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Abstract: <p>The mathematical notion of moonshine relates the theory of finite groups with that of modular objects. The first example, 'Monstrous Moonshine', was clarified in the context of two dimensional conformal field theory in the 90's. In 2010, interest in moonshine in the physics community was reinvigorated when Eguchi et. al. observed representations of the finite group M24 appearing in the elliptic genus of nonlinear sigma models on K3. In 2013, Cheng, Duncan, and Harvey provided a uniform construction of 23 new examples of moonshine, called 'umbral moonshine', of which M24 moonshine is a special case. </p>

<p>In this talk, I will describe recent work studying the symmetries of certain Landau-Ginzburg orbifold theories that flow in the IR to  $c=6$   $N=(4, 4)$  superconformal field theories on the moduli space of K3 sigma models. We show that discrete symmetries of the UV theory implicate all 23 instances of umbral moonshine, not just M24 moonshine, in symmetries of K3 CFTs. I will then discuss a particular string theory compactification to three dimensions where we find a precise connection to all 23 umbral groups and type IIA string theory on K3.</p>

# Umbral Moonshine and String Theory on $K3$

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## BASED ON...

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- ▶ Shamit Kachru
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## OUTLINE OF THIS TALK

"Lightning" review of moonshine  
Monstrous Moonshine  
Mathieu & Umbral Moonshine

Motivation for our work  
Umbral Moonshine and K3 Surfaces

Models and results  
Cubic superpotentials  
Quartic superpotentials

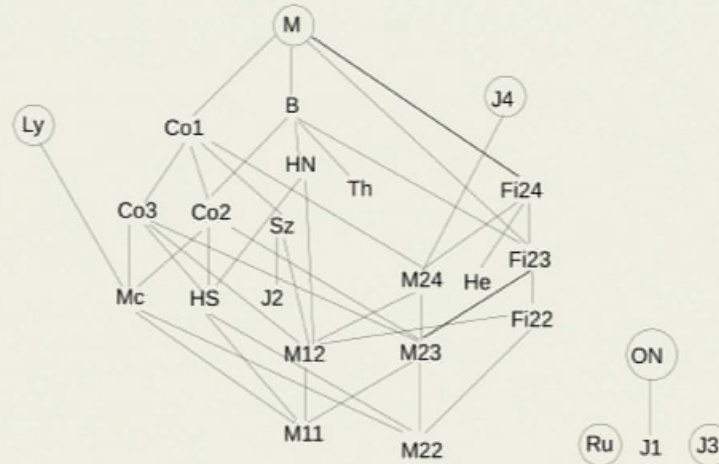
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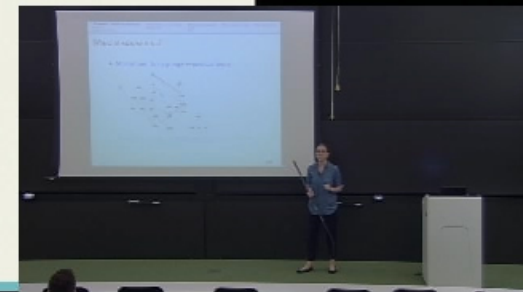


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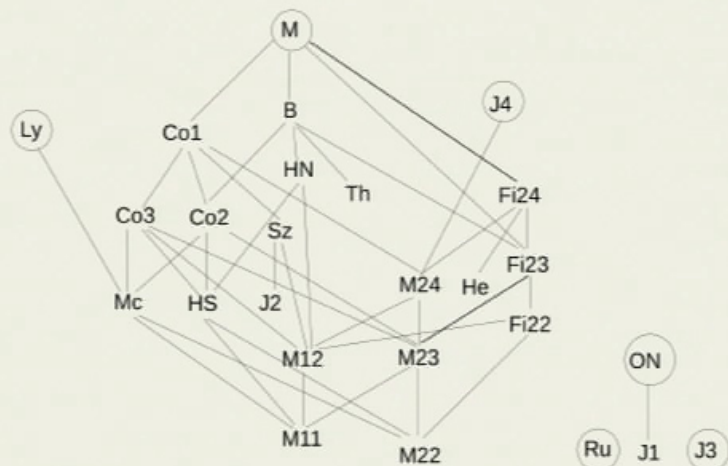


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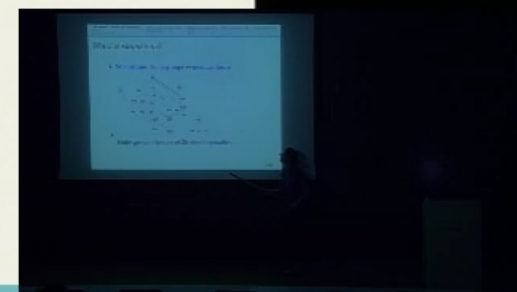


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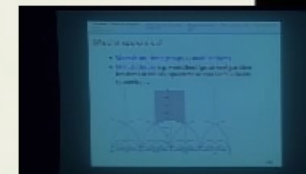
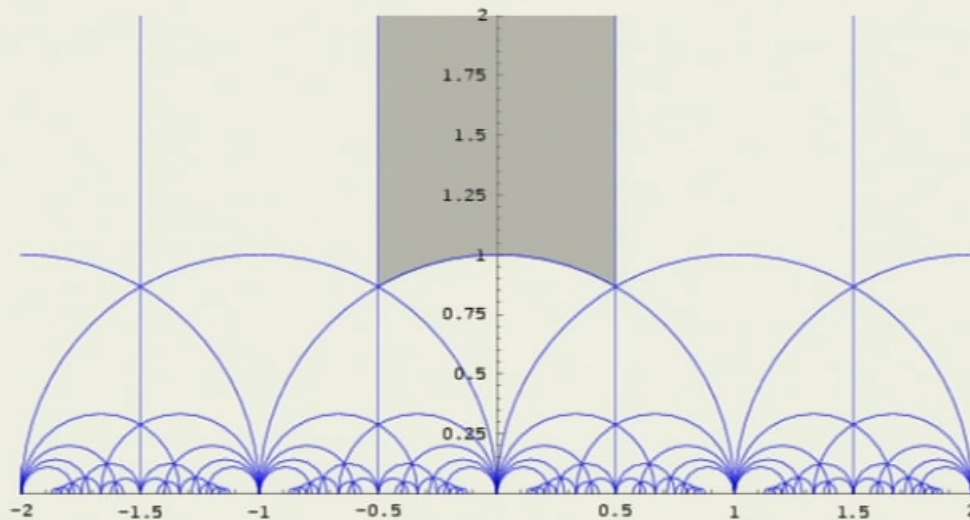


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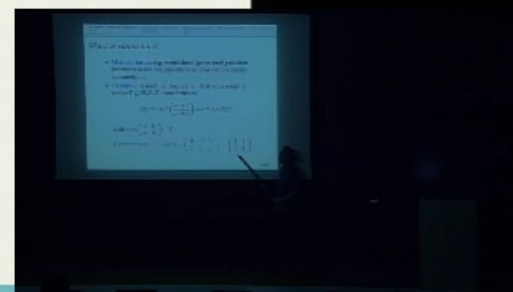
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- ▶ **Definition:** A modular form  $f(\tau)$ ,  $\tau \in \mathbb{H}$  with weight  $k$  under  $\Gamma \subseteq SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  transforms as

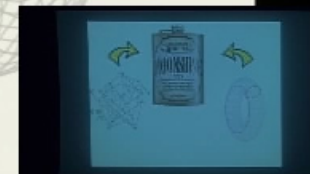
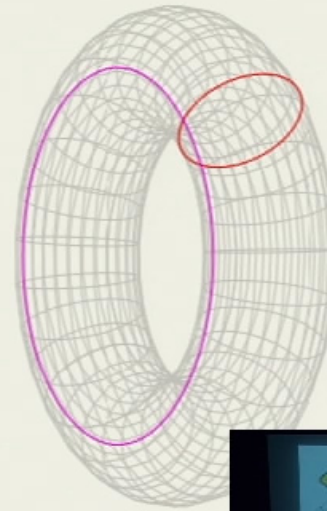
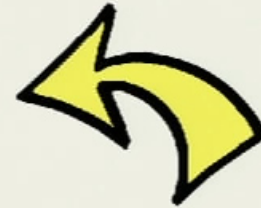
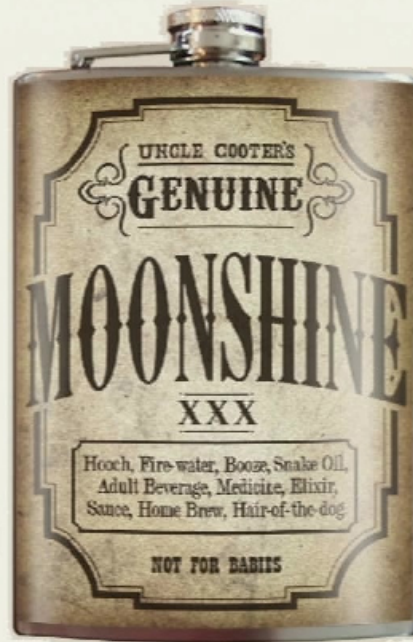
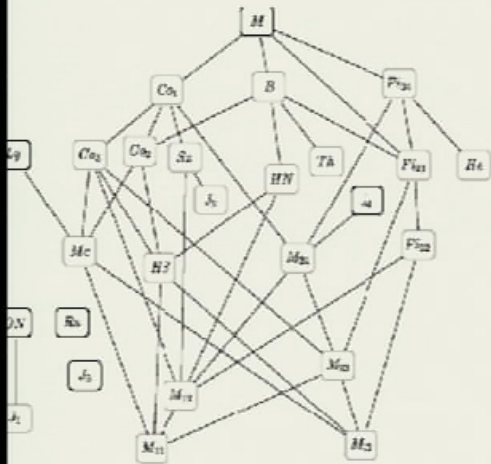
$$f(\gamma.\tau) := f\left(\frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}\right) = (c\tau + d)^k f(\tau)$$

with  $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma$ .

Generators of  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ :  $S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$







## THE MONSTER GROUP & THE J-FUNCTION

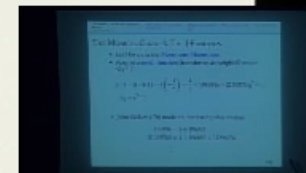
- ▶ Let's be concrete: **Monstrous Moonshine**.
- ▶ Story of a **mod. function** (transforms as weight 0) under  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ :

$$j(\tau) = j(\tau + 1) = j\left(-\frac{1}{\tau}\right) = \frac{1}{q} + 196884q + 21493760q^2 + \dots$$

$(q = e^{2\pi i\tau})$

- ▶ John McKay ('78) made an interesting observation:

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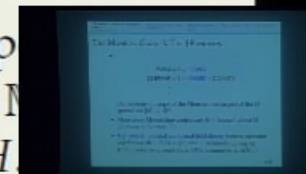
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Dimensions of irreps of the Monster, the largest of the 26 sporadics!  $|\mathbb{M}| \sim 10^{54}$

- ▶ Monstrous Moonshine conjecture:  $j(\tau)$  'knows' about  $\mathbb{M}$  (Conway & Norton, '79).
- ▶ **Key object:** a chiral conformal field theory (vertex operator algebra) with 1.  $Z(\tau) = j(\tau)$  and 2. symmetry group  $\mathbb{M}$  (that preserves ground state, OPE, commutes with  $H$ )

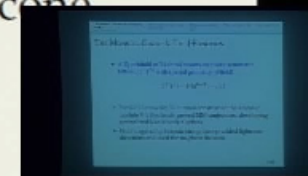


## THE MONSTER GROUP & THE J-FUNCTION

- ▶ A  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  orbifold of 24 chiral bosons on a very symmetric lattice (c.f.  $T^{24}$  with special geometry, B-field)

$$Z^{V^{\natural}}(\tau) = \text{Tr}(q^{L_0-1}) = j(\tau)$$

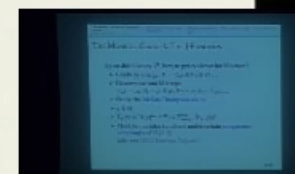
- ▶ Frenkel/Lepowsky/Meurman constructed the Monster module  $V^{\natural}$ ; Borcherds proved MM conjectures, developing generalized Kac-Moody algebras.
- ▶ Proof inspired by bosonic string theory: added lightcone directions and used the no-ghost theorem.



## THE MONSTER GROUP & THE J-FUNCTION

If you didn't know  $V^{\natural}$ , how to get evidence for  $\mathbb{M}$  action?

- ▶ Grade by energy:  $V = V_{-1} \oplus V_1 \oplus V_2 \dots$
- ▶ Decompose into  $\mathbb{M}$  irreps:  
 $V_{-1} = \rho_0, V_1 = \rho_1 \oplus \rho_0, V_2 = \rho_2 \oplus \rho_1 \oplus \rho_0, \dots$
- ▶ Study the **McKay-Thompson series**:
- ▶  $g \in \mathbb{M}$
- ▶  $T_g(\tau) = \text{Tr}(gq^{L_0 - c/24}) = \sum_{i=-1}^{\infty} \text{Tr}_{V_i}(g)q^i$ .
- ▶ Must be modular functions under certain **congruence subgroups** of  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$   
(also see NMP, Persson, Volpato)



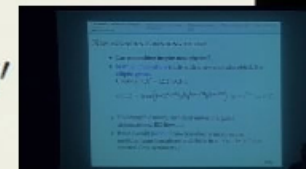
## NEW MOONSHINES IN STRING THEORY

- ▶ Can moonshine inspire new physics?
- ▶ **Mathieu moonshine** starts with a new modular object, the **elliptic genus**.

Consider a  $\mathcal{N} = (2, 2)$  SCFT:

$$\phi(\tau, z) = \text{Tr}_{RR} \left( (-1)^{F_L + F_R} y^{J_0} q^{L_0 - c/24} \bar{q}^{\bar{L}_0 - c/24} \right) \quad (y = e^{2\pi iz}), z \in \mathbb{C}$$

- ▶ Holomorphic index, invariant under marginal deformations, RG-flow, ...
- ▶ It is a (weak) **Jacobi** form– transforms nicely under modular transformations and shifts in  $z \rightarrow z + l\tau + l'$  (spectral flow symmetry).



## JACOBI FORMS

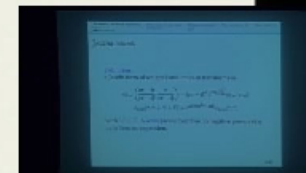
### Definition:

a Jacobi form of weight  $k$  and index  $m$  transforms as

$$\phi_{k,m} \left( \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}, \frac{z}{c\tau + d} \right) = (c\tau + d)^k e^{2\pi i \frac{mcz^2}{c\tau + d}} \phi_{k,m}(\tau, z)$$

$$\phi_{k,m}(\tau, z + l\tau + l') = e^{2\pi im(l^2\tau + 2lz)} \phi_{k,m}(\tau, z)$$

with  $l, l' \in \mathbb{Z}$ . A **weak** Jacobi form has no negative powers of  $q$  in its Fourier expansion.



## MOONSHINE IN THE ELLIPTIC GENUS OF $K_3$

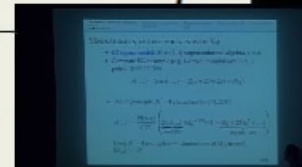
- ▶ **K3 sigma model**:  $\mathcal{N} = (4, 4)$  superconformal algebra,  $c = 6$ .
- ▶ Compute EG at simple (e.g. Gepner, toroidal orbifold...) point: (E-O-T-Y '89)

$$\phi(\tau, z) = 2\phi_{0,1}(\tau, z) = (2/y + 20 + 2y) + O(q)$$

- ▶ Decompose into  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  characters (E-O-T, 2010)


$$\phi(\tau, z) = \frac{\theta_1^2(\tau, z)}{\eta^3(\tau)} \left( \underbrace{24\mu(\tau, z)}_{\text{short, BPS}} + 2q^{-1/8} \underbrace{(-1 + 45q + 231q^2 + \dots)}_{\text{long, non-}} \right)$$

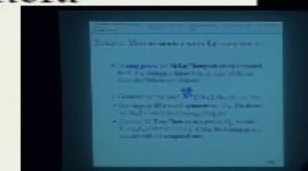
Long  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  multiplets  $\leftrightarrow$  dimensions of  $M_{24}$  irreps!  
 $|M_{24}| \sim 10^8$





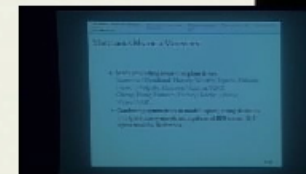
## STATUS OF MATHIEU MOONSHINE IN $K_3$ SIGMA MODELS

- ▶ **Twining genera** (c.f. McKay-Thompson series) computed for all  $M_{24}$  conjugacy classes (Cheng, Eguchi-Hikami, Gaberdiel-Hohenegger-Volpato)
- ▶ Geometric symmetries?   $\subset M_{23} \subset M_{24}$  (Mukai, '80s).
- ▶ Non-singular  $K_3$   $\sigma$ -model symmetries  $\subset C_{00}$ . (No theory w/  $M_{24}$ !) (Gaberdiel-Hohenegger-Volpato)
- ▶ (Gannon '12) Thm: There exists a graded  $M_{24}$  module  $V = \bigoplus_n V_n$  such that for all  $[g] \in M_{24}$ , the twining genera coincide with the computed ones.



## MYSTERIOUS MATHIEU MOONSHINE

- ▶ Many interesting ideas to explain it: see Taormina/Wendland, Harvey/Murthy, Eguchi/Hikami, Persson/Volpato, Harrison/Kachru/NMP, Cheng/Dong/Duncan/Harvey/Kachru/Wrase, Wrase/NMP...
- ▶ Combining symmetries in moduli space, string dualities and spacetime symmetries, algebras of BPS states,  $(0, 4)$  sigma models, fivebranes...



## MOCK MODULAR FORMS IN MOONSHINE

- ▶ Remember our old friend:

$$H(\tau) = 2q^{-1/8} \left( -1 + 45q + 231q^2 + 770q^3 \dots \right)$$

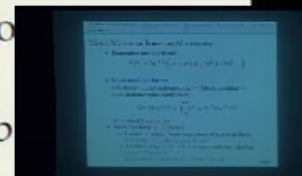
- ▶ **Mock modular forms:**

(Modular but not holomorphic) = (Mock modular) +  
(non-holomorphic completion)

$$\hat{f}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = f(\tau) + \int_{-\bar{\tau}}^{\infty} (\tau' + \tau)^{-k} \bar{s}(-\bar{\tau}') d\tau'$$

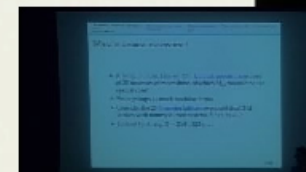
$s(\tau)$  called the **shadow**

- ▶ Mock modularity in physics:
  - ▶ Geometric origin: Non-compactness of spaces in theory (Dabholkar/Murthy/Zagier, Troost)
  - ▶ Algebraic origin: Characters of superconformal algebras (Eguchi/Taormina, Benjamin/Harrison/Kachru/NMP/Whalen)

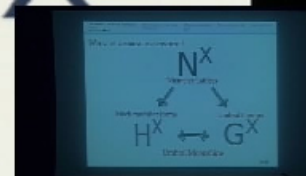
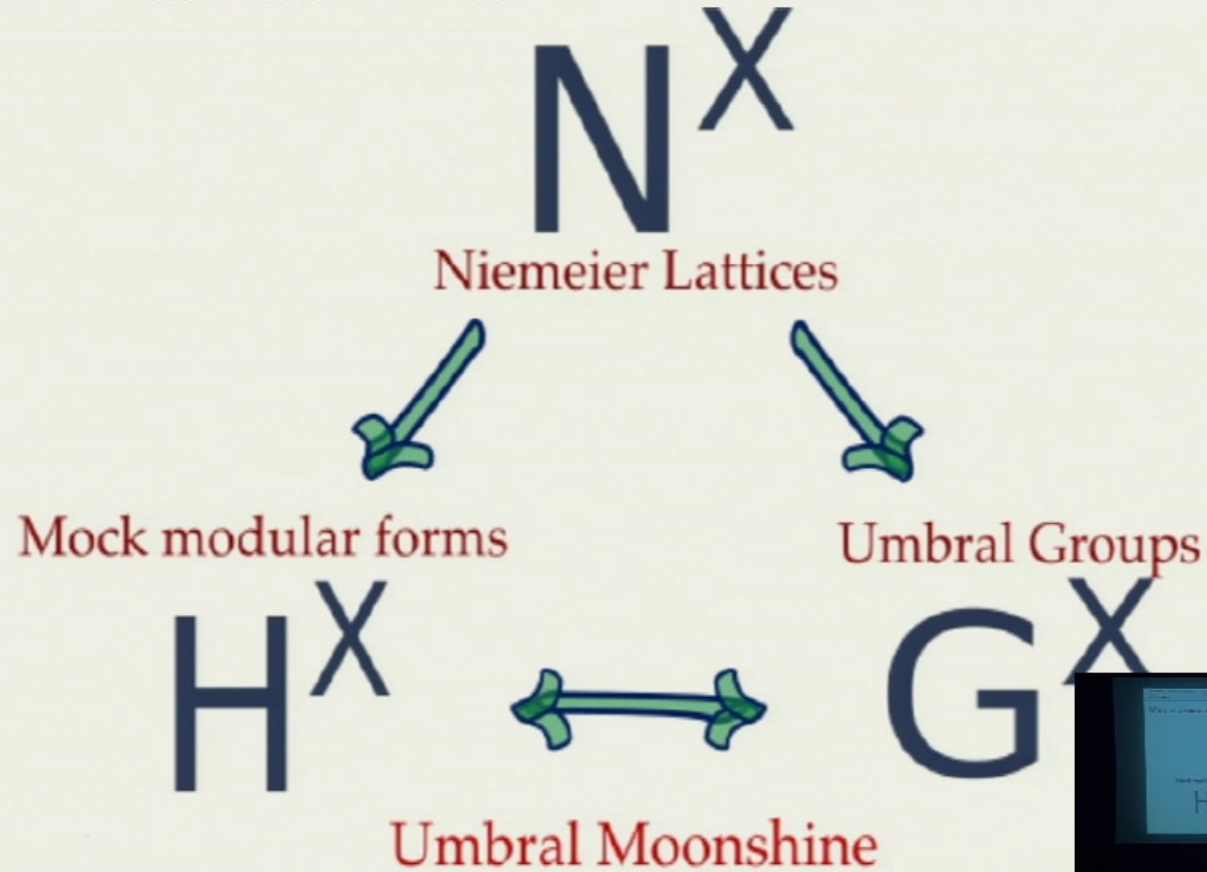


## WHAT IS UMBRAL MOONSHINE?

- ▶ (Cheng, Duncan, Harvey '13): **Umbral moonshine** is a set of 23 instances of moonshine, of which  $M_{24}$  moonshine is a special case!
- ▶ Finite groups  $\leftrightarrow$  mock modular forms
- ▶ Consider the 23 **Niemeyer lattices**: even, self-dual 24d lattices with nontrivial root systems  $X : \langle x, x \rangle = 2$ .
- ▶ Labeled by  $X$ : e.g.  $X = 24A_1, 12A_2, \dots$



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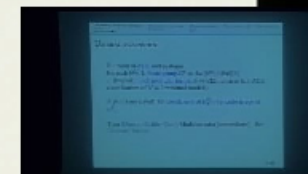
$X$ : union of ADE root systems

For each  $N^X$ : 1. finite group  $G^X = \text{Aut}(N^X)/\text{Weyl}(X)$

2. (twined) mock modular forms:  $X \leftrightarrow$  CIZ matrices (c.f. ADE classification of  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  minimal models).

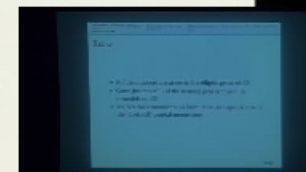
A priori unrelated! Yet coefficients of  $H_g^X(\tau)$  encode irreps of  $G^X$ .

Thm (Duncan-Griffin-Ono): Modules exist (somewhere)!– See Duncan-Harvey



## RECAP

- ▶ Mathieu moonshine arises in the elliptic genus of  $K3$ .
- ▶ Some (but not all!) of the twining genera appear in  $\sigma$ -models on  $K3$ .
- ▶ Yet, Mathieu moonshine is formulated as a special case of the (abstract!) umbral moonshine.



## OVERVIEW

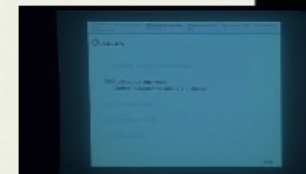
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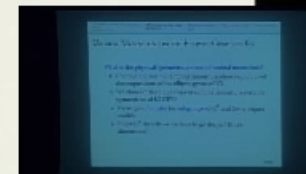




## UMBRAL MOONSHINE IN THE ELLIPTIC GENUS OF $K_3$

What is the physical/geometric context of umbral moonshine?

- ▶ Cheng-Harrison '14: Umbral moonshine shows up in novel decompositions of the elliptic genus of  $K_3$ .
- ▶ We showed that all 23 cases of umbral moonshine describe symmetries of  $K_3$  CFTs!
- ▶ These give **modules** for **subgroups** of  $G^X$  and  $C_{0,0}$  in sigma models.
- ▶ To get  $G^X$  directly  $\rightarrow$  we have to go deeper! (three dimensions)

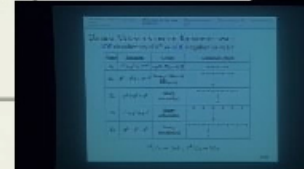


# UMBRAL MOONSHINE IN THE $K_3$ MODULI SPACE

ADE classification of  $N^X \leftrightarrow$  ADE singularities on  $K_3$

Name	Equation	Group	Resolution graph
$A_n$	$x^2 + y^2 + z^{n+1}$	cyclic $\mathbb{Z}/(n+1)$	○ — ○ ... ○
$D_n$	$x^2 + y^2z + z^{n-1}$	binary dihedral $BD_{4(n-2)}$	○ — ○ — ○ ... ○   ○
$E_6$	$x^2 + y^3 + z^4$	binary tetrahedral	○ — ○ — ○ — ○ — ○   ○
$E_7$	$x^2 + y^3 + yz^3$	binary octahedral	○ — ○ — ○ — ○ — ○ — ○   ○
$E_8$	$x^2 + y^3 + z^5$	binary icosahedral	○ — ○ — ○ — ○ — ○ — ○ — ○ — ○   ○

$$T^4/\mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow 16A_1, T^4/\mathbb{Z}_3 \rightarrow 9A_2$$



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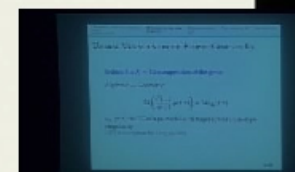
Rethink the  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  decomposition of the genus

Algebraic  $\rightarrow$  Geometric

$$24 \left( \frac{\theta_1^2(\tau, z)}{\eta^3(\tau)} \mu(\tau, z) \right) = 24 \phi_{A_1}(\tau, z)$$

$\phi_{A_1}(\tau, z)$  the EG of a ( $\sigma$ -model with target space) an  $A_1$ -type singularity.

CFT description by Ooguri-Vafa



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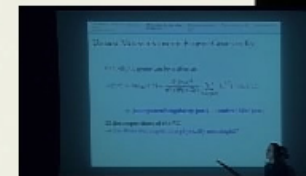
Total elliptic genus can be written as:

$$\phi(\tau, z) = 24\phi_{A_1}(\tau, z) - \frac{i\theta_1(\tau, z)^2}{\eta^3(\tau)\theta_1(\tau, 2z)} \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}/(4\mathbb{Z})} H_r^{A_{24}}(\tau)\theta_{2,r}(\tau, z)$$

$$= (\text{root system/singularity part}) + (\text{umbral MM part})$$

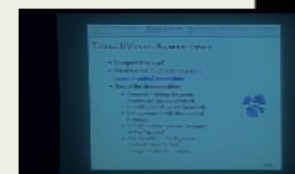
23 decompositions of the EG

→ Are these decompositions physically meaningful?



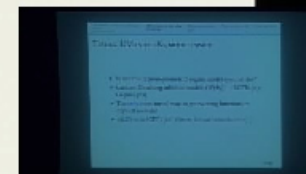
## TESTING UM IN THE $K_3$ MODULI SPACE

- ▶ Compute twinings!
- ▶ Set of twined EG predictions for **all cases of umbral moonshine**
- ▶ Test of the decomposition:
  - ▶ Compute twinings for geom. symmetries (permutations of smooth rational curves) in models.
  - ▶ Get agreement with their umbral twinings.
  - ▶ But all the functions are the same as the  $M_{24}$  case!
  - ▶ Are the other umbral groups relevant? Need to test non-geometric symmetries.



## TESTING UM IN THE $K_3$ MODULI SPACE

- ▶ What about (non-geometric) sigma model symmetries?
- ▶ Landau-Ginzburg orbifold models ( $W(\Phi_i)$ )  $\rightarrow$  SCFTs (e.g. Gepner pts)
- ▶ The **only** (non-torus) way to get twining functions in explicit models!
- ▶  $\phi(LG) = \phi(SCFT)$  (c.f. Witten, Kawai-Yamada-Yang...)

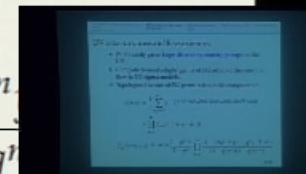


## UV COMPUTATIONS OF IR SYMMETRIES

- ▶  $W(\Phi)$  easily gives large discrete symmetry groups in the UV.
- ▶ Compute twined elliptic genus of LG orbifold theories that flow to K3 sigma models.
- ▶ Topological nature of EG permits free-field computation:

$$\phi(\tau, z) = \frac{1}{h} \sum_{\alpha, \beta=0}^{h-1} (-1)^{\alpha+\beta+\alpha\beta} e^{2\pi i(\hat{c}/2)\alpha\beta} e^{2\pi i(\hat{c}/2)(\alpha^2\tau+2\alpha z)} \\ \times \prod_{i=1}^N Z_{\omega_i}(\tau, z + \alpha\tau + \beta)$$

$$Z_{\omega}(\tau, z) = y^{-(1-2\omega)/2} \frac{1 - y^{1-\omega}}{1 - y^{\omega}} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - q^n y^{1-\omega})(1 - q^n)}{(1 - q^n y^{\omega})(1 - q^n)}$$



## CUBIC SUPERPOTENTIALS

6 chiral superfields,  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  orbifold  
 Fermat:  $A_2$ -type minimal models

$$L_2(11) | \quad \mathcal{W}_1(\underline{\Phi}) = \Phi_0^3 + \Phi_1^2\Phi_5 + \Phi_2^2\Phi_4 + \Phi_3^2\Phi_2 + \Phi_4^2\Phi_1 + \Phi_5^2\Phi_3$$

$$3^4 : A_6 | \quad \mathcal{W}_2(\underline{\Phi}) = \sum_{i=0}^5 \Phi_i^3$$

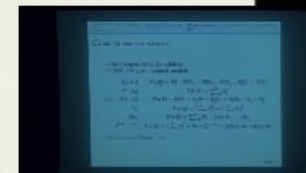
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$$M_{10} | \quad \mathcal{W}_5(\underline{\Phi}) = \sum_{i=0}^5 \Phi_i^3 + \lambda \cdot \sigma_3(\Phi_0, \dots, \Phi_5)$$

$$3^{1+4} : 2.2^2 | \quad \mathcal{W}_6(\underline{\Phi}) = \sum_{i=0}^5 \Phi_i^3 + 3(i - 2e^{\pi i/6} - 1)(\Phi_0\Phi_1\Phi_2 + \Phi_3\Phi_4\Phi_5)$$

(See Mason/Hohn '14)





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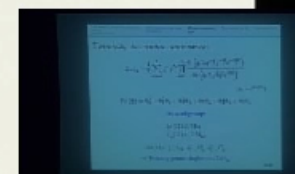
As a subgroup:

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→ Twining genus singles out  $2.M_{12}$ !



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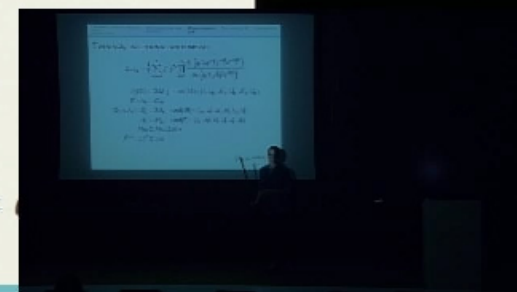
$$(\mathbb{Z}_3 \times A_5) : \mathbb{Z}_2 \subset 3.S_6 \rightarrow ord(15) : (\lambda_5, \lambda_5^3, \lambda_5^4, \lambda_5^2, \lambda_3, \lambda_3^2)$$

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## QUARTIC SUPERPOTENTIALS

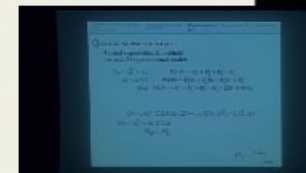
4 chiral superfields,  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  orbifold  
 Fermat:  $A_3$ -type minimal models

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4^2) \rtimes S_4 &| \quad \mathcal{W}_1(\underline{\Phi}) = \Phi_1^4 + \Phi_2^4 + \Phi_3^4 + \Phi_4^4 \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times L_2(7) \subset 2.AGL_3(2) \rightarrow \text{ord}(14) : (\lambda_7^2, -1, \lambda_7^4, \lambda_7)$$

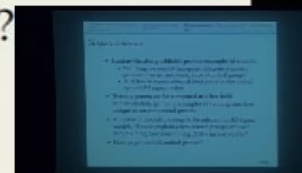
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## SUMMARY SO FAR

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  - ▶ With large, reasonably transparent discrete symmetry groups (often maximal subgroups of umbral groups)
  - ▶ That flow to superconformal fixed points on the moduli space of K3 sigma models
- ▶ Twining genera can be computed in a free-field approximation; get many examples of twining functions unique to certain umbral groups.
- ▶ All cases of moonshine seem to be relevant for K3 sigma models. How to explain when certain groups appear? Why twining functions for, e.g.  $2.M_{12}$  instead of  $M_{24}$ ?
- ▶ How to get the full umbral groups?



## WHERE ARE THE $G^X$ ?

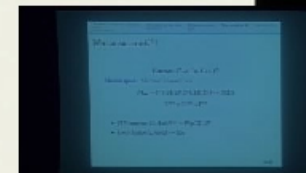
Heterotic,  $T^7 \leftrightarrow \text{IIA}, K3 \times T^3$

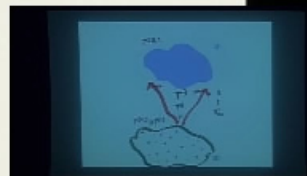
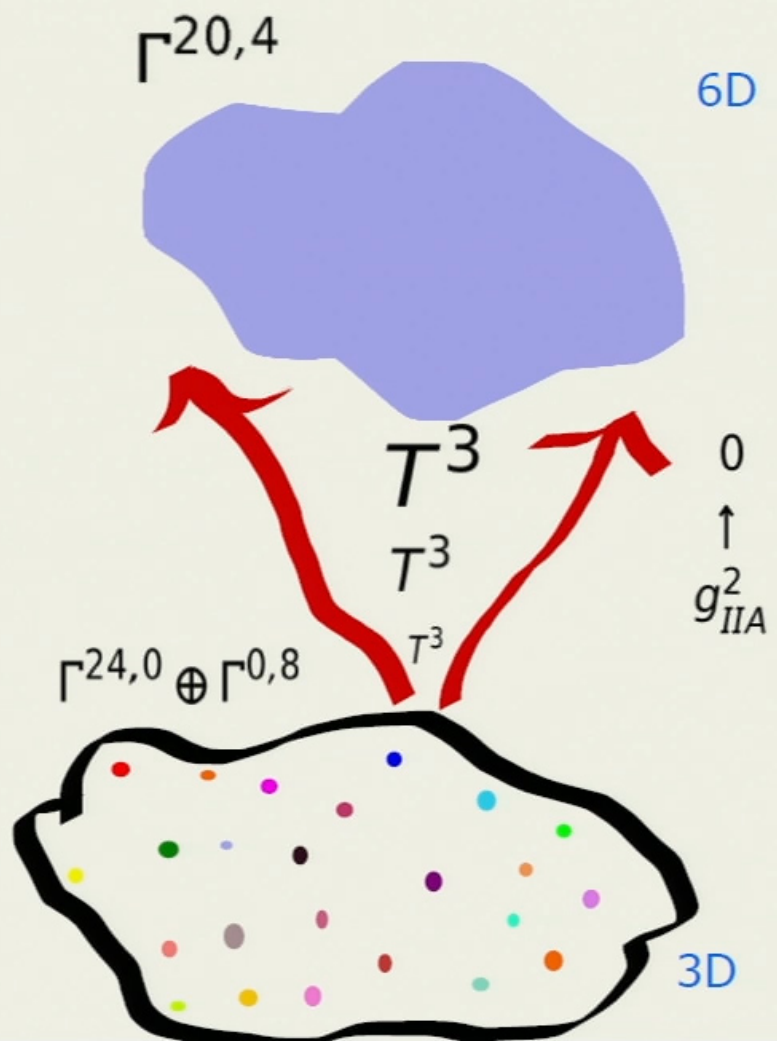
Moduli space: Marcus/Schwarz, Sen

$$\mathcal{M}_{vac} = O(8, 24; \mathbb{Z}) \backslash O(8, 24) / O(8) \times O(24)$$

$$\Gamma^{24,8} = \Gamma^{24,0} \oplus \Gamma^{0,8}$$

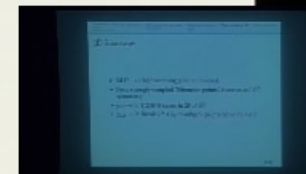
- ▶ 23 Niemeiers  $L^X, \text{Aut}(N^X) = \text{Weyl}(X).G^X$
- ▶ Leech lattice  $\Lambda, \text{Aut}(\Lambda) = C_{00}$





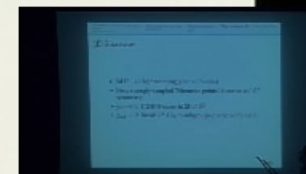
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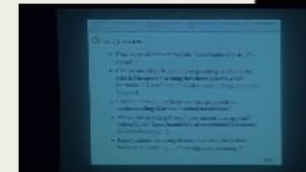
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## OPEN QUESTIONS

- ▶ How to get all the umbral MMFs as counts of 1/4-BPS states?
- ▶ Can we use 3d picture to make precise predictions for which Niemeiers/twining functions govern which portions of K3  $\sigma$ -model moduli space? (Cheng, Harrison, Volpato)
- ▶ Can we make connections to other proposals for understanding Mathieu/umbral moonshine?
- ▶ Where else in string theory does moonshine appear? (other Calabi-Yaus/manifolds of exceptional holonomy, EGs of 6d strings...?)
- ▶ Ramifications for string theory dualities, black hole microstate counting, ...? For algebraic geometry?



Thank you for your attention!