

# 3d Modularity

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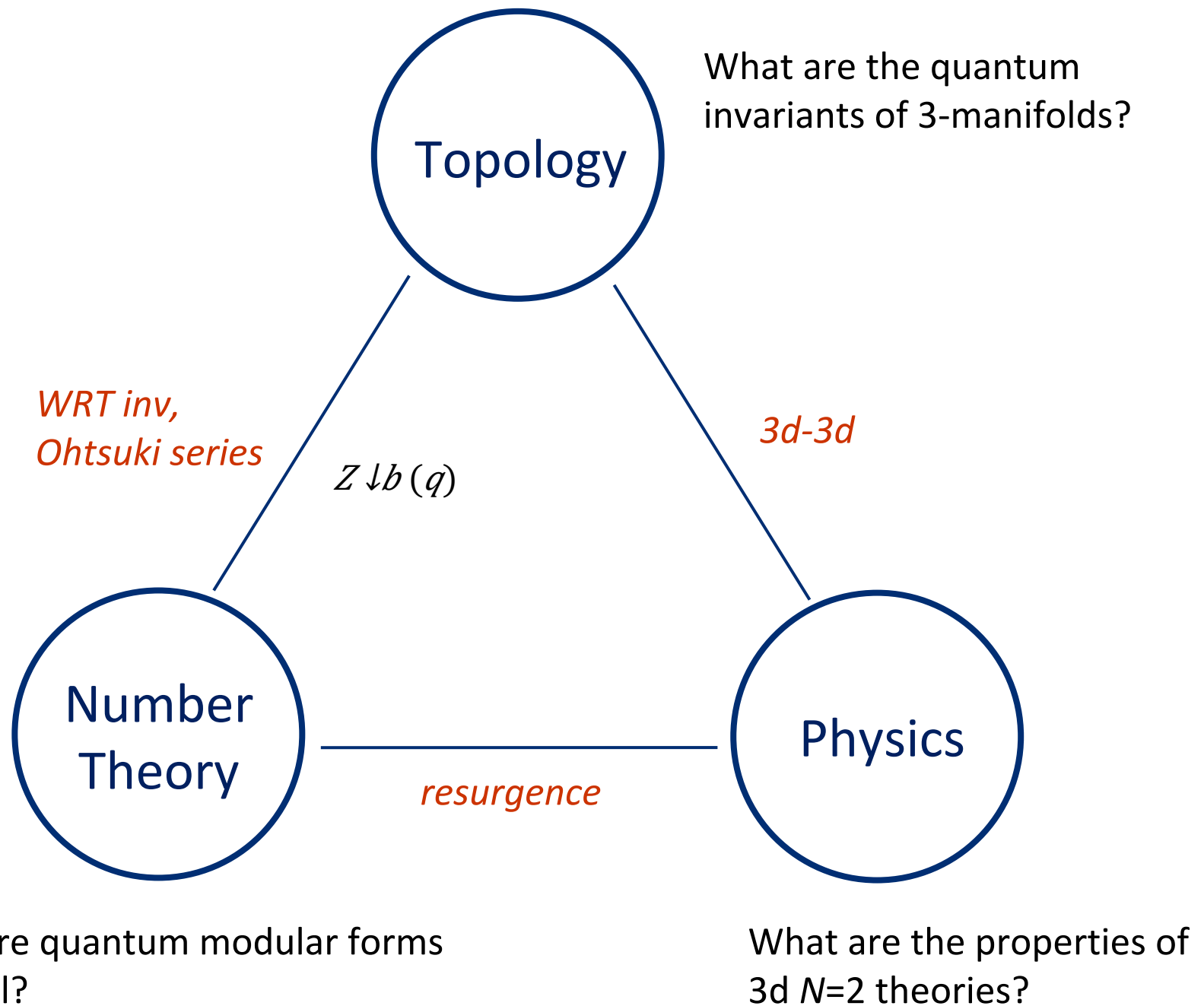
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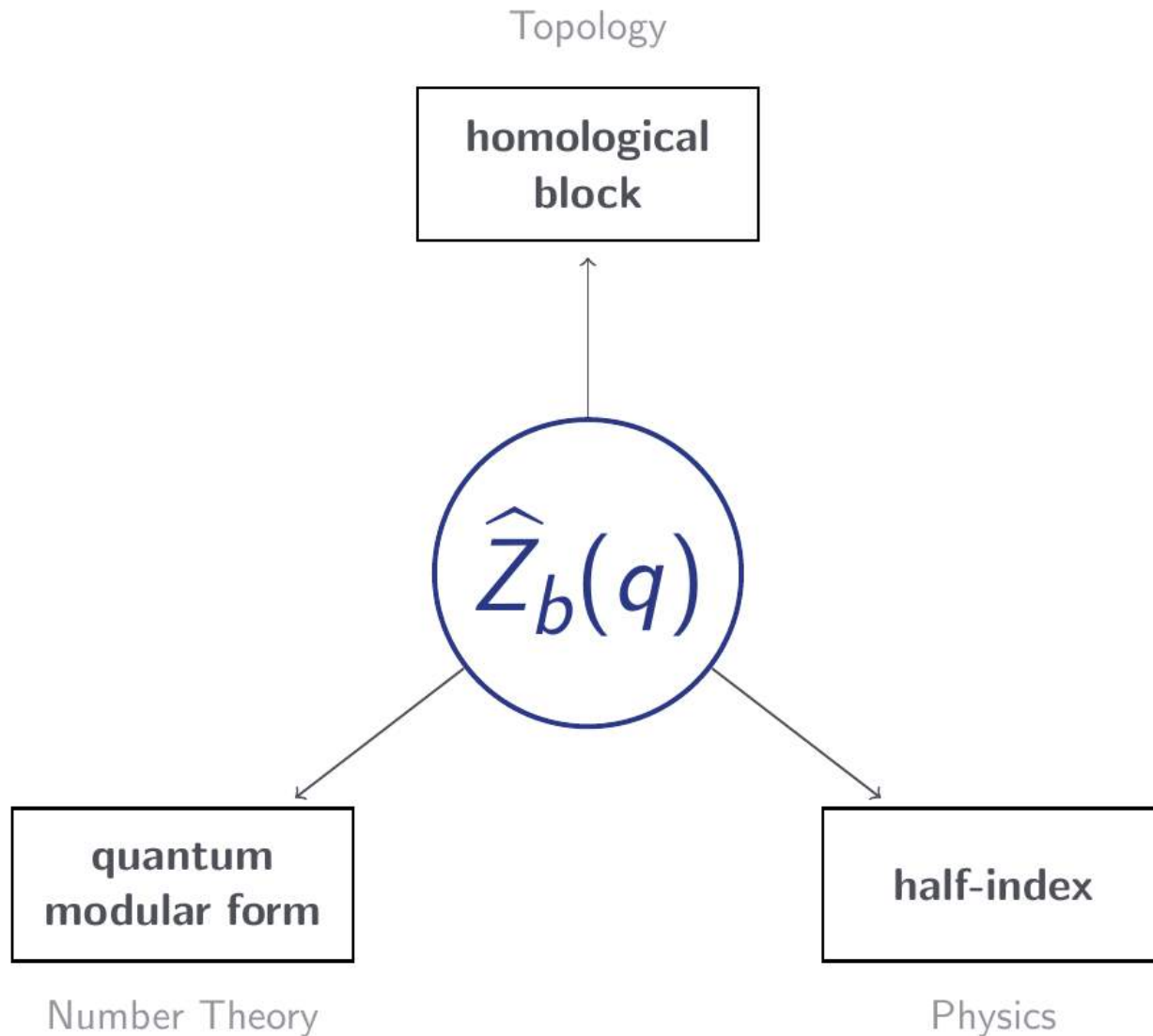
# Outline

I. What is  $\hat{Z}_b(q)$ ?

II. What are *False Theta Functions*?

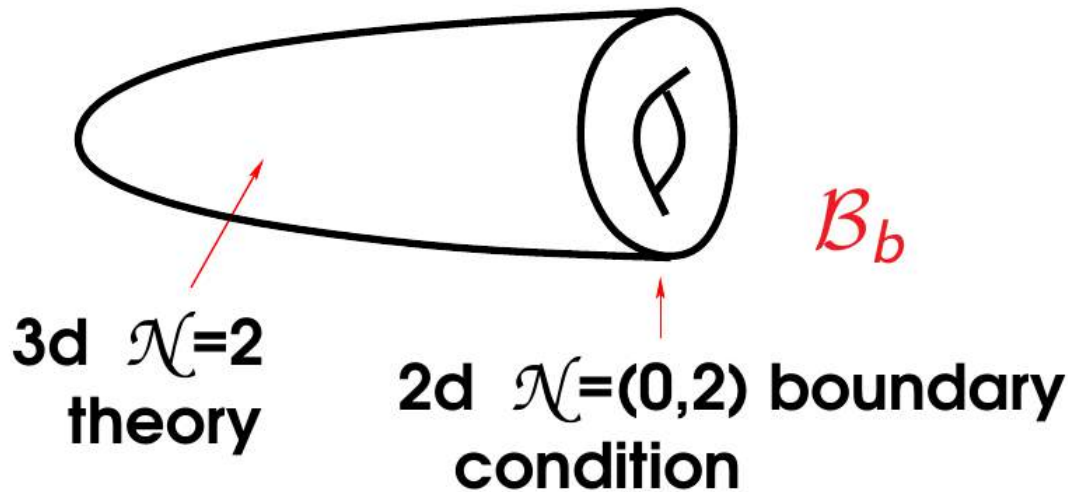
III. The *False-Mock Pair* and *Quantum Modular Forms*

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Bulk 3d Coupled to Boundary 2d Systems

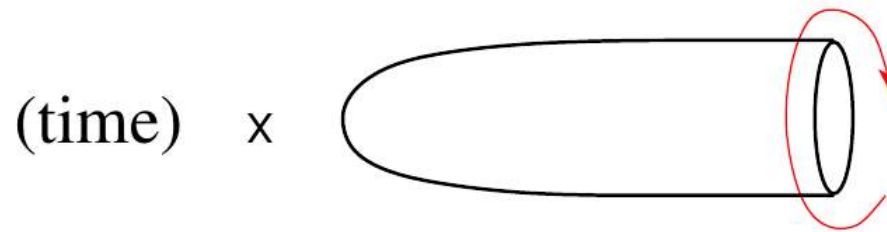


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$$(q = e^{2\pi i\tau})$$

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Counts BPS States

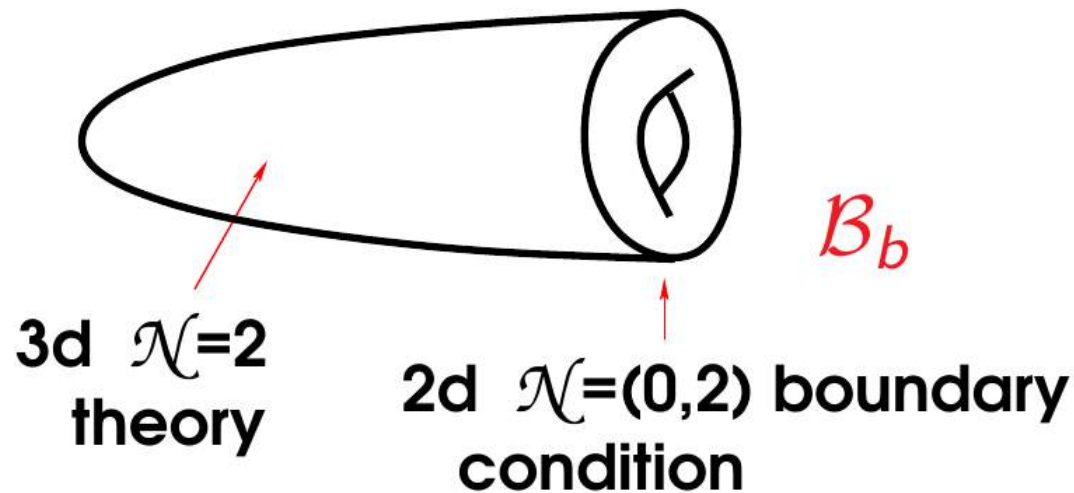


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$$\in q^{\Delta} \mathbb{Z}[[q]]$$

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Localisation  $\Rightarrow$  Contour integral



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bulk theory	$\hat{Z}_b(q)$
gapped and trivial	modular
gapped but in top. non-trivial phases	modified modularity
not gapped	??

✓  
**this talk**

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$SU(2)$

$\hat{Z}_b(q)$  with  $b \in (\text{Tor}H_1(M_3, \mathbb{Z}))^* / \mathbb{Z}_2 \cong \pi_0 \mathcal{M}_{\text{flat}}^{\text{Ab.}}$

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$$\hat{Z}_b(q) \xrightarrow[\text{summed over}]{\text{radial limit}} Z_{\text{CS}}$$

**WRT inv.**

$$\underline{Z_{\text{CS}}(M_3; k)} = \sum_a e^{2\pi i k \text{CS}(a)} \left( \lim_{q \rightarrow e^{2\pi i/k}} \sum_b S_{ab}^{(A)} \hat{Z}_b(q) \right) \parallel \cdot Z_a$$

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CS level
"Abelian S-matrix"

summing over b.c./Ab. flat connections

transseries  
expansion

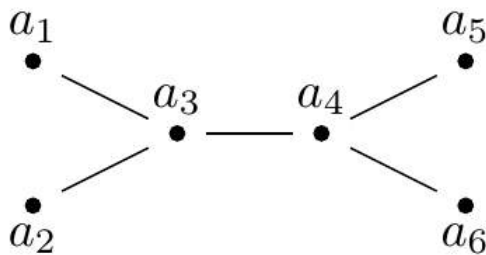
$$\sim \sum_{\alpha} e^{2\pi i k \text{CS}(\alpha)} \underline{Z_{\alpha}^{\text{pert}}(k)}$$

**Ohtsuki series**  
( $\alpha = 0$ )

summing over all  $SU(2)$  flat connections

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## Plumbed Three-Manifolds

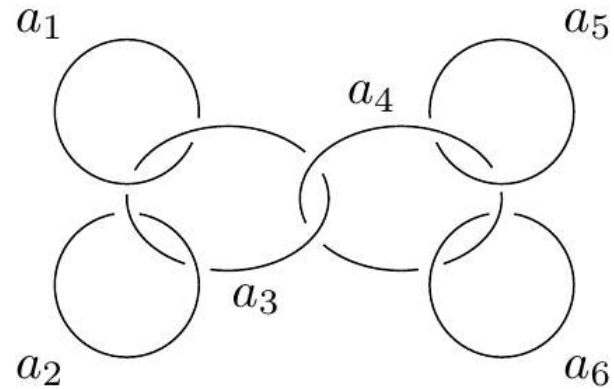


**Adjacency Matrix**

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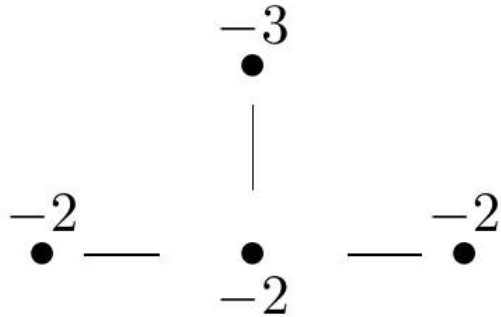
$$\hat{Z}_b(M_3)$$



**Plumbed  $M_3$  inc.  
all Seifert man.**

# I. What is $\hat{Z}_b(q)$ ? 3d-2d Physics/ 3d-3d Corr./ Examples

eg.



$$\hat{Z}_1(M_3; q) = q^{-\frac{3}{8}}(1 - q + q^2 + \dots) = q^{-\frac{5}{12}}(\Psi_{6,1} - \Psi_{6,5})(\tau)$$

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## II. What are false theta functions?

$$\hat{Z}_b(q) \sim \Psi_{m,r}$$

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II. What is false  $\theta$ ? **Eichler int./folding reps./resurgence & flat conn.**

$$\Psi_{m,r}(\tau) = \sum_{\substack{\ell \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \ell \equiv r \pmod{2m}}} \underbrace{\text{sgn}(\ell)}_{\text{"false"}} q^{\ell^2/4m}$$

Relation to modular forms:

weight  $w$  mod. form  $\xrightarrow[\text{integral}]{\text{Eichler}}$  another  $q$  series

$$g = \sum_{n>0} a_g(n) q^n \xrightarrow[\text{integral}]{\text{Eichler}} \tilde{g}(\tau) := \sum_{n>0} n^{1-w} a_g(n) q^n$$

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(usual  $\theta$ -function)

$$\theta_{m,r}(\tau, z) = \sum_{\ell=r \bmod 2m} q^{\ell^2/4m} y^\ell$$

$$\downarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\dots)|_{z=0}$$

$$\theta^1_{m,r}(\tau) = \sum_{\ell=r \bmod 2m} \ell q^{\ell^2/4m} \xrightarrow[\text{integral}]{\text{Eichler}}$$

(weight 3/2  $\theta$ -function)

$$\Psi_{m,r} = \widetilde{\theta^1_{m,r}}$$

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$\theta_m = (\theta_{m,r})$   $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  “Weil” representation  
in general *not* **irrep**

Consider **eigen-spaces** of the orthogonal group:

$$O_m := \{a \in \mathbb{Z}/2m \mid a^2 = 1 \bmod (4m)\}$$

$$a : \theta_{m,r} \mapsto \theta_{m,r}$$


A useful label:

$$O_m \cong \text{Ex}_m = \bigcup \text{group of exact divisors of } m$$

**K** : labels the +1 eigenspace

## II. What is false $\theta$ ? Eichler int./folding reps./resurgence & flat conn.

eg.

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_1^{\underline{42+6,14,21}}(\tau) &= (\Psi_{42,1} - \Psi_{42,13} - \Psi_{42,29} + \Psi_{42,41})(\tau) \\ &= q^{1/168}(1 - q - q^5 + O(q^{10}))\end{aligned}$$


$m = 42, K = \{1, 6, 14, 21\}$ , 3-dim irrep

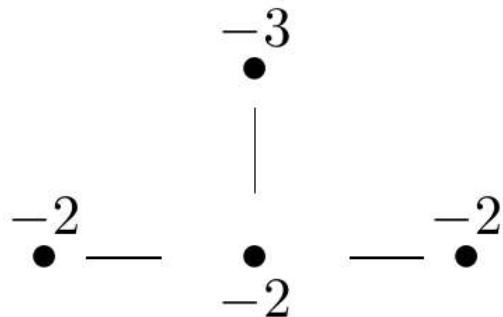
$\widehat{Z}_0(M_3; q) \sim \psi_1^{42+6,14,21}(\tau)$   
for  $M_3 = \Sigma(2, 3, 7)$  Brieskorn sphere .

Somehow 3-manifolds like **irreps**.

The other components of the vector will come to life as **non-Ab flat conn**.

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Resurgence: pert. asympt. series  $\rightarrow$  an actual func. inc. non-pert.

Techniques: Borel resummation

$$Z_{\text{pert}}(k) = \sum_n \frac{a_n}{k^n} \quad \left(\frac{1}{k} = \hbar\right)$$



$$BZ_{\text{pert}}(z) = \sum_n \frac{a_n}{\Gamma(n)} z^{n-1}$$

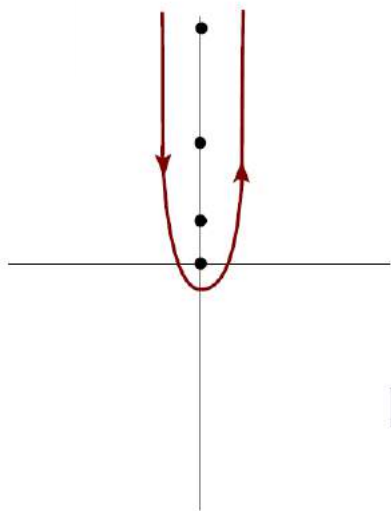


$$Z_{\text{tot}} = \int e^{-\tau z} BZ_{\text{pert}}(z) dz \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \Psi_{m,r}\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{i}}{2} \left( \int_{e^{i\delta}\mathbb{R}_+} + \int_{e^{-i\delta}\mathbb{R}_+} \right) \frac{dz}{\sqrt{\pi z}} \frac{\sin((m-r)\sqrt{\frac{2\pi z}{m}})}{\sin(m\sqrt{\frac{2\pi z}{m}})} e^{-ikz}$$

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Res. of pole at  $z = n^2$  :  $e^{-2\pi i k \frac{n^2}{4m}} S_{rn}^{(W)}$

$$\text{Recall: } Z_{\text{CS}}(M_3; k) = \sum_a e^{2\pi i k \text{CS}(a)} \underbrace{\sum_b S_{ab}^{(A)} \hat{Z}_b(q)}_{\parallel Z_a}$$

Consider  $\hat{Z}_b \sim \psi_{r_b}^{m+K}$ .

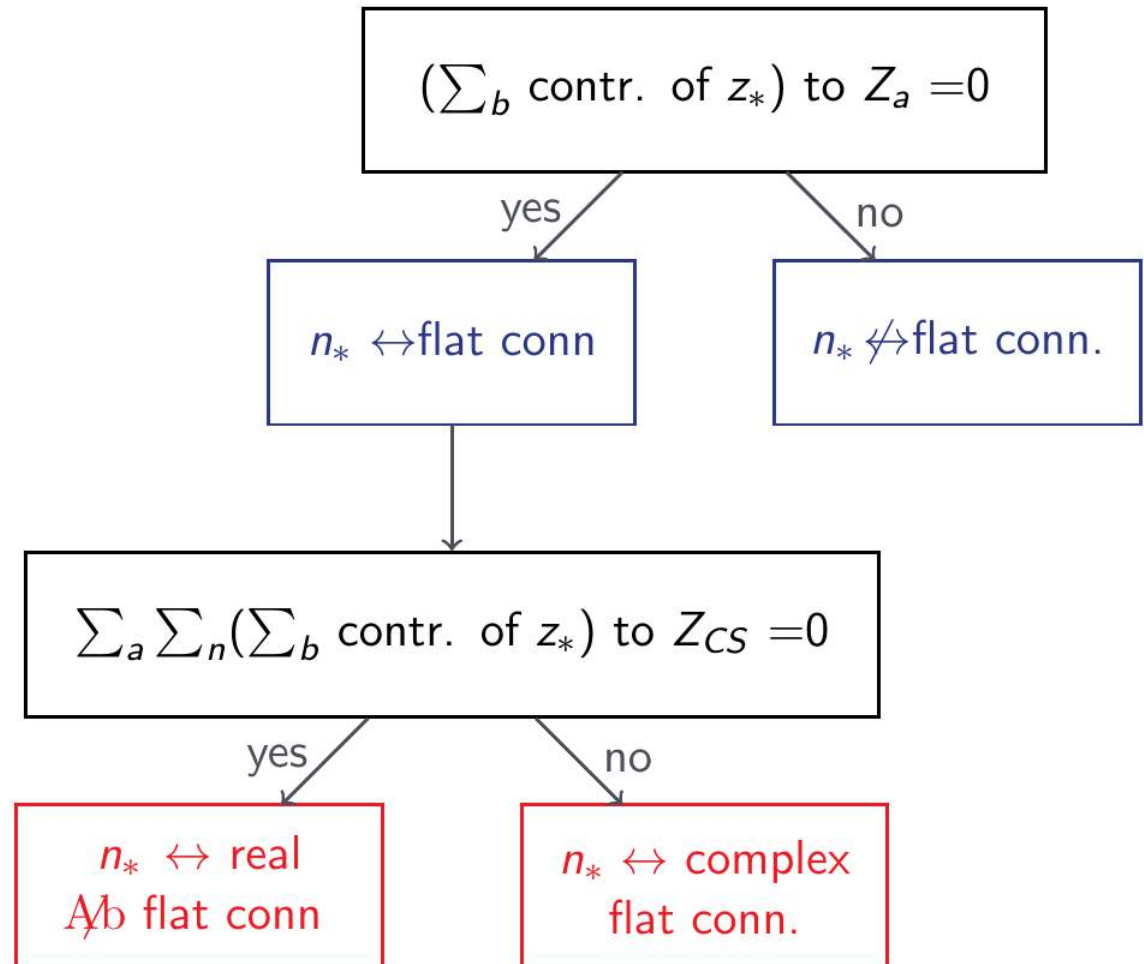
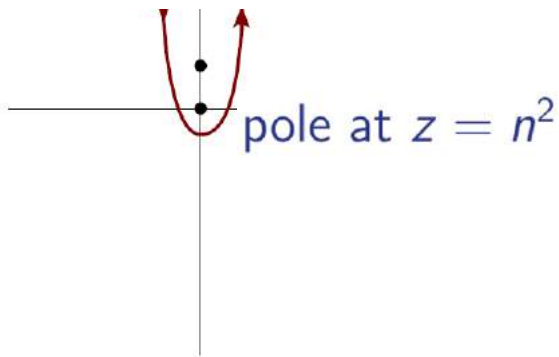
Contribution of the poles to  $Z_a$  :  $\sum_b \sum_n e^{-2\pi i k \frac{n^2}{4m}} S_{ab}^{(A)} S_{r_b n}^{(W)}$

Poles are grouped into orbits of  $K \subset O_m$ .

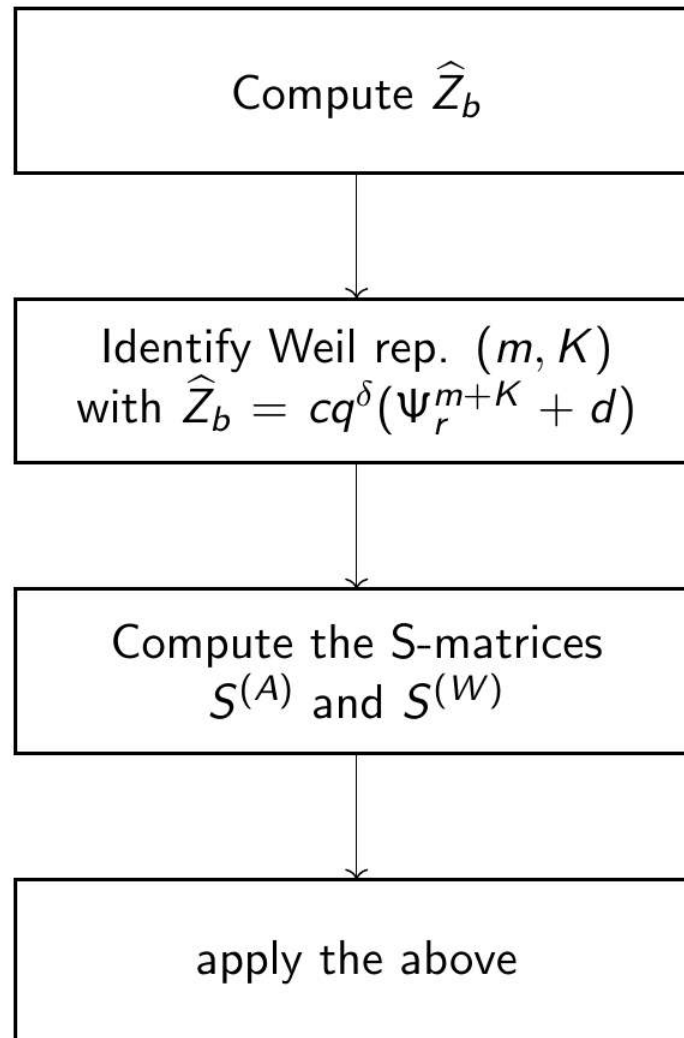
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## From plumbing data to flat connections.



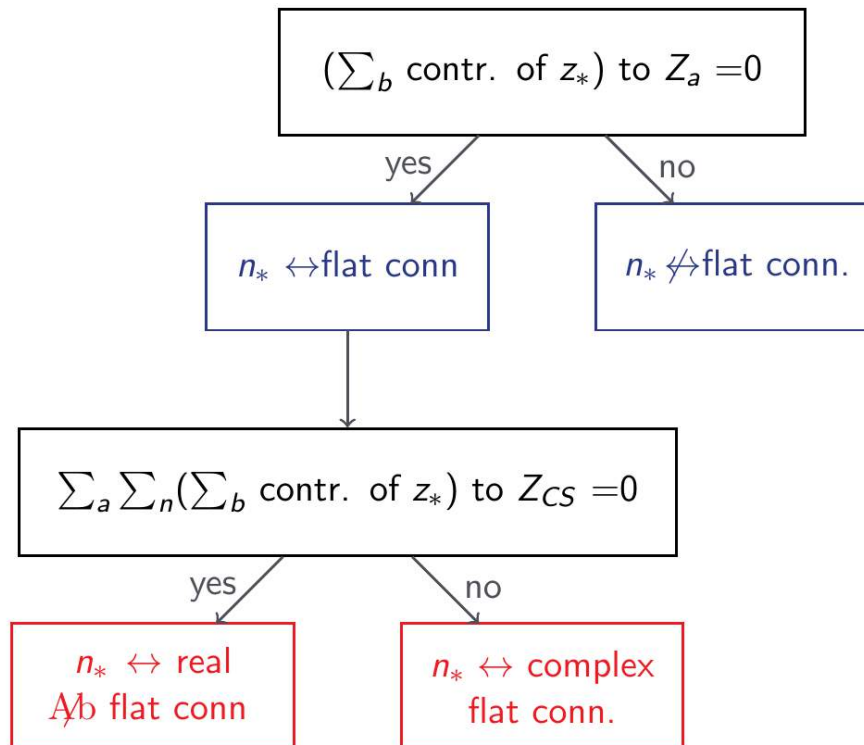
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3-dim  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  rep  $\Rightarrow$  3 groups of poles  $\Rightarrow$  **3 non-Ab flat conn.:**



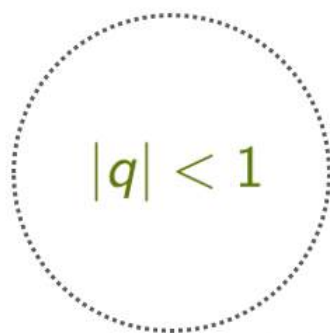
$$\text{complex, } CS = -\frac{1^2}{4 \times 42}$$

$$\text{real, } CS = -\frac{5^2}{4 \times 42}$$

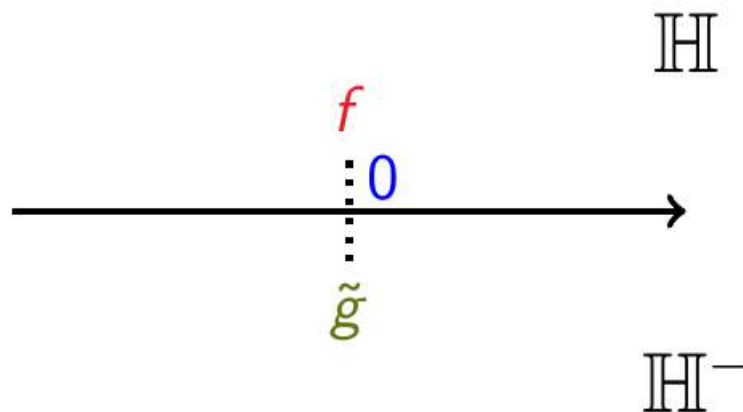
$$\text{real, } CS = -\frac{11^2}{4 \times 42}$$

# III. False, Mock, Quantum

[Zagier 10]



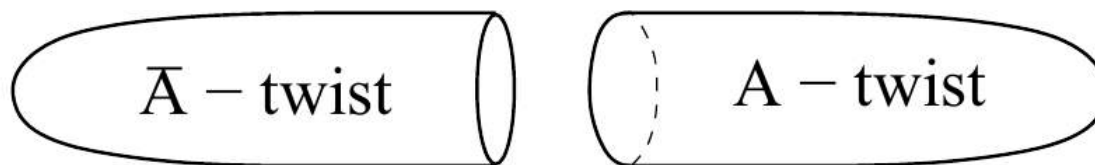
$|q| > 1$



## 3d $\mathcal{N} = 2$ Superconformal Index

$$\mathcal{I}(q) := \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}_{S^2}} (-1)^F q^{R/2+J_3}$$

$$= Z(S^2 \times_q S^1) \in \mathbb{Z}[[q]]$$



$$\sim \sum_b \hat{Z}_b(q) \hat{Z}_b(q^{-1})$$

[Gukov–Pei–Putrov–Vafa, 17]

*What's this?*

*Re-expand! But how?*

### III. False, Mock, Quantum: $q \leftrightarrow q^{-1}$ /mock/quantum asymptotics

From CS:

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{\alpha}^{\text{pert}}(M_3; k) &= \sum_n a_n \left(\frac{1}{k}\right)^n \\ \Leftrightarrow Z_{\alpha}^{\text{pert}}(-M_3; k) &= \sum_n a_n \left(-\frac{1}{k}\right)^n \end{aligned} \quad \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ q \leftrightarrow q^{-1} \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{Z}_b(M_3; q^{-1}) \sim \hat{Z}_b(-M_3; q)$$

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Some  $q$ -hypergeometric series:

$$\psi(q) := \frac{q^{\frac{1}{24}}}{2} \left( 1 - \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^n q^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}}{(1+q)(1+q^2)\dots(1+q^n)} \right)$$

converges when  $|q| < 1$  or  $|q| > 1$

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$$\parallel$$
  

$$f_R(q^{-1})$$

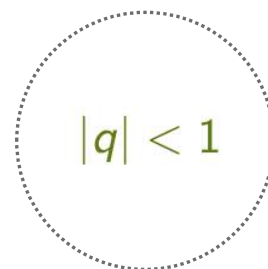
order 3 mock  $\theta$ -func of Ramanujan

$$|q| < 1$$

$$|q| > 1$$

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*“I discovered very interesting functions recently which I call “Mock” theta functions. Unlike the “False” theta functions they enter into mathematics as beautifully as ordinary theta functions.”*



**Def:**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f : \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \\ \hat{f} = f - g^* \\ g^*(\tau) := C \int_{-\bar{\tau}}^{i\infty} (\tau' + \tau)^{-k} \overline{g(-\bar{\tau}')} d\tau' \\ g = \text{shad}(f) \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{holom., “mock”} \\ \text{—holom., mod.} \\ \text{modular correction} \\ \text{mod.form, “shadow”} \end{array}$$

$f$  is mock  $\theta$  if  $\text{shad}(f)$  is a  $\theta$ -func.

[Zwegers 02, . . . , Zagier 07]

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Example: a  $q$ -hypergeometric series

$$\text{false: } \psi(q) = \Psi_1^{6+2}(\tau) = \widetilde{\theta_1^{6+2,1}(\tau)}$$

$$\uparrow \text{shad}(f) = \theta_1^{6+2,1}$$

$$\text{mock: } \psi(q^{-1}) \sim f(q)$$


$$|q| < 1$$

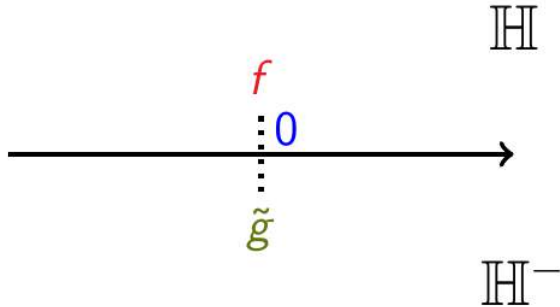
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#### Example: Rademacher sums

a regularised sum over  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  images

**Theorem:** In weight  $1/2$ , a Rademacher sum defines a function  $F$  in  $\mathbb{H}$  and  $\mathbb{H}^-$ , satisfying

$$F(\tau) = \begin{cases} \overset{\text{mock}}{f(\tau)} & \text{when } \tau \in \mathbb{H} \\ \underset{\text{Eichler int. of shad}(f) \text{ (false } \theta)}{\tilde{g}(-\tau)} & \text{when } \tau \in \mathbb{H}^- \end{cases}$$



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Recall:

$$\hat{Z}_b(M_3; q^{-1}) \sim \hat{Z}_b(-M_3; q)$$

*What's this?* false–mock pair

How does that compare with expectations from CS?

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Up to possibly a “modular correction”  $G_0$ ,  
the asymp. series are just right!



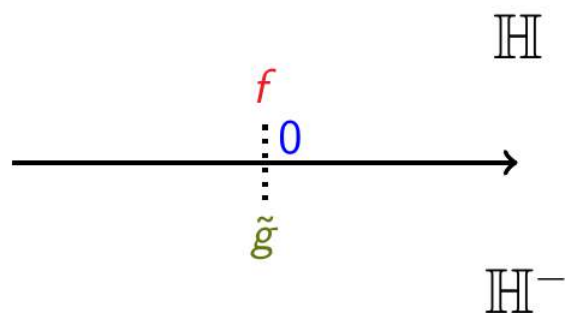
$$(f - G_0)(it) \sim \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n (-t)^n \text{ and } \tilde{g}(it) \sim \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n t^n$$

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Another way to say this :

$f$  and  $\tilde{g}$  defines the same *quantum modular form*.

eg.  $q$ -hypergeometric



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$$\Psi_1^{(6+2)}(it) = \sum_n a_n t^n; \quad f_R(e^{-2\pi t}) = \sum_n a_n (-t)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{Z}_1 \left( -M\left(-2; \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}\right); q \right) \sim f_R(q)$$

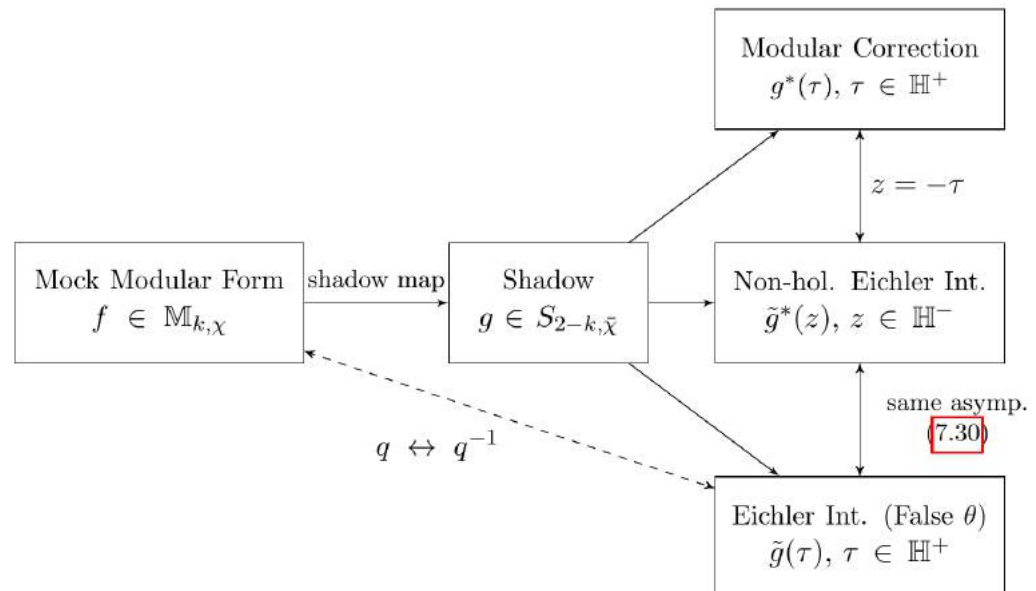
# Conclusions

- ★ **Resurgence &  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  rep.** help making top. predictions on flat connections.
- ★ **False/mock pairs** help predicting  $\widehat{Z}_b$  when other means aren't available.
- ★ **Quantum modular** structure guarantees the  $Z_{CS}$  interpretation.
- ★ In this talk we focus on Seifert w 3 singular fibers, but similar treatment applies to other Seifert manifolds. Hyperbolic 3-manifolds aren't expected to have blocks related to false/mock but should still be quantum.

# Open Questions

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## Quantum Modular Forms



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- ★ The “modular subtraction” is mysterious from the physical point of view. Can we specify this ?