

# The refined Sato-Tate conjecture

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# Sato-Tate in dimension 1

Let  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  be an elliptic curve, which we can write in the form

$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b,$$

and let  $p$  be a prime of good reduction ( $4a^3 + 27b^2 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ ).

The number of  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -points on the reduction  $E_p$  of  $E$  modulo  $p$  is

$$\#E_p(\mathbb{F}_p) = p + 1 - t_p,$$

where the trace of Frobenius  $t_p$  is an integer in  $[-2\sqrt{p}, 2\sqrt{p}]$ .

We are interested in the limiting distribution of  $x_p = -t_p/\sqrt{p} \in [-2, 2]$ , as  $p$  varies over primes of good reduction.

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# Sato-Tate distributions in dimension 1

## 1. Typical case (no CM)

Elliptic curves  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  w/o CM have the semi-circular trace distribution. (This is also known for  $E/k$ , where  $k$  is a totally real number field).

[Taylor et al.]

## 2. Exceptional cases (CM)

Elliptic curves  $E/k$  with CM have one of two distinct trace distributions, depending on whether  $k$  contains the CM field or not.

[classical]

# Sato-Tate groups in dimension 1

The *Sato-Tate group* of  $E$  is a closed subgroup  $G$  of  $SU(2) = USp(2)$  derived from the  $\ell$ -adic Galois representation attached to  $E$ .

The refined Sato-Tate conjecture implies that the normalized trace distribution of  $E$  converges to the distribution of traces in  $G$  given by Haar measure (the unique translation-invariant measure).

$G$	$G/G^0$	$E$	$k$	$E[a_1^0], E[a_1^2], E[a_1^4] \dots$
$U(1)$	$C_1$	$y^2 = x^3 + 1$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$	1, 2, 6, 20, 70, 252, ...
$N(U(1))$	$C_2$	$y^2 = x^3 + 1$	$\mathbb{Q}$	1, 1, 3, 10, 35, 126, ...
$SU(2)$	$C_1$	$y^2 = x^3 + x + 1$	$\mathbb{Q}$	1, 1, 2, 5, 14, 42, ...

In dimension 1 there are three possible Sato-Tate groups, two of which arise for elliptic curves defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

## Zeta functions and $L$ -polynomials

For a smooth projective curve  $C/\mathbb{Q}$  of genus  $g$  and each prime  $p$  of good reduction for  $C$  we have the *zeta function*

$$Z(C_p/\mathbb{F}_p; T) := \exp \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} N_k T^k / k \right),$$

where  $N_k = \#C_p(\mathbb{F}_{p^k})$ . This is a rational function of the form

$$Z(C_p/\mathbb{F}_p; T) = \frac{L_p(T)}{(1-T)(1-pT)},$$

where  $L_p(T)$  is an integer polynomial of degree  $2g$ .

For  $g = 1$  we have  $L_p(t) = pT^2 + c_1T + 1$ , and for  $g = 2$ ,

$$L_p(T) = p^2T^4 + c_1pT^3 + c_2T^2 + c_1T + 1.$$

# Normalized $L$ -polynomials

The normalized polynomial

$$\bar{L}_p(T) := L_p(T/\sqrt{p}) = \sum_{i=0}^{2g} a_i T^i \in \mathbb{R}[T]$$

is monic, reciprocal ( $a_i = a_{2g-i}$ ), and unitary (roots on the unit circle). The coefficients  $a_i$  necessarily satisfy  $|a_i| \leq \binom{2g}{i}$ .

We now consider the limiting distribution of  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_g$  over all primes  $p \leq N$  of good reduction, as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

In this talk we will focus primarily on the case  $g = 2$ .

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## $L$ -polynomials of Abelian varieties

Let  $A$  be an abelian variety of dimension  $g \geq 1$  over a number field  $k$ .

Let  $\rho_\ell: G_k \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}(V_\ell(A)) \simeq \text{GSp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$  be the Galois representation arising from the action of  $G_k = \text{Gal}(k/k)$  on the  $\ell$ -adic Tate module

$$V_\ell(A) := \varprojlim A[\ell^n].$$

For each prime  $\mathfrak{p}$  of good reduction for  $A$  we have the  $L$ -polynomial

$$L_{\mathfrak{p}}(T) := \det(1 - \rho_\ell(\text{Frob}_{\mathfrak{p}})T),$$

$$\bar{L}_{\mathfrak{p}}(T) := L_{\mathfrak{p}}(T/\sqrt{\|\mathfrak{p}\|}) = \sum a_i T^i.$$

In the case that  $A$  is the Jacobian of a genus  $g$  curve  $C$ , this agrees with our earlier definition of  $L_{\mathfrak{p}}(T)$  as the numerator of the zeta function of  $C$ .

# The Sato-Tate group of an abelian variety

Let  $\rho_\ell: G_k \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}(V_\ell(A)) \simeq \text{GSp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$  be as above.

Let  $G_k^1$  be the kernel of the cyclotomic character  $\chi_\ell: G_k \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_\ell^\times$ .

Let  $G_\ell^{1,\text{Zar}}$  be the Zariski closure of  $\rho_\ell(G_k^1)$  in  $\text{Sp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ .

Choose  $\iota: \mathbb{Q}_\ell \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , and let  $G^1 = G_\ell^{1,\text{Zar}} \otimes_\iota \mathbb{C} \subseteq \text{Sp}_{2g}(\mathbb{C})$ .

## Definition [Serre]

$\text{ST}_A \subseteq \text{USp}(2g)$  is a maximal compact subgroup of  $G^1 \subseteq \text{Sp}_{2g}(\mathbb{C})$ .  
For each prime  $\mathfrak{p}$  of good reduction for  $A$ , let  $s(\mathfrak{p})$  denote the conjugacy class of  $\rho_\ell(\text{Frob}_\mathfrak{p}) / \sqrt{|\mathfrak{p}|} \in G^1$  in  $\text{ST}_A$ .

Conjecturally,  $\text{ST}_A$  does not depend on  $\ell$  or  $\iota$ ; this is known for  $g \leq 3$ .  
In any case, the characteristic polynomial of  $s(\mathfrak{p})$  is always  $\bar{L}_\mathfrak{p}(T)$ .



# Equidistribution

Let  $\mu_{ST_A}$  denote the image of the Haar measure on  $\text{Conj}(ST_A)$  (which does not depend on the choice of  $\ell$  or  $\iota$ ).

## The Refined Sato-Tate Conjecture

The conjugacy classes  $s(\mathfrak{p})$  are equidistributed with respect to  $\mu_{ST_A}$ .

In particular, the distribution of  $\bar{L}_{\mathfrak{p}}(T)$  matches the distribution of characteristic polynomials of random matrices in  $ST_A$ .

We can test this numerically by comparing statistics of the coefficients  $a_1, \dots, a_g$  of  $\bar{L}_{\mathfrak{p}}(T)$  over  $\|\mathfrak{p}\| \leq N$  to the predictions given by  $\mu_{ST_A}$ .

# The Sato-Tate axioms for abelian varieties

A subgroup  $G$  of  $\mathrm{USp}(2g)$  satisfies the *Sato-Tate axioms*<sup>1</sup> if:

- 1  $G$  is closed.
- 2  $G$  contains a *Hodge circle* (an embedding  $\theta: \mathrm{U}(1) \rightarrow G^0$  where  $\theta(u)$  has eigenvalue  $u$  with multiplicity  $g$ ), whose conjugates generate a dense subset of  $G$ .
- 3 For each component  $H$  of  $G$  and every irreducible character  $\chi$  of  $\mathrm{GL}_{2g}(\mathbb{C})$  we have  $E[\chi(\gamma) : \gamma \in H] \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

For any fixed  $g$ , the set of subgroups  $G \subseteq \mathrm{USp}(2g)$  that satisfy the *Sato-Tate axioms* is **finite** (up to conjugacy).

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## Theorem

For  $g \leq 3$ , the group  $\mathrm{ST}_A$  satisfies the Sato-Tate axioms.

This is expected to hold for all  $g$ .

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## Sato-Tate groups in dimension 2

### Theorem 1 [FKRS 2012]

Up to conjugacy, 55 subgroups of  $\mathrm{USp}(4)$  satisfy the Sato-Tate axioms:

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 $C_{2,1}, C_{4,1}, C_{6,1}, D_{2,1}, D_{3,2}, D_{4,1}, D_{4,2}, D_{6,1}, D_{6,2}, O_1$

$\mathrm{SU}(2)$ :  $E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4, E_6, J(E_1), J(E_2), J(E_3), J(E_4), J(E_6)$

$\mathrm{U}(1) \times \mathrm{U}(1)$ :  $F, F_a, F_c, F_{a,b}, F_{ab}, F_{ac}, F_{ab,c}, F_{a,b,c}$

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This theorem says nothing about equidistribution, however this is now known in many special cases [FS 2012, Johansson 2013].

Sato-Tate groups in dimension 2 with  $G^0 = U(1)$ .

$d$	$c$	$G$	$G/G^0$	$z_1$	$z_2$	$M[a_1^2]$	$M[a_2]$
1	1	$C_1$	$C_1$	0	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	8, 96, 1280, 17920	4, 18, 88, 454
1	2	$C_2$	$C_2$	1	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	4, 48, 640, 8960	2, 10, 44, 230
1	3	$C_3$	$C_3$	0	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	4, 36, 440, 6020	2, 8, 34, 164
1	4	$C_4$	$C_4$	1	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	4, 36, 400, 5040	2, 8, 32, 150
1	6	$C_6$	$C_6$	1	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	4, 36, 400, 4900	2, 8, 32, 148
1	4	$D_2$	$D_2$	3	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	2, 24, 320, 4480	1, 6, 22, 118
1	6	$D_3$	$D_3$	3	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	2, 18, 220, 3010	1, 5, 17, 85
1	8	$D_4$	$D_4$	5	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	2, 18, 200, 2520	1, 5, 16, 78
1	12	$D_6$	$D_6$	7	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	2, 18, 200, 2450	1, 5, 16, 77
1	2	$J(C_1)$	$C_2$	1	1, 0, 0, 0, 0	4, 48, 640, 8960	1, 11, 40, 235
1	4	$J(C_2)$	$D_2$	3	1, 0, 0, 0, 1	2, 24, 320, 4480	1, 7, 22, 123
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1	8	$J(C_4)$	$C_4 \times C_2$	5	1, 0, 2, 0, 1	2, 18, 200, 2520	1, 5, 16, 79
1	12	$J(C_6)$	$C_6 \times C_2$	7	1, 2, 0, 2, 1	2, 18, 200, 2450	1, 5, 16, 77
1	8	$J(D_2)$	$D_2 \times C_2$	7	1, 0, 0, 0, 3	1, 12, 160, 2240	1, 5, 13, 67
1	12	$J(D_3)$	$D_6$	9	1, 0, 0, 2, 3	1, 9, 110, 1505	1, 4, 10, 48
1	16	$J(D_4)$	$D_4 \times C_2$	13	1, 0, 2, 0, 5	1, 9, 100, 1260	1, 4, 10, 45
1	24	$J(D_6)$	$D_6 \times C_2$	19	1, 2, 0, 2, 7	1, 9, 100, 1225	1, 4, 10, 44
1	2	$C_{2,1}$	$C_2$	1	0, 0, 0, 0, 1	4, 48, 640, 8960	3, 11, 48, 235
1	4	$C_{4,1}$	$C_4$	3	0, 0, 2, 0, 0	2, 24, 320, 4480	1, 5, 22, 115
1	6	$C_{6,1}$	$C_6$	3	0, 2, 0, 0, 1	2, 18, 220, 3010	1, 5, 18, 85
1	4	$D_{2,1}$	$D_2$	3	0, 0, 0, 0, 2	2, 24, 320, 4480	2, 7, 26, 123
1	8	$D_{4,1}$	$D_4$	7	0, 0, 2, 0, 2	1, 12, 160, 2240	1, 4, 13, 63
1	12	$D_{6,1}$	$D_6$	9	0, 2, 0, 0, 4	1, 9, 110, 1505	1, 4, 11, 48
1	6	$D_{3,2}$	$D_3$	3	0, 0, 0, 0, 3	2, 18, 220, 3010	2, 6, 21, 90
1	8	$D_{4,2}$	$D_4$	5	0, 0, 0, 0, 4	2, 18, 200, 2520	2, 6, 20, 83
1	12	$D_{6,2}$	$D_6$	7	0, 0, 0, 0, 6	2, 18, 200, 2450	2, 6, 20, 82
1	12	$T$	$A_4$	3	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	2, 12, 120, 1540	1, 4, 12, 52
1	24	$O$	$S_4$	9	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	2, 12, 100, 1050	1, 4, 11, 45
1	24	$O_1$	$S_4$	15	0, 0, 6, 0, 6	1, 6, 60, 770	1, 3, 8, 30
1	24	$J(T)$	$A_4 \times C_2$	15	1, 0, 0, 8, 3	1, 6, 60, 770	1, 3, 7, 29
1	48	$J(O)$	$S_4 \times C_2$	33	1, 0, 6, 8, 9	1, 6, 50, 525	1, 3, 7, 26

Sato-Tate groups in dimension 2 with  $G^0 \neq U(1)$ .

$d$	$c$	$G$	$G/G^0$	$z_1$	$z_2$	$M[a_1^2]$	$M[a_2]$
3	1	$E_1$	$C_1$	0	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	4, 32, 320, 3584	3, 10, 37, 150
3	2	$E_2$	$C_2$	1	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	2, 16, 160, 1792	1, 6, 17, 78
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3	4	$E_4$	$C_4$	1	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	2, 12, 100, 1008	1, 4, 11, 46
3	6	$E_6$	$C_6$	1	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	2, 12, 100, 980	1, 4, 11, 44
3	2	$J(E_1)$	$C_2$	1	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	2, 16, 160, 1792	2, 6, 20, 78
3	4	$J(E_2)$	$D_2$	3	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	1, 8, 80, 896	1, 4, 10, 42
3	6	$J(E_3)$	$D_3$	3	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	1, 6, 55, 602	1, 3, 8, 29
3	8	$J(E_4)$	$D_4$	5	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	1, 6, 50, 504	1, 3, 7, 26
3	12	$J(E_6)$	$D_6$	7	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	1, 6, 50, 490	1, 3, 7, 25
2	1	$F$	$C_1$	0	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	4, 36, 400, 4900	2, 8, 32, 148
2	2	$F_a$	$C_2$	0	0, 0, 0, 0, 1	3, 21, 210, 2485	2, 6, 20, 82
2	2	$F_c$	$C_2$	1	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	2, 18, 200, 2450	1, 5, 16, 77
2	2	$F_{ab}$	$C_2$	1	0, 0, 0, 0, 1	2, 18, 200, 2450	2, 6, 20, 82
2	4	$F_{ac}$	$C_4$	3	0, 0, 2, 0, 1	1, 9, 100, 1225	1, 3, 10, 41
2	4	$F_{a,b}$	$D_2$	1	0, 0, 0, 0, 3	2, 12, 110, 1260	2, 5, 14, 49
2	4	$F_{ab,c}$	$D_2$	3	0, 0, 0, 0, 1	1, 9, 100, 1225	1, 4, 10, 44
2	8	$F_{a,b,c}$	$D_4$	5	0, 0, 2, 0, 3	1, 6, 55, 630	1, 3, 7, 26
4	1	$G_4$	$C_1$	0	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	3, 20, 175, 1764	2, 6, 20, 76
4	2	$N(G_4)$	$C_2$	0	0, 0, 0, 0, 1	2, 11, 90, 889	2, 5, 14, 46
6	1	$G_6$	$C_1$	0	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	2, 10, 70, 588	2, 5, 14, 44
6	2	$N(G_6)$	$C_2$	1	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	1, 5, 35, 294	1, 3, 7, 23
10	1	$USp(4)$	$C_1$	0	0, 0, 0, 0, 0	1, 3, 14, 84	1, 2, 4, 10



# Galois types

Let  $A$  be an abelian surface defined over a number field  $k$ .

Let  $K$  be the minimal extension of  $k$  for which  $\text{End}(A_K) = \text{End}(A_{\bar{\mathbb{Q}}})$ .

The group  $\text{Gal}(K/k)$  acts on the  $\mathbb{R}$ -algebra  $\text{End}(A_K)_{\mathbb{R}} = \text{End}(A_K) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{R}$ .

## Definition

The *Galois type* of  $A$  is the isomorphism class of  $[\text{Gal}(K/k), \text{End}(A_K)_{\mathbb{R}}]$ , where  $[G, E] \simeq [G', E']$  if there is an isomorphism  $G \simeq G'$  and a compatible isomorphism  $E \simeq E'$  of  $\mathbb{R}$ -algebras.

(Note:  $G \simeq G'$  and  $E \simeq E'$  does not necessarily imply  $[G, E] \simeq [G', E']$ ).

## Galois types and Sato-Tate groups in dimension 2

### Theorem 2 [FKRS 2012]

Up to conjugacy, the Sato-Tate group  $G$  of an abelian surface  $A$  is uniquely determined by its Galois type, and vice versa.

We also have  $G/G^0 \simeq \text{Gal}(K/k)$ , and  $G^0$  is uniquely determined by the isomorphism class of  $\text{End}(A_K)_{\mathbb{R}}$ , and vice versa:

$U(1)$	$M_2(\mathbb{C})$	$U(1) \times SU(2)$	$\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{R}$
$SU(2)$	$M_2(\mathbb{R})$	$SU(2) \times SU(2)$	$\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$
$U(1) \times U(1)$	$\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$	$USp(4)$	$\mathbb{R}$

There are 52 distinct Galois types of abelian surfaces.

The proof uses the *algebraic Sato-Tate group* of Banaszak and Kedlaya, which, for  $g \leq 3$ , uniquely determines  $ST_A$ .

# Exhibiting Sato-Tate groups of abelian surfaces

Remarkably, the 34 Sato-Tate groups that can arise for an abelian surface over  $\mathbb{Q}$  can all be realized via Jacobians of genus 2 curves.

By extending the base field from  $\mathbb{Q}$  to a suitable subfield  $k$  of  $K$ , we can restrict  $G/G^0 \simeq \text{Gal}(K/k)$  to any normal subgroup of  $\text{Gal}(K/k)$  (this does not change the identity component  $G^0$ ).

This allows us to realize all 52 Sato-Tate groups using 34 curves. In

fact, these 52 Sato-Tate groups can be realized using just 9 hyperelliptic curves over varying base fields.

Genus 2 curves realizing Sato-Tate groups with  $G^0 = \mathrm{U}(1)$ 

Group	Curve $y^2 = f(x)$	$k$	$K$
$C_1$	$x^6 + 1$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$
$C_2$	$x^5 - x$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2})$
$C_3$	$x^6 + 4$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3}, \sqrt[3]{2})$
$C_4$	$x^6 + x^5 - 5x^4 - 5x^2 - x + 1$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2}, a); a^4 + 17a^2 + 68 = 0$
$C_6$	$x^6 + 2$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3}, \sqrt[3]{2})$
$D_2$	$x^5 + 9x$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})$
$D_3$	$x^6 + 10x^3 - 2$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3}, \sqrt[3]{-2})$
$D_4$	$x^5 + 3x$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt[3]{3})$
$D_6$	$x^6 + 3x^5 + 10x^3 - 15x^2 + 15x - 6$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, a); a^3 + 3a - 2 = 0$
$T$	$x^6 + 6x^5 - 20x^4 + 20x^3 - 20x^2 - 8x + 8$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2}, a, b);$ $a^3 - 7a + 7 = b^4 + 4b^2 + 8b + 8 = 0$
$O$	$x^6 - 5x^4 + 10x^3 - 5x^2 + 2x - 1$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2}, \sqrt{-11}, a, b);$ $a^3 - 4a + 4 = b^4 + 22b + 22 = 0$
$J(C_1)$	$x^5 - x$	$\mathbb{Q}(i)$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2})$
$J(C_2)$	$x^5 - x$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2})$
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$J(C_6)$	$x^6 - 15x^4 - 20x^3 + 6x + 1$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{3}, a); a^3 + 3a^2 - 1 = 0$
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$D_{2,1}$	$x^5 + x$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2})$
$D_{4,1}$	$x^5 + 2x$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt[3]{2})$
$D_{6,1}$	$x^6 + 6x^5 - 30x^4 - 40x^3 + 60x^2 + 24x - 8$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2}, \sqrt{-3}, a); a^3 - 9a + 6 = 0$
$D_{3,2}$	$x^6 + 4$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3}, \sqrt[3]{2})$
$D_{4,2}$	$x^6 + x^5 + 10x^3 + 5x^2 + x - 2$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2}, a); a^4 - 14a^2 + 28a - 14 = 0$
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$O_1$	$x^6 + 7x^5 + 10x^4 + 10x^3 + 15x^2 + 17x + 4$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2}, a, b);$ $a^3 + 5a + 10 = b^4 + 4b^2 + 8b + 2 = 0$

Genus 2 curves realizing Sato-Tate groups with  $G^0 \neq U(1)$ 

Group	Curve $y^2 = f(x)$	$k$	$K$
$F$	$x^6 + 3x^4 + x^2 - 1$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2})$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2})$
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$F_{ab}$	$x^6 + 3x^4 + x^2 - 1$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2})$
$F_{ac}$	$x^5 + 1$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(a); a^4 + 5a^2 + 5 = 0$
$F_{a,b}$	$x^6 + 3x^4 + x^2 - 1$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(i, \sqrt{2})$
$E_1$	$x^6 + x^4 + x^2 + 1$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}$
$E_2$	$x^6 + x^5 + 3x^4 + 3x^2 - x + 1$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$
$E_3$	$x^5 + x^4 - 3x^3 - 4x^2 - x$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(a); a^3 - 3a + 1 = 0$
$E_4$	$x^5 + x^4 + x^2 - x$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(a); a^4 - 5a^2 + 5 = 0$
$E_6$	$x^5 + 2x^4 - x^3 - 3x^2 - x$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{7}, a); a^3 - 7a - 7 = 0$
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$J(E_6)$	$x^6 + x^3 - 2$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3}, \sqrt[6]{-2})$
$G_{1,3}$	$x^6 + 3x^4 - 2$	$\mathbb{Q}(i)$	$\mathbb{Q}(i)$
$N(G_{1,3})$	$x^6 + 3x^4 - 2$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(i)$
$G_{3,3}$	$x^6 + x^2 + 1$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}$
$N(G_{3,3})$	$x^6 + x^5 + x - 1$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}(i)$
$USp(4)$	$x^5 - x + 1$	$\mathbb{Q}$	$\mathbb{Q}$

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We found over 10 million non-isogenous curves with exceptional distributions, including at least 3 apparent matches for all of our target Sato-Tate groups.

Representative examples were computed to high precision  $N = 2^{30}$ .

For each example, the field  $K$  was then determined, allowing the Galois type, and hence the Sato-Tate group, to be **provably** identified.

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For  $g = 2, 3$  the new algorithm is over 100x faster for  $N \geq 2^{30}$ .