

A family of threefolds with unusual features

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① $\{ \chi_{\text{top}}(X) \}$, X Calabi-Yau, Physics.

② A conjecture of Poincaré

③ Kawamata-Morrison conjecture.

④ A conjecture of Namikawa

⑤ A conjecture of Elkies.

(Physics of String Theory)

Question ① (Fam: string & geometry, ~ mid 80s)

what integers arise as $\chi_{\text{top}}(X)$,

X , $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X = 3$, compact, Kähler, $c_1(X) = 0$?

[Strominger-Witten, et al '86]

[C. Schoen, 1988] :

A family of such X , proj. algebraic,
computes $\chi_{\text{top}}(X)$.

§ 1. X : "The Schoens"

• step 0 : B rational elliptic surface with section

$$\begin{array}{c} B \\ \downarrow r \\ \mathbb{P}^1 \end{array}$$

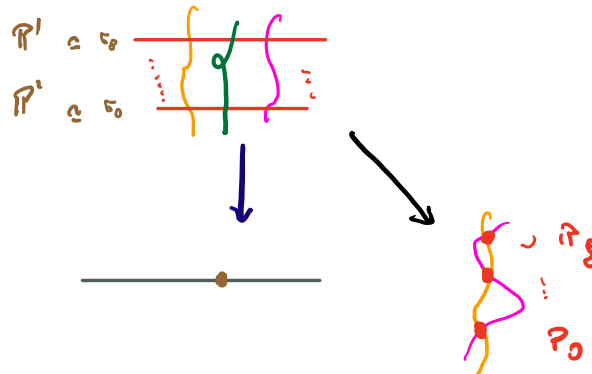
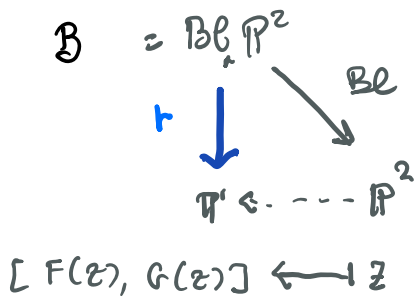
Example:

$\{F, G\}$ general cubics in \mathbb{P}^2 , $\{\lambda F + \mu G\}$ pencil.

$$\mathbb{P}^2 \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$$

$$F \cdot G = \{P_0, \dots, P_9\}$$

$$z = [z_0, z_1, z_2] \longmapsto [F(z), G(z)]$$



$r: B \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ is an elliptic fibration, with sections σ_i

$\sigma_0, \dots, \sigma_9$ are sections.

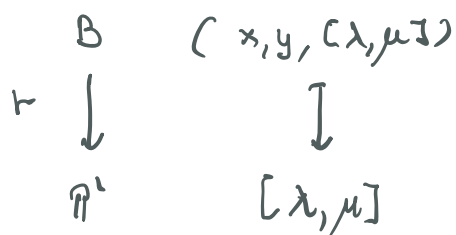
Theorem: All rational elliptic surfaces w/ section arise from pencils of plane cubics.

Example: $F(x, y, z) = z_0^3 + z_1^3 + z_2^3$

$G(x, y, z) = z_0^2 z_1 - 2^{-1/3} z_0^2 z_2 - 2^{1/3} z_0 z_2^2$, $C^3 = 1$

• Pencil: $\{ \lambda F + \mu G \}$ $F \cdot G = \{ F=G=0 \} = \{ P_0, \dots, P_8 \}$

• RES B: $y^2 = x^3 - \frac{1}{4} (27\lambda^6 - 5\lambda^3\mu^3 - 3\mu^6)$



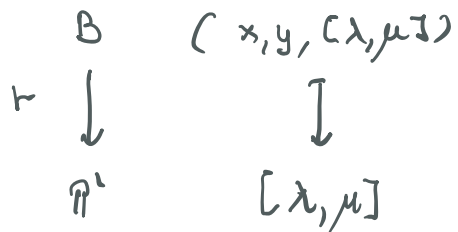
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where $q_j = [\lambda_j, \mu_j]$, roots of $(27\lambda^6 - 5\lambda^3\mu^3 - 3\mu^6)$ $1 \leq j \leq 6$


[6 cusps, A. ZANARDINI]

Example: F, G general $\{ \lambda F + \mu G \}$ pencil

• RES B:



$q_i = [\lambda_i, \mu_i]$ $1 \leq i \leq 12$

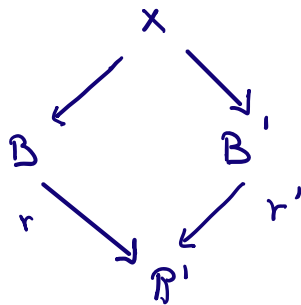
• Singular fibers: $\tau^{-1}(q_i)$: $y^2 = x^2(x+1)$ 

Def: Discreet moduli $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Sigma (B/P')$ = $\{g_j\}$

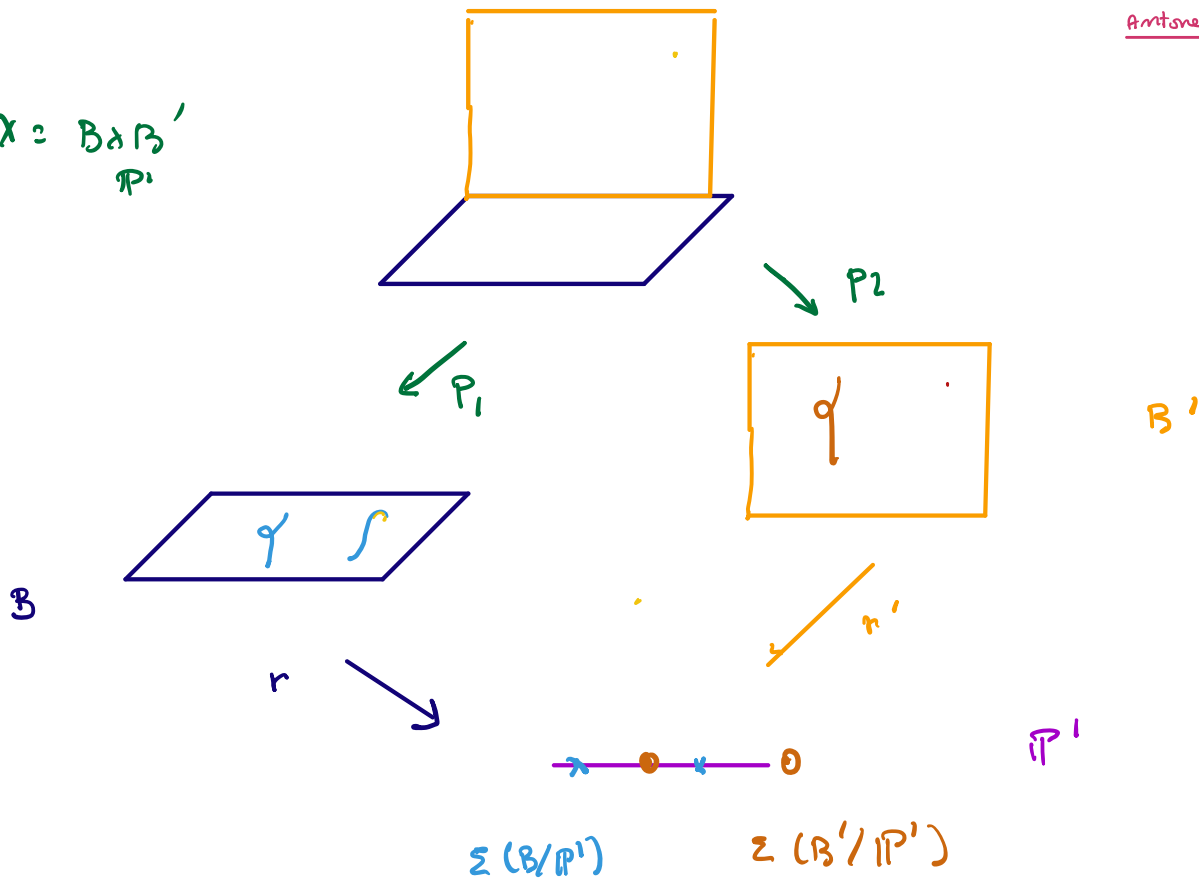
Step 1 The construction

Let $r: B \rightarrow P'$, $r': B' \rightarrow P'$ RES, with sections.

$$X \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{array}{c} B \times B' \\ P' \end{array}$$



$$X = B \times_{\mathbb{P}^1} B'$$



Remark:

(i) $\Sigma(B/\mathbb{P}^1) \cap \Sigma(B'/\mathbb{P}^1) = \emptyset \iff X \text{ smooth}$

(ii) $\chi_{\text{top}}(X)$ is easily computed,

Proof: Mayer-Vietori

$$r: B \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \quad ; \quad r': B' \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \quad \text{family of } \chi_{\text{top}}(X)$$

(iii) X gen, smooth and $\chi_{\text{top}}(X) = 0$

Mostly mild singularities ; $c_1(X)$ o.k.
 ω_X

Proposition 1: $\omega_X \sim \sigma_X$

Proof:

Proposition 2: X is simply connected
 $h^1(\mathcal{O}_X) = h^2(\mathcal{O}_X) = 0$

Def: X , $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X = 3$ is a smooth Calabi-Yau 3-fold
 $\Leftrightarrow X$ proj, smooth $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} c_1(X) = 0 \quad (\text{or } K_X \sim \mathcal{O}_X), \\ h^1(\mathcal{O}_X) = h^2(\mathcal{O}_X) = 0 \quad (h^p(\mathcal{O}_X) = 0) \end{array} \right.$

$\rightarrow X$ smooth Schoen is a Calabi-Yau

[Schoen / Kapusta-Kapusta]

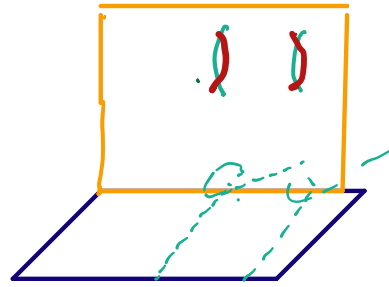
Conditions on $\begin{cases} r: B \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \\ r': B' \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \end{cases}$ such that, if X is singular.

$\exists \pi: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$, \tilde{X} smooth Calabi-Yau

Remark: π is a small resolution.

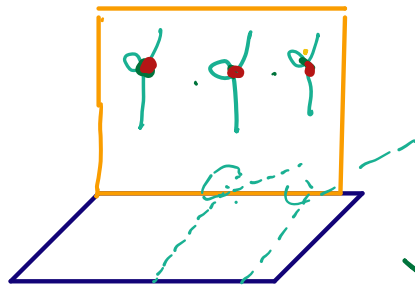
Example

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12 exceptional $\mathbb{P}^1 \simeq \mathbb{S}^2$

$\pi \downarrow$



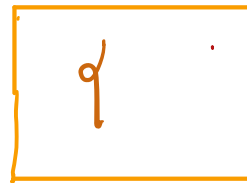
12 singular points

NODES

$$x^2 + y^2 = w^2 + z^2$$

$$\chi = B \Delta B' / \mathbb{P}^1$$

\mathbb{P}^2



$$B' = B$$

\mathbb{P}^1



B

$r \searrow$

$r' \searrow$



\mathbb{P}^1

$$\Sigma(B/\mathbb{P}^1) = \Sigma(B'/\mathbb{P}^1)$$

ξ (schoen)

Calculations of $\{\chi_{top}\}$

some are rigid,

"unfortunately for the physicists...",
many $\chi_{top}()$

Review MSci Met. (Beauville)

... theoretical physicists do not seem to care
any longer about these threefolds...
but mathematicians

In fact:

Question 2 Bogomolov: $X, K_X \sim \mathcal{O}_X$

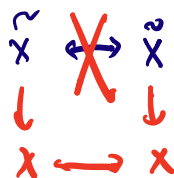
Does $\tilde{X} \leftrightarrow \tilde{X}$ birational automorphism

extend to a biregular automorphism?

Counterexample (Schoen) $\exists \tilde{X}$, Schoen /

$\exists: \tilde{X} \leftrightarrow \tilde{X}$ birational automorphism which

does not extend to



biregular.

§ Physics of Mirror symmetry

Mirror symmetry: for 'X, Y Calabi-Yau

kähler moduli, X ~~not~~ CY moduli, Y

$$\text{eg. } \rightarrow h^{1,1}(X) = h^{2,1}(Y) \quad (\text{mid 80's})$$

Question (3) (Morrison '92)

X CY

Does $\overline{Nef}(X) = H^2(X, \mathbb{Q})$ have a fundamental domain which is a rational polyhedral cone for $\text{Aut}(X)$?

Theorem (AG-Morrison, '92)

The conjecture is nontrivially satisfied for X ~~Schoen~~ / general.

Def: (kähler case)

$$Nef(X) = \{ A_{\mathbb{Q}}\text{-divisors on } X \mid A \cdot \Gamma \geq 0, \Gamma \in \overline{NE}(X) \}$$

$$\overline{NE}(X) = \overline{\{ \Gamma, \text{ effective curves} \}}$$

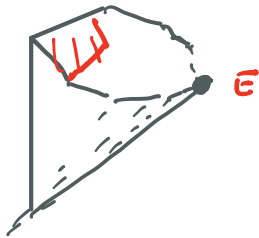
Remarks

(i) Most X, CY in the physics literature
 $\text{nef}(X)$ is rationally polyhedral.

(ii) (3) \rightsquigarrow Morrison-Kawamata conjecture
 in more generality.

Proof: (Idea of)

- Addition law in the fibers
 gives infinitely many edges of $\overline{\text{nef}}(X)$

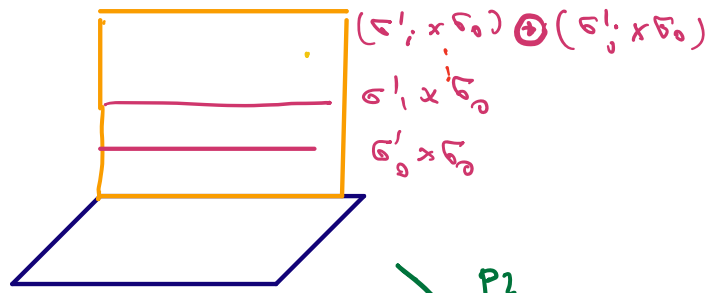


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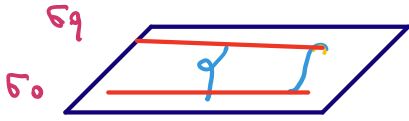
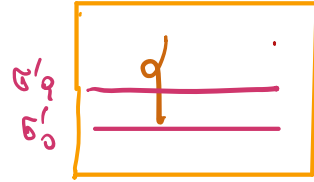
$$\dim H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) = 19$$

- Addition law in the fibers gives fundamental domain and action of $\text{Aut}(X)$.

$$\chi = B \circ B' \circ P_1$$



P_1



B

r

r'



$\Sigma(B/P_1)$

$\Sigma(B'/P_1')$

P_1'

r

§ Deformations and Resolution (Geometric Transitions) (Y. Namikawa - M. Rossi)

Question (4) (Namikawa) X , Calabi-Yau /

$\tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ small resolution

Does $\exists \tilde{Y}$, C.Y. $\tilde{Y} \rightarrow Y$, Y ,

NODES
 $x^2 + y^2 = z^2 + w^2$

and flat deformation. $\tilde{X} \rightsquigarrow \tilde{Y}$?

Theorem (Namikawa/Rossi) \exists counter examples:

$\{X_i\}$ family of **NEW** schemes

Remark: Conifold transitions, Physics.

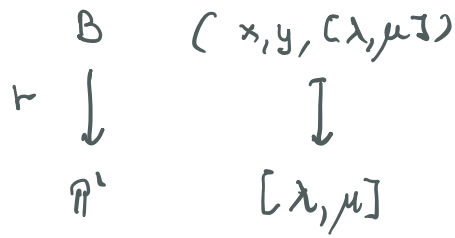
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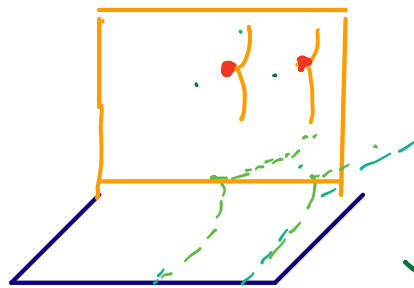
$1 \leq j \leq 6$

$X = B \times_{\mathbb{P}^1} B$

6 singularities. NOT NODAL

Cartoon:

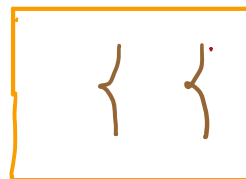
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6 singular points:

$y^2 - x^3 = w^2 - z^3$

$\swarrow P_1$



$B' = B$

B

$\searrow \pi'$



$$\Sigma(B/P') = Z(B'/P')$$

$\exists \{X_i\}_{0 \leq i \leq 5}$ $\pi_i: X_i \rightarrow X$ small resolutions.

§ Physics of F-Theory.

Def: $X \xrightarrow{P} B$ elliptic fibration

$E \mapsto P \in \mathcal{U} \subset B$ dense, $E \simeq \mathbb{T}^2$
elliptic curve.

Vafa '96 : Evidence of F-Theory

constructed as dual

"F-theory" on $X \xrightarrow{P} B$ \longleftrightarrow $\mathbb{I}B$ on B , with \mathbb{Z} -branes
 X CY, P elliptic.

$SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ symmetry of $E \longleftrightarrow SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ symmetry of $\mathbb{I}B$
 $\bar{c} \sim \mathbb{T}^2 = \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$

• F "many" CY with elliptic fibrations.
(A.I. searches)

• Mirror symmetry: other dualities.

Questions : Compute the "spectrum" in physics.

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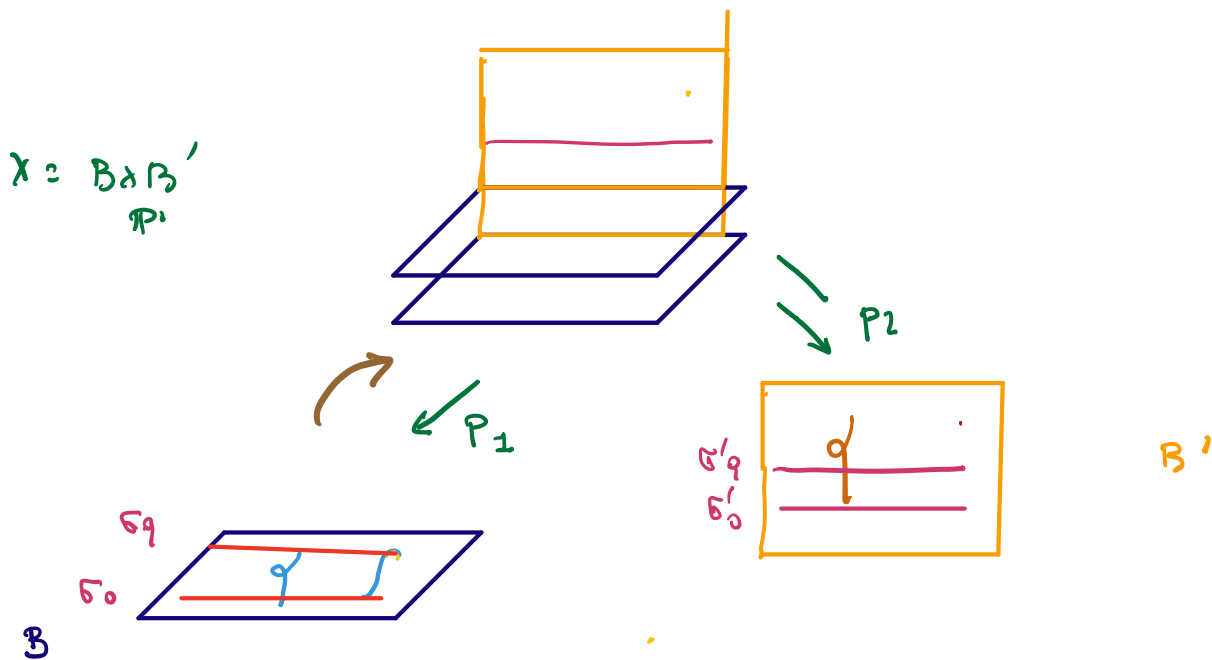
Geometry of $X \rightarrow B$

Objects of interest for the spectrum.

- $MW(X/B)$: Moduli-Weil group of sections of $X \rightarrow B$

- Enumerative invariants

Def/ Theorem: $MW(X/B)$ is abelian, finite generated.



(via dualities)

Physics prediction : $X \rightarrow B$ elliptic C - Y 3fold :

$$\text{rk MW}(X) \leq 20 \quad \text{if } B \neq \mathbb{P}^2$$

$$\text{rk MW}(X) \leq 24 \quad \text{if } B = \mathbb{P}^2$$

Remark: (i) $\dim X = 2$ (K3) Physics : $\text{rk MW} \leq 18$

. (Cox, Kloosterman, Kawata) :

 $\text{rk MW} \leq 18$, all values occur.What's top $\text{rk MW}(X)$, $\dim X = 3$?(ii) $\dim X = 3$ \exists examples (many) $\text{rk MW} \leq 9$

Question: Others ??

Def : Elkies' "Excellent family"

$$W_{\text{NDE}}: y^2 = x^3 + (p_4 \zeta^4 + p_{10} \zeta) x + \zeta^9 + p_6 \zeta^3 + p_{18}$$

 (x, y, z) $(6, 9, 2)$ p_j invariant form of deg j for ST_{33} Shephard-Todd unitary reflection
in \mathbb{P}^4

Theorem (Elkies): Take
 $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2, \mathbb{P}^2$ general, \mathcal{L} quadratic in \mathbb{P}^2
 $2R \text{ MW}(W_{\text{NDF}} / \mathbb{P}^2) = 10$

\Rightarrow

Question 5: (i) Is W_{NDF} Calabi-Yau?
 (ii) The spectrum (invariants)

Problem: to answer.
 Analyze the singularities of W_{NDF}

Theorem: (G-Weigand):

$\exists X_i \rightarrow B$, Calabi-Yau, Schoen, $B: \text{RES}$

(i) $\text{rk MW}(X_i/B) = 10$

(ii) Compute the spectrum of F-theory
 \downarrow

dictionary \oplus compute invariants, in particular
relative genus 0 Gopakumar-Vafa,
 which are birational invariants.

Dictionary : Geometry \leftrightarrow F-theory

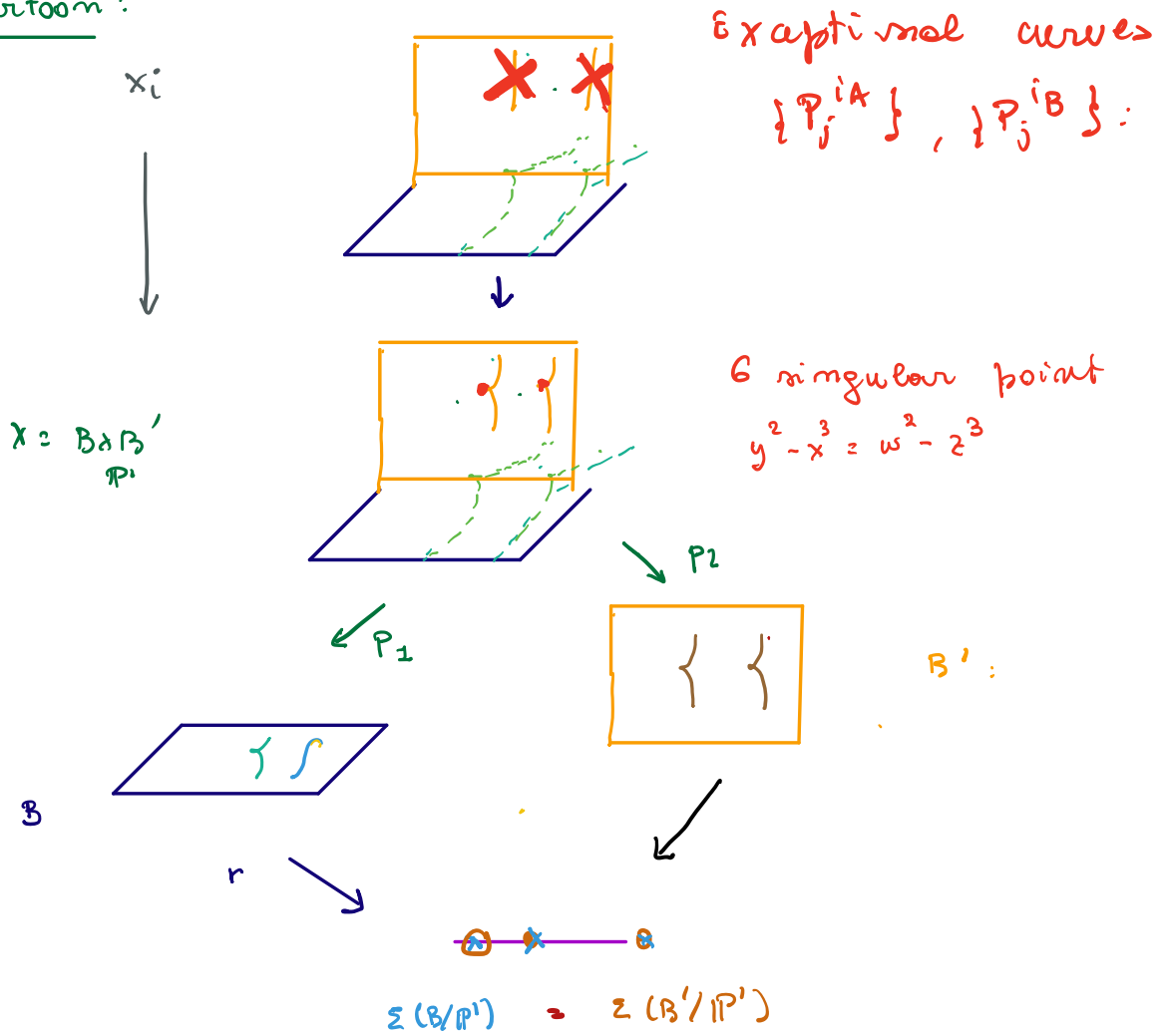
in particular:

- $MW(X_i / B) \leftrightarrow$ gauge group $\bigoplus_{a=1}^{10} U(1)_a$
- $\text{rk } MW(X_i / B) \leftrightarrow V$, vector multiplets
- Genus 0 GV invariants \leftrightarrow H^1 , charged hypermultiplets.
- Shioda-map \leftrightarrow $U(1)_a$ charges
(height pairings)

Anomaly cancellations hold.

Proof: Take X_i as in Namikawa-Rossi

Cartoon:



(ii) $\sigma_0, \dots, \sigma_q$ of $R \in S$ give 8 sections, ind.

$X_i \rightarrow X$ small res. gives 2 other ind.

(ii) Careful analysis.

Relative Gopakumar Vafa invariants:

$$m_{\{0, P_j^A\}} = 1, \quad m_{\{0, P_j^B\}} = 1, \quad m_{\{0, P_j^{A+B}\}} = 1,$$

Question: Is this a WND? ?

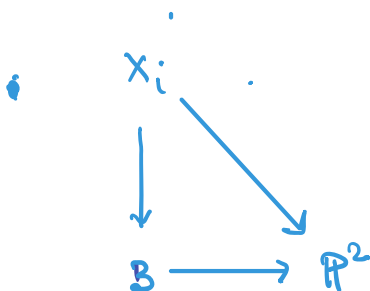
Theorem:

$$\exists X_i \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2, \quad \text{rk } \pi_* \mathcal{N}(X_i/\mathbb{P}^2) = 10$$

X_i : birational to:

$$W_i: y^2 = x^3 + \beta_{12}, \quad \text{deg } \beta_{12} \text{ reducible.}$$

Proof: sketch:



Blow up in the first example of R.E.S.

- Fix a section: of $\begin{array}{c} X_i \\ \downarrow \\ B \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2 \end{array}$

- Build a Relative log canonical model: W_i

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_i & \dashrightarrow & W_i \\ \downarrow & & \swarrow \\ \mathbb{P}^2 & & \end{array}$$

$$\beta_{18} = \prod_i (\text{equations of 6 cuspidal cubics})^2$$

as in example 1.

Corollary: W_i has

- \mathbb{Q} -factorial canonical (not terminal) sing. over $\{P_0, \dots, P_8\} \in \mathbb{P}^2$
- Not \mathbb{Q} -factorial terminal sing over the cusps in the pencils in \mathbb{P}^2
- The singular locus of the discriminant has 15 points.

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$$\{P_0, \dots, P_8\} = \{F = G = 0\}$$

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} B & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{P}^2 \\ \downarrow \tau & & \swarrow \\ \mathbb{P}^1 & & \end{array}$$

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Corollary: If P_{18} is irreducible,

$$\text{and } p_4 = p_{10} = p_6 = 0$$

w_i is not a WNDE.

Def : Elkies' "Excellent family"

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(x, y, z)

$(6, 9, 2)$

p_j invariant form of deg j

for ST_{33} Shephard-Todd unitary reflection

Remark: P_4 : is the equation of the Burkhardt
quartic, **reord quartic, 45 nodes.**

irreducible p_{18} : equation of dual of the Burkhardt
not normal. (Freitag-Solvati-Rammi)
45 components of codimension one.

Questions:

- Is $\beta_{18} = \beta'_{18} |_{\mathbb{P}^2}$, $\beta'_{18} - ST_{33}$ invariant?
- What about *general* $W_{ND\epsilon}$?
- Compute all
Gopakumar-Vafa for $X_i \rightarrow B$