# Gauged Linear Sigma Models, Calabi-Yaus and Hemisphere Partition Function

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# CYs and GLSMs

- A Calabi-Yau space (CY) can be realized as the low energy configuration of an  $\mathcal{N} = (2, 2)$  supersymmetric gauge theory in two dimensions the gauged linear sigma model (GLSM). [Witten 93]
- The choice of gauge group and matter content determines the CY.
- Hypersurfaces and complete intersections in toric ambient spaces are realized by GLSMs with gauge groups  $G = U(1)^k$ .
- Non-abelian gauge groups lead to exotic CYs (e.g. determinantal varieties).
- Phases:
  - The FI-parameters and the  $\theta$ -angles can be identified with the the Kähler moduli of the CY.
  - By tuning these couplings we can probe the Kähler moduli space.

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## **GLSM** Data

- G ... a compact Lie group (gauge group)
- V ... space of chiral fields  $\phi_i \in V$
- $\rho_V: G \rightarrow GL(V) \dots$  faithful complex representation
  - CY condition:  $G \rightarrow SL(V)$
- $R: U(1) \rightarrow GL(V) \dots$  R-symmetry
  - *R<sub>i</sub>* ... R-charges
  - R and  $\rho_V$  commute
  - charge integrality:  $R(e^{i\pi}) = \rho_V(J)$  for  $J \in G$
- $T \subset G$  ... maximal torus
  - Lie algebras:  $\mathfrak{g} = Lie(G)$ ,  $\mathfrak{t} = Lie(T)$
  - $Q_j^a \in \mathfrak{t}^*_{\mathbb{C}}$  ... gauge charges of chiral fields

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# GLSM Data (ctd.)

- $t \in \mathfrak{g}^*_{\mathbb{C}}$  ... FI-theta parameter
  - $t^a = \zeta^a i\theta^a$
  - $t^a \leftrightarrow K$ ähler moduli of the CY
- $\sigma \in \mathfrak{t}_{\mathbb{C}} \subset \mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}} \ldots$  scalar component of the vector multiplet
- $W \in \operatorname{Sym}(V^*) \dots$  superpotential
  - G-invariant
  - *R*-charge 2
  - non-zero for compact CYs
- Classical Potential

$$U = \frac{1}{8e^2} |[\sigma, \bar{\sigma}]|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left( |Q(\sigma)\phi|^2 + |Q(\bar{\sigma})\phi|^2 \right) + \frac{e^2}{2}D^2 + |F|^2$$

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## **Classical Equations of Motion**

- Higgs branch:  $\sigma = 0$
- D-terms

 $\mu(\phi) = \zeta$ 

• 
$$\mu: \mathcal{V} 
ightarrow \mathfrak{g}^* \ \ldots$$
 moment map

• G is broken to a subgroup

• F-terms

$$dW = 0$$

- Phases: parameter space gets divided into chambers
- Classical Vacua

$$X_{\zeta} = \{ dW^{-1}(0) \} \cap \mu^{-1}(\zeta) / G$$

• Ideal  $I_{\zeta}$ :  $\phi \in V$  where the quotient is ill-defined

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#### Coulomb branch

- Coulomb branch:  $\phi = 0$ ,  $\zeta = 0$
- $\sigma$  fields can take any value classically.
- One-loop corrections generate en effective potential.

$$\widetilde{W}_{\mathsf{eff}} = -t(\sigma) - \sum_i Q_i(\sigma)(\log(Q_i(\sigma)) - 1) + \pi i \sum_{lpha > 0} lpha(\sigma)$$

- $Q_i$ : weights of the matter representation  $\rho_V$
- α > 0: positive roots
- Lifted except for points, lines, etc.  $\rightarrow$  discriminant
  - One can smoothly interpolate between the phases.
  - The CY undergoes a topological transition.
- Mixed Branches if rkT > 1.

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## Example 1: Quintic – G = U(1)

- Field content:  $\phi = (p, x_1, \dots, x_5) \in \mathbb{C}(-5) \oplus \mathbb{C}(1)^{\oplus 5}$
- **Potential**:  $W = pG_5(x_1, ..., x_5)$
- **D-term**:  $-5|p|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^5 |x_i|^2 = \zeta$
- F-terms:  $G_5(x_1,\ldots,x_5) = 0$ ,  $p \frac{\partial G_5}{\partial x_i} = 0$
- $\zeta \gg 0$ : p = 0, Quintic  $G_5 = 0$  in  $\mathbb{P}^4$
- $\zeta \ll 0$ : Landau-Ginzburg orbifold with potential  $G_5$
- Landau-Ginzburg/CY correspondence

[Witten 93][Herbst-Hori-Page 08][Kontsevich,Orlov]

• Moduli space

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathsf{LG} \\ \mathsf{G} \to \mathbb{Z}_5 \underbrace{\zeta \to -\infty} \end{array} \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \mathsf{X} \\ \mathsf{e}^{-(\zeta - i\theta)} = -\frac{1}{3125} \end{array} \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \mathsf{CY} \\ \overbrace{\zeta \to \infty} \\ \mathsf{G} \to 1 \end{array}$$

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## Example 2: Rødland model – G = U(2)

- Field content: (p<sup>1</sup>,..., p<sup>7</sup>, x<sub>1</sub>,... x<sub>7</sub>) ∈ (det<sup>-1</sup> S)<sup>⊕7</sup> ⊕ S<sup>⊕7</sup> with S ≃ C<sup>2</sup> fundamental representation
- Potential:

$$W = \sum_{i,j,k=1}^{7} \sum_{a,b=1}^{2} A_k^{ij} p^k x_i^a \varepsilon_{ab} x_k^b = \sum_{i,j=1}^{7} A^{ij}(p) [x_i x_j]$$

• D-terms:

$$-\sum_{i=1}^{7} |p^{i}|^{2} + \sum_{j=1}^{7} |x_{i}|^{2} = \zeta$$
$$xx^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2} ||x||^{2} \mathbf{1}_{2} = 0$$

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### Example 2: ctd.

- $\zeta \gg 0$ : Complete intersection of codimension 7 in G(2,7):  $\sum_{i,j=1}^{7} A_k^{ij}[x_i x_j] = 0$
- $\zeta \ll 0$ : Pfaffian CY in  $\mathbb{P}^6$ :  $\operatorname{rk} A(p) = 4$ ; G broken to  $SU(2) \rightarrow$ strongly coupled! (go to dual) [Hori '11]
- Grassmannian/Pfaffian correspondence

[Hori-Tong '06][Rødland,Kuznetsov,Addington-Donovan-Segal,Halpern-Leistner,Ballard-Favero-Katzarkov]

• Moduli space

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{Pfaffian} \ \mathsf{CY} & \times & \\ \mathcal{G} \to SU(2)_{\zeta \to -\infty} & \times & \\ & \times & \\ & \times & \\ & & \times & \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{G} \text{ rassmannian} \ \mathsf{CY} \\ \mathcal{G} \to 1 \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{G} \text{ rassmannian} \ \mathsf{CY} \\ \mathcal{G} \to 1 \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{G} \text{ rassmannian} \ \mathsf{CY} \\ \mathcal{G} \to 1 \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{G} \text{ rassmannian} \ \mathsf{CY} \\ \mathcal{G} \to 1 \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{G} \text{ rassmannian} \ \mathsf{CY} \\ \mathcal{G} \to 1 \\ & & \\ & & \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{G} \text{ rassmannian} \ \mathsf{CY} \\ \mathcal{G} \to 1 \\ & & \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{G} \text{ rassmannian} \ \mathsf{CY} \\ \mathcal{G} \to 1 \\ & & \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{G} \text{ rassmannian} \ \mathsf{CY} \\ \mathcal{G} \to 1 \\ & & \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{G} \text{ rassmannian} \ \mathsf{CY} \\ \mathcal{G} \to 1 \\ & & \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{G} \text{ rassmannian} \ \mathsf{CY} \\ \mathcal{G} \to 1 \\ & & \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{G} \text{ rassmannian} \ \mathsf{CY} \\ \mathcal{G} \to 1 \\ & & \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{G} \text{ rassmannian} \ \mathsf{CY} \\ \mathcal{G} \to 1 \\ & & \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{G} \text{ rassmannian} \ \mathsf{CY} \\ \mathcal{G} \to 1 \\ & & \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{G} \text{ rassmannian} \ \mathsf{CY} \\ \mathcal{G} \to 1 \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{G} \text{ rassmannian} \ \mathsf{CY} \\ \mathcal{G} \to 1 \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{G} \text{ rassmannian} \ \mathsf{CY} \\ \mathcal{G} \to 1 \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{G} \text{ rassmannian} \ \mathsf{CY} \\ \mathcal{G} \to 1 \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{G} \text{ rassmannian} \ \mathsf{CY} \\ \mathcal{G} \to 1 \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{G} \text{ rassmannian} \ \mathsf{CY} \\ \mathcal{G} \to 1 \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{G} \text{ rassmannian} \ \mathsf{CY} \\ \mathcal{G} \to 1 \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{G} \text{ rassmannian} \ \mathsf{CY} \\ \mathcal{G} \to 1 \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{G} \text{ rassmannian} \ \mathsf{G} \text{ rassmannian} \ \mathsf{G} \ \mathsf{G} \ \mathsf{G} \to 1 \\ \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{G} \text{ rassmannian} \ \mathsf{G} \ \mathsf{G}$$

• The two CYs are not birational.

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## Example 3: Non-abelian two parameter model

- A two-parameter non-abelian model with two geometric phases. [Hori-JK arXiv:1612.06214 [hep-th]]
  - $G = (U(1)^2 \times O(2))/H$
  - free  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -quotient of a codimension 5 complete intersection in a toric variety  $\leftrightarrow$  determinantal variety
  - Phases



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# Example 3: (ctd.)

- The CYs in the geometric phases are not birational.
  - different fundamental groups
- There is a phase which has both strongly and weakly coupled components.
- The discriminant locus has a mixed Coulomb-confining branch that is mapped to a mixed Coulomb-Higgs branch under Hori's duality.
- There is an extra phase boundary due to non-abelian D-term equations.
- Mirror symmetry calculations work here because one phase is "almost" toric.

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### Further non-abelian examples

- One-parameter models with  $(U(1) \times O(2))/H$ 
  - Reye congruence  $\leftrightarrow$  determinantal quintic [Hosono-Takagi 11-14][Hori 11]
  - Hybrid model  $\leftrightarrow$  determinantal variety in  $\mathbb{P}^{11222}$  [Hori-JK 13]
- Models with  $G = U(1) \times SU(2)$  and U(2)
  - Hybrid models  $\leftrightarrow$  Pfaffian CYs in weighted  $\mathbb{P}^4$ 
    - [Kanazawa 10][Hori-JK '13]

PAX/PAXY

[Jockers et al. '12]

• SSSM

[Gerhardus-Jockers '15]



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### B-branes in the GLSM

• B-branes in the GLSM are *G*-invariant matrix factorizations of the GLSM potential with *R*-charge 1

[Herbst-Hori-Page '08][Honda-Okuda,Hori-Romo '13]

- Data:
  - $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Chan-Paton space: space  $M = M^0 \oplus M^1$
  - Matrix Factorization:  $Q \in End^1(M)$  with

$$Q^2 = W \cdot \mathrm{id}_M$$

• G-action:  $\rho: G \rightarrow GL(M)$  with

$$ho(g)^{-1}Q(g\phi)
ho(g)=Q(\phi)$$

• R-action:  $r_*: u(1)_R \to gl(M)$  with

$$\lambda^{\mathbf{r}_*} Q(\lambda^R \phi) \lambda^{-\mathbf{r}_*} = \lambda Q(\phi)$$



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## Examples

- No classification for matrix factorizations! However, there are some canonical examples.
- Example 1: Quintic

$$Q_1=p\eta+G_5(x)ar\eta \qquad \{\eta,ar\eta\}=1$$

• Example 2: Quintic

$$Q_2 = \sum_{i=1}^{5} x_i \eta_i + \frac{p}{5} \frac{\partial G_5}{\partial x_i} \overline{\eta}_i \quad \{\eta_i, \overline{\eta}_j\} = \delta_{ij}$$

• Example 3: Rødland

$$Q_3 = \sum_{i=1}^7 p^i \eta_i + rac{\partial W}{\partial p^i} ar\eta_i$$

Studied mostly in the context of B-twisted Landau-Ginzburg models.

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### Hemisphere Partition Function

• SUSY localization in the GLSM yields the hemisphere partition function. [Sugishita-Terashima,Honda-Okuda,Hori-Romo '13]

$$Z_{D^2}(\mathcal{B}) = C \int_{\gamma} d^{\mathrm{rk}_G} \sigma \prod_{\alpha > 0} \alpha(\sigma) \sinh(\pi \alpha(\sigma)) \prod_i \Gamma\left(iQ_i(\sigma) + \frac{R_i}{2}\right) e^{it(\sigma)} f_{\mathcal{B}}(\sigma)$$

- α > 0 positive roots
- $\sigma \in t_{\mathbb{C}}$  twisted chirals
- $R_i \ldots R$ -charges,  $Q_i \ldots$  gauge charges
- $t = \zeta i\theta$  ... complexified FI (Kähler) parameter(s)
- $\gamma$  ... integration contour (s.t. integral is convergent)

#### Brane factor

$$f_{\mathcal{B}}(\sigma) = \operatorname{tr}_{M}\left(e^{i\pi\mathbf{r}_{*}}e^{2\pi\rho(\sigma)}\right)$$

- *M* . . . Chan-Paton space
- The brane input is obtained by restricting the matrices  $\rho(g)$  and  $\lambda^{\mathbf{r}_*}$  to the maximal torus.

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# What does $Z_{D^2}$ compute?

- Z<sub>D<sup>2</sup></sub> computes the fully quantum corrected D-brane central charge.
- In large volume of U(1) GLSMs (CY hypersurface X in toric ambient space), it reduces to the Gamma class: [Hori-Romo '13]

$$Z_{D^2}^{LV} = C \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-nt} \int_X \hat{\Gamma}_X(n) e^{B + \frac{1}{2\pi}\omega} \operatorname{ch}(\mathcal{B}_{LV})$$

- $\hat{\Gamma}(x) = \Gamma\left(1 \frac{x}{2\pi i}\right)...$  Gamma class:  $\hat{\Gamma}\hat{\Gamma}^* = \hat{A}_X$
- $\omega$  . . . Kähler class
- $\operatorname{ch}(\mathcal{B}_{LV})$  ... Chern character of the LV brane
- $B \in H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \dots$  B-field

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# Mirror Symmetry

- Instanton corrections can be expressed in terms of the periods of the mirror CY.
- Example: Structure sheaf  $\mathcal{O}_X$

$$Z(\mathcal{O}_{X}) = \frac{H^{3}}{3!} \left(\frac{it}{2\pi}\right)^{3} + \left(\frac{it}{2\pi}\right) \frac{c_{2}H}{24} + i\frac{\zeta(3)}{(2\pi)^{3}}\chi(X) + O(e^{-t})$$
  
$$\stackrel{mirror}{=} \frac{H^{3}}{3!} \varpi_{3} + \frac{c_{2}H}{24} \varpi_{2} + i\frac{\zeta(3)\chi(X)}{(2\pi)^{3}} \varpi_{0}$$

- This is exactly what one gets when one evaluates  $Z_{D^2}$  in the  $\zeta \gg 0$ -phase for  $Q_1$  and  $Q_3$ .
- However, no mirror symmetry required!

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#### D-brane transport

- One can use the GLSM to transport D-branes from one phase to another.
  - Solved for abelian GLSMs.

[Herbst-Hori-Page '08]

• Transport is non-trivial due to singularities in the moduli space.



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### Paths and grade restriction

- Not every GLSM brane can be transported along a given path in a well-defined way.
  - Brane may become unstable/break SUSY.
- Which branes are "allowed" is determined by the grade restriction rule. [Herbst-Hori-Page '08]
  - Given a path (i.e. choice of *θ*-angle) only certain gauge charges of the brane are allowed.
  - Given a brane in a phase, one can always find a GLSM brane that is in the charge window.
  - Understood in the abelian case.
- New approach: The hemisphere partition function knows about the grade-restriction rule. [Eager-Hori-Romo-JK in progress]

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## $Z_{D^2}$ and grade restriction

• We can obtain the grade restriction rule from the asymptotic behavior of the hemisphere partition function.

$$Z_{D^2}^q = \int_{\gamma} d^{l_G} \sigma e^{-A_q(\sigma)}, \quad \sigma = \sigma_1 + i\sigma_2$$

$$A_q(\sigma) = \zeta(\sigma_2) - (\theta - 2\pi q)(\sigma_1) + \sum_i \left\{ Q_i(\sigma_2) \left( \log |Q_i(\sigma)| - 1 \right) + |Q_i(\sigma_1)| \left( \frac{\pi}{2} + \arctan \frac{Q_i(\sigma_2)}{|Q_i(\sigma_1)|} \right) \right\}$$

- Condition:  $Z_{D_2}$  has to be convergent for a given contour  $\gamma$ .
- Depending on the path, this restricts the allowed charges q of the brane.
- $A_q$  is the effective boundary potential on the Coulomb branch.
- Difficult to analyze because we have to find a parametrization for  $\gamma$ .

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#### Results on grade restriction

• For the quintic, the known grade restriction rule is reproduced.

[Hori-Romo '13]

$$A_q(\sigma) = \underbrace{(\zeta - 5\log 5)}_{\zeta^{eff}} \sigma_2 + (5\pi - \operatorname{sgn}(\sigma_1)(\theta + 2\pi q))|\sigma_1|$$

• 
$$\zeta^{eff} \ge 0$$
:  $\sigma_2 \ge 0$  is admissible.

• 
$$\zeta^{eff} = 0: -\frac{5}{2} < \frac{\theta}{2\pi} + q < \frac{5}{2}$$

• Rødland CY:

- We find four different windows corresponding to the four inequivalent paths.
- We can verify the correct monodromy behavior for the paths around the three conifold points.
- In the strongly coupled Pfaffian phase, there is a grade restriction rule deep inside the phase.

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## How to grade restrict?

- Paths in the moduli space  $\iff$  window of allowed charges
- Grade restriction: replace a brane  $\widehat{\mathcal{B}}$  outside the window by an equivalent one  $\mathcal{B}$  that is the same in a given phase A
- Empty branes: branes  $\mathcal{B}_E^A$  that reduce to "nothing" in a specific phase A
  - $Z_{D^2}^A(B_E^A)=0$
  - $Q_1, Q_3...$  empty branes in the LG/Pfaffian,  $Q_2...$  empty brane in the geometric phase
- $\widehat{\mathcal{B}}$  and a bound state  $\mathcal{B} = \widehat{\mathcal{B}} \xrightarrow{\Psi} \mathcal{B}_{E}^{A}$  (tachyon condensation) reduce to the same brane in phase A
  - Binding empty branes changes the gauge charges
  - Use empty branes to grade restrict to a given charge window

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# GLSM and Monodromy

- We can compute the monodromy of a D-brane by transporting it along a non-contractible loop in the moduli space [Herbst-Hori-Page '08]
- Monodromy inside a phase: θ-angle shift by 2π ↔ shift of gauge charges of the brane by +1
- Monodromy across a phase boundary: grade restrict with respect to adjacent window



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# $Z_{D^2}$ and Monodromy

• We can read off monodromy matrices from the brane factors of the hemisphere partition function in the GLSM

[Romo-Scheidegger-JK '16][Erkinger-JK '17]

- Recipe:
  - $1. \ \ {\rm Choose \ a \ reference \ path/window}$
  - 2. Take a brane grade  ${\mathcal B}$  restricted to a path
  - 3. Perform the monodromy operation with image brane  $\mathcal{B}'$
  - 4. Grade restrict back to the reference window to get a brane  $\widetilde{\mathcal{B}'}$
  - 5. Read off the the monodromy matrix  $M_{ij}$  from the brane factors

$$f_{\widetilde{\mathcal{B}}'_i} = \sum_j M_{ij} f_{\mathcal{B}_i}$$

- Explicit examples for one-parameter hypersurfaces
- Also works for the Rødland example.

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# $Z_{D^2}$ in non-geometric phases

- In geometric phases  $Z_{D^2}$  computes the quantum corrected central charge of the D-brane.
- What about Landau-Ginzburg orbifold phases?

[Lerche-Vafa-Warner '89][Intriligator-Vafa '90][Fan-Jarvis-Ruan-Witten][Chiodo-Iritani-Ruan]

 In one-parameter models with a LG-phase the hemisphere partition function computes [Romo-Scheidegger-JK]

$$Z_{D^2}^{LG} = \left(I_{FJRW}, \hat{\Gamma}_{FJRW} \circ \operatorname{ch}(Q)
ight)$$

- *I<sub>FJRW</sub>* ... *I*-Function (periods)
- $\hat{\Gamma}_{FJRW}$  ... Gamma-class
- ch(Q) ... Chern character
- $(\cdot, \cdot)$  . . . pairing

[Walcher '04]

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[Walcher '04]

# Landau-Ginzburg Central Charge (ctd.)

- Show that  $Z_{D^2}$  reduces to this in the LG phase.
- Works for a basis of branes/periods on the quintic.
- Generalization to two-parameter models seems to work.
- Does it define a stability condition?

[Douglas-Fiol-Römelsberger '00][Aspinwall-Douglas '01][Douglas '02][Bridgeland]

- At the Landau-Ginzburg point this should reduce to R-stability
  - Compare stable vs. unstable configurations of branes and their bound states.

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# Summary

- GLSMs are useful physics tools to study CYs and their moduli spaces.
- Non-abelian GLSMs lead to exotic CYs that are not complete intersections in toric ambient spaces.
- Supersymmetric localization gave us new tools to calculate quantum corrections in CY compactifications.
  - Without mirror symmetry
  - Applies to "exotic" CYs: determinantal varieties, etc.
  - Applies also to "exotic" phases: strongly coupled, hybrid, etc.
- The hemisphere partition function computes the quantum corrected central charge of a D-brane
  - D-brane transport and monodromies
  - Landau-Ginzburg central charge

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# **Open Problems**

- Systematic construction of exotic CYs via non-abelian GLSMs
  - Higher rank gauge groups
  - Exotic matter
- Central charge in non-geometric phases.
  - Hemisphere partition function as ("global") stability condition?
  - Analytic continuation of periods of CYs with more than one conifold point [Romo-Scheidegger-JK][Klemm's talk]
- Better understanding of hybrid phases
- D-branes and D-brane transport on exotic CYs
- Mirror symmetry for exotic CYs
- Relation to localization results in higher dimensions and implications for CY physics

[Galkin's talk]