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- Arguments similar to SYZ imply coassociative T^4 fibration for G_2 manifolds. [Acharya]

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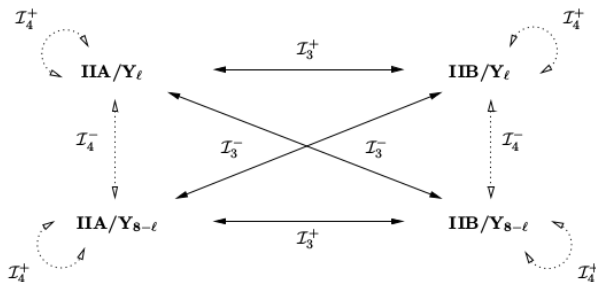


Figure taken from [Gaberdiel, Kaste]

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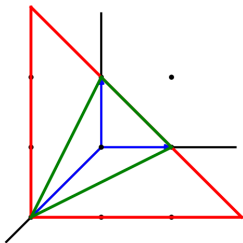
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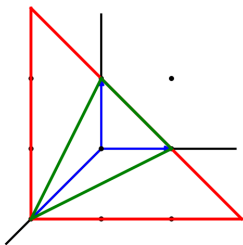
$$\mathbf{X}_{(\Delta, \Delta^\circ)} : \sum_{m \in \Delta} c_m \prod_{\nu_i \in \Delta^\circ} x_i^{\langle m, \nu_i \rangle + 1} = 0$$

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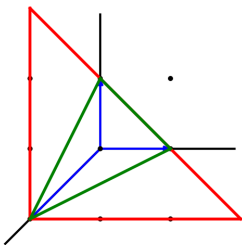
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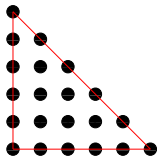
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Extra points \sim refinement $\Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma_f \sim$ resolution of orbifold singularities



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easiest example: hypersurface of degree $(4, 1)$ in $\mathbb{P}^3 \times \mathbb{P}^1$

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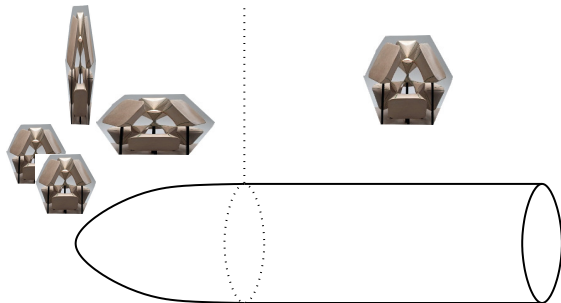


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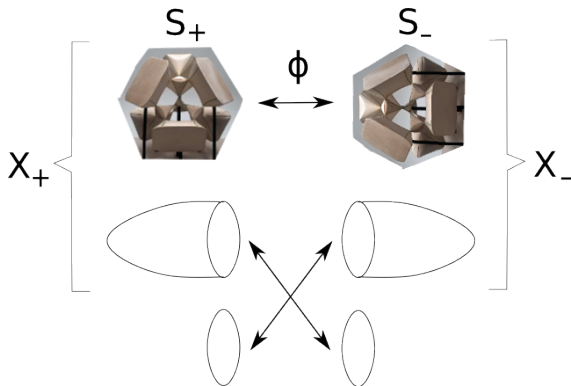
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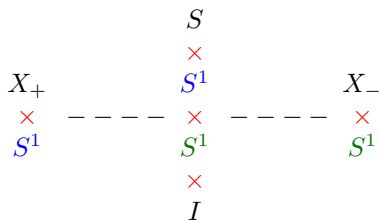
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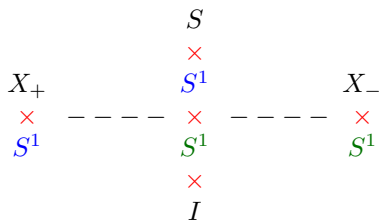
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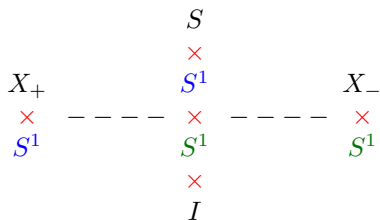
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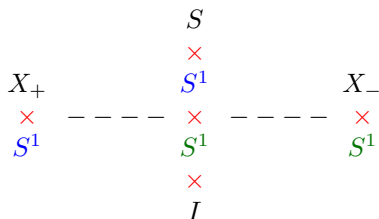


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Given J as a TCS, can we construct a mirror in this sense
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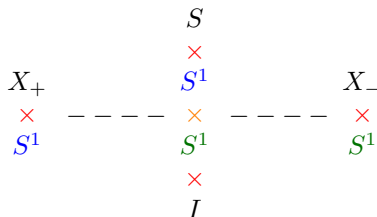
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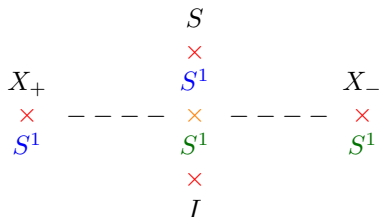
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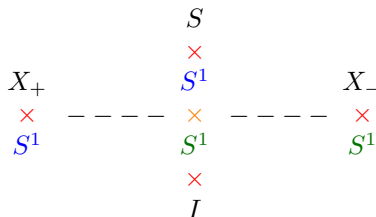
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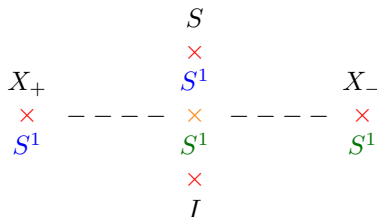
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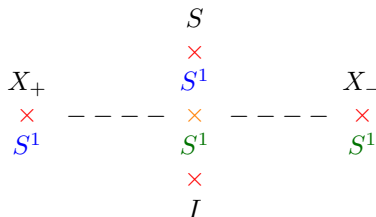


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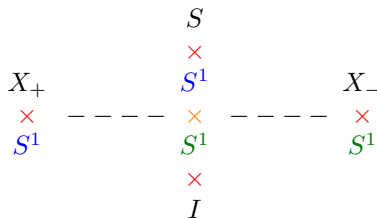
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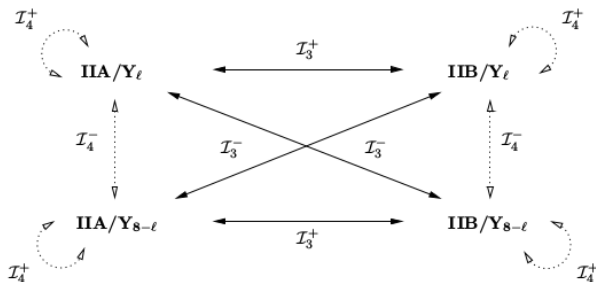
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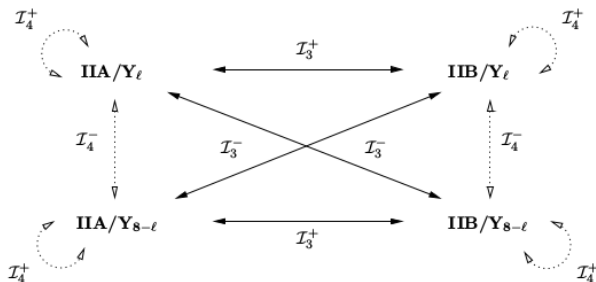
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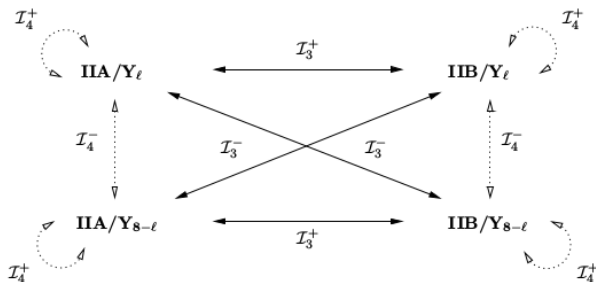
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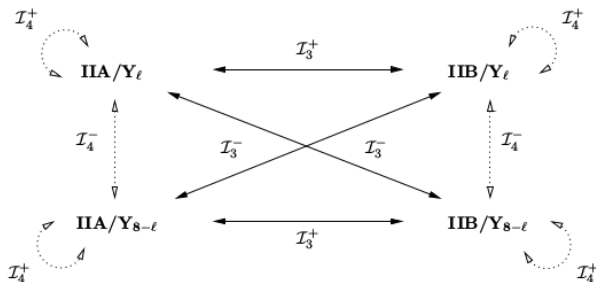


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