

# The Toric $SO(10)$ F-theory Landscape Part II: Transitions and Superconformal Sectors

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# Motivation

We have **36 different types** of  $SO(10)$  F-theory fibrations with some **additional gauge symmetries** (non-Abelian, (discrete-)Abelian)

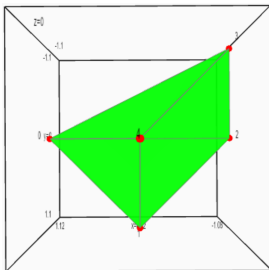
## What to do with that?

- Good starting point for a **pheno survey** (see Markus' talk)

## What else can we learn?

- Are there **relations** among the 36 different fibrations?
- What are **generic features**?
  - ~ 80% percent of the models have **superconformal points**
- Can we understand those models (spectra & anomalies) as well?

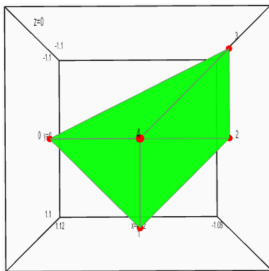
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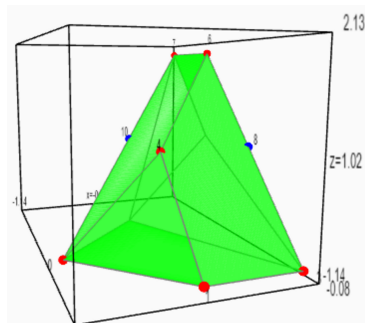


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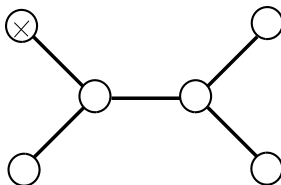
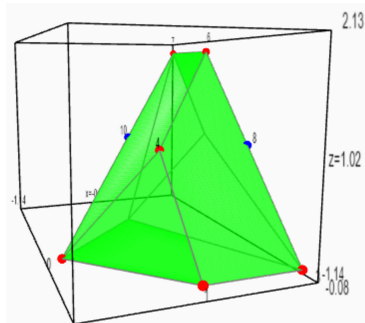
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  - A top is a **half**-polytope over the ambient of the generic fiber
  - The  $z > 0$  points: ADE resolution divisors  $D_{f_i}$  that restrict to base divisor  $\mathcal{Z}$

$$\mathcal{S}_{ADE}(B) : \mathcal{Z} = 0 \quad D_{f_i} = \pi^{-1}(\mathcal{Z})$$

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  - $z=0$ , the generic fiber:  $U(1)$  theory
  - $z=1$ , the outer roots of  $SO(10)$
  - $z=2$ , the roots with Dynkin label 2
- Resolution divisors intersect as the affine Dynkin Diagram of  $SO(10)$

$$D_{f_i} \cdot \mathbb{P}_j^1 = -\hat{G}_{SO(10)}^{i,j}$$

# Computation of the Spectrum

## The Weierstrass Form

Any elliptic curve **birationally equivalent** to the a (singular) **Weierstrass form**:

$$P = y^2 - x^3 + fx + g$$
$$\Delta = 4f^3 + 27g^2$$

**Vanishing** orders of  $f, g$  and  $\Delta$  hint at the matter types via Kodaira's classification [Kodaira'62]

$$f = Z^2 (B^2 C^2 + C Z R_1 + \mathcal{O}(Z^2)) ,$$
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## Kodaira classification

	$(f, g, \Delta)$	fiber type	rep	multiplicity
$\mathcal{Z} = 0$	$(2, 3, 7)$	$I_1^*$	$SO(10)$	—
$\mathcal{Z} = \mathcal{A} = 0$	$(2, 3, 8)$	$I_2^*$	<b>10</b>	$[\mathcal{A}] \mathcal{Z}$
$\mathcal{Z} = \mathcal{B} = 0$	$(3, 4, 8)$	$III$	<b>16</b>	$[\mathcal{B}] \mathcal{Z}$
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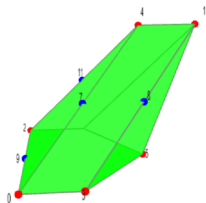
- **6d Multiplicities:** Intersections of two base divisor classes
- **matter charges:** Impose the loci for the **resolved** fibration

# A full spectrum

- **Full spectrum** fixed by intersections of 4 divisor classes  $\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{S}_7, \mathcal{S}_9, K_B^{-1}$
- **All Singlets**, (i.e. complex structure moduli) included
- **non-minimal**  $\text{Van}(f, g, \Delta) = (4, 6, 12)$  points: superconformal points (SPCs)

$\text{SO}(10) \times U(1)^2 \text{Rep.}$	multiplicity
$\mathbf{16}_{1/4,0}$	$(2K_B^{-1} - \mathcal{S}_7)\mathcal{Z}$
$\mathbf{10}_{1/2,0}$	$(2K_B^{-1} - \mathcal{S}_9 - \mathcal{Z})\mathcal{Z}$
$\mathbf{10}_{1/2,1}$	$(K_B^{-1} - \mathcal{S}_7 + \mathcal{S}_9)\mathcal{Z}$
SCP	$(\mathcal{S}_7 - \mathcal{Z})\mathcal{Z}$
$\mathbf{1}_{1,-1}$	$(K_B^{-1} + \mathcal{S}_7 - \mathcal{S}_9 - 2\mathcal{Z})(\mathcal{S}_7 - \mathcal{Z})$
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$\mathbf{1}_{0,0}$	$19 + 11(K_B^{-1})^2 + 2\mathcal{S}_7^2 + 2\mathcal{S}_9^2 + 2\mathcal{S}_9\mathcal{Z} + 7\mathcal{Z}^2$ $- \mathcal{S}_7(\mathcal{S}_9 + 2\mathcal{Z}) - 4K_B^{-1}(\mathcal{S}_7 + \mathcal{S}_9 + 3\mathcal{Z})$

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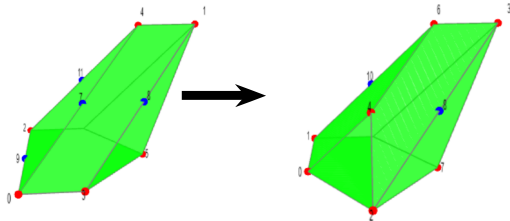


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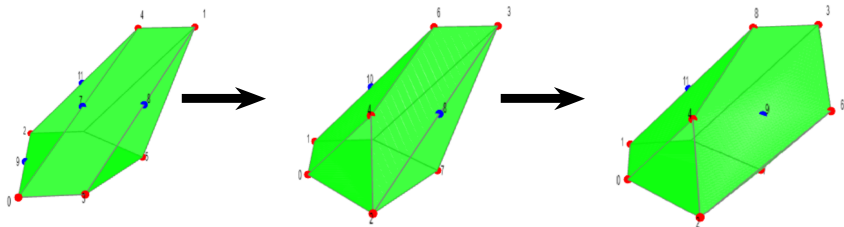
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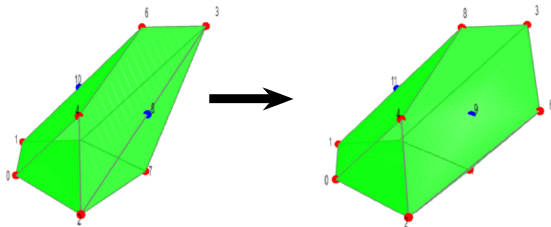
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**Superconformal transition:**  $SO(10) \times [U(1)^2] + \text{superconformal points}$   
 $\rightarrow$  Tensionless string states appearing [Bershadsky, Johanson '94]

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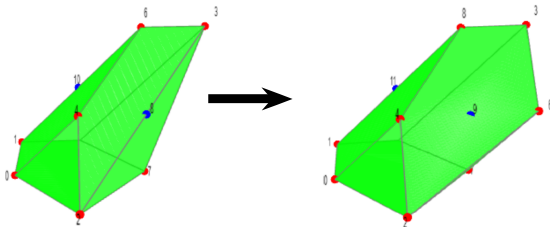


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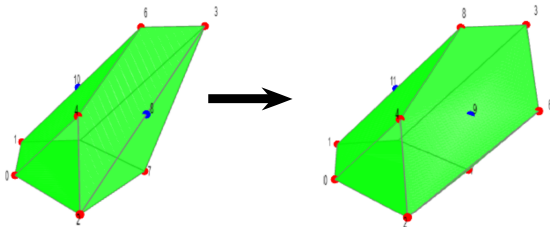


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- Due to the **missing hypers** we can not satisfy **anomalies** !
- Hint: Superconformal points are **tensor** multiplets, not located in the base

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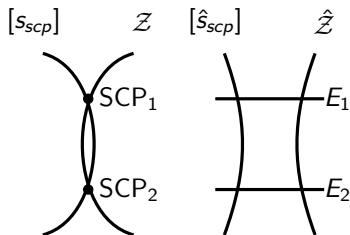
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- Therefore it contributes  $n_{scp}$  additional **non-toric** Kahler deformations that are **not located** in the base
- From a base-independent computation of the **Euler numbers** for a generic base, we have to modify the Kahler moduli as:

$$h^{1,1}(X) = rank(G) + 2 + h^{1,1}(B) + n_{scp}$$

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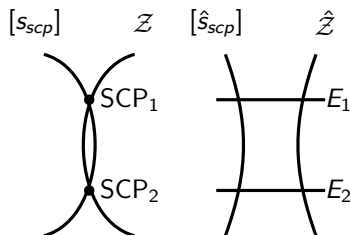
## Physical picture of superconformal points

The super conformal points have an interpretation as **tensionless string modes**

[Witten; Seiberg '96] :

- Obtain SUGRA by a **blow-up in the base** via exceptional divisors  $E_i$  in the base with Kahler moduli  $a_i$
- The **Kahler moduli**  $a_i$  are also the **vev** of the additional 6d **tensor** multiplet
- The **tensors couple to strings** with **tension**  $a_i$  and **coupling strength**  $g_s = 1/a_i$
- **SCP**: Blow-down  $a_i \rightarrow 0$ , **tensionless string**, **strongly coupled** to a tensor

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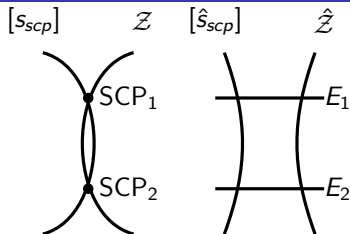


Blow-up the super conformal points **in the base** introduce: [Bershadsky, Johnson '97]

- **Exceptional divisors:**  $E_i$  with  $E_i E_j = -\delta_{i,j}$ ,  $i, j = 1..n_{scp}$
- **Blow-down map:**  $\beta_* : H_2(\hat{B}, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_2(B, \mathbb{Z})$
- **Shift base divisor classes**

$$K_{\hat{B}}^{-1} \rightarrow (K_b^{-1})^* - \sum_i E_i, \quad Z^* = \hat{Z} + \sum_i n_{scp,i} E_i$$

# Anomalies of SCP theories



We have **no superconformal points** anymore and obtain a **well defined 6d SUGRA** description, where all anomalies are satisfied

## Factorization of anomalies

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Grav}^4 \text{Anomaly : } \quad T &:= 9 - (K_B^{-1})^2 \rightarrow T^* + n_{scp} \\ H - V + 29(T^* + n_{scp}) - 273 &= 0 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

- Indeed, all other (gauge and mixed) anomalies **factorize now**
- This procedure can again be applied for a generic base

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