Charged particle-like branes in ABJM

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Motivation: Construct more general “baryon vertex - like” configurations in ABJM, with potential interest for AdS/CMT applications

In particular: Adding magnetic flux to the particle-like branes in the gravity dual ($AdS_4 \times CP^3$) allows to construct candidates for holographyc anyons in ABJM:

Kawamoto & Lin’09: Anyons as bound states of baryons and ‘t Hooft disorder operators

Results: Systematic study in the gravity side. Baryon vertex with number of quarks depending on the flux, di-baryon with external quarks, etc

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I. The Type IIA dual gravitational background

ABJM'08:

- N M2-branes in $C^4/\mathbb{Z}_k$ described by a supersymmetric $U(N)_k \times U(N)_{-k}$ CS matter theory, which is weakly coupled for $k >> N$

- At large N and for $k << N^{1/5}$ the theory is dual to M-theory on $AdS_4 \times S^7/\mathbb{Z}_k$ with N units of F_7 flux

- For $N^{1/5} << k$ the dual theory is Type IIA on $AdS_4 \times CP^3$ with N units of F_6 flux and k units of F_2 flux, weakly curved when $N >> k$

- The string background describes the 't Hooft limit of the theory: $N, k \to \infty$ with $\lambda = N/k$ fixed

A stack of N M2-branes creates an extremal geometry which in the near horizon limit gives $AdS_4 \times S^7$ plus

$$\int_{S^7} F_7 = (2\pi)^6 N$$

The $\mathbb{Z}_k$ quotient can be taken identifying $\varphi \equiv \frac{\varphi}{k}$ in

$ds^2_{S^7} = (d\varphi + \omega)^2 + ds^2_{CP^3}$ Also $N \equiv Nk$

Reducing along φ :

$$ds^2 = L^2\Big(\frac{1}{4} ds^2_{AdS_4} + ds^2_{CP^3}\Big) \qquad L = (\frac{32\pi^2 N}{k})^{1/4}$$

$$e^{\phi} = g_s = \frac{L}{k} \qquad F_2 = \frac{2L}{g_s} J \qquad F_6 = \frac{L^5}{g_s} J \wedge J \wedge J$$

$J = \frac{1}{2} d\omega$ the Kähler form on CP^3

The flux integrals:

$$\int_{CP^1} F_2 = 2\pi k\,; \qquad \int_{CP^3} F_6 = (2\pi)^5 N$$

induce tadpoles on the D2-branes wrapped on the $CP^1 \subset CP^3$ and the D6-branes wrapped on the CP^3

D6-brane:

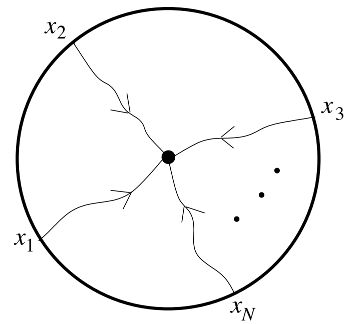
$$S_{CS} = 2\pi\, T_6 \int_{\mathbb{R}\times CP^3} P[F_6] \wedge A = N\, T_{F1} \int dt A_t$$

Cancel this charge with the charge induced by the endpoints of N open F-strings stretching between the D6 and the boundary of AdS (baryon vertex)

The baryon vertex in $AdS_5 \times S^5$

Gauge invariant coupling of N external quarks

Through AdS/CFT external quarks are regarded as endpoints of F-strings in AdS



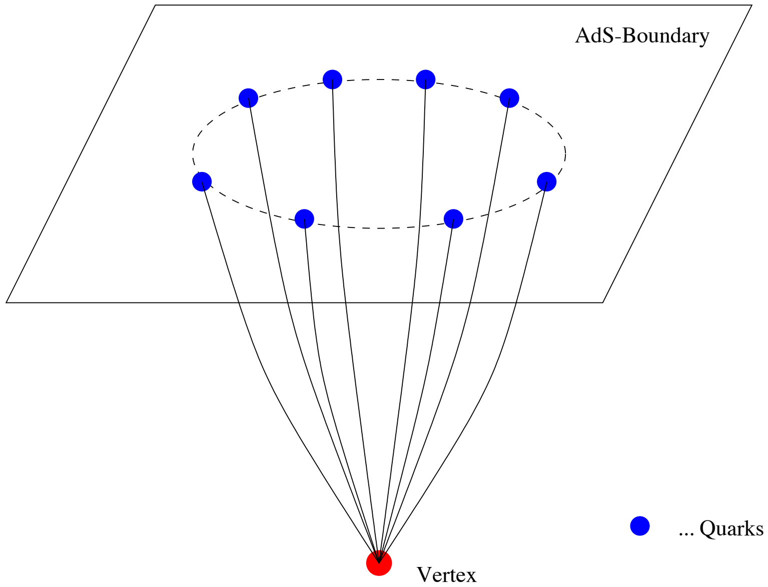
Baryon vertex in the SUGRA dual: D5-brane wrapped on the 5-sphere (Witten'98):

$$S_{CS} = 2\pi\, T_5 \int_{\mathbb{R}\times S^5} P[F_5] \wedge A = N\, T_{F1} \int_{\mathbb{R}} dt A_t$$

N charge cancelled by N F-strings ending on the 5-brane

N F-strings connecting the D5-brane to the boundary of AdS behave as fermions

Dual configuration on the CFT side: N Wilson lines ending on an epsilon tensor $\rightarrow$ Bound state of N quarks:



D2-brane:

$$S_{CS} = 2\pi\, T_2 \int_{\mathbb{R}\times CP^1} P[F_2]\wedge A = k\, T_{F1} \int dt A_t$$

$\Rightarrow k$ open F-strings

k Wilson lines cannot end on an epsilon tensor

If one forms the symmetric product only the endpoint of the Wilson lines is observable and the product behaves like a 't Hooft operator creating one unit of magnetic flux at a point (ABJM) $\rightarrow$ 't Hooft monopole

More particle-like branes:

D4-brane wrapped on the $CP^2 \subset CP^3$:

Baryon charge N, $m_{D4} L = N \Rightarrow \Delta = \frac{m_{D4} L}{2} = \frac{N}{2}$

$\Rightarrow$ Dual configuration composed of N chirals

No tadpoles

$\Rightarrow$ Dual to the di-baryon $O^{D4} = \epsilon_{i_1 \ldots i_N} \epsilon^{j_1 \ldots j_N} A^{i_1}_{j_1} \ldots A^{i_N}_{j_N}$

D0-brane:

Baryon charge k, $m_{D0}L = k \Rightarrow \Delta = \frac{m_{D0}L}{2} = \frac{k}{2}$

$\Rightarrow$ Dual configuration composed of k chirals

No tadpoles

$\Rightarrow$ Dual to the di-monopole

$$O^{D0} = (Sym_k W)_{i_1 \ldots i_k} (Sym_k W)^{j_1 \ldots j_k} A^{i_1}_{j_1} \ldots A^{i_k}_{j_k}$$

Remark: We will assume the right boundary conditions that allow each brane to exist

II. Add a magnetic flux

Take $F = \mathcal{N} J$:

- D2-brane: D0-brane charge induced:

$$S_{CS} = 2\pi\, T_2 \int_{\mathbb{R}\times CP^1} C_1 \wedge F = \frac{\mathcal{N}}{2}\, T_0 \int_{\mathbb{R}} C_1$$

- D4-brane: $\displaystyle\int_{CP^2} F \wedge F = \mathcal{N}^2 \pi^2 \quad \Rightarrow$ D0-brane charge

It captures the F_2 flux and develops a tadpole $\Rightarrow$ F-strings ending on it :

$$S_{CS} = \frac{1}{2}(2\pi)^2 T_4 \int_{\mathbb{R}\times CP^2} P[F_2] \wedge F \wedge A = \frac{k\mathcal{N}}{2} T_{F1} \int dt A_t$$

In fact, Freed-Witten anomaly (see later)

- D6-brane: $\displaystyle\int_{CP^3} F\wedge F\wedge F = \mathcal{N}^3\pi^3 \quad \Rightarrow$ D0-brane charge

It captures the F_2 flux $\Rightarrow$ Additional F-strings ending on it:

$$S_{CS} = \frac{1}{6}(2\pi)^3 T_6 \int_{\mathbb{R}\times CP^3} P[F_2]\wedge F\wedge F\wedge A = \frac{k\mathcal{N}^2}{8} T_{F1}\int dt A_t$$

$\Rightarrow N + k\,\dfrac{\mathcal{N}^2}{8}$ F-strings

All branes topologically stable

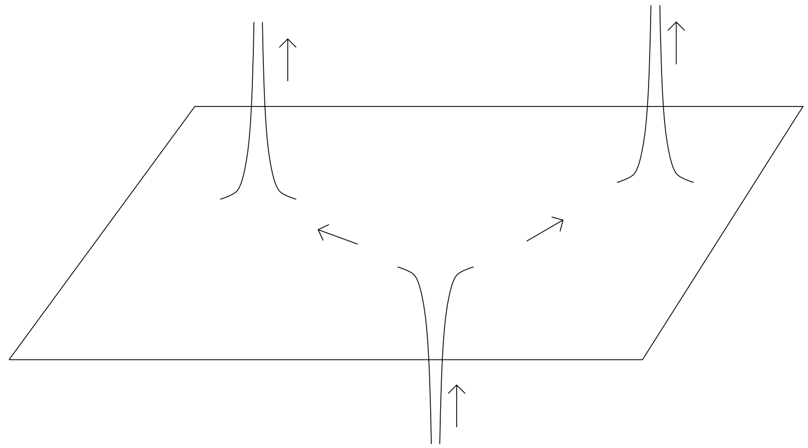
Stability in the AdS direction: Look at the equations of motion

Brandhuber, Itzhaki, Sonnenschein, Yankielowitz'98: Study the stability of the baryon vertex in $AdS_5 \times S^5$ in the probe brane approximation

However, in order to be able to ignore the deformation caused by the string tension and the electric field the strings should be uniformly distributed on the brane, and then all SUSYs are broken

In order to preserve SUSY: All strings end on a point

But then the branes are deformed by the string tension and electric field to form spiky solutions, and the probe brane approximation is not valid



In $AdS_5 \times S^5$: The energy obtained in the non-susy probe brane approximation is corrected, with the bound state becoming marginal as one would expect from supersymmetry (Imamura'98)

Partial studies of spiky solutions in $AdS_4 \times CP^3$ in Kawamoto, Lin'09

Are the Dp-branes with magnetic flux supersymmetric?

- The D2-D0 bound state is probably non-supersymmetric, as in flat space

- For the D4-brane:

$$S_{DBI} = -\frac{T_4}{g_s}\int d^5\xi\,\sqrt{g_{CP^2}}\Big(L^4 + 2\,(2\pi)^2 F_{\alpha\beta}F^{\alpha\beta}\Big)$$

and:

$$E_{D4_{\mathcal{N}}} = E_{D4} + E_{\mathcal{N}^2/8\,D0}$$

$\Rightarrow$ Threshold BPS intersection of D4 and D0-branes

- The D6-brane with charge is probably non-supersymmetric

Effect of the F-strings: Supersymmetry preserved if all strings end on a point

III. Study of the dynamics

Consider: $S = S_{Dp} + S_{qF1}$

$$S_{Dp} = -Q_p \int dt \, \frac{2\rho}{L} \, , \qquad Q_p = \frac{\pi^{p/2} \, T_p}{(\frac{p}{2})! \, g_s} \Big(L^4 + (2\pi\mathcal{N})^2 \Big)^{p/4}$$

$$S_{qF_1} = -q \, T_{F1} \int dtdx \sqrt{\frac{16\rho^4}{L^4} + \rho'^2}$$

$\rho = \rho(x)$: Position in AdS

Bulk equation of motion: $$\frac{\rho^4}{\sqrt{\frac{16\rho^4}{L^4} + \rho'^2}} = c$$

Boundary equation of motion: $$\frac{\rho_0'}{\sqrt{\frac{16\rho_0^4}{L^4} + \rho_0'^2}} = \frac{2Q_p}{L \, q \, T_{F_1}}$$

Define $\sqrt{1-\beta^2} = \dfrac{2Q_p}{L\,q\,T_{F1}}$ with $\beta \in [0,1]$

The two equations can be combined into:

$$\frac{\rho^4}{\sqrt{\frac{16\rho^4}{L^4}+\rho'^2}} = \frac{1}{4}\,\beta\,\rho_0^2\,L^2$$

Integrating: Size of the configuration:

$$\ell = \frac{L^2}{4\rho_0}\int_1^\infty dz\,\frac{\beta}{z^2\sqrt{z^4-\beta^2}}$$

Same form for the baryon vertex in $AdS_5 \times S^5$

Same dependence on L^2 in $AdS_5 \times S^5$: Prediction of AdS/CFT for the strong coupling behavior of the CS theory

On-shell energy:

$$E = E_{Dp} + E_{qF1} = qT_{F_1}\rho_0\Big(\sqrt{1-\beta^2} + \int_1^\infty dz\,\frac{z^2}{\sqrt{z^4-\beta^2}}\Big)$$

Binding energy:

$$E_{\rm bin} = q\,T_{F_1}\,\rho_0\Big(\sqrt{1-\beta^2} + \int_1^\infty dz\Big[\frac{z^2}{\sqrt{z^4-\beta^2}} - 1\Big] - 1\Big)$$

where we have substracted the energy of the constituents (when the brane is located in $\rho_0 = 0$ the strings become radial and correspond to free quarks)

- $E_{\rm bin}$ negative and decreases monotonically with β
- $E_{\rm bin} = 0$ for $\beta = 0$ (q free radial strings stretching from ρ_0 to ∞ plus a Dp-brane at ρ_0) (Only for non-zero magnetic flux)

Configuration of free quarks degenerate. The location of the Dp has become a moduli of the system

As a function of ℓ :

$$E_{\rm bin} = -f(\beta)\frac{(g_s N)^{2/5}}{\ell} \quad \text{with} \quad f(\beta) \geq 0$$

$\Rightarrow$ - The configuration is stable

- $E_{\rm bin} \sim 1/\ell$ dictated by conformal invariance

- As a function of the 't Hooft coupling, $\lambda = N/k$,

  $E_{\rm bin} \sim \sqrt{\lambda}$, as in $AdS_5 \Rightarrow$ Non-trivial prediction for the non-perturbative regime of the CS theory (Mariño, Putrov'09)

1. The di-baryon with flux

In this case:

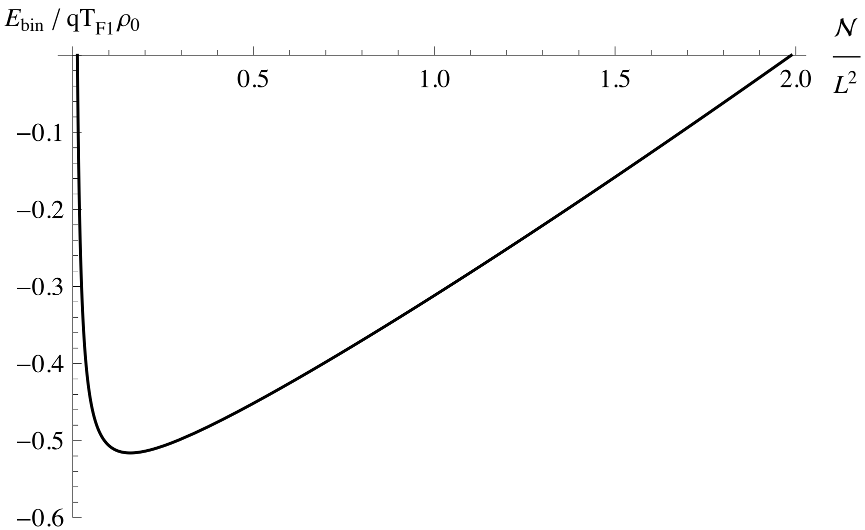
$$\beta = \sqrt{1 - \frac{L^4}{64\pi^4\mathcal{N}^2}\Big(1 + \frac{4\pi^2\mathcal{N}^2}{L^4}\Big)^2}$$

Allowed values for the magnetic flux:

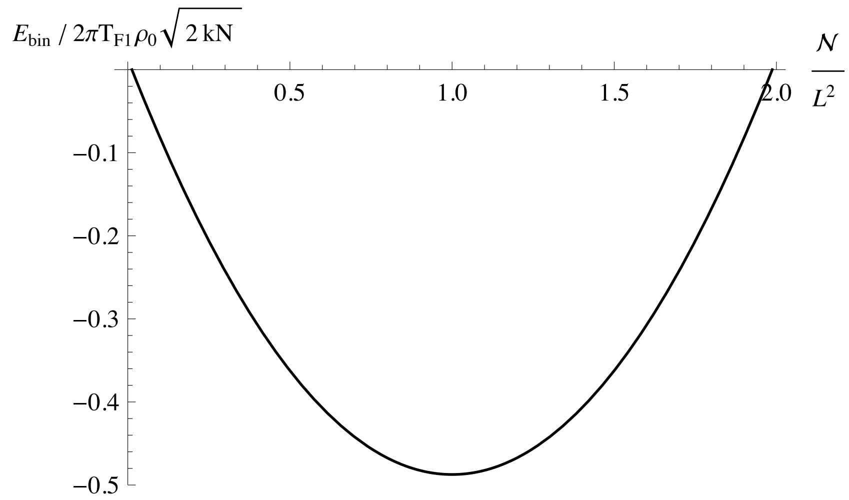
$$1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{4\pi^2}} \leq \frac{\mathcal{N}}{L^2} \leq 1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{4\pi^2}}$$

$\Rightarrow$ Allowed values for the F-strings ending on it $(q = \frac{k\mathcal{N}}{2})$

At the bounds the strings become radial and the configuration ceases to be stable



Binding energy per string



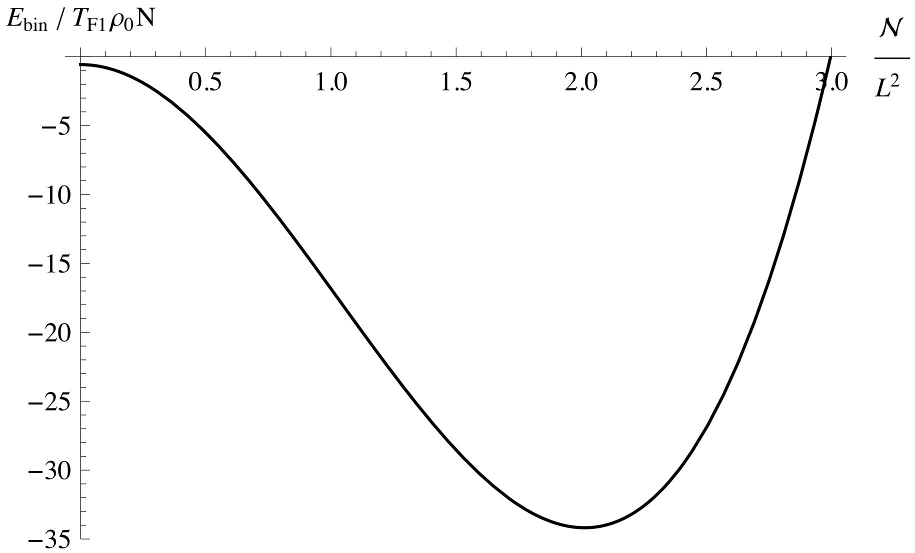
Total binding energy

Configuration maximally stable for $\dfrac{\mathcal{N}}{L^2} = \dfrac{1}{2\pi}$

Dual operator:

$$\mathcal{O}^{D4_{\mathcal{N}}} = \epsilon_{i_1 \ldots i_N} \epsilon^{j_1 \ldots j_N} A^{i_1}_{j_1} \ldots A^{i_N}_{j_N} (AntiSym_k W)^{\mathcal{N}/2} (\mathcal{O}^{D0})^{\mathcal{N}^2/8}$$

2. The baryon vertex with flux



Total binding energy

$\Rightarrow$ More general baryon vertex configurations in which the number of quarks can be increased to $\lesssim 36\pi^2 N$

Also, more general configurations with less number of quarks (some strings stretch between ρ_0 and 0) (BISY)

V. Conclusions

- Particle-like branes in ABJM with magnetic flux (in the paper also non-zero Romans mass)
- New "baryon vertex-like" configurations: 't Hooft monopole , baryon vertex with extra quarks, di-baryon with quarks
- The magnetic flux has to satisfy some bounds $\mathcal{N}_{\max} \sim \sqrt{\lambda}$

  Same non-analytic behavior than the binding energy and size

  $\Rightarrow$ Related to the conformal symmetry?
- Find explicit spike solutions (in progress)
- As mentioned, the D4 wraps a CP^2 , which is not spin, so it is subject to the Freed-Witten anomaly (Aharony, Hashimoto, Hirano, Ouyang'09)

The path integral measure is well-defined with a $F_{FW} = J$

This flux can be cancelled with a flat B_2: $B_2 = -2\pi J \Rightarrow$

The actual dual to ABJM involves this B_2 field. This modifies some quantities in the previous calculations, which are however cancelled with higher curvature terms.

For example, for the D6:

$$S_{CS} = 2\pi\, T_6 \int_{\mathbb{R}\times CP^3} P\Big[F_6 + \frac{1}{6} F_2 \wedge B_2 \wedge B_2\Big] \wedge A$$

But the contribution of $F_2 \wedge B_2 \wedge B_2$ is precisely cancelled with

$$\Delta S = \frac{3}{2}(2\pi)^5 T_6 \int C_1 \wedge F \wedge \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\mathcal{A}}(T)}{\hat{\mathcal{A}}(N)}}$$

V. Generalize to non-zero Romans mass

Gaiotto & Tomasiello'09: A perturbation of $AdS_4 \times CP^3$ by a mass term should be dual to a perturbation of ABJM with levels $k_1 + k_2 = F_0$:

In the D0: $S_{CS} = T_0 \int dt\, F_0 A_t \quad \Rightarrow$ F0 strings ending on it

Di-monopole dual operator:

$$O^{D0} = (\mathrm{Sym_k})_{i_1 \ldots i_{k+F_0}} (\overline{\mathrm{Sym}_k})^{j_1 \ldots j_k} A^{i_1}_{j_1} \ldots A^{i_k}_{j_k}$$

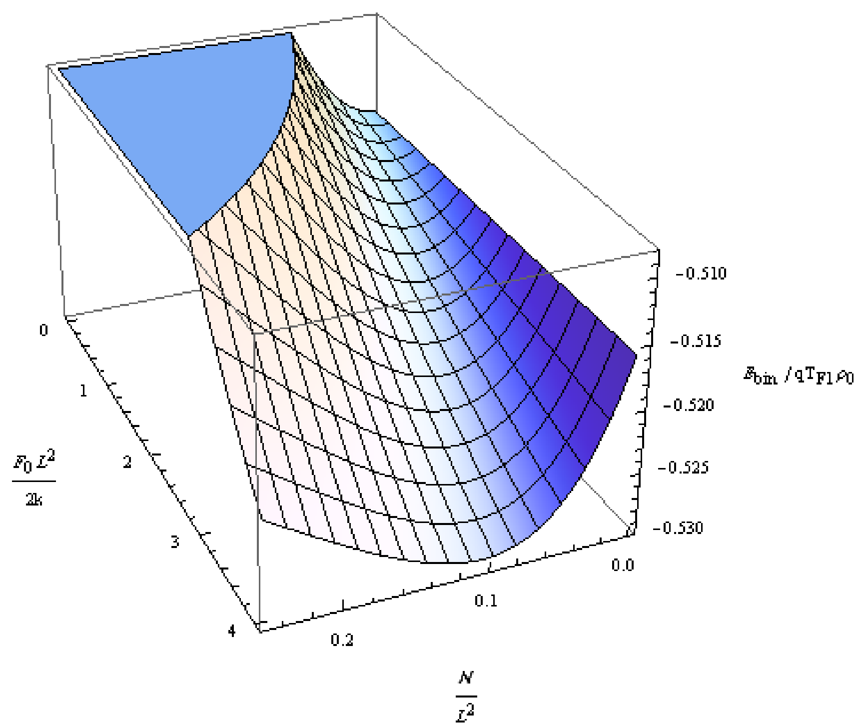
ABJM can be deformed in different ways such that the levels do not sum to zero. In all cases the deformed theory flows to a CFT, with different amounts of symmetries and SUSY

Simplest case: $\mathcal{N}=0$ CFT with SO(6) global symmetry, dual to a perturbation of the $\mathcal{N}=6$ solution by a small mass $F_0 << k, N$

Add $F=\mathcal{N}J$: All branes develop tadpoles proportional to the mass. For instance the D2:

$$S_{CS} = 2\pi\, T_2 \int F_0\, A \wedge dA = \frac{F_0\,\mathcal{N}}{2} \int dt A_t$$

This changes the stability, like:



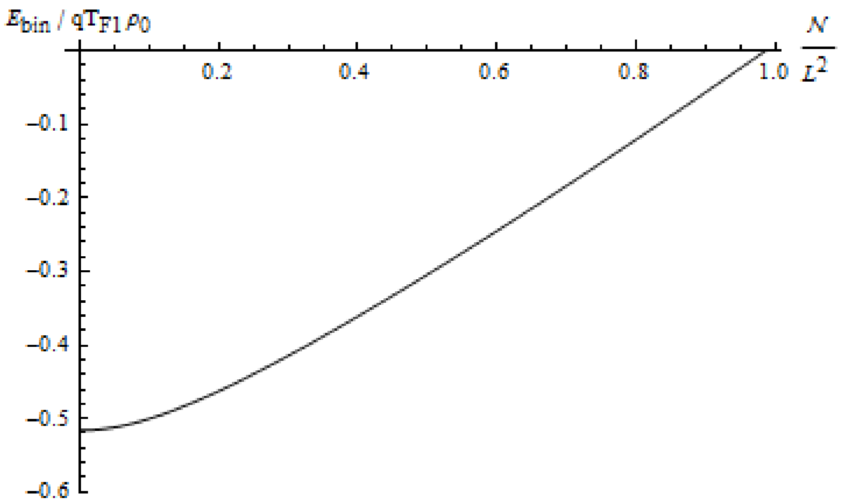
Generally configurations more stable for non-zero mass

1. The ‘t Hooft monopole with flux

In this case:

$$\beta = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{4\pi^2}\Big(1 + \frac{4\pi^2\mathcal{N}^2}{L^4}\Big)}$$

Allowed values for the magnetic flux: $\displaystyle \frac{\mathcal{N}}{L^2} \leq \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{4\pi^2}}$



Binding energy per string

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Similar to the baryon vertex with flux in $AdS_5 \times S^5$