"Nothing in physics seems so hopeful to as the idea that it is possible for a theory to have a high degree of symmetry was hidden from us in everyday life. The physicist's task is to find this deeper symmetry."





"In the simplest array of digits he [Ramanujan] detected wonderful properties: congruences, symmetries and relationships which had escaped the notice of even the outstandingly gifted theoreticians." -- James R. Newman



Quantum ChromoDynamics

 $\frac{1}{4g^2} \mathrm{tr}F^2 + \overline{\psi} D \!\!\!\!/ \psi$

interactions

matter





GLie group

R representation N_f copies

$Gr(k, N) = \mathbb{C}^{kN} / / U(k)$



$$Gr(k, N) = \frac{U(N)}{U(k) \times U(N-k)}$$









Moore-Seiberg, Witten, Reshetikhin-Turaev

M_4 = ALE space

Moduli problem:

$$F_A^+ + \ldots = 0$$



 $\sum q^n \chi \left(\mathcal{M}_n^{\text{inst}}(M_4) \right) = \chi_{\text{VOA}}(q)$ n

[K.Yoshioka] [H.Nakajima] [C.Vafa, E.Witten]

Topology

3-manifolds

4-manifolds

<u>Algebra</u>

Modular Tensor Categories

(mock & quantum) modular forms

VOA characters

Topological Modular Forms











w/ A.Gadde, P.Putrov (2013)

Half-index
 = 2d/3d elliptic genus

2) 2d (0,2) SQCD

 $\frac{1}{4g^2} \mathrm{tr}F^2 + \overline{\psi} D \!\!\!/ \psi$



$$\frac{1}{4g^2} \mathrm{tr}F^2 + \overline{\psi} D \!\!\!\!/ \psi$$





 $\int d^2x \, \frac{1}{4q^2} \mathrm{tr}F^2 + \overline{\psi} D \psi$



 $\mathcal{N} = (0,1)$ $\mathcal{N} = (0,2)$ $\mathcal{N} = (2,2)$



4d $\mathcal{N}=2$



2d $\mathcal{N} = (0,2)$

2d $\mathcal{N} = (2,2)$











Hidden symmetry: Triality



$$\mathcal{T}_{N_1,N_2,N_3} \cong \mathcal{T}_{N_3,N_1,N_2} \cong \mathcal{T}_{N_2,N_3,N_1}$$

$$Gr(k, N) \cong Gr(N - k, N)$$

 $S \to Gr(k, N) \cong Q^* \to Gr(N - k, N)$
 $Q \to Gr(k, N) \cong S^* \to Gr(N - k, N)$

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where

$$0 \; \longrightarrow \; S \; \longrightarrow \; \mathcal{O}^N \; \longrightarrow \; Q \; \longrightarrow \; 0$$

Chiral $\begin{pmatrix} \Pi S^{\oplus N_3} \oplus \Pi Q^{\oplus N_2} \\ \downarrow \\ Gr\left(\frac{N_1+N_2-N_3}{2}, N_1\right) \end{pmatrix}$







- Q-state Potts model (= Ising w/ spins: Q values) $Q \rightarrow 1$ Percolation (c=0)
- O(n) model (another generalization of Ising)



• QHE plateau phase transitions





John Cardy

 $C_{\text{perc}} = 1/8\sqrt{3\pi} = 0.0229720$ predicted = 0.022972(1) measured

(density of lops with area greater than A = C / A)

• Symplectic fermions:

$$c = -2d \qquad d \in \mathbb{Z}_+$$

- Triplet (1,p): $c = 13 - 6\left(p + \frac{1}{p}\right)$
- Singlet (1,p): $c = 13 - 6\left(p + \frac{1}{p}\right)$









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 $= 1 + q^2 + 2q^3 + 3q^4 + 4q^5 + 6q^6 + 8q^7 + \dots$



M.Cheng, S.Chun, B.Feigin, F.Ferrari, S.G., S.Harrison



 $\widehat{Z}_a(M_3) = q^{\Delta} \left(c_0 + c_1 q + c_2 q^2 + \ldots \right) \quad c_i \in \mathbb{Z}$

$M_3 = S_{-1}^3(\textcircled{0}) = S_{+1}^3(\textcircled{0})$



$$= q^{1/2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n q^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}}{(q^{n+1};q)_n}$$

= character of (1,p) "singlet"log-VOA with p = 42

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42: THE HITCHHIKER'S

THE HITCHHIKER Strand ADAMS TO DOUGLAS ADAMS PREFACE BY JEM ROBERTS

Conjecture ("3d Modularity"):

$$\widehat{Z}(q) = \chi_{\text{VOA}[M_3]}$$

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"scaling dimension"

$$\widehat{Z} = q^{\Delta} \left(a_0 + a_1 q + a_2 q^2 + \ldots \right) \quad \in q^{\Delta} \mathbb{Z}[[q]]$$

Conjecture ("mirror symmetry"):

 $\widehat{Z}(M_3,q) = \chi(q) \quad \longleftarrow \quad \widehat{Z}(-M_3,q) = \chi(q^{-1})$

Character of a chiral algebra



