

# Up and Down the Bow Construction



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# Intro:

“Bows form only the first step in generalizing quivers.”

- Instanton on ALE  $\longleftrightarrow$  Quiver Kronheimer - Nakajima '90
- Instanton on ALF  $\longleftrightarrow$  Bow
- Instanton on ALG  $\longleftrightarrow$  Sling
- Instanton on ALH  $\longleftrightarrow$  Wall

**Comment:** 4 real dim. hyperkähler space with  $L^2$  Riemann curvature = [Tesseract](#)

All tesserons come in ALE, ALF, ALG, ALG\*, ALH, and ALH\* types.

**ALF spaces:**

$$A_{k-1} \text{ ALF} = \text{TN}_k$$

$D_k$  ALF are asymptotic to  $A_{2k-5} / \mathbb{Z}_2$

$$\text{TN}_k^\nu \leftarrow S^1$$

$$g = V |dt|^2 + \frac{(d\tau + \pi_k^* \omega)^2}{V}$$

( $D_0 = \text{AH}$  and  $D_1 = \text{Double cover}(\text{AH})$ )

$$\pi_k \downarrow$$

$$\mathbb{R}^3 = \text{Im } \mathbb{H}$$

$$V = \ell + \sum_{\sigma=1}^k \frac{1}{2|t - \nu_\sigma|}, \quad d\omega = *_3 dV$$

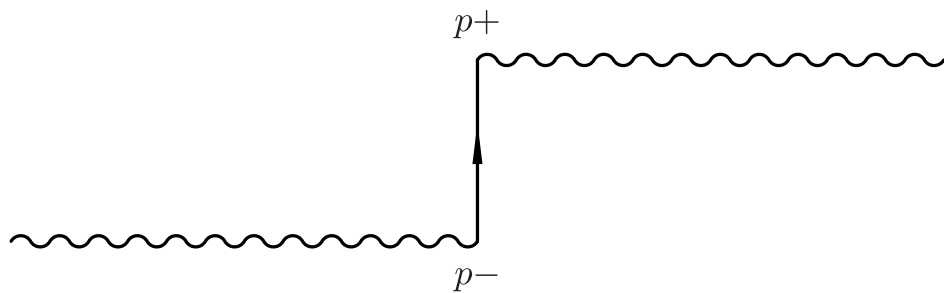
**Yang-Mills Instanton:** Hermitian bundle with connection  $(\mathcal{E} \rightarrow \text{TN}_k^\nu, A)$  satisfying:

1.  $*F_A = -F_A \iff \text{Im } D_A^\dagger D_A = 0$  Dirac operator  $D_A$
2.  $F_A$  is  $L^2$

# Bows

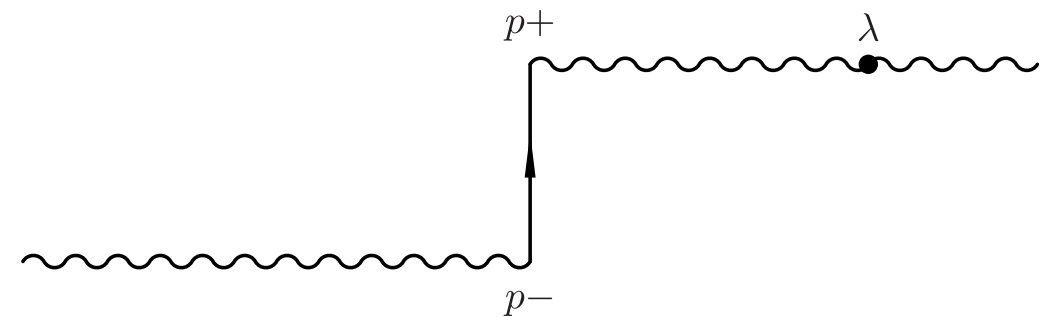
A **bow** is a collection of

1. oriented **intervals** and
2. **arrows** connecting their ends (respecting the orientation).



A **bow representation**  $\mathfrak{R}$  is

1. collection  $\Lambda$  of  $\lambda$ -points on the bow,
2. hermitian line bundles  $E$  on  $(\text{Bow} - \Lambda)$  (matching at  $\lambda$  points),
3. space  $W_\lambda$  for each constant rank  $\lambda$  point.



Bow representation data  $\text{Dat}(\mathfrak{R})$  consists of

1. Nahm data:  
connection  $\nabla_{\frac{d}{ds}}$  on  $E$  and  
three endomorphisms  
 $T_1, T_2, T_3$  of  $E$ .

2. Bifundamental data:

For each arrow

$$B_p : E_{p-} \rightarrow \mathcal{S} \otimes E_{p+}$$

↑  
2-dim rep. of quaternions.

3. Fundamental data:  
for each const. rank  
 $\lambda$ -point:

$$Q_\lambda : W_\lambda \rightarrow \mathcal{S} \otimes E_\lambda$$

$$\text{Let } \mathbb{T} := I_1 \otimes T_1 + I_2 \otimes T_2 + I_3 \otimes T_3$$

**Bow solution:**

$\text{Dat}(\mathfrak{R})$  is hyperkähler and the gauge group  $\mathcal{G}$  of  $\mathfrak{R}$  acts triholomorphically.

Its bow moment map equations (at level  $\nu$ ) are

$$i \nabla_{\frac{d}{ds}} T_1 = [T_2, T_3],$$

$$\mathbb{T}(p-) + \text{Im } i B_p B_p^\dagger = \nu_p,$$

$$\mathbb{T}(\lambda+) - \mathbb{T}(\lambda-) = \text{Im } i Q_\lambda Q_\lambda^\dagger$$

# Bow Moduli Space

c.f. all ALE tesserons  
as quiver moduli spaces:  
Kronheimer '89

HKQ level set:

$$\mu^{-1}(\nu) := \{t - \text{Im } bb^\dagger = \nu\} \curvearrowright \mathcal{G}^{\mathfrak{z}}$$

Hyperkähler  
affine space

$$\text{Dat}(\mathfrak{z}) \ni (\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial s}}, t, b)$$

$\mathcal{P}$

$$\text{TN}_k^\nu = \mu^{-1}(\nu) / \mathcal{G}^{\mathfrak{z}}$$

**Moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathfrak{z}}$   
of the bow rep.  $\mathfrak{z}$**

A (small) bow  
representation  $\mathfrak{z}$   
(Herm. line bundle)

- Moduli space of a bow rep. is hyperkähler:

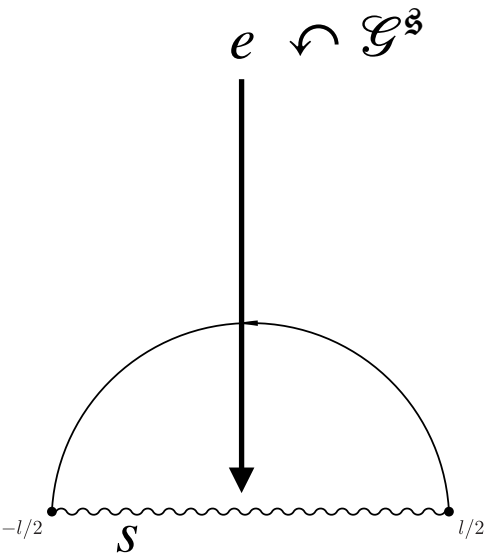
$$\mathcal{M}_{\mathfrak{z}} = \text{Dat}(\mathfrak{z}) // \mathcal{G}^{\mathfrak{z}}$$

Performing HKQ in stages, presents  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathfrak{z}}$   
as a finite HKQ.

- Focussing on one complex structure:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\mathfrak{z}} = \mu_{\mathbb{C}}^{-1}(\nu_{\mathbb{C}}) / \mathcal{G}_{\mathbb{C}}^{\mathfrak{z}}$$

Bow  
 $\Psi$   
point  $s$



One can cut the bow into pieces to present  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathfrak{R}}$   
as a **finite** HK quotient.

This can be used to study its asymptotic,

Ch '10

or realize it as a quiver variety in any given complex structure,

Nakajima & Takayama '16

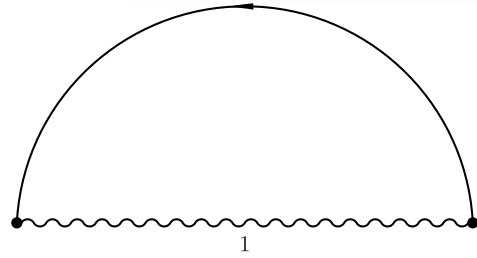
or adjust the level to obtain a non-commutative deformation of  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathfrak{R}}$

R. Bielawski, Y. Borchard and S. A. Ch '22

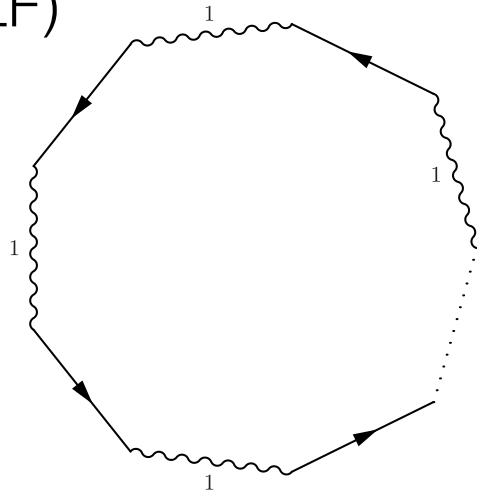
in which case the Bow construction delivers Instantons on non-commutative  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathfrak{R}}$ .

# TN<sub>k</sub> as a Bow Rep. Moduli Space

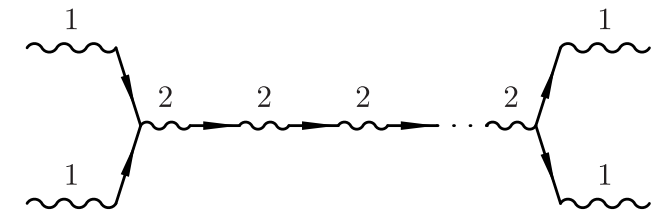
Taub-NUT (A<sub>0</sub> ALF)



multi-Taub-NUT (A<sub>k</sub> ALF)

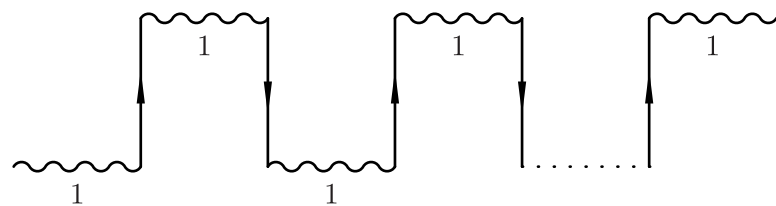


D<sub>k</sub> ALF



Note: there are other bows with representations with the same moduli space.

E.g. Cheshire bow rep:



Ch-Blair '10

and Ray bow rep.



Ch-Kapustin '98

all have TN<sub>k</sub> as their moduli space.



## Level set as a Poincaré bundle

- For any point on the bow  $s \in \text{Bow}$ , one has exact sequence  $1 \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_s \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \rightarrow U(e_s) \rightarrow 1$

$$\text{where } \mathcal{G}_s := \{g \in \mathcal{G} \mid g(s) = 1\}$$

and the partial quotient  $\mu^{-1}(\nu)/\mathcal{G}_s$  forms a  $U(e_s)$  principal bundle over the moduli space:

$$\begin{array}{c} \mu^{-1}(\nu)/\mathcal{G}_s \leftarrow U(e_s) \\ \downarrow \\ \text{TN}_k^\nu \end{array}$$

This is the **Tautological principal bundle** at  $s$ .

Its associated bundle is  $L_s \rightarrow \text{TN}_k^\nu$ , and

it comes equipped with a tautological instanton connection  $a_s$ !

- Together, the family of tautological bundles form a bundle over  $\text{TN}_k^\nu \times \text{Bow}$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathcal{G} \curvearrowright & \underline{e} := \pi_2^* e \\ & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ & \mu^{-1}(\nu) \times \text{Bow} & \\ \begin{array}{c} L \\ \downarrow \\ \text{TN}_k^\nu \times \text{Bow} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \swarrow \pi_1 \\ \searrow \pi_2 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \downarrow e \\ \text{Bow} \end{array} \end{array}$$

Section of  $L = \mathcal{G}$ -equivariant section of  $\underline{e}$ .

Note: all of the above applies to ANY bow rep. (except, its moduli space might not be TN).



# Down Transform

“A space knows its bow;  
an instanton knows its bow representation.”

CLHS'21

Analytic results:

1. Any instanton (with asymp. holonomy) on ALF space has asymptotic form

$$A = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \left( \pi_k^* \eta_\lambda - i \left( \lambda + \frac{m_\lambda}{2|t|} \right) \frac{\omega}{V} \right) + O(|t|^{-2}),$$

where  $\exp(2\pi i \frac{\lambda}{\ell})$  are the asymptotic values of the holonomy eigenvalues and  $m_\lambda$  are the first Chern numbers of the corresponding eigen-linebundles.

2. Index of the associated Dirac operator is

$$\text{ind}_{L^2} D_A = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \left( \left( \{\lambda/l\} - \frac{1}{2} \right) (m_\lambda - k[\lambda/l]) - \frac{k}{2} \{\lambda/l\}^2 \right) + \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int \text{tr } F \wedge F.$$

3. Harmonic spinors decay exponentially, if no  $\lambda = 0$ .

Given an instanton  $(\mathcal{E}, A)$ , its Dirac operator is  $D_A : \Gamma(S \otimes \mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \Gamma(S \otimes \mathcal{E})$

The spin bundle  $S$  splits into chiral parts  $S = S^+ \oplus S^-$ .

Hyperkählerity  $\Rightarrow S^+$  is trivial. Moreover, the Clifford action of the three Kähler forms  $I_i := Cl(\omega_i)$  is covariantly constant and  $I_1, I_2, I_3$  form quaternionic units!

Twisting by tautological bundles, we have a family of Dirac operators parameterized by the bow:

$$D_s := D_{A \otimes 1_{L_s} + 1_{\mathcal{E}} \otimes a_s} : \Gamma(S \otimes \mathcal{E} \otimes L_s) \rightarrow \Gamma(S \otimes \mathcal{E} \otimes L_s)$$

Importantly: anti-self-duality of both  $A$  and  $a_s$  is equivalent to

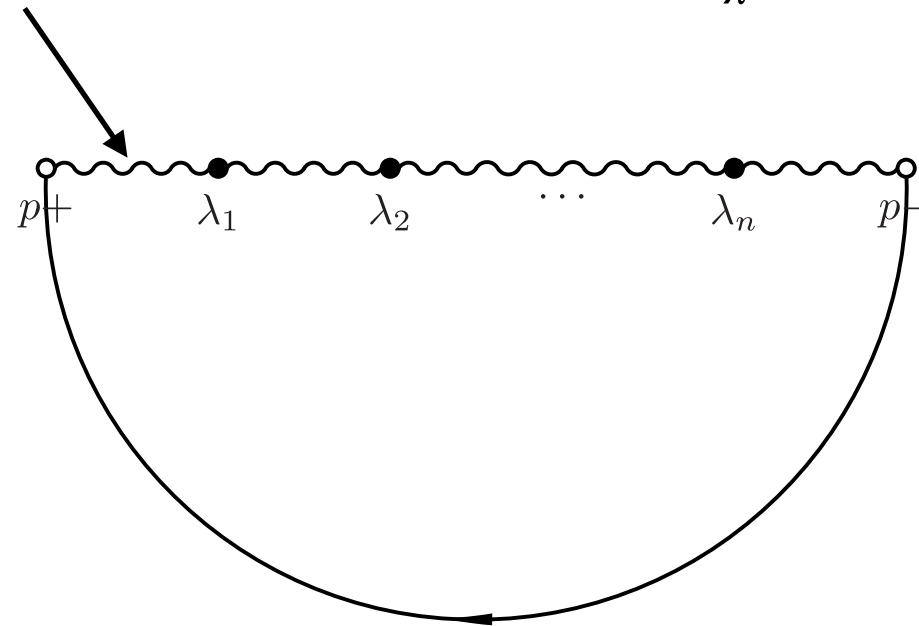
$$D_s^2|_{S^+} = \nabla_s^* \nabla_s \otimes 1_{S^+}$$

If  $(\mathcal{E}, A)$  has no trivial factors, then  $\nabla_s^* \nabla_s > 0$ , thus  $\ker_{L^2} D_s$  is entirely in  $S^-$ .

- Index bundle:  
 $\mathcal{E}_s := \ker_{L^2} D_s$

Bounded harmonic sections:

$$W_\lambda := \ker_{L^\infty} \nabla_\lambda^* \nabla_\lambda$$



- Induced Bow Solution: T, B, Q

1)  $W_\lambda$  comes with a map  $Q : W_\lambda \otimes S^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_\lambda$  equivalently,  $Q \in \mathcal{E}_\lambda \otimes (S^+)^* \otimes W_\lambda^*$   
 $f \mapsto D_\lambda f$

Since  $D_s D_s|_{S^+} = \nabla_s^* \nabla_s \otimes 1_{S^+}$ , such  $D_\lambda f$  is indeed in  $\ker D_s$ .

2) Using the orthogonal projection  $\Pi_s : L^2(S^- \otimes \mathcal{E} \otimes L_s) \rightarrow \ker_{L^2} D_s$

Multiplication by t and b induces  $T_j := \Pi_s t_j \Pi_s$  and  $B_\alpha = \Pi_s b_\alpha \Pi_s$

Prop: The resulting (T,B,Q) solves the bow moment map equations at level  $\nu$  (determined by  $\mathbf{TN}_k^\nu$ ) !

# Up Transform

Bow Solution  $\Rightarrow$  Bow Dirac Operator  $\Rightarrow$  Index bundle over the level set  $\Rightarrow$  Instanton

Given a bow solution  
 $(T, B, Q)$   
 of a bow rep.  $\mathfrak{R}$



$$\mathfrak{D}_{\mathfrak{R}} : \Gamma(\mathcal{S} \otimes E) \rightarrow \Gamma(\mathcal{S} \otimes E) \oplus E_{p+} \oplus E_{p-} \oplus W_{\lambda}$$

$$\mathfrak{D}_{\mathfrak{R}}\psi := \begin{pmatrix} (-\nabla_{\frac{d}{ds}} + i\mathbb{T})\psi \\ B_p^{\dagger}\psi(p-) \\ -B_p^{c\dagger}\psi(p+) \\ -Q_{\lambda}^{\dagger}\psi(\lambda) \end{pmatrix}$$

Any  $(t, b) \in \mu^{-1}(\nu)$  is  
 a solution of the small bow rep.  
 and has associated Bow Dirac op.  $\mathfrak{D}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ .

Use its charge conjugate operator  
 $\mathfrak{D}_{\mathfrak{g}}^c$  to form a family

$$\mathfrak{D}_{(t,b)} := \mathfrak{D}_{\mathfrak{R}} \otimes 1_{e^*} + 1_E \otimes \mathfrak{D}_{\mathfrak{g}}^c$$

$$\mathfrak{D}_{(t,b)}\psi := \begin{pmatrix} (-\nabla_{\frac{d}{ds}} + i\mathbb{T} - it)\psi \\ B_p^{\dagger}\psi(p-) - b_p^{\dagger}\psi(p+) \\ -B_p^{c\dagger}\psi(p+) + b_p^{c\dagger}\psi(p-) \\ -Q_{\lambda}^{\dagger}\psi(\lambda) \end{pmatrix}$$

Quotient bundle  $\mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathbf{TN}_k^{\nu}$   
 with induced connection  $A$   
 is an Instanton

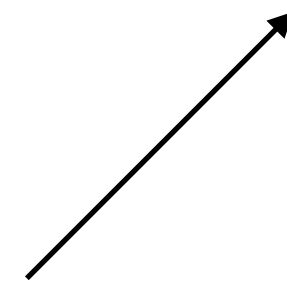


Index bundle over the level set  
 is  $\mathcal{G}_{\mathfrak{g}}$  equivariant:

$$\ker \mathfrak{D}_{(t,b)}^{\dagger} \curvearrowright \mathcal{G}_{\mathfrak{g}}$$



$$\mu^{-1}(\nu)$$



## Instanton Class in terms of Bow Rep. Ranks

1.  $\text{rk } \mathcal{E} = \dim \ker \mathfrak{D}_{(t,b)}^\dagger = -\text{ind} \mathfrak{D}_{(t,b)} = |\Lambda|.$
2. As  $|t| \rightarrow \infty$  solutions of the Bow Dirac eq. concentrate near the  $\lambda$ -points;  
so the induced connection  $\hat{A}$  has the form

$$\hat{A}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau}\right) = \text{diag}_{\lambda} \frac{-i}{V} \left( \lambda + \frac{\hat{m}_{\lambda}}{2t} \right) + O(t^{-2}),$$

where the magnetic charges are  $\hat{m}_{\lambda} = R(\lambda+) - R(\lambda-) + |\{p \mid p < \lambda\}|.$

3. Chern numbers of the resulting connection are

$$\frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{C_p} \text{tr} F_A = R(p+) - R(p-) - |\{\lambda \mid \lambda > p\}| + \sum_{\lambda} \frac{\lambda}{\ell},$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{i}{2\pi} \right)^2 \int_{\mathcal{M}} \text{tr} F_{\hat{A}} \wedge F_{\hat{A}} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\lambda} \hat{m}_{\lambda} - R_0 + \sum_{\lambda} \frac{\lambda}{\ell} \hat{m}_{\lambda} - \frac{k}{2} \sum_{\lambda} \left( \frac{\lambda}{\ell} \right)^2$$

“Two Dirac equations know each other.”

Instanton Dirac Operator  $D_s$   
(parameterized by a  $s \in \text{Bow}$ )

Schematic Relation:

Bow Dirac Operator  $\mathfrak{D}_{(t,b)}$   
(parameterized by  $(t, b) \in \mu_{\mathfrak{g}}^{-1}(\nu)$ )

$$\nabla^* \nabla \hat{\chi} = c^\tau \Psi$$

$\uparrow$                        $\uparrow$   
 Frame of  $\ker \mathfrak{D}_{(t,b)}$       frame of  $\ker D_s$   
 on the Bow                      on TN

Given an orthonormal frame of  $\ker D_s$

$$D_s \Psi_\alpha = 0$$

$$c^\tau = Cl\left(\frac{d\tau + \omega}{V}\right) = [D_s, i\frac{d}{ds}]$$

Consider bounded solution  $\chi_\alpha$  of Poisson eqs

$$\nabla_s^* \nabla_s \chi_\alpha = c^\tau \Psi_\alpha \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla_s^* \nabla_s \beta_\alpha = \frac{b_p}{2|t - \nu_p|} c^\tau \Psi_\alpha$$

$$D_s^2 \chi_\alpha = i \frac{d}{ds} \Psi_\alpha$$

$$\kappa^C := \chi_\alpha(s) \otimes \Psi_\alpha^*(s) \in S^+ \otimes \mathcal{E} \otimes e^* \otimes E_s^*$$

$$D_s \chi_\alpha = \frac{d}{ds} \Psi_\alpha + \Psi_\beta T_{\beta\alpha}^0$$

$$D_s I_j \chi_\alpha = -t^j \Psi_\alpha + \Psi_\beta T_{\beta\alpha}^j$$

$$\nabla_\mu^A \begin{pmatrix} \chi \\ \beta \\ f \end{pmatrix} = \mathfrak{D}_{(t,b)} I_\mu^\dagger c^\tau \Psi$$

Let  $\kappa^C = \begin{pmatrix} \chi \\ \beta \\ f \end{pmatrix}_\alpha \otimes \Psi_\alpha^\dagger$ , then  
 $\kappa$  solves the Bow Dirac equation

“Down harmony Eq”

Analogous calculation using Up transform give schematic relation for  $\hat{\chi} \in \ker \mathfrak{D}_{(t,b)}$ :

$$\Delta_{Bow} \Psi = \hat{\chi}$$

“Up harmony Eq”

# Completeness

“The heaven and the Earth are in harmony.”

$$\text{Up} \circ \text{Down} = \text{Id}_{\text{Inst}}$$

$$\text{Down} \circ \text{Up} = \text{Id}_{\text{Bow}}$$

$$(\mathcal{E}, A) \rightarrow (E; T, B, Q) \rightarrow (\hat{\mathcal{E}}, \hat{A}) \simeq_{\text{gauge}} (\mathcal{E}, A)$$

$$(E; T, B, Q) \rightarrow (\mathcal{E}, A) \rightarrow (\hat{E}, \hat{T}, \hat{B}, \hat{Q}) \simeq_{\text{gauge}} (E; T, B, Q)$$

Consider  $\kappa^c = \begin{pmatrix} \chi \\ \beta \\ f \end{pmatrix}_\alpha (t; s) \otimes \Psi_\alpha^\dagger(t'; s)$  is valued in  $(S^+ \otimes \mathcal{E} \otimes L_s^*)|_t \otimes E_s^*$ ,

its charge conjugate  $\kappa$  is valued in  $S^+ \otimes \mathcal{E}_t^* \otimes L_s \otimes E_s$

and thus gives a map  $\kappa : \mathcal{E}|_t \rightarrow S^+ \otimes E \otimes \underline{e}^*$  with image in  $\hat{\mathcal{E}} := \ker \mathfrak{D}_{(t,b)}$ .

It maps a fiber of  $\mathcal{E}$  at  $[(t,b)]$  to a fiber of  $\hat{\mathcal{E}}$  at  $(t,b)$ .

Bow index theorem  $\Rightarrow \kappa$  is bijective.

Down harmony eq  $\Rightarrow$  Fiber isometry and covariantly constant.



# Isometry

Monopole case: Nakajima '93

Down harmony eq:

$$\nabla_{\mu}^A \hat{\chi} = \mathfrak{D}_{(t,b)}^r I_{\mu}^{\dagger} c^{\tau} \Psi$$

Its variation is

$$\dot{A}_{\mu} \hat{\chi} + \nabla_{\mu}^A \dot{\hat{\chi}} = \dot{\mathbb{T}} I_{\mu}^{\dagger} c^{\tau} \Psi + \mathfrak{D}_{(t,b)}^r I_{\mu}^{\dagger} c^{\tau} \dot{\Psi}$$

directly relates the tangent vector  $\dot{A}$  to  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{Instanton}}$   
to the corresponding tangent vector  $\dot{\mathbb{T}}$  of  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{Bow}}$

Using 1) the fact that  $\Psi$  is a frame of  $\ker D_s$ ,  
2)  $\hat{\chi}^c$  is a frame of  $\ker \mathfrak{D}_{(t,b)}$ , and  
3) some quaternionic identities

leads to the isometry relation

$$\|\dot{A}\|_{ALF}^2 = \|(\dot{\mathbb{T}}, \dot{B}, \dot{Q})\|_{Bow}^2$$

# Which Bow is Best?

c.f. Witten 0902.09481  
(via brane considerations)

- Distinct holonomy eigenvalues  $\{e^{2\pi i\mu_1}, e^{2\pi i\mu_2}, \dots, e^{2\pi i\mu_n}\}$

split the instanton bundle (on a complement of a compact set)  $\mathcal{E}_{\text{TN}_k \setminus B} = W_1 \oplus W_2 \oplus \dots \oplus W_n$

**Lemma:** The eigenvalues have the form

$$\mu_j(\vec{t}) = \frac{\lambda_j}{l} + \frac{\vartheta_j}{2|\vec{t}|} + O(|\vec{t}|^{-2})$$

comparing to the asymptotic form of our connection  $a_j = \left(\lambda_j + \frac{m_j}{2t}\right) \frac{d\tau + \omega}{V} - \frac{m_j}{k} \omega$ .

$$l\vartheta_j = m_j + \frac{\lambda_j}{l}k$$

This combination is Independent of any gauge choice!

- Consider the neighborhood of infinity:  $\text{TN}_k \setminus B$  contracts to the lens space  $S^3/\mathbb{Z}_k$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Pullback Bundle: } W_j^* & \text{-----} & W_j \\ \text{is trivial} & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \text{Covering space: } S^3 & \text{-----} & S^3/\mathbb{Z}_k \end{array}$$

Thus, what distinguishes different line bundles  $W_j$  is  $\mathbb{Z}_k$  action on the fiber.

There are only  $k$  types of line bundles  $W_j$ .

Changing the trivialization of  $S^3$  acts by  $e^{i\tilde{z}/k} : \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_j \\ m_j \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_j + l \\ m_j - k \end{pmatrix}$

- Moral: line bundles  $W_j$  are determined by  $k$  numbers  $\{\hat{m}_j \mid \hat{m}_j = m_j \bmod k, 0 \leq \hat{m}_j < k\}$

# Choice of Twisting Family

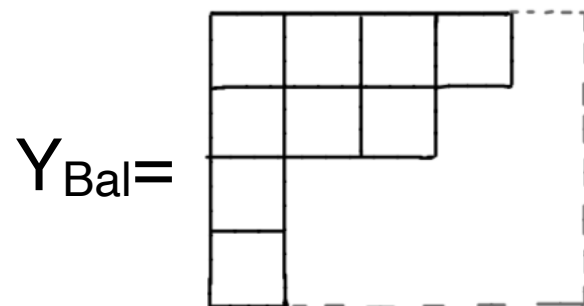
- First Chern class:  $k$  real numbers  $c_1^\sigma = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_\sigma} \text{tr} F = \sum_j \frac{\lambda_j}{l} - (c_\sigma + n\mathfrak{z}_\sigma), \quad \mathfrak{z}_\sigma \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $c_\sigma \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$

“Stiefel-Whitney classes” (obstructions of PSU( $n$ ) to SU( $n$ ) lifting)

Relabel the NUTs so that  $0 \leq c_1 \leq c_2 \leq \dots \leq c_k < n$

This labels the rows of a Young diagram that fits into an  $k \times n$  rectangle

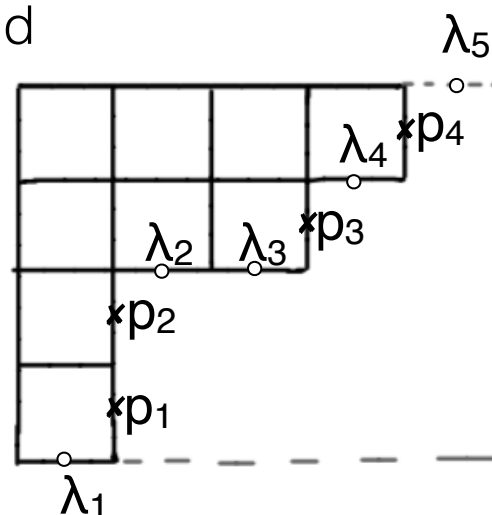
For example, for  $k=4, n=5$  and  $(c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4) = (1, 1, 3, 4)$



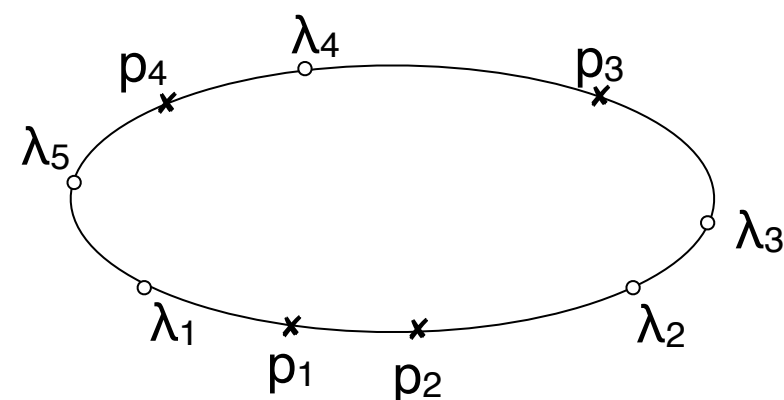
- View it as a closed path on an  $k \times n$  torus.

Mark

- horizontal segments  $\lambda_j$  and
- vertical segments  $p_\sigma$

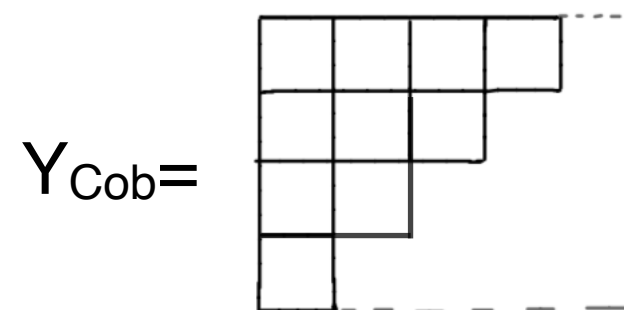


This gives the **balanced bow representation** (the rank is continuous at each  $p$ -point):



The set of magnetic charges also gives a Young diagram in  $n \times k$  rectangle.

$$\left\{ \hat{m}_1, \hat{m}_2, \dots, \hat{m}_n \mid \hat{m}_j \in \{1, 2, \dots, k-1\} \right\}$$



Interior:  
(Chern numbers)  $Y_{\text{Bal}}$

Infinity:  
(monopole charges)  $Y_{\text{Cob}}$

# Instanton Number

Since  $TN_k$  is not compact, Chern character value  $ch_2[E,A]$  does NOT have to be integer. Need another definition of the instanton number.

Let us focus on a single  $TN=TN_1$ :

$TN \approx \mathbb{R}^4$  is contractible, so any bundle over it is trivial, and connection one-form  $A$  is globally defined.

1. On a complement of a compact set, a gauge transformation  $g : TN \setminus B \rightarrow U(n)$  transforms  $A$  to the diagonal form

$$A^g = -i \operatorname{diag} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 + m_1 l & & & \\ & \lambda_2 + m_2 l & & \\ & & \dots & \\ & & & \lambda_n + m_n l \end{pmatrix} \frac{d\tau + \omega}{V} + O\left(\frac{1}{t^2}\right).$$

$TN \setminus B$  is contractible to  $S^3$ , thus the homotopy class of  $g$  is in  $\pi_3(U(n)) = \mathbb{Z}$ .

Instanton Number is  $m_0 := \deg [g] \in \pi_3(U(n))$ .

2. Alternatively, holonomy splits the instanton bundle into orthogonal line bundles, giving a map  $S_\infty^3 \rightarrow U(n)/U(1)^n = N_n$  ← Flag space

Instanton Number is an element of  $\pi_3(U(n)/U(1)^n) = \mathbb{Z}$ .

# Summary

- Quivers, Bows, Slings, and Walls give constructions of Instantons on ALE, ALF, ALG, and ALH tesserons.
- Down transform: Instanton Dirac index bundle on the bow.  
(The main problem is to identify ALL the necessary data to have a complete construction.)
- Up transform: Bow Dirac index bundle.
- Completeness:  $\text{Up} \circ \text{Down} = \text{Id}_{\text{Inst}}$  and  $\text{Down} \circ \text{Up} = \text{Id}_{\text{Bow}}$
- Isometry:  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{Inst}} = \mathcal{M}_{\mathfrak{R}}$ .