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Fields of definition of elliptic fibrations on covers of certain extremal rational elliptic surfaces

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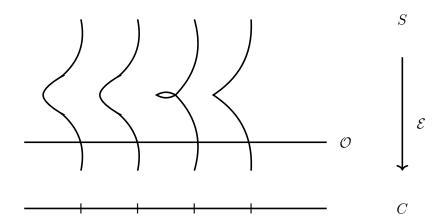
An elliptic fibration of a surface S is a surjective morphism

$$\mathcal{E}:S \to C$$

where C is a smooth curve defined over the field k, such that:

- 1 almost all the fibers are smooth genus 1 curves,
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- 3 at least one section (the zero section).

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- 1 Denote by E the general fiber of  $\mathcal{E}$ ; which is an elliptic curve defined over the function field k(C).
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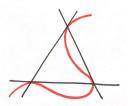
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- ▶ This involution can be extended to an involution of  $X \simeq R \times_{\mathbb{P}^1} \mathbb{P}^1$  denoted  $\tau \in \operatorname{Aut}(X)$ .
- By construction,  $\tau$  is a non-symplectic involution on X (i.e. does not preserves the symplectic form defined on X).
- ▶ Denote by  $k_{\tau}/k$  the quadratic extension of k such that  $\operatorname{Gal}(k_{\tau}/k) = <\tau>$ .

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Let  $\eta$  be an elliptic fibration on X then it is

- $\triangleright$  of type 1 with respect to  $\tau$ , if  $\tau$  preserves all the fibers of  $\eta$ ;
- $\triangleright$  of type 2 with respect to  $\tau$ , if  $\tau$  does not preserve all the fibers of  $\eta$ , but maps a fiber of  $\eta$  to another one. In this case  $\tau$  is induced by an involution of the basis of  $\eta: X \to \mathbb{P}^1$ . It fixes exactly two fibers and  $\tau^{*,1}$  preserves the class of a fiber of  $\eta$ ;
- $\triangleright$  of type 3, if  $\tau$  maps fibers of  $\eta$  to fibers of another elliptic fibration. In this case  $\tau^*$  does not preserve the class of the generic fiber of  $\eta$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>We denote by  $\tau^*$  the involution induced by  $\tau$  on NS(X)

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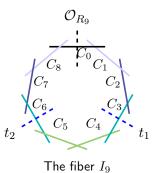
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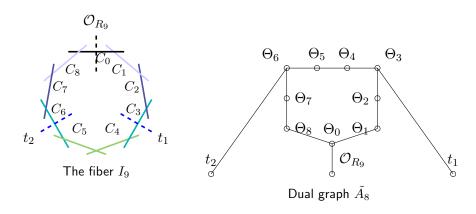
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#### **Notations**

- Let use denote by  $k_R$  the quadratic extension of k over which the Néron-Severi group NS(R) admits a set of generators given by fiber components and sections of the elliptic fibration on R.
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#### **Upshot**

Prove that a genus 1 fibration on X admits a section over a field which depends on the action of the cover involution  $\tau$  on the fibers of the genus 1 fibration.

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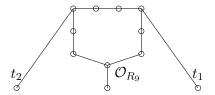
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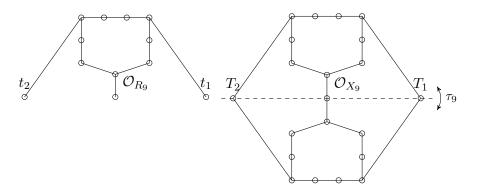
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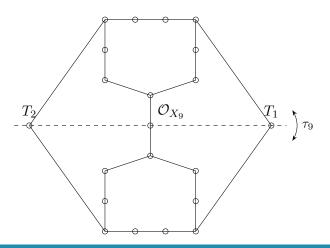
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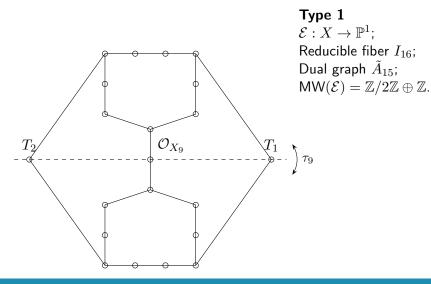
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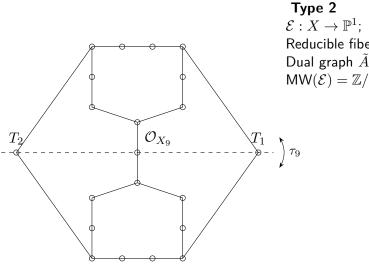
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