

Gopakumar-Vafa invariants via Wilson loops

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A compact Calabi-Yau threefold X can be considered to approach a local Calabi-Yau threefold Y in certain limits of Kahler moduli. The enumerative geometry of Y is simpler and physical tools of 5-dimensional gauge theory apply, particularly the use of Wilson loops. A general proposal is made for the structure of the refined BPS numbers of X in terms of refined Wilson loops. Using low degree geometric computation and methods of physics including a refined holomorphic anomaly equation for the Wilson loop partition function, refined BPS numbers of elliptically fibered X are computed for many examples, with $h^{1,1}(X)$ as large as 5. In particular, the unrefined limit produces the Gopakumar-Vafa invariants of X . This talk is based on joint work with Minxin Huang, Albrecht Klemm, and Xin Wang.

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