(\lambda)} P_t(B\text{Stab}_G \lambda)$

where  $\star(\lambda) = \sum_x \max(-\langle x, \lambda \rangle, 0) \dim N(x) - \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta^+} |\langle \alpha, \lambda \rangle|$

← wt space

Rk ① RHS is a purely combinatorial expression

② RHS is  $\infty$ -sum  $\Rightarrow$  may not make sense in general

e.g.  $\mathcal{M}_c = \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}^*$

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbb{C} \\ \uparrow \\ \mathbb{C}^* \end{array}$$

Nevertheless  $\mathcal{M}_c$  is always well-defined.

★ relation to motivic DT invariants

$\Sigma$ : proj. curve choose  $K_\Sigma^{1/2}$   
 $G \curvearrowright M$   $\mu: M \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$  moment map

$M =$  moduli stack of  $(P, s)$

$P: G$ -b'dle over  $\Sigma$

$s \in H^0((P \times_G M) \otimes K_\Sigma^{1/2})$  s.t.  $\mu(s) = 0$

Th [Diaconescu]

$M$  carries a canonical symmetric perfect obstruction theory

⊙ critical loci of  $(A, s) \mapsto \int_\Sigma \omega(\partial_A s, s)$

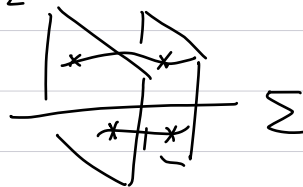
Diaconescu considered:

$G = GL(n)$   
 $N = \mathfrak{gl}(n) \oplus \mathbb{C}^n$



$\mathcal{M}_H = \text{Sym}^n \mathbb{C}^2 \leftarrow \text{Hilb}^n \mathbb{C}^2$

He showed that (motivic) inv. = (motivic) PT inv. of  $\text{Tot}(K_\Sigma^{1/2} \otimes K_\Sigma^{1/2})$  with suitable stab. cond. usual  $\text{noncpt } \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{B}$



Suppose  $M = N \oplus N^*$   
 $\mathcal{M} = \{(P, s) \mid \mu(s) = 0\}$   
 $s_1 \oplus s_2$

cutting  $\Rightarrow$  refined PT = motivic inv. of  $\mathcal{M}^{\text{red}} = \{(P, s_1) \mid s_1 \in H^0((P \times_G N) \otimes K_\Sigma^{1/2}), (s_2 = 0)\}$   
 ..... , Davison no stability

Th. mot. inv. of  $\mathcal{M}^{\text{red}}$  for  $\Sigma = \mathbb{P}^1 = \text{ch}_\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}[\mathcal{M}_\mathbb{C}]$

• Any  $G$ -b'dle over  $\mathbb{P}^1$  can be reduced to a  $T$ -b'dle.  
 $\Rightarrow$  Same MV argument as before.  
 each term of  $\sum_\lambda$  is equal. //