

# ABJM Wilson loops in Fermi gas and topological string approach

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Klemm, Marino, Schiereck, Soroush [arXiv/1207.0611](https://arxiv.org/abs/1207.0611)

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## Localization in supersymmetric gauge theories

- Supersymmetry provides nilpotent operators  $Q^2 = 0$  which localise the path integral to the fixpoints of the fermionic transformations given by the solutions to the e.o.m.
- Beside evaluating the instanton contributions it remains to calculate the one-loop determinant around the given vacua
- This semiclassical approximation is exact and the integration over the fields can be done by the Atiyah-Bott

## localisation formula

$$\int_{\mathcal{M}} \alpha = \int_{F \in \mathcal{M}} \frac{i^*(\alpha)}{e(\mathcal{N})}$$

Localisation calculations in supersymmetric gauge theories on symmetric spaces with positive curvature have been done recently also for Wilson loop correlators

[Pestun 07](#)

In 3d for supersymmetric Chern-Simons quiver theories with matter [Kapustin, Willet, Yakov: arXiv 0909.4559](#). Gauge

action (in flat space)  $g_{CS} = -\frac{k}{4\pi}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

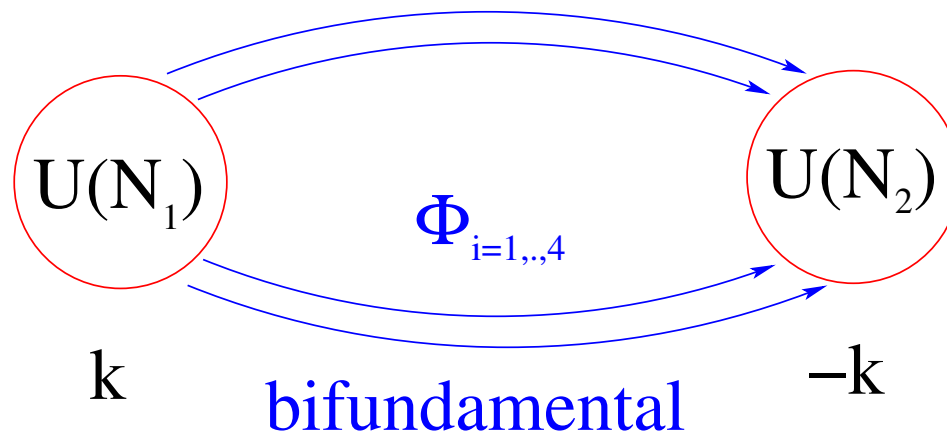
$$S_G = g_{CS} \int d^3x \text{Tr} \left( \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} (A_\alpha \partial_\beta A_\gamma + \frac{2i}{3} A_\alpha A_\beta A_\gamma) - \lambda^\dagger \lambda 2D\sigma \right)$$

Coupled to chiral matter multiplet

$$S_M = \int d^3x \left( D_\mu \phi^\dagger D^\mu \phi + \frac{3}{4} \phi^\dagger \phi + i\psi^\dagger D\psi + F^\dagger F - \phi^\dagger \sigma \phi + \phi^\dagger D\phi - \psi^\dagger \sigma \psi + i\phi^\dagger \lambda^\dagger \psi - i\psi^\dagger \lambda \phi \right)$$

Groups and matter contents given by quiver diagrams.

E.g.



ABJM showed that this theory has  $N = 6$  susy and  
 KWY localised the partition function on  $S^3$  to a matrix

model integral

$$Z_{\text{ABJM}} = \frac{1}{N!^2} \int \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{d\mu_i d\nu_j}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{\prod_{i < j} \sinh^2\left(\frac{\mu_i - \mu_j}{2}\right) \sinh^2\left(\frac{\nu_i - \nu_j}{2}\right)}{\prod_{i,j} \cosh^2\left(\frac{\mu_i - \nu_j}{2}\right)} e^{-\frac{1}{2g_s}(\sum_i \mu_i^2 - \sum_j \nu_j^2)}$$

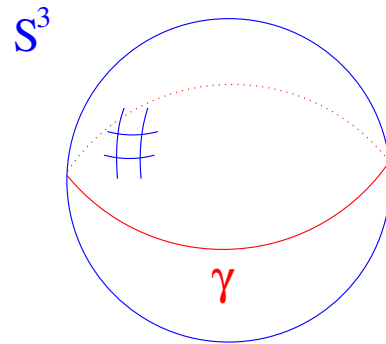


Figure 1: 1/6 Wilson loop



$$W_R^{1/6} = \text{tr}_R P \exp \int_\gamma \left( iA_\mu \dot{x}^\mu + \frac{2\pi}{k} |\dot{x}| M_J^I C_I \bar{C}^J \right) ds ,$$

In ABJM theory one has three related WL's: In the first gauge group

$$\langle W_R^{1/6} \rangle = \langle \text{tr}_R (e^{\mu_i}) \rangle_{\text{ABJM}}$$

and in the second gauge group

$$\langle \widehat{W}_R^{1/6} \rangle = \langle \text{tr}_R (e^{\nu_i}) \rangle_{\text{ABJM}}$$

In addition there is a more symmetric combination, which breaks only half the super symmetry

$$\langle W_{\mathcal{R}}^{1/2} \rangle = \left\langle \text{Str}_{\mathcal{R}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{\mu_i} & 0 \\ 0 & -e^{\nu_j} \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle_{\text{ABJM}} .$$

The simplest insertion  $\text{Tr} e^{n\mu_i}$  in the Matrix model integral corresponds to a combination of Wilson loops over hook representations  $R_{n,s}$

$$W_n^{1/6} = \sum_{s=1}^{n-1} (-1)^s W_{R_{n,s}}^{1/6}$$

and

$$\langle W_n^{1/2} \rangle = \langle W_n^{1/6} \rangle - (-1)^n \langle \widehat{W}_n^{1/6} \rangle .$$

Now that the relevant matrix integrals in 3d gauge theories are defined we describe in the next section how to solve them in an  $1/N$  expansion, which is exact in the t' Hooft parameters, using

- Large N-Duality between the topological string and matrix models [Putrov and Marino arXiv/0912.3074](#), [Drukker, Putrov and Marino arXiv/1007.3837](#),...
- Partition function maps to closed string partition

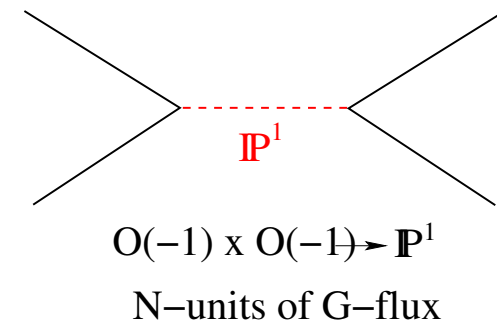
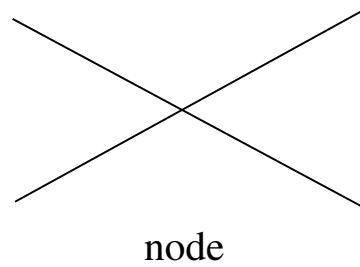
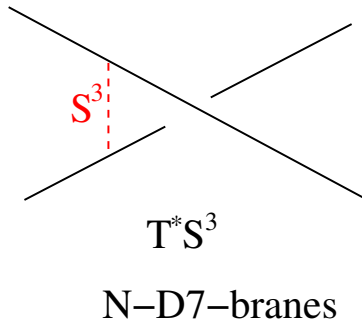
function

- The Wilson-Loop amplitudes maps to open string amplitudes
- A real slice in B-model moduli space allows to interpolate between strong and weak coupling.

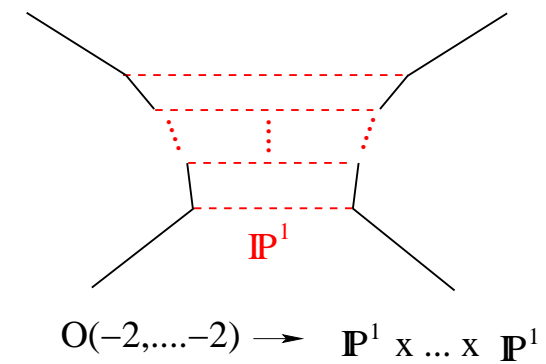
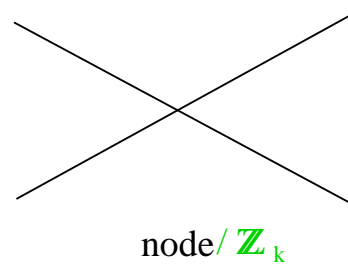
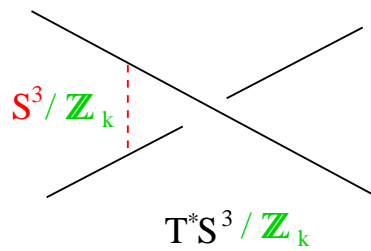
## Topological-String on local Calabi-Yau

Chain of Chern-Simons Gauge theory/Topological-String  
large N dualities

- Chern-Simons theory on the real three manifold  $M_3$  is dual to open topological String on the non-compact Calabi-Yau manifold  $T^*M_3$ . [Witten hep-th/9207094](#)
- Large N Conifold transition [Gopakumar Vafa hep-th/9207094](#)



- Lense space transition [Aganagic,AK,Marino Vafa hep th/02211098](#)



Toric description of the geometry as moduli space of  $(N, N) = (2, 2)$  gauged linear  $\sigma$  model by  $r$  chiral fields  $X_i$  with charge

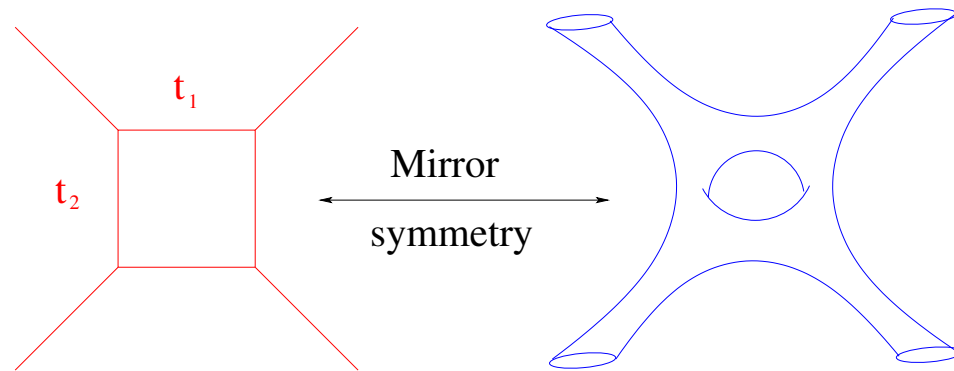
$$Q_j^{(k)}, \quad j = 1, \dots, r, \quad k = 1, \dots, 3 - r$$

under  $U(1)^{(3-r)}$ . With  $\vec{x} \mapsto \vec{x} \mu^{\vec{k}} Q^{\vec{k}}$

$$M = \{\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_r] \setminus SR\} / (\mathbb{C}^*)^{(3-r)}$$

Mirror geometry:  $\vec{Y} \sim \mu \vec{Y}, \mu \in \mathbb{C}^*$

$$W = uv + H = uv + \sum_{i=1}^r Y_i = 0, \quad \prod_{i=1}^r Y_i^{Q_i^{(k)}} = z_k$$



The ABJM theory:  $\mathcal{O}(-2, -2) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$

$Q^{(1)} = (-2, 1, 1, 0, 0), Q^{(2)} = (-2, 0, 0, 1, 1)$  The mirror



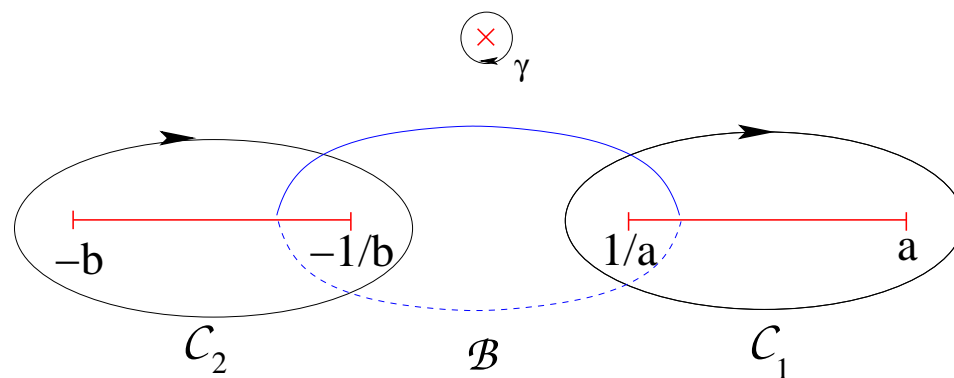
geometry is the genus 1 curve

$$H = 1 + x + y + \frac{z_1}{x} + \frac{z_2}{y} = 0$$

with the meromorphic differentials

$$\mu_k = \log(y) X^{(k-1)} dx .$$

The Wilson loops integrals:



$$\langle W_n^{1/6} \rangle_{g=0} = \frac{k}{2\pi^2} \int_{\mathcal{C}_1} \mu_n, \quad \langle \widehat{W}_n^{1/6} \rangle_{g=0} = (-1)^n \frac{k}{2\pi^2} \int_{\mathcal{C}_2} \mu_n .$$

$$\langle W_n^{1/2} \rangle_{g=0} = \frac{k}{2\pi^2} \oint_{\gamma} \mu_n .$$

Note that

$$\langle W_n^{1/2} \rangle = \langle W_n^{1/6} \rangle - (-1)^n \langle \widehat{W}_n^{1/6} \rangle .$$

is a relation in homology.

The  $1/N^2 \sim g$  expansion:

$$\mu_0(x) = \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} g_s^{2g} \mu_0^{(g)}(x) , \quad \mu_k^{(g)}(x) = x^k \mu_0^{(g)}(x) .$$

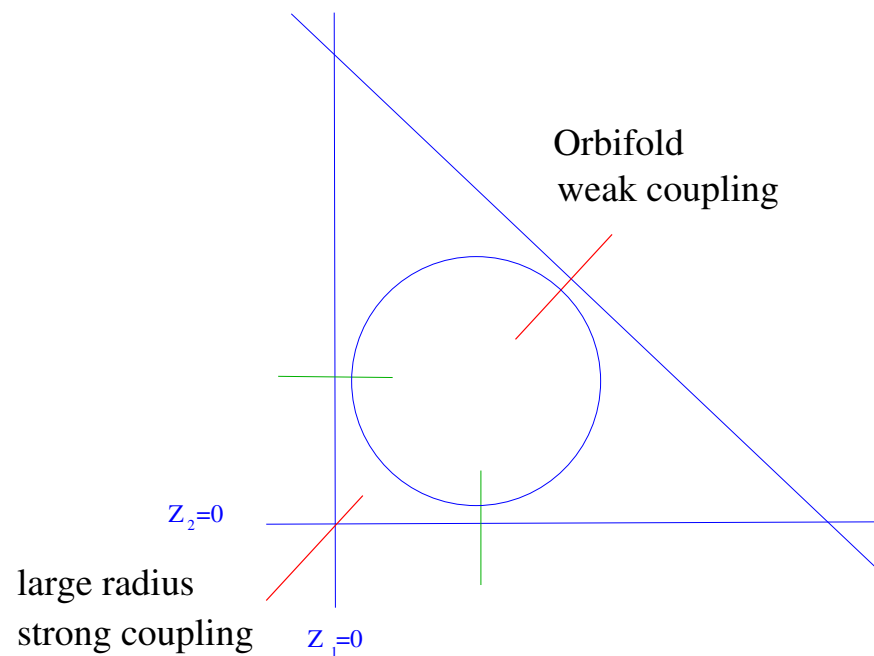
Now  $\mu_0^{(g)}(x) = W_g(x)dx$  and the  $W_g(\vec{p})$  fulfill the Eynard-Oratin recursion

$$W_g(p, p_K) = \sum_i \text{Res}_{q=x_i} \frac{dS(p,q)}{\tilde{y}(q)} \left( \sum_{h=0}^g \sum_{J \subset K} W_h(q, p_J) W_{g-h}(q, p_{K \setminus J}) + W_{g-1}(q, q, p_K) \right) .$$

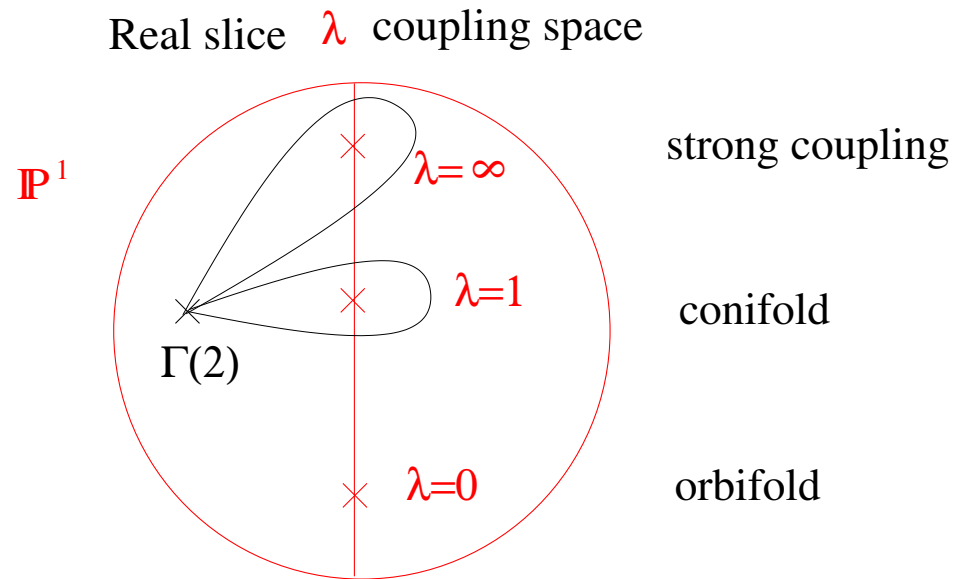
The ABJM slice is defined by  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$  and because of the

homological relation between  $\lambda_i = \frac{N_i}{k} = \frac{1}{4\pi i} \int_{\mathcal{C}_i} \mu_0^{(0)}$

$$\exp(4\pi i(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)) = \frac{z_2}{z_1} .$$



# The ABJM coupling $\lambda$ lives on the real slice



- The correlations functions are analytically continued **without changing the polarisation.**

- In particular the  $g = 0$  free energy at  $\hat{\lambda} \rightarrow \infty$

$$F = g_s^{-2} F^{(0)} = \frac{\pi\sqrt{2}}{3} k^2 \hat{\lambda}^{\frac{3}{2}} + \mathcal{O}(\hat{\lambda}^0, e^{-2\pi\sqrt{2\hat{\lambda}}})$$

exhibits the  $\hat{\lambda}^{\frac{3}{2}} \sim N^{\frac{3}{2}}$  scaling law.

- The Wilson-loops can be similarly evaluated in low genus at at points in the coupling space.

## The Fermigas approach

In contrast the Fermigas approach [Marino Putrov, arXiv:1110.4066](#) sums up the genus expansion. In particular the leading terms in the  $\lambda$  can be calculated in various regions in the coupling space.

The rewriting of the matrix sum in terms of correlators in a free Fermi gas has been explained in Marcos lecture. In particular the Hamiltonian for the ABJM theory is given by

$$H(p, q, \hbar) = \log \left( 2 \cosh \frac{p}{2} \right) + \log \left( 2 \cosh \frac{q}{2} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2)$$

and the insertion of the  $1/6$  Wilson line with winding  $n$  is given by

$$\mathcal{O}_n = \exp\left(\frac{n(p+q)}{k}\right)$$

So one needs to calculate to one body operator

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_n \rangle = \text{tr}(\mathcal{O}_n \hat{\rho}_{12} \hat{\rho}_{21})$$

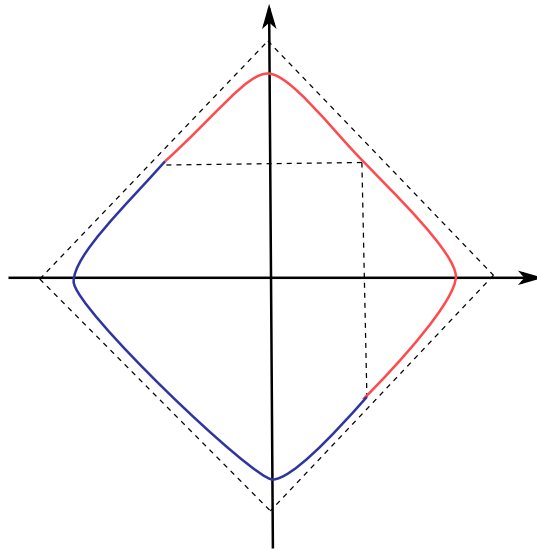
in an ideal Fermi gas of  $N$  particles.

The calculation is done in the semiclassical limit, which is very complicated as the Hamiltonian has explicit  $\hbar$  corrections to all orders, which however can be resummed up.



One does a low temperature expansion in the grand canonical ensemble and transforms back to the original correlator

$$\langle W_n^{1/6} \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi i Z} \int d\mu e^{-\mu N} \langle \mathcal{O}_n \rangle^{\text{GC}},$$



The results are of the type

$$\langle W_{\square}^{1/2} \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \operatorname{csc} \left( \frac{2\pi}{k} \right) \frac{\operatorname{Ai} \left[ C^{-1/3} \left( N - \frac{k}{24} - \frac{7}{3k} \right) \right]}{\operatorname{Ai} \left[ C^{-1/3} \left( N - \frac{k}{24} - \frac{1}{3k} \right) \right]}$$

with

$$C = \frac{2}{\pi^2 k}.$$

## Conclusions

- Extension of the Fermigas formalism to Wilson Loops, which leads to exact expressions in  $1/N$
- We expand them and compared with B-model approach, thereby checking the Fermigas approach to Wilson loops
- Some properties have been confirmed by numerical studies [Hatsuda, Moriyama, Okuyama arXiv1207.4283](#)