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We study the relation between the moduli space of flat G-bundles over a fixed elliptic curve Σ and the moduli space of rational surfaces with G-configurations containing Σ as a fixed anticanonical curve, where G is a non-simply laced, compact, simple and simply connected Lie group. Our method is to reduce G to a simply laced maximal subgroup G'.

1. Introduction

This paper is a continuation of our earlier study, briefly recapitulated below, on the identification between the moduli space of flat G-bundles over a fixed elliptic curve Σ and the moduli space of rational surfaces with G-configurations containing Σ as an anticanonical curve. For the case of $G=E_n$, the rational surfaces are exactly del Pezzo surfaces, and the identification was predicted by a duality argument in physics and proved in [Looijenga 1976; Donagi 1997; 1998; Friedman et al. 1997]. The essential reason for this identification in this case is the existence of an E_n -structure on del Pezzo surfaces [Demazure et al. 1980; Manin 1974], which turns out to be related to Gosset polytopes [Lee 2010; 2012].

This structure on rational surfaces was extended to the cases A_n and D_n in [Leung 2000]. Starting from Leung's result, we obtained in [Leung and Zhang 2009a] an analogous identification for all simply laced Lie groups G. In [Leung et al. 2012; Leung and Zhang 2009b], we extended this identification further to the non-simply laced cases and the affine Kac–Moody \widetilde{E}_n case. The method in that last paper consists in reducing non-simply laced cases to simply laced cases, by considering a non-simply laced Lie group G as the fixed subgroup of a bigger simply laced group G', under the action of the outer automorphism group of G'.

In this paper, we consider another reduction. From Lie theory (see [Bourbaki 2005], for example), a non-simply laced Lie group G is uniquely determined by

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a simply laced maximal subgroup G' determined by the long roots of G. Hence it is natural to apply our earlier results for the simply laced cases in [Leung and Zhang 2009a] to the current situation. In this way, we establish the identification between flat G-bundles over a fixed elliptic curve Σ and rational surfaces with Σ as an anticanonical curve for non-simply laced Lie groups G ($G \neq F_4$), by considering the maximal simply laced subgroup G' determined by the long roots of G. Unfortunately, this method is not very effective for the case $G = F_4$. In the following, we assume that $G \neq F_4$. Similar to the simply laced cases, we define G-surfaces and rational surfaces with G-configurations (see Definitions 5, 12, and 16). Let Out(G') be the finite group defined in Proposition 2. Our result is this:

Theorem 1 (Propositions 10, 14 and 19). Let Σ be an elliptic curve with identity element $0 \in \Sigma$, and let G be any simple, compact, simply connected Lie group of B_n , C_n or G_2 type. Denote by \mathcal{G}^G_{Σ} the moduli space of the pairs (S, Σ) , where S is a G-surface such that $\Sigma \in |-K_S|$. Denote by \mathcal{M}^G_{Σ} the moduli space of flat G-bundles over Σ .

- (i) \mathcal{G}_{Σ}^{G} can be embedded into \mathcal{M}_{Σ}^{G} as an open dense subset.
- (ii) This embedding can extend to an isomorphism from $\overline{\mathcal{F}_{\Sigma}^G}$ onto \mathcal{M}_{Σ}^G by including all rational surfaces with G-configurations, and this gives us a natural and explicit compactification $\overline{\mathcal{F}_{\Sigma}^G}$ of \mathcal{F}_{Σ}^G .

This study is motivated by a certain duality in physics. When $G = E_n$ is considered as a simple subgroup of $E_8 \times E_8$, these G-bundles are related to the duality between F-theory and string theory. Among other things, this duality predicts the identification between the moduli of flat E_n -bundles over a fixed elliptic curve Σ and the moduli of del Pezzo surfaces with the fixed anticanonical curve Σ . For more details, one can see [Donagi 1997; 1998; Friedman et al. 1997]. Our result can be considered as a test of this duality for other Lie groups.

As an application, this identification provides us with an intuitive explanation for \mathcal{M}_{Σ}^{G} . We also provide an interesting geometric realization of root system theory, and we can see very clearly how the Weyl group acts on the moduli space of (marked) flat G-bundles over Σ .

Notation. Let G be a compact, simple and simply connected Lie group. We preserve the notation of in [Leung and Zhang 2009a], which is as follows.

r(G)	the rank of G	$\Lambda(G)$	the root lattice
R(G)	the root system	$\Lambda_c(G)$	the coroot lattice
$R_c(G)$	the coroot system	$\Lambda_w(G)$	the weight lattice
W(G)	the Weyl group	ad(G)	the adjoint group of $G (= G/C(G))$
T(G)	a maximal torus	$\Delta(G)$	the set of simple roots of G
C(G)	the center of G	Out(G)	the outer automorphism group of G

Recall that the outer automorphism group of G is defined as the quotient of the automorphism group of G by its inner automorphism group. As is well-known, it is isomorphic to the diagram automorphism group of the Dynkin diagram of G.

When there is no danger of confusion, we can omit the letter G.

2. Reductions to the simply laced cases

Let G be a simple, compact and simply connected Lie group. Then G is classified into the following 7 types according to its Lie algebra.

- (1) A_n -type, G = SU(n + 1);
- (2) B_n -type, G = Spin(2n + 1);
- (3) C_n -type, $G = \operatorname{Sp}(n)$;
- (4) D_n -type, G = Spin(2n);
- (5) E_n -type, n = 6, 7, 8;
- (6) F_4 -type;
- (7) G_2 -type.

Among these, A_n , D_n and E_n are called of simply laced type, while B_n , C_n , F_4 and G_2 are called of non-simply laced type. A_n , B_n , C_n , D_n are called classical Lie groups, while E_n , F_4 and G_2 are called exceptional Lie groups.

From now on, we always assume that G is a compact, simple, simply connected Lie group of non-simply laced type, that is, of type B_n , C_n , F_4 , G_2 . There are two natural approaches to reduce these situations to the simply laced cases. One is embedding G into a simply laced Lie group G'' such that G is the subgroup fixed by the outer automorphism group of G''. Another is taking the simply laced subgroup G' of maximal rank.

In [Leung and Zhang 2009b] we explained the first reduction. In this paper we concentrate on the second.

Proposition 2 [Bourbaki 2005]. There exists canonically a simply laced Lie subgroup G' of maximal rank of G determined by the long roots of G, such that G' and G share a common maximal torus. There is a short exact sequence

$$1 \to W(G') \to W(G) \to \text{Out}(G') \to 1.$$

This exact sequence is split, that is,

$$W(G) \cong W(G') \ltimes \text{Out}(G')$$
.

We write the moduli space of flat G-bundles on Σ as \mathcal{M}_{Σ}^{G} .

Corollary 3.
$$\mathcal{M}_{\Sigma}^G \cong \mathcal{M}_{\Sigma}^{G'} / \operatorname{Out}(G')$$
.

Proof. Let T be the common maximal torus of G and G'. Then

$$\mathcal{M}_{\Sigma}^{G} \cong \operatorname{Hom}(\pi_{1}(\Sigma), G)/\operatorname{ad}(G) \cong \operatorname{Hom}(\pi_{1}(\Sigma), T)/W(G) \cong T \times T/W(G).$$

Similarly, $\mathcal{M}_{\Sigma}^{G'} \cong T \times T/W(G')$. Therefore

$$\mathcal{M}_{\Sigma}^{G} \cong T \times T/W(G) \cong (T \times T/W(G'))/(W(G)/W(G')) \cong \mathcal{M}_{\Sigma}^{G'}/\operatorname{Out}(G'). \quad \Box$$

We defined in [Leung and Zhang 2009a] (rational) G'-surfaces and rational surfaces with G'-configurations. Let $\mathcal{G}^{G'}_{\Sigma}$ be the moduli space of G'-surfaces containing Σ as a fixed anticanonical curve. As shows in the same paper, we have the following identification of moduli spaces

$$\mathcal{G}_{\Sigma}^{G'} \cong \mathcal{M}_{\Sigma}^{G'}$$
.

Let $\operatorname{Out}(G')$ act on $\mathscr{S}_{\Sigma}^{G'}$ via the above isomorphism. In the next section, we shall see explicitly how $\operatorname{Out}(G')$ acts on $\mathscr{S}_{\Sigma}^{G'}$.

Thus we have a natural question: How can we define G-configurations on rational surfaces when G is non-simply laced, in such a way that $\mathscr{G}_{\Sigma}^G \cong \mathscr{G}_{\Sigma}^{G'} / \operatorname{Out}(G')$? We answer this question in the next section.

Remark 4 [Bourbaki 2005; Humphreys 1978]. We give the construction, the root system, and the finite group Out(G') of G' for non-simply laced Lie group G in each case. We also give the Dynkin diagrams of G and G'.

(1) For G = Spin(2n + 1), we take G' = Spin(2n).

$$\Delta(G') = \{\alpha_i, i = 1, \dots, n\}.$$

 $\Delta(G) = \{\beta_i, i = 1, \dots, n\}$, where $\beta_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_2 - \alpha_1)$, $\beta_2 = \alpha_1$, $\beta_i = \alpha_i$, $i = 3, \dots, n$. Out(G') is the group \mathbb{Z}_2 that exchanges the two spin representations of Spin(2n). In fact, Out(G') = $\{1, \rho\}$, where $\rho(\alpha_i) = \alpha_i$, $i = 3, \dots, n$, $\rho(\alpha_1) = \alpha_2$, and $\rho(\alpha_2) = \alpha_1$.

(2) For $G = \operatorname{Sp}(n)$, we take $G' = \operatorname{SU}(2)^n$.

$$\Delta(G') = \{\alpha_i, i = 1, \dots, n\}.$$

 $\Delta(G) = \{\beta_i, i = 1, \dots, n\}$, where $\beta_i = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_i - \alpha_{i+1}), i = 1, \dots, n-1, \beta_n = \alpha_n$. Out(G') is the symmetry group S_n of the n copies of SU(2) in G'.

(3) For $G = F_4$, we take G' = Spin(8).

$$\Delta(G') = \{\alpha_i, i = 1, \dots, 4\}.$$

$$\Delta(G) = \{\beta_i, i = 1, ..., 4\}, \text{ where } \beta_1 = \alpha_2, \beta_2 = \alpha_3, \beta_3 = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_4 - \alpha_3), \beta_4 = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_1 - \alpha_4).$$

 $\operatorname{Out}(G')$ is the triality group S_3 that permutes the three 8-dimensional representations of $\operatorname{Spin}(8)$.

$$F_4$$
 β_1 β_2 β_3 β_4 D_4 α_1 α_2 α_3

(4) For $G = G_2$, we take G' = SU(3).

$$\Delta(G') = {\alpha_i, i = 1, 2}.$$

$$\Delta(G) = \{\beta_i, i = 1, 2\}, \text{ where } \beta_1 = \alpha_1, \beta_2 = -1/3(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2).$$

Out(G') is the group \mathbb{Z}_2 that exchanges the 3-dimensional representation of SU(3) with its dual. In fact, Out(G') is generated by $-1 \in \text{Aut}(\Lambda(G'))$.

$$G_2$$
 β_1 β_2 A_2 α_1 α_2

In the following we let Σ be a fixed elliptic curve with the identity element 0, and we fix a primitive d-th root of $\operatorname{Jac}(\Sigma) \cong \Sigma$ (equivalently, a level d structure on Σ), where d=2 for $G=D_n$, B_n , d=9-n for $G=E_n$, and d=n+1 for $G=A_n$, C_n , G_2 , respectively; see [Leung and Zhang 2009a] for the ADE cases. Recall from the same reference (for instance) that for any compact, simple and simply connected Lie group H, we have

$$\mathcal{M}^H_{\Sigma} \cong (\Lambda_c(H) \otimes \Sigma) / W(H),$$

where \mathcal{M}^H_{Σ} is the moduli space of flat H-bundles over Σ .

3. Flat *G*-bundles over elliptic curves and rational surfaces: the non-simply laced cases

In this section, we study case by case the G-bundles over elliptic curves and corresponding rational surfaces for a non-simply laced Lie group G ($G \neq F_4$).

3.1. B_n -bundles $(n \ge 2)$. According to the last section, for G = Spin(2n+1) we take $G' = \text{Spin}(2n) \subseteq G$.

Let S be a D_n surface containing Σ as a smooth anticanonical curve. Recall from [Leung and Zhang 2009a] that S is a blow-up of \mathbb{F}_1 at n points x_1, \ldots, x_n on Σ that are in general position, with corresponding exceptional classes l_1, \ldots, l_n . Let f and s be the classes of fibers and the section in \mathbb{F}_1 . The Picard group of S is isomorphic to $H^2(S, \mathbb{Z})$, which is a lattice with basis s, f, l_1, \ldots, l_n . The canonical class is $K = -(2s + 3f - \sum_{i=1}^n l_i)$.

We know from [ibid.] that the set

$${x \in H^2(S, \mathbb{Z}) \mid x \cdot K = x \cdot f = 0}$$

¹This means that the x_i are all distinct and that $x_i + x_j \neq 0$ for all i, j.

is a root lattice of D_n type. We take a simple root system of $G' = D_n$ as

$$\Delta(D_n) = \{\alpha_1 = l_1 - l_2, \alpha_2 = f - l_1 - l_2, \alpha_3 = l_2 - l_3, \dots, \alpha_n = l_{n-1} - l_n\}.$$

Let ρ be the generator of $\text{Out}(G') \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$, such that $\rho(\alpha_1) = \alpha_2$, $\rho(\alpha_2) = \alpha_1$ and $\rho(\alpha_i) = \alpha_i$ for i = 3, ..., n.

Recall that a D_n -configuration on S is an n-tuple $\zeta = (e_1, \ldots, e_n)$ where $e_i = l_{\sigma(i)}$ or $f - l_{\sigma(i)}$ such that $\sum e_i \cdot s \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$. Equivalently, a D_n -configuration on S is an n-tuple $\zeta = (e_1, \ldots, e_n)$ such that after blowing down e_n, \ldots, e_1 successively, we obtain \mathbb{F}^1 with a fibration $\mathbb{F}^1 \to \mathbb{P}^1$ defined by the fiber f.

On the other hand, the exceptional system $\zeta' = (e'_1, \ldots, e'_n)$ where $e'_i = l_{\sigma(i)}$ or $f - l_{\sigma(i)}$ such that $\sum e'_i \cdot s \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ also determines $\Lambda(D_n)$. The condition $\sum e'_i \cdot s \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ is equivalent to the fact that after blowing down e'_n, \ldots, e'_1 successively, we obtain $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ with a fibration $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \to \mathbb{P}^1$ defined by f. It is easy to see that the map which interchanges l_1 and $f - l_1$, and preserves all other l_i and $f - l_i$, plays the role of the generator of $\operatorname{Out}(D_n) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$. Therefore we have the following natural definition of B_n -configurations.

Let S be a rational surface with a ruling $f: S \to \mathbb{P}^1$ [ibid.], and $\Sigma \in |-K_S|$, such that $f|_{\Sigma}: \Sigma \to \mathbb{P}^1$ is a double covering with $0 \in \Sigma$ as a ramification point. Recall that an *exceptional system of length n* on S is an n-tuple $\zeta = (e_1, e_2, \ldots, e_n)$ where the e_i 's are exceptional divisors such that $e_i \cdot e_j = -\delta_{ij}$, $e_i \cdot K_S = -1$, $1 \le i, j \le n$. A divisor defining the ruling $f: S \to \mathbb{P}^1$ is still denoted by f, which is effective of arithmetic genus 0.

Definition 5. A B_n -configuration on S is an exceptional system of length n (if exists) $\zeta = (e_1, e_2, \ldots, e_n)$ with $e_i \cdot f = 0$ for all i, such that we can consider S as a blow-up of \mathbb{F}_1 or $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ at n points x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n on Σ , with corresponding exceptional divisors e_1, e_2, \ldots, e_n . When such a ζ exists, we call S a (rational) surface with a B_n -configuration. Let $\rho \in \operatorname{Out}(D_n)$ be the diagram automorphism. Define $\rho(\zeta) := (f - e_1, e_2, \ldots, e_n)$.

Lemma 6. Let $\zeta = (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$ be a B_n -configuration. Then

$$\rho(\zeta) = (f - e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$$

is also a B_n -configuration.

Proof. By [Leung and Zhang 2009a], if after blowing down e_n, \ldots, e_1 successively we obtain \mathbb{F}_1 , then after blowing down $e_n, \ldots, e_2, f - e_1$ we shall obtain $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$. Conversely, if after blowing down e_n, \ldots, e_1 successively we obtain $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$, then after blowing down $e_n, \ldots, e_2, f - e_1$ we shall obtain \mathbb{F}_1 . The result follows. \square

When $x_1, \ldots, x_n \in \Sigma$ are in general position (footnote 1), the surface S in Definition 5 is called a B_n -surface.

Lemma 7. Let S be a B_n -surface.

- (i) Any B_n -configuration on S consists of exceptional curves.
- (ii) The Weyl group $W(D_n)$ acts on all B_n -configurations with two orbits and acts on each orbit simply transitively.
- (iii) These two orbits are exchanged by $Out(D_n)$.
- (iv) The group $W(D_n) \ltimes \operatorname{Out}(D_n)$ acts on all B_n -exceptional systems simply transitively

Proof. Let *S* be a B_n -surface with a ruling $f: S \to \mathbb{P}^1$. Then by definition, *S* is a blow-up of \mathbb{F}_1 or $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ at *n* points $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n \in \Sigma$. Let l_1, \ldots, l_n be the corresponding exceptional divisors. Then we have

$$\{ x \in \text{Pic}(S) \mid x^2 = xK = -1, xf = 0 \}$$

= $\{ l_1, \dots, l_n, f - l_1, \dots, f - l_n \}.$

Thus a B_n -configuration must be of the form: $\zeta = (e_1, \ldots, e_n)$ where $e_i = l_{\sigma(i)}$ or $e_i = f - l_{\sigma(i)}$ and σ is a permutation of $1, \ldots, n$. Obviously, x_1, \ldots, x_n are in general position if and only if all the l_i and $f - l_i$ are exceptional curves. Therefore, (i) is true.

- (iii) This follows from Definition 5.
- (iv) This is a consequence of (ii) and (iii).
- (ii) Let (e_1,e_2,\ldots,e_n) be a B_n -configuration on S. Then $e_i=l_{\sigma(i)}$ or $f-l_{\sigma(i)}$ for $1\leq i\leq n$, where σ is a permutation of $\{1,\ldots,n\}$. The Weyl group $W(D_n)$ acts as the group generated by permutations of the n pairs $\{(l_i,f-l_i)\mid i=1,\ldots,n\}$ and interchanges of l_i and $f-l_i$ simultaneously in two pairs in $\{(l_i,f-l_i)\mid 1\leq i\leq n\}$. Therefore $W(D_n)$ acts on the set $\{(e_1,\ldots,e_n)\mid \sum e_i\cdot s\equiv 0\pmod 2\}$ simply transitively. Similarly the condition $\sum e_i\cdot s\equiv 1\pmod 2$ determines another orbit on which $W(D_n)$ acts simply transitively.

Remark 8. Although we know the B_n -configurations on S, unfortunately, we can not single out the B_n -root system within the Picard lattice $\text{Pic}(S) \cong H^2(S, \mathbb{Z})$. However, according to Section 2, we have a root system of B_n type consisting of \mathbb{Q} -divisors on S:

$$R(B_n) \triangleq \left\{ \pm \left(\frac{1}{2}f - l_i\right), \pm (l_i - l_j), \pm (f - l_i - l_j) \mid i \neq j, 1 \leq i, j \leq n \right\}.$$

It is easy to see that the corresponding root lattice is

$$\Lambda(B_n) \triangleq \left\{ x \in \mathbb{Z}\left(\frac{1}{2}f\right) \oplus \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathbb{Z}(l_i) \mid xf = xK = 0 \right\}$$

and

$$R(B_n) = \{x \in \Lambda(B_n) \mid x^2 = -2 \text{ or } x^2 = -1\}.$$

The set of simple roots of B_n is

$$\Delta(B_n) = \left\{ \beta_1 = \frac{1}{2}f - l_1, \, \beta_i = l_{i-1} - l_i, \, i = 2, \dots, n \right\}.$$

Recall that the Weyl group $W(B_n)$ is the subgroup of $\operatorname{Aut}(\Lambda(B_n))$ generated by the reflections σ_{α} with $\alpha \in R(B_n)$.

Corollary 9. Let $R(B_n)$ be defined as above. Then $W(B_n)$ acts on the set of all B_n -configurations simply transitively.

Let $\mathcal{G}^{B_n}_{\Sigma}$ be the moduli space of pairs (S, Σ) where S is a B_n -surface (so the blown-up points x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n are in general position), and $\Sigma \in |-K_S|$, where two pairs (S, Σ) and (S', Σ) are said to be isomorphic to each other if there is an isomorphism $f: S \xrightarrow{\sim} S'$ such that $f|_{\Sigma} = \mathrm{id}_{\Sigma}$. Denote $\mathcal{M}^{B_n}_{\Sigma}$ the moduli space of flat B_n -bundles over Σ . Let $\mathcal{G}^{B_n}_{\Sigma}$ be the (marked) moduli space of the triples $(S, \Sigma, \zeta = (l_1, \ldots, l_n))$. By Lemma 7, we have

$$\mathcal{G}^{B_n}_{\Sigma} \cong \underline{\mathcal{G}}^{B_n}_{\Sigma} / W(B_n) \cong \underline{\mathcal{G}}^{B_n}_{\Sigma} / (W(D_n) \ltimes \mathrm{Out}(D_n)).$$

Let $(S, \Sigma, \zeta = (l_1, \ldots, l_n)) \in \mathcal{L}^{B_n}_{\Sigma}$ be as above. For all $\alpha = \frac{a_0}{2}f + \sum a_i l_i \in \Lambda(B_n) \subseteq \operatorname{Pic}(S)_{\mathbb{Q}} = \operatorname{Pic}(S) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ with $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}, i = 0, \ldots, n$, the invertible sheaf induced by restriction to Σ

$$\mathbb{O}_{\Sigma}(\alpha) := \mathbb{O}_{\Sigma}(a_0(0)) \otimes \mathbb{O}(\sum a_i l_i)|_{\Sigma}$$

is well-defined. Moreover, $\deg(\mathbb{O}_{\Sigma}(\alpha)) = \alpha \cdot (-K_S) = 0$. Then

$$\mathbb{O}_{\Sigma}(\alpha) \in \operatorname{Jac}(\Sigma) \cong \Sigma.$$

Thus there is a morphism

$$\phi: \underline{\mathcal{G}}_{\Sigma}^{B_n} \to \operatorname{Hom}(\Lambda(B_n), \Sigma),$$

which is induced by the restriction: for all $\alpha \in \Lambda(B_n) \subseteq \text{Pic}(S)_{\mathbb{Q}}$,

$$\phi((S, \Sigma, \zeta))(\alpha) := \mathbb{O}_{\Sigma}(\alpha) \in \operatorname{Jac}(\Sigma) \cong \Sigma.$$

Proposition 10. (i) $\mathcal{G}^{B_n}_{\Sigma}$ is embedded into $\mathcal{M}^{B_n}_{\Sigma}$ as an open dense subset.

(ii) This embedding can be extended naturally to an isomorphism

$$\overline{\mathcal{G}_{\Sigma}^{B_n}} \cong \mathcal{M}_{\Sigma}^{B_n},$$

by including all rational surfaces with B_n -configurations.

Proof. Similarly as in [Leung and Zhang 2009a], we have

$$\mathcal{M}^{B_n}_{\Sigma} \cong \operatorname{Hom}(\Lambda(B_n), \Sigma)/W(B_n).$$

Then by Lemma 7 or Corollary 9, since two different sets of simple roots differ by a $W(B_n)$ -action, we just need to show that the map

$$\phi: \underline{\mathcal{G}}_{\Sigma}^{B_n} \hookrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}(\Lambda(B_n), \Sigma)$$

is an open dense embedding and that $\underline{\phi}$ can be extended to an isomorphism $\overline{\underline{\phi}}$ from the natural compactification $\underline{\mathcal{G}_{\Sigma}^{B_n}}$ of $\underline{\mathcal{G}_{\Sigma}^{B_n}}$ to $\operatorname{Hom}(\Lambda(B_n), \Sigma)$:

$$\overline{\phi}: \overline{\mathcal{G}^{B_n}_{\Sigma}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{Hom}(\Lambda(B_n), \Sigma).$$

The map ϕ is injective. For this, we take a simple root system of D_n as

$$\beta_1 = \frac{1}{2}f - l_1, \qquad \beta_i = l_{i-1} - l_i \quad \text{for } 2 \le i \le n.$$

Then the restriction induces an element $u \in \text{Hom}(\Lambda(B_n), \Sigma)$. For

$$\beta = a_0(\frac{1}{2}f) + \sum a_i l_i \in \Lambda(B_n),$$

let $x_i = l_i \cap \Sigma$ and $p = u(\beta) \in \Sigma$. Then we have an equation

$$\sum a_i x_i = p$$
,

where + is the addition on the elliptic curve Σ . Taking $\beta = \beta_i$, i = 1, ..., n respectively, and setting $p_i = u(\beta_i)$ accordingly, we obtain the following system of linear equations

$$\begin{cases}
-x_1 = p_1, \\
x_{i-1} - x_i = p_i, i = 2, \dots, n.
\end{cases}$$

Obviously, the solution of this system of linear equations exists uniquely for given p_i with $1 \le i \le n$.

The open dense property of the image of the embedding ϕ is obvious.

Finally, the statement (ii) comes from the existence of the solutions to the above system of linear equations. \Box

3.2. C_n -bundles. We take $G' = A_1^n \subseteq G = C_n$, where $C_n = \operatorname{Sp}(n)$ and $A_1 = \operatorname{SU}(2)$. Note that $\operatorname{Out}(A_1^n) \cong S_n$.

Let S be a rational surface with an A_1^n -configuration that contains Σ as a smooth anticanonical curve. Recall from [Leung and Zhang 2009a] that S is a (successive) blow-up of \mathbb{P}^2 at 2n points $x_1, y_1, \ldots, x_n, y_n$ on Σ , with corresponding exceptional classes $l_1, l'_1, \ldots, l_n, l'_n$, where $x_i + y_i = 0 \in \Sigma$. The Picard group of S is $H^2(S, \mathbb{Z})$, which is a lattice with basis $h, l_1, l'_1, \ldots, l_n, l'_n$. The canonical divisor is $K = -(3h - \sum_{i=1}^n (l_i + l'_i))$.

A simple root system of A_1^n can be taken as

$$\Delta(A_n^1) = \{ \alpha_i = l_i - l_i' \mid 1 \le i \le n \}.$$

When the above simple root system is chosen, the pair (S, Σ) determines a homomorphism $u \in \text{Hom}(\Lambda(G'), \Sigma)$ which is given by the restriction map

$$u(\alpha) := \mathbb{O}(\alpha)|_{\Sigma}$$
.

Lemma 11. Let $u \in \text{Hom}(\Lambda(G'), \Sigma)$ be an element corresponding to a triple (S, Σ, ζ) , where S is a surface with an A_1^n -configuration $\zeta = (l_1, l'_1, \ldots, l_n, l'_n)$. Let $\rho \in \text{Out}(G') \cong S_n$. Then $\rho \cdot u$ corresponds to the triple $(S, \Sigma, \rho(\zeta))$, where $\rho(\zeta) = (l_{\rho(1)}, l'_{\rho(1)}, \ldots, l_{\rho(n)}, l'_{\rho(n)})$.

Proof. Since u is the restriction map: $\alpha_i \mapsto \mathbb{O}(\alpha_i)|_{\Sigma}$, $u(\alpha_i) = \mathbb{O}(l_i - l_i')|_{\Sigma} = x_i - y_i$ for $i = 1, \ldots, n$. Hence $\rho \cdot u(\alpha_i) = u(\alpha_{\rho(i)}) = x_{\rho(i)} - y_{\rho(i)}$. Therefore we have the result, since $x_{\rho(i)} + y_{\rho(i)} = 0$.

Thus, it is natural to define a C_n -configuration on S to be the form

$$\zeta = ((l_1, l'_1), \ldots, (l_n, l'_n)).$$

More precisely, denote S the blow-up of \mathbb{P}_2 at n pairs of points $(x_1, -x_1), \ldots, (x_n, -x_n)$ on Σ , with n pairs of corresponding exceptional divisors $(l_1, l'_1), \ldots, (l_n, l'_n)$, where l_i and l'_i are the exceptional divisors corresponding to the blowing up at x_i and $-x_i$, respectively.

Definition 12. A C_n -exceptional system on S is an n-tuple of pairs

$$((e_1, e'_1), \ldots, (e_n, e'_n))$$

where $(e_i, e_i') = (l_{\sigma(i)}, l_{\sigma(i)}')$ or $(l'_{\sigma(i)}, l_{\sigma(i)})$, i = 1, ..., n, and σ is a permutation of 1, ..., n. A C_n -configuration on S is a C_n -exceptional system $\zeta_{C_n} = ((e_1, e_1'), ..., (e_n, e_n'))$ such that after blowing down successively $e_n', e_n, ..., e_1', e_1$, we obtain the surface \mathbb{P}^2 .

It can be shown that $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n \in \Sigma \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2$ are in general position (in the sense of footnote 1) if and only if any C_n -exceptional system on S consists of smooth exceptional curves. Such a surface is called a C_n -surface.

- **Lemma 13.** (i) Let S be a surface with a C_n -configuration. The group $W(A_1^n) \ltimes S_n$ acts on all C_n -exceptional systems on S simply transitively.
- (ii) Let S be a C_n -surface. The group $W(A_1^n) \ltimes S_n$ acts on all C_n -configurations on S simply transitively.

Proof. It suffices to prove (i). The Weyl group $W(A_1^n) \ltimes S_n$ acts as the group generated by permutations of the n pairs $\{(l_i, l_i') \mid i = 1, ..., n\}$ and interchanging of l_i and l_i' for each i. From this, we see that $W(A_1^n) \ltimes S_n$ acts on all C_n -configurations simply transitively.

Denote by $\mathcal{G}^{G'}_{\Sigma}$ the moduli space of $G'=A^n_1$ -surfaces with a fixed anticanonical curve Σ , and by $\mathcal{G}^{G'}_{\Sigma}$ the natural compactification by including all rational surfaces with A^n_1 -configurations. From [Leung and Zhang 2009a] we know that there is an isomorphism $\phi: \overline{\mathcal{G}^{G'}_{\Sigma}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{M}^{G'}_{\Sigma}$.

Denote by $\mathcal{G}^{C_n}_{\Sigma}$ the moduli space of pairs (S, Σ) , where S is a C_n -surface, that is, S is the blow-up of \mathbb{P}^2 at 2n points $\pm x_1, \ldots, \pm x_n \in \Sigma$ such that x_1, \ldots, x_n are in general position, and two pairs (S, Σ) and (S', Σ) are said to be isomorphic to each other if there is an isomorphism $f: S \xrightarrow{\sim} S'$ such that $f|_{\Sigma} = \mathrm{id}_{\Sigma}$. Denote by $\mathcal{M}^{C_n}_{\Sigma}$ the moduli space of flat C_n -bundles over Σ .

Proposition 14. (i) $\mathcal{G}_{\Sigma}^{C_n}$ is embedded into $\mathcal{M}_{\Sigma}^{C_n}$ as an open dense subset.

(ii) This embedding can be extended naturally to an isomorphism

$$\overline{\mathscr{G}^{C_n}_{\Sigma}} \cong \mathscr{M}^{C_n}_{\Sigma},$$

by including all rational surfaces with C_n -configurations.

Proof. By Corollary 3, $\mathcal{M}_{\Sigma}^{C_n} \cong \mathcal{M}_{\Sigma}^{A_1^n}/S_n \cong \overline{\mathcal{G}_{\Sigma}^{A_1^n}}/S_n$. Therefore it is sufficient to show that $\mathcal{G}_{\Sigma}^{C_n} \cong \mathcal{G}_{\Sigma}^{A_1^n}/S_n$. This follows from Lemma 13.

Remark 15. Obviously, this description in Proposition 14 coincides with the well-known description of flat C_n -bundles over elliptic curves [Friedman et al. 1997]. A flat $C_n = \operatorname{Sp}(n)$ -bundle over Σ corresponds to n pairs (unordered) of points $(x_i, -x_i)$, $i = 1, \ldots, n$ on Σ , uniquely up to isomorphism. One pair $(x_i, -x_i)$ will determine exactly one point on \mathbb{CP}^1 , since the rational map determined by the linear system |2(0)| induces a double covering from Σ onto \mathbb{CP}^1 . The moduli space of flat $\operatorname{SU}(2)$ -bundles over Σ is isomorphic to \mathbb{P}^1 . So the moduli space of flat C_n -bundles over Σ is precisely isomorphic to $S^n(\mathbb{CP}^1) = \mathbb{CP}^n$, the ordinary projective n space.

3.3. G_2 -bundles. For $G = G_2$, we take $G' = A_2 = SU(3)$.

Let S be a rational surface with an A_2 -configuration (see [Leung and Zhang 2009a]) containing Σ as a smooth anticanonical curve. Recall [ibid.] that S is a (successive) blow-up of \mathbb{P}^2 at 3 points x_1, x_2, x_3 on Σ , with corresponding exceptional classes l_1, l_2, l_3 , where $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0 \in \Sigma$. Let h be the class of lines in \mathbb{P}^2 . The Picard group of S is $Pic(S) \cong H^2(S, \mathbb{Z})$, which is a lattice with basis h, l_1, l_2, l_3 . The canonical line bundle $K = -(3h - \sum_{i=1}^3 l_i)$.

Recall that

$$\{x \in H^2(S, \mathbb{Z}) \mid x \cdot K = x \cdot h = 0\}$$

is a root lattice of A_2 type. We can take a simple root system of A_2 as

$$\Delta(A_2) = \{\alpha_1 = l_1 - l_2, \alpha_2 = l_2 - l_3\}.$$

Let $\rho \in \text{Out}(A_2) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$ be the generator of order 2 (we can take $\rho = -1$, that is, $\rho(\alpha_i) = -\alpha_i$).

Denote by $\mathcal{G}_{\Sigma}^{A_2}$ the moduli space of A_2 -surfaces with a fixed anticanonical curve Σ , and $\overline{\mathcal{G}_{\Sigma}^{A_2}}$ the natural compactification by including all rational surfaces with A_2 -configurations. From [Leung and Zhang 2009a] we know that $\overline{\mathcal{G}_{\Sigma}^{A_2}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{M}_{\Sigma}^{A_2}$. Let ϕ be the isomorphism.

Definition 16. Let S be as immediately above. A G_2 -exceptional system on S is an ordered triple (e_1, e_2, e_3) of exceptional divisors such that $e_i \cdot e_j = 0 = e_i \cdot h$, $i \neq j$ and $y_1 + y_2 + y_3 = 0$ where $y_i = e_i \cap \Sigma$. A G_2 -configuration on S is a G_2 -exceptional system $\zeta_{G_2} = (e_1, e_2, e_3)$ such that we can consider S as a blow-up of \mathbb{P}^2 at these 3 points y_1, y_2, y_3 on Σ , with corresponding exceptional divisors e_1, e_2, e_3 . When S has a G_2 -configuration (of course $\Sigma \in |-K_S|$), we call S a (rational) surface with a G_2 -configuration.

When x_1, x_2, x_3 are nonzero distinct points on Σ , any G_2 -exceptional system on S consists of exceptional curves. Such a surface is called a G_2 -surface. These 3 points $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in \Sigma$ are said to be *in general position*.

Let S, S' be two surfaces with G_2 -configurations ζ, ζ' respectively. We say that $(S, \Sigma, \zeta) \cong (S', \Sigma, \zeta')$ if there exists an isomorphism $f: S \xrightarrow{\sim} S'$ such that $f|_{\Sigma}: \Sigma \to \Sigma$ is the identity or the involution of Σ .

A triple (S, Σ, ζ) determines an element u of $\operatorname{Hom}(\Lambda(A_2), \Sigma)$ by the restriction

$$u(\alpha) := \mathbb{O}(\alpha)|_{\Sigma}.$$

Lemma 17. Let $u \in \text{Hom}(\Lambda(A_2), \Sigma)$ correspond to the triple (S, Σ, ζ) , where S is a surface with a G_2 -configuration $\zeta = \{l_1, l_2, l_3\}$. Then $\rho \cdot u$ corresponds to (S', Σ, ζ') , where S' is another surface with a G_2 -configuration $\zeta' = (l'_1, l'_2, l'_3)$ with $l'_i \cap \Sigma = -x_i$. Moreover, we have $(S, \Sigma, \zeta) \cong (S', \Sigma, \zeta')$.

Proof. Since u is the restriction map: $\alpha_i \mapsto \mathbb{O}(\alpha_i)|_{\Sigma}$, $u(\alpha_1) = \mathbb{O}(l_1 - l_2)|_{\Sigma} = x_1 - x_2$, $u(\alpha_2) = x_2 - x_3$. Hence $\rho \cdot u = v \Leftrightarrow v(\alpha_i) = -u(\alpha_i) \Leftrightarrow x_1 - x_2 = y_2 - y_1$, $x_2 - x_3 = y_3 - y_2 \Leftrightarrow y_i = -x_i$.

Next we prove the second assertion. We first fix an embedding $\iota: \Sigma \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$ such that (the image of) Σ is defined by the equation $zy^2 = 4x^3 + axz^2 + bz^3$ and $0 = [0, 1, 0] \in \Sigma$, where [x, y, z] is the coordinate system of \mathbb{P}^2 . Then the automorphism of \mathbb{P}^2 defined by $[x, y, z] \mapsto [x, -y, z]$ induces an isomorphism f of the triple $(0, \Sigma, \mathbb{P}^2)$, which is the involution on Σ that maps $x \in \Sigma$ to -x. On the other hand, for $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in \Sigma$, we have obviously $(-x_1) + (-x_2) + (-x_3) = 0$. Thus we have the isomorphism ϕ defined by f.

Lemma 18. (i) Let S be a surface with a G_2 -configuration. The Weyl group $W(A_2)$ acts on all G_2 -exceptional systems on S simply transitively.

- (ii) Let S be a G_2 -surface. The Weyl group $W(A_2)$ acts on all G_2 -configurations on S simply transitively.
- (iii) Let $[(S, \Sigma, \zeta)]$ be the isomorphism class of (S, Σ, ζ) . Then $W(A_2) \ltimes \mathbb{Z}_2$ acts on the set $[(S, \Sigma, \zeta)]$ simply transitively.

Proof. Let $f:(S', \Sigma, \zeta') \xrightarrow{\sim} (S, \Sigma, \zeta)$. If $f|_{\Sigma} = \mathrm{id}_{\Sigma}$, then S = S' and $f = \mathrm{id}_{S}$. In this case, $W(A_2)$ acts on the G_2 -configurations on S simply transitively. On the other hand, by Lemma 17, the involution on Σ can be extended to an isomorphism from S' onto S. In this case the involution $-\mathrm{id}_{\Sigma}$ acts on the set $[(S, \Sigma, \zeta)]$. Thus the result follows.

Proposition 19. Let $\mathcal{G}^{G_2}_{\Sigma}$ be the moduli space of pairs (S, Σ) where S is a G_2 -surface, and $\mathcal{M}^{G_2}_{\Sigma}$ be the moduli space of flat G_2 -bundles over Σ . Then we have

- (i) $\mathcal{G}_{\Sigma}^{G_2}$ is embedded into $\mathcal{M}_{\Sigma}^{G_2}$ as an open dense subset.
- (ii) This embedding can be extended naturally to an isomorphism

$$\overline{\mathcal{G}_{\Sigma}^{G_2}} \cong \mathcal{M}_{\Sigma}^{G_2},$$

by including all rational surfaces with G_2 -configurations.

Proof. By Corollary 3 we have $\mathcal{M}_{\Sigma}^{G_2} \cong \mathcal{M}_{\Sigma}^{A_2}/\operatorname{Out}(A_2) \cong \overline{\mathcal{G}_{\Sigma}^{A_2}}/\mathbb{Z}_2$. Thus it suffices to show that $\mathcal{G}_{\Sigma}^{G_2} \cong \mathcal{G}_{\Sigma}^{A_2}/\mathbb{Z}_2$. This follows from Lemma 18.

Remark 20 [Friedman et al. 1997]. A SU(3)-bundles over Σ is determined by a section of $H^0(\mathbb{O}_{\Sigma}(3(0)))$, which is a meromorphic function with the only pole 0 of order at most 3. Let x, y be the local coordinates of Σ around 0, then this function is $a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 y$ up to nonzero constant. Thus the moduli space $\mathcal{M}_{\Sigma}^{A_2}$ is isomorphic to \mathbb{P}^2 . By the proof of Lemma 17, the function $a_0 + a_1 x + (-a_2)y$ defines the same G_2 -bundle over Σ . Thus we have $\mathcal{M}_{\Sigma}^{G_2} \cong \mathbb{WP}_{1,1,2}^2$.

Remark 21. For the F_4 case, unfortunately, the method used in this paper is not very effective. We can not find a suitable definition for F_4 -configurations. Thus in this case, the method used in [Leung and Zhang 2009b] is the better one.

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