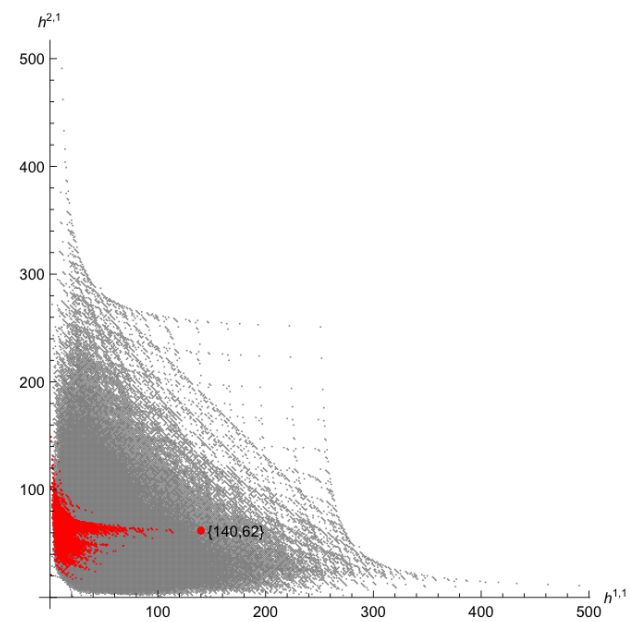
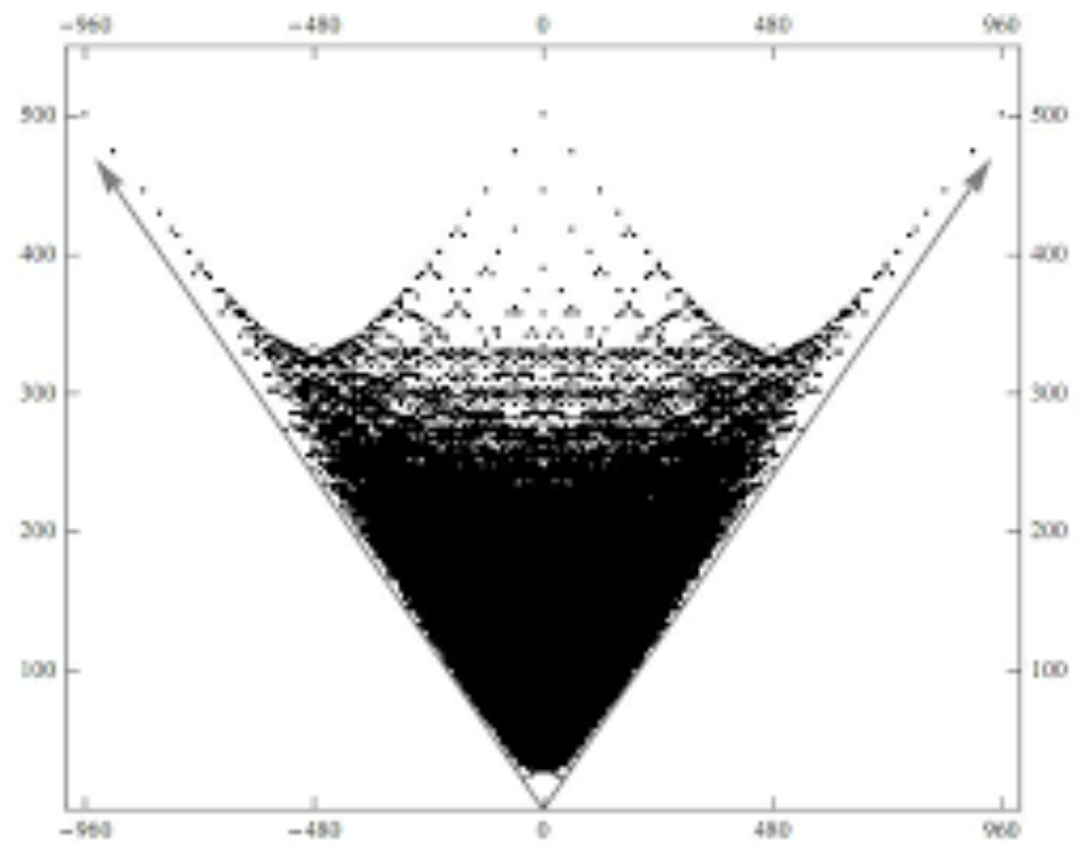


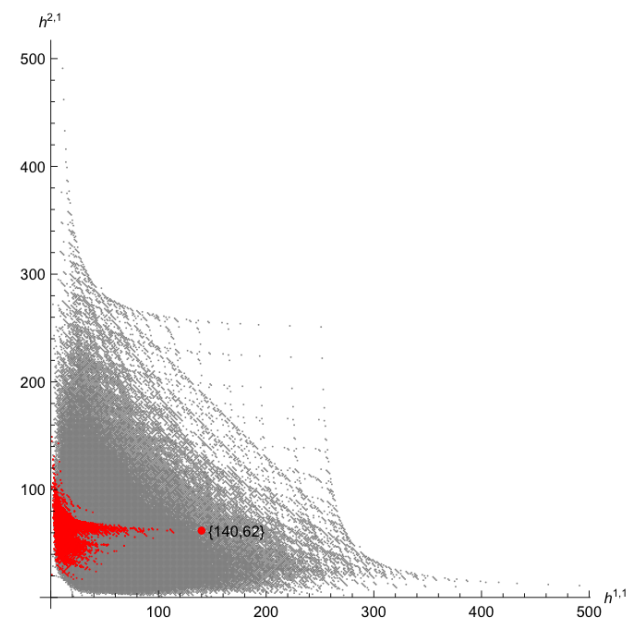
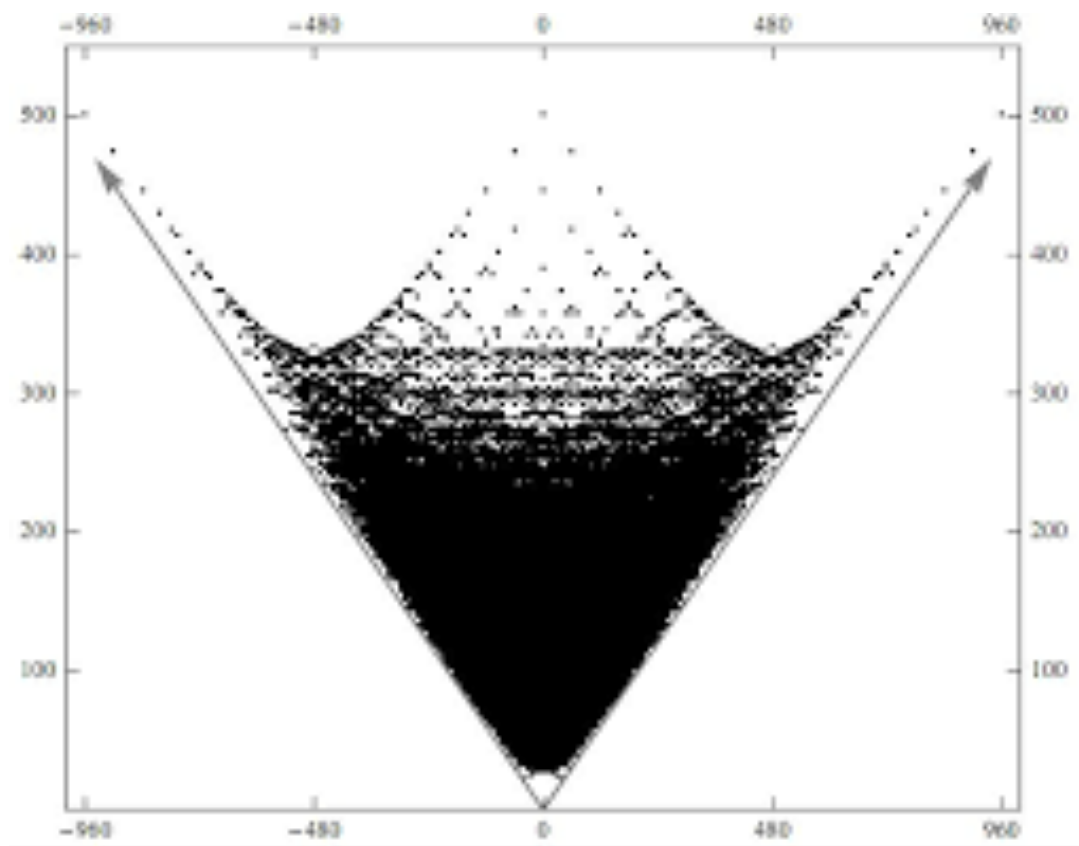
The surprising occurrence of Toric Geometry
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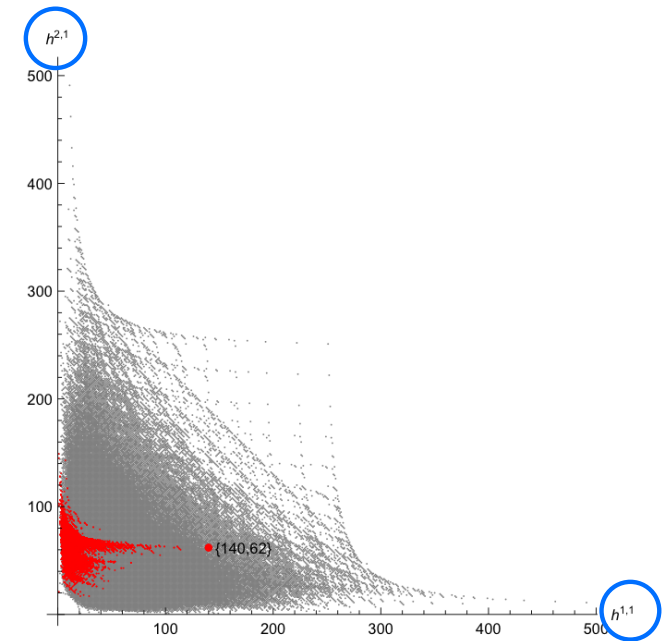
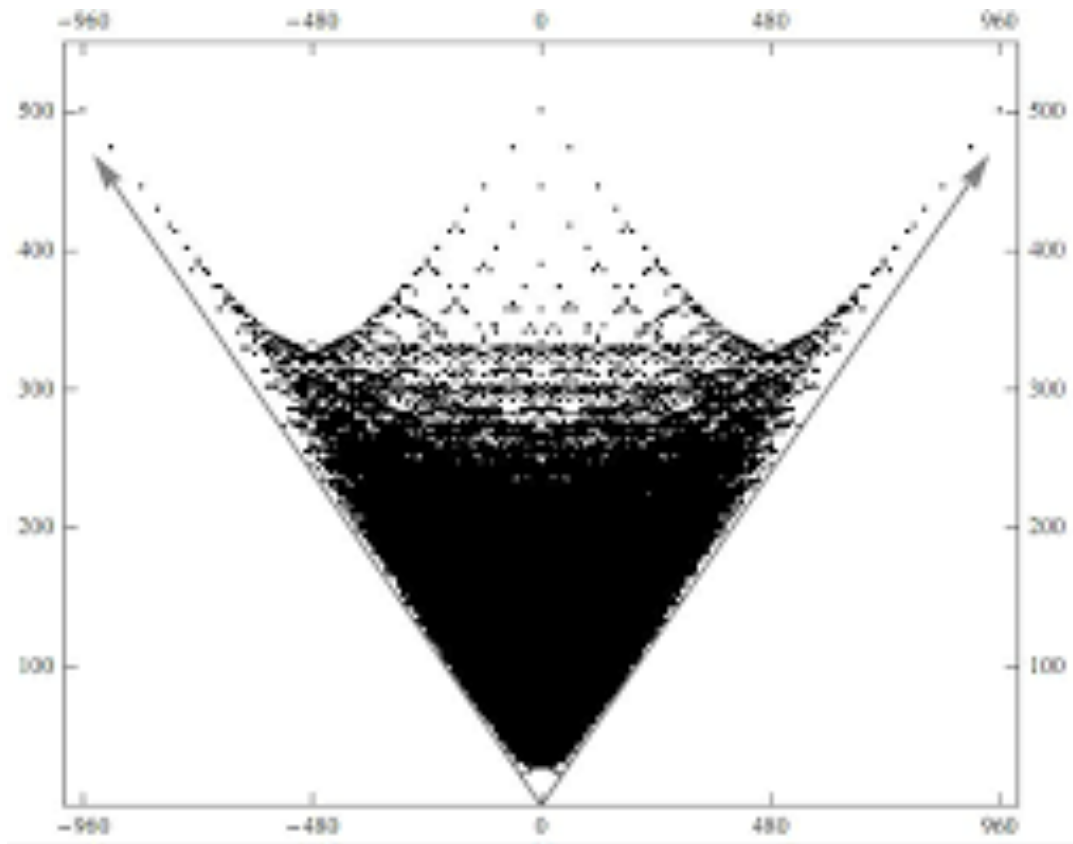
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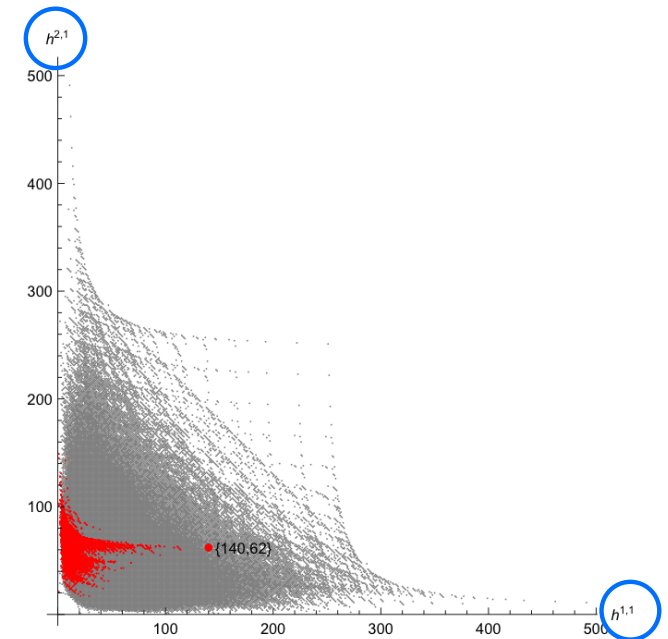
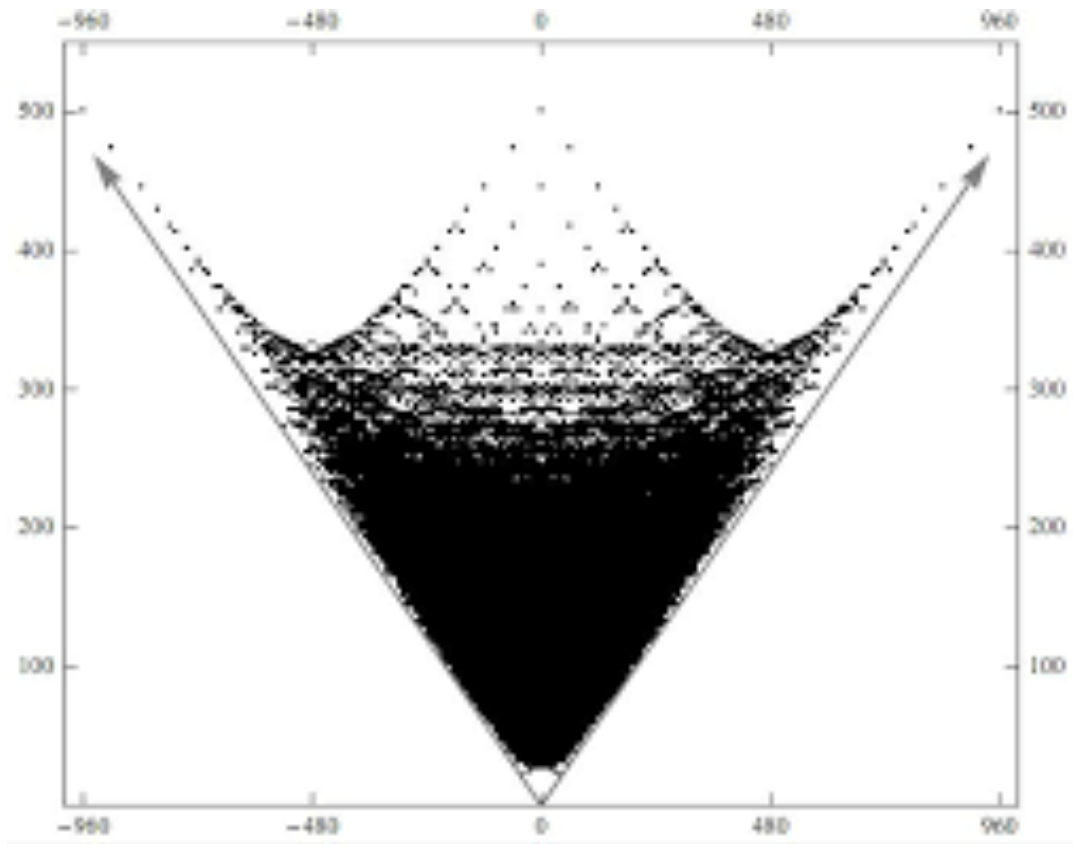
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- X smooth Calabi-Yau threefold
 $X \subset X_5$ toric.



↑
• 4738 million families

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99.3% CICY have obvious elliptic fibration

Anderson - Cray - Gao - Lee

$\leadsto$ Boundedness of Calabi-Yau ??

Boundedness for elliptically fibered Calabi-Yau ??

Elliptic fibrations $\leftrightarrow$ $\bar{v}$ -Theory

• Elliptic curve



Complex torus.

Classical

Physics



• ~~Ellipses~~ ?

~ Elliptic integrals.

(Abel : late 1826)

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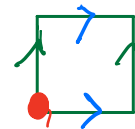


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E: Plane curve

E: Quotient , $K = \mathbb{C}$

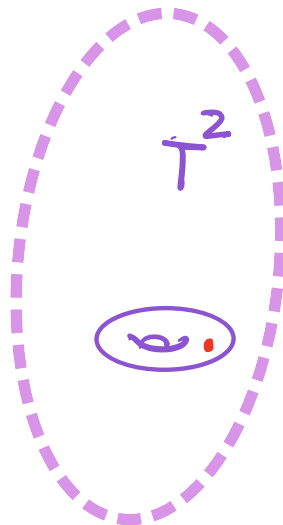
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$\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Z} \oplus (\tau)\mathbb{Z}$

$a, b \in \mathbb{C}$

(Flex point)



Less classical : Physics of string theory.

(G. Veneziano '60s)



Model(s) of the universe $\simeq \mathbb{R}^{3,1} \times X$

compact "manifold" (possibly singular),
constrained

Question: [last century] : Properties of X ?



• How many X ?

• "Toy model X " : $\mathbb{E}$, T^2 , elliptic curve.

§. Beyond the Toy model : $T^2, E/\mathbb{C}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \cong & E(\mathbb{C}) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ B & \supsetneq & P \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{"X constrained by symmetries"} \\ \\ \text{U} \ni \end{array}$$

keep open in the Zairū topology

$$y^2 = x^3 + a(t)x + b(t)$$

"t on B"

$$a, b \in K = \mathbb{C}(B)$$



Function Field of B.

Question : [This century] :

"spectrum" ?

"invariants of X, bounds?"

A Bit more about the constraints on X :

Calabi, Yau [50s-70s]

$X/\mathbb{C}$ is an algebraic projective variety.

• $K_X \cong \mathcal{O}_X \quad (\Leftrightarrow G(X)=0)$

• $h^i(\mathcal{O}_X) (= h^{i,0}) = 0 \quad 0 < i < \dim X$

X often assumed to be smooth in the physics literature.

X is Calabi-Yau

• dimensions of interest : $\dim X = 3, 4$

• $\dim X = 2$: K3 surface

a metrically *convex* Boolean metric space over a Boolean algebra that contains the original one as a sub-algebra. The congruence is, in fact, an isomorphism, and since metric convexity of B is easily seen to be equivalent to lack of atoms in the underlying algebra, it follows that every Boolean algebra may be embedded isomorphically in an atom-free Boolean algebra. Assuming from now on that B is atom-free (metrically convex) and lattice-complete, concepts involving continuity, based on the introduction of the Birkhoff-Kantorovich order topology (sequential or directed set) are defined. It is seen that B is also metrically complete. Arcs are defined as homeomorphisms of maximal chains. Since every motion (congruence of B with itself) is a homeomorphism and every congruence between any two subsets of B is extendible to a motion, segments are arcs. One seeks to determine what metric and topological properties of arcs and segments in ordinary metric spaces are valid in the very different environment provided by a Boolean metric space. Homeomorphisms between maximal chains with the same end-elements, connectedness properties of chains, characterizations of segments among arcs (by having a length equal to the distance of the end-elements, for example) are considered. A theory of continuous curves is also begun.

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BEMERKUNGEN ZUR HOMOTOPIETHEORIE

EWALD BURGER

Kleinere Bemerkungen über den Zusammenhang zwischen Homologie- und Homotopieinvarianten der Abbildungen eines n -dimensionalen Polyeders K in einen Raum, der in den Dimensionen $< n$ asphärisch ist, unter Benutzung der von Eilenberg-MacLane (Ann. of Math. 43 (1942)) gegebenen Beschreibung der Kohomologiegruppen von K durch die ganzzahligen Homologiegruppen.

FRANKFURT A. M.,
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THE SPACE OF KÄHLER METRICS

EUGENIO CALABI

Let M^n be a closed, n -dimensional complex manifold. We assume that M^n admits at least one Kähler metric $g_{\alpha\beta}$; its associated closed exterior form $\omega = \sqrt{-1} g_{\alpha\beta} dz^\alpha \wedge dz^{\beta*}$ determines a real cohomology class, called the principal class of the metric. Consider the space Ω of all infinitely differentiable

Kähler metrics in M^n with the same principal class; the topology of Ω is defined by the L^2 topology of the tensorial components of metrics in Ω in compact subregions of co-ordinate domains. If $R_{\alpha\beta*}$ is the Ricci tensor of any metric in Ω , then the Ricci form $\sqrt{-1} R_{\alpha\beta*} dz^\alpha \wedge dz^{\beta*}$ is closed and its cohomology class is $2\pi C^{(1)}$ ($C^{(r)} = r$ th Chern class).

Theorem 1. Given in M^n any real, closed, infinitely differentiable exterior form Σ of type $(1, 1)$ and cohomologous to $2\pi C^{(1)}$, there exists exactly one Kähler metric in Ω whose Ricci form equals Σ .

The proof proceeds by joining the Ricci form of one metric in Ω with Σ by a differentiably parametrized arc in the same linear space of forms (for example by linear interpolation) and constructing a corresponding parametrized path in Ω , then by proving that it is unique, and that its terminal point is independent of the path.

One can introduce in Ω a generalized Riemannian structure by defining the metric form $ds^2 = \left(\frac{\partial \omega(t)}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial \omega(t)}{\partial t} \right) dt^2$, where $\omega(t)$ represents a differentiable path in Ω . One shows that between any two points in Ω there exists exactly one geodesic, that the topology induced by the geodesic distance coincides with the chosen one, and that Ω with this metric is isometric with a geodesically convex subset of a Hilbert sphere.

If $g_{\alpha\beta*}$ belongs to Ω and Σ is its Ricci form, then (Σ, Σ) is stationary with respect to first order variations in Ω , if and only if the contravariant components of the gradient of the scalar curvature generate a group of complex analytic transformations of M^n . If M^n has the property that each one-parameter complex transformation group of M^n (if any exist) leaves no point fixed, or if it is the Gaussian sphere, then this implies that the scalar curvature is constant, that Σ is harmonic, and that (Σ, Σ) is minimized.

Theorem 2. If M^n has the restrictive property described above, then there exists a metric in Ω which minimizes (Σ, Σ) , unique but for analytic transformations of M^n , and characterized by the property that the scalar curvature is constant.

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ON TWO DIMENSIONAL ASPHERICAL COMPLEXES

WILFRED HALLIDAY COCKCROFT

Let L be a connected two dimensional C. W. complex. Let K denote the complex $L \cup \{e_i^2\}$, where $\{e_i^2\}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots$, is a set of 2-cells which are adjoined

Unless otherwise specified, the varieties are assumed to be :
 projective, algebraic, normal, irreducible, defined over $\mathbb{C}$

Def : • X is elliptic if :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \cong & E(\mathbb{C}) \\ \pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ B & \supsetneq U \ni P & , U \text{ dense open} \end{array}$$

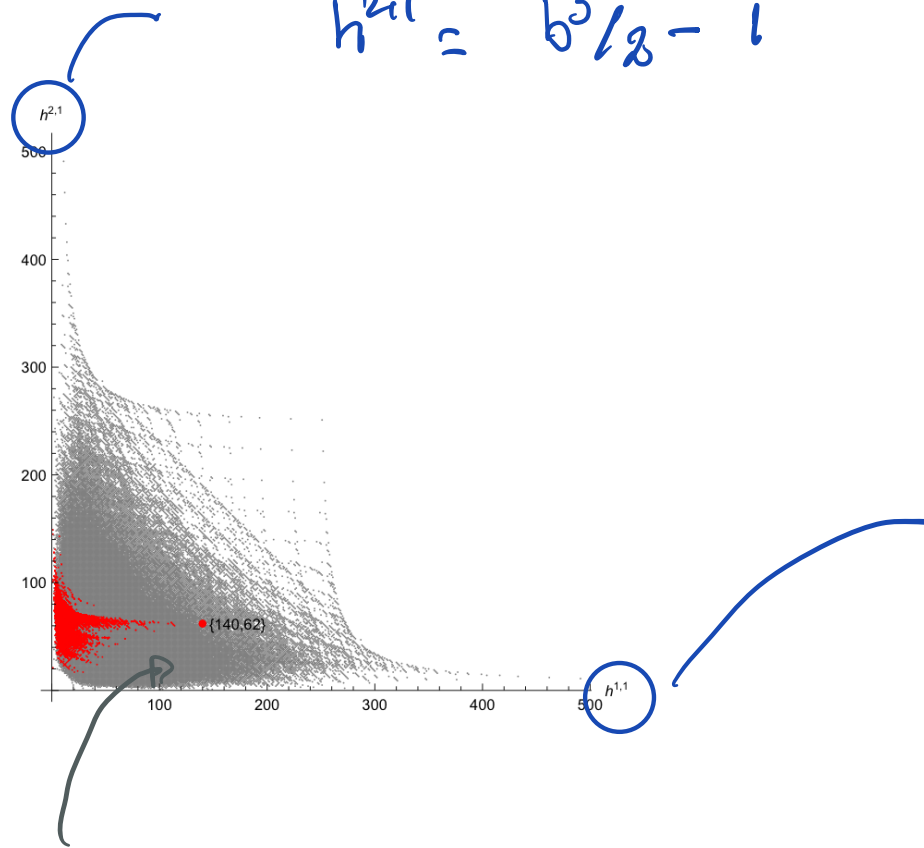
• $\Sigma (= \Sigma_{X/B}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ q \in B \setminus U \}$ the discriminant.

(X, B, π) , (B, Σ) $\rightsquigarrow$ F-theory.

$\updownarrow$
 $\neq$ branes.

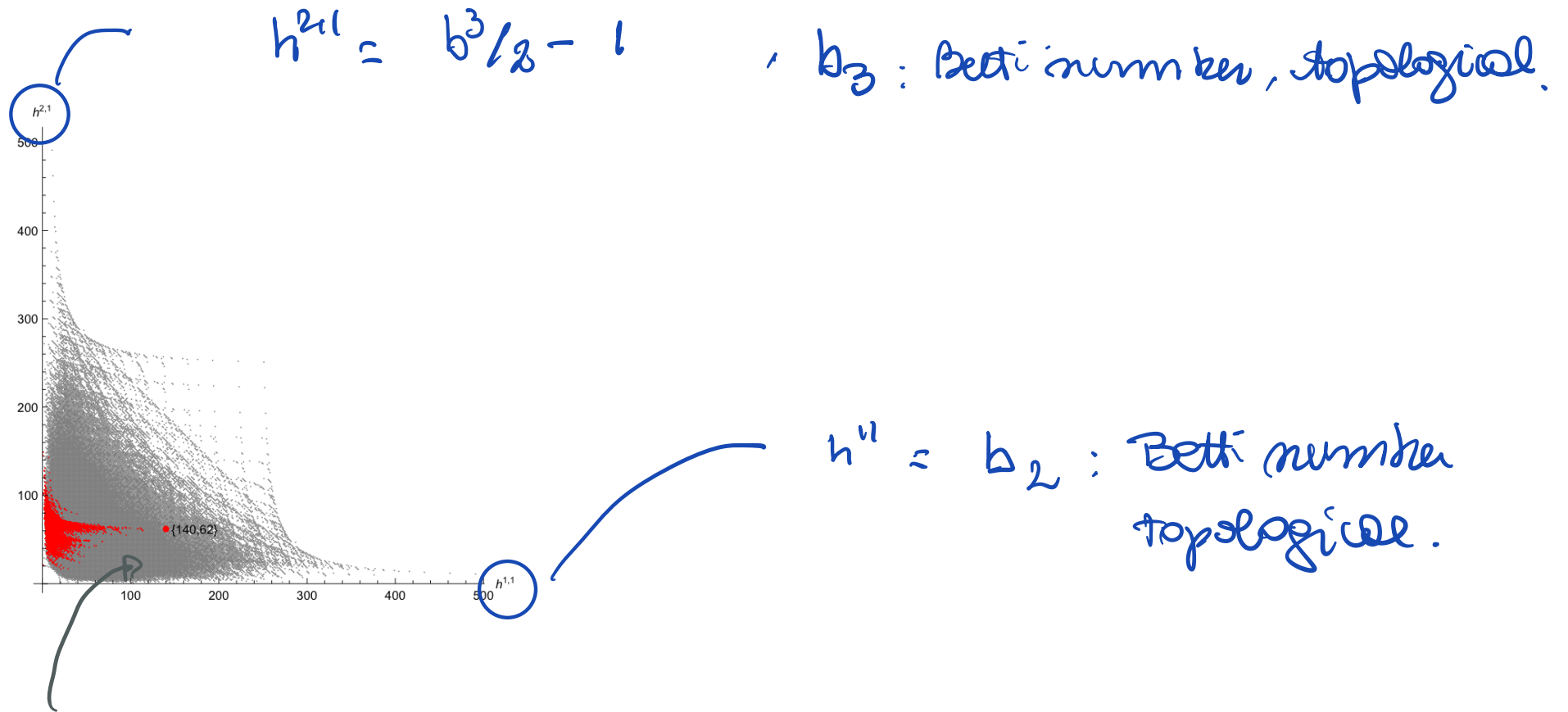
$$h^{2,1} = b^3/2 - 1$$

, b_3 : Betti number, topological.



$h'' = b_2$: Betti number topological.

elliptic CY 3-folds in Twig ambient space.



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bir-bounded + CAVEAT

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X elliptic Calabi-Yau are birationally bounded,
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△ Next!

Corollary: X elliptic, Calabi-Yau $\xrightarrow{b_2} h^{1,1}(X)$ is bounded

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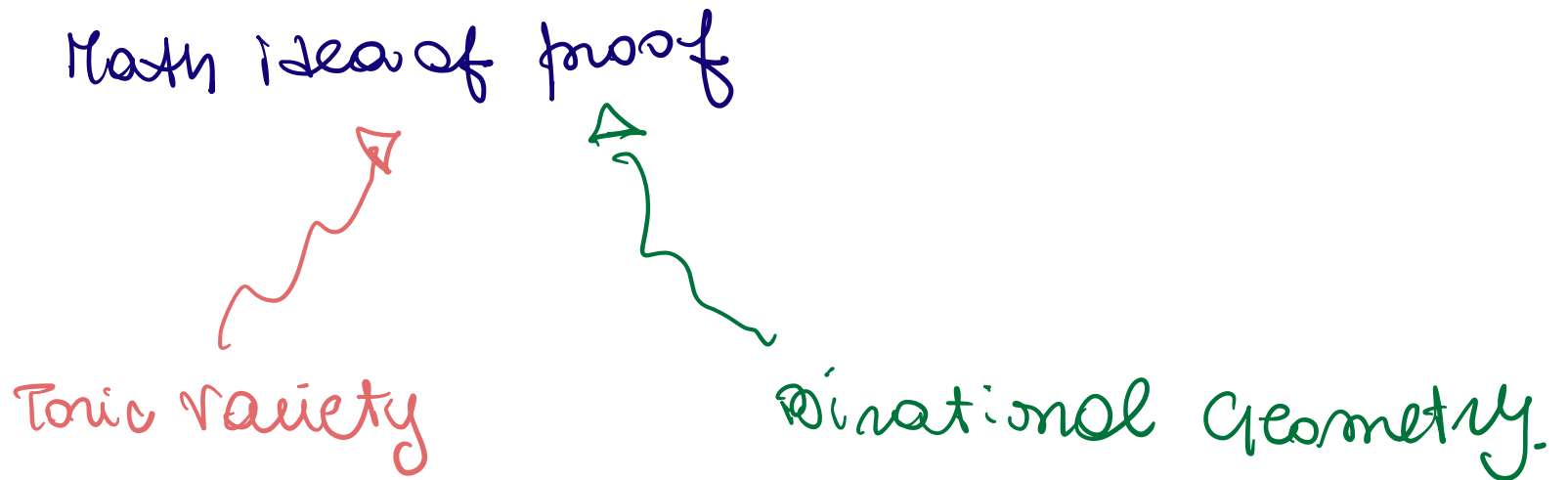
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Why is this interesting? $\rightsquigarrow$ Spectrum of Theory
 H, V, T : multiplets.

Question: Are there explicit bounds?

Answer: There are, some, Math idea of proof $\hookrightarrow$

Answer: There are, some bounds proven



CAVEAT : Elliptic fibrations

{ Rollán '15

{ Bakker-Blumenberg-Filipuzzi-Laza-Li-Svobodi-Wan, Zhao '25

$\pi: X \rightarrow B$ (elliptic) s.t. X smooth, $mK_X \sim \mathcal{O}_X$, $H^2(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = 0$

$\leadsto$ Any small deformation carries the fibration.

[Reid conjecture] ,

§ birational geometry:

Def: $X \overset{\text{bir}}{\sim} Y \iff \exists U_1, U_2 \text{ open, } U_i \neq \emptyset : X \supseteq U_1 \overset{\text{Zariski}}{\cong} U_2 \subseteq Y$
 $(X \leftrightarrow Y)$ isom.

Example: X, Y toric $\overset{\dim X = \dim Y}{\implies} X \overset{\text{bir}}{\sim} Y$
 $(\mathbb{C}^*)^{\dim X} \cong (\mathbb{C}^*)^{\dim Y}$

• $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X = 1$, X, Y non singular. : $X \overset{\text{bir}}{\sim} Y \iff X \cong Y$

Example: $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X = 1$, X toric non singular $\implies X = \mathbb{P}^1$

• $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X \geq 2$ X, Y toric, $X \overset{\text{bir.}}{\sim} Y \iff \Sigma_X \leftrightarrow \Sigma_Y$

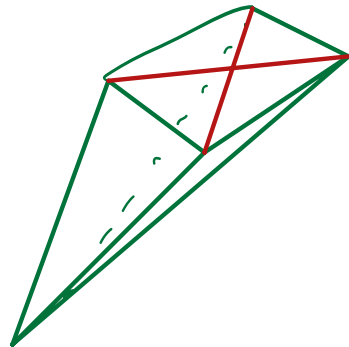
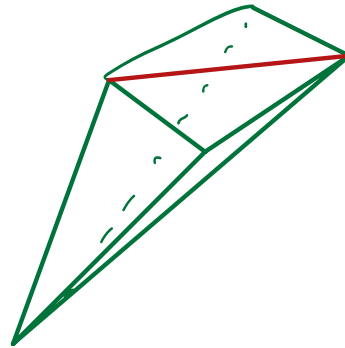
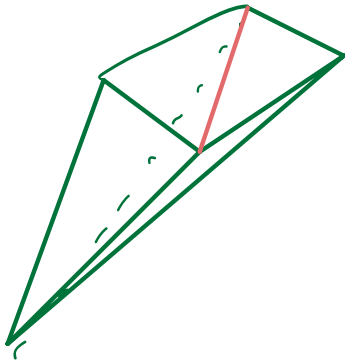
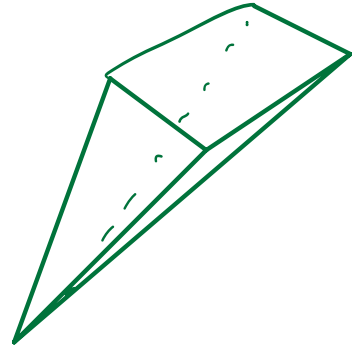
adding / removing (2?) faces.

- $X \text{ Toric, proj} : \mapsto X \stackrel{\text{bir}}{\sim} \mathbb{P}^{\dim X}$

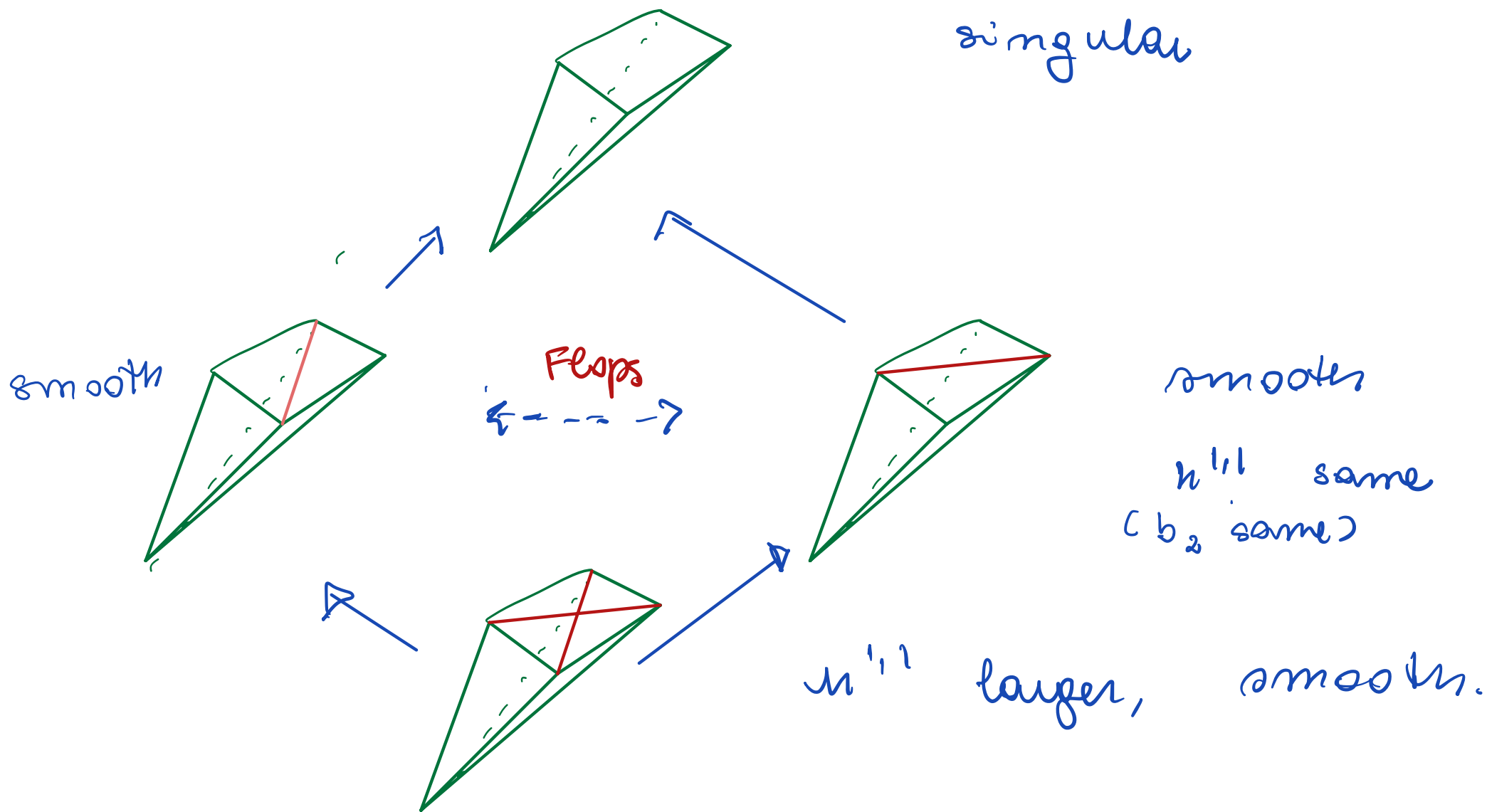
- Def: $X \stackrel{\text{bir}}{\sim} \mathbb{P}^{\dim X}$ is RATIONAL

($\exists$ a rational parametrization of X)

Example: $\chi_{\Sigma}^{\bullet}$, local form $\Sigma^{\bullet}$



Example: x^0 , local form Σ^0



All the arrows / dash arrows are birational

Minimal model program:

Given X find Y such that

- $\overset{\text{bir}}{X \sim Y}$
- Y is "simpler" than X
 ↓
 "better"

$\Pi.P$ - took off from:

- $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X \geq 3$ X_{Σ} toric, "min. model program."

Next:

Birationality ; Elliptic fibration, Toric Varieties

Example.

X , K3, Kummer surface, $E \perp T^2$



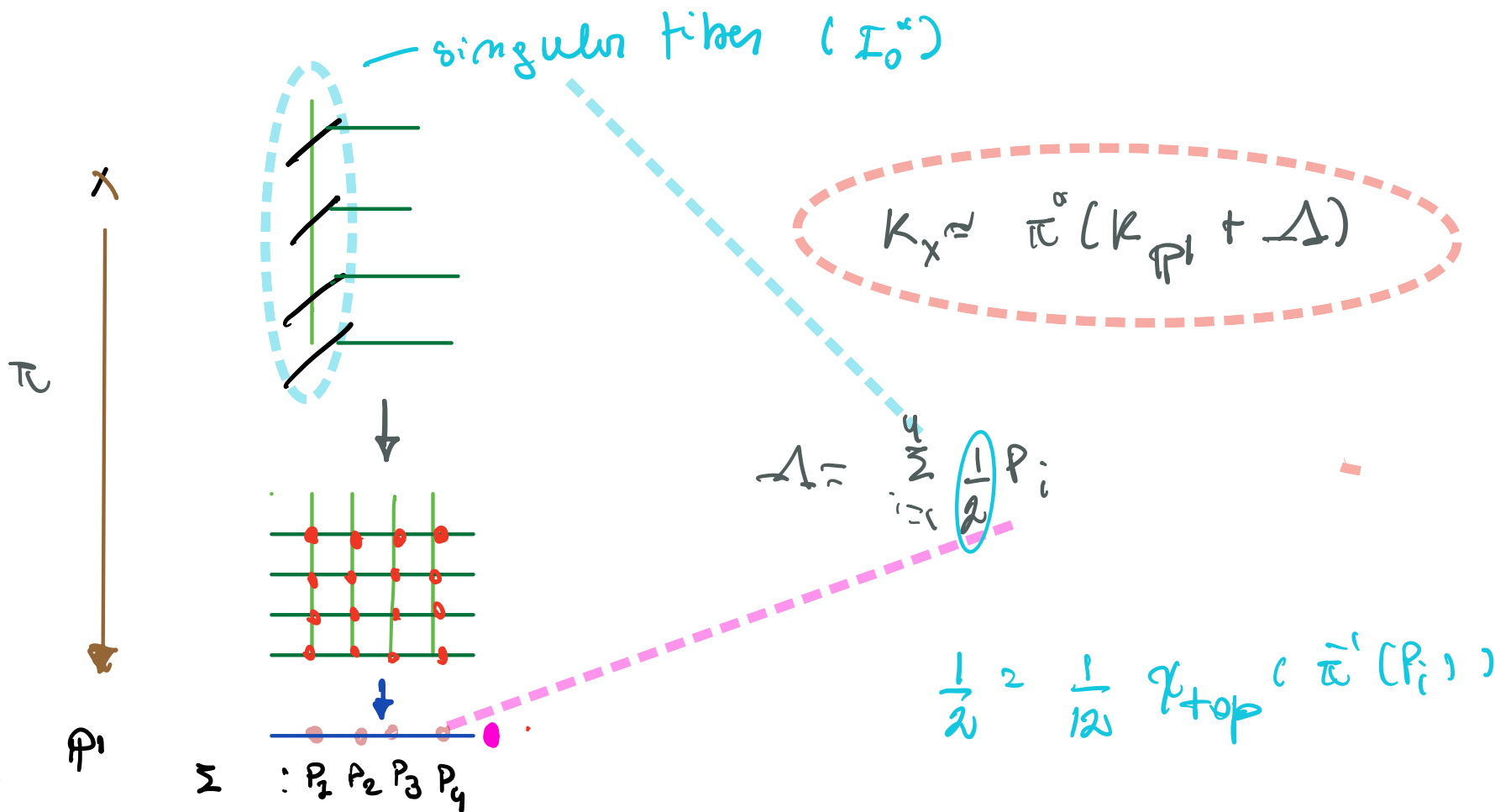
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Question: Given $\pi: X \rightarrow B$ elliptic,

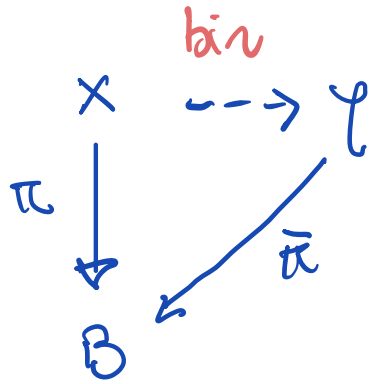
Does $R_X = \pi^*(K_B + \Delta)$?

 singular fibers?

Rodaina: $\dim_{\mathbb{G}} X = 2$,

$\exists \gamma$ smooth
"minimal".
(relatively minimal).

$$R_Y = \bar{\pi}^n (k_B + 1)$$



Wm B = 1

- 47 $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X \geq 3$, **NO**, even with γ mildly ("terminal") singular.

Theorem [Particular case] (AG-92;95)

$\pi: Y \rightarrow B_Y$, / $\mathbb{C}$ elliptic, $\dim Y = 3$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y & \xrightarrow{\psi} & X \\ \pi_Y \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ B_Y & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & B \end{array} \quad \Phi, \psi \text{ birational}$$

(i) $K_X \equiv \pi^*(K_B + \Delta)$, Δ supported on Σ / B

$\Rightarrow$ (ii) X $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial, terminal, minimal

singularities of B are $\mathbb{C}^2/\mu$. $\mu \in GL(2, \mathbb{C})$

• If, in addition, $K_B + \Delta \geq 0$, no multiple fibers, X Calabi-Yau, $\Delta \neq 0$

$\rightarrow$ • B-smooth:

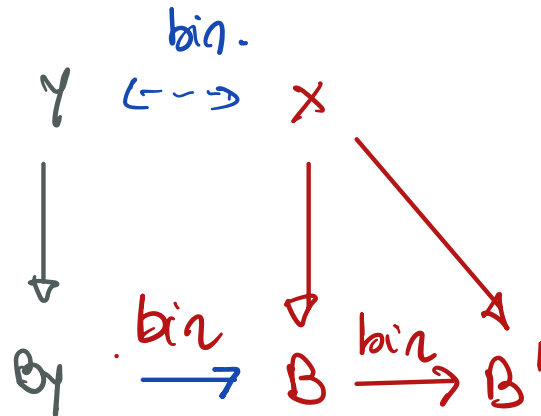
• $\exists B'$ bir.
 $X \rightarrow B \rightarrow B'$

, $B' : \mathbb{P}^2, \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1, \mathbb{F}_1, \dots, \mathbb{F}_{12}$

Corollary: γ , Calabi-Yau, $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X = 3$, no multiple fibers
 $\Delta \neq 0$

$\downarrow$
 B_{γ}

$\rightarrow \exists X \stackrel{\text{bin}}{\sim} \gamma, X \subset \gamma \quad \exists B' \stackrel{\text{bin}}{\sim} B$



Toric
 $B': \mathbb{P}^2, \mathbb{F}_m, 0 \leq m \leq 12$
 Fano & B rational

Theorem (Coss): $\forall X, C\text{-}\gamma$ elliptic, $\rightarrow \exists N$ s.t. $h^{1,1}(X) \leq N$
 B rational.

Theorem (AG-92;95; AG-Wen 2021)

$\pi: Y \rightarrow B_Y$, Δ elliptic. Then:

(i) $\Delta_Y \neq 0 \Rightarrow h^1(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y) = h^1(B_Y, \mathcal{O}_{B_Y})$, $\text{Kod}(Y) = \text{Kod}(B_Y + \Delta_Y)$

If either: $\dim Y \leq 5$
 or flips exist and terminate in $\dim Y - 1$

(ii) $\exists$ $\begin{array}{ccc} Y & \xrightarrow{\psi} & X \\ \pi_Y \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ B & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & B \end{array}$ Φ, ψ birational

$\Rightarrow$

X $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial terminal, (B, Δ) $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial, $\text{Kod}(B, \Delta) = \text{Kod}(X)$ minimal.
 $\text{Kod}(X) = \text{Kod}(B, \Delta)$ Mori Fiberspace

$K_X \equiv \pi^*(K_B + \Delta)$, Δ supported on Σ/B

(iii) If $\text{Kod}(X) = 0$, $\Delta \neq 0 \rightarrow B \dashrightarrow B'$ B' Mori Fiberspace

(iv) If $\dim X = 3$, $\omega_X \not\cong \mathcal{O}_X$, $h^1(\mathcal{O}_X) = 0$, without multiple fibers, $\Delta \neq 0$

B smooth: $X \rightarrow B \xrightarrow{\text{bi.}} B'$, $B' : \mathbb{P}^2, \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1, \mathbb{F}_1, \dots, \mathbb{F}_{12}$

Another

Technical slide.

Theorem (Coxeter 1944)

X elliptic Calabi-Yau 3-folds $X \rightarrow B$, B rational.
are birationally bounded

Theorem (Filipazzi-Hacon-Svaldi 2022)

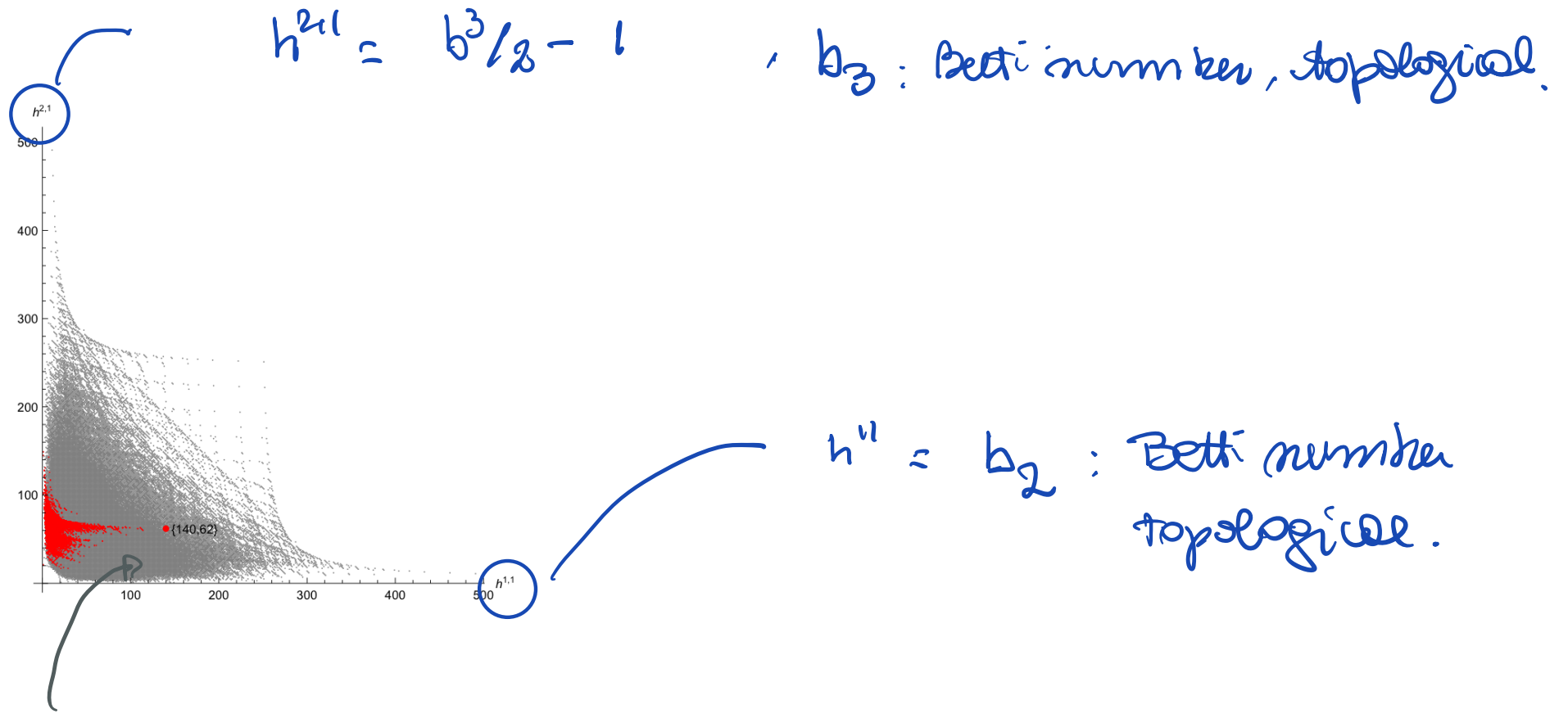
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elliptic CY 3-folds in Toric ambient space.

Can we find explicit bounds for

$h''(x)$ if x 3-fold $h^{2,1}(x)$?

- Partial answer for elliptic fibration with section,

§ : elliptic fibration with section.

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• Elliptic curve, Marked.

Complex torus, Marked

• ~~Ellipses~~ ?

↪ Elliptic integrals.

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Take ①

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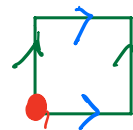
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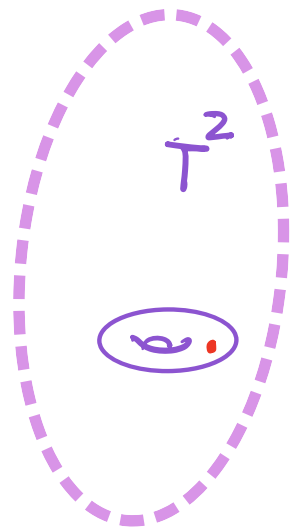
(Flex point)

Take ②

$\bar{E}$: Quotient , $K = \mathbb{C}$



$$\mathbb{C} / \mathbb{Z} \oplus \phi(c)\mathbb{Z}$$



↪ structure of an abelian group on $\bar{E}$, over K .

Question: What is the structure of $E(K)$ the group of K -rational points?

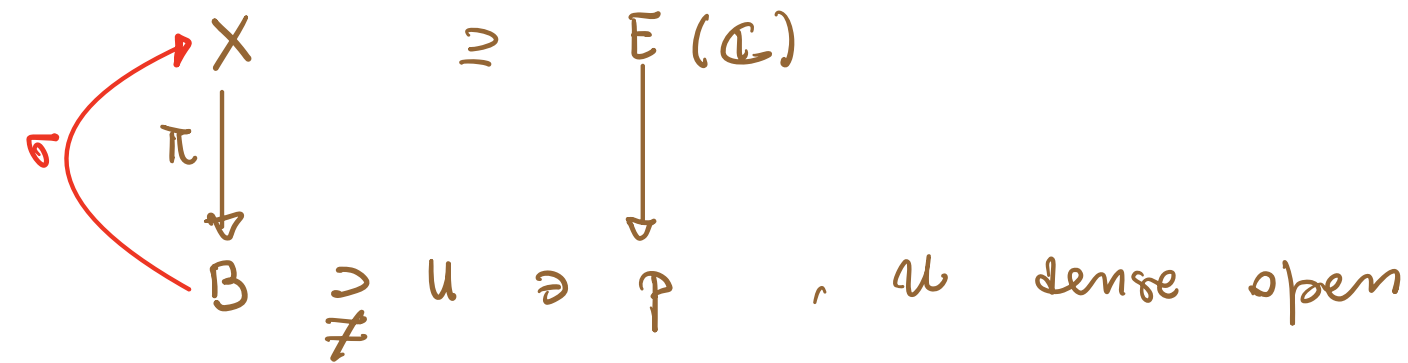
Theorem: (Mordell ~ 1920) $E(\mathbb{Q}) \simeq E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \oplus \mathbb{Z}^r$
 $\downarrow$
finite, abelian.

Theorem: (Weil ~ 1928) $E(K) \simeq E(K)_{\text{tors}} \oplus \mathbb{Z}^r$, $[K:\mathbb{Q}] < \infty$
 $\nearrow$ rank

Question [Classical] Describe $E(K)$, other K

• Still a question • $MW(E/K)$, Mordell-Weil group

Def: • X is elliptic with section if.



• $\sigma: B \dashrightarrow X$ rational, $\pi \circ \sigma = \text{Id}$ is a section.

$MW(X/B) = E(K) = E(\mathbb{K}(B))$ Mordell-Weil group of sections.

$\{\text{sections}\} \leftrightarrow GL(1)^r$ Abelian - Gauge Symmetries.

$\rightarrow$ • $\exists W$, $X \stackrel{\text{bir}}{\sim} W$, Weierstrass model: $y^2 = x^3 + a(x)x + b(x)$
 $a(x), b(x) \in K(B)$

- $\text{rk } MW(X/B) \leq h^{1,1}(X) \leq ??$

Theorem (W. Taylor) , $\dim X = 3$

$X \rightarrow B$, elliptic with section , $X \subset Y \rightarrow h^{2,1}(X) \leq 491$

sketch.

Proof:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \rightarrow & X & \\ & \downarrow & \end{array}$$

$$B \longrightarrow B'$$

$$B' = \mathbb{P}^2, \mathbb{F}_m, \text{ and } m \leq 12$$

$$\bullet h^{2,1}(X) \leq h^{2,1}(Y \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{12}) = 491$$

□

Example; X , K3, Kummer surface



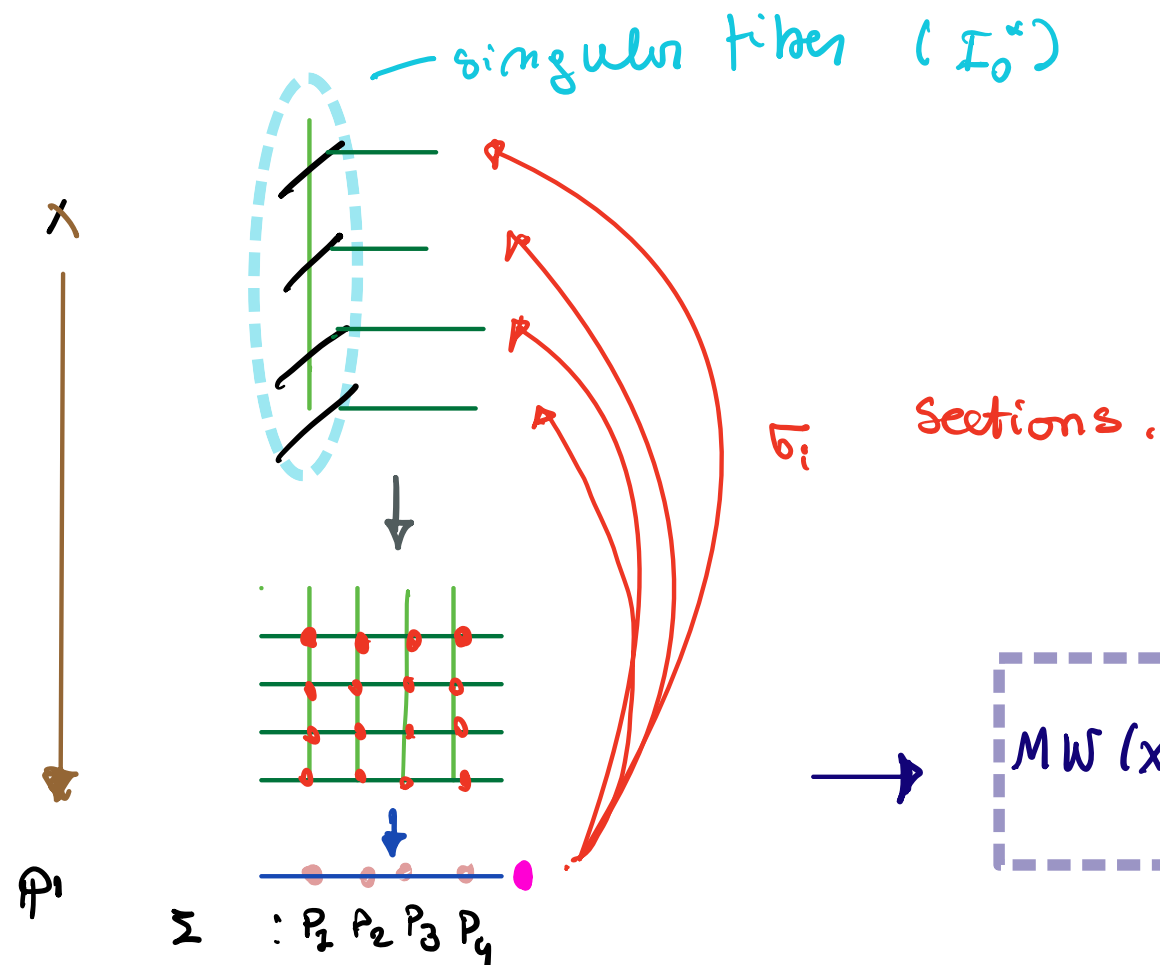
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$$MW(X/P^1) = \mathbb{Z}^4 \oplus (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2$$

- $\text{rk } MW(x/B) \leq h^1(x)$



bound.

Physics Predictions : { Lee-Regalado-Weigand, 2018
 Martucci-Risso-Weigand, 2023
 Lee-Oehlmann 2023

$X \longrightarrow B$

X , Calabi-Yau elliptic, smooth, B smooth.

- $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X = 2, 3$
 - $\rightarrow rk MW(X/B) \leq 28$ if $B = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^2$, ($\dim X = 3$)
 - $\rightarrow rk MW(X/B) \leq 18$ otherwise.

- $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X = 4$ No explicit bound.

($\nexists$) $\exists$ a movable, rational smooth curve $C \subset B$ s.t.
 $rk MW(X/B) \leq 10(-K_B) \cdot C - 2$.

Theorem (AG, Miranda, Paranjape, Srinivas, Weigand - 2026)

X Calabi-Yau, $\pi: X \rightarrow B$ w/section

Then:

$$\bullet \dim X = 3 \rightarrow \begin{cases} h^1(MW(X/B)) \leq 28 & B = \mathbb{P}^2 \\ h^1(MW(X/B)) \leq 18 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\bullet \dim X = 4 \rightarrow h^1(MW(X/B)) \leq 38$$

⊕ mild assumptions

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X Calabi-Yau, $\pi: W/\text{section}$

$\downarrow \pi$

B

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$\rightarrow$ It confirms the physics predictions. [Toric case]

$$\bullet \dim X = 4 \quad \rightarrow \quad \dim MW(X/B) \leq 38$$

⊕ mild assumptions

$\rightarrow$ beyond the physics prediction. [Non-toric cases]

Theorem: $\exists$ X is Calabi-Yau, elliptic
(Gross-Weigand $\Rightarrow$) $MW(X/P^1) \cong \mathbb{Z}^{10}$

Remark: This example has the highest known $\text{rk } MW(X/B)$.

Theorem (AG, Miranda, Paranjape, Srinivas, Weigand - 2025)

X Calabi-Yau, $\pi: X/B$ w/section

$\downarrow \pi$

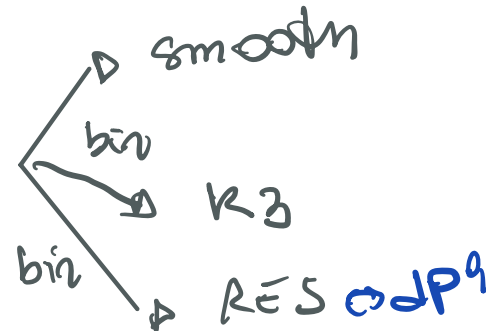
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Then:

- $\dim X = 3 \rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{rk MW}(X/B) \leq 28 & B = \mathbb{P}^2 \\ \text{rk MW}(X/B) \leq 18 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$
- $\dim X = 4 \rightarrow \text{rk MW}(X/B) \leq 38$..
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Proof: • $\exists C \subset B^{\text{smooth}}$, curve s.t. $\pi^{-1}(C) = Z$

$$C \not\subset \Sigma_{X/B}$$



$$MW(X/B) \leq MW(Z/C)$$



$$\text{or } MW(X/B) \leq 10(-K_B) \cdot C + 2g(C) - 2$$

If $\dim X = 3$, X Calabi-Yau, $\pi: X \rightarrow B$ with section:

B-smooth: $X \rightarrow B \xrightarrow{\text{bir.}} B'$, $B' : \mathbb{P}^2, \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1, F_1, \dots, F_{12}$
Isic.

C : extremal ray of $NE(B)$, C not isolated curve.



C is rational; $C \cong \mathbb{P}^1$

(Physics analysis - C always rational)

7 B Tonic, smooth;

C nef $\mapsto C$ base point free



C movable, "EFT - Physics"

• To show

$MW(X/B) \leq MW(Z/C)$ is delicate, otherwise.



