

$U(1)$ s in F-theory:  
Keeping it smooth and rational

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# Goal

Determine universal, distinguishing characteristics of F-theory models, with distinct phenomenological signatures.

F-theory model building based on lots of examples: local and by now also global, with semi-realistic properties.

## Challenge:

Combined package of realistic spectra, flavor, susy breaking, moduli stabilization, etc all into one framework, and **genericity** of such features.

## Strategy:

Ask questions of universal nature: find characteristics that can be comprehensively understood and constrain the phenomenology

# Setup

Constraining 4d  $N = 1$  SUSY  $SU(5)$  F-theory GUTs using additional symmetries:  $U(1)$ s and discrete.

1. **Symmetries:**

What continuous and discrete symmetries are both geometrically consistent within F-theory and phenomenologically sound?

2. **Anomalies:**

Spectra consistent with hypercharge flux (GUT breaking) induced anomalies

3. **Flavor:**

Realistic quark sector Yukawa textures from distribution of matter, and using Froggatt-Nielsen type mechanism

Input: what are possible  $U(1)$  symmetries in F-theory?

# Summary

General characterization of global ways of realizing  $U(1)$  symmetries and possible matter charges in F-theory [Lawrie, SSN, Wong]

- ⇒ **Model-independent**, superset of charges for GUTs
- ⇒ All charged matter and GUT-Singlet  $U(1)$ -charges
- ⇒ Classification of possible Higgsings for  $U(1)$ s to **discrete symmetries**

Phenomenological Implications:

Combined system of **F-theory  $U(1)$  charges**, phenomenological consistency and anomaly cancellation has solutions with **realistic flavor texture**

⇒ Pheno: Sven Krippendorf's talk

[Krippendorf, SSN, Wong]

# I. Components in F-theory GUT model building

## 1. Uses of Symmetries

- Suppress unwanted couplings: Proton decay
- Forbid tree-level  $\mu$ -term
- Flavor:  $U(1)$ s for Froggatt-Nielsen

# Rapid Proton Decay

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

- Dim 4: B/L-violating operators (R-parity violating)

$$W_{\text{dim } 4} = \lambda_{ija}^{(4)} \bar{\mathbf{5}}_i \bar{\mathbf{5}}_j \mathbf{10}_a \supset \lambda_{ija}^0 L_i L_j \bar{e}_a + \lambda_{ija}^1 \bar{d}_i L_j Q_a + \lambda_{ija}^2 \bar{d}_i \bar{d}_j \bar{u}_a$$

$$\sqrt{\lambda^1 \lambda^2} \leq \left( \frac{M_{\text{SUSY}}}{\text{TeV}} \right) 10^{-12}$$

- Dim 5:

$$W_{\text{dim } 5} = \delta_{abci}^{(5)} \mathbf{10}_a \mathbf{10}_b \mathbf{10}_c \bar{\mathbf{5}}_i$$

$$\supset \delta_{abci}^1 Q_a Q_b Q_c L_i + \delta_{abci}^2 \bar{u}_a \bar{u}_b \bar{e}_c \bar{d}_i + \delta_{abci}^3 Q_a \bar{u}_b \bar{e}_c L_i$$

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

$\Rightarrow$   **$U(1)$ s or discrete symmetries  $\Gamma$  to control spectrum**

## 2. Anomalies

$F_Y$  GUT breaking<sup>a</sup> generates chiral spectrum

⇒ In presence of  $U(1)$ s: Require  $G_{MSSM}^2 \times U(1)$  and  $U(1)_Y \times U(1) \times U(1)'$  anomaly cancellation

[Dudas Palti], [Marsano, Saulina, SS-N], [Marsano], [Palti]

⇒ Compatibility constraints between charges and  $F_Y$  restriction  $N$ :

$$\mathbf{10}_a : \begin{cases} (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2})_{1/6} : M_a \\ (\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1})_{-2/3} : M_a - N_a \\ (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_1 : M_a + N_a \end{cases} \quad \bar{\mathbf{5}}_i : \begin{cases} (\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1})_{1/3} : M_i \\ (\bar{\mathbf{1}}, \mathbf{2})_{-1/2} : M_i + N_i \end{cases}$$

For example, with  $q = U(1)$ -charges:

$$\sum_i q_i^\alpha N_i + \sum_a q_a^\alpha N_a = 0.$$

⇒ Constraints on  $M$ ,  $N$  and  $U(1)$  charges.

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<sup>a</sup>Wilson lines generate always have chiral exotics. [Donagi, Wijnholt], [Marsano, Clemens, Pantev, Raby, Tseng]



### 3. Flavor and Froggatt-Nielsen

Long History of Flavor in F-theory: [Font, Ibáñez, Heckman, Vafa, Dudas, Palti, Marchesano, Aparicio, Uranga, Regalado, Zoccarato, King, Leontaris, Ross, Hayashi, Kawano, Tsuchiya, Watari, ....]

$U(1)$ s to generate flavor textures, Froggatt-Nielsen (FN) type. Tree-level Yukawas + subleading terms from  $U(1)$ -charged singlets  $\epsilon = \frac{\langle S \rangle}{\Lambda}$ .

Consistent with  $SU(5)$  GUT e.g. [Dreiner, Thormeier]

$$Y_u \sim \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon^8 & \epsilon^6 & \epsilon^4 \\ \epsilon^6 & \epsilon^4 & \epsilon^2 \\ \epsilon^4 & \epsilon^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Y_d \sim \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon^4 & \epsilon^4 & \epsilon^4 \\ \epsilon^2 & \epsilon^2 & \epsilon^2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For local F-theory GUTs: no realistic FN models from  $E_8$  [Dudas, Palti].

Why reconsider now?

New insights and general understanding of  $U(1)$ s in F-theory.

## New insights from Geometry

Idea of this Program:

1. Phenomenological constraints on Symmetries, 2. Anomalies, and 3. Realistic Flavor combined with global, geometric consistencies imply constraints on resulting 4d EFT.

F-theory/String theory input:

Constraints on F-theory compactification geometries for GUTs with extra  $U(1)$ s. What type of  $U(1)$  charges can be realized?

⇒ This talk.

## GUTs with extra $U(1)$ s

- Toric Constructions with extra  $U(1)$ s.  
[Morrison, Park][Braun, Grimm, Keitel][Mayrhofer, Palti, Weigand][Cvetic, Klever, Piragua], [Morrison, Taylor]...
- All toric hypersurfaces: [Klever, Pena, Piragua, Oehlmann, Reuter]
- Multiple **10** matter loci:  
[Mayrhofer, Palti, Weigand], [Kuentzler, SSN], [Lawrie, Sacco],[Braun, Grimm, Keitel]
- Preliminary Pheno: [Krippendorf, Pena, Oehlmann, Ruehle]
- Systematic approach: **Tate-like forms**, however limited by ability to factor polynomials of UFD... [Kuentzler, SSN][Lawrie, Sacco]

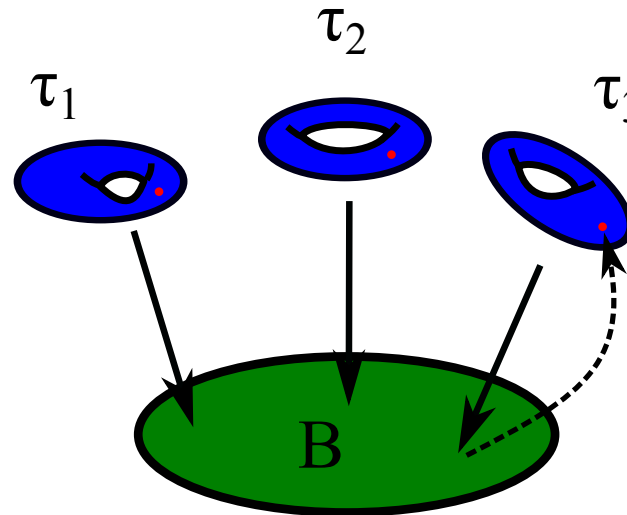
Goal: Find general way to constrain  $U(1)$ s from first principles

[Lawrie, SSN, Wong]

# I. Non-Abelian Gauge Groups in F-theory

# F-theory and Elliptic Fibrations

4d vacua: Elliptically fibered Calabi-Yau,  $\tau = C_0 + ie^{-\phi}$  axio-dilaton of IIB:



$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}_\tau$  fibers = Tori  $\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Z} \oplus \tau\mathbb{Z}$  with marked point  $O$  (elliptic curve, with  $O = \text{origin}$ ) with complex structure  $\tau$

$\Rightarrow$  Exists “zero section”  $\sigma_0: B \rightarrow \mathbb{E}_\tau : b \mapsto O$

$\Rightarrow$  For such there is always a Weierstrass form with  $O = [0, 1, 1]$

$$y^2 = x^3 + fxw^4 + gw^6 \quad [w, x, y] \in \mathbb{P}(1, 2, 3)$$

# 4d gauge bosons from F-theory

Reduce M-theory 3-form along  $(1, 1)$  forms  $\omega^{(1,1)}$  in fiber:

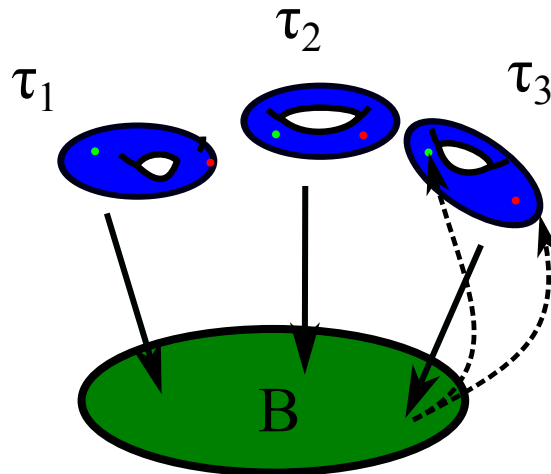
$$C_3 = \omega^{(1,1)} \wedge A$$

$\Rightarrow$  abelian gauge potentials  $A$ . Two types

1.  $\omega$  from special fibers (ADE like singularities)  $\Rightarrow$  GUT gauge bosons

2.  $\omega$  from rational sections  $\Rightarrow U(1)$ s [Morrison, Vafa]

Mathematically: maps from base to fiber:  $\sigma : B \rightarrow \mathbb{E}_\tau : b \mapsto P$  with  
 $P$  a rational solution to  $y^2 = x^3 + fxw^4 + gw^6, P \neq O$



## (1, 1) Forms and Singular Fibers

[Kodaira]:  $\exists$  "Singular fibers", which are  $\mathbb{P}^1$ s intersecting in affine ADE  
Dynkin diagram  $\Rightarrow \omega^{(1,1)}$  from volume form of  $\mathbb{P}^1$

- Kodaira fibers from resolutions of singular fibrations
- Elliptic curve is  $y^2 = x^3 + fxw^4 + gw^6$  singular if

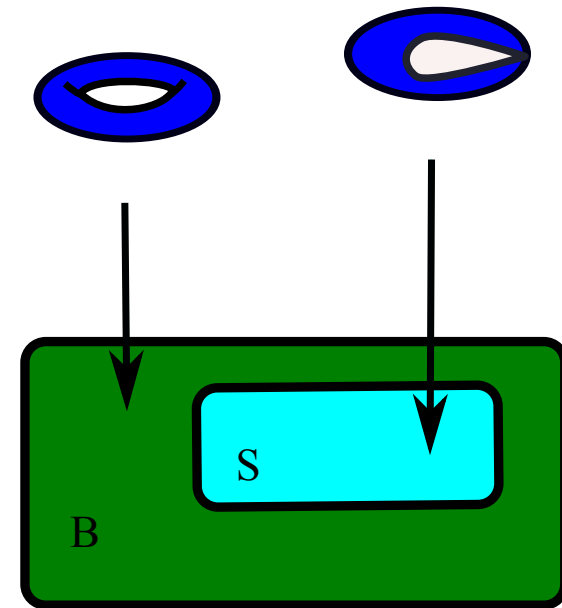
$$\Delta = 4f^3 + 27g^2 = 0$$

Here  $\Delta$  depends on base:

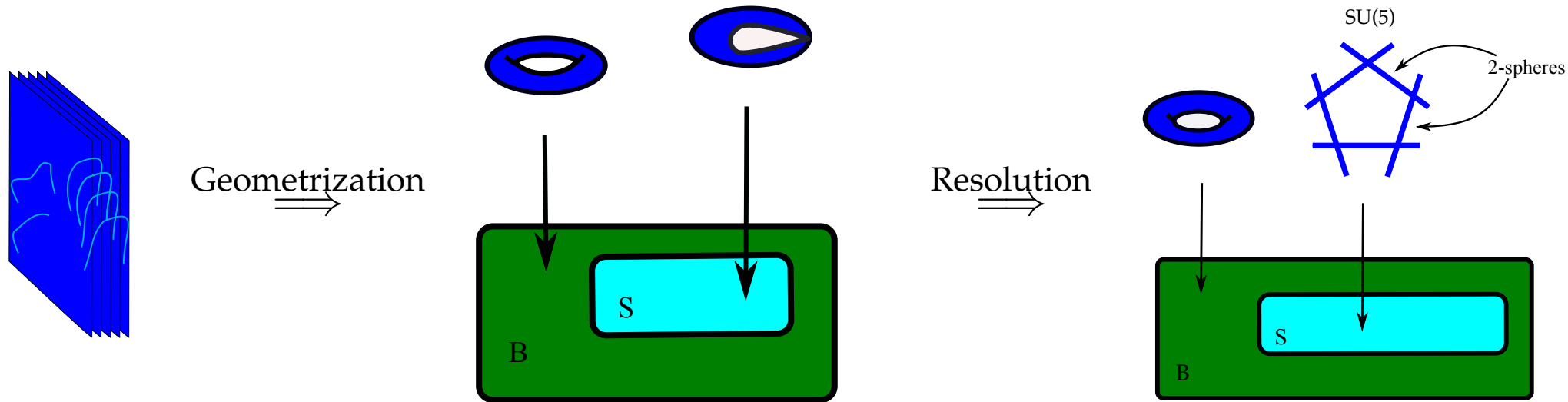
$$\Delta(z) = O(z^n) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad z = 0 \text{ is surface } S \subset B$$

- Physics:

Syncs with 7-branes intuition in IIB, which sources  $F_9$   
and  $\tau \sim \log(x - x_0)$  undergoes monodromy  $SL_2\mathbb{Z}$



# Gauge theory from Singular Fibers



- Resolution of singularities:

Trees of  $\mathbb{P}^1$ s, intersecting in *Affine  $SU(5)$  Dynkin diagram*

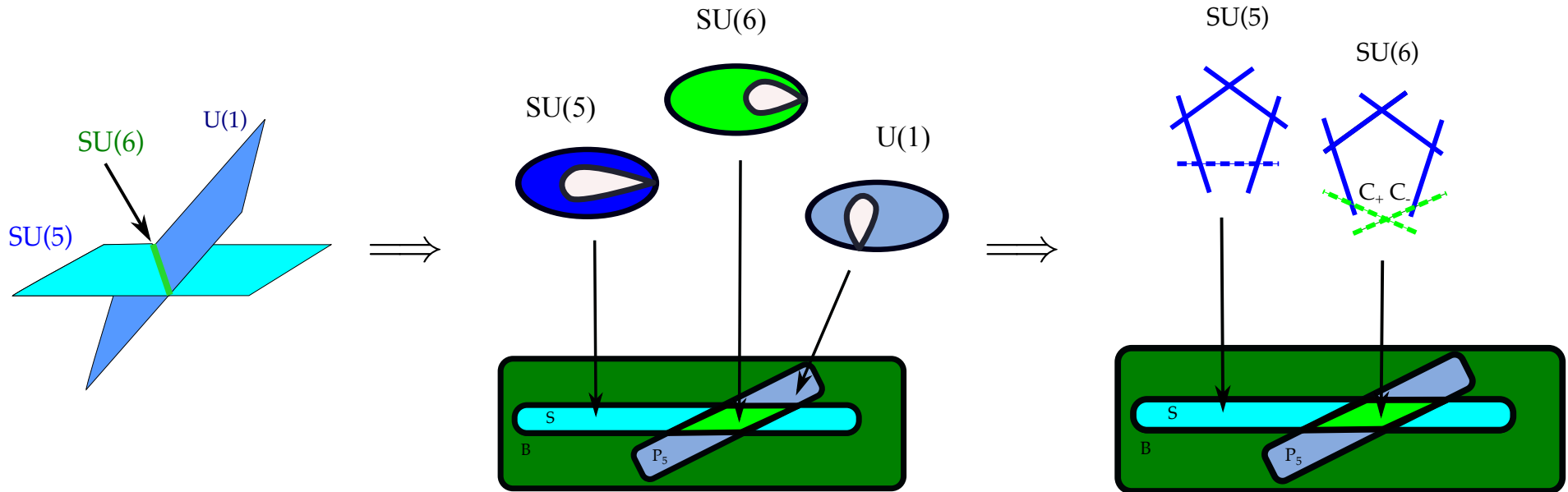
$\mathbb{P}^1 = S^2 =$  curves in resolved fiber  $\xleftrightarrow{1:1}$  *simple roots of gauge group  $SU(5)$*

- M/F-theory:

Gauge bosons from  $C_3 = A_i \wedge \omega_i^{(1,1)}$  and *wrapped M2*



# Matter

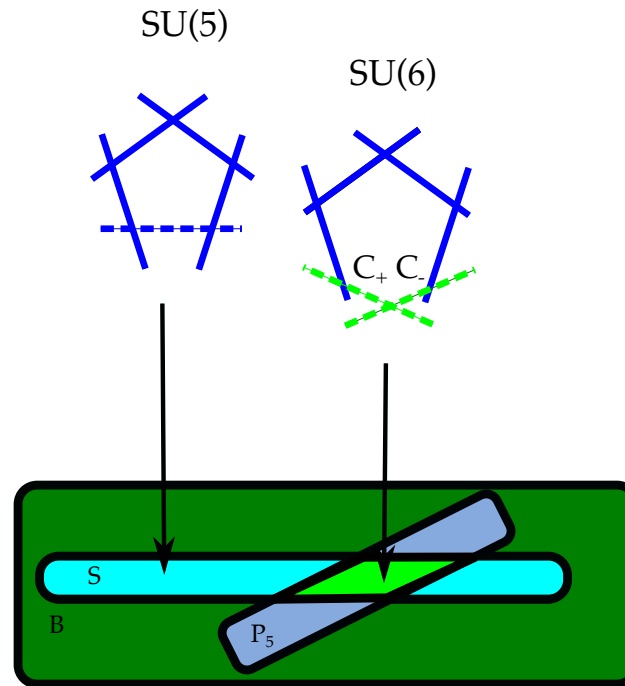


- Matter is localized along codimension 2 loci  $\Sigma$ : Singularity worsens

$$\Delta = P_5 z^5 + O(z^6)$$

- Matter determined by fiber type along codim 2:

$$z = P_5 = 0 : SU(6) \rightarrow SU(5) \times U(1) : \quad \mathbf{35} \rightarrow \mathbf{24}_0 \oplus \mathbf{1}_0 \oplus \mathbf{5}_6 \oplus \bar{\mathbf{5}}_{-6}$$



Geometry:

$\mathbb{P}^1$  associated to root  $\alpha$  splits into "weights" of  $\bar{5}$

$$\mathbb{P}_{\alpha}^1 \rightarrow C_+ + C_-$$

M/F-theory picture:

Wrapped M2-branes give matter transforming in representation of  $SU(5)$

$\Rightarrow$  Classification of possible codim 2 fibers?

# Classification of Singular Fibers

- Codim 1: Classic Algebraic Geometry [[Kodaira](#)][[Néron](#)]: Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$

Singular Fiber Codim 1

$\longleftrightarrow$

(Decorated) affine Dynkin diagram of  $\mathfrak{g}$

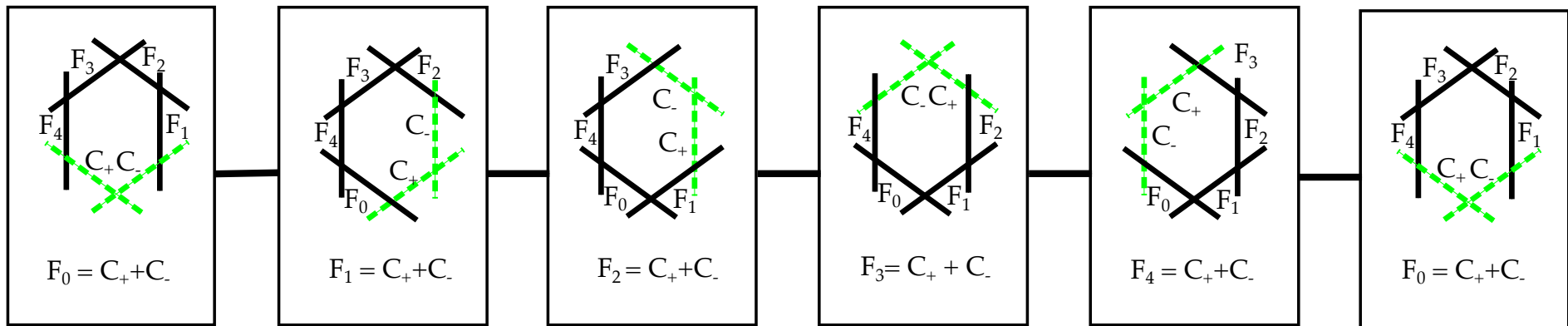
- Codim 2:  $\mathbf{R}$  = representation of  $\mathfrak{g}$  [[Hayashi, Lawrie, Morrison, SSN](#)]

Singular Fiber Codim 2

$\longleftrightarrow$

Box Graph = Decorated rep graph of  $\mathbf{R}$

Tool: Coulomb phases of  $3d$   $N = 2$  susy gauge theories.



NB: known also now for other matter and higher rank

## II. Abelian Gauge Groups in F-theory

# Mordell-Weil group and $U(1)$ s

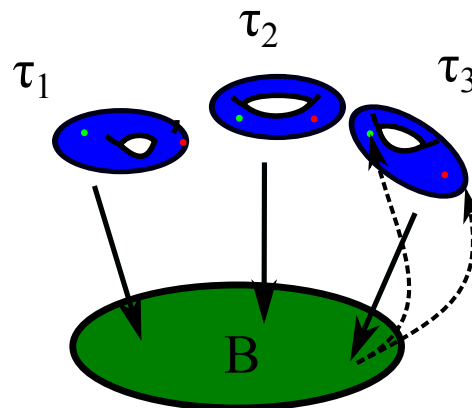
$U(1)$ s arise from additional  $(1, 1)$ -forms in fibration

$$C_3 = A \wedge \omega^{(1,1)}$$

$(1,1)$ -forms in elliptic fibration:

- Kodaira singular fiber ( $\Rightarrow$  GUT gauge bosons)
- **Rational sections of fibration** ("rational solutions to the elliptic curve equation" or "marked points")

$U(1)$ s  $\leftrightarrow$  rational sections



Math fun facts:

- Elliptic curves have **group laws**: can add points on curves  $p \boxplus q$
- The rational points on an elliptic curve form a free abelian group

$$\text{Mordell-Weil group} \cong \mathbb{Z}^n \oplus \Gamma$$

- Rational points:

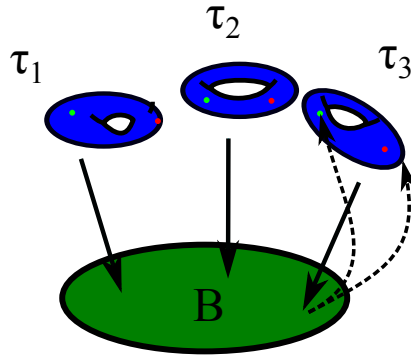
$$y^2 = x^3 + fxw^4 + gw^6 \quad \sigma_0 : w = 0, x = y = 1$$

$\Rightarrow$  Recall: Weierstrass generically has only one marked point "origin"

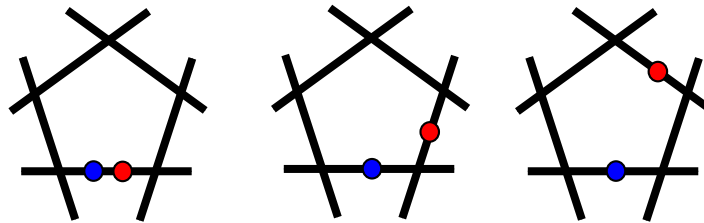
$$y(y + bx^2) = wP(x, y, w) \quad \begin{cases} \sigma_0 : w = 0, y = 0 \\ \sigma_1 : w = 0, y = -bx^2 \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow \sigma_0$  is the origin and  $\sigma_1$  generates Mordell-Weil= $\mathbb{Z}$

# Elliptic fibrations with rational sections



Codim 1:  $SU(5)$  singular fiber with  $\sigma_0$  and  $\sigma_1$  intersecting one of the  $\mathbb{P}^1$ s:



Codim 2:

- $\mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow C^+ + C^-$  with  $C^\pm$  weights of matter representation.
- **$U(1)$  charge:**  $\sigma_1$  intersected with  $C^\pm$
- Question: what can  $\sigma_0$  and  $\sigma_1$  do in codim 2?  
 $\Rightarrow$  **Universal characterization of  $U(1)$ s in F-theory**

# Strategy

[Lawrie, SSN, Wong]

Fibers in codim 2 (Box graphs)



Constraining all possible U(1) charges



General properties of sections



# Constraining rational sections in codim 2: CY3 and CY4

[Lawrie, SSN, Wong]

- Compatibility **codim 1 and codim 2**:  $\sigma \cdot F = 1$  etc.
- New effect: sections can contain  $\mathbb{P}^1$ s of fiber  $\Rightarrow$  "wrapping"
  1. Constraints on **normal bundle** of rational curves  $C$ : If  $C \subset \sigma \subset Y$ , and  $\sigma$  and  $Y$  smooth, with  $\sigma$  divisor:

$$0 \rightarrow N_{C/\sigma} \rightarrow N_{C/Y} \rightarrow N_{\sigma/Y}|_C \rightarrow 0$$

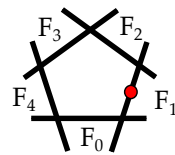
2. Connecting normal bundle to charge:

$$\sigma \cdot_Y C = -2 - \deg N_{C/\sigma}$$

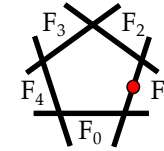
3. Know  $N_{C/Y}$  from codim 2 fibers/box graphs  
 $\Rightarrow$  determine all possible embeddings of  $N_{C/\sigma}$

Key assumption:  $\sigma$  is smooth.

# Codim 2 Fibers: $SU(5) \rightarrow SU(6)$



$F_2 = C_+ + C_-$



$F_1 = C_+ + C_-$

	$\sigma_1.C_+ = 0$ $\sigma_1.C_- = 0$		$\sigma_1.C_+ = 0$ $\sigma_1.C_- = 0$
	$\sigma_1.C_+ = -1$ $\sigma_1.C_- = +1$		$\sigma_1.C_+ = -1$ $\sigma_1.C_- = +1$
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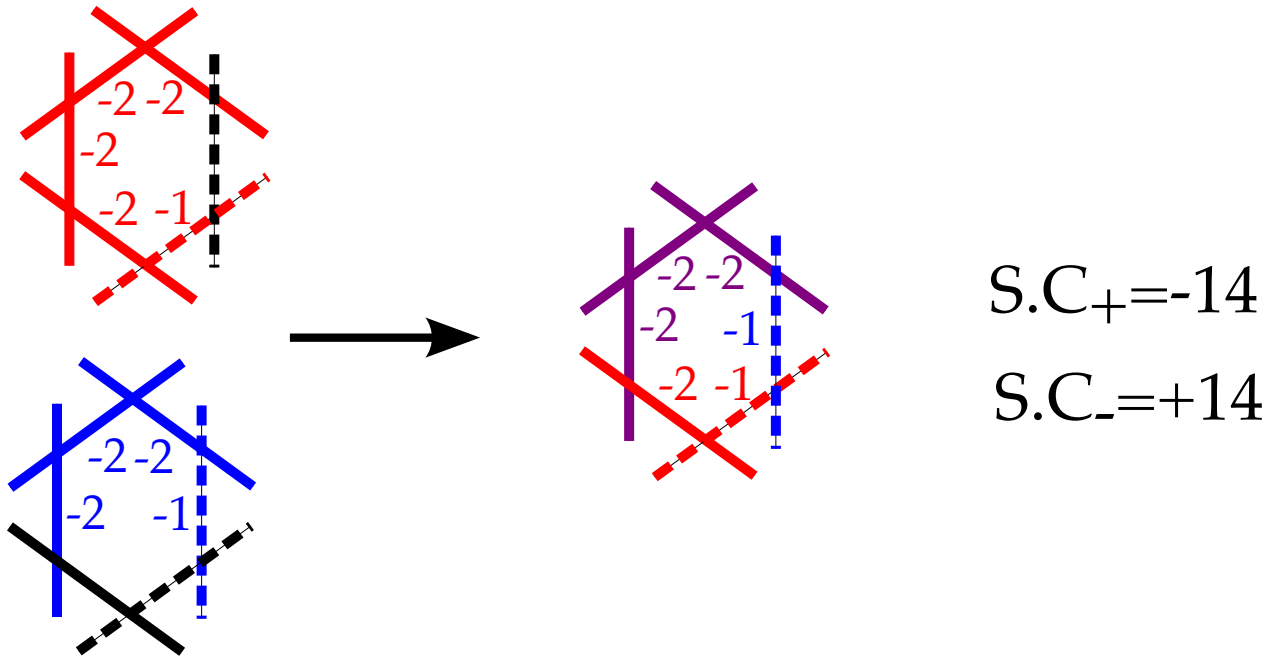
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# $U(1)$ charges

The  $U(1)$  charge obtained from intersecting with (Shioda)

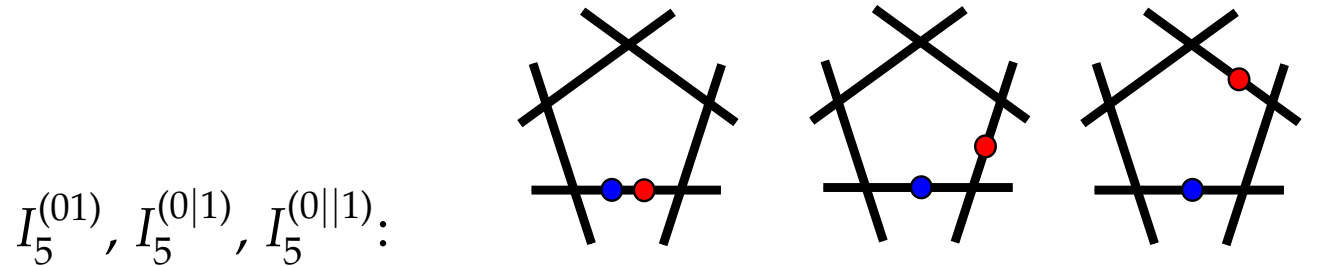
$$S = 5\sigma_1 - 5\sigma_0 + S_f,$$

$S_f$  ensures that roots of  $SU(5)$  remain uncharged under  $U(1)$ .



# Complete set of charges

CY three- AND four-fold charges with smooth rational sections are constrained to be as follows:



$$I_5^{(01)} : \{-15, -10, -5, 0, +5, +10, +15\}$$

$$\bar{5} U(1) \text{ charges: } I_5^{(0|1)} : \{-14, -9, -4, +1, +6, +11\}$$

$$I_5^{(0||1)} : \{-13, -8, -3, +2, +7, +12\} .$$

Similar analysis for  $I_1^*$  yields all possible charges for **10** matter.

$$I_5^{(01)} : \{\mp 15, \mp 10, \mp 5, 0, \pm 5, \pm 10, \pm 15\}$$

$$\mathbf{10} U(1) \text{ charges: } I_5^{(0|1)} : \{\mp 13, \mp 8, \mp 3, \pm 2, \pm 7, \pm 12\}$$

$$I_5^{(0||1)} : \{\mp 11, \mp 6, \mp 1, \pm 4, \pm 9\} .$$

## $U(1)$ charges of GUT-singlets

Similar analysis for  $U(1)$ -charged GUT singlets: key to break to discrete symmetries  $\Gamma \subset U(1)$ .

Realizes all the KK-charges  $\sigma_0 \cdot C$  for these singlets as well  $\Rightarrow$  all elements of Tate-Shafarevich, see also [Mayrhofer, Palti, Till, Weigand], [Cvetic, Donagi, Klever, Piragua, Poretschkin] for charge 2 and 3.

For singlets for CY3: exists criterion for contractibility of rational curves [Reid, Laufer]  $N_{C/\gamma}$  has degree  $(0, -2), (1, 1), (-3, 1)$  (For CY4, we determine all possibilities, but don't impose contractability)

[Lawrie, SSN, Wong]

$$U(1) \text{ charges of GUT singlets in } \begin{cases} I_5^{(01)} \in \{0, \pm 5, \pm 10, \pm 15, \pm 20, \pm 25, \pm 30\} \\ I_5^{(0|1)} \in \{0, \pm 5, \pm 10, \pm 15, \pm 20, \pm 25\} \\ I_5^{(0||1)} \in \{0, \pm 5, \pm 10, \pm 15, \pm 20, \pm 25\} . \end{cases}$$

# Discussion

We determined the most general  $U(1)^n$  charges for  $SU(5)$  models with  $\bar{5}$  and  $10$  matter.

1. **Physics:** [Krippendorf, SSN, Wong]

Combine with 1. **Phenomenological constraints on Symmetries,**

2. **Anomalies** and 3. **Realistic Flavor**

Spoiler alert: gives realistic flavor  $\Rightarrow$  Sven Krippendorf's talk

2. **Validity: Smooth versus singular sections**

Singular divisors also contribute to  $(1, 1)$  forms. Normal bundle exact sequence does not hold. What replaces it, and what are constraints?

3. **Global Patching:**

What are the global compatibility conditions between the fibers?

4. **Geometric Construction:**

Algebraic realization of the new fibers, with higher charges and section wrapping?

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