

Title: On the gauge theory/Sasaki-Einstein correspondence

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Abstract:

Sasaki-Einstein spaces \Leftrightarrow 4d SCFTs

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- Branes at singularities and quivers
- AdS/CFT and Sasaki-Einstein spaces
- New classes of dual pairs
- Brane tilings and periodic quivers
- Checks of the duality:
 1. BPS baryons and SUSY 3-cycles
 2. BPS mesons and BPS geodesics
- Applications:
 1. Marginal deformations
 2. Semiclassical strings

CONICAL SINGULARITIES AND ADS/CFT



N D3-BRANES
IN A SMOOTH
REGION

$AdS_5 \times S^5$
SUPERGRAVITY

N=4 SYM
SUPERCONFORMAL
SU(N) GAUGE
THEORY



D3
BRANES

CONICAL SINGULARITY

$$ds_6^2 = dr^2 + r^2 ds_5^2$$

($AdS_5 \times X^5$ SUGRA)

THE CONE IS CALABI-YAU



X^5 IS SASAKI-EINSTEIN

N=1

SUPERCONFORMAL
SYMMETRY

EXAMPLE: THE CONIFOLD

◎ CALABI-YAU
CONE

$$x, y, z, w \in \mathbb{C}^4$$

$$xy = zw$$

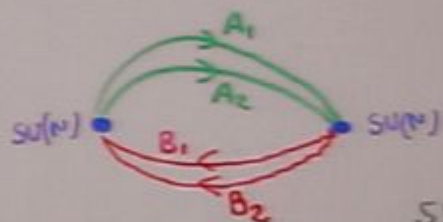
ALGEBRAIC
DESCRIPTION

◎ GAUGE THEORY: $SU(N) \times SU(N)$

KLEBANOV
WITTEN

	$SU(N)$	$SU(N)$
A_i	N	\bar{N}
B_i	\bar{N}	N

QUIVER DIAGRAM



SYMMETRY

$$W = \text{tr} [A_1 B_1 A_2 B_2 - A_1 B_2 A_2 B_1]$$

$$SU(2) \times SU(2) \\ \times U(1)_R \times U(1)_B$$

◎ SASAKI-EINSTEIN METRIC

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{9} \left(d\psi + \cos(\theta_1) d\varphi_1 + \cos(\theta_2) d\varphi_2 \right)^2$$

$$+ \frac{1}{6} \left(d\theta_1^2 + \sin^2(\theta_1) d\varphi_1^2 \right)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{6} \left(d\theta_2^2 + \sin^2(\theta_2) d\varphi_2^2 \right)$$

TOPOLOGY

$$S^2 \times S^3$$

$$(b_1 = b_2 = 1)$$

NEW EXPLICIT SASAKI-EINSTEIN METRICS

(!)

y p. 9

GAUNTLETT et al

L p. 9/r

CVETIC et al

$$ds_{[5]}^2 = \left(\frac{d\psi_R}{3} + \sigma_\phi d\phi + \sigma_\psi d\psi \right)^2 + \frac{1}{4} ds_{[4]}^2$$

LOCAL
KÄLER-EINSTEIN

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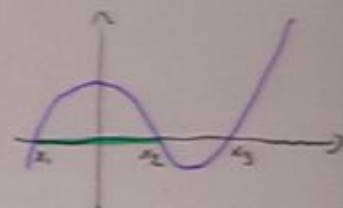
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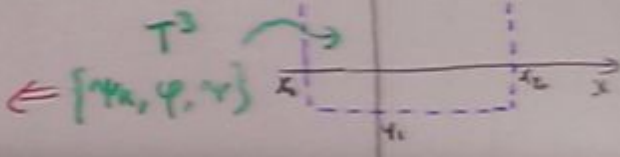


CAN BE SEEN AS

$U(1)^3$ FIBRATION

OVER $\{x, y\}$ BASE

$U(1)^3$
"TORIC"
ISOMETRY



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$L_{p,q,r}$

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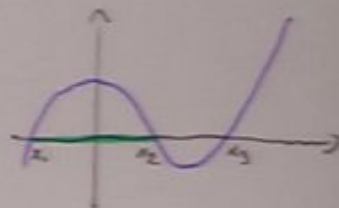
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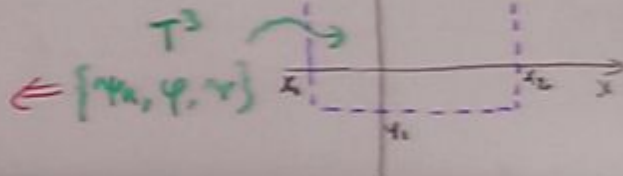


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"TORIC"
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3 POINTS OF VIEW

DIFFERENTIAL
GEOMETRY
(METRICS,
VOLUMES...)

QUIVER
GAUGE
THEORIES



ALGEBRAIC
GEOMETRY
(SETS OF
COMPLEX
EQUATIONS)

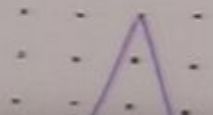
IN THE TORIC CASE

"TORIC"
METRICS
($U(1)^3$ -INVARIANCE)

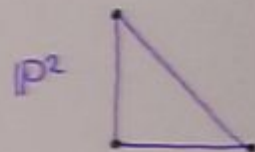
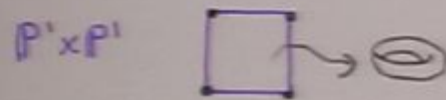
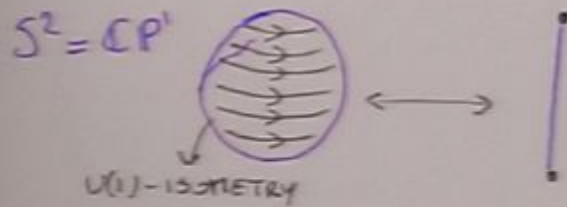
- TORIC QUIVERS:
- PERIODIC QUIVER
 - BRANE TILING AND DIMERS
 - FOLDED QUIVER



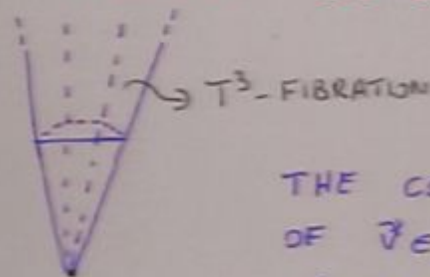
TORIC DIAGRAM



TORIC GEOMETRY



TORIC CONES

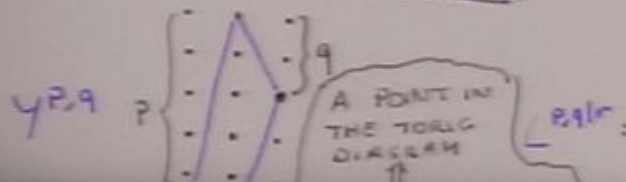


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$$(\vec{v}, \vec{v}_i) \geq 0$$

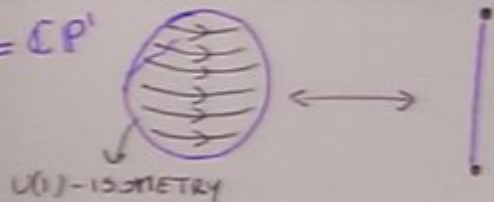
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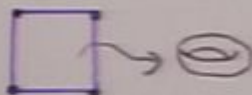


THE MOST GENERAL TORIC DIAGRAM WITH FOUR CORNERS

$$S^2 = \mathbb{C}P^1$$



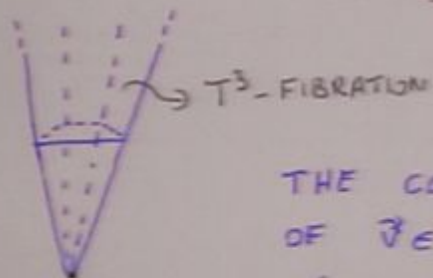
$$\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$$



$$\mathbb{P}^2$$



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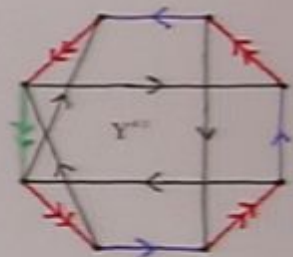
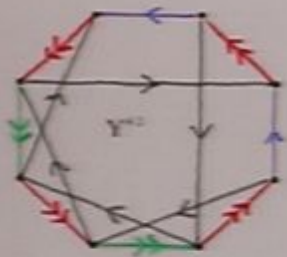
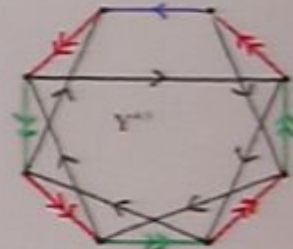
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THE MOST GENERAL TORIC DIAGRAM WITH FOUR CORNERS

The recursive construction of the $Y^{p,q}$ quivers


USING $SU(2)$ SYMMETRY


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Gauge group: $SU(N)^{2p}$

W is cubic or quartic with $SU(2)$ symmetry

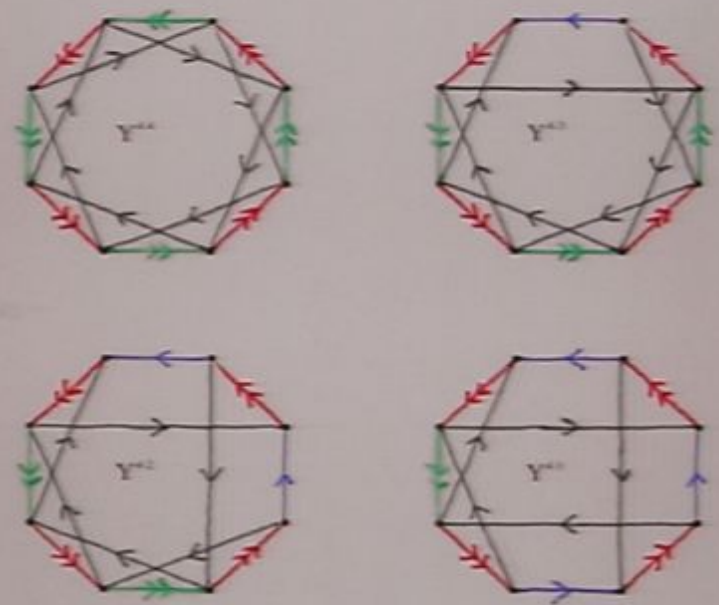
$Y^{4,2} = \frac{E^3}{Z_2}$ 

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CHECKS OF THE DUALITY

2-MAXIMIZATION \implies SCALING DIMENSION OF THE BIFUNDAMENTAL FIELDS

$$\mathfrak{a} \propto \text{tr}(R^3) \propto \frac{N^2}{\text{VOLUME}(X^3)}$$

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R-SYMMETRY

TYPICALLY IRRATIONAL NUMBERS

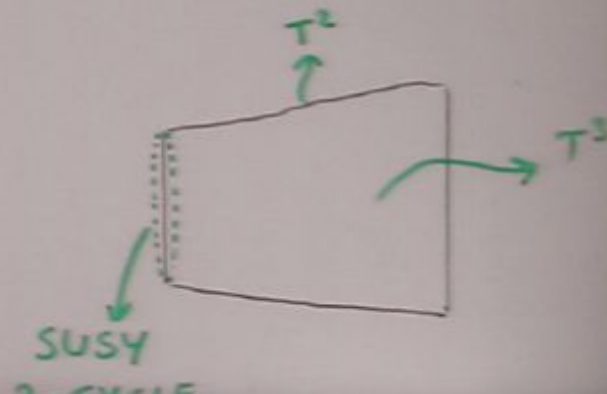
BARYONIC OPERATORS

$$B = \epsilon^{a_1 \dots a_n} X_{a_1}^{b_1} X_{a_2}^{b_2} \dots X_{a_n}^{b_n} \epsilon_{b_1 \dots b_n}$$

$$\dim[B] = N \cdot \dim[X] \propto N \frac{\text{VOLUME}(3\text{-CYCLE})}{\text{VOLUME}(X^3)}$$

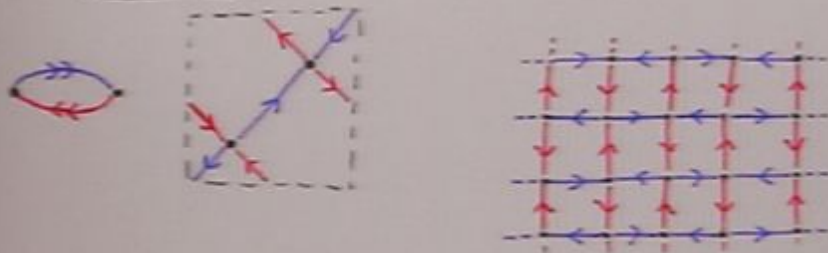
THE DUAL STATE IS A D3-BRANE WRAPPED ON A SUPERSYMMETRIC 3-CYCLE

BASE OF THE GEOMETRY

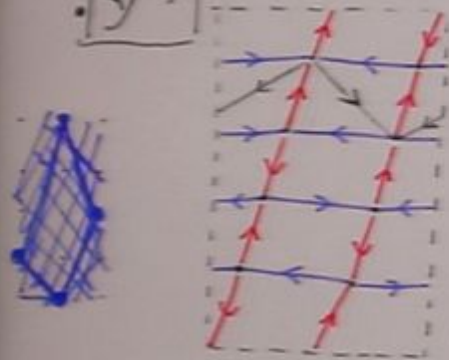


BRANE DIMERS AND PERIODIC QUIVERS

• CONIFOLD



• y^2



IMPORTANT FACTS:

- THE SUPERPOTENTIAL IS INCLUDED IN THE DIAGRAM (ONE TERM FOR EVERY FACE)
- THE DUAL GRAPH REPRESENTS INTERSECTION OF 5-BRANES DESCRIBING THE SINGULARITY
- CONNECTION TO THE "CALABI-YAU CRYSTALS"

FROM TORIC DIAGRAMS TO GAUGE THEORIES

"FOLDED QUIVER"

FORMULA
FOR THE NUMBER
OF BIFUNDAMENTAL
FIELDS

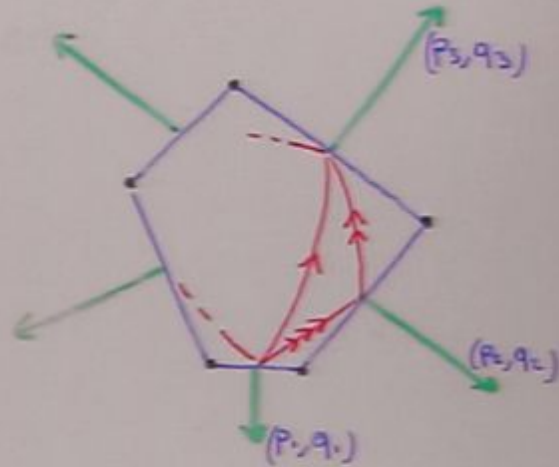
$$(\#)_{ij} = p_i q_j - p_j q_i$$

ALL THE FIELDS
HAVE THE SAME
GLOBAL SYMMETRY
QUANTUM NUMBERS

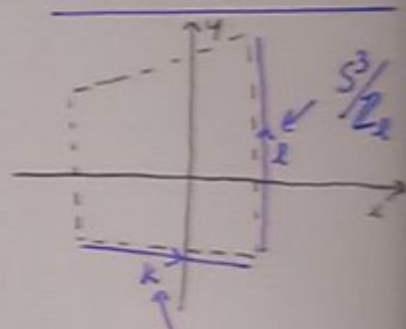
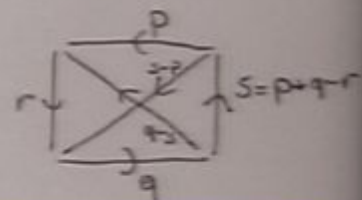
$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 U(1)_R \times U(1)_F^2 \times U(1)^b & & \\
 \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\
 \text{R-SYMMETRY} & \text{TORIC FLAVOR SYMMETRY} & \text{BARYONIC SYMMETRY}
 \end{array}$$

THIS PICTURE EASILY GIVES:

- SCALING DIMENSION OF BARYONS
- CUBIC ANOMALIES (e.g. $\text{tr}(R^3)$)
- TOPOLOGY OF THE SUSY 3-CYCLES (S^3/\mathbb{Z}_k)



EXAMPLE $\mathbb{C}P^2$



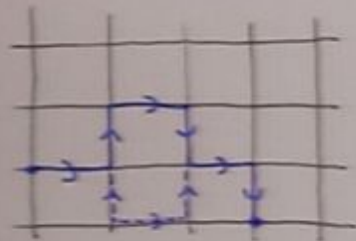
BPS MESONS

$$\text{CHIRAL RING} = \frac{\text{HOLMORPHIC OPERATORS}}{\mathcal{F}\text{-TERM RELATIONS}}$$

- FOR QUIVERS: CLOSED ORIENTED PATHS

$$\text{EXAMPLE: } \text{tr}(A_1 B_1 A_1 B_2 A_1 B_2) + \dots$$

- PERIODIC QUIVERS



ALL THE PATHS
WITH THE SAME
END POINTS
ARE EQUAL IN
THE CHIRAL RING

THE $U(1) \times U(1)$ TORIC FLAVOR
CHARGES ARE COUNTED BY
THE HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL SHIFTS

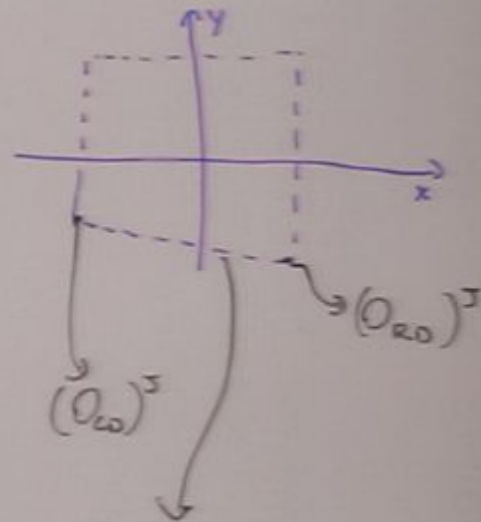
BPS GEODESICS

POINT-LIKE STRINGS IN $AdS_3 \times X^5$
MOVING ALONG THE R-SYMMETRY DIRECTION (ψ_R)

$$ds^2 = (d\psi_R + A_1(x,y)d\varphi_1 + A_2(x,y)d\varphi_2)^2 + ds_6^2$$

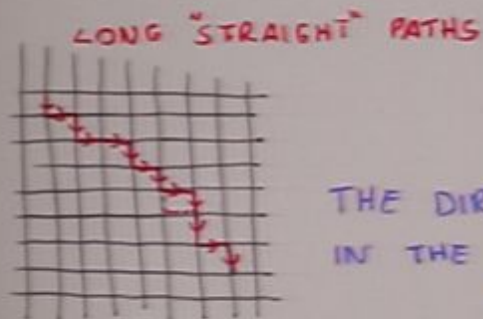
$$\begin{cases} p_{\varphi_1}/p_R = A_1(x,y) \\ p_{\varphi_2}/p_R = A_2(x,y) \end{cases}$$

DUAL CFT OPERATORS:
LONG BPS MESONS
IN A COHERENT BASE



COHERENT SUPERPOSITION
OF O_{LD} AND O_{RD} :

$$\sum_{i=1}^J (\lambda e^{i\alpha} O_{LD} + \eta e^{-i\alpha} O_{RD})$$



THE DIRECTION OF THE PATH
IN THE PERIODIC QUIVER



POSITION OF THE STRING IN
THE (x,y) BASE

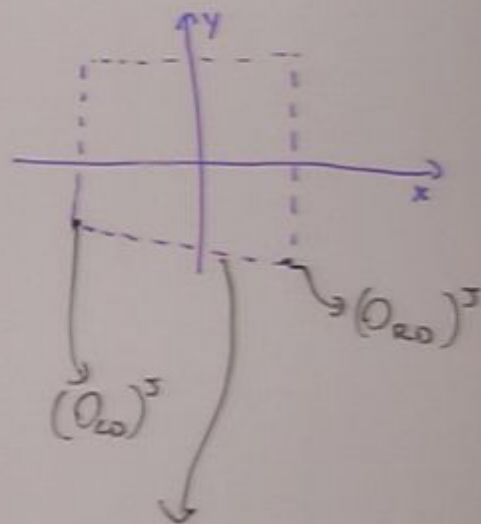
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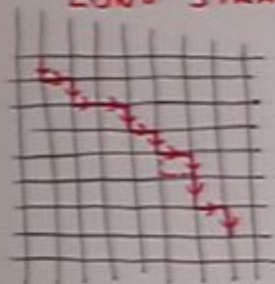
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LONG "STRAIGHT" PATHS



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FAST STRINGS IN SASAKI-EINSTEIN SPACES

$$ds_s^2 = \frac{1}{g} (d\psi + A^\mu dx_\mu)^2 + g_{[\mu\nu]}^{\mu\nu} dx_\mu dx_\nu$$

x^μ : COORDINATES ON THE KÄLER-EINSTEIN BASE

STRINGS ON $\mathbb{R}_t \times X^3$ MOVING FAST ALONG ψ

FIX $t = k\tau$

AND TAKE THE LIMIT

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} (\psi - 3t) \rightarrow 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} x^\mu \rightarrow 0 \\ k \rightarrow \infty \end{cases}$$

(σ, τ)
WORLD SHEET
COORDINATES

$k(\partial_\tau x)$ CONSTANT

THESE STRINGS ARE DESCRIBED
BY A NON-RELATIVISTIC EFFECTIVE ACTION

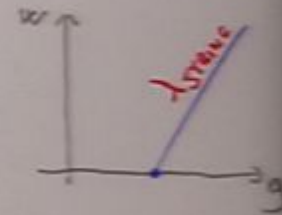
$$S_{nr} = \int \frac{k}{3} \left(\frac{d\psi}{d\tau} + A^\mu \frac{dx_\mu}{d\tau} \right) - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \frac{dx_\mu}{d\sigma} \frac{dx_\nu}{d\sigma}$$

ALL THE INFORMATION ABOUT
THE EXPLICIT SASAKI-EINSTEIN
METRIC IS CONTAINED IN S_{nr}

EXTENDED STRINGS IN GAUGE THEORIES

WHAT IS THE GAUGE THEORY
DUAL OF $\lambda_{\text{STRING}} \rightarrow 0$?

- IN $N=4$ SYM. FREE THEORY
- IN THE CONIFOLD: $\begin{cases} g_1, g_2 \neq 0 \\ \text{SUPERPOTENTIAL} = 0 \end{cases}$



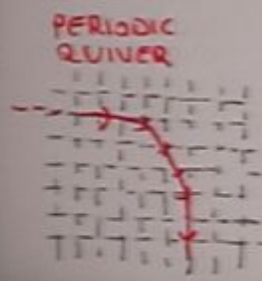
- GENERIC QUIVER: SOME SUPERPOTENTIAL TERMS VANISH



THE CHIRAL RING IS ENHANCED



THERE ARE LONG BPS MESONS
DUAL TO EXTENDED HOLOMORPHIC
STRINGS MOVING IN THE FULL
SASAKI-EINSTEIN GEOMETRY



DIRECTION
OF
PATHS



POSITION
OF
CLASSICAL
STRINGS



SUMMARY

- NEW ADS/CFT EXAMPLES WITH EXPLICIT SASAKI-EINSTEIN METRICS
- QUANTITATIVE CHECKS INSIDE THE "PROTECTED SECTOR"
 - BPS BARYONS
 - BPS MESONS
 - T² HOOFT ANOMALIES
- FIRST STEPS BEYOND THE BPS SECTOR

OPEN PROBLEMS

- COMPLETE THE DICTIONARY INSIDE THE PROTECTED SECTOR
- FAST HOLOMORPHIC STRINGS FROM GAUGE THEORY AT $\lambda_3 \gg 0$ (SPIN CHAIN HAMILTONIAN)
- BREAK CONFORMAL INVARIANCE WITH FRACTIONAL BRANES AND FIND A KLEBANOV-STRASSLER SOLUTION