

# Fibre Product

$X, Y, S$  schemes

Definition:  $X \xrightarrow{f} S, Y \xrightarrow{g} S$  morphisms

The fibre product  $X \times_S Y$  is the unique scheme

comes from the universal property (up to isomorphisms)

s.t. ① 
$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \times_S Y & \xrightarrow{g'} & X \\ f' \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ Y & \xrightarrow{g} & S \end{array}$$

commutes

② If 
$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z & \xrightarrow{g''} & X \\ f'' \downarrow & \nearrow^{g'} & \downarrow f \\ Y & \xrightarrow{g} & S \end{array}$$
 universal property

*(Note: In the diagram, a red arrow labeled  $\exists!$  points from  $Z$  to  $X \times_S Y$ , and blue arrows show the commutative relationships between  $Z, X, Y, S$  and their respective maps.)*

Pf: (Step 1)  $X = \text{Spec } A, Y = \text{Spec } B, S = \text{Spec } R$  affine

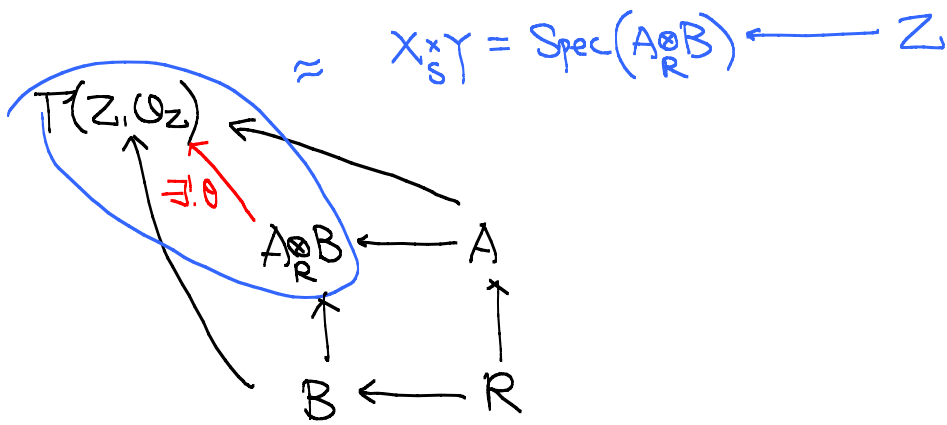
w/ 
$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & S \\ Y & \xrightarrow{g} & S \end{array}$$
 induced by 
$$\begin{array}{ccc} R & \rightarrow & A \\ R & \rightarrow & B \end{array}$$

then 
$$X \times_S Y = \text{Spec } (A \otimes_R B)$$

Indeed, if 
$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z & \longrightarrow & X = \text{Spec } A \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ Y = \text{Spec } B & \longrightarrow & S = \text{Spec } R \end{array}$$

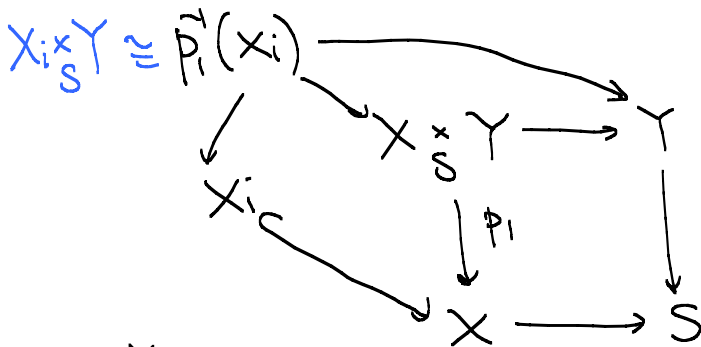
$$\text{Hom}_{\text{Sch}}(Z, \text{Spec } A) = \text{Hom}_{\text{Ring}}(A, \Gamma(Z, \mathcal{O}_Z))$$

From the universal property of the tensor product



(Step 2)

- $\{X_i\}$  cover of  $X \implies X \times_S Y$  exists
- $X_i \times_S Y$  exists



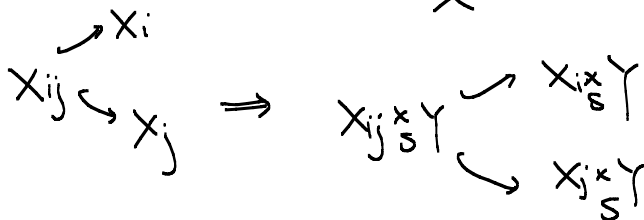
local model:  $X_{ij} \hookrightarrow X_i$

$$\implies X_{ij} \times_S Y \hookrightarrow X_i \times_S Y$$

True when  $X_{ij} = \text{Spec } A_f$ ,  $X_i = \text{Spec } A$   
 $A \rightarrow A_f$   
 $S = \text{Spec } R$ ,  $Y = \text{Spec } B$

$$A \otimes_R B \longrightarrow A_f \otimes_R B$$

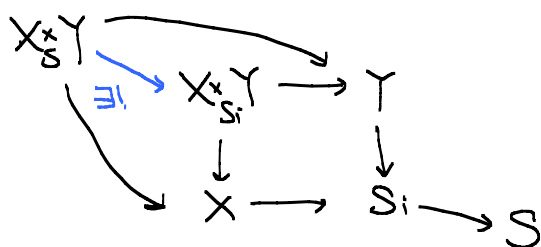
$(A \otimes_R B)_{f \otimes 1}$



When  $S$  is not affine,  $S = \cup S_i$ ,  $S_i = \text{Spec } R_i$

$X_i \hookrightarrow \tilde{P}^{-1}(S_i)$  affine open subset

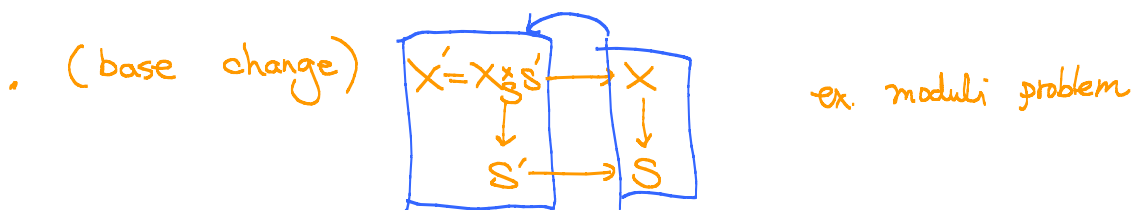
then  $X \times_S Y = \bigcup X_i \times_S Y$



Definition:  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  morphism of schemes  
 $y \in Y$ ,  $k(y)$  residue field of  $y$

$$\leadsto X_y := X \times_Y \text{Spec}(k(y)) \text{ fibre of } f \text{ over } y$$

- Can view  $X_y$  as deformation of  $X_{\bar{y}}$ .
- $X \rightarrow \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}$  defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$   
 $\downarrow \cup$   
 $X_{(\mathfrak{p})} \rightarrow (\mathfrak{p})$  then  $X_{(\mathfrak{p})}$  defined over  $\mathbb{F}_{\mathfrak{p}}$   
 reduction modulo  $\mathfrak{p}$ .



base change is transitive:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X'' & \longrightarrow & X' & \longrightarrow & X \\ \downarrow & \square & \downarrow & \square & \downarrow \\ S'' & \longrightarrow & S' & \longrightarrow & S \end{array}$$

$$(X \times_S S') \times_{S'} S'' \cong X \times_S S''$$

use universal property

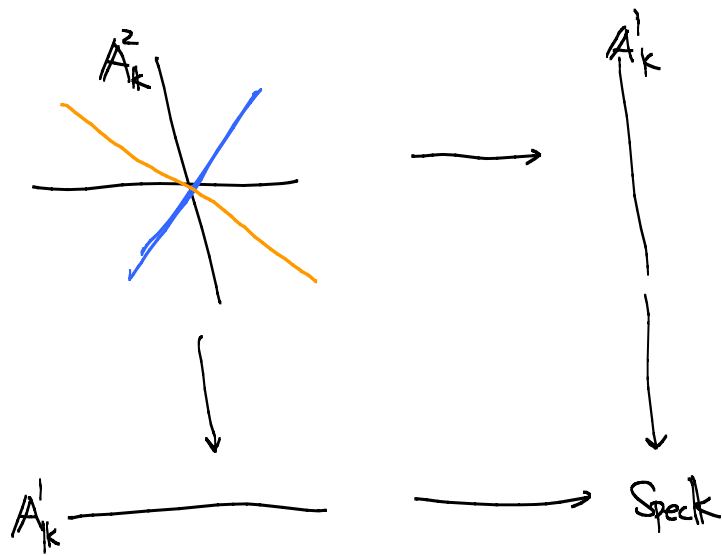
ex.  $A_k^n \times_{\text{Spec } k} A_k^n \cong A_k^{n+m}$   $\because k[x_1, \dots, x_n] \otimes_{k[y_1, \dots, y_m]} k[x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_m]$

Caveat: Given  $X \xrightarrow{f} S$ ,  $Y \xrightarrow{g} S$ , one can form set-theoretic fibre product

$$\underline{X \times_S Y} := \{ (x, y) \in \underline{X} \times \underline{Y} \mid f(x) = g(y) \}$$

However,  $\underline{X \times_S Y} \neq \underline{X \times_S Y}$

ex.



$$(x-y) \neq (x+y) \in \mathbb{A}_K^2$$

$$\text{thus } \underline{\mathbb{A}_K^2} \neq \underline{\mathbb{A}_K^1} \times \underline{\mathbb{A}_K^1}$$