

F-theory on Quotient Threefolds and Their Discrete Superconformal Matter

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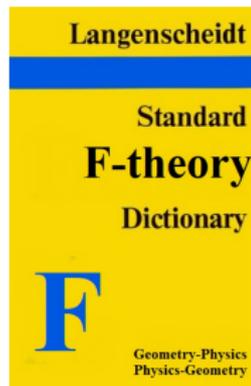
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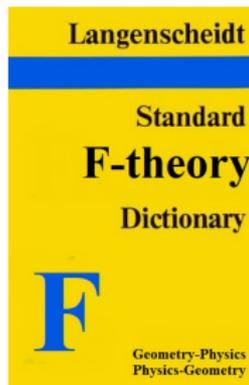


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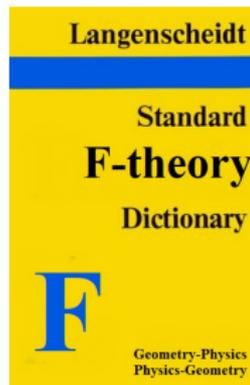
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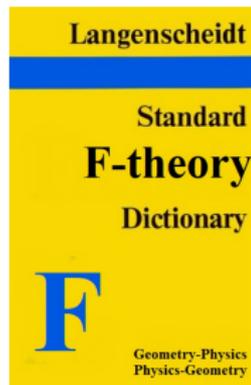
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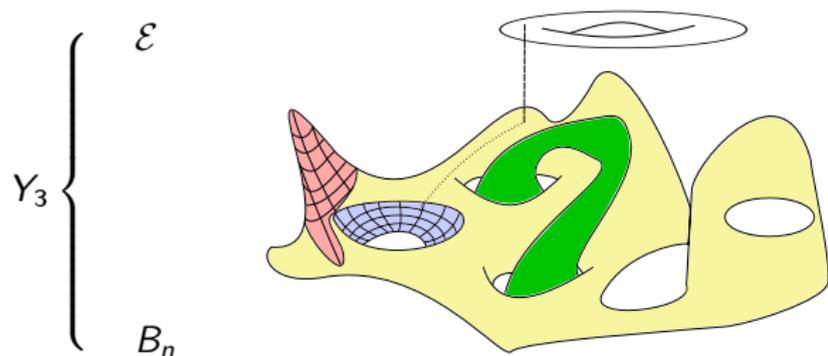
Limits of the Dictionary:

- Physics obtained indirectly via String Dualities
- No fundamental 12 D theory formulated
→ Where are the limits of the Dictionary?



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Introduction and Motivation

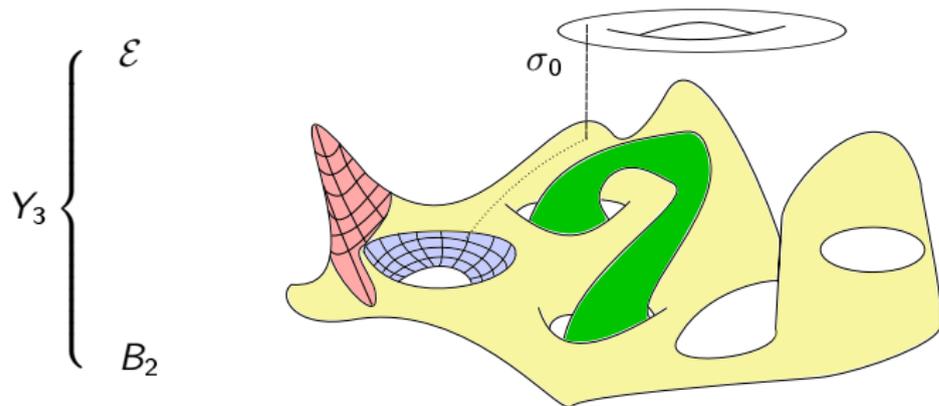


- Consider a torus \mathcal{E} fibered CY-3fold Y_3 fold over a two dimensional Base B_2

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{E} & \rightarrow & Y_3 \\ & & \downarrow \pi \\ & & B_2 \end{array}$$

- Treat τ of \mathcal{E} as the **axio-dilaton of IIB** (forget the $\text{Vol}(\mathcal{E})$)
- Power of F-theory: D7/O7 brane stacks
 - $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ monodromies of τ traced geometrically
 - D7/O7 backreaction taken care of in B_n

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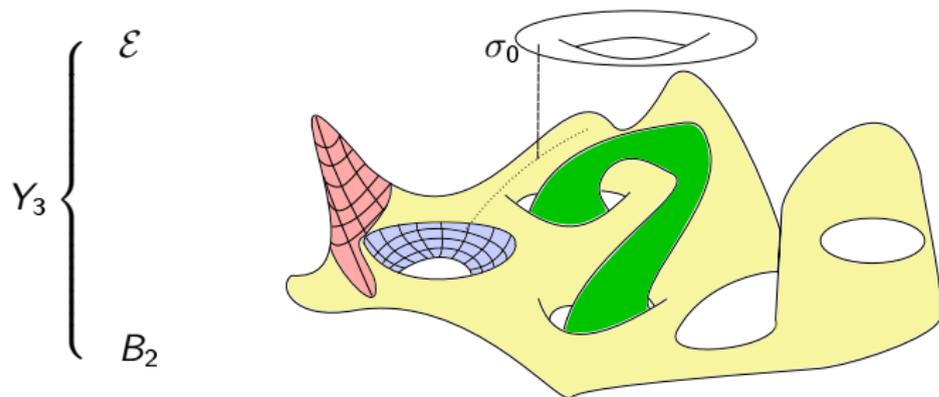


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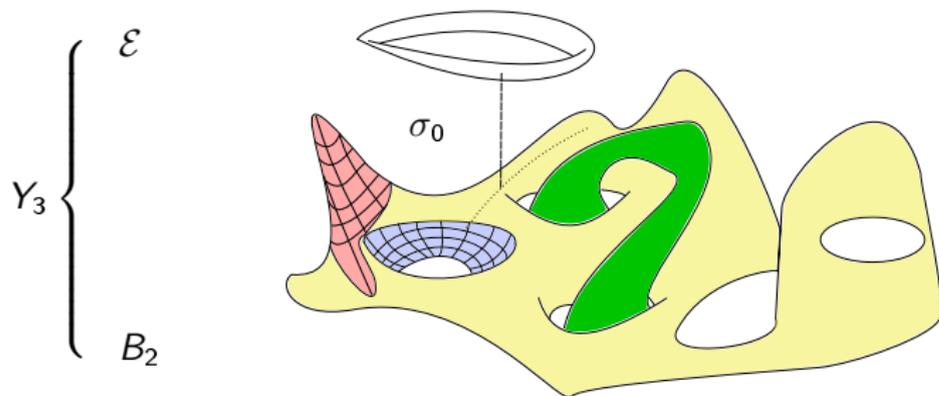


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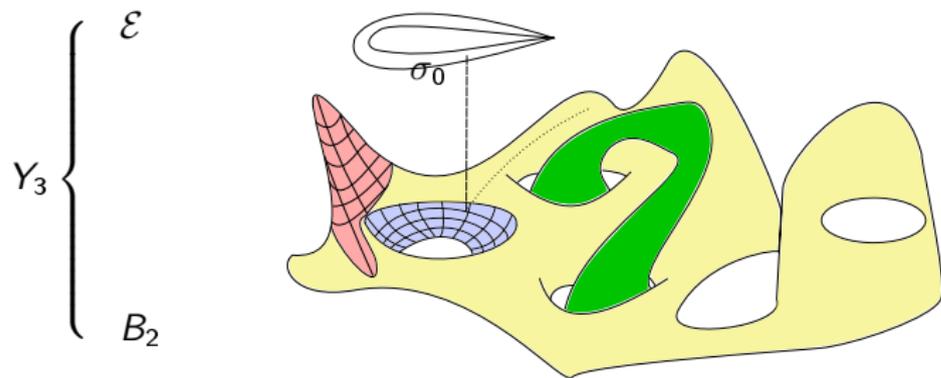


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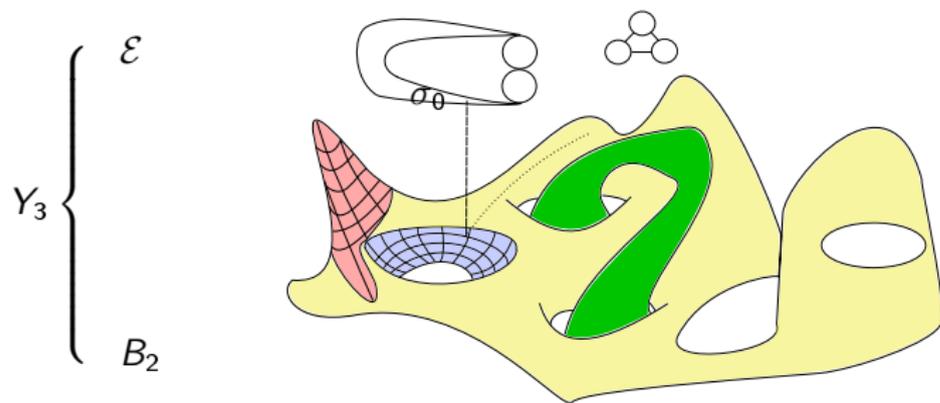
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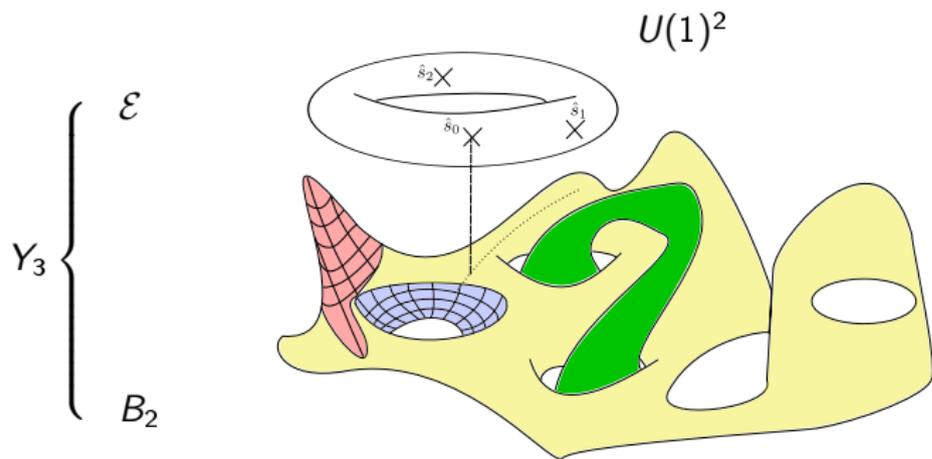


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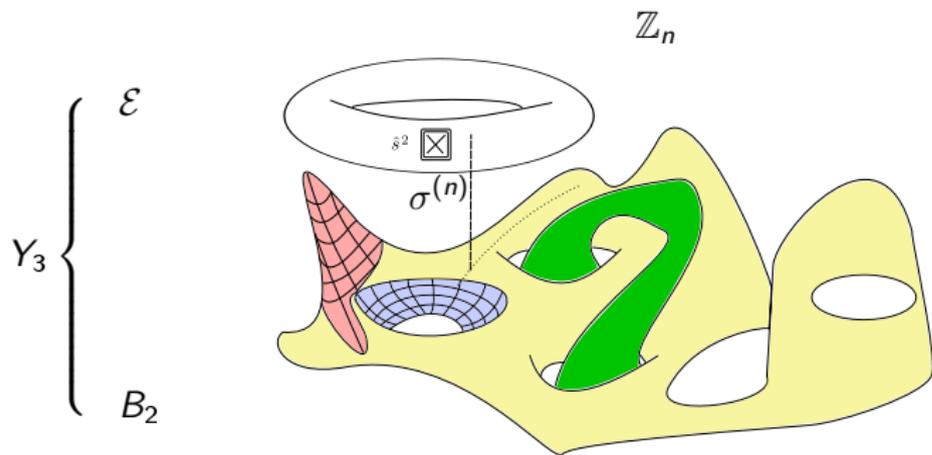


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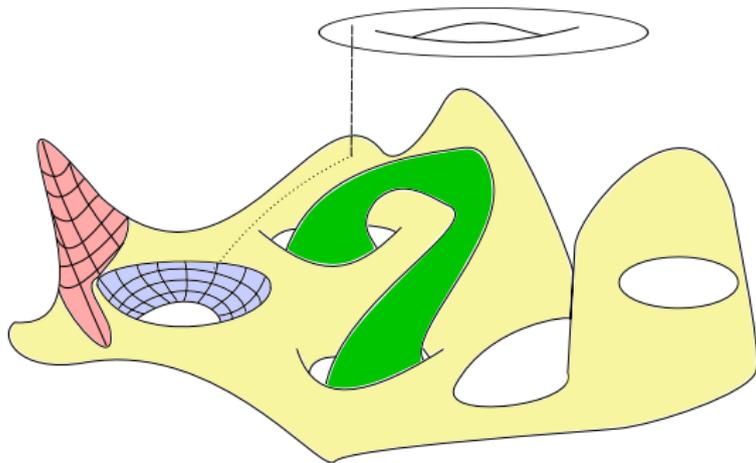
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6D F-theory models



For Y_3 smooth, the $\mathcal{N} = (1, 0)$, 6D SUGRA theory is fully geometrized:

- **Tensors $\mathbf{T}_{(1,0)}$:** Supported in the Base by $h^{1,1}(B) - 1$
- **Hypers $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}_{\text{uncharged}} + \mathbf{H}_{\text{charged}}$:**
 - $H_{\text{uncharged}} = h^{2,1}(Y_3) + 1$
 - $H_{\text{charged}} =$ **Codimension two** (points) in B_2 where \mathcal{E} becomes further **reducible**
- **Anomalies:** strong constraints on matter and representations!

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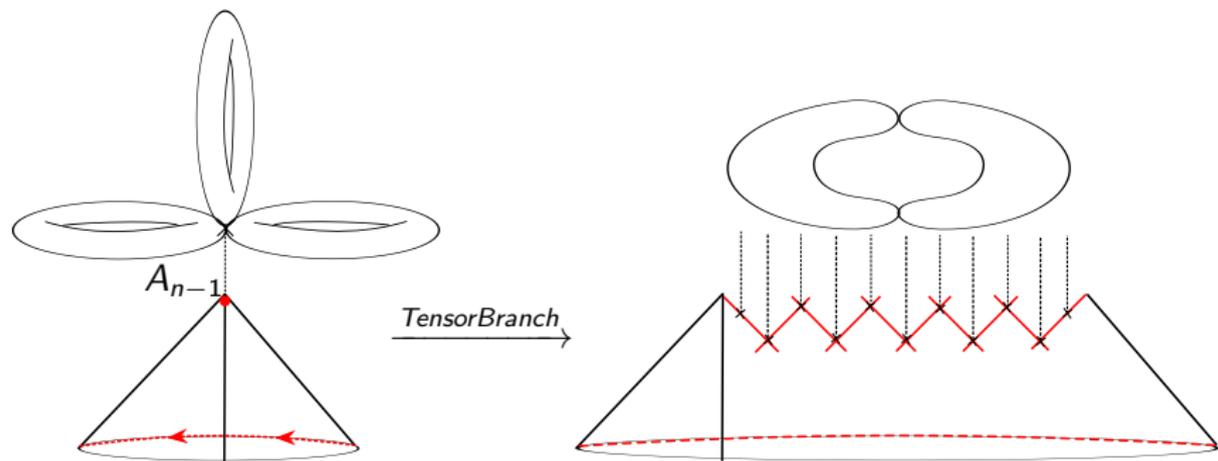
Geometry

- **Fixed points** in the Base
- with **multiple fibers**
- Sitting over a **Lens space**

Physics

- (2,0) Superconformal Matter
- **Coupled** to \mathbb{Z}_n Gauge Symmetry
- Visible at their Tensor Branch

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Discrete Charged (2,0) Matter

- The Base contains (2,0) A_{n-1} **superconformal matter**
- At the **tensor branch**, there appear n l_2 fibers at codim 2
- These give n purely **discrete charged hypermultiplets**

They form a new type of 6D discrete charged (2,0) superconformal matter

Outline

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- 2 Geometric Setup
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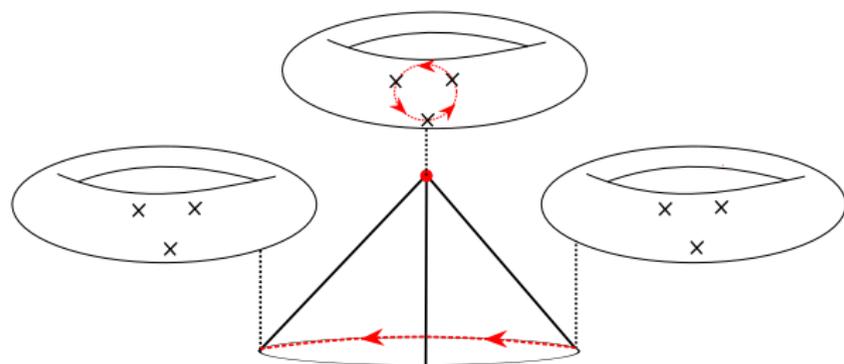
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- 5 Singularity in the base must be compensated by a fiber translation to keep \hat{Y} smooth

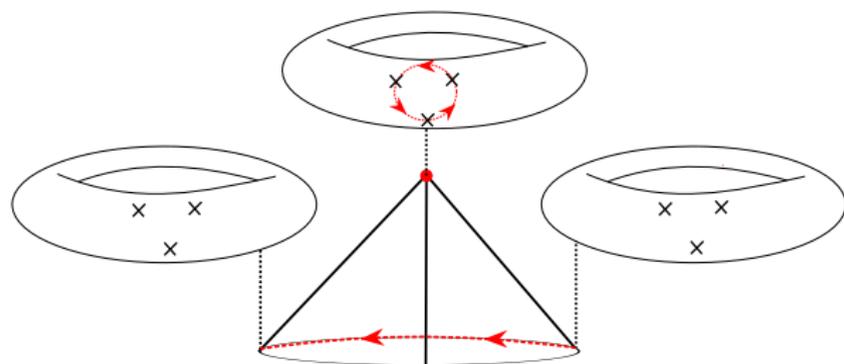
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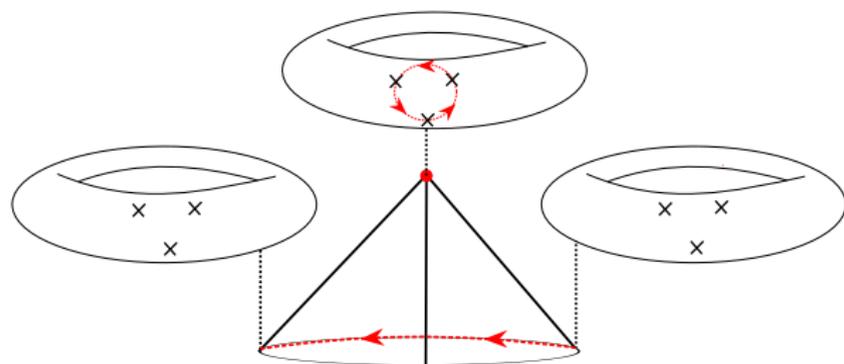


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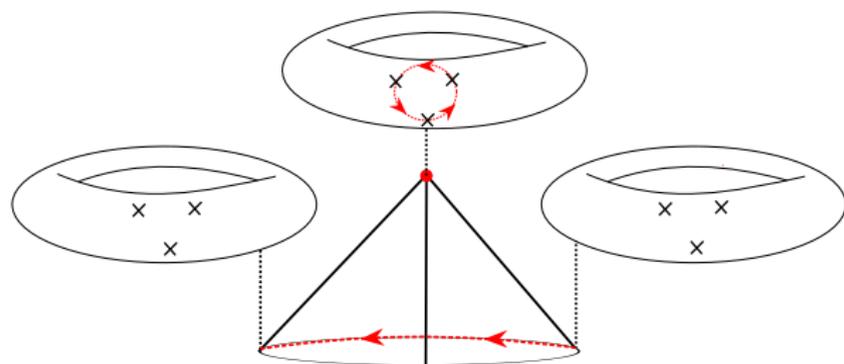
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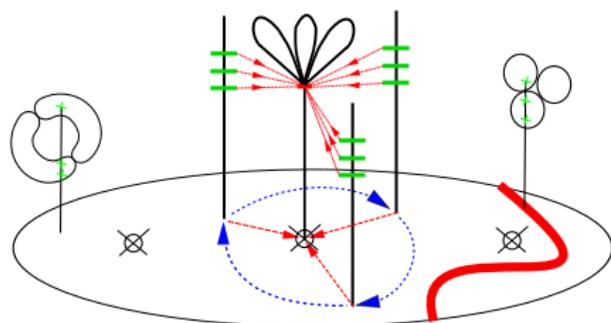
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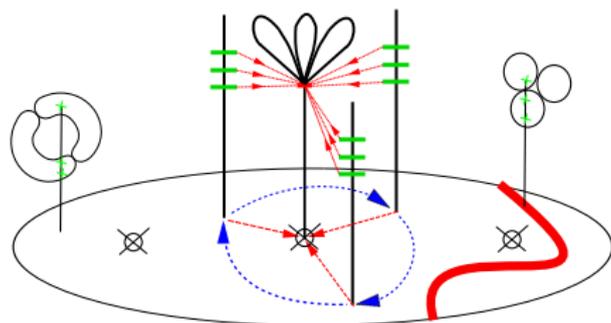
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Fibration away from the fixed points

- Genus-one** fibration **away from the fixed point**
- Allow for reducible fibers at codim 1 and 2
- Note: All ADE divisors miss the fixed points \rightarrow Cartier in $H_2(\widehat{B}, \mathbb{Z})$.

Example: The bi-cubic

Take ambient space $Z = (\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2)$ with 4D polytope spanned by

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- **Genus-one fibered** threefold with hypersurface

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- **Sections of the base** $s_j \in K_b^{-1} = 3H_b$
- they are generic cubic polynomials (too) $s_j = \sum_{i+j+k=3} a_{i,j,k} y_0^i y_1^j y_2^k$
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- Consider the Γ_3 invariant Calabi-Yau hypersurface P

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- The s_i transform Γ_3 **covariantly** $s_i^{(j)} \rightarrow \Gamma_3^j s_i^{(j)}$

Properties of Quotient Geometry

Generic structure of the **fiber** stays the same (still generic cubic)

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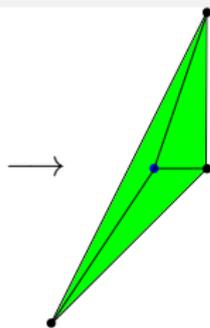
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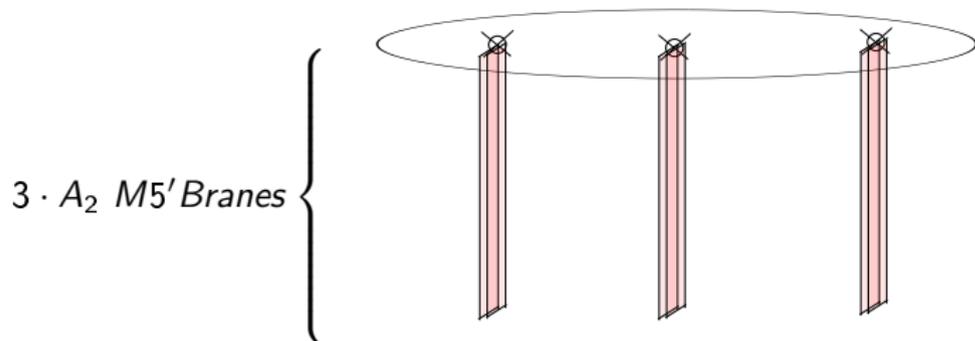
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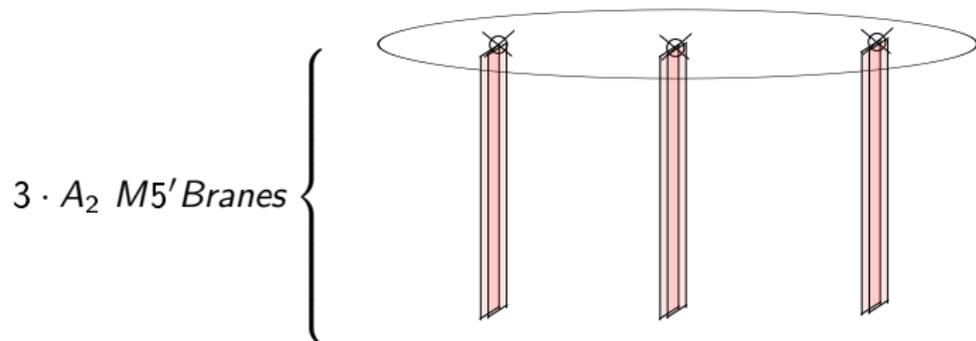
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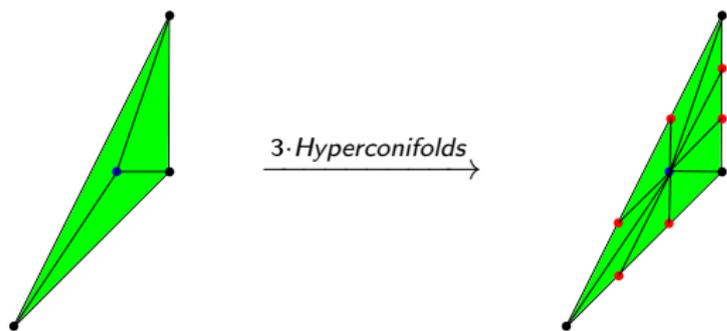
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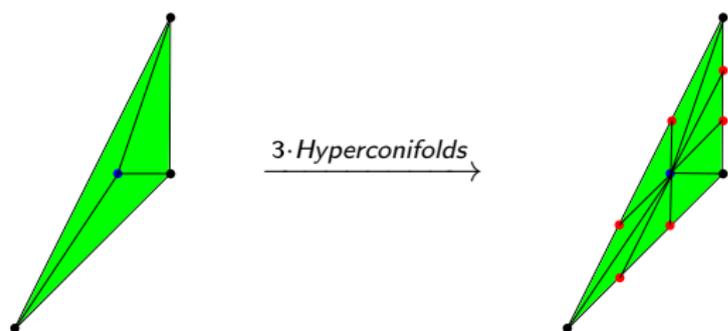
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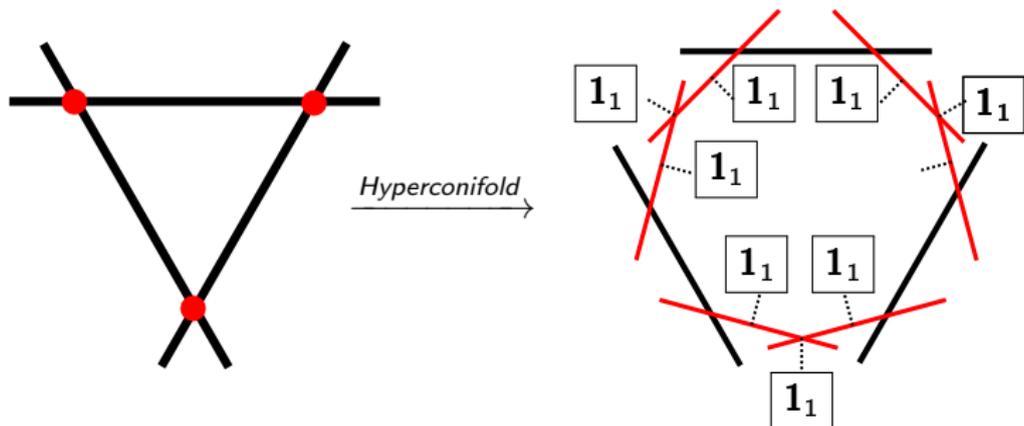
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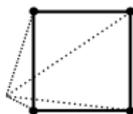
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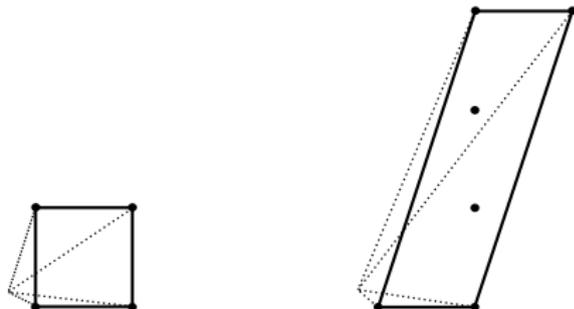
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