



Recent advances in precision holography

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3d Chern-Simons-matter theories



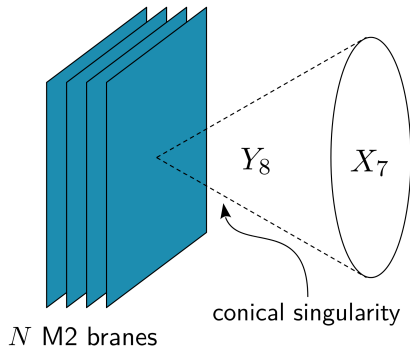
M-theory on AlAdS₄ \times X_7

Take X_7 to be Sasaki-Einstein \rightarrow CSm

$X_7 = S^7/\mathbb{Z}_k$ (free) \rightarrow ABJM

$X_7 = S^7/\mathbb{Z}_r$ (f.p.) \rightarrow ADHM

$X_7 = N^{010}, V^{52}, Q^{111}, \dots$



- ▶ Put the gauge theory on compact M_3 and study susy partition functions. Use localization to compute them exactly for various (X_7, M_3) .

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[Grassi, Hatsuda, Mariño '15]
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- ▶ Question: what structure produces this Airy function in M-theory?
Is there a Fermi gas or topological string picture? Something new?

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- ▶ Taking more derivatives gives access to integrated correlators of stress tensors over the round 3-sphere.
- ▶ Flat space limit gives a way to study scattering amplitudes in M-theory.

[Chester, Pufu, Yin '18]

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 - ▶ Use known large N solution as **init**
 - ▶ Numerically solve BAE $\rightarrow x_i = x_i^*$ and $\tilde{x}_j = \tilde{x}_j^*$
 - ▶ Evaluate $\mathcal{B}(x_i^*, \tilde{x}_j^*)$ numerically to high precision
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- ▶ Expand at large $N \rightarrow N^{\frac{3}{2}}, N^{\frac{1}{2}}, \log N$ terms... and all perturbative corrections.
- ▶ Useful for precision holography.

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- ▶ Precision holography \rightarrow prediction for the corrected Bekenstein-Hawking entropy of this BPS black hole to all orders in $1/N$.

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