Instanton effects in string/M-theory from 3d superconformal field theories

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In this talk, I will report

low-energy effective theories of M2-branes provide good laboratory to probe these effects via AdS/CFT.

[The figure is borrowed from Marino-Putrov]



M2-branes w/ fractional M2-branes in certain space

3d necklace quiver Chern-Simons matter theory

[Aharony-Bergman-Jafferis-Maldacena '08, Aharony-Bergman-Jafferis '08

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 2 bi-fundamental chiral multiplets
 2 anti-bi-fundamental chiral multiplets (in 3d $\mathcal{N} = 2$ language)







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CFT₃

 AdS_4

$\begin{array}{c} \text{M-theory}\\ k \ll N^{1/5} & \text{on } \text{AdS}_4 \times \text{S}^7/\text{Z}_k\\ & \text{with } \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{S^3/Z_k} C_3 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{M}{k} \end{array}$

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Some generalizations:

- BPS Wilson loop [Grassi-Kallen-Marino, Hatsuda-M.H.-Moriyama-Okuyama]
- Less SUSY theories [M.H.-Moriyama, Grassi-Marino, Hatsuda-Okuyama, Moriyama-Nosaka]

Main result

Instanton effects from ABJ(M) partition function

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$$\text{Switch to grand canonical formalism}$$

$$\equiv {(M) \choose k} (\mu) = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} e^{\mu N} \hat{Z}^{(N,N+M)}(k) = \text{Det} [1+e^{\mu}\rho]$$

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In this expansion,

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<u>Simple derivation of $N^{3/2}$ law</u>

[Marino-Putrov]

[cf. M.H.-Okuyama, Drukker-Marino-Putrov, Herzog-Klebanov-Pufu-Teseleanu]

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Airy function behavior also appears from localization of the SUGRA.

[Dabholkar-Drukker-Gomes]

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<u>Outlook</u>

- ABJ theory in higher spin limit [Hirano-M.H.-Okuyama-Shigemori, to appear]
- More general M2-brane theory

[Hatsuda-M.H.-Okuyama, work in progress]

Other quantities

Ex.) Vortex loop, Energy-momentum tensor correlator, super-Renyi entropy

Relation to Higgs branch localization formula

[cf. Pasquetti, Fujitsuka-M.H.-Yoshida, Benini-Peelaers]

- Localization formula has another equivalent representation in terms of vortex partition functions for many 3d theories.
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Probably, localization on the gravity side and string perturbation around instanton background would be useful.

