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- 🍎 Fate of non-perturbative dualities in the presence of flux.  
 Example of open-closed, strong-weak (& RR-NS) duality.
- 🍎 IIB  $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_2$  orientifold one of the simplest IIB flux compactifications  
 (e.g., Kachru et.al. [hep-th/0201028]).  
 May still lead to insight on flux vacua duality in general.
- 🍎 IIA CY duals  $X_{m,n}$  have  $\pi_1 = \mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_n$  w.  $n = 1, 2, 3, 4$ .  
 $\Rightarrow$  useful for Heterotic phenomenology.  
 Few CYs with nontrivial  $\pi_1$  are known (work in progress by Donagi, Saito.).
- 🍎 D3 instantons dualize to WS instantons wrapping  $\mathbb{P}^1$  sections.  
 $\Rightarrow$  Exact check of results on D-instantons w. background flux.  
 (work in progress with Schulz.)

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## More motivations

-  Studying the moduli space of CY duals in IIA  $\Rightarrow$  Can in principle deduce warped KK reduction of the flux compactification in IIB. (e.g., Douglas et.al. [0805.3700])
-  Connection to D(imensional)-duality? (via relative Jacobian of second construction for CYs). (Silverstein; Green et.al. )

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# Supergravity analysis

## Chasing the duality chain

- 🍏 Snapshot: 3 T-duals (IIB→IIA) and M-theory lift & drop
  - Starting point: Warped product  $M_4 \times_w T^6/\mathbb{Z}_2$  w. D3/O3.
    - Finer structure:  $T^6 = T^2_{(1)} \times T^4$ ,  $T^4$  is a  $T^2_{(2)}$  fiber over  $T^2_{(3)}$  base w. flat connections.
  - Step one: T-dualize along  $S^1 \subset T^2_{(1)}$  and  $T^2_{(2)}$ , result in:  $(M_4 \times T^3_{\text{fib}}) \times_w T^3_{\text{base}}/\mathbb{Z}_2$  w. D6/O6 (IIA).
    - Fate of NS flux:  $H_3 \rightarrow$  1st Chern class of dual fibration  $\widetilde{T^2_{(2)}} \subset T^3_{\text{fib}} \propto n$ .
    - Fate of RR flux:  $F_3 \rightarrow F_2 = dC_1$  captures the distribution of D6/O6 and curvature ( $\propto m$ ) over  $T^3_{\text{base}}$ .
    - Note: non-trivial dilaton profile, as is generic in T-dualizing.
  - Step two: Lift to M-theory, result in  $M_4 \times S^1_{(1)} \times \text{CY3}$  w.  $\text{CY3} = ((S^1_{10} \times_w \widetilde{T^2_{(2)}} \times_{w'} S^1_{(1)}) \times_{w'} T^2_{(3)}/\mathbb{Z}_2)$ 
    - Purely geometric:  $C_1$  identified as  $\mathcal{A}_{10}$ , D6/O6  $\rightarrow$  TN/GH. (color conservation 123.  $\xrightarrow{\text{step3}}$  IIA')

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## Properties of $X_{m,n}$

We can learn the following additional information:

- 🍏 Abelian surface ( $T^4$ ) fibration over  $\mathbb{P}^1$ ,  
 has  $8 + N$  singular fibers of nodal type,  
 $N =$  number of D3-branes in  $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_2$ .
- 🍏 Hodge # of  $X_{m,n}$ :  $h^{11} = h^{21} = N + 2$ ,  $N + 4mn = 16$ .  
 Follows from massless spectrum, including open string moduli  
 $F_3 \sim 2m$ ,  $H_3 \sim 2n$ ,  $N_{D3} + \int H \wedge F = \frac{1}{4}N_{O3}$  in IIB.
- 🍏 Generic  $D_N$  lattice of sections (mod torsion)  
 Follows from  $N$  D-branes + O-plane giving rise to  $SO(2N)$ .
- 🍏 Fundamental group and discrete isometries  
 $\pi_1 = \mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_n$ , isometry =  $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_m$ .  
 For flux  $m, n \neq 1$ , partial higgsing of  $U(1)$ s in IIB.
- 🍏 The case  $m = n = 0$  leads to special case  $X_{0,0} = K3 \times T^2$ .

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## Properties of $X_{m,n}$

- 🍏 Approximate metric, harmonic forms  
(small parameter = fiber/base  $\propto R^{11}$ ).
- 🍏 Polarization:  $J_{\text{fiber}} \propto m dy^1 \wedge dy^2 + n dy^3 \wedge dy^4$ .
- 🍏 Non-vanishing triple intersections:  

$$H^2 \cdot A = 2mn, \quad H \cdot \mathcal{E}_I \cdot \mathcal{E}_J = -m\delta_{IJ}$$
 Follows from explicit harmonic forms.
- 🍏  $H \cdot c_2 = 8 + N$ , and esp.  $\chi(A) = A \cdot c_2 = 0 \rightarrow$  Abelian surface fibration (Oguiso).  
 Follows from  $F_1 = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{h^{1,1}(X)} (D_\alpha \cdot c_2) t^\alpha \sim (N + 8) \tau_{\text{dil}}$  (Dasgupta et al.) and  $g_s^{\text{IIB}} \rightarrow J_A$  in IIA CY dual.

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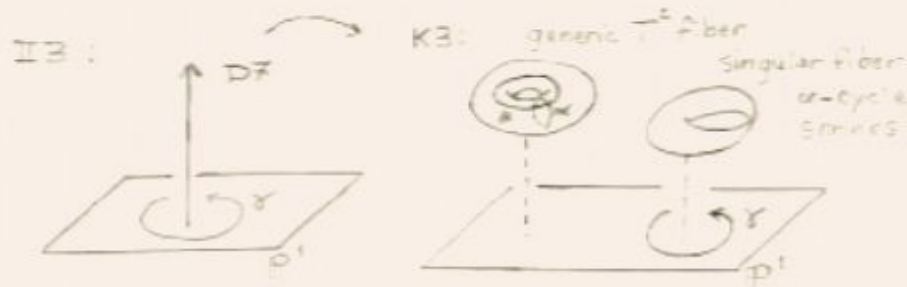
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# Warm-up: IIB on $T^2/\mathbb{Z}_2$

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Recall IIB encoding of elliptic fibration over  $\mathbb{P}^1$  (e.g., K3):



## IIB: 7-brane

- 🍎  $\oint_{\gamma} F_1 = 1$  unit RR charge  $\Rightarrow$  monodromy  $\tau_{\text{dil}} \rightarrow \tau_{\text{dil}} + 1$
- 🍎  $(p, q)$  7-brane = where  $(p, q)$ -string ends, e.g. D7 brane =  $(1, 0)$  7-brane.

## F-theory: singular elliptic fiber

- 🍎  $\tau = cpx$  mod. of  $T^2$  fiber,  $\tau \rightarrow \tau + 1$  about  $\gamma$
- 🍎  $a\alpha + b\beta$  cycle in  $T^2$ :  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow K \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $K = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  monodromy matrix.
- 🍎  $p\alpha + q\beta$  (instead of  $\alpha$ ) cycle shrinks:  $K_{[p,q]} = \begin{pmatrix} 1+pq & -p^2 \\ q^2 & 1-pq \end{pmatrix}$ .

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## Monodromy description

- 🍎 Let  $(p, q)$  charges  $A = (1, 0)$ ,  $B = (1, -1)$  and  $C = (1, 1)$ .
- 🍎 Perturbative description of  $T^2/\mathbb{Z}_2$  orientifold: 16 D7s + 4 O7s.  
 Overall (local) monodromy  $\Rightarrow K_{O7} = -K_A^{-4}$
- 🍎 Nonperturbative description: each O7 resolves to BC pair. (Sen)  
 Up to equivalences  $K_{O7}$  factorizes uniquely into  $(K_{[1,1]}K_{[1,-1]})$ .
- 🍎 So, F-theory on the manifold K3:  
 Base  $\mathbb{P}^1 \cong T^2/\mathbb{Z}_2$ , 24 singular fibers  $A^{16}(BC)^4$ , with monodromies
 
$$K_A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad K_B = \begin{pmatrix} & -1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad K_C = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$
- 🍎 These nonperturbative IIB data **define** the topology of K3.

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# Construction I: Monodromy of singular fibers



## IIB on $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_2$ : Abelian fibration

CY duals  $X_{m,n}$  are  $T^4$  fibration over  $\mathbb{P}^1$ . Why?

🍏 Another point of view:

🟢 No flux:

$$T^6/\mathbb{Z}_2 \text{ orientifold} \rightarrow \text{IIA on } K3 \times T^2 \\ (K3 = T^2 \text{ fibration over } \mathbb{P}^1)$$

(both dual to type I or het-SO on  $T^6$ ).

🟢 With  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  flux  $F_3 \sim 2m, H_3 \sim 2n$ :

$$T^6/\mathbb{Z}_2 \text{ orientifold} \rightarrow \text{IIA on CY } X_{m,n} \\ (X_{m,n} = T^4 \text{ fibration over } \mathbb{P}^1)$$

🍏 Roughly flux induces twists mixing  $T^2$  factor with  $T^2$  fiber of K3.

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# Monodromy for $T^4$ fibers

$N$  D3s + O3s of  $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow A^N B_1 C_1 B_2 C_2 B_3 C_3 B_4 C_4$   
singular  $T^4$  fibers of  $X_{m,n}$ .

$$K_A = \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & -1 & & \\ & 1 & & \\ \hline & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{array} \right) = (\text{old } K_A) \oplus (\text{identity}) \text{ on } T^2 \times T^2,$$

but  $B_i, C_i$  differ for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$  (Recall pairs of O6.). For example,

$$K_{B_1} = \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} & -1 & & -m \\ & 1 & 2 & m \\ \hline & & & \\ -n & -n & 1 & -m \\ & & & 1 \end{array} \right) = (\text{old } K_B) \oplus (\text{identity}) \text{ on } T^2 \times T^2 + m, n \text{ twists.}$$

The monodromies uniquely determine the topology of  $X_{m,n}$ .

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## Dual interpretation of RR tadpole

- On the base of  $X_{m,n}$ , a  $\mathbb{P}^1$ , the loop that encloses all singular fibers is contractible (to the point at  $\infty$ ).

$\Rightarrow$  Total monodromy must be unity:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= K_{\text{total}} \\ &= K_{C_4} K_{B_4} \cdots K_{C_1} K_{B_1} K_A^N \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 1 & -Q & 0 \\ & & 1 & 0 \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $Q = N - 16 + 4mn$ .

- Purely topological constraint reproduces  $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_2$  D3 charge condition  $Q = 0$ . "Topological Tadpole cancellation"

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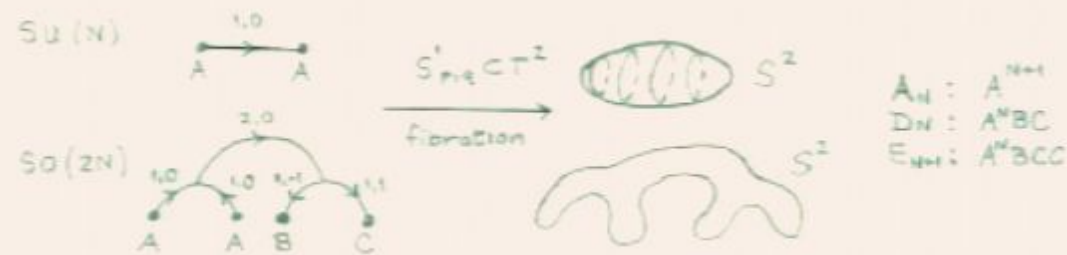


# Construction I: String-junctions

# String junctions & Mordell-Weil lattice

String junctions:  
(Sen; DeWolfe...)

- 🍎 are  $W$ -bosons of 7-brane gauge theory,
- 🍎 encode homology of F-theory elliptic fibration,
- 🍎 equivalence classes (charges) form a lattice.



$H_2(S)$  generated by:

- 🍎 generic fiber,  $H^0(\mathbb{P}^1, R^2 \pi_* \mathbb{Z})$
- 🍎 irred. components of singular fibers;
- 🍎 sections. — string junctions,  $H^1(\mathbb{P}^1, R^1 \pi_* \mathbb{Z})$

Mordell-Weil lattice of sections = junction lattice/null loops (Fukae et al.).

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# MW and junction lattice for $X_{m,n}$

- 🍏 In CY  $X_{m,n}$ : a  $(p, q, r, s)$  1-cycle in  $T^4$  fiber shrinks at each  $A, B_i, C_i$  on  $\mathbb{P}^1$ .
- 🍏 Obtain 2-cycles in  $X_{m,n}$  from  $S^1_{[p,q,r,s]}$  fibration over  $(p, q, r, s)$  junction graphs in base  $\mathbb{P}^1$ .
- 🍏 Again, MW lattice of (rational) sections = junction lattice/null loops.

$A^N \prod_{i=1}^4 B_i C_i \Rightarrow$  Again  $D_N$  from  $A^N B_i C_i$  ( $A+A = B_i+C_i$ ) but NOT  $E_{N+1}$  from  $A^N B_i C_i C_j$  ( $C_i \neq C_j$ ).

$D_N =$  free part of MW lattice.



- 🍏  $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_m =$  torsion part of MW lattice = isometry group.

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## Relations between CYs

- 🍏  $N + 4mn = 16$ . Complete set of 8  $X_{m,n}$  is  $\{X_{1,1}, X_{m,1}, X_{1,n}, X_{2,2}\}$ .
- 🍏 Relations:
  - 🍏 IIB S-duality  $H_3 \leftrightarrow F_3$  implies  $X_{m,n} \leftrightarrow X_{n,m}$  via fiberwise T-dualizing  $T^4$ ,  $X_{1,1}, X_{2,2}$  invariant.
  - 🍏 Topologically  $X_{m,1}/(\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_m) = X_{1,m}$   
Discrete isometry  $\rightarrow$  non-trivial  $\pi_1$
  - 🍏 Similarly  $X_{4,1}/(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2) = X_{2,2}$   
with diagonal  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \subset \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$ .
- 🍏 Is  $X_{1,1}$  a good **parent** for all  $X_{m,n}$ ? descending by quotienting:  
When singular fibers coalesce, additional isometries can develop, adds to MW torsion from “weakly integral” junctions, e.g., a  $(1,0)$  string ending on a collapsed  $A^2$  pair: “ $(1/2, 0)$  on each.”  
Quotient by new isometry, changes polarization, but only  $\pi_1 = \mathbb{Z}_n$ .
- 🍏 Positive side: leads to **new** CYs with non-trivial  $\pi_1$ .

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# Construction II: Relative Jacobian of a surface

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# Relative Jacobian of a surface

- 🍎 Restrict to  $m, n = 1, 1$  (principle polarization).
- 🍎 Idea: complex surface much easier than 3-fold.  
Economical description for simple enough singular fibers.
- 🍎 To every genus- $g$  curve, can associate a principally polarized Jacobian torus  $T^{2g}$  with the same  $H_1$  (same space of 1-cycles  $(p, q, r, s)$ ):



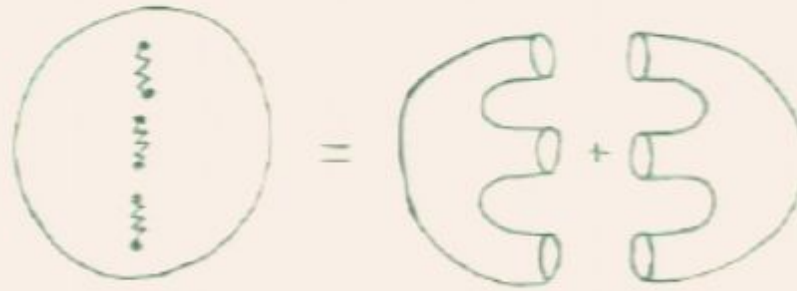
- 🍎 So, try to realize CY  $X_{1,1}$  as the fiberwise Jacobian, i.e. relative Jacobian of a surface  $S$ , where  $S$  is itself a genus-2 fibration over  $\mathbb{P}^1$ .
- 🍎  $S$  could probably be made more physical as a fiberwise D-duality

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## Finding the surface $S$

- 🍎 A genus-2 curve = double cover of  $\mathbb{P}^1$  with 6 branch points.



$$\Rightarrow S \equiv \text{genus-2 fibration over } \mathbb{P}_{(1)}^1 \\ = \text{branched double cover of } \mathbb{P}_{(1)}^1 \times \mathbb{P}_{(2)}^1.$$

- 🍎 Degree of branch curve  $B \subset S$  is  $(d, 6)$   
(6 branch pts in generic fiber of  $S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{(2)}^1$ , i.e., for genus-2).  
Can view as  $S$  as 2-fold section  $\sqrt{P}$  of  $\mathcal{O}(d/2, 3)$ , where  $B = \{P = 0\}$ .
- 🍎 For  $d = 2$ , find a **candidate** for  $X_{1,1}$  from  $\text{Jacobian}(S/\mathbb{P}^1)$   
The simplest solution! Is it what we are looking for?

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## Conclusions

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  1. Monodromy/string-junction description (similar description showed up recently in McGreevy, Vegh),
  2. Relative Jacobian of a genus-2 fibered surface  $S$  (for  $m, n = 1, 1$  case).
- 🍎 In each case, we have computed the Mordell-Weil lattice of sections, to obtain the desired  $D_N$  lattice.
  - 🍎 In Case 1, D3 tadpole condition  $\Leftrightarrow$  total monodromy = 1.
  - 🍎 All criteria for Wall's theorem ( $c_1, c_2, C_{IJK}$ ) satisfied in Case 2.
- 🍎 Stage set for studying related issues in this setting:  
 e.g., warped KK reduction, D-instantons ( $\theta$ -functions, bound states)...
- 🍎 Duality with other  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  string vacua, e.g. Heterotic-IIA.
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