

Mordell-Weil meets Tate

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Synopsis of Talk

String Pheno as dual carriage way...

- **From Model Building to Math...**

⇒ Lots of inspiration from F-theory model building for the mathematics of elliptic fibrations.

- **...and Math to Model Building**

Phenomenological requirement: $U(1)$ Symmetries

⇒ Geometry constrains charges that are possible in global models

⇒ Use tool from number theory (Tate's algorithm) to survey all possibilities

Main theme for geometric engineering in F-theory:

Geometric constraints ⇒ Phenomenological constraints

1. Geometry from F-theory

F-theory

- Non-perturbative IIB with $SL_2\mathbb{Z}$ -compatible geometrization of the axio-dilaton $\tau = C_0 + ie^{-\phi}$
 - $\Rightarrow \tau =$ complex structure of elliptic curve
 - \Rightarrow elliptically fibered CY compactifications
- Duality to **M-theory**: useful for effective theory [see: Grimm's talk]

$$M \text{ on } S_A^1 \times S_B^1 \xrightarrow{R_A \rightarrow 0} IIA \text{ on } S_B^1 \xrightarrow{R_B \rightarrow 0} IIB$$

$$R_A, R_B \rightarrow 0, \quad g_s = R_A/R_B = \text{fixed}$$

More generally: F-theory from M-theory on \mathbb{E}_τ

$$\text{Elliptic curve} \quad \mathbb{E}_\tau \sim S_A^1 \times S_B^1 : \quad \begin{cases} \text{Im}(\tau) = g_s = \text{fixed} \\ \text{Vol}(\mathbb{E}_\tau) \rightarrow 0 \end{cases}$$

7-branes in F-theory

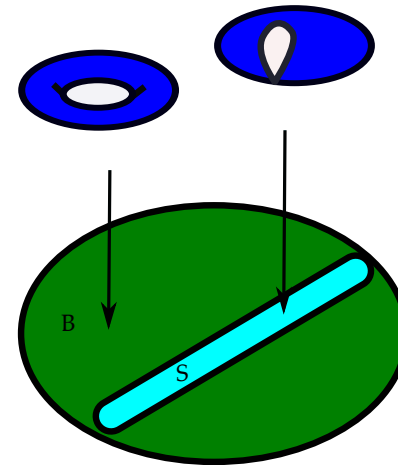
7-branes are singularities of the elliptic curve, with complex structure τ

- 7-branes in IIB sources F_9 , dual to C_0 :

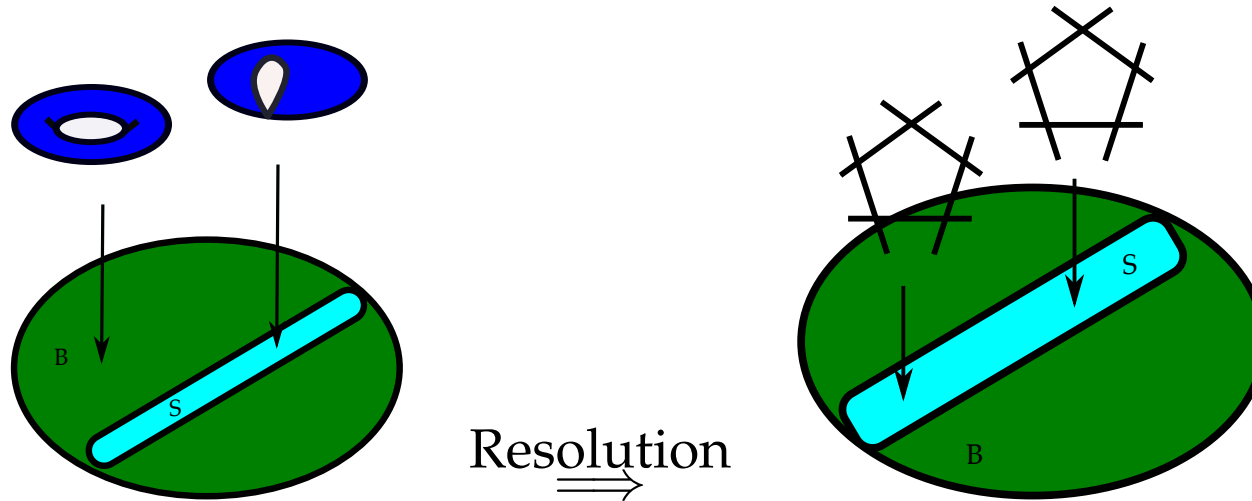
$$\tau(z) = \tau(z_0) + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \log(z - z_0) + \dots$$

\Rightarrow **Monodromy: $\tau \rightarrow \tau + 1$**

- (p, q) 7-branes with $SL_2\mathbb{Z}$ monodromy
- τ diverges at location of 7-brane



Gauge degrees of freedom from Singular Fibers



Geometrically:

resolved singular fibers are trees of \mathbb{P}^1 s, intersecting in (extended) ADE Dynkin diagrams

Effective field theory:

$C_3 = A_i \wedge \omega_i^{(1,1)}$ and **M2 wrapping modes** give rise to gauge degrees of freedom.

Elliptic Fibrations

- Elliptic fibration $Y_4: \mathbb{E}_\tau \rightarrow B_3$, with a section, has Weierstrass realization

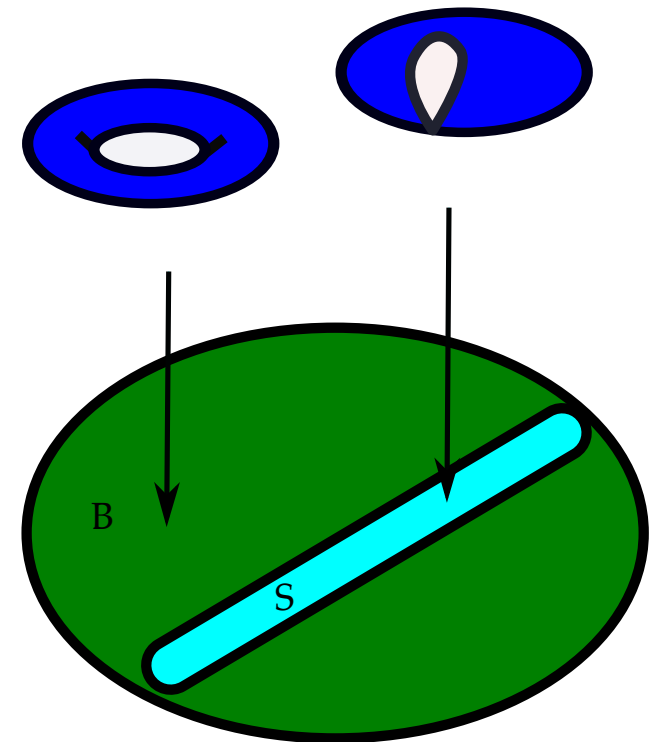
$$y^2 = x^3 + fx + g, \quad f, g \in H^0(K_{B_3}^{-4/6}).$$

- Discriminant:
on B_3 let $z = 0$ be a surface S
Singular fiber above $z = 0$:

$$\Delta = 4f^3 + 27g^2 = O(z^n)$$

Assume B, S smooth.

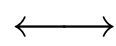
- Kodaira fiber above $z = 0$, i.e. in codim 1.



Classification of Singular Fibers

Elliptic fibration $Y_n : \mathbb{E}_\tau \rightarrow B_{n-1}$. **Kodaira-Néron** classified singular fibers for $n = 2$, believed to hold in codim 1 for any n

Singular fibers $\text{ord}(f, g, \Delta)$



(Decorated) ADE affine Dynkin diagram

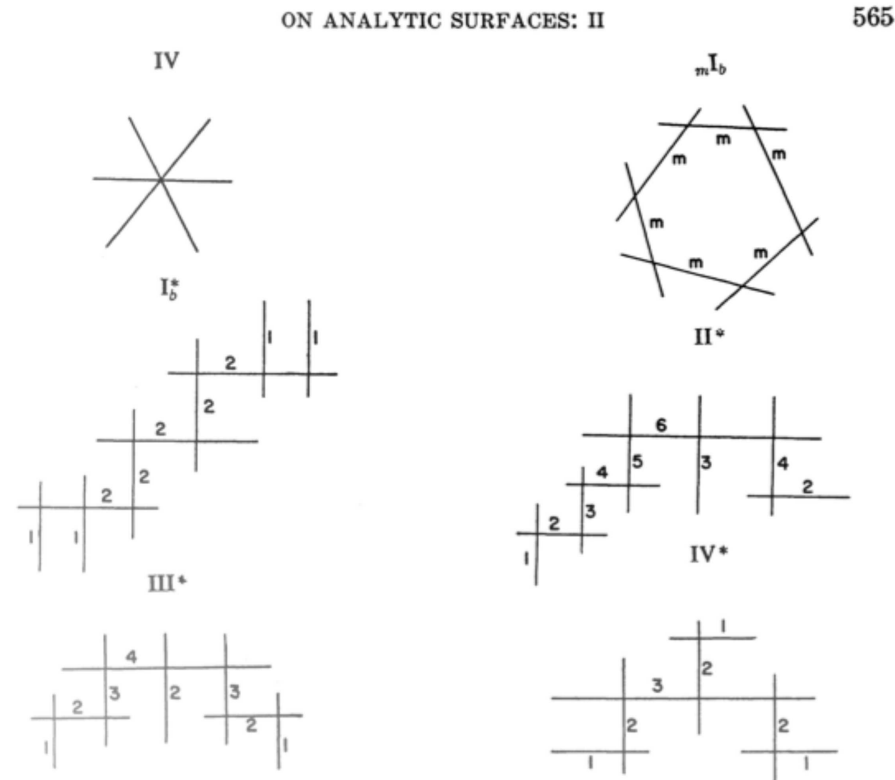


FIGURE 1. Each line represents Θ_{ps} ; the integer attached to the line gives n_{ps} .

	$\text{ord}_S(f)$	$\text{ord}_S(g)$	$\text{ord}_S(\Delta)$	singularity	local gauge group factor
I_0	≥ 0	≥ 0	0	none	–
I_1	0	0	1	none	–
I_2	0	0	2	A_1	$SU(2)$
$I_m, m \geq 1$	0	0	m	A_{m-1}	$Sp(\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor)$ or $SU(m)$
II	≥ 1	1	2	none	–
III	1	≥ 2	3	A_1	$SU(2)$
IV	≥ 2	2	4	A_2	$Sp(1)$ or $SU(3)$
I_0^*	≥ 2	≥ 3	6	D_4	G_2 or $SO(7)$ or $SO(8)$
$I_m^*, m \geq 1$	2	3	$m + 6$	D_{m+4}	$SO(2m + 7)$ or $SO(2m + 8)$
IV^*	≥ 3	4	8	E_6	F_4 or E_6
III^*	3	≥ 5	9	E_7	E_7
II^*	≥ 4	5	10	E_8	E_8
non-minimal	≥ 4	≥ 6	≥ 12	non-canonical	–

Kodaira's classification of singular fibers and gauge groups

Higher codimension singular fibers

Inspired from GUT model building: $SU(5)$ discriminant has expansion

$$\Delta = z^5 \delta_5 + z^6 \delta_6 + O(z^7)$$

Higher order term:

$$\text{Gauge codim 1 : } z = 0$$

$$\text{Matter codim 2 : } z = \delta_5 = 0$$

$$\text{Yukawa codim 3 : } z = \delta_5 = \delta_6 = 0$$

[Beasley, Heckman, Vafa], [Donagi, Wijnholt]

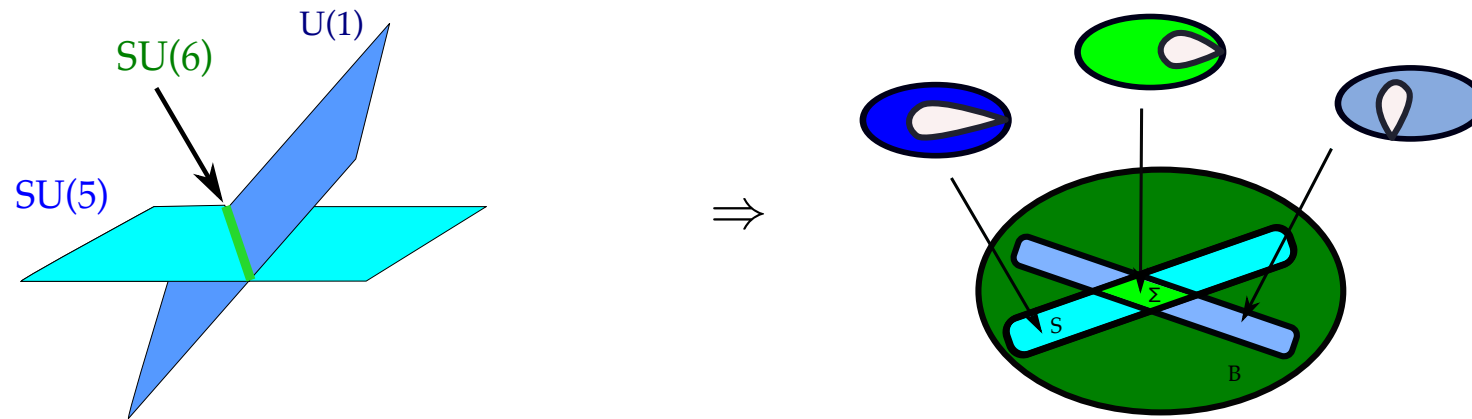
⇒ Singularity type changes along higher codim loci

⇒ Mathematical spinoff:

Beautiful classification results à la Kodaira and Néron for codim 2 and 3

[Hayashi, Lawrie, SSN][Hayashi, Lawrie, Morrison, SSN][Lawrie, SSN]

Codim 2: Matter



⇒ Bifundamental matter is localized along codimension 2 loci:
 curves Σ given by $z = \delta_5 = 0$

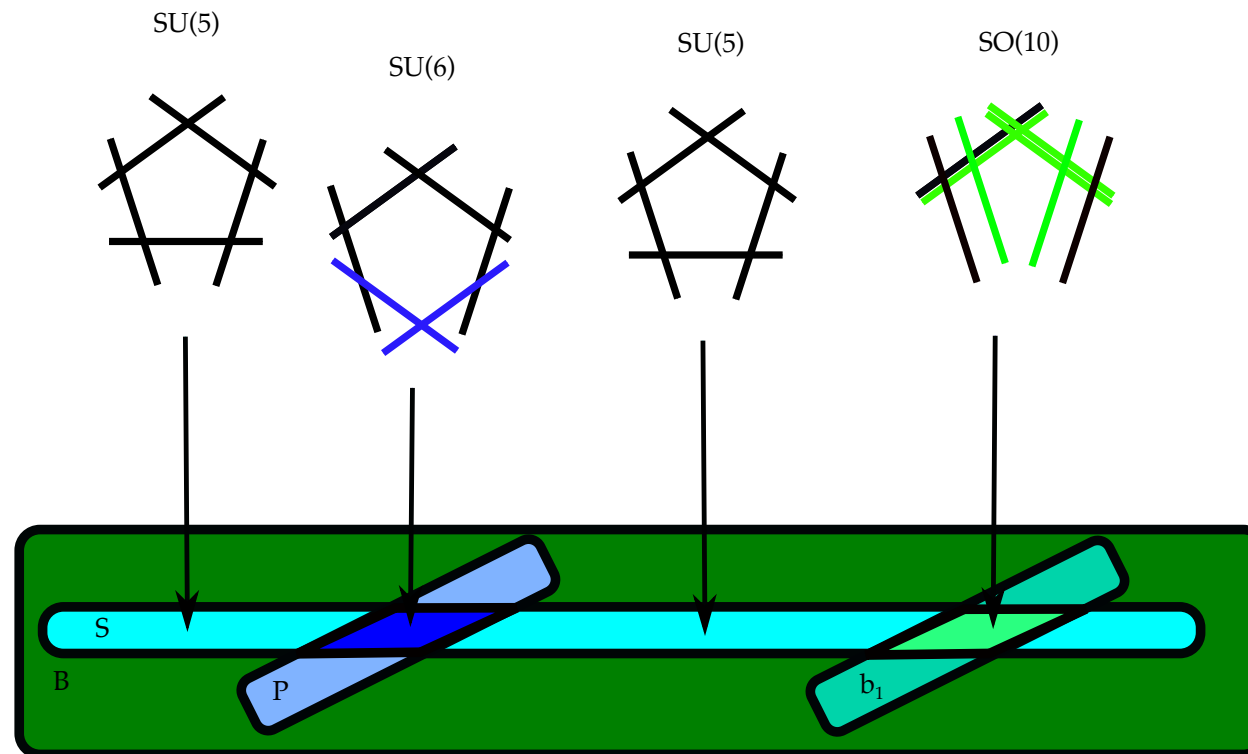
⇒ Matter type determined by singular fiber above Σ

$$G_{\Sigma} = SO(10) \text{ or } SU(6) \quad \rightarrow \quad SU(5) \times U(1)$$

Codim 2: Matter

What is fiber structure in higher codim? Recall: $\Delta \sim z^n \rightarrow z^{n+i}$

Number of fiber components increases: matter dof's from **wrapped M2**



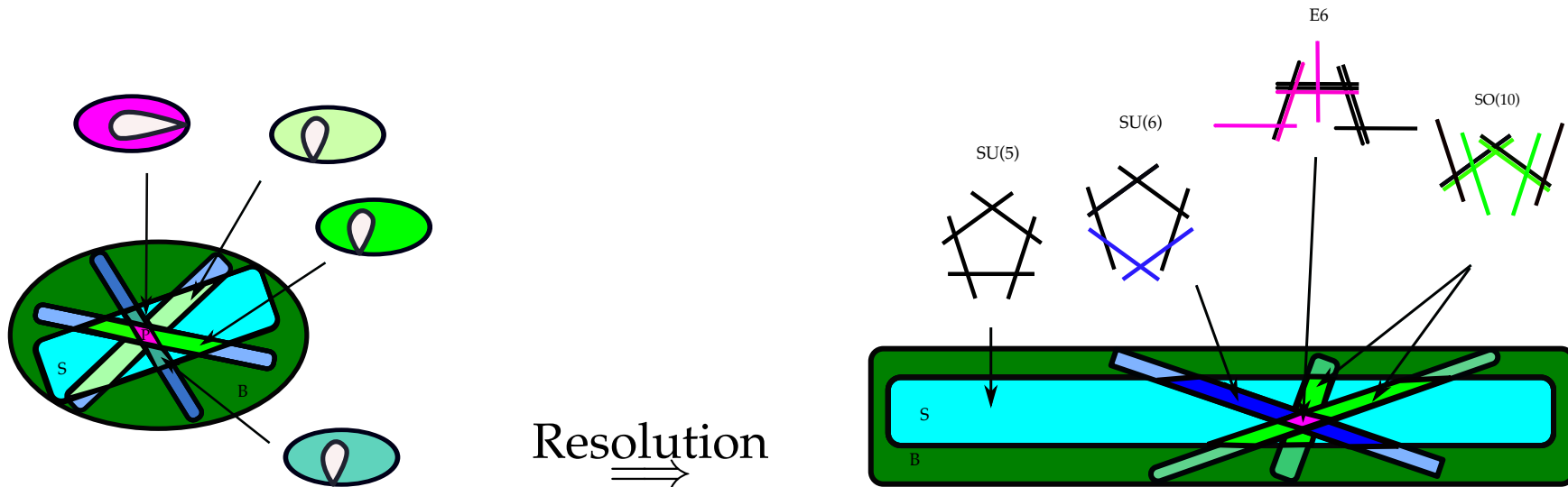
Along codim 2 curves:

$SU(5)$ fibers become reducible and enhance to $SO(10)$ or $SU(6)$ fibers.

Codim 3: Yukawas

⇒ Yukawa couplings from codimension 3 **points** p in B_3 $z = \delta_5 = \delta_6 = 0$

⇒ **Wrapped M2s** above matter loci become homologically equivalent.



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Elliptic fibration $Y_n : \mathbb{E}_\tau \rightarrow B_{n-1}$: Singular fibers characterized by

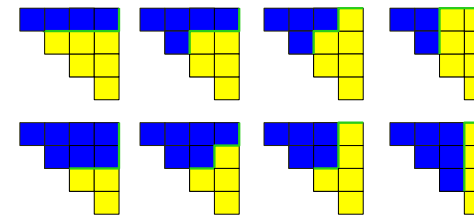
- Codim 1: **Kodaira-Néron** for given Lie algebra \mathfrak{g}

Singular Fiber Codim 1 \longleftrightarrow (Decorated) affine Dynkin diagram of \mathfrak{g}

- Codim 2: \mathbf{R} = representation of \mathfrak{g}

Singular Fiber Codim 2 \longleftrightarrow Box Graph = Decorated rep graph of \mathbf{R}

E.g. **10** of $SU(5)$



[Hayashi, Lawrie, SSN][Hayashi, Lawrie, Morrison, SSN]

\Rightarrow Classification result for three-folds

[Lawrie, SSN]

Kodaira, Weierstrass and Tate

Back to model building issues:

Problem with Weierstrass form of a Kodaira fiber:

$$\text{Fiber type} \leftrightarrow (\text{ord}_z(f), \text{ord}_z(g), \text{ord}_z(\Delta))$$

Example: $SU(5)$

$$(\text{ord}_z(f), \text{ord}_z(g), \text{ord}_z(\Delta)) = (0, 0, 5)$$

i.e.

$$f = f_0 + f_1 z + \dots, \quad g = g_0 + g_1 z + \dots, \quad g_i, f_i \neq 0$$

But

$$\Delta = 4f^3 + 27g^2 = O(z^5)$$

\Rightarrow Requires tuning of f, g .

Tate form

$$y^2 = x^3 + a_1xy + a_2x^2 + a_3y + a_4x + a_6$$

Fiber type encoded in $a_n = z^{i_n} b_n$, $b_n = O(1)$

Dictionary between gauge symmetry and geometry:

Gauge degrees of freedom \Leftrightarrow Singular elliptic fibrations



Tate form

Theorem:

$N = 1$ 4d gauge theory, with gauge group G

Then **any** singular elliptic fibration that engineers this can be put into **Tate form**

[Bershadskya et al],[Katz, Morrison, SSN, Sully]

Outliers: $SU(n)$ $n = 6, 7, 8, 9$ and $Sp(n)$.

Type	Group	a_1	a_2	a_3	a_4	a_6	Δ
I_1	—	0	0	1	1	1	1
I_2	$SU(2)$	0	0	1	1	2	2
I_3^{ns}	$Sp(1)$	0	0	2	2	3	3
I_3^s	$SU(3)$	0	1	1	2	3	3
I_{2n}^{ns}	$Sp(n)$	0	0	n	n	$2n$	$2n$
I_{2n}^s	$SU(2n)$	0	1	n	n	$2n$	$2n$
I_{2n+1}^{ns}	$Sp(n)$	0	0	$n+1$	$n+1$	$2n+1$	$2n+1$
I_{2n+1}^s	$SU(2n+1)$	0	1	n	$n+1$	$2n+1$	$2n+1$
III	$SU(2)$	1	1	1	1	2	3
IV^{ns}	$Sp(1)$	1	1	1	2	2	4
IV^s	$SU(3)$	1	1	1	2	3	4
I_0^{*ns}	G_2	1	1	2	2	3	6
I_0^{*ss}	$SO(7)$	1	1	2	2	4	6
I_0^{*s}	$SO(8)^*$	1	1	2	2	4	6
I_1^{*ns}	$SO(9)$	1	1	2	3	4	7
I_1^{*s}	$SO(10)$	1	1	2	3	5	7
I_2^{*ns}	$SO(11)$	1	1	3	3	5	8
I_2^{*s}	$SO(12)^*$	1	1	3	3	5	8
I_{2n-3}^{*ns}	$SO(4n+1)$	1	1	n	$n+1$	$2n$	$2n+3$
I_{2n-3}^{*s}	$SO(4n+2)$	1	1	n	$n+1$	$2n+1$	$2n+3$
I_{2n-2}^{*ns}	$SO(4n+3)$	1	1	$n+1$	$n+1$	$2n+1$	$2n+4$
I_{2n-2}^{*s}	$SO(4n+4)^*$	1	1	$n+1$	$n+1$	$2n+1$	$2n+4$
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III^*	E_7	1	2	3	3	5	9
II^*	E_8	1	2	3	4	5	10
non-min	—	1	2	3	4	6	12

Tate's Algorithm

Tate's Algorithm gives rise to standard forms for elliptic fibrations with a given Kodaira singular fiber.

Expand: $f = \sum_i f_i z^i$ and $g = \sum_i g_i z^i$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = 4f^3 + 27g^2 = (4f_0^3 + 27g_0^2) + (12f_1f_0^2 + 54g_0g_1)z + O(z^2)$$

f_i, g_i are elements in local ring of functions, which is a **unique factorization domain (UFD)**

\Rightarrow Solve $\Delta = 0$ over UFD

Tate's Algorithm: First two steps

- If z does not divide $\Delta \Rightarrow$ smooth fiber
- If $z|\Delta$:

$4f_0^3 + 27g_0^2 = 0$. Over UFD: exists u_0 such that

$$f_0 = -\frac{1}{3}u_0^2 + O(z), \quad g_0 = \frac{2}{27}u_0^3 + O(z)$$

Shifting $(x, y) \mapsto (x + \frac{1}{3}u_0, y)$:

$$y^2 = x^3 + u_0x^2 + (f_1z + f_2z^2 + \dots)x + (g_1 + \frac{1}{3}u_0f_1)z + (g_2 + \frac{1}{3}u_0f_2)z^2 + \dots$$

which is the **Tate form for an I_1** fiber (U(1) or single 7-brane)

- If $z^2|\Delta$

Obstructions to Tate forms

E.g. $SU(5)$ Tate model has discriminant

$$\Delta = b_1^4 (b_3^2 b_2 - b_3 b_1 b_4 + b_1^2 b_6) z^5 + O(z^6)$$

The second term enhances to $SU(6)$ and has general solution

$$b_1 = \sigma_1 \sigma_3, \quad b_3 = \sigma_1 \sigma_2, \quad b_6 = \sigma_2 \sigma_5, \quad b_2 = \sigma_3 \sigma_4, \quad b_4 = \sigma_3 \sigma_5 + \sigma_2 \sigma_4$$

However there is no shift to bring it back into Tate-type form

$$y^2 + \sigma_1 \sigma_2 x y + \sigma_2 \sigma_3 z^2 y = x^3 + \sigma_2 \sigma_5 z x^2 + (\sigma_2 \sigma_4 + \sigma_3 \sigma_5) z^3 x + \sigma_3 \sigma_4 z^5$$

\Rightarrow “non-canonical form”.

What’s the point?

\Rightarrow changes possible codimension 2/matter enhancements.

Luckily, however, this is not of phenomenological relevance for generic $SU(5)$, as our result shows that this can always be brought into canonical form. However... this is not true for models with additional $U(1)$ symmetries.

2. Geometric constraints on F-theory models with $U(1)$ s

$U(1)$ s in F-theory

$U(1)$ selection rules have been haunting F-theory models for some time now: we need them but we can't seem to get them to work in quite the way we would like:

- Proton decay and μ -term protection
- Clash between **GUT breaking with hypercharge and $U(1)$**
 \Rightarrow Anomalies, exotics,... [Dudas, Palti][Marsano][Dolan, Marsano,SSN][Palti]

Alternatives:

- Alternative GUT breaking: Wilson lines always have chiral exotics
[Marsano, Clemens, Pantev, Raby]
- Discrete symmetries instead of gauged $U(1)$ s: case by case dependent.

Instead: **study global models with $U(1)$ s systematically** (global consistency will have to eventually lead to automatic cancellation of anomaly).

Constraints on the $U(1)$ s

Compatibility with Yukawas.

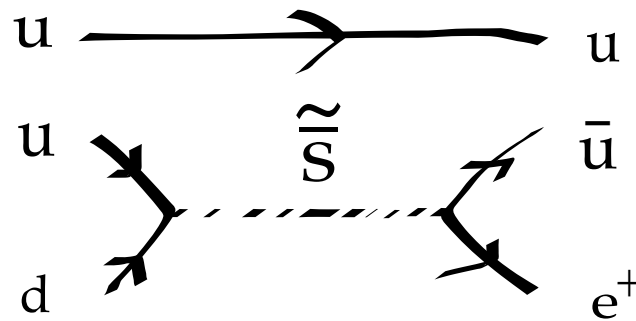
Protect model from **Proton Decay**: half-life $> 10^{36}$ years:

Dimension 4:

Models generically contain B/L-violating operators (R-parity violating)

$$W \supset \lambda_{ijk}^0 L_i L_j \bar{e}_k + \lambda_{ijk}^1 \bar{d}_i L_j Q_k + \lambda_{ijk}^2 \bar{d}_i \bar{d}_j \bar{u}_k$$

Proton decay rate $\sim \lambda_{11k}^1 \lambda_{11k}^2$ leading to $p^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 + e^+$



Bound on coupling: $W \supset \lambda_{ijk} \bar{5}_i \bar{5}_j 10_k, \quad \lambda_{111} \leq \left(\frac{M_{SUSY}}{\text{TeV}} \right) 10^{-12}$

Fix: $U(1)_{B-L}$ or R-parity.

Dimension 5:

Coupling

$$\mathcal{L} \supset w_{ijkl} \mathbf{10}_i \mathbf{10}_j \mathbf{10}_k \bar{\mathbf{5}}_l$$

which gives rise to

$$w_{ijkl}^1 Q_i Q_j Q_k L_l + w_{ijkl}^2 \bar{u}_i \bar{u}_j \bar{e}_k \bar{d}_l + w_{ijkl}^3 Q_i \bar{u}_j \bar{e}_k L_l$$

Bounds on couplings:

$$w_{112l} \leq 16\pi^2 \left(\frac{M_{SUSY}}{M_{GUT}^2} \right) \quad l = 1, 2$$

Fix: $U(1)_{PQ}$

Characterize these by: absence of μ -term

$$q_{PQ}(H_u) + q_{PQ}(H_d) \neq 0$$

Elliptic Fibrations with $U(1)$ s

Geometric engineering of $U(1)$ \Leftrightarrow "Extra section" of elliptic fibration

Section: Map $\sigma : B \rightarrow \mathbb{E}_\tau$.

Why? $\sigma = 0$ divisor (copy of B), dual to $(1, 1)$ form in fiber:

$$C_3 = \sum_i \omega^{(1,1)} \wedge A \quad \Rightarrow \quad U(1) \text{ gauge boson}$$

Mordell-Weil group: group of sections of an elliptic curve/fibration.

In practice: rational solutions to the elliptic curve equation. For Weierstrass in $\mathbb{P}^{123}[w, x, y]$ zero section

$$y^2 = x^3 + fxw^4 + gw^6 \quad \sigma_0 : \quad w = 0, x = y = 1.$$

Construction of Extra Sections

Analog of Weierstrass models:

- $U(1)$: Embedding into $\mathbb{P}^{1|2}[w, x, y]$: [Morrison, Park]

$$y(y + b_0x^2) = w(c_0w^3 + c_1w^2x + c_2wx^2 + c_3x^3)$$

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- $U(1)^2$: Embedding into $dP_2[w, x, y; l_1, l_2]$:

[Mayrhofer, Palti, Weigand][Cvetic, Klever, Piragua]

$$s_1l_1^2l_2^2w^3 + s_2l_1^2l_2w^2x + s_3l_1^2wx^2 + s_5l_1l_2^2w^2y + s_6l_1l_2wxy + s_7l_1x^2y + s_8l_2^2wy^2 + s_9l_2xy^2$$

Sections: $l_1 = 0; l_2 = 0; x = s_9, y = -s_7$

GUT models with extra $U(1)$ s: Toric Models

- **Toric Tops**: Using toric geometry methods, one can generate models e.g. in \mathbb{P}^{112} that have realize along $z = 0$ an $SU(5)$. The extra section guarantees $U(1)$.

[Braun, Grimm, Keitel][Mayrhofer, Palti, Weigand][Cvetič, Klever, Piragua]

- Only one **10** matter locus.
- Phenomenological implications studied in

[Krippendorf, Pena, Oehlmann, Ruehle]

However, these are not a complete class of elliptic fibrations with extra section.

⇒ Systematic approach – **Tate-like forms for models with extra sections**

$$y^2 + b_0(z)x^2y = c_0(z)w^4 + c_1(z)w^3x + c_2(z)w^2x^2 + c_3(z)wx^3$$

[Kuentzler, SSN][Lawrie, Sacco, SSN]

Tate's algorithm for $SU(5) \times U(1)$

[Kuentzler, SSN]

Any model with one $U(1)$ has embedding into \mathbb{P}^{112}

$Q(i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_7) :$

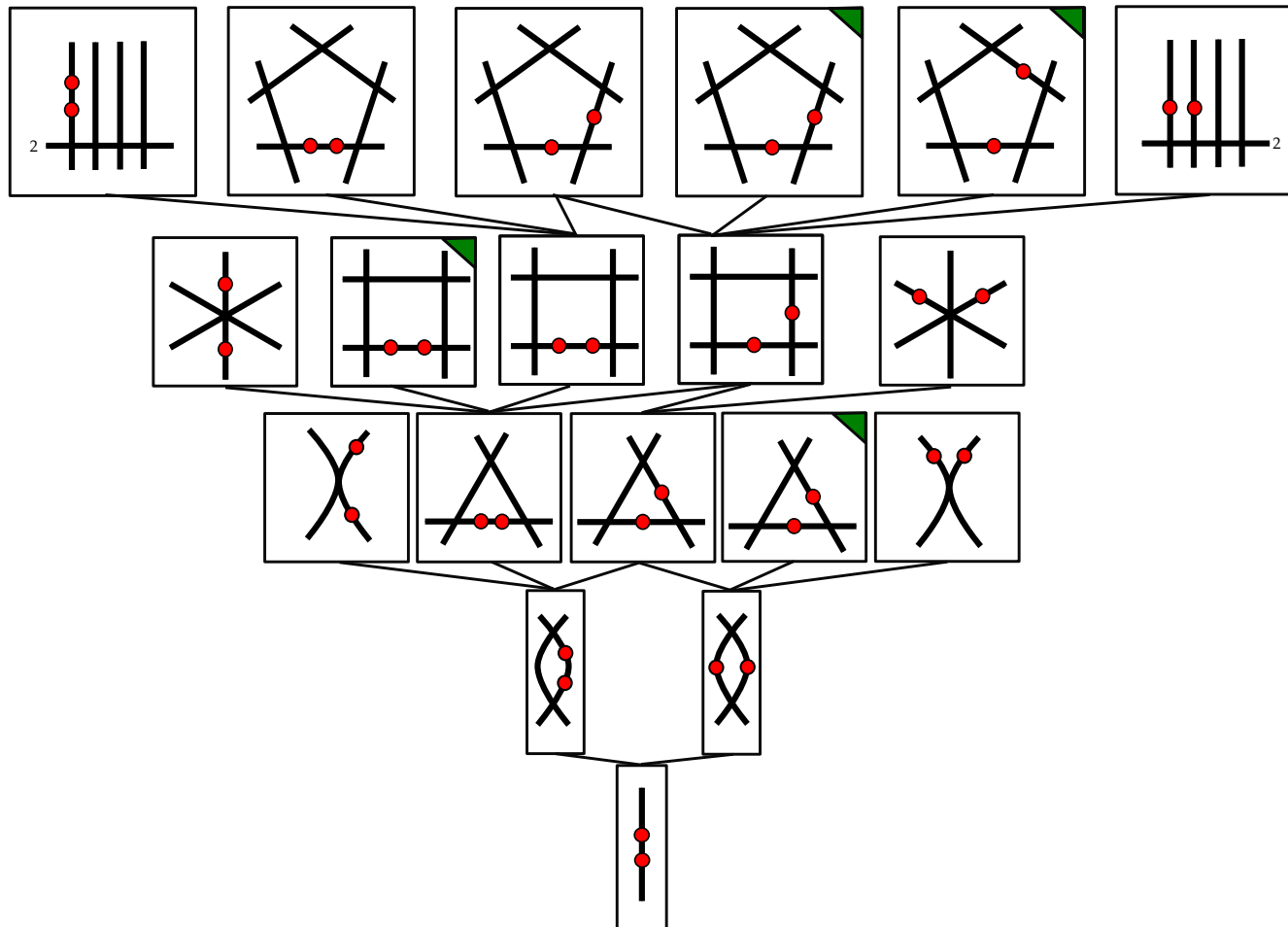
$$y^2 + b_0(z)x^2y = c_0(z)w^4 + c_1(z)w^3x + c_2(z)w^2x^2 + c_3(z)wx^3$$

where i_j determine vanishing order of the coefficients.

- Tate's algorithm $\Delta(z) = 0$: "solving polynomial eq over UFD"
- Kodaira fiber type + section information.
- Canonical and non-canonical models:

Unlike Weierstrass: for $SU(5) \times U(1)$ in \mathbb{P}^{112} not all model can be put into canonical Tate form. Characterized not only by vanishing order.

Tate Tree for $SU(5) \times U(1)$

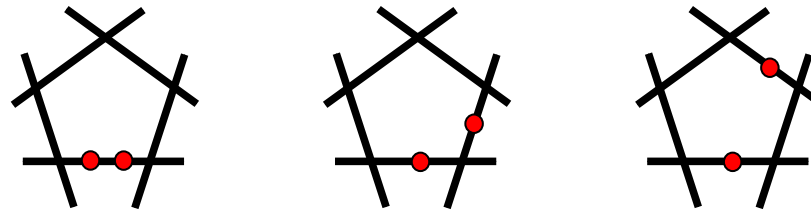


Kodaira-like Characterization of Fibers

Fibers are characterized by

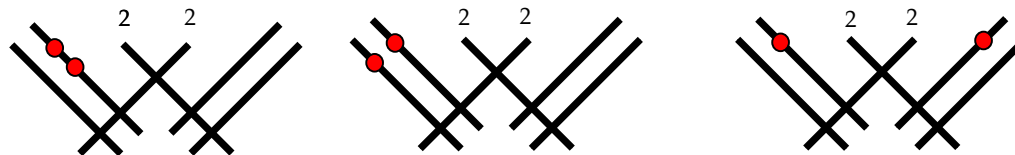
- **Kodaira fibers** and **location of sections**.

For instance for $SU(5)$:





- **Number and type of Codimension 2 fibers with location of sections:**

This differentiates between canonical and non-canonical fibers. For example: for $SO(10)$





$SU(5) \times U(1)$: Canonical Models

Fiber	Model	Codim 2 locus	Representation	Codim 2 fiber
$I_5^{(01)}$ 	$Q(5, 3, 1, 0, 0, 0, 2)$	$b_{1,0}$ $c_{3,0}$ $c_{3,0} + b_{0,0}b_{1,0}$ $b_{1,0}^2 c_{0,5} - b_{1,0}b_{2,2}c_{1,3} + b_{2,2}^2 c_{2,1}$	$\mathbf{10}_0 + \overline{\mathbf{10}}_0$ $\mathbf{5}_{-1} + \overline{\mathbf{5}}_1$ $\mathbf{5}_1 + \overline{\mathbf{5}}_{-1}$ $\mathbf{5}_0 + \overline{\mathbf{5}}_0$	$I_1^{*(01)}$ $I_6^{(0 1)}$ $I_6^{(0 1)}$ $I_6^{(0 1)}$
$I_5^{(0 1)}$ 	$Q(4, 2, 1, 1, 0, 0, 2)$	$b_{1,0}$ $b_{0,0}$ $b_{0,0}c_{2,1} - b_{1,0}c_{3,1}$ $b_{1,0}^2 c_{0,4} - b_{1,0}b_{2,2}c_{1,2} - c_{1,2}^2$	$\mathbf{10}_2 + \overline{\mathbf{10}}_{-2}$ $\mathbf{5}_6 + \overline{\mathbf{5}}_{-6}$ $\mathbf{5}_{-4} + \overline{\mathbf{5}}_4$ $\mathbf{5}_1 + \overline{\mathbf{5}}_{-1}$	$I_1^{*(0 1)}$ $I_6^{(01)}$ $I_6^{(0 1)}$ $I_6^{(0 1)}$

These correspond to top models from the toric construction.

Non-canonical $SU(5)$ Models

Fiber	Model	Codim 2	Representation	Codim 2 fiber
$I_{5,nc}^{(0 1)}$ 	$Q(3, 2, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1) _{P_1=0}$	σ_3 σ_1 σ_2 P_2 P_3	$\mathbf{10}_1 + \overline{\mathbf{10}}_{-1}$ $\mathbf{10}_{-4} + \overline{\mathbf{10}}_4$ $\mathbf{5}_{-7} + \overline{\mathbf{5}}_7$ $\mathbf{5}_{-2} + \overline{\mathbf{5}}_2$ $\mathbf{5}_3 + \overline{\mathbf{5}}_{-3}$	$I_1^{*(0 1)}$ $I_1^{*(01)}$ $I_6^{(01)}$ $I_6^{(0 1)}$ $I_6^{(0 1)}$
$I_{5,nc}^{(0 1)}$ 	$Q(3, 2, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1) _{P_1=0}$	σ_1 σ_2 $b_{0,0}$ P_2 P_3	$\mathbf{10}_2 + \overline{\mathbf{10}}_{-2}$ $\mathbf{10}_{-3} + \overline{\mathbf{10}}_3$ $\mathbf{5}_6 + \overline{\mathbf{5}}_{-6}$ $\mathbf{5}_{-4} + \overline{\mathbf{5}}_4$ $\mathbf{5}_1 + \overline{\mathbf{5}}_{-1}$	$I_1^{*(0 1)}$ $I_1^{*(0 1)}$ $I_6^{(01)}$ $I_6^{(0 1)}$ $I_6^{(0 1)}$

where $P_1 = b_1^2 c_0 - b_1 b_2 c_1 + b_2^2 c_2 = 0$, implies in particular $b_1 = \sigma_i \sigma_j \Rightarrow$ two $\mathbf{10}$ curves Generalize top models.

Pheno (in progress)

- Single $U(1)$ models with one **10**: equivalent to toric models
⇒ can realize PQ but problems with hypercharge
- Single $U(1)$ models with **multiple 10**: new models
⇒ **PQ** symmetries and more freedom in assigning matter.
- Multiple $U(1)$ models: (in progress) contain canonical toric models, but many non-canonical models, with multiple (up to 3) **10** curves.

Unlike local models: these are **globally consistent**, and the Tate-like models form a **comprehensive list** of all $G \times U(1)^n$ gauge groups with matter and charges in F-theory.

Summary and outlook

Global questions:

- Lifting local models:
realization of GUT dof's, matter, Yukawas, chirality (G-flux)
⇒ Resolution of singular elliptic CY4
- $U(1)$ symmetries:
symmetries to protect from dim 5 proton decay, μ -term.
⇒ Global $U(1)$ requires elliptic fibrations with extra sections
("ensures additional $\omega^{1,1}$ form")
⇒ New Tate forms for elliptic fibrations with extra sections
- Global hypercharge flux:
Open issue: resolve tension between trivial F_Y class in CY4, and
required non-trivial restriction on Higgses.

Current F-theory slogan:

"to address pheno questions comprehensively, requires answering their reformulation in algebraic geometry"