

# Generalised orbifolding of simple singularities

This talk was originally given at the Geometry at ANU conference in August 2016.  
 The aim is to explain a remarkable theorem of the mathematical physicists  
 Carqueville – Ros Camacho – Runkel, and my own contribution to some of the  
 mathematical inputs to their theorem.

Schematically the result can be described as an unexpected series of equivalences  
 of triangulated categories associated to isolated hypersurface singularities

$$\begin{array}{ccc} W \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n] & \longmapsto & \text{triangulated category } hmf(W) \\ V \in \mathbb{C}[y_1, \dots, y_m] & \longmapsto & " \qquad " \qquad hmf(V) \end{array}$$

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*different singularities*

The equivalences are not  $hmf(W) \cong hmf(V)$  (this would be too strong to be interesting) but of the form

$$hmf(V) \cong \text{Mod}_{hmf(W)}(A)$$

*Frobenius algebra / monad*

The interesting examples so far are pairs  $(V, W)$  of simple singularities (aka ADE singularities), and unimodular singularities, but there are probably many more.

- Outline
- ① Matrix factorisations i.e.  $hmf(W)$
  - ② Frobenius algebras
  - ③ Statement of theorem
  - ④ Sketch of proof (use work of mine with Carqueville).

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↙ Eisenbud '80

Def<sup>N</sup> Let  $R$  be a commutative ring and  $W \in R$ . A matrix factorisation of  $W$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded f.g. projective  $R$ -module  $X = X^0 \oplus X^1$  together with an odd  $R$ -linear  $d_X : X \rightarrow X$  s.t.  $d_X^2 = W \cdot 1_X$ . A morphism  $\varphi : (X, d_X) \rightarrow (Y, d_Y)$  is a degree zero map with  $d_Y \circ \varphi = \varphi \circ d_X$ .

Def<sup>N</sup>  $\text{hmf}(R, W) :=$  matrix factorisations of  $W$  with homotopy equivalence classes of morphisms (so  $(R \oplus R, (\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & w \\ 1 & 0 \end{smallmatrix})) \cong 0$ ).

Examples (1)  $R = \mathbb{C}[x]$ ,  $W = x^N$   $N \geq 2$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq N-1$

$$E_i := \left( R \oplus R, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x^i \\ x^{N-i} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \in \text{hmf}(\mathbb{C}[x], x^N)$$

$$(2) R = \mathbb{C}[x, y], W = y^N - x^N \quad N \geq 2, \quad \gamma = e^{2\pi i/N} \text{ so}$$

$$y^N - x^N = \prod_{0 \leq i \leq N-1} (y - \gamma^i x)$$

Given  $S \subseteq \{0, \dots, N-1\}$  we have

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$$P_S := \left( R \oplus R, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \prod_{i \in S} (y - \gamma^i x) \\ \prod_{i \notin S} (y - \gamma^i x) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \in \text{hmf}(\mathbb{C}[x, y], y^N - x^N)$$

Theorem (Buchweitz, Orlov) There is an equivalence of triangulated categories

$$\text{hmf}(\mathbb{C}[x, \dots, x_n], W) \cong \frac{\mathbb{D}^b(\text{coh } W^{-1}(0))}{\text{Perf}(W^{-1}(0))}$$

Proposition If  $W \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  has isolated critical points then

$$\mathcal{E}_W = \text{hmf}(\mathbb{C}[z] \otimes \mathbb{C}[z], W \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes W)^\omega$$

Kazoubi closure /  
idempotent closure

is naturally a  $\otimes$ -triangulated category  $(\mathcal{E}_W, *)$ , and  $\text{hmf}(\mathbb{C}[z], W)^\omega$  is an  $\mathcal{E}_W$ -module, i.e. there is an action  $\mathcal{E}_W \times \text{hmf}(W)^\omega \rightarrow \text{hmf}(W)^\omega$ , where the tensor product  $*$  is for  $X, Y \in \mathcal{E}_W$

$Y * X :=$  finite rank representative of

$$(Y \otimes_{\mathbb{C}[z]} X, \underbrace{dy \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes dx}_{\text{squares to } W \otimes 1 \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes W \otimes 1})$$

$$+ 1 \otimes W \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes 1 \otimes W$$

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and the action of  $X$  on  $E \in \text{hmf}(\mathbb{C}[z], W)$  is

$Y * E :=$  finite rank representative of

$$(Y \otimes_{\mathbb{C}[z]} E, \underbrace{dy \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes d_E}_{\text{squares to } W \otimes 1})$$

$$+ 1 \otimes W \otimes 1$$

Note  $Y*(-) : \text{hmf}(W) \rightarrow \text{hmf}(W)$  is a triangulated functor.

Example  $\mathcal{E}_{x^n} = \text{hmf}(\mathbb{C}[x, y], y^n - x^n)$  is monoidal, with  $0 \leq \lambda \leq n-2$

$$P_{a:\lambda} := P_{\{a, a+1, \dots, a+\lambda\}} \in \mathcal{E}_{x^n}$$

Example  $P_{a:\lambda} * P_{b:0}$

$$\min(\lambda + \mu, 2n - 4 - \lambda - \mu)$$

$$= P_{a+b:\lambda}$$

$$P_{a:\lambda} * P_{b:\mu} = \bigoplus_{\nu=|\lambda-\mu|} P_{a+b-\frac{1}{2}(\mu+\lambda-\nu)} : \nu$$

by steps of 2

(Brunner-Roggenkamp '07)

related to fusion /  $\widehat{\mathfrak{su}(2)_{N-2}}$

## ② Frobenius algebras

Let  $(\mathcal{C}, \otimes, \mathbb{1})$  be a monoidal category. A Frobenius algebra in  $\mathcal{C}$  is an object  $A \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{C})$  equipped as an

- associative, unital algebra,  $\mu: A^{\otimes 2} \rightarrow A$ ,  $\eta: A \rightarrow \mathbb{1}$
- coassociative, counital ccoalgebra,  $\Delta: A \rightarrow A^{\otimes 2}$ ,  $\varepsilon: \mathbb{1} \rightarrow A$

such that the Frobenius identity holds:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram: } \\ \text{A commutative diagram showing three boxes connected by equals signs. The first box contains two curved lines forming a loop. The second box contains a single vertical line. The third box contains two curved lines forming a loop.} \end{array}$$

i.e.  $(\text{id}_A \otimes \mu) \circ (\Delta \otimes \text{id}_A) = \Delta \circ \mu = (\mu \otimes \text{id}_A) \circ (\text{id}_A \otimes \Delta)$

A Frobenius algebra is separable if

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram: } \\ \text{A commutative diagram showing a circle with a dot inside, followed by an equals sign, then a vertical line, followed by another equals sign, then } \mu \circ \Delta = \text{id}_A. \end{array}$$

If there is an action  $\mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{T} \xrightarrow{\otimes} \mathcal{T}$ ,  $A \otimes - : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$  is a monad, and  $\text{Mod}_{\mathcal{T}}(A)$  denotes modules over this monad.

Theorem (Balmer) If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a  $\otimes$ -triangulated category acting on a triangulated category  $\mathcal{T}$ , and  $A$  is a separable algebra in  $\mathcal{C}$ , then  $\text{Mod}_{\mathcal{T}}(A)$  is naturally triangulated (some caveats). skip

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③ From now on  $W \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ ,  $V \in \mathbb{C}[y_1, \dots, y_m]$  have isolated crit. points.

Def<sup>N</sup>  $V$  is a weak generalised orbifold ( $w\text{GO}$ ) of  $W$ , denoted  $W \xrightarrow{w\text{GO}} V$ , if there is a separable Frobenius algebra  $A \in \mathcal{E}_W$  and an equivalence of triangulated categories

$$\text{Mod}_{\text{hmf}(W)}(A) \cong \text{hmf}(V) \quad (\text{note } \text{hmf}(W) \hookrightarrow A^{\ast -})$$

Example (1)  $W \xrightarrow{w\text{GO}} W$   $A = \Delta_W \in \mathcal{E}_W$  which is the monoidal unit

$$(2) W \xrightarrow{w\text{GO}} W + u^2 + v^2 \quad A = \Delta_W \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \text{Cliff}(u^2 + v^2)$$

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(a form of Knömer periodicity)

Theorem (Carqueville-Ros Camacho-Runkel '13) With the notation

$V^{(A_{d-1})} = x_1^d + x_2^2$	$c = 3 - 3 \cdot \frac{2}{d}$	$(d \geq 2)$
$V^{(D_{d+1})} = x_1^d + x_1 x_2^2$	$c = 3 - 3 \cdot \frac{2}{2d}$	$(d \geq 3)$
$V^{(E_6)} = x_1^3 + x_2^4$	$c = 3 - 3 \cdot \frac{2}{12}$	
$V^{(E_7)} = x_1^3 + x_1 x_2^3$	$c = 3 - 3 \cdot \frac{2}{18}$	
$V^{(E_8)} = x_1^3 + x_2^5$	$c = 3 - 3 \cdot \frac{2}{30}$	

we have

$$(d \text{ even}) \quad V^{(A_{d-1})} \xrightarrow{w\text{GO}} V^{(D_{d+1})}$$

$$V^{(A_{11})} \xrightarrow{w\text{GO}} V^{(E_6)}$$

$$V^{(A_{17})} \xrightarrow{w\text{GO}} V^{(E_7)}$$

$$V^{(A_{29})} \xrightarrow{w\text{GO}} V^{(E_8)}$$

i.e. "ADE from A"

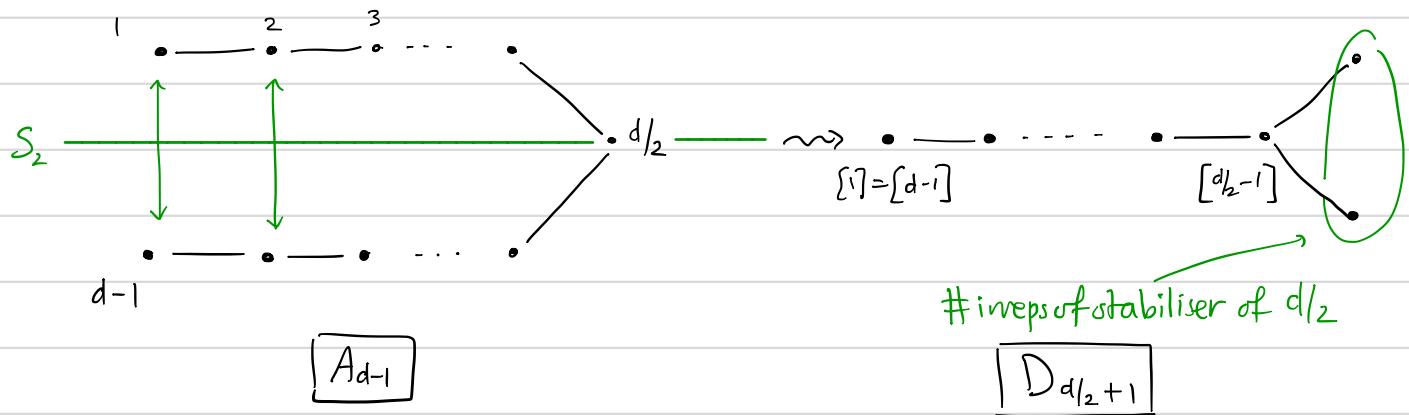
(true for ADE in any dimension  
not just curves)

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Note By a theorem of Kajiura-Saito-Takahashi for  $V$  an ADE singularity

$$\mathrm{hmf}^{\mathfrak{g}}(\mathbb{C}[x, t], V+t^2) \cong D^b(\text{rep. } \mathbb{C}\vec{Q})$$

where  $\vec{Q}$  is the corresponding Dynkin quiver. The first of the above wAD relations was known (Reiten - Riedmann '85) and corresponds to a "folding"



But the  $A \rightarrow E$  relations don't seem to arise some group actions on quivers in this straightforward way.

say, don't write

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(4) Sketch of proof (assume  $m, n$  even)

Prop (Carqueville-M '12) Any  $X \in \text{hmf}(\mathbb{C}[x, y], V(y) - W(x))$  has a dual  $X^\vee \in \text{hmf}(\mathbb{C}[x, y], W(x) - V(y))$  which is an adjoint (on both sides) in an appropriate bicategory

$$W \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{x} \\[-1ex] \xleftarrow{x^\vee} \end{array} V \quad \left( \text{i.e. } \text{hmf}(\mathbb{C}[x], W) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{x^* -} \\[-1ex] \xleftarrow{x^\vee* -} \end{array} \text{hmf}(\mathbb{C}[y], V) \right)$$

This leads us morphisms in  $\mathcal{E}_W, \mathcal{E}_V$  resp.

$$\begin{aligned} q\text{dim}_L(X) &:= \Delta_W \xrightarrow{\text{unit}} X^\vee * X \xrightarrow{\text{counit}} \Delta_W \\ q\text{dim}_R(X) &:= \Delta_V \xrightarrow{\text{unit}} X * X^\vee \xrightarrow{\text{counit}} \Delta_V \end{aligned}$$

Prop If both  $q\text{dim}$ 's of  $X$  are scalar multiples of  $1_\Delta$ , then  $A := X^\vee * X$  is a separable Frobenius alg. in  $\mathcal{E}_W$  and  $\text{Mod}_{\text{hmf}(W)}(A) \cong \text{hmf}(V)$ , that is,  $W \xrightarrow{\sim_{wgo}} V$ . (a version of the Barr-Beck theorem)

Def<sup>N</sup> If  $X$  as in the proposition exists we say  $W, V$  are orbifold equivalent  $V \sim_{\text{go}} W$ . This is an equivalence rel<sup>N</sup> stronger than  $\xrightarrow{\sim_{wgo}}$ .

One actually proves the ADE singularities are orbifold equivalent, e.g.  $V^{(A_{d-1})} \sim_{\text{go}} V^{(D_{d/2+1})}$

Note For a grading  $|x_i| \in \mathbb{Q}$  s.t.  $|W| = 2$ , the central charge is  $c(W) = 3 \sum_i (1 - |x_i|)$

Lemma  $V \sim_{\text{go}} W \Rightarrow m \equiv n \pmod{2}$  and  $c(W) = c(V)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} V^{(D_{d+1})} &= x_1^{d+1} + x_1 x_2^2 \quad |x_1| = \frac{2}{d}, \quad |x_2| = 1 - \frac{1}{d}, \quad c = 3 - \frac{3}{d}, \text{ the same as} \\ V^{(A_{2d-1})} &= y_1^{2d} + y_2^2 \quad |y_1| = \frac{1}{d}, \quad |y_2| = 1. \end{aligned}$$

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Theorem (Carqueville-M '12) With  $X: W \rightarrow V$  as above,

$$\text{qdim}_e(X) = \pm \text{Res}_{\mathbb{C}[x,y]/\mathbb{C}[x]} \left( \frac{\text{str}(\partial_{x_1} dx \cdots \partial_{x_n} dx \partial_{y_1} dy \cdots \partial_{y_m} dy)}{\partial_{y_1} V \cdots \partial_{y_m} V} \right) \cdot 1_A$$

$\text{str}(M) = \sum_i (-1)^{|e_i|} M_{ii}$  the residue is a polynomial in  $\mathbb{C}[x]$

and similarly for  $\text{qdim}_r(X)$ .

Finally: Carqueville - Ros-Camacho - Runkel prove their theorem by searching the space of matrices  $d_X$  over  $\mathbb{C}[x,y]$  with (i)  $d_X^2 = V - W$  and (ii)  $\text{qdim}_e(X) \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ,  $\text{qdim}_r(X) \in \mathbb{C}^*$  in a clever way, and finding an explicit  $d_X$  in each case.

## (5) Notes

of ADE pairs

- In all cases the Frobenius algebra  $A := \check{X} * X \in \mathcal{E}_W$  has as underlying object a direct sum of  $P_S$  matrix factorisations for some  $S$  (Carqueville)
- Conjecture Strangely dual unimodular exceptional singularities are orbifold equivalent (there are four nontrivial cases, as 6 out of 14 are self-dual).

Known : •  $Q_{10} : x^4 + y^3 + xz^2 \sim_{G0} E_{14} : x^4 z + y^3 + z^2$  (Ros-Camacho, Newton '15)

- Exceptional unimodular sing. of same weight  $(a_1, a_2, a_3; h)$  are  $G0$ -equivalent (Ros-Camacho, Newton '16).

$$|x_i| = \frac{2a_i}{h} \quad c_W = \frac{h+2}{h}$$

Q1/ What is the geometric origin of orbifold equivalences?

Q2) Is there a better way of generating examples?

## Appendix B ADE orbifolding defects $X$

- $V^{(A_{d-1})} \sim V^{(D_{d|_2}+1)}$   $\text{rank } X = 2$  (i.e.  $d_X^1, d_X^\circ$  are  $2 \times 2$  matrices)
- $V^{(A_{11})} \sim V^{(E_6)}$   $\text{rank } X = 2$
- $V^{(A_{17})} \sim V^{(E_7)}$   $\text{rank } X = 2$
- $V^{(A_{29})} \sim V^{(E_8)}$   $\text{rank } X = 4$

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