

# Wall-crossing for invariants of equivariant 3-Calabi–Yau categories

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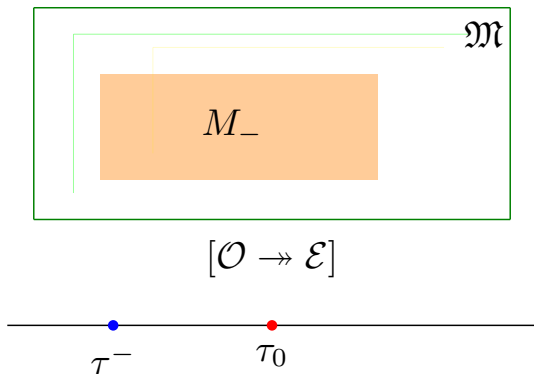
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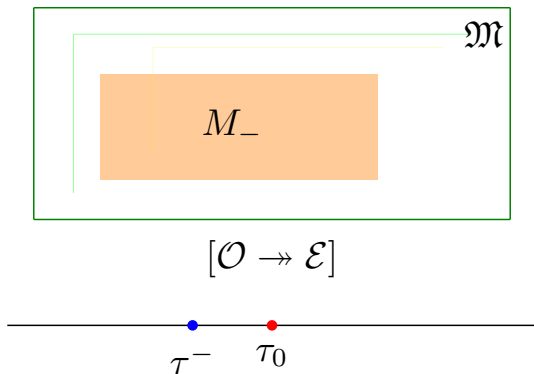
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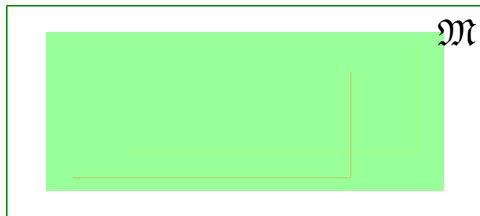
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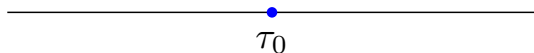


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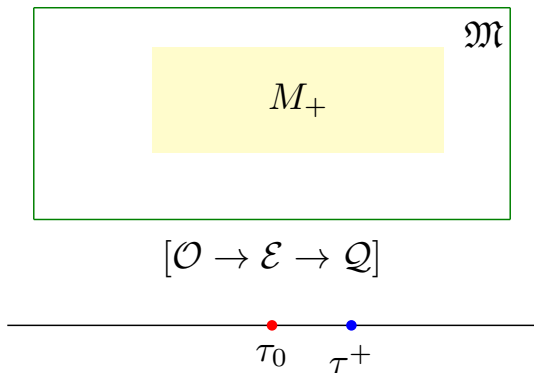


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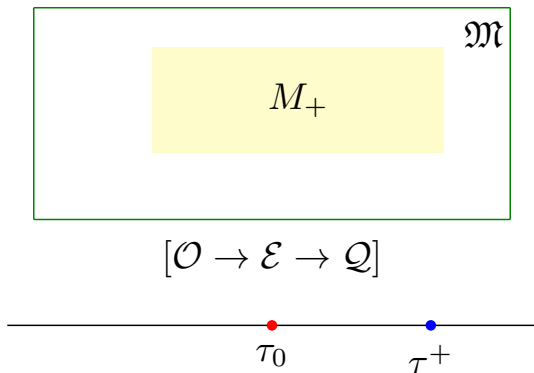
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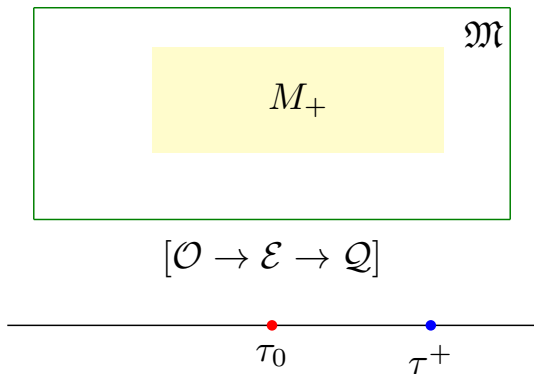
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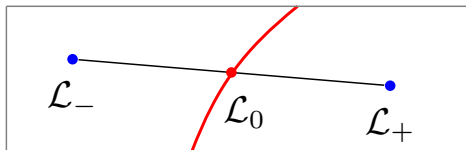
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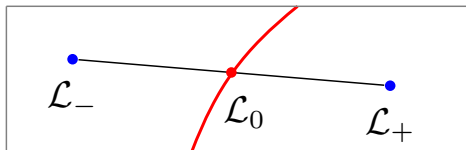
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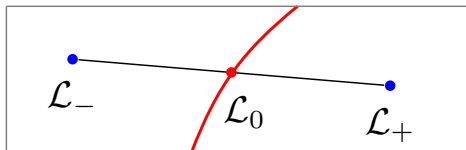


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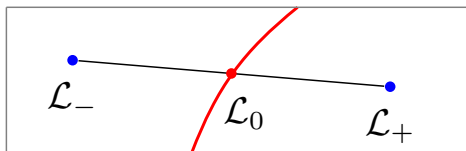
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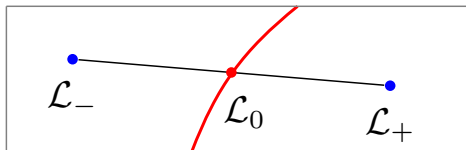
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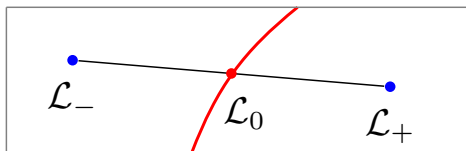
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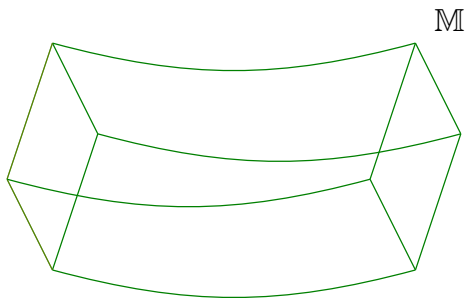
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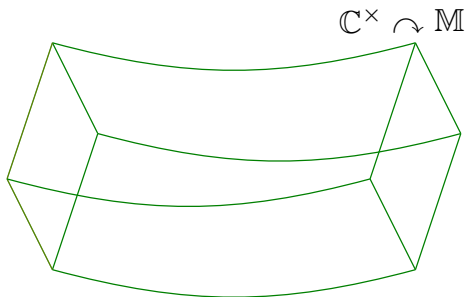
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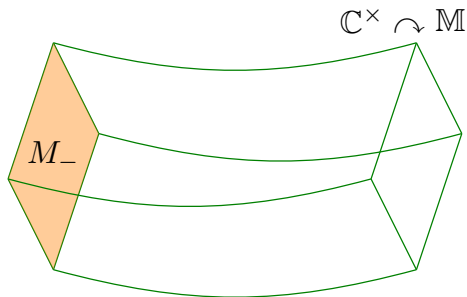
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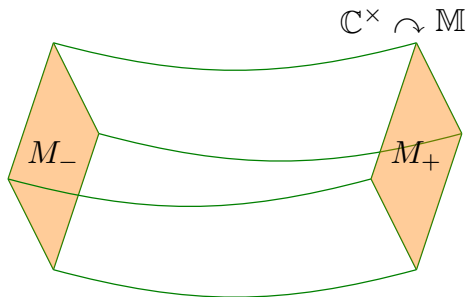
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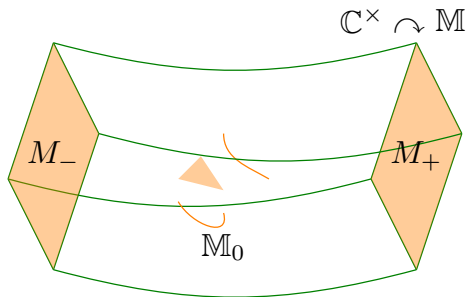
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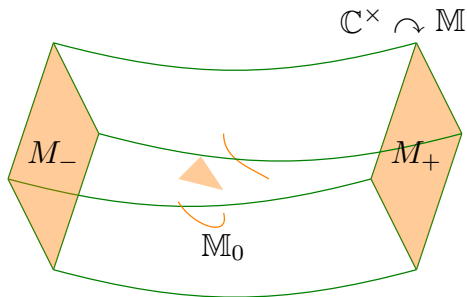
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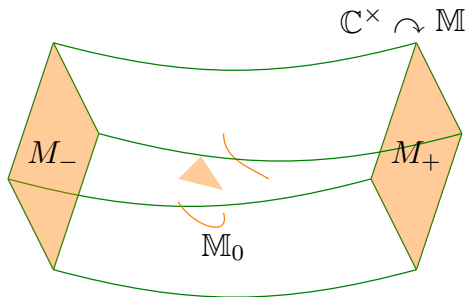
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1. Given any stability condition  $\tau$ , there exists a **unique** collection  $(z_\alpha(\tau))_\alpha$  of operational **semistable invariants** such that:

- ▶ if semistable=stable,  $z_\alpha(\tau) = \chi\left(\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_{\mathfrak{M}_{\alpha}^{\mathrm{sst}}(\tau)}^{\mathrm{vir}} \otimes -\right)$ ;
- ▶ for an auxiliary operational invariant  $\widetilde{Z}_{\alpha,1}(\widetilde{\tau})$  counting Joyce–Song-style stable pairs,

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## Example (Rigidity)

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$$[\phi_\alpha, \psi_\beta](\mathcal{O}) = [\chi(\alpha, \beta)]_\kappa \cdot \phi_\alpha(\mathcal{O}) \cdot \psi_\beta(\mathcal{O})$$

where  $[n]_\kappa$  is the **quantum integer**

$$[n]_\kappa := (-1)^{n-1} \frac{\kappa^{\frac{n}{2}} - \kappa^{-\frac{n}{2}}}{\kappa^{\frac{1}{2}} - \kappa^{-\frac{1}{2}}} \in \mathbb{Z}[\kappa^{\pm\frac{1}{2}}].$$

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This theorem is the (equivariant, K-theoretic) 3CY version of:

## Enumerative invariants and wall-crossing formulae in abelian categories

Dominic Joyce

Preliminary version. Comments welcome

### Abstract

An *enumerative invariant theory* in Algebraic Geometry is the study of invariants which ‘count’  $\tau$ -(semi)stable objects  $E$  with fixed topological invariants  $[E] = \alpha$  in some geometric problem, by means of a *virtual class*  $[\mathcal{M}_\alpha^{\text{ss}}(\tau)]_{\text{virt}}$  in some homology theory, for the moduli spaces  $\mathcal{M}_\alpha^{\text{ss}}(\tau) \subseteq \mathcal{M}_\alpha^{\text{ss}}(\tau)$  of  $\tau$ -(semi)stable objects. We can obtain numbers by taking integrals  $\int_{[\mathcal{M}_\alpha^{\text{ss}}(\tau)]_{\text{virt}}} \Upsilon$  for suitable universal cohomology classes  $\Upsilon$ .

Examples include Mochizuki’s invariants for coherent sheaves on surfaces [146], and Donaldson–Thomas type invariants for coherent sheaves on Calabi–Yau 3- and 4-folds and Fano 3-folds, [28, 108, 118, 152, 176].

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear abelian category coming from Algebraic Geometry. There are two moduli stacks of objects  $E$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ : the usual moduli stack  $\mathcal{M}$ , and the ‘projective linear’ moduli stack  $\mathcal{M}^{\text{pl}}$  modulo projective linear isomorphisms, that is, we quotient out by  $\lambda \text{id}_E : E \rightarrow E$  for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{G}_m$ . Both are Artin  $\mathbb{C}$ -stacks. Previous work by the author [106] gives  $H_*(\mathcal{M})$  the structure of a *graded vertex algebra*, and  $H_*(\mathcal{M}^{\text{pl}})$  a *graded Lie algebra*, closely related to  $H_*(\mathcal{M})$ . Virtual

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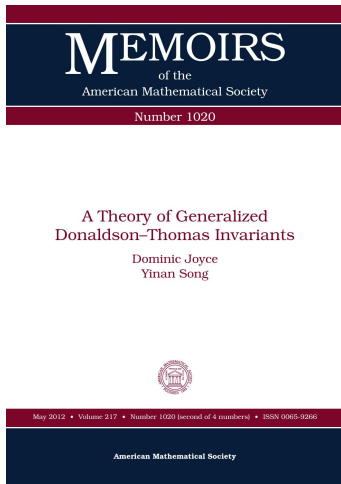
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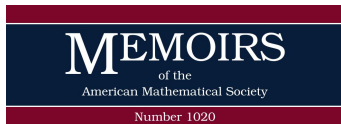
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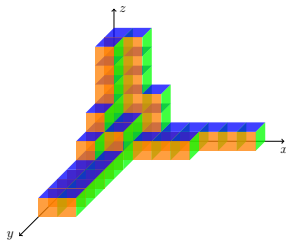
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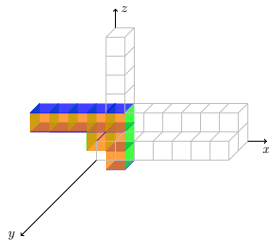
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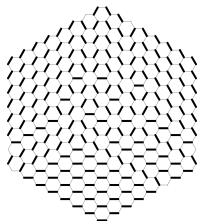
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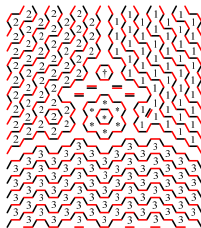
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Related to **Gromov–Witten theory**  
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[MNOP '03, MOOP '06]  
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Rigidity. □

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