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Compact moduli of K3 surfaces

Let F be a moduli space of lattice-polarized K3 surfaces. Suppose that one has chosen a canonical effective ample divisor R on a general K3 in F. We call this divisor *recognizable* if its flat limit on Kulikov surfaces is well defined. We prove that the normalization of the stable pair compactification F_R for a recognizable divisor is a Looijenga semitoroidal compactification. For polarized K3 surfaces (X, L) of degree 2d, we show that the sum of rational curves in the linear system |L| is a recognizable divisor, giving a modular semitoroidal compactification of F_{2d} for all d. This is a joint work with Philip Engel.

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