

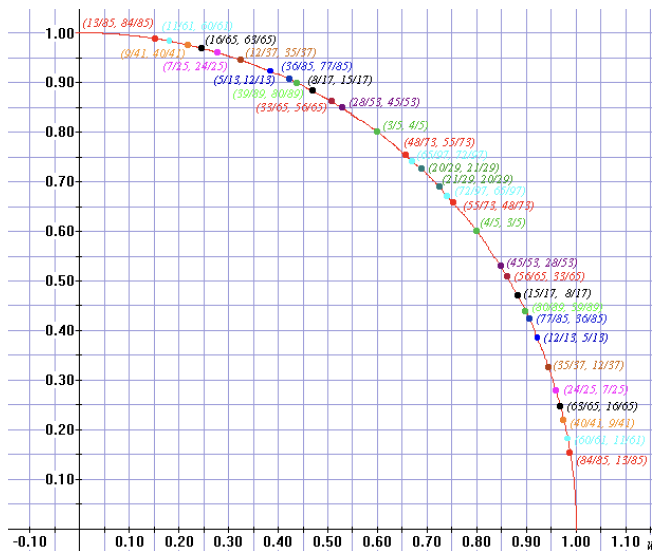
# **Totality & Inner Arithmetic of Rational Points on Moduli Stacks**

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# Rational Points on Projective Varieties over $\mathbb{Q}$



**Figure 1:** Rational points on  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  - Pythagorean Triples

# Why should we be happy?

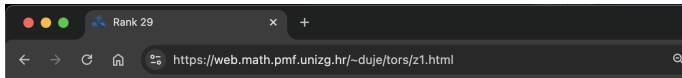
1. Geometry is enlightening and the quadratic formula is awesome as we have found / parametrized all rational points  $(x, y) = \left( \frac{t^2-1}{t^2+1}, \frac{2t}{t^2+1} \right) \in \mathbb{Q}^2$  on the unit circle over  $\mathbb{Q}$
2. Integral points  $[X : Y : Z] = [a^2 - b^2 : 2ab : a^2 + b^2] \in \mathbb{Z}^3$  on  $C := V(X^2 + Y^2 - Z^2)$  correspond to “Pythagorean Triples”
3. Height of a rational number  $a/b$  with  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$  is  $ht(a/b) = \max(|a|, |b|)$ . Therefore,  $ht(4/10) = 5$  and  $ht(1000000001/1000000000) = 1000000001 \neq 1$ . Bigger height allows more possibilities for numerator or denominator thus more rational points that are *arithmetically complex*.
4. On **projective varieties**, the integral and the rational points coincide i.e.,  $X(\mathbb{Q}) = X(\mathbb{Z})$ . Bear in mind  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ .

# Why should we be unhappy?

1. If we don't have a rational point to begin the process then we cannot apply quadratic formula. For example,  $x^2 + y^2 = 3$ , it turns out  $X(\mathbb{Q}) = \emptyset$ . We need *arithmetic* (Fermat's Method of Infinite Descent) to prove this.
2. Take  $x^4 + y^4 = 1$  then we have "*Fermat's Last Theorem*" regarding  $x^n + y^n = 1$  with  $n = 4$ . By Wiles-Taylor, we **know** it has only 4 rational points  $X(\mathbb{Q}) = \{(\pm 1, 0), (0, \pm 1)\}$ . Recalling Mordell-Faltings, we **know** it had  $X(\mathbb{Q}) < \infty$
3. Take  $y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B$  this is 1 polynomial in 2 variables of degree 3 (the Weierstrass cubic for an elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ). **What are  $E(\mathbb{Q})$ ?** Shockingly, *we still cannot answer this.*
4. Actually, we know there is at least 1 rational point, the point at  $\infty = [0 : 1 : 0]$  for  $E : V(Y^2Z - X^3 - AXZ^2 - BZ^3)$

# Degree of Countable Infinity, the Rank

1. By Mordell-Weil, the set  $E(\mathbb{Q})$  of rational points on  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  has a finitely-generated abelian group structure  $E(\mathbb{Q}) = \mathbb{Z}^r \oplus T$  with algebraic rank  $r \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  and torsion subgroup  $T$
2. The rank  $r$  of  $E(\mathbb{Q})$  is **not** well understood.
  - 2.1 An algorithm that is guaranteed to correctly compute  $r$ ?
  - 2.2 Which values of  $r$  can occur? How often do they occur?
  - 2.3 Is there an upper limit? Can  $r$  be arbitrarily large?
3. When  $r$  is small, computational methods exist but when  $r$  is large, often the best we can do is a lower bound; we now know, there is an  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  with  $r \geq 29$  by Elkies-Klagsbrun (2024). Assuming GRH we can show that  $r = 29$ .



## Trivial torsion group, rank $\geq 29$

Elkies - Klagsbrun (2024)

$$y^2 + xy = x^3 - 27006183241630922218434652145297453784768054621836357954737385x \\ + 552580585513423767475736699591118191821521067032535079608372404779149413277716173425636721497$$

Independent points of infinite order:

$P_1 = [2891195474228537189458255536634, 1159930748096124706459835910727318679593425283]$   
 $P_2 = [3402542165322127811451484642234, 1661508223164691055862657623730465560755290883]$   
 $P_3 = [4298760026558467240422107564794, 4313142249890236204790986787384907722927474563]$   
 $P_4 = [3728756667779947009884455714554, 2530180219584734091116528693531660545660397443]$   
 $P_5 = [5991744132052078230511185130234, 10418901628842034362301273055728300669218858883]$   
 $P_6 = [3236493534632768520540227223034, 1324626796262167243658687198416201825373745283]$   
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 $P_9 = [-5143303362384229804906088118566, 762235651110798686412035235567430568022368483]$   
 $P_{10} = [443985655575065435281568435002, 6584468124388858623214803939643557365635620355]$   
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Previous record with [rank  \$\geq 28\$](#)

# Demography of Elliptic Curves $E/\mathbb{Q}$

We would like to think about

*the Question of Distribution and Proportion over all  $E/\mathbb{Q}$*

Naive height for  $E : y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B$  with no  $p^4|A$  and  $p^6|B$  (minimal Weierstrass model) is  $ht(E) := \max(4|A|^3, 27B^2)$ .

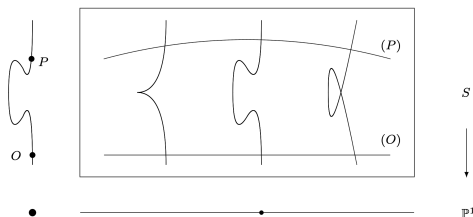
**Conjecture (Minimality + Parity; Goldfeld and Katz-Sarnak)**

Over any number field, 50% of all elliptic curves (when ordered by height) have Mordell-Weil rank  $r = 0$  and the other 50% have Mordell-Weil rank  $r = 1$ . Moreover, higher Mordell-Weil ranks  $r \geq 2$  constitute 0% of all elliptic curves, even though there may exist infinitely many such elliptic curves. Therefore, a suitably-defined average rank would be  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

What does this really mean? To talk about Average, we need the **“Total number of elliptic curves over  $\mathbb{Q}$  up to isomorphism”**.

# Elliptic surfaces $/k =$ Families of elliptic curves $/K$

The study of **fibrations of algebraic curves** lies at the heart of the Enriques-Kodaira classification of algebraic surfaces.



We call an algebraic surface  $S$  to be an **elliptic surface**, if it admits an elliptic fibration  $f : S \rightarrow C$  which is a flat proper morphism  $f$  from a nonsingular surface  $S$  to a nonsingular curve  $C$ , such that a generic fiber is a smooth curve of genus 1.

While this is the most general setup, it is natural to work with the case when the base curve is the smooth projective line  $\mathbb{P}^1$  and there exists a section  $O : \mathbb{P}^1 \hookrightarrow S$  coming from the identity points of the elliptic fibres and not passing through the singular points.



# Moduli stack of stable elliptic fibrations

Thus, a stable elliptic fibration  $g : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  is induced by a morphism  $\varphi_f : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{1,1}$  and vice versa.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{\nu} & Y = \varphi_f^*(\overline{\mathcal{E}}_{1,1}) & \longrightarrow & \overline{\mathcal{E}}_{1,1} \\
 \downarrow f & & \downarrow g & & \downarrow p \\
 \mathbb{P}^1 & \xlongequal{\quad} & \mathbb{P}^1 & \xrightarrow{\varphi_f} & \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{1,1}
 \end{array}$$

$X$  is the non-singular semistable elliptic surface;  $Y$  is the stable elliptic fibration;  $\nu : X \rightarrow Y$  is the minimal resolution.

The moduli stack  $\mathcal{L}_{12n}$  of stable elliptic fibrations over the  $\mathbb{P}^1$  with  $12n$  nodal singular fibers and a marked section **is** the Hom stack  $\mathrm{Hom}_n(\mathbb{P}^1, \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{1,1})$  where  $\varphi_f^* \mathcal{O}_{\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{1,1}}(1) \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(n)$ .

A morphism  $\varphi_f : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{1,1}$  consists of global sections (homogeneous polynomials in  $[u : v]$ )  $\varphi_f = (a_4(u, v), a_6(u, v))$  where  $\deg(a_4) = 4n$  and  $\deg(a_6) = 6n$  (!) and  $\mathrm{Res}(a_4, a_6) \neq 0$ .



# Arithmetic of Algebraic Stacks over Finite Fields

The weighted point count of  $\mathcal{X}$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  is defined as a sum:  
 $\#_q(\mathcal{X}) := \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}(\mathbb{F}_q)/\sim} \frac{1}{|\text{Aut}(x)|}$  where  $\mathcal{X}(\mathbb{F}_q)/\sim$  is the set of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -isomorphism classes of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -points of  $\mathcal{X}$ .

What we really need is the unweighted point count  $|\mathcal{X}(\mathbb{F}_q)/\sim|$ .  
But this is immune to the Grothendieck-Lefschetz trace formula.

We clarify the arithmetic role of the *inertia stack*  $\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{X})$  of an algebraic stack  $\mathcal{X}$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  which parameterizes pairs  $(x, \text{Aut}(x))$ .

## Theorem (Changho Han-JP)

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be an algebraic stack over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  of finite type with quasi-separated finite type diagonal. Then,

$$|\mathcal{X}(\mathbb{F}_q)/\sim| = \#_q(\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{X}))$$

Thus the weighted point count  $\#_q(\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{X}))$  of the inertia stack  $\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{X})$  is the unweighted point count  $|\mathcal{X}(\mathbb{F}_q)/\sim|$  of  $\mathcal{X}$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

## How many elliptic curves over $k = \mathbb{F}_q$ upto isom?

The inertia stack  $\mathcal{IM}_{1,1}$  parametrizes  $[E]$  and automorphism groups  $([E], \text{Aut}[E])$ . To keep track of the primitive roots of unity contained in  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , define function  $\delta(x) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \text{ divides } q-1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

$$\{\mathcal{M}_{1,1}\} = \mathbb{L}$$

For the inertia stack  $\mathcal{IM}_{1,1}$  for  $\text{char}(k) \neq 2, 3$  is equal to

$$\{\mathcal{IM}_{1,1}\} = 2\mathbb{L} + \delta(6) \cdot 4 + \delta(4) \cdot 2$$

which translates to the following for  $k = \mathbb{F}_q$  with  $\text{char}(\mathbb{F}_q) \neq 2, 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \{\mathcal{IM}_{1,1}\} &= 2\mathbb{L} + 6, & \text{if } q &\equiv 1 \pmod{12}, \\ &= 2\mathbb{L} + 2, & \text{if } q &\equiv 5 \pmod{12}, \\ &= 2\mathbb{L} + 4, & \text{if } q &\equiv 7 \pmod{12}, \\ &= 2\mathbb{L}, & \text{if } q &\equiv 11 \pmod{12}. \end{aligned}$$

# The Sharp Enumeration over Rational Function Field

Define *height of discriminant*  $\Delta$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q(t)$  as  $ht(\Delta) := q^{\deg \Delta}$

► Elliptic case:  $Deg(\Delta) = 12n \implies ht(\Delta) = q^{12n}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$

We consider the counting function  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B) :=$

$$\left| \left\{ \text{Minimal elliptic curves over } \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{F}_q}^1 \text{ with } 0 < ht(\Delta) \leq B \right\} \right|$$

**Theorem (Dori Bejleri–JP–Matthew Satriano; April 2024)**

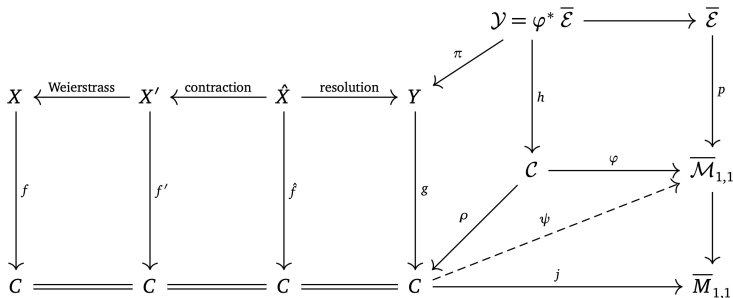
Let  $\text{char}(\mathbb{F}_q) > 3$  and  $\delta(x) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \text{ divides } q-1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N}(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B) &= 2 \left( \frac{q^9 - 1}{q^8 - q^7} \right) B^{5/6} - 2B^{1/6} \\ &\quad + \delta(6) \cdot 4 \left( \frac{q^5 - 1}{q^5 - q^4} \right) B^{1/2} + \delta(4) \cdot 2 \left( \frac{q^3 - 1}{q^3 - q^2} \right) B^{1/3} \\ &\quad + \delta(6) \cdot 4 + \delta(4) \cdot 2 \end{aligned}$$

## Origins of Each Terms in $\mathcal{N}(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B)$

- ▶  $2 \left( \frac{q^9-1}{q^8-q^7} \right) B^{5/6}$  comes from non-constant  $\mu_2$  twist families that are either non-isotrivial or isotrivial with  $j \neq \infty$
- ▶  $-2B^{1/6}$  comes from non-constant  $\mu_2$  twist families of generically singular isotrivial elliptic curves with  $j = \infty$
- ▶  $\delta(6) \cdot 4 \left( \frac{q^5-1}{q^5-q^4} \right) B^{1/2}$  comes from non-constant  $\mu_6$  twist families of isotrivial elliptic curves with  $j = 0$
- ▶  $\delta(4) \cdot 2 \left( \frac{q^3-1}{q^3-q^2} \right) B^{1/3}$  comes from non-constant  $\mu_4$  twist families of isotrivial elliptic curves with  $j = 1728$
- ▶  $\delta(6) \cdot 4$  comes from constant elliptic curves with  $j = 0$
- ▶  $\delta(4) \cdot 2$  comes from constant elliptic curves with  $j = 1728$

# Geometry of Tate's Algorithm via Twisted Maps



Here  $\psi$  is the associated weighted linear series viewed as a rational map to  $\bar{\mathcal{M}}_{1,1}$ ,  $\varphi$  is a twisted morphism from the universal tuning stack  $\mathcal{C}$  which induces a stable stack-like model  $h : \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  where  $g : Y \rightarrow C$  is the twisted model via coarse moduli maps,  $\hat{f}$  is a resolution of  $Y$ , and  $f'$  is the relatively-minimal model obtained by contracting relative  $(-1)$ -curves and  $f$  is a Weierstrass model.

# Vanishing $\gamma \Leftrightarrow$ Reduction type $\Theta \Leftrightarrow$ Twisting $\Gamma$

## Theorem (Dori Bejleri–JP–Matthew Satriano; April 2024)

If  $\text{char}(K) \neq 2, 3$ . Then the twisting condition  $(r, a)$  and the order of vanishing of  $j$  at  $j = \infty$  determine the Kodaira fiber type, and  $(r, a)$  is in turn determined by  $m = \min\{3\nu(a_4), 2\nu(a_6)\}$ .

$\gamma : (\nu(a_4), \nu(a_6))$	Reduction type with $j \in \overline{M}_{1,1}$	$\Gamma : (r, a)$
$(\geq 1, 1)$	II with $j = 0$	$(6, 1)$
$(1, \geq 2)$	III with $j = 1728$	$(4, 1)$
$(\geq 2, 2)$	IV with $j = 0$	$(3, 1)$
$(2, 3)$	$I_{k>0}^*$ with $j = \infty$ $I_0^*$ with $j \neq 0, 1728$	$(2, 1)$
$(\geq 3, 3)$	$I_0^*$ with $j = 0$	$(2, 1)$
$(2, \geq 4)$	$I_0^*$ with $j = 1728$	$(2, 1)$
$(\geq 3, 4)$	$IV^*$ with $j = 0$	$(3, 2)$
$(3, \geq 5)$	$III^*$ with $j = 1728$	$(4, 3)$
$(\geq 4, 5)$	$II^*$ with $j = 0$	$(6, 5)$



# Height Moduli Space on Cyclotomic Stacks

There is a height moduli stack  $\mathcal{M}_n(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L})$  parametrizing all rational points on general proper polarized cyclotomic stacks of stacky height  $n$  and that the spaces of twisted maps yield a stratification of  $\mathcal{M}_n(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L})$  corresponding to fixing the local contributions to the stacky height. The fact that  $\mathcal{M}_n(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L})$  is of finite type is a geometric incarnation of the Northcott property.

## Theorem (Dori Bejleri–JP–Matthew Satriano; April 2024)

*Let  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L})$  be a proper polarized cyclotomic stack over a perfect field  $k$ . Fix a smooth projective curve  $C/k$  with function field  $K = k(C)$  and  $n, d \in \mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}$ .*

- 1. There exists a separated Deligne–Mumford stack  $\mathcal{M}_{n,C}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L})$  of finite type over  $k$  with a quasi-projective coarse space and a canonical bijection of  $k$ -points*

$$\mathcal{M}_{n,C}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L})(k) = \{P \in \mathcal{X}(K) \mid \text{ht}_{\mathcal{L}}(P) = n\}.$$

1. There is a finite locally closed stratification

$$\bigsqcup_{\Gamma, d} \mathcal{H}_{d, C}^{\Gamma}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L}) / S_{\Gamma} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{n, C}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L})$$

where  $\mathcal{H}_{d, C}^{\Gamma}$  are moduli spaces of twisted maps and the union runs over all possible admissible local conditions

$$\Gamma = (\{r_1, a_1\}, \dots, \{r_s, a_s\})$$

and degrees  $d$  for a twisted map to  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L})$  satisfying

$$n = d + \sum_{i=1}^s \frac{a_i}{r_i}$$

and  $S_{\Gamma}$  is a subgroup of the symmetric group on  $s$  letters that permutes the stacky points of the twisted map.

2. Under the bijection in part (1), each  $k$ -point of  $\mathcal{H}_{d, C}^{\Gamma}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L}) / S_{\Gamma}$  corresponds to a  $K$ -point  $P$  with the stable height and local contributions given by

$$\mathrm{ht}_{\mathcal{L}}^{\mathrm{st}}(P) = d \quad \left\{ \delta_i = \frac{a_i}{r_i} \right\}_{i=1}^s.$$

## Specializing to the canonical case of $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{1,1} \cong \mathcal{P}(4, 6)$

1. The Hodge line bundle  $\mathcal{L}$  of  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{1,1}$  is  $\nu = \mathcal{O}(1)$  on  $\mathcal{P}(4, 6)$
2. An elliptic curve  $E/K$  is a rational point  $P \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{1,1}(K)$  which in turn corresponds to a weighted linear series on  $K = k(C)$  of height  $n$  consisting of Weierstrass coefficients  $a_4 \in H^0(C, \mathcal{O}(4n))$  and  $a_6 \in H^0(C, \mathcal{O}(6n))$
3. The orders of vanishing at a point can be encoded in a vector  $\gamma = (\nu_x(a_4), \nu_x(a_6))$  which corresponds to a certain twisting data  $\Gamma = (r, a)$  of universal tuning stack, a twisted curve  $\mathcal{C}$
4. The spaces  $\mathcal{W}_{n,C}^\gamma$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{d,C}^\Gamma$  can be identified with moduli of certain canonical models of elliptic surfaces with a specified fiber of additive bad reduction and the isomorphism between the two via Tate's algorithm can be understood in the context of the minimal model program.

## Theorem (JP; July 2025)

For  $q = 3^r$ , there are  $4/6$  twists at supersingular  $j = 0$

►  $r$  is odd :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{N}(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B) &= 2 \left( \frac{q^9 - 1}{q^8 - q^7} \right) B^{5/6} - 2B^{1/6} \\ &\quad + 2 \left( \frac{q^7 - 1}{q^7 - q^6} \right) B^{2/3} - 2 \left( \frac{q^3 - 1}{q^4 - q^3} \right) B^{1/3}\end{aligned}$$

►  $r$  is even :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{N}(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B) &= 2 \left( \frac{q^9 - 1}{q^8 - q^7} \right) B^{5/6} - 2B^{1/6} \\ &\quad + 4 \left( \frac{q^7 - 1}{q^7 - q^6} \right) B^{2/3} - 4 \left( \frac{q^3 - 1}{q^4 - q^3} \right) B^{1/3}\end{aligned}$$

## Theorem (JP; July 2025)

For  $q = 2^r$ , there are  $3/7$  twists at supersingular  $j = 0$

►  $r$  is odd :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{N}(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B) &= 2 \left( \frac{q^9 - 1}{q^8 - q^7} \right) B^{5/6} - 2B^{1/6} \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{q^8 - 1}{q^8 - q^7} \right) B^{3/4} - \left( \frac{q^5 - 1}{q^6 - q^5} \right) B^{1/2} \\ &\quad - 2q + 4\end{aligned}$$

►  $r$  is even :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{N}(\mathbb{F}_q(t), B) &= 2 \left( \frac{q^9 - 1}{q^8 - q^7} \right) B^{5/6} - 2B^{1/6} \\ &\quad + 5 \left( \frac{q^8 - 1}{q^8 - q^7} \right) B^{3/4} - 5 \left( \frac{q^5 - 1}{q^6 - q^5} \right) B^{1/2} \\ &\quad - 2q + 4\end{aligned}$$

# The End.

Thank you for listening!

## Projective Elliptic K3 Surface of height $n = 2$

$$y^2 = x^3 + a_4(u : v)x + a_6(u : v)$$

Weierstrass data for elliptic fibration on algebraic K3 surface,

$$\begin{cases} a_4(u : v) &= -3u^4v^4, \\ a_6(u : v) &= u^5v^5(u^2 + v^2). \end{cases}$$

Then we have  $\Delta = 4a_4^3 + 27a_6^2$  and  $j = 1728 \cdot 4a_4^3/\Delta$

$$\begin{cases} \Delta &= 27u^{10}v^{10}(u-v)^2(u+v)^2, \\ j &= 1728 \cdot -\frac{4u^2v^2}{(u-v)^2(u+v)^2}. \end{cases}$$

Wait, the degree of  $j$ -map is 4 and NOT 24. Where did 20 go?

After all, we should have  $j : \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \overline{M}_{1,1} \cong \mathbb{P}^1$  of degree 24?

Well, it can get whole lot worse.

# Grothendieck ring $K_0(\mathrm{Stck}_k)$ of $k$ -algebraic stacks

Ekedahl in 2009 introduced the Grothendieck ring  $K_0(\mathrm{Stck}_k)$  of algebraic stacks extending the classical Grothendieck ring  $K_0(\mathrm{Var}_k)$  of varieties first defined by Grothendieck in 1964.

## Definition

Fix a field  $k$ . Then the *Grothendieck ring  $K_0(\mathrm{Stck}_k)$  of algebraic stacks of finite type over  $k$  all of whose stabilizer group schemes are affine* is an abelian group generated by isomorphism classes of algebraic stacks  $\{\mathcal{X}\}$  modulo relations:

- ▶  $\{\mathcal{X}\} = \{\mathcal{Z}\} + \{\mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{Z}\}$  for  $\mathcal{Z} \subset \mathcal{X}$  a closed substack,
- ▶  $\{\mathcal{E}\} = \{\mathcal{X} \times \mathbb{A}^n\}$  for  $\mathcal{E}$  a vector bundle of rank  $n$  on  $\mathcal{X}$ .

Multiplication on  $K_0(\mathrm{Stck}_k)$  is induced by  $\{\mathcal{X}\}\{\mathcal{Y}\} := \{\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}\}$ . A distinguished element  $\mathbb{L} := \{\mathbb{A}^1\}$  is called the *Lefschetz motive*.

$$\{\mathbb{P}^1\} = \mathbb{L} + 1, \quad \{\mathbb{P}^N\} = \mathbb{L}^N + \dots + 1, \quad \{\mathbb{G}_m\} = \mathbb{L} - 1, \quad \{E\} = ?$$



# Universal for Additive & Multiplicative Invariants

For any ring  $R$  and any function  $\tilde{\nu} : \text{Stck}_k \rightarrow R$  satisfying relations

- 1)  $\tilde{\nu}(\mathcal{X}) = \tilde{\nu}(\mathcal{Y})$  whenever  $\mathcal{X} \cong \mathcal{Y}$ ,
- 2)  $\tilde{\nu}(\mathcal{X}) = \tilde{\nu}(\mathcal{U}) + \tilde{\nu}(\mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{U})$  for  $\mathcal{U} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{X}$  an open immersion,
- 2)  $\tilde{\nu}(\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}) = \tilde{\nu}(\mathcal{X}) \cdot \tilde{\nu}(\mathcal{Y})$ ,

there is a unique ring homomorphism  $\nu : K_0(\text{Stck}_k) \rightarrow R$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{Stck}_k & \\ \swarrow \scriptstyle \{ \} & & \searrow \scriptstyle \tilde{\nu} \\ K_0(\text{Stck}_k) & \xrightarrow{\quad \nu \quad} & R \end{array}$$

Such homomorphism  $\nu$  are called **motivic measures**.

$\therefore$  When  $k = \mathbb{F}_q$ , the point counting measure  $\{\mathcal{X}\} \mapsto \#_q(\mathcal{X})$  is a well-defined ring homomorphism  $\#_q : K_0(\text{Stck}_{\mathbb{F}_q}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  giving the weighted point count  $\#_q(\mathcal{X})$  of  $\mathcal{X}$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

$$|\mathbb{P}^N(\mathbb{F}_q)| = q^N + \dots + 1, \quad q + 1 - 2\sqrt{q} \leq |E(\mathbb{F}_q)| \leq q + 1 + 2\sqrt{q}$$

## Theorem (Dori Bejleri–JP–Matthew Satriano; April 2024)

$$\begin{aligned}\left\{\mathcal{W}_{n=1}^{\min}(\mathcal{P}(\vec{\lambda}))\right\} &= \{\mathbb{P}^N\}(\mathbb{L}^{|\vec{\lambda}|} - \mathbb{L}) + \mathbb{L}^{N+1}\{\mathbb{P}^{|\vec{\lambda}|-N-2}\} \\ \left\{\mathcal{W}_{n\geq 2}^{\min}(\mathcal{P}(\vec{\lambda}))\right\} &= \mathbb{L}^{(n-2)|\vec{\lambda}|+N+2}(\mathbb{L}^{|\vec{\lambda}|-1} - 1)\{\mathbb{P}^{|\vec{\lambda}|-1}\}\end{aligned}$$

Take  $|\vec{\lambda}| = 10$  and  $N = 1$  as  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{1,1} \cong \mathcal{P}(4, 6)$  over  $\mathbb{Z}[1/6]$ .

**1.** When  $n = 1$ ,  $X$  is a **Rational elliptic surface**.

$$\{\mathcal{W}_1^{\min}\} = \mathbb{L}^{11} + \mathbb{L}^{10} + \mathbb{L}^9 + \mathbb{L}^8 + \mathbb{L}^7 + \mathbb{L}^6 + \mathbb{L}^5 + \mathbb{L}^4 + \mathbb{L}^3 - \mathbb{L}$$

**2.** When  $n = 2$ ,  $X$  is algebraic  $K3$  surface with elliptic fibration (i.e., **Projective elliptic K3 surface with moduli dim. 18**).

$$\begin{aligned}\{\mathcal{W}_2^{\min}\} &= \mathbb{L}^{21} + \mathbb{L}^{20} + \mathbb{L}^{19} + \mathbb{L}^{18} + \mathbb{L}^{17} + \mathbb{L}^{16} + \mathbb{L}^{15} + \mathbb{L}^{14} + \mathbb{L}^{13} - \mathbb{L}^{11} - \mathbb{L}^{10} - \mathbb{L}^9 - \mathbb{L}^8 - \mathbb{L}^7 - \mathbb{L}^6 - \mathbb{L}^5 - \mathbb{L}^4 - \mathbb{L}^3 \\ &= \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{L}^2 - 1) \left( \mathbb{L}^{18} + \mathbb{L}^{17} + 2\mathbb{L}^{16} + 2\mathbb{L}^{15} + 3\mathbb{L}^{14} + 3\mathbb{L}^{13} + 4\mathbb{L}^{12} + 4\mathbb{L}^{11} + 5\mathbb{L}^{10} + 4\mathbb{L}^9 + 4\mathbb{L}^8 + 3\mathbb{L}^7 + 3\mathbb{L}^6 + 2\mathbb{L}^5 + 2\mathbb{L}^4 + \mathbb{L}^3 + \mathbb{L}^2 \right)\end{aligned}$$

# Accessing Cruder Level of Topology via Motives

A priori, point counts over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  shouldn't know any topology.

In  $\mathbb{A}_k^2$ , cusp singular fiber II and affine line  $\mathbb{A}^1$  have the same point counts (motives) i.e.  $\{\text{II} = V(y^2 = x^3)\} = \mathbb{L} = \{\mathbb{A}^1 = V(x)\}$  but they have very different *topology*.

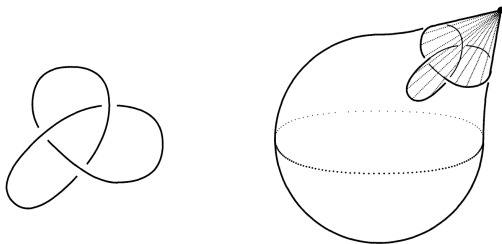
Same motive since we have a stratification of  $\text{II} = X_1 \cup X_2$  where  $X_1 = \text{II} - \{pt\}$  and  $X_2 = \{pt\}$  and  $\mathbb{A}^1 = Y_1 \cup Y_2$  where  $Y_1 = \mathbb{A}^1 - \{pt\}$  and  $Y_2 = \{pt\}$ .

Indeed,  $X_1 \cong Y_1$  (smooth complement) and  $X_2 \cong Y_2$  (a singular point is just like a smooth point as  $\text{Spec}(k)$ ) i.e. they are *cut-and-paste equivalent* and naturally  $\{\text{II}\} = \{\mathbb{A}^1\} = \mathbb{L}$

Same for nodal cubic  $\{\text{I}_1 = V(y^2 = x^3 + x^2)\} = \mathbb{L}$

Different topology since,  $\text{II}$  and  $\text{I}_1$  have arithmetic genus 1 (they are singular elliptic curves) whereas  $\mathbb{A}^1$  has arithmetic genus 0

Singular point on  $\text{II}$  is the tip of a cone over the trefoil knot whereas singular point on  $\text{I}_1$  is the tip of a cone over the Hopf link. (Every isolated singularity of a complex curve in a complex surface can be described topologically as the tip of a cone on a link)



8.7. Trefoil knot, and cusp fiber

**Miracle:** When a variety is smooth projective then its point count over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  knows topology via Frobenius weights and étale purity (the finite field analogue of RH) through the Grothendieck-Lefschetz trace formula under the Weil conjecture framework.

Thinking the other way around, this suggests that we can ignore finer topology if we are just interested in the arithmetic invariant.

## Corollary (Dori Bejleri–JP–Matthew Satriano; April 2024)

*The disjoint union of  $\psi_{n,e}$*

$$\psi_n : \bigsqcup_{e=0}^n \mathcal{W}_{n-e}^{\min} \times \mathbb{P}(V_e^1) \rightarrow \mathcal{P} \left( \bigoplus_{i=0}^N V_n^{\lambda_j} \right)$$

*is an isomorphism after stratifying the source and target.*

If we want to point count  $X$  one way to do it is to find a stratification of  $Y$  (where we know  $\{X\} = \{Y\}$  even though  $X \not\cong Y$ ) into disjoint union of locally-closed subvarieties where we can compute its motivic classes and add them up. That is, utilize *cut-and-paste property* by stratifying source  $X$  and target  $Y$ .

Grothendieck ring  $K_0(\mathrm{Stck}_k)$  of  $k$ -algebraic stacks allows us to this procedure motivically (free of particular choice of ground field  $k$  and also free of choice of additive invariant on  $\mathrm{Var}_k$  or  $\mathrm{Stck}_k$ )

# Motivic Height Zeta Function as Generating Series

## Definition

A  $\vec{\lambda}$ -weighted linear series  $(L, s_0, \dots, s_N)$  is *minimal* if for each indeterminacy point  $x \in C$ , there exists an  $j$  such that  $\nu_x(s_j) < \lambda_j$ .

## Definition

The motivic height zeta function of  $\mathcal{P}(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_N)$  is the formal power series

$$Z_{\vec{\lambda}}(t) := \sum_{n \geq 0} \{ \mathcal{W}_n^{\min} \} t^n \in K_0(\mathrm{Stck})[[t]]$$

where  $\mathcal{W}_n^{\min}$  is the space of minimal weighted linear series on  $\mathbb{P}^1$  of height  $n$ . We also define the variant

$$\mathcal{I}Z_{\vec{\lambda}}(t) := \sum_{n \geq 0} \{ \mathcal{IW}_n^{\min} \} t^n \in K_0(\mathrm{Stck}_k)[[t]]$$

# Stratification on Ambient Projective Stacks

Minimality defect  $e$  measures the degree of failure of a weighted linear series to be minimal (not a rational point of height  $n$ ).

## Definition

Let  $\mu$  be the normalized base profile. We can divide each part  $\mu_i$  by  $\kappa$  to obtain  $\mu_i = \kappa q_i + r_i$ . We define  $q(\mu)$  and  $r(\mu)$  to be the partitions with parts  $q_i$  and  $r_i$  respectively.

The minimality defect of  $\mu$  is the size of the quotient  $e = |q(\mu)|$ .

## Corollary (Dori Bejleri–JP–Matthew Satriano; April 2024)

*The disjoint union of  $\psi_{n,e}$*

$$\psi_n : \bigsqcup_{e=0}^n \mathcal{W}_{n-e}^{\min} \times \mathbb{P}(V_e^1) \rightarrow \mathcal{P} \left( \bigoplus_{i=0}^N V_n^{\lambda_j} \right)$$

*is an isomorphism after stratifying the source and target.*

1. We denote the usual motivic zeta function of  $\mathbb{P}^1$  by

$$Z(t) = \sum \{\mathrm{Sym}^e \mathbb{P}^1\} t^e = \frac{1}{(1 - \mathbb{L}t)(1 - t)}$$

2. **We stratify by minimality defect**  $e$  to obtain an equality

$$\left\{ \mathcal{P} \left( \bigoplus_{i=0}^N V_n^{\lambda_i} \right) \right\} = \sum_{e=0}^n \{\mathcal{W}_{n-e}^{\min}\} \{\mathrm{Sym}^e \mathbb{P}^1\}$$

which implies

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \left\{ \mathcal{P} \left( \bigoplus_{i=0}^N V_n^{\lambda_i} \right) \right\} t^n = Z_{\vec{\lambda}}(t) \cdot Z(t) \quad (1)$$

3. *Homogeneous polynomials* live in compact ambient stack!

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \left\{ \mathcal{P} \left( \bigoplus_{i=0}^N V_n^{\lambda_i} \right) \right\} t^n = \frac{\{\mathbb{P}^N\} + \mathbb{L}^{N+1} \{\mathbb{P}^{|\vec{\lambda}| - N - 2}\} t}{(1 - t)(1 - \mathbb{L}^{|\vec{\lambda}|} t)}$$



# Rationality of Motivic Height Zeta Function

Fix weights  $\vec{\lambda} = (\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_N)$  and let  $|\vec{\lambda}| := \sum_{i=0}^N \lambda_i$ . Suppose for simplicity that  $k$  contains all  $\text{lcm} = \text{lcm}(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_N)$  roots of unity.

**Theorem (Dori Bejleri–JP–Matthew Satriano; April 2024)**

For  $k, \vec{\lambda}$  as above and  $C = \mathbb{P}_k^1$ , consider  $\mathcal{W}_n^{\min}$  and its inertia stack  $\mathcal{IW}_n^{\min}$ . We have the following formulas over  $K_0(\text{Stck}_k)$ .

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \{\mathcal{W}_n^{\min}\} t^n = \frac{1 - \mathbb{L}t}{1 - \mathbb{L}^{|\vec{\lambda}|}t} \left( \{\mathbb{P}^N\} + \mathbb{L}^{N+1} \{\mathbb{P}^{|\vec{\lambda}| - N - 2}\} t \right)$$

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \{\mathcal{IW}_n^{\min}\} t^n = \sum_{g \in \mu_{\text{lcm}}(k)} \frac{1 - \mathbb{L}t}{1 - \mathbb{L}^{|\vec{\lambda}_g|}t} \left( \{\mathbb{P}^{N_g}\} + \mathbb{L}^{N_g+1} \{\mathbb{P}^{|\vec{\lambda}_g| - N_g - 2}\} t \right)$$

where  $g$  runs over the  $\text{lcm}$  roots of unity and  $\vec{\lambda}_g$  is a subset of  $\vec{\lambda}$  of size  $N_g + 1$  depending explicitly on the order of  $g$ .

# Motivic Analytic Number Theory Praxis

Moduli of minimal stable  $E/\mathbb{F}_q(t)$  is  $\mathcal{L}_{12n} = \mathrm{Hom}_n(\mathbb{P}^1, \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{1,1})$

## Theorem (Changho Han–JP)

Grothendieck class in  $K_0(\mathrm{Stck}_k)$  with  $\mathrm{char}(k) \neq 2, 3$ ,

$$\{\mathcal{L}_{12n}\} = \mathbb{L}^{10n+1} - \mathbb{L}^{10n-1}$$

Weighted point count over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  with  $\mathrm{char}(\mathbb{F}_q) \neq 2, 3$ ,

$$\#_q(\mathcal{L}_{12n}) = q^{10n+1} - q^{10n-1}$$

Exact number of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -isomorphism classes with  $\mathrm{char}(\mathbb{F}_q) \neq 2, 3$ ,

$$|\mathcal{L}_{12n}(\mathbb{F}_q)/\sim| = \#_q(\mathcal{IL}_{12n}) = 2 \cdot (q^{10n+1} - q^{10n-1})$$

$$\mathcal{Z}_{\mathbb{F}_q(t)}(\mathcal{B}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\left\lfloor \frac{\log_q \mathcal{B}}{12} \right\rfloor} |\mathcal{L}_{1,12n}(\mathbb{F}_q)/\sim| = 2 \cdot \frac{(q^{11} - q^9)}{(q^{10} - 1)} \cdot \left( \mathcal{B}^{\frac{5}{6}} - 1 \right)$$

# Motivic Stability and Arithmetic Distributions

It is natural to ask how many elliptic fibrations realize specific configurations of singular fibers out of all possible elliptic fibrations. The “size” of the corresponding moduli spaces can be quantified through point counts over finite fields and their ratios.

## Theorem (Dori Bejleri–JP–Matthew Satriano; April 2024)

Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 2}$  and  $\text{char}(k) \neq 2, 3$ . Consider following moduli stacks

- ▶  $\mathcal{W}_n^{\min}$  of minimal elliptic fibrations over  $\mathbb{P}_k^1$  of height  $n$
- ▶  $\mathcal{W}_n^{\Theta}$  of minimal elliptic fibrations over  $\mathbb{P}_k^1$  of height  $n$  having exactly one specified singular fiber of Kodaira type  $\Theta$  at a (varying) degree-one place and semistable everywhere else.

Their respective motives in Grothendieck ring  $K_0(\text{Stck}_k)$  satisfy

$$\frac{\{\mathcal{W}_n^{\Theta}\}}{\{\mathcal{W}_n^{\min}\}} = \frac{r(L)}{L^{16} + L^{15} + 2L^{14} + 2L^{13} + 3L^{12} + 3L^{11} + 4L^{10} + 4L^9 + 5L^8 + 4L^7 + 4L^6 + 3L^5 + 3L^4 + 2L^3 + 2L^2 + L + 1}$$

where  $r(\mathbb{L})$  is a polynomial of  $\mathbb{L} := \{\mathbb{A}_k^1\}$  depending only on  $\Theta$

Reduction type $\Theta$ with $j \in \overline{M}_{1,1}$	$r(\mathbb{L})$
$I_{k>0}$ with $j = \infty$	$\mathbb{L}^{16}$
II with $j = 0$	$\mathbb{L}^{15}$
III with $j = 1728$	$\mathbb{L}^{14}$
IV with $j = 0$	$\mathbb{L}^{13}$
$I_{k>0}^*$ with $j = \infty$ $I_0^*$ with $j \neq 0, 1728$	$\mathbb{L}^{12} - \mathbb{L}^{11}$
$I_0^*$ with $j = 0, 1728$	$\mathbb{L}^{11}$
$IV^*$ with $j = 0$	$\mathbb{L}^{10}$
$III^*$ with $j = 1728$	$\mathbb{L}^9$
$II^*$ with $j = 0$	$\mathbb{L}^8$

# Motives of Moduli Stacks of Elliptic Surfaces

## Theorem (Dori Bejleri–JP–Matthew Satriano)

Let  $\text{char}(k) \neq 2, 3$ . The motives (modulo  $\{\text{PGL}_2\}$ ) of moduli stacks  $\mathcal{W}_{\min,n}^\Theta$  of minimal Weierstrass fibrations with a single Kodaira fiber  $\Theta$  and at worst multiplicative reduction elsewhere is

Reduction type $\Theta$ with $j \in \overline{M}_{1,1}$	$ \gamma $	$\{\mathcal{W}_{\min,n}^\Theta\} \in K_0(\text{Stck}_K)$
$I_{k>0}$ with $j = \infty$	0	$\mathbb{L}^{10n-2}$
II with $j = 0$	2	$\mathbb{L}^{10n-3}$
III with $j = 1728$	3	$\mathbb{L}^{10n-4}$
IV with $j = 0$	4	$\mathbb{L}^{10n-5}$
$I_{k>0}^*$ with $j = \infty$ $I_0^*$ with $j \neq 0, 1728$	5	$\mathbb{L}^{10n-6} - \mathbb{L}^{10n-7}$
$I_0^*$ with $j = 0, 1728$	6	$\mathbb{L}^{10n-7}$
$IV^*$ with $j = 0$	7	$\mathbb{L}^{10n-8}$
$III^*$ with $j = 1728$	8	$\mathbb{L}^{10n-9}$
$II^*$ with $j = 0$	9	$\mathbb{L}^{10n-10}$

# Precise proportions of $E/K$ motivated by NT

## Theorem (Generic Torsion Freeness; Phillips)

*The set of torsion-free elliptic curves over global function fields has density 1. i.e., 'Most elliptic curves over  $K$  are torsion free'.*

## Theorem (Boundedness; Tate-Shafarevich & Ulmer)

*The ranks of non-constant elliptic curves over  $\mathbb{F}_q(t)$  are unbounded (in both the **isotrivial** and the **non-isotrivial** cases).*

# Ulmer's non-isotrivial elliptic curve of infinite rank

1. Start with  $y^2 + xy = x^3 - t^d$ , then *complete the square* via  $y = y' - \frac{x}{2}$  and then *complete the cubic* via  $x = x' - \frac{1}{12}$ . We need  $\text{char}(k) \neq 2, 3$  to get to the short Weierstrass form.
2. We get  $y^2 = x^3 - \frac{1}{48}x + \frac{1}{864} - t^d$ . Coefficients should be integral thus we take  $\lambda = 2 \cdot 3$  to multiply  $\lambda^4$  to  $-\frac{1}{48}$  and  $\lambda^6$  to  $+\frac{1}{864} - t^d$ .
3. We arrive at  $y^2 = x^3 - 27x + 54 - 2^6 \cdot 3^6 \cdot t^d$  thus  $[-\frac{1}{48} : \frac{1}{864} - t^d] = [-27 : 54 - 2^6 \cdot 3^6 \cdot t^d]$ .
4. Remember the isomorphism, for any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{G}_m$

$$[y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B] \cong [y^2 = x^3 + \lambda^4 \cdot Ax + \lambda^6 \cdot B]$$

via  $x \mapsto \lambda^{-2} \cdot x$  and  $y \mapsto \lambda^{-3} \cdot y$  by the *Weighted homogeneous coordinate* of  $\mathcal{P}(4, 6)$ .

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KK<t> := FunctionField(GF(4007));
E := EllipticCurve([-27, 54 - 2^6*3^6*t^11]);
E;
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rational function field over GF(4007)
t^11 + 1549
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  <(t), 11, 1, 11, II, true>, <(1/t), 2, 2, 1, II, true>, <(t + 1342), 1, 1, 1,
  II, false> ]
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1. The corresponding elliptic surface has a fiber of Kodaira type  $I_d$  at zero (at  $t = 0$ ), while the fiber at infinity (at  $1/t = 0$ ) is given by the congruence class  $\bar{d}$  of  $d$  modulo 6 :  $(\bar{d}, \Theta)$   
 $(\bar{0}, I_0)$   $(\bar{1}, II^*)$   $(\bar{2}, IV^*)$   $(\bar{3}, I_0^*)$   $(\bar{4}, IV)$   $(\bar{5}, II)$
2. Outside char 2, 3, there are  $d$  fibres of type  $I_1$  at the zeroes of  $432t^d - 1$  (some of which may be merged if  $\text{char}(k)|d$ ).

The aim of this paper is to produce elliptic curves over  $K = \mathbb{F}_p(t)$  which are nonisotrivial ( $j \notin \mathbb{F}_p$ ) and which have arbitrarily large rank.

**THEOREM 1.5.** *Let  $p$  be an arbitrary prime number,  $\mathbb{F}_p$  the field of  $p$  elements, and  $\mathbb{F}_p(t)$  the rational function field in one variable over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . Let  $E$  be the elliptic curve defined over  $K = \mathbb{F}_p(t)$  by the Weierstrass equation*

$$y^2 + xy = x^3 - t^d$$

*where  $d = p^n + 1$  and  $n$  is a positive integer. Then  $j(E) \notin \mathbb{F}_p$ , the conjecture of Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer holds for  $E$  over  $K$ , and the rank of  $E(K)$  is at least  $(p^n - 1)/2n$ .*

By the Shioda-Tate formula and assuming maximal Picard number of  $\rho = 10n$  for Faltings height  $n$  (while  $b_2 = 12n - 2$ ), we know that  $r = 10n - rk(T)$  where  $T$  is the trivial lattice. Ulmer's proof shows that as the height of Ulmer's curve goes up as  $n = 1 + \lfloor \frac{d-1}{6} \rfloor \rightarrow \infty$ , the algebraic/analytic rank  $r$  goes up to  $\infty$ .

# Sketch of Ulmer's proof

1. Construct an elliptic surface  $S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  with generic fiber  $E : y^2 + xy = x^3 - t^d$  for  $d = p^n + 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ .
2. Construct (and carefully study) a birational isomorphism between  $S$  and  $F_d/G$ , the quotient of a Fermat surface i.e.  $V(x^d + y^d + z^d + w^d) \subset \mathbb{P}^3$  ( $d = 4$  then it is K3 surface).
3. Using the fact that the Tate conjecture for surfaces is known for Fermat surfaces, one can deduce the Tate conjecture for  $S$ .
4. Use the fact that the Tate conjecture for  $S$  implies the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture for  $E$ . Thus the ranks of the elliptic curves in the family all equal their analytic ranks.
5. The analytic ranks can be computed by relating the L-function of  $E$  to the zeta function of  $S$ , which can be related to the zeta function of  $F_d$ , which is known by Gauss sum computation of Weil. From this one is able to compute the analytic rank which is unbounded from below.

# General Global Function Field Case

## Theorem (Dori Bejleri–Tristan Phillips–Matthew Satriano–JP; April 2025)

Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 2}$  and  $\text{char}(k) \neq 2, 3$ . Consider following moduli stacks

- ▶  $\mathcal{W}_n^{\min}$  of minimal elliptic fibrations over  $C_k$  of height  $n$
- ▶  $\mathcal{W}_n^{\Theta}$  of minimal elliptic fibrations over  $C_k$  of height  $n$  having exactly one specified singular fiber of Kodaira type  $\Theta$  at a (varying) degree-one place and semistable everywhere else.

Their respective weighted point counts satisfy asymptotically

$$\lim_{B \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mathcal{N}^{\Theta}(\mathbb{F}_q(C), B)}{\mathcal{N}^{\min}(\mathbb{F}_q(C), B)} = |C(\mathbb{F}_q)| \frac{\zeta_C(10)}{\zeta_C(2)} \cdot \frac{q^2}{q^2 - 1} \cdot \kappa(\Theta_u)$$

where  $\kappa(\Theta_u)$  is an explicit ratio in  $q$  depending only on type  $\Theta$

Reduction type $\Theta$ with $j \in \overline{M}_{1,1}$	$\kappa(\Theta_v)$
$I_{k>0}$ with $j = \infty$	$\frac{q-1}{q^2}$
II with $j = 0$	$\frac{q-1}{q^3}$
III with $j = 1728$	$\frac{q-1}{q^4}$
IV with $j = 0$	$\frac{q-1}{q^5}$
$I_{k>0}^*$ with $j = \infty$ $I_0^*$ with $j \neq 0, 1728$	$\frac{q-1}{q^7}$
$I_0^*$ with $j = 0, 1728$	$\frac{q-1}{q^6}$
$IV^*$ with $j = 0$	$\frac{q-1}{q^8}$
$III^*$ with $j = 1728$	$\frac{q-1}{q^9}$
$II^*$ with $j = 0$	$\frac{q-1}{q^{10}}$

We could specialize to the  $K = \mathbb{F}_q(t)$  case where we know the exact values of  $|C(\mathbb{F}_q)| \frac{\zeta_C(10)}{\zeta_C(2)}$  by  $|\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_q)| = q + 1$  and  $\zeta_{\mathbb{P}^1_{\mathbb{F}_q}}(s) = 1/(1 - q^{-s})(1 - q \cdot q^{-s})$ .