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Symplectic singularities [Beauville 00] appear in many contexts, in physics and mathematics:

- Kleinian singularities $\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma.$
- HyperKähler geometry (in particular HyperKähler quotients $M \not\parallel G$)
- (Normalization of) Closures of nilpotent orbits of simple Lie algebras
- Transverse slices in affine Grassmannians
- Higgs branches of supersymmetric gauge theories
- 3d $\mathcal{N} = 4$ Coulomb branches

The goal of this talk is to

- Define a combinatorial tool (the *magnetic quiver*, MQ) to characterize a symplectic singularity X.
- Explain how the MQ can be used to understand the structure of X (isometries, symplectic leaves stratification, coordinate ring structure)
- Explain how one can compute the MQ in specific examples.

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Physical Motivation

How to explore the landscape of SCFTs?

Higgs branches of SCFTs with 8 supercharges (in d = 3, 4, 5, 6) are symplectic singularities.



 \rightarrow Explore the landscape of symplectic singularities.

Today: magnetic quivers as a new tool for that exploration.

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Symplectic Singularities

General idea:

Smooth	Singular		
Calabi-Yau Manifolds	\rightarrow	Gorenstein Singularities	
HyperKähler Manifolds	\rightarrow	Symplectic Singularities	

Definition. A complex algebraic variety X is a *symplectic variety* if it is normal and if its smooth part admits a holomorphic symplectic form ω such that its pull-back to any resolution $\widetilde{X} \to X$ extends to a holomorphic 2-form on \widetilde{X} .

[Beauville 00]

In this talk: A conical symplectic singularity (CSS) is an affine symplectic variety with a \mathbb{C}^* -action with positive weights:

$$\mathbb{C}[X] = \bigoplus_{n \ge 0} \mathbb{C}[X]_n, \qquad \mathbb{C}[X]_0 = \mathbb{C}.$$

We assume ω has weight -2.

Superconformal Algebras with 8 supercharges

Dimension	Susy	Bosonic subalgebra		SCA
<i>d</i> = 6	$\mathcal{N}=(1,0)$	$\mathfrak{so}(6,2)\oplus\mathfrak{su}(2)_H$	\subset	$\mathfrak{osp}(6,2 1)$
<i>d</i> = 5	$\mathcal{N}=1$	$\mathfrak{so}(5,2)\oplus\mathfrak{su}(2)_H$	\subset	f(4)
<i>d</i> = 4	$\mathcal{N}=2$	$\mathfrak{so}(4,2)\oplus\mathfrak{su}(2)_{H}\oplus\mathfrak{u}(1)_{C}$	\subset	$\mathfrak{su}(2,2 2)$
<i>d</i> = 3	$\mathcal{N}=4$	$\mathfrak{so}(3,2)\oplus\mathfrak{su}(2)_{H}\oplus\mathfrak{su}(2)_{C}$	\subset	$\mathfrak{osp}(4 4)$

SCFTs are

- $\bullet\,$ "Rare" in 6d / 5d isolated, rely on exceptional isomorphisms, non Lagrangian.
- More common in 4d (Lagrangian, class S, Argyres-Douglas...).
- Very large number in 3d. Includes IR limits of **quiver gauge theories**. In all cases, existence of **Moduli space of vacua**, always contains Higgs branch, which is a symplectic singularity.

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Magnetic Quivers

The Coulomb branch of a 3d $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SCFT is a CSS, due to $\mathfrak{su}(2)_{\mathcal{C}}$. Physically, parametrized by dressed monopole operators.

[Gaiotto, Witten 09]

[Cremonesi, Hanany, Zaffaroni 14], [Bullimore, Dimofte, Gaiotto 15]

[Nakajima 15], [Braverman, Finkelberg, Nakajima 15]

A magnetic quiver is a combinatorial way to encode a CSS.



A (generalized) quiver Q is a magnetic quiver for the CSS X if C(Q) = X.

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Example 1: closure of minimal nilpotent orbits

Notation for quivers:



Fact: Affine Dynkin diagrams are magnetic quivers for closures of minimal nilpotent orbits:

$$\mathcal{C}\begin{pmatrix}1\\0\\0\\1&1&1\end{pmatrix} = \overline{\mathcal{O}}_{\min}(\mathfrak{sl}_4) =: a_3$$

Example 1: closure of minimal nilpotent orbits





[Brylinski, Kostant 94]

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Remarks:

 $\bullet \ \mathcal{C}$ of non-simply laced quivers correspond to fixed points:



[Nakajima, Weekes 19]

Non unicity of magnetic quivers



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How to unambiguously specify a 4d $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SCFT?

- Flavor symmetry
- Central charges
- Coulomb branch geometry
- Higgs branch geometry
- Seiberg-Witten curve / Integrable system
- Spectrum of BPS states
- Superconformal index
- 2d VOA

These data can be **derived** from realizations of the theory, or can be **constrained** from bottom-up.

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Coulomb branch exploration:

- Space of theories graded by the *rank* : $r = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} C$.
- Low-energy physics governed by the *singularity structure*. For r = 1:



• Distinct theories can share the same Coulomb branch geometry: the geometry has to be supplemented with the possible *mass deformations*.

Classification of 4d rank 1 $\mathcal{N}=2$ SCFT Coulomb branch geometries:

Flavor	CB geometry and deformation	$\Delta(u)$
E ₈	$II^* ightarrow \{I_1^{10}\}$	6
E_7	$III^* \rightarrow \{\hat{I}_1^9\}$	4
E_6	$IV^* ightarrow \{I_1^8\}$	3
D_4	$I_0^* \rightarrow \{I_1^6\}$	2
A_2	$I\check{V} ightarrow \{I_1^4\}$	3/2
A_1	$III \rightarrow \{I_1^3\}$	4/3
Ø	$II \rightarrow \{I_1^3\}$	6/5
C ₅	$II^* \rightarrow \{I_1^6, I_4\}$	6
C_3A_1	$III^* \rightarrow \{I_1^5, I_4\}$	4
$C_2 U_1$	$IV^* ightarrow \{I_1^4, I_4\}$	3
<i>C</i> ₁	$I_0^* ightarrow \{I_1^2, I_4\}$	2
$A_3 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$	$\overline{II^*} \rightarrow \{I_1^3, I_1^*\}$	6
$A_1U_1 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$	$III^* \rightarrow \{\overline{I_1^2}, \overline{I_1^*}\}$	4
U_1	$IV^* \rightarrow \{I_1^{\overline{1}}, I_1^{\overline{*}}\}$	3
$A_2 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$	$II^* \to \{I_1^2, IV_{Q=1}^*\}$	6
$U_1 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$	$III^* \rightarrow \{I_1, IV_{Q=1}^*\}$	4
Ø	$N_{Q=1}^{*}$	3
<i>C</i> ₁	$I_0^* \rightarrow \{I_2^3\}$	2

- Flavor symmetry : $\mathfrak{sp}(5)$, level k = 7.
- Central charges : $a = \frac{41}{12}$, $c = \frac{49}{12}$. Effective number of vectors $n_v = 11$, hypers $n_h = 27$.
- Coulomb branch geometry:
 - Complex Dimension = rank r = 1.
 - Scaling dimension $\Delta = 6$. Characteristic dimension $\kappa = 6$.
 - Singularity and deformation $II^* \rightarrow \{I_1^6, I_4\}$.
- Spectrum of BPS states [Cecotti, Del Zotto 14], [Del Zotto, García Etxebarria 22]



- Superconformal index : deduced from class S construction [Chacaltana, Distler 11]
- Higgs branch geometry:
 - Quaternionic dimension $d_{HB} = n_h n_v = 24(c a) = 16$

			Flavor	$dim_{\mathbb{H}}(\mathit{HB})$	Magnetic Quiver
			<i>C</i> ₅	16	$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{array}$
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A_2 A_1	2	Diagrams	<i>C</i> ₁	1	
Ŵ	0		$A_3 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$	9	
			$A_1U_1 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$	3	
[Beem, Meneghelli, Rastelli 19]		U_1	1		
			$A_2 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$	5	
[AB, Grimminger, Hanany, Sperling, Zafrir, Zhong 20]		$U_1 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$	1		
			Ø	0	
			<i>C</i> ₁	1	

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[Cremonesi, Hanany, Zaffaroni 14] [AB, Cabrera, Grimminger, Hanany, Sperling, Zajac, Zhong 20]

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Coordinate ring

Simply laced quiver Q with

- Set of vertices V
- Set of (unoriented) edges $E \subset S^2(V)$
- Gauge group $U(n_v)$ for $v \in V$, total gauge group $G = \prod_{v \in V} U(n_v)$ of rank

$$=\sum_{v\in V} n_v$$
 with Weyl group $W = \prod_{v\in V} S_{n_v}$.

Flavor vertices F ≠ Ø with global symmetries SU(n_f) for f ∈ F and set of edges E' ⊂ V × F

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Coordinate ring

A magnetic charge is an element $m \in \mathbb{Z}^r$. For H a subgroup of S_r and m a magnetic charge, we define the stabiliser

$$H(m) = \{g \in H | g \cdot m = m\}.$$

The conformal dimension $\Delta(m)$ is defined by

$$2\Delta(m) = \sum_{(v,v')\in E} \sum_{i=1}^{n_v} \sum_{i'=1}^{n_{v'}} |m_{v,i} - m_{v',i'}| + \sum_{(v,f)\in E'} \sum_{i=1}^{n_v} n_f |m_{v,i}| \\ - \sum_{v\in V} \sum_{i=1}^{n_v} \sum_{j=1}^{n_v} |m_{v,i} - m_{v,j}|.$$

Monopole Formula gives graded dimension of coordinate ring $\mathbb{C}[X] = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{C}[X]_n$, with $\mathbb{C}[X]_2$ Lie algebra of isometries:

$$\sum_{n\in\mathbb{N}} t^n \dim \mathbb{C}[X]_n = \frac{1}{|W|} \sum_{m\in\mathbb{Z}^r} \sum_{\gamma\in W(m)} \frac{t^{2\Delta(m)}}{\det(1-t^2\gamma)}$$

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Coordinate ring

Hilbert series for the Higgs branch of the $\mathfrak{sp}(5)_7$ theory:

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\left(\begin{array}{c} 1+2t+40t^2+194t^3+1007t^4+4704t^5+18683t^6+67030t^7+220700t^8+657352t^9+1796735t^{10}\\+4540442t^{11}+10610004t^{12}+2301366t^{13}+46535540t^{14}+87887734t^{15}+155277056t^{16}\\+257288250t^{17}+400453203t^{18}+558591786t^{19}+80719575t^{20}+1047954388t^{21}\\+1282842123t^{22}+1481462886t^{23}+1615002952t^{24}+1662191888t^{25}+\cdots palindrome\cdots+t^{50}\end{array}\right)
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 $(-1+t)^{32}(1+t)^{18}(1+t+t^2)^{16}$

Refined plethystic logarithm :

$$t^2$$
 : [20000]
 t^3 : [00001]
 t^4 : -[01000]
 t^5 : -[10010]
 t^6 : -[00200] - [20000] + [01000]
etc

Highest weight generating function [Hanany, Kalveks 16]

$$\operatorname{PE}\left[\sum_{i=1}^{4}\mu_{i}^{2}t^{2i}+t^{4}+\mu_{5}(t^{3}+t^{5})\right]\longrightarrow \text{ Global form Sp}(5)$$

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[Cremonesi, Hanany, Zaffaroni 14] [AB, Cabrera, Grimminger, Hanany, Sperling, Zajac, Zhong 20]

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A CSS X admits a finite canonical stratification

$$X = X_0 \supset X_1 \supset \cdots \supset X_n$$

where X_{i+1} is the singular part of X_i and the normalization of every irreducible component of X_i is again a CSS.



Physically, for Higgs branches it corresponds to (partial) Higgsing.

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QUIVER SUBTRACTION ALGORITHM: INPUT:

- A (generalized) quiver
- A list of **elementary** symplectic singularities with a corresponding magnetic quiver.

OUTPUT: The Hasse diagram of nested singularities.

[Cabrera, Hanany 18]

[AB, Grimminger, Hanany, Sperling, Zhong 21]

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Example:



Full moduli space of supersymmetric vacua also stratified. Example: $\mathfrak{sp}(5)_7$ theory:



[Argyres, AB, Martone 19], [Argyres, Martone 21]

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Reductionist approach to Higgs branch geometries :

- What is the list of atoms (elementary symplectic singularities)?
- What are the rules to combine them?



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Example 3: Slices in the Affine Grassmannian

The Affine Grassmannian Gr_G is an (infinite dimensional) ind-scheme whose underlying set can be represented as G((t))/G[[t]].

Orbits under left action of G[[t]] are labelled by dominant coweights of G.

For $\lambda \leq \mu$ two dominant coweights of *G*, define a **finite dimensional** transverse slice, of dimension $\langle \mu - \lambda, \rho \rangle$.

If λ and μ are *adjacent*, the slice is an *elementary CSS*.

This is a source of elementary CSS.

[Bullimore, Dimofte, Gaiotto 15] [Braverman, Finkelberg, Nakajima 16]

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How to derive magnetic quivers?

Various methods can be used (in cooperation):

- Derivation from intersection numbers in brane systems [Cabrera, Hanany, Yagi 18], [AB, Cabrera, Grimminger, Hanany, Zhong 19], [Akhond, Carta, Dwivedi, Hayashi, Kim 20], [van Beest, AB, Eckhard, Schäfer-Nameki 20], [Akhond, Carta 21], [Sperling, Zhong 21] ...
- Deduction from known magnetic quivers (e.g. compactifications / twisted compactifications from higher dimension [Zafrir 16], [Martone, Zafrir 21])
- Computation of 3d mirror symmetry (e.g. for Argyres-Douglas theories [Giacomelli, Mekareeya, Sacchi 21], [Carta, Giacomelli, Mekareeya, Mininno 21], [Xie 21], [Dey 21], ...)
- Derivation from geometry of string backgrounds [Collinucci, Valandro 20], [Closset, Schäfer-Nameki, Wang 21], ...
- Guess based on knowledge of the chiral ring [Cabrera, Hanany, Zajac 18], [Arias-Tamargo, AB, Pini 21]
- etc...

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5d $\mathcal{N}=1$ SCFTs are "non-Lagrangian"

- Geometric engineering : M-theory on canonical threefold singularity.
- Brane systems : example of type IIB brane web



• Mixture of both : IIA with D6 on fibered ALE space.

[Intriligator, Morrison, Seiberg, Witten, Aharony, Hanany, Kol, Bergman, Rodrígez-Gómez, Zafrir, Del Zotto, Heckman, Jefferson, Katz, Kim, Vafa, Xie, Yau, Closset, Schäfer-Nameki, Wang, Hayashi, Yagi, ...]

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- The CSS associated to a local CY₃ Y is the Higgs branch of the 5d $\mathcal{N} = 1$ SCFT obtained from M-theory on $\mathbb{R}^{1,4} \times Y$.
- The MQ associated to a toric polygon is given by Minkowski decomposition / brane web tropical intersections.

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[Cabrera, Hanany, Yagi 18]
[van Beest, AB, Eckhard, Schäfer-Nameki 20] \rightarrow Mathematica
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Simple example:



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5d $\mathcal{N}=1$ SCFT corresponding to $SU(3)_0$ + 6F:



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5d $\mathcal{N}=1$ SCFT corresponding to $\text{SU}(3)_0$ + 6F:



To be compared with the gauge theory (contribution of massless instantons):

- Dimension jump ($24 \neq 20$)
- Symmetry enhancement $(A_5 \oplus A_1 \oplus A_1 \neq A_5)$

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5d $\mathcal{N} = 1$ SCFT corresponding to SU(3)₁ + 6F:



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5d $\mathcal{N}=1$ SCFT corresponding to $\mathsf{SU}(3)_1$ + 6F:



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Magnetic Quivers are a way of defining Conical Symplectic Singularities.

For certain physically / mathematically interesting CSS, the MQ is the only (?) available description.

E.g. hyperKähler Implosion Spaces [AB, Dancer, Grimminger, Hanany, Kirwan, Zhong 21]

The knowledge of the MQ gives access *algorithmically* to CSS data:

- Dimension
- Global symmetry
- Structure of the coordinate ring
- Singular stratification

For Higgs branches of QFTs this characterizes their **phase structure** and how theories are connected via **generalized Higgsing** and **RG flow**.

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Outlook

Future directions and open problems:

- What is the scope of magnetic quivers? Various extensions of the notions have already been proposed. What is the generic magnetic "object"?
- What other information can be extracted from magnetic quivers? E.g. HyperKähler metric?
- Is there a possible "bootstrap" approach?
 - Classification of possible elementary slices?
 - NEW! CSS found by [Bellamy, Bonnafé, Fu, Juteau, Levy, Sommers 22] \rightarrow Appears in 6d $\mathcal{N} = (1,0)$ SCFTs, MQ in [AB, Grimminger, Juteau, Levy, WIP]
 - How do slices combine in general?

Thank you for your attention!

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