

# PERIODIC SCHUR $\sigma$ -GROUPS OF NON-ELEMENTARY BICYCLIC TYPE

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ABSTRACT. Infinitely many large Schur  $\sigma$ -groups  $G$  with non-elementary bicyclic commutator quotient  $G/G' \simeq C_{3^e} \times C_3$ ,  $e \geq 2$ , are constructed as periodic sequences of vertices in descendant trees of finite 3-groups. A single root gives rise to pairs of metabelian groups  $G$  with logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(G) = 4 + e$  for  $e \geq 3$ . Three roots are ancestors of pairs of non-metabelian groups  $G$  with moderate rank distribution  $\varrho(G) \sim (2, 2, 3; 3)$  and  $\text{lo}(G) = 7 + e$  for  $e \geq 5$ . Twentyseven roots produce sextets of non-metabelian groups  $G$  with elevated rank distribution  $\varrho(G) = (3, 3, 3; 3)$  and  $\text{lo}(G) = 19 + e$  for  $e \geq 9$ . The soluble length of non-metabelian groups is always  $\text{sl}(G) = 3$ . The groups can be realized as 3-class field tower groups  $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_3^\infty(K)/K)$  of imaginary quadratic number fields  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  with fundamental discriminants  $d < 0$ .

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Why are Schur  $\sigma$ -groups of eminent algebraic and arithmetic relevance? For an assigned odd prime number  $p \geq 3$ , the automorphism group  $G_\infty = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_p^\infty(K)/K)$  of the maximal unramified pro- $p$  extension  $\mathbb{F}_p^\infty(K)$  of an imaginary quadratic number field  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  with fundamental discriminant  $d < 0$  is a Schur  $\sigma$ -group [29, 14, 1, 9, 8], in fact, either a finite group with order a power of  $p$  or an infinite pro- $p$  group. All Galois groups  $G_n = \text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_p^n(K)/K)$  of the stages of the unramified Hilbert  $p$ -class field tower

$$K \leq \mathbb{F}_p^1(K) \leq \mathbb{F}_p^2(K) \leq \dots \leq \mathbb{F}_p^n(K) \leq \dots \leq \mathbb{F}_p^\infty(K)$$

of  $K$  are derived quotients  $G_n \simeq G_\infty/G_\infty^{(n)}$  of the Schur  $\sigma$ -group  $G_\infty$ . In turn, imaginary quadratic fields  $K$  are the simplest algebraic number fields with smallest possible degree 2 and trivial torsion-free unit group  $U_K/W_K$ . At least for the smallest odd prime number  $p = 3$ , imaginary quadratic fields are distinguished by the experimental constructibility of their unramified abelian extensions [11, 6, 7, 15] with relative degrees  $p$  and usually also  $p^2$  in a few minutes of CPU-time.

In our most recent investigations, we succeeded in finding unexpected periodic sequences of Schur  $\sigma$ -groups  $G$  possessing a bicyclic commutator quotient  $G/G' \simeq C_{3^e} \times C_3$  with one non-elementary component and logarithmic exponent  $e \geq 2$ . Periodicity sets in for a minimal exponent  $e \geq e_0$  in dependence on the particular kind of the Schur  $\sigma$ -groups  $G$ . The value  $e_0$  is given by the  $p$ -nilpotency class  $\text{cl}_p(G)$  of  $G$ . There exist periodic sequences of

- metabelian Schur  $\sigma$ -groups  $G$  with logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(G) = 4 + e$  for  $e \geq e_0 = 3$  [24],
- non-metabelian Schur  $\sigma$ -groups  $G$  with moderate rank distribution  $\varrho(G) \sim (2, 2, 3; 3)$  or  $\varrho(G) \sim (2, 2, 2; 3)$  and logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(G) = 7 + e$  for  $e \geq e_0 = 5$  [24, 26],
- non-metabelian Schur  $\sigma$ -groups  $G$  with elevated rank distribution  $\varrho(G) = (3, 3, 3; 3)$  and logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(G) = 19 + e$  for  $e \geq e_0 = 9$  [25].

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2. METABELIAN SCHUR-GROUPS  $G$  WITH  $G/G' \simeq (3^e, 3)$ ,  $e \geq 1$ 

A common feature of all periodic constructions in this article is the constitution of the resulting  $p$ -descendant tree by

- an *infinite main trunk* of vertices  $T$  with parametrized presentation,
- graph theoretically isomorphic *finite twigs* emanating from each vertex of the main trunk.

The leaves  $G$  of the twigs are usually Schur  $\sigma$ -groups. In order to avoid ambiguity, we use subscripts  $T_e, G_e$  in all the following theorems.

Since the simplest main trunk consists of all abelian groups of type  $(3^e, 3)$ , we begin with this important instance, although the leaves of the twigs are only Schur-groups (with balanced presentation) but not  $\sigma$ -groups (without generator-inverting automorphism).

**Theorem 1.** For each logarithmic exponent  $e \geq 2$ , the **unique non-elementary bi-heterocyclic 3-group**  $T_e$  of type  $(3^e, 3) \hat{=} (e1)$  is given by the **periodic sequence** of iterated  $p$ -descendants

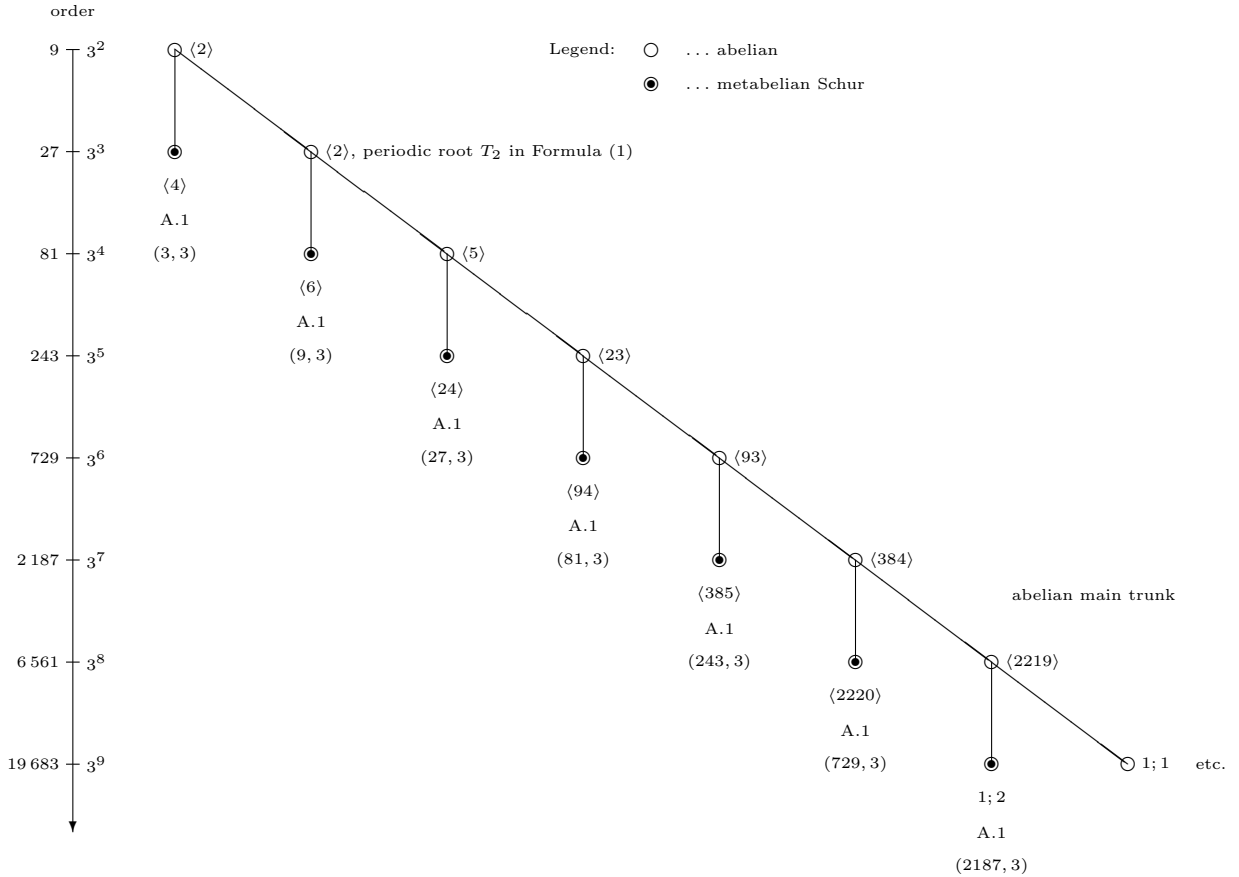
$$(1) \quad T_e \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(27, 2)(-\#1; 1)^{e-2}.$$

These abelian groups have logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(T_e) = 1 + e$ , punctured transfer kernel type a.1,  $\varkappa(T_e) = (000; 0)$ , and first abelian quotient invariants  $\alpha_1(T_e) \sim (e, e, e; (e-1)1)$ . They form the *infinite main trunk* of a descendant tree with singlets as finite twigs. For each  $e \geq 2$ , the singlet

$$(2) \quad G_e \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(27, 2)(-\#1; 1)^{e-2} - \#1; 2$$

is the **unique metabelian Schur-group**  $G_e$  with commutator quotient  $G_e/G'_e \simeq (3^e, 3) \hat{=} (e1)$  and punctured transfer kernel type A.1,  $\varkappa(G_e) \sim (111; 1)$ . It has first abelian quotient invariants  $\alpha_1(G_e) \sim (e+1, e+1, e+1; e1)$ ,  $\text{lo}(G_e) = 2 + e$ , and is not a  $\sigma$ -group. See Figure 1.

FIGURE 1. Periodic metabelian Schur-groups  $G$  with  $G/G' \simeq (3^e, 3)$ ,  $e \geq 2$



*Proof.* Let  $s_2 = [y, x]$  denote the main commutator and  $w = x^{3^e}$  the last non-trivial power. For each  $e \geq 1$ , we have parametrized presentations

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} T_{e+1} &= \langle x, y, w \mid x^{3^{e+1}} = w^3 = 1, y^3 = 1 \rangle, \\ G_e &= \langle x, y, s_2, w \mid x^{3^{e+1}} = w^3 = 1, y^3 = 1, s_2 = w \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

For  $e \geq 1$ , the last non-trivial lower  $p$ -central is given by  $P_e(G_e) = \langle w \rangle$  respectively  $P_e(T_{e+1}) = \langle w \rangle$ , whence both groups share the common  $p$ -parent  $G_e/P_e(G_e) \simeq T_{e+1}/P_e(T_{e+1}) \simeq T_e$ . Observe that the  $p$ -nilpotency class is given by  $\text{cl}_p(G_e) = e + 1$  respectively  $\text{cl}_p(T_{e+1}) = e + 1$ .

The  $p$ -group generation algorithm [13] by Newman [27] and O'Brien [28] is implemented in the ANUPQ package [12] of the computational algebra system Magma [15, 7, 6]. This algorithm is used to construct all immediate  $p$ -descendants of an assigned finite  $p$ -group. Vertices are identified by absolute counters  $\text{SmallGroup}(o, i) = \langle o, i \rangle = \langle i \rangle$ , defined in the SmallGroups database [5] for orders  $o \leq 3^8$ , or by relative counters  $P - \#s; i$  with respect to the  $p$ -parent  $P$  and the step size  $s$ , assigned by the ANUPQ package [12] for  $o \geq 3^9$ . Repeated recursive applications of the algorithm eventually produce Figure 1, and thus confirm Formula (1) and (2).

Special care is required for the tree root  $T_1 = \langle 9, 2 \rangle$  only. It has exceptional nuclear rank  $n(T_1) = 3$ , and we can neglect step sizes  $s \in \{2, 3\}$ . Among the immediate  $p$ -descendants of step size  $s = 1$ , the abelian group  $T_2 = \langle 27, 2 \rangle$  is exo-genetic with regular identifier  $T_1 - \#1; 1$ , but  $G_1 = \langle 27, 4 \rangle$  is endo-genetic with irregular identifier  $T_1 - \#1; 3$ , since  $T_1 - \#1; 2 \simeq \langle 27, 3 \rangle$  is the extra-special 3-group with punctured transfer kernel type a.1,  $\varkappa = (000; 0)$ . Therefore, it is not possible to extend Theorem 1 to all  $e \geq 1$  in a uniform way.  $\square$

### 3. METABELIAN SCHUR $\sigma$ -GROUPS $G$ WITH $G/G' \simeq (3^e, 3)$ , $e \geq 3$

**Theorem 2.** *For each logarithmic exponent  $e \geq 3$ , the **unique** metabelian CF-group  $T_e$  with commutator quotient  $T_e/T_e' \simeq (3^e, 3) \hat{=} (e1)$ , punctured transfer kernel type b.16,  $\varkappa(T_e) \sim (004; 0)$ , and logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(T_e) = 3 + e$  is given by the **periodic sequence** of iterated  $p$ -descendants*

$$(4) \quad T_e \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(729, 8)(-\#1; 1)^{e-3}.$$

*These groups have first abelian quotient invariants  $\alpha_1(T_e) \sim (e1, e1, e11; (e-1)11)$ . They form the infinite main trunk of a descendant tree with doublets as finite twigs. For each integer  $e \geq 3$ , the doublet*

$$(5) \quad G_{e,i} \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(729, 8)(-\#1; 1)^{e-3} - \#1; i, \quad i \in \{2, 3\},$$

*is the **unique pair of metabelian** Schur  $\sigma$ -groups  $G_{e,i}$  with commutator quotient  $G_{e,i}/G_{e,i}' \simeq (3^e, 3) \hat{=} (e1)$ . It has punctured transfer kernel type D.11,  $\varkappa(G_{e,i}) \sim (124; 1)$ ,  $\text{lo}(G_{e,i}) = 4 + e$ , and first abelian quotient invariants  $\alpha_1(G_{e,i}) \sim ((e+1)1, (e+1)1, e11; e11)$ . See Figure 2.*

*Proof.* Let  $s_2 = [y, x]$  denote the main commutator,  $s_3 = [s_2, x]$  and  $t_3 = [s_2, y]$  higher commutators, and  $w = x^{3^e}$  the last non-trivial power. For each  $e \geq 3$ , we have parametrized presentations

$$(6) \quad \begin{aligned} T_{e+1} &= \langle x, y, s_2, s_3, t_3, w \mid x^{3^{e+1}} = w^3 = 1, y^3 = s_3, t_3 = s_3 \rangle, \\ G_{e,i} &= \langle x, y, s_2, s_3, t_3, w \mid x^{3^{e+1}} = w^3 = 1, y^3 = s_3, t_3 = s_3 w^{i-1} \rangle, \quad i \in \{2, 3\}. \end{aligned}$$

The  $p$ -class is given by  $\text{cl}_p(G_{e,i}) = e + 1$  respectively  $\text{cl}_p(T_{e+1}) = e + 1$ . For  $e \geq 3$ , the last non-trivial lower  $p$ -central is given by  $P_e(G_{e,i}) = \langle w \rangle$  respectively  $P_e(T_{e+1}) = \langle w \rangle$ , whence all three groups share the common  $p$ -parent  $G_{e,i}/P_e(G_{e,i}) \simeq T_{e+1}/P_e(T_{e+1}) \simeq T_e$ .

Repeated recursive applications of the  $p$ -group generation algorithm eventually produce Figure 2, and thus confirm Formula (4) and (5). All groups have  $\varrho \sim (2, 2, 3; 3)$ . Cf. [24, Thm. 4-7].  $\square$

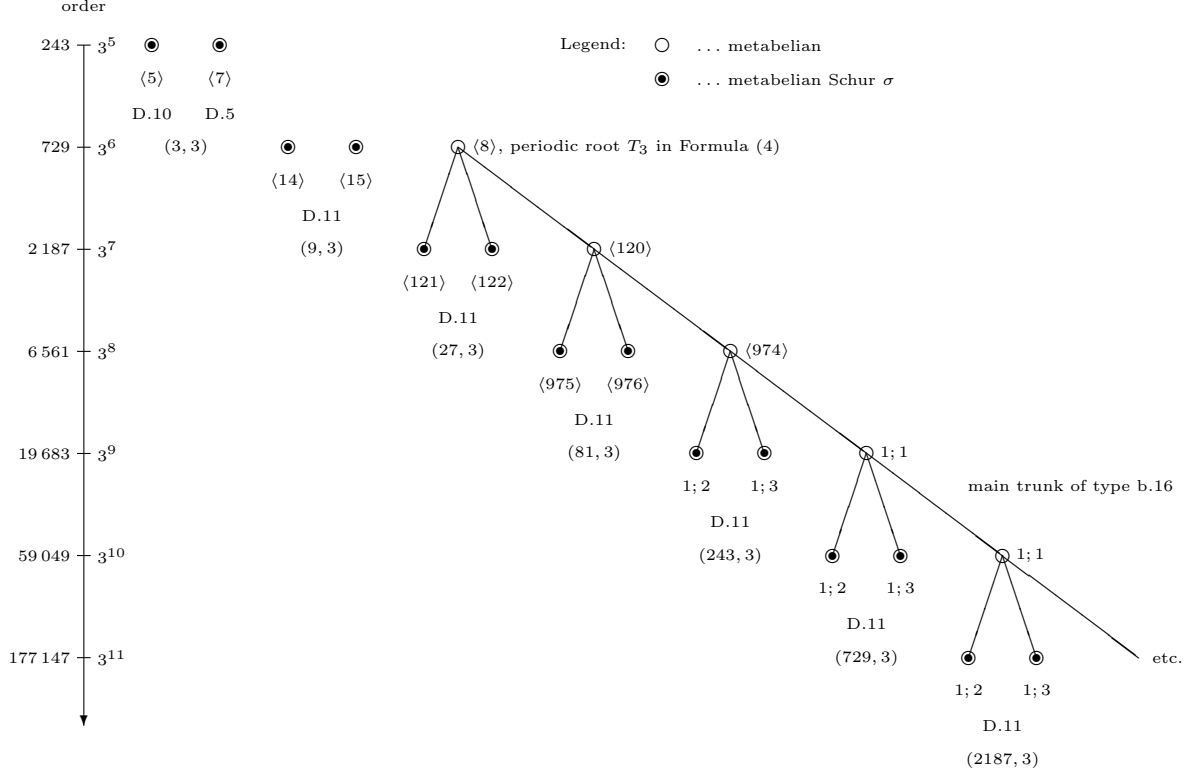
In particular, for  $e = 3$  and  $e = 4$ , we have the pairs

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SmallGroup}(2187, 121) &\simeq G_{3,2} = \langle x, y, s_2, s_3, t_3, w \mid x^{27} = w, y^3 = s_3, t_3 = s_3 \cdot w \rangle, \\ \text{SmallGroup}(2187, 122) &\simeq G_{3,3} = \langle x, y, s_2, s_3, t_3, w \mid x^{27} = w, y^3 = s_3, t_3 = s_3 \cdot w^2 \rangle; \text{ and} \\ \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 975) &\simeq G_{4,2} = \langle x, y, s_2, s_3, t_3, w \mid x^{81} = w, y^3 = s_3, t_3 = s_3 \cdot w \rangle, \\ \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 976) &\simeq G_{4,3} = \langle x, y, s_2, s_3, t_3, w \mid x^{81} = w, y^3 = s_3, t_3 = s_3 \cdot w^2 \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

The smallest pair, for  $e = 2$ , however, is exceptional:  
 $\text{SmallGroup}(729, 14) \simeq \langle x, y, s_2, s_3, t_3 \mid x^9 = s_3, y^3 = t_3 \rangle$ ,  
 $\text{SmallGroup}(729, 15) \simeq \langle x, y, s_2, s_3, t_3 \mid x^9 = s_3, y^3 = t_3^2 \rangle$ .

Theorem 2 is illustrated for  $3 \leq e \leq 7$  by Figure 2, using the notation of [5, 12].

FIGURE 2. Periodic metabelian Schur  $\sigma$ -groups  $G$  with  $G/G' \simeq (3^e, 3)$ ,  $e \geq 3$



#### 4. MODERATE SCHUR $\sigma$ -GROUPS $G$ WITH $G/G' \simeq (3^e, 3)$ , $e \geq 5$ , GROUND STATE

Figure 3, resp. 4, shows that the construction process for the two non-metabelian Schur  $\sigma$ -groups  $G$  with order  $\#G = 3^{7+e}$  and punctured transfer kernel type D.10, resp. D.6, becomes increasingly difficult for the commutator quotients  $G/G' \simeq (27, 3)$ ,  $(81, 3)$ ,  $(243, 3)$ . For the commutator quotient  $G/G' \simeq (729, 3)$ , however, an **unexpected tranquilization occurs**, and the construction process becomes settled with a **simple step size one periodicity**.

**Theorem 3.** *The four pairs of Schur  $\sigma$ -groups  $G$  with soluble length  $\text{sl}(G) = 3$ , commutator quotient  $G/G' \simeq (3^e, 3) \hat{=} (e1)$ ,  $e \geq 5$ , punctured transfer kernel types D.10, D.5, C.4, D.6, and order  $\#G = 3^{7+e}$  are given by the following **bottom up** construction process.*

- For type D.10,  $\varkappa \sim (411; 3)$ ,  $\alpha \sim (e22, (e+1)1, (e+1)1; e11)$ ,  $\varrho \sim (3, 2, 2; 3)$ , let  $A_2 := \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 93) - \#2; 2$ , then

$$(7) \quad G \simeq A_2(-\#1; 1)^{e-5} - \#1; i - \#1; 1, \quad i \in \{2, 3\}.$$

- For type D.5,  $\varkappa \sim (211; 3)$ ,  $\alpha \sim ((e+1)21, (e+1)1, (e+1)1; e11)$ ,  $\varrho \sim (3, 2, 2; 3)$ , let  $A_4 := \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 93) - \#2; 4$ , then

$$(8) \quad G \simeq A_4(-\#1; 1)^{e-5} - \#1; i - \#1; 1, \quad i \in \{2, 3\}.$$

- For type C.4,  $\varkappa \sim (311; 3)$ ,  $\alpha \sim ((e+1)21, (e+1)1, (e+1)1; e11)$ ,  $\varrho \sim (3, 2, 2; 3)$ , let  $A_5 := \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 93) - \#2; 5$ , then

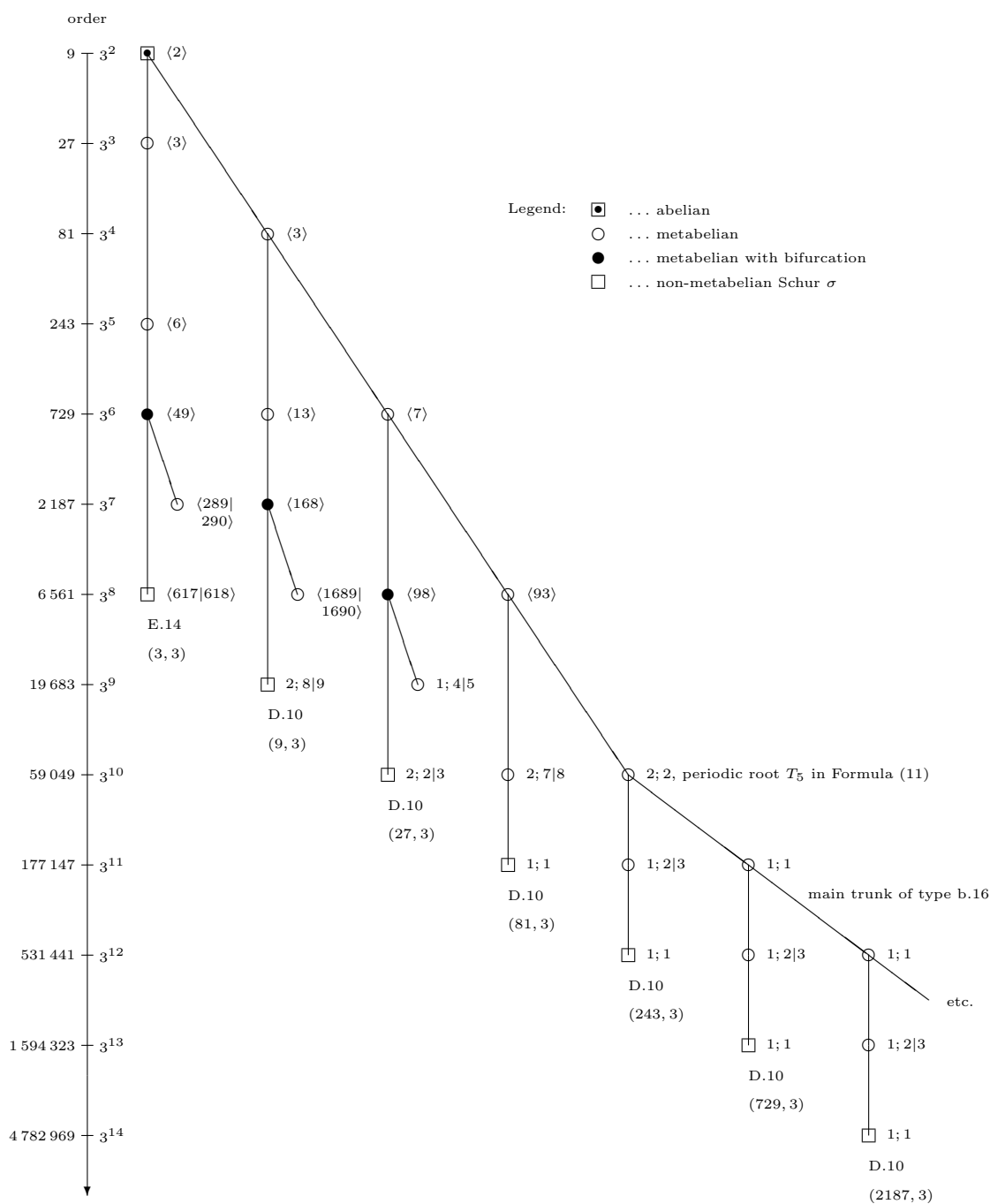
$$(9) \quad G \simeq A_5(-\#1; 1)^{e-5} - \#1; i - \#1; 1, \quad i \in \{2, 3\}.$$

- For type D.6,  $\varkappa \sim (123; 1)$ ,  $\alpha \sim ((e+1)1, (e+1)1, (e+1)1; e22)$ ,  $\varrho \sim (2, 2, 2; 3)$ , let  $A_0 := \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 85) - \#2; 4$ , then

$$(10) \quad G \simeq A_0(-\#1; 1)^{e-5} - \#1; i - \#1; 1, \quad i \in \{2, 3\}.$$

*Proof.* (Theorem 3) The proof consists of the construction of successive descendants of  $A_2, A_4, A_5, A_0$  in the way indicated in Theorem 3 by means of the  $p$ -group generation algorithm [13] by Newman [27] and O'Brien [28], implemented in Magma [6, 7, 15]. Cf. [24, Thm. 12–13].  $\square$

FIGURE 3. Schur  $\sigma$ -groups  $G$  with  $\varrho(G) \sim (2, 2, 3; 3)$ ,  $G/G' \simeq (3^e, 3)$ ,  $2 \leq e \leq 7$



After Theorem 3, we begin with a thorough investigation of the ground state of type D.10.

**Theorem 4.** *For each logarithmic exponent  $e \geq 5$ , a metabelian CF-group  $T_e$  with commutator quotient  $T_e/T'_e \simeq (3^e, 3) \hat{=} (e1)$ , punctured transfer kernel type b.16,  $\varkappa(T_e) \sim (004; 0)$ , and rank distribution  $\varrho \sim (2, 2, 3; 3)$  is given by the **periodic sequence** of iterated  $p$ -descendants*

$$(11) \quad T_e \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 93) - \#2; 2(-\#1; 1)^{e-5}.$$

*These groups have logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(T_e) = 5 + e$  and first abelian quotient invariants  $\alpha_1(T_e) \sim (e1, e1, e22; (e-1)11)$ . They form the infinite main trunk of a descendant tree with finite double-twigs of depth two. For each integer  $e \geq 5$ , the doublet*

$$(12) \quad M_{e,i} \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 93) - \#2; 2(-\#1; 1)^{e-5} - \#1; i, \quad i \in \{2, 3\},$$

*respectively*

$$(13) \quad G_{e,i} \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 93) - \#2; 2(-\#1; 1)^{e-5} - \#1; i - \#1; 1, \quad i \in \{2, 3\},$$

*is the **unique pair of metabelian**  $\sigma$ -groups  $M_{e,i} \simeq G_{e,i}/G''_{e,i}$ , respectively **non-metabelian** Schur  $\sigma$ -groups  $G_{e,i}$ , with commutator quotient  $(3^e, 3) \hat{=} (e1)$ , punctured transfer kernel type D.10,  $\varkappa \sim (114; 3)$ ,  $\text{lo}(M_{e,i}) = 6 + e$ , respectively  $\text{lo}(G_{e,i}) = 7 + e$ , and first abelian quotient invariants  $\alpha_1 \sim ((e+1)1, (e+1)1, e22; e11)$ . See Figure 3.*

*Proof.* Let  $s_2 = [y, x]$  denote the main commutator,  $s_3 = [s_2, x]$ ,  $s_4 = [s_3, x]$ ,  $s_5 = [s_4, x]$  and  $t_3 = [s_2, y]$ ,  $t_4 = [s_3, y]$ ,  $t_5 = [s_4, y]$  higher commutators, and  $w = x^{3^e}$  the last non-trivial power. For each  $e \geq 5$ , we have parametrized presentations with  $i \in \{2, 3\}$

$$(14) \quad \begin{aligned} T_{e+1} &= \langle x, y \mid w^3 = 1, y^3 = s_5, s_2^3 = s_4^2 s_5, s_3^3 = s_5^2, t_3 = s_3, t_4 = s_4, t_5 = s_5 \rangle, \\ M_{e,i} &= \langle x, y \mid w^3 = 1, y^3 = s_5, s_2^3 = s_4^2 s_5, s_3^3 = s_5^2, t_3 = s_3 w^{i-1}, t_4 = s_4, t_5 = s_5 \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

The  $p$ -class is given by  $\text{cl}_p(M_{e,i}) = e + 1$  respectively  $\text{cl}_p(T_{e+1}) = e + 1$ . For  $e \geq 5$ , the last non-trivial lower  $p$ -central is given by  $P_e(M_{e,i}) = \langle w \rangle$  respectively  $P_e(T_{e+1}) = \langle w \rangle$ , whence all three groups share the common  $p$ -parent  $M_{e,i}/P_e(M_{e,i}) \simeq T_{e+1}/P_e(T_{e+1}) \simeq T_e$ .

Repeated recursive applications of the  $p$ -group generation algorithm eventually produce Figure 3, and thus confirm Formulas (11), (12) and (13). All groups have  $\varrho \sim (2, 2, 3; 3)$ . Cf. [24, Thm. 11–13].  $\square$

We continue with the ground state of type C.4.

**Theorem 5.** *For each logarithmic exponent  $e \geq 5$ , a metabelian CF-group  $T_e$  with commutator quotient  $T_e/T'_e \simeq (3^e, 3) \hat{=} (e1)$ , punctured transfer kernel type a.1,  $\varkappa(T_e) \sim (000; 0)$ , and rank distribution  $\varrho \sim (2, 2, 3; 3)$  is given by the **periodic sequence** of iterated  $p$ -descendants*

$$(15) \quad T_e \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 93) - \#2; 5(-\#1; 1)^{e-5}.$$

*These groups have logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(T_e) = 5 + e$  and first abelian quotient invariants  $\alpha_1(T_e) \sim (e1, e1, e21; (e-1)11)$ . They form the infinite main trunk of a descendant tree with finite double-twigs of depth two. For each integer  $e \geq 5$ , the doublet*

$$(16) \quad M_{e,i} \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 93) - \#2; 5(-\#1; 1)^{e-5} - \#1; i, \quad i \in \{2, 3\},$$

*respectively*

$$(17) \quad G_{e,i} \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 93) - \#2; 5(-\#1; 1)^{e-5} - \#1; i - \#1; 1, \quad i \in \{2, 3\},$$

*is the **unique pair of metabelian**  $\sigma$ -groups  $M_{e,i} \simeq G_{e,i}/G''_{e,i}$ , respectively **non-metabelian** Schur  $\sigma$ -groups  $G_{e,i}$ , with commutator quotient  $(3^e, 3) \hat{=} (e1)$ , punctured transfer kernel type C.4,  $\varkappa \sim (113; 3)$ ,  $\text{lo}(M_{e,i}) = 6 + e$ , respectively  $\text{lo}(G_{e,i}) = 7 + e$ , and first abelian quotient invariants  $\alpha_1 \sim ((e+1)1, (e+1)1, (e+1)21; e11)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $s_2 = [y, x]$  denote the main commutator,  $s_3 = [s_2, x]$ ,  $s_4 = [s_3, x]$ ,  $s_5 = [s_4, x]$  and  $t_3 = [s_2, y]$ ,  $t_4 = [s_3, y]$ ,  $t_5 = [s_4, y]$  higher commutators, and  $w = x^{3^e}$  the last non-trivial power. For each  $e \geq 5$ , we have parametrized presentations with  $i \in \{2, 3\}$

$$(18) \quad \begin{aligned} T_{e+1} &= \langle x, y \mid w^3 = 1, y^3 = s_5, s_2^3 = s_4^2 s_5, s_3^3 = s_5^2, t_3 = s_3 s_5, t_4 = s_4, t_5 = s_5 \rangle, \\ M_{e,i} &= \langle x, y \mid w^3 = 1, y^3 = s_5, s_2^3 = s_4^2 s_5, s_3^3 = s_5^2, t_3 = s_3 s_5 w^{i-1}, t_4 = s_4, t_5 = s_5 \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

The  $p$ -class is given by  $\text{cl}_p(M_{e,i}) = e + 1$  respectively  $\text{cl}_p(T_{e+1}) = e + 1$ . For  $e \geq 5$ , the last non-trivial lower  $p$ -central is given by  $P_e(M_{e,i}) = \langle w \rangle$  respectively  $P_e(T_{e+1}) = \langle w \rangle$ , whence all three groups share the common  $p$ -parent  $M_{e,i}/P_e(M_{e,i}) \simeq T_{e+1}/P_e(T_{e+1}) \simeq T_e$ .

Repeated recursive applications of the  $p$ -group generation algorithm eventually produce a graph isomorphic to the tree in Figure 3, and thus confirm Formulas (15), (16) and (17). All groups have  $\varrho \sim (2, 2, 3; 3)$ . Cf. [24, Thm. 11–13].  $\square$

Next, we look at the ground state of type D.5.

**Theorem 6.** *For each logarithmic exponent  $e \geq 5$ , a metabelian CF-group  $T_e$  with commutator quotient  $T_e/T'_e \simeq (3^e, 3) \hat{=} (e1)$ , punctured transfer kernel type a.1,  $\varkappa(T_e) \sim (000; 0)$ , and rank distribution  $\varrho \sim (2, 2, 3; 3)$  is given by the **periodic sequence** of iterated  $p$ -descendants*

$$(19) \quad T_e \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 93) - \#2; 4(-\#1; 1)^{e-5}.$$

*These groups have logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(T_e) = 5 + e$  and first abelian quotient invariants  $\alpha_1(T_e) \sim (e1, e1, e21; (e-1)11)$ . They form the infinite main trunk of a descendant tree with finite double-twins of depth two. For each integer  $e \geq 5$ , the doublet*

$$(20) \quad M_{e,i} \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 93) - \#2; 4(-\#1; 1)^{e-5} - \#1; i, \quad i \in \{2, 3\},$$

*respectively*

$$(21) \quad G_{e,i} \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 93) - \#2; 4(-\#1; 1)^{e-5} - \#1; i - \#1; 1, \quad i \in \{2, 3\},$$

*is the **unique pair of metabelian**  $\sigma$ -groups  $M_{e,i} \simeq G_{e,i}/G_{e,i}''$ , respectively **non-metabelian** Schur  $\sigma$ -groups  $G_{e,i}$ , with commutator quotient  $(3^e, 3) \hat{=} (e1)$ , punctured transfer kernel type D.5,  $\varkappa \sim (112; 3)$ ,  $\text{lo}(M_{e,i}) = 6 + e$ , respectively  $\text{lo}(G_{e,i}) = 7 + e$ , and first abelian quotient invariants  $\alpha_1 \sim ((e+1)1, (e+1)1, (e+1)21; e11)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $s_2 = [y, x]$  denote the main commutator,  $s_3 = [s_2, x]$ ,  $s_4 = [s_3, x]$ ,  $s_5 = [s_4, x]$  and  $t_3 = [s_2, y]$ ,  $t_4 = [s_3, y]$ ,  $t_5 = [s_4, y]$  higher commutators, and  $w = x^{3^e}$  the last non-trivial power. For each  $e \geq 5$ , we have parametrized presentations with  $i \in \{2, 3\}$

$$(22) \quad \begin{aligned} T_{e+1} &= \langle x, y \mid w^3 = 1, y^3 = s_5^2, s_2^3 = s_4^2 s_5, s_3^3 = s_5^2, t_3 = s_3 s_5, t_4 = s_4, t_5 = s_5 \rangle, \\ M_{e,i} &= \langle x, y \mid w^3 = 1, y^3 = s_5^2, s_2^3 = s_4^2 s_5, s_3^3 = s_5^2, t_3 = s_3 s_5 w^{i-1}, t_4 = s_4, t_5 = s_5 \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

The  $p$ -class is given by  $\text{cl}_p(M_{e,i}) = e + 1$  respectively  $\text{cl}_p(T_{e+1}) = e + 1$ . For  $e \geq 5$ , the last non-trivial lower  $p$ -central is given by  $P_e(M_{e,i}) = \langle w \rangle$  respectively  $P_e(T_{e+1}) = \langle w \rangle$ , whence all three groups share the common  $p$ -parent  $M_{e,i}/P_e(M_{e,i}) \simeq T_{e+1}/P_e(T_{e+1}) \simeq T_e$ .

Repeated recursive applications of the  $p$ -group generation algorithm eventually produce a graph isomorphic to the tree in Figure 3, and thus confirm Formulas (19), (20) and (21). All groups have  $\varrho \sim (2, 2, 3; 3)$ . Cf. [24, Thm. 11–13].  $\square$

Finally, we come to the ground state of type D.6.

**Theorem 7.** *For each logarithmic exponent  $e \geq 5$ , a metabelian CF-group  $T_e$  with commutator quotient  $T_e/T'_e \simeq (3^e, 3) \hat{=} (e1)$ , punctured transfer kernel type a.1,  $\varkappa(T_e) \sim (000; 0)$ , and rank distribution  $\varrho \sim (2, 2, 2; 3)$  is given by the **periodic sequence** of iterated  $p$ -descendants*

$$(23) \quad T_e \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 85) - \#2; 4(-\#1; 1)^{e-5}.$$

*These groups have logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(T_e) = 5 + e$  and first abelian quotient invariants  $\alpha_1(T_e) \sim (e1, e1, e1; (e-1)22)$ . They form the infinite main trunk of a descendant tree with finite double-twins of depth two. For each integer  $e \geq 5$ , the doublet*

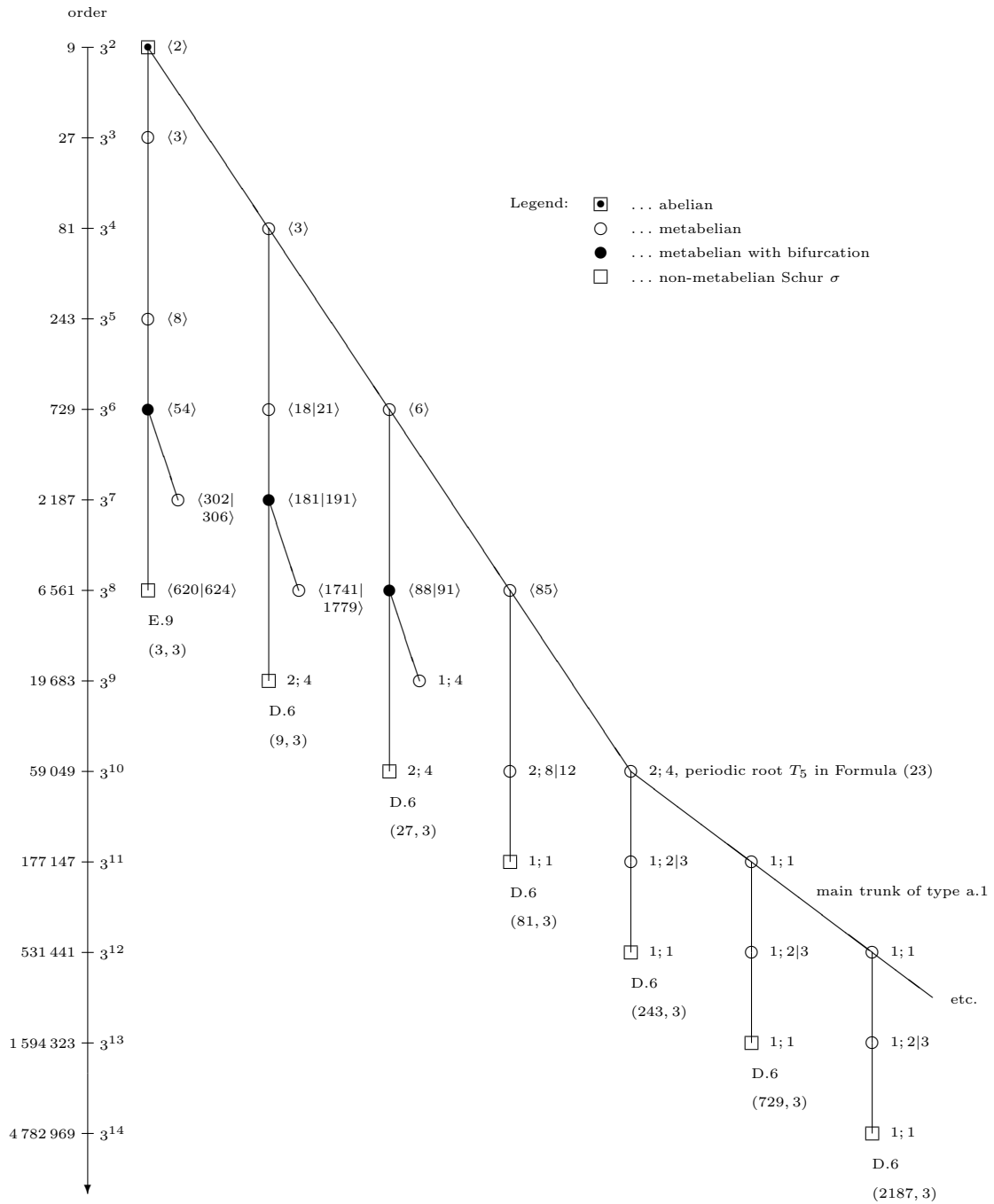
$$(24) \quad M_{e,i} \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 85) - \#2; 4(-\#1; 1)^{e-5} - \#1; i, \quad i \in \{2, 3\},$$

respectively

$$(25) \quad G_{e,i} \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 85) - \#2; 4(-\#1; 1)^{e-5} - \#1; i - \#1; 1, \quad i \in \{2, 3\},$$

is the **unique pair of metabelian**  $\sigma$ -groups  $M_{e,i} \simeq G_{e,i}/G''_{e,i}$ , respectively **non-metabelian Schur**  $\sigma$ -groups  $G_{e,i}$ , with commutator quotient  $(3^e, 3) \hat{=} (e1)$ , punctured transfer kernel type D.6,  $\varkappa \sim (123; 1)$ ,  $\text{lo}(M_{e,i}) = 6 + e$ , respectively  $\text{lo}(G_{e,i}) = 7 + e$ , and first abelian quotient invariants  $\alpha_1 \sim ((e + 1)1, (e + 1)1, (e + 1)1; e22)$ . See Figure 4.

FIGURE 4. Schur  $\sigma$ -groups  $G$  with  $\varrho(G) \sim (2, 2, 2; 3)$ ,  $G/G' \simeq (3^e, 3)$ ,  $2 \leq e \leq 7$





*Proof.* Let  $s_2 = [y, x]$  denote the main commutator,  $s_3 = [s_2, x]$ ,  $s_4 = [s_3, x]$ ,  $s_5 = [s_4, x]$  and  $t_3 = [s_2, y]$  higher commutators, and  $w = x^{3^e}$  the last non-trivial power. For each  $e \geq 5$ , we have parametrized presentations

$$(26) \quad \begin{aligned} T_{e+1} &= \langle x, y \mid w^3 = 1, y^3 = s_3^2 s_4, s_2^3 = s_4^2 s_5, s_3^3 = s_5^2, t_3 = s_5 \rangle, \\ M_{e,i} &= \langle x, y \mid w^3 = 1, y^3 = s_3^2 s_4, s_2^3 = s_4^2 s_5, s_3^3 = s_5^2, t_3 = s_5 w^{i-1} \rangle, \quad i \in \{2, 3\}. \end{aligned}$$

The  $p$ -class is given by  $\text{cl}_p(M_{e,i}) = e + 1$  respectively  $\text{cl}_p(T_{e+1}) = e + 1$ . For  $e \geq 5$ , the last non-trivial lower  $p$ -central is given by  $P_e(M_{e,i}) = \langle w \rangle$  respectively  $P_e(T_{e+1}) = \langle w \rangle$ , whence all three groups share the common  $p$ -parent  $M_{e,i}/P_e(M_{e,i}) \simeq T_{e+1}/P_e(T_{e+1}) \simeq T_e$ .

Repeated recursive applications of the  $p$ -group generation algorithm eventually produce Figure 4, and thus confirm Formulas (23), (24) and (25). All groups have  $\varrho \sim (2, 2, 2, 3)$ .  $\square$

### 5. MODERATE SCHUR $\sigma$ -GROUPS $G$ WITH $G/G' \simeq (3^e, 3)$ , $e \geq 7$ , EXCITED STATE

We begin with a thorough investigation of the first excited state of type D.10.

**Theorem 8.** *For each logarithmic exponent  $e \geq 7$ , a metabelian CF-group  $T_e$  with commutator quotient  $T_e/T'_e \simeq (3^e, 3) \hat{=} (e1)$ , punctured transfer kernel type b.16,  $\varkappa(T_e) \sim (004; 0)$ , and rank distribution  $\varrho \sim (2, 2, 3, 3)$  is given by the **periodic sequence** of iterated  $p$ -descendants*

$$(27) \quad T_e \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 93)(-\#2; 1)^2 - \#2; 2(-\#1; 1)^{e-7}.$$

*These groups have logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(T_e) = 7 + e$  and first abelian quotient invariants  $\alpha_1(T_e) \sim (e1, e1, e33; (e-1)11)$ . They form the infinite main trunk of a descendant tree with finite double-twins of depth three. For each integer  $e \geq 7$ , the doublet*

$$(28) \quad M_{e,i} \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 93)(-\#2; 1)^2 - \#2; 2(-\#1; 1)^{e-7} - \#1; i, \quad i \in \{2, 3\},$$

*respectively*

$$(29) \quad G_{e,i} \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 93)(-\#2; 1)^2 - \#2; 2(-\#1; 1)^{e-7} - \#1; i(-\#1; 1)^2, \quad i \in \{2, 3\},$$

*is the **unique pair of metabelian**  $\sigma$ -groups  $M_{e,i} \simeq G_{e,i}/G''_{e,i}$ , respectively **non-metabelian** Schur  $\sigma$ -groups  $G_{e,i}$ , with commutator quotient  $(3^e, 3) \hat{=} (e1)$ , punctured transfer kernel type D.10,  $\varkappa \sim (114; 3)$ ,  $\text{lo}(M_{e,i}) = 8 + e$ , respectively  $\text{lo}(G_{e,i}) = 10 + e$ , and first abelian quotient invariants  $\alpha_1 \sim ((e+1)1, (e+1)1, e33; e11)$ . See Figure 5.*

*Proof.* Let  $s_2 = [y, x]$  denote the main commutator,  $\forall_{j=3}^7 s_j = [s_{j-1}, x]$  and  $t_j = [s_{j-1}, y]$  higher commutators, and  $w = x^{3^e}$  the last non-trivial power. For each  $e \geq 7$ , we have parametrized presentations with  $i \in \{2, 3\}$

$$(30) \quad \begin{aligned} T_{e+1} &= \langle x, y \mid w^3 = 1, y^3 = s_7, \forall_{j=2}^4 s_j^3 = s_{j+2}^2 s_{j+3}, s_5^3 = s_7^2, \forall_{j=3}^7 t_j = s_j \rangle, \\ M_{e,i} &= \langle x, y \mid w^3 = 1, y^3 = s_7, \forall_{j=2}^4 s_j^3 = s_{j+2}^2 s_{j+3}, s_5^3 = s_7^2, t_3 = s_3 w^{i-1}, \forall_{j=4}^7 t_j = s_j \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

The  $p$ -class is given by  $\text{cl}_p(M_{e,i}) = e + 1$  respectively  $\text{cl}_p(T_{e+1}) = e + 1$ . For  $e \geq 7$ , the last non-trivial lower  $p$ -central is given by  $P_e(M_{e,i}) = \langle w \rangle$  respectively  $P_e(T_{e+1}) = \langle w \rangle$ , whence all three groups share the common  $p$ -parent  $M_{e,i}/P_e(M_{e,i}) \simeq T_{e+1}/P_e(T_{e+1}) \simeq T_e$ .

Repeated recursive applications of the  $p$ -group generation algorithm eventually produce Figure 5, and thus confirm Formulas (27), (28) and (29). All groups have  $\varrho \sim (2, 2, 3, 3)$ . Cf. [26, Thm. 1–3].  $\square$

We continue with the first excited state of type C.4.

**Theorem 9.** *For each logarithmic exponent  $e \geq 7$ , a metabelian CF-group  $T_e$  with commutator quotient  $T_e/T'_e \simeq (3^e, 3) \hat{=} (e1)$ , punctured transfer kernel type a.1,  $\varkappa(T_e) \sim (000; 0)$ , and rank distribution  $\varrho \sim (2, 2, 3, 3)$  is given by the **periodic sequence** of iterated  $p$ -descendants*

$$(31) \quad T_e \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 93)(-\#2; 1)^2 - \#2; 5(-\#1; 1)^{e-7}.$$

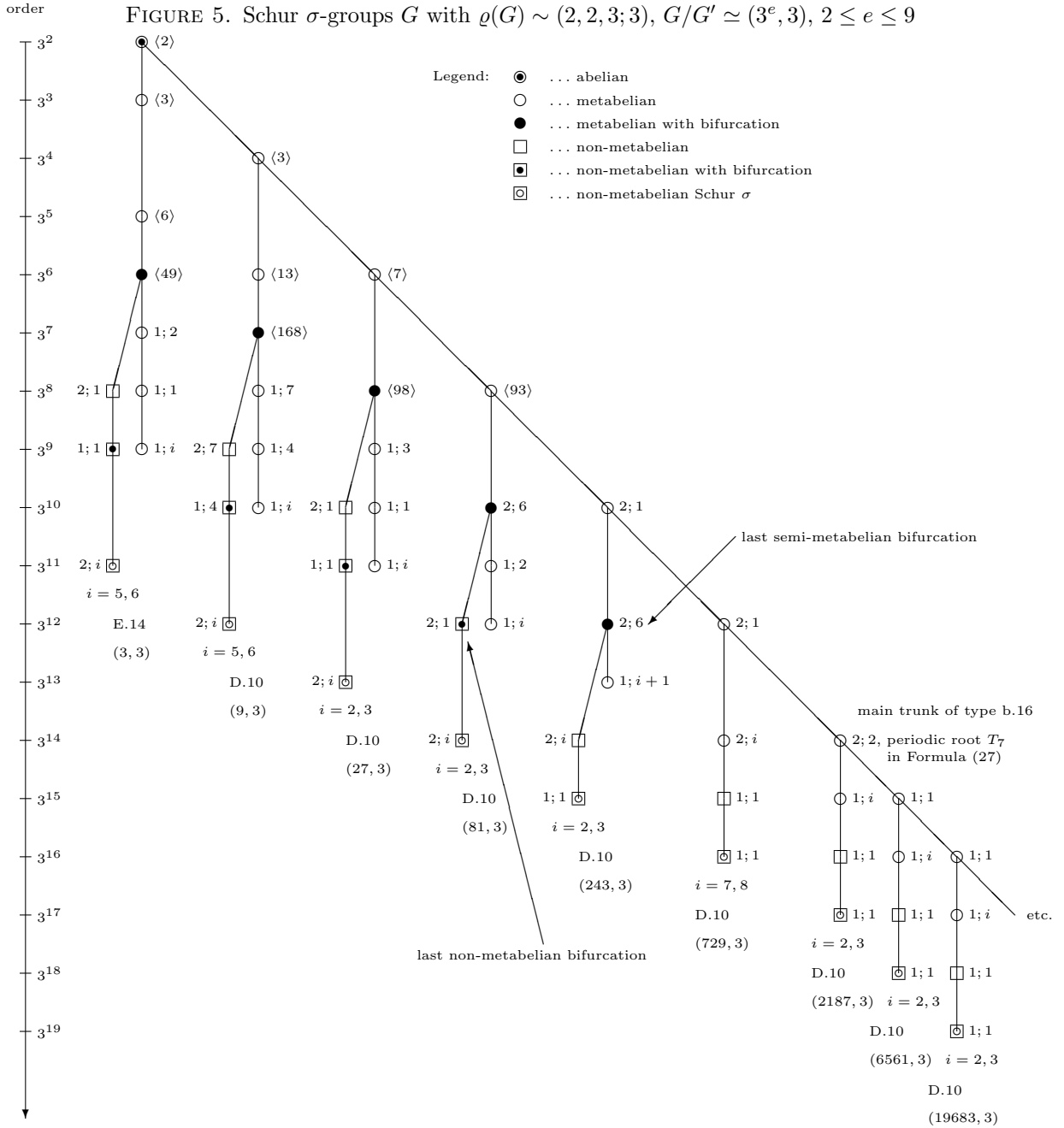
These groups have logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(T_e) = 7 + e$  and first abelian quotient invariants  $\alpha_1(T_e) \sim (e1, e1, e32; (e - 1)11)$ . They form the infinite main trunk of a descendant tree with finite doubletwigs of depth three. For each integer  $e \geq 7$ , the doublet

$$(32) \quad M_{e,i} \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 93)(-\#2; 1)^2 - \#2; 5(-\#1; 1)^{e-7} - \#1; i, \quad i \in \{2, 3\},$$

respectively

$$(33) \quad G_{e,i} \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 93)(-\#2; 1)^2 - \#2; 5(-\#1; 1)^{e-7} - \#1; i(-\#1; 1)^2, \quad i \in \{2, 3\},$$

is the **unique pair of metabelian**  $\sigma$ -groups  $M_{e,i} \simeq G_{e,i}/G''_{e,i}$ , respectively **non-metabelian** Schur  $\sigma$ -groups  $G_{e,i}$ , with commutator quotient  $(3^e, 3) \hat{=} (e1)$ , punctured transfer kernel type C.4,



$\varkappa \sim (113; 3)$ ,  $\text{lo}(M_{e,i}) = 8 + e$ , respectively  $\text{lo}(G_{e,i}) = 10 + e$ , and first abelian quotient invariants  $\alpha_1 \sim ((e+1)1, (e+1)1, (e+1)32; e11)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $s_2 = [y, x]$  denote the main commutator,  $\forall_{j=3}^7 s_j = [s_{j-1}, x]$  and  $t_j = [s_{j-1}, y]$  higher commutators, and  $w = x^{3^e}$  the last non-trivial power. For each  $e \geq 7$ , we have parametrized presentations with  $i \in \{2, 3\}$

$$(34) \quad \begin{aligned} T_{e+1} &= \langle x, y \mid w^3 = 1, y^3 = s_7, \forall_{j=2}^4 s_j^3 = s_{j+2}^2 s_{j+3}, s_5^3 = s_7^2, t_3 = s_3 s_7, \forall_{j=4}^7 t_j = s_j \rangle, \\ M_{e,i} &= \langle x, y \mid w^3 = 1, y^3 = s_7, \forall_{j=2}^4 s_j^3 = s_{j+2}^2 s_{j+3}, s_5^3 = s_7^2, t_3 = s_3 s_7 w^{i-1}, \forall_{j=4}^7 t_j = s_j \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

The  $p$ -class is given by  $\text{cl}_p(M_{e,i}) = e + 1$  respectively  $\text{cl}_p(T_{e+1}) = e + 1$ . For  $e \geq 7$ , the last non-trivial lower  $p$ -central is given by  $P_e(M_{e,i}) = \langle w \rangle$  respectively  $P_e(T_{e+1}) = \langle w \rangle$ , whence all three groups share the common  $p$ -parent  $M_{e,i}/P_e(M_{e,i}) \simeq T_{e+1}/P_e(T_{e+1}) \simeq T_e$ .

Repeated recursive applications of the  $p$ -group generation algorithm eventually produce a graph isomorphic to the tree in Figure 5, and thus confirm Formulas (31), (32) and (33). All groups have  $\varrho \sim (2, 2, 3; 3)$ . Cf. [26, Thm. 1–3].  $\square$

Next, we look at the first excited state of type D.5.

**Theorem 10.** *For each logarithmic exponent  $e \geq 7$ , a metabelian CF-group  $T_e$  with commutator quotient  $T_e/T_e' \simeq (3^e, 3) \hat{=} (e1)$ , punctured transfer kernel type a.1,  $\varkappa(T_e) \sim (000; 0)$ , and rank distribution  $\varrho \sim (2, 2, 3; 3)$  is given by the **periodic sequence** of iterated  $p$ -descendants*

$$(35) \quad T_e \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 93)(-\#2; 1)^2 - \#2; 4(-\#1; 1)^{e-7}.$$

These groups have logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(T_e) = 7 + e$  and first abelian quotient invariants  $\alpha_1(T_e) \sim (e1, e1, e32; (e-1)11)$ . They form the infinite main trunk of a descendant tree with finite double-twins of depth three. For each integer  $e \geq 7$ , the doublet

$$(36) \quad M_{e,i} \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 93)(-\#2; 1)^2 - \#2; 4(-\#1; 1)^{e-7} - \#1; i, \quad i \in \{2, 3\},$$

respectively

$$(37) \quad G_{e,i} \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 93)(-\#2; 1)^2 - \#2; 4(-\#1; 1)^{e-7} - \#1; i(-\#1; 1)^2, \quad i \in \{2, 3\},$$

is the **unique pair of metabelian**  $\sigma$ -groups  $M_{e,i} \simeq G_{e,i}/G_{e,i}''$ , respectively **non-metabelian** Schur  $\sigma$ -groups  $G_{e,i}$ , with commutator quotient  $(3^e, 3) \hat{=} (e1)$ , punctured transfer kernel type D.5,  $\varkappa \sim (112; 3)$ ,  $\text{lo}(M_{e,i}) = 8 + e$ , respectively  $\text{lo}(G_{e,i}) = 10 + e$ , and first abelian quotient invariants  $\alpha_1 \sim ((e+1)1, (e+1)1, (e+1)32; e11)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $s_2 = [y, x]$  denote the main commutator,  $\forall_{j=3}^7 s_j = [s_{j-1}, x]$  and  $t_j = [s_{j-1}, y]$  higher commutators, and  $w = x^{3^e}$  the last non-trivial power. For each  $e \geq 7$ , we have parametrized presentations with  $i \in \{2, 3\}$

$$(38) \quad \begin{aligned} T_{e+1} &= \langle x, y \mid w^3 = 1, y^3 = s_7^2, \forall_{j=2}^4 s_j^3 = s_{j+2}^2 s_{j+3}, s_5^3 = s_7^2, t_3 = s_3 s_7, \forall_{j=4}^7 t_j = s_j \rangle, \\ M_{e,i} &= \langle x, y \mid w^3 = 1, y^3 = s_7^2, \forall_{j=2}^4 s_j^3 = s_{j+2}^2 s_{j+3}, s_5^3 = s_7^2, t_3 = s_3 s_7 w^{i-1}, \forall_{j=4}^7 t_j = s_j \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

The  $p$ -class is given by  $\text{cl}_p(M_{e,i}) = e + 1$  respectively  $\text{cl}_p(T_{e+1}) = e + 1$ . For  $e \geq 7$ , the last non-trivial lower  $p$ -central is given by  $P_e(M_{e,i}) = \langle w \rangle$  respectively  $P_e(T_{e+1}) = \langle w \rangle$ , whence all three groups share the common  $p$ -parent  $M_{e,i}/P_e(M_{e,i}) \simeq T_{e+1}/P_e(T_{e+1}) \simeq T_e$ .

Repeated recursive applications of the  $p$ -group generation algorithm eventually produce a graph isomorphic to the tree in Figure 5, and thus confirm Formulas (35), (36) and (37). All groups have  $\varrho \sim (2, 2, 3; 3)$ . Cf. [26, Thm. 1–3].  $\square$

Finally, we come to the first excited state of type D.6.

**Theorem 11.** *For each logarithmic exponent  $e \geq 7$ , a metabelian CF-group  $T_e$  with commutator quotient  $T_e/T_e' \simeq (3^e, 3) \hat{=} (e1)$ , punctured transfer kernel type a.1,  $\varkappa(T_e) \sim (000; 0)$ , and rank distribution  $\varrho \sim (2, 2, 2; 3)$  is given by the **periodic sequence** of iterated  $p$ -descendants*

$$(39) \quad T_e \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 85)(-\#2; 1)^2 - \#2; 4(-\#1; 1)^{e-7}.$$

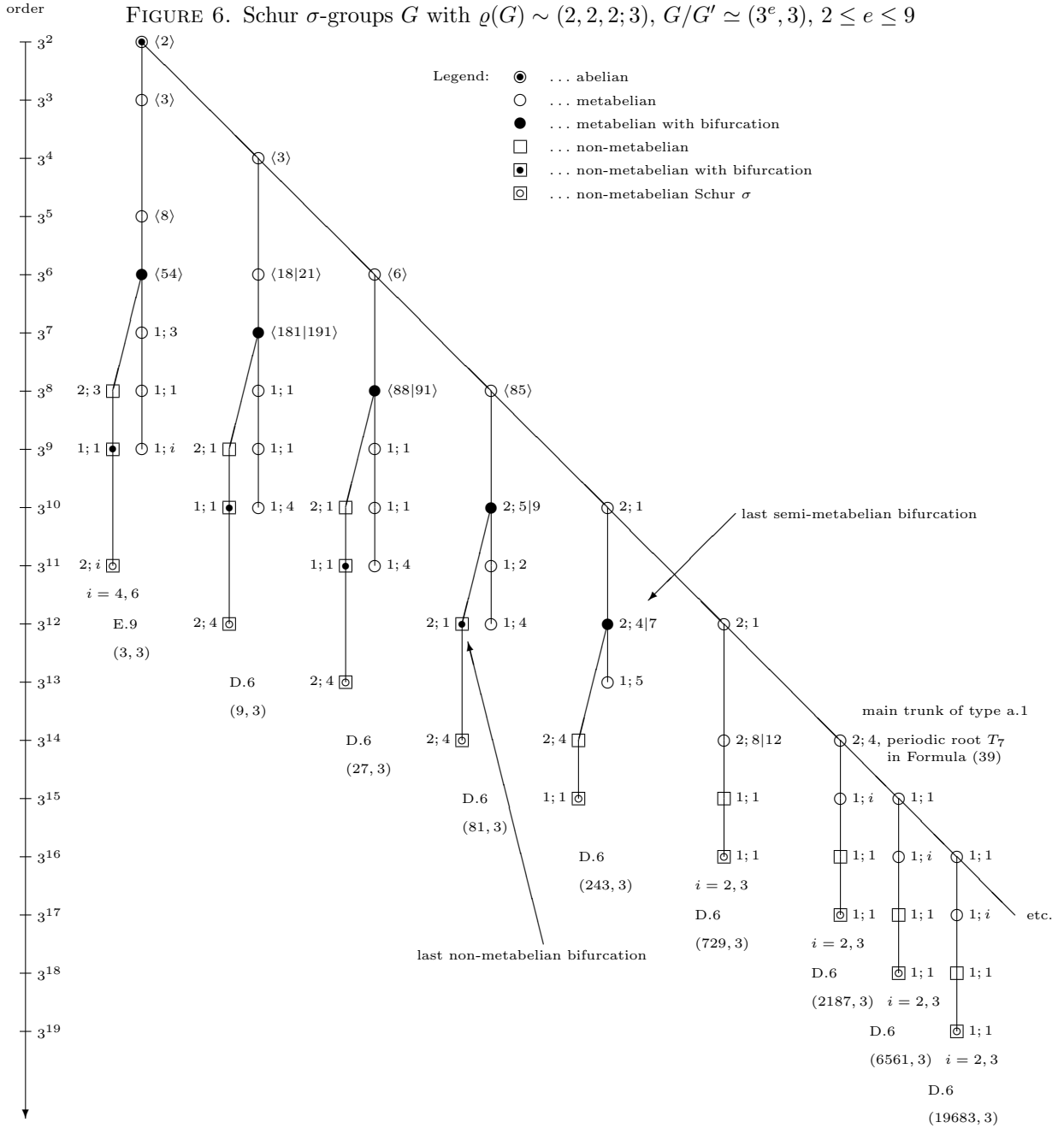
These groups have logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(T_e) = 7 + e$  and first abelian quotient invariants  $\alpha_1(T_e) \sim (e1, e1, e1; (e - 1)33)$ . They form the infinite main trunk of a descendant tree with finite doubletwigs of depth three. For each integer  $e \geq 7$ , the doublet

$$(40) \quad M_{e,i} \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 85)(-\#2; 1)^2 - \#2; 4(-\#1; 1)^{e-7} - \#1; i, \quad i \in \{2, 3\},$$

respectively

$$(41) \quad G_{e,i} \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(6561, 85)(-\#2; 1)^2 - \#2; 4(-\#1; 1)^{e-7} - \#1; i(-\#1; 1)^2, \quad i \in \{2, 3\},$$

is the **unique pair of metabelian**  $\sigma$ -groups  $M_{e,i} \simeq G_{e,i}/G''_{e,i}$ , respectively **non-metabelian** Schur  $\sigma$ -groups  $G_{e,i}$ , with commutator quotient  $(3^e, 3) \hat{=} (e1)$ , punctured transfer kernel type D.6,



$\varkappa \sim (123; 1)$ ,  $\text{lo}(M_{e,i}) = 8 + e$ , respectively  $\text{lo}(G_{e,i}) = 10 + e$ , and first abelian quotient invariants  $\alpha_1 \sim ((e+1)1, (e+1)1, (e+1)1; e33)$ . See Figure 6.

*Proof.* Let  $s_2 = [y, x]$  denote the main commutator,  $\forall_{j=3}^7 s_j = [s_{j-1}, x]$  and  $t_3 = [s_2, y]$  higher commutators, and  $w = x^{3^e}$  the last non-trivial power. For each  $e \geq 7$ , we have parametrized presentations with  $i \in \{2, 3\}$

$$(42) \quad \begin{aligned} T_{e+1} &= \langle x, y \mid w^3 = 1, y^3 = s_3^2 s_4, \forall_{j=2}^4 s_j^3 = s_{j+2}^2 s_{j+3}, s_5^3 = s_7^2, t_3 = s_7 \rangle, \\ M_{e,i} &= \langle x, y \mid w^3 = 1, y^3 = s_3^2 s_4, \forall_{j=2}^4 s_j^3 = s_{j+2}^2 s_{j+3}, s_5^3 = s_7^2, t_3 = s_7 w^{i-1} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

The  $p$ -class is given by  $\text{cl}_p(M_{e,i}) = e + 1$  respectively  $\text{cl}_p(T_{e+1}) = e + 1$ . For  $e \geq 7$ , the last non-trivial lower  $p$ -central is given by  $P_e(M_{e,i}) = \langle w \rangle$  respectively  $P_e(T_{e+1}) = \langle w \rangle$ , whence all three groups share the common  $p$ -parent  $M_{e,i}/P_e(M_{e,i}) \simeq T_{e+1}/P_e(T_{e+1}) \simeq T_e$ .

Repeated recursive applications of the  $p$ -group generation algorithm eventually produce Figure 6, and thus confirm Formulas (39), (40) and (41). All groups have  $\varrho \sim (2, 2, 2; 3)$ .  $\square$

## 6. ELEVATED SCHUR $\sigma$ -GROUPS $G$ WITH $G/G' \simeq (3^e, 3)$ , $e \geq 9$

Investigation of Schur  $\sigma$ -groups  $G$  with non-elementary bicyclic commutator quotient  $G/G' \simeq (3^e, 3)$ ,  $e \geq 4$ , punctured transfer kernel type B.18,  $\varkappa(G) \sim (144; 4)$ , and lowest possible logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(G) = 19 + e$  is firmly based on a crucial vertex  $T_4$  of the main trunk with associated scaffold type b.31,  $\varkappa(T_4) \sim (044; 4)$ . The identifier of this fork between non-metabelian Schur  $\sigma$ -groups  $G$  and their metabelianizations  $M = G/G''$  is  $T_4 = \langle 2187, 3 \rangle - \#3; 2$ . It may be called a *bifurcation of infinite order*, since it is responsible for all values  $e \geq 4$  of the logarithmic exponent. All the groups involved have elevated rank distribution  $\varrho \sim (3, 3, 3; 3)$  [25].

Periodicity of the metabelianizations  $M$  sets in for  $e \geq 5$  already.

**Theorem 12.** *For each logarithmic exponent  $e \geq 5$ , a metabelian BCF-group  $U_e$  with commutator quotient  $U_e/U'_e \simeq (3^e, 3) \hat{=} (e1)$ , punctured transfer kernel type b.31,  $\varkappa(U_e) \sim (044; 4)$ , and elevated rank distribution  $\varrho \sim (3, 3, 3; 3)$  is given by the **periodic sequence** of iterated  $p$ -descendants*

$$(43) \quad U_e \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(2187, 3) - \#3; 2 - \#2; 93(-\#1; 1)^{e-5}.$$

*These groups have logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(U_e) = 7 + e$  and first abelian quotient invariants  $\alpha_1(U_e) \sim (e21, e11, e11; (e-1)21)$ . They form the infinite main trunk of a descendant tree with finite twigs of depth one, consisting of a metabelian doublet and 24 non-metabelian vertices. For each integer  $e \geq 5$ , the doublet*

$$(44) \quad M_{e,i} \simeq \text{SmallGroup}(2187, 3) - \#3; 2 - \#2; 93(-\#1; 1)^{e-5} - \#1; i, \quad i \in \{2, 3\},$$

*is the **unique pair of metabelian**  $\sigma$ -groups with commutator quotient  $(3^e, 3) \hat{=} (e1)$ , punctured transfer kernel type B.18,  $\varkappa \sim (144; 4)$ ,  $\text{lo}(M_{e,i}) = 8 + e$ , and first abelian quotient invariants  $\alpha_1(M_{e,i}) \sim ((e+1)21, e11, e11; (e-1)21)$ . See Figure 8.*

*Proof.* Let  $s_2 = t_2 = [y, x]$  denote the main commutator,  $\forall_{j=3}^5 s_j = [s_{j-1}, x]$  and  $t_j = [t_{j-1}, y]$  higher commutators, and  $w = x^{3^e}$  the last non-trivial power. For each  $e \geq 5$ , we have parametrized presentations with  $i \in \{2, 3\}$

$$(45) \quad \begin{aligned} U_{e+1} &= \langle x, y \mid w^3 = 1, y^3 = s_3 s_4^2, s_2^3 = s_4 t_4^2, s_3^3 = s_5, t_3^3 = s_5^2, \\ &\quad [x^3, y] = s_4 t_4 s_5^2, [x^3, s_2] = s_5, t_5 = s_5 \rangle, \\ M_{e,i} &= \langle x, y \mid w^3 = 1, y^3 = s_3 s_4^2, s_2^3 = s_4 t_4^2 w^{i-1}, s_3^3 = s_5, t_3^3 = s_5^2 (w^{i-1})^2, \\ &\quad [x^3, y] = s_4 t_4 s_5^2 (w^{i-1})^2, [x^3, s_2] = s_5, t_5 = s_5 w^{i-1} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

The  $p$ -class is given by  $\text{cl}_p(M_{e,i}) = e + 1$  respectively  $\text{cl}_p(U_{e+1}) = e + 1$ . For  $e \geq 5$ , the last non-trivial lower  $p$ -central is given by  $P_e(M_{e,i}) = \langle w \rangle$  respectively  $P_e(U_{e+1}) = \langle w \rangle$ , whence all three groups share the common  $p$ -parent  $M_{e,i}/P_e(M_{e,i}) \simeq U_{e+1}/P_e(U_{e+1}) \simeq U_e$ .

Repeated recursive applications of the  $p$ -group generation algorithm eventually produce the upper part of Figure 8, and thus confirm Formulas (43) and (44). Cf. [25, Cor. 1].  $\square$

Periodicity of the Schur  $\sigma$ -groups  $G$  sets in for  $e \geq 9$ . According to [25, Thm. 1–7], the groups with minimal logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(G) = 19 + e$  are  $p$ -descendants of the seven roots  $\text{SmallGroup}(2187, 3) - \#3; 2 - \#4; \ell$  with  $\ell \in \{24, 26, 28, 30, 31, 33, 37\}$ . We abstain from complete generality and take  $\ell = \mathbf{37}$ , exemplarily.

**Theorem 13.** *A total of 162 Schur  $\sigma$ -groups  $G$  with commutator quotient  $G/G' \simeq (3^e, 3)$ , punctured transfer kernel type B.18,  $\varkappa(G) \sim (144; 4)$ , elevated rank distribution  $\varrho(G) = (3, 3, 3; 3)$ , first abelian quotient invariants  $\alpha_1(G) \sim [(e+1)21, e11, e11; (e-1)21]$ , second abelian quotient invariants*

$$(46) \quad \alpha_2(G) \sim (e1; [(e+1)21; e2111, ((e+1)211)^3, ((e+1)2)^9], \\ [e11; e2111, ((e+1)21)^3, ((e+1)2)^9], \\ [e11; e2111, ((e+1)21)^3, ((e+1)2)^9]; \\ [(e-1)21; e2111, (e211)^3, (e21)^8, (e-1)22])$$

and (minimal) logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(G) = 19 + e$  is given for each  $e \geq 9$  by the term

$$(47) \quad G = T_{9,a,b}[-\#1; 1]^{e-9} - \#1; i - \#1; k - \#1; 1 \text{ with } i \in \{2, 3\} \text{ and } k \in \{1, 2, 3\},$$

where 27 periodic roots with  $1 \leq a \leq 9$ ,  $\tilde{a} = 1$  for  $a \in \{2, 6, 7\}$ ,  $\tilde{a} = 2$  otherwise, and  $1 \leq b \leq 3$  are

$$(48) \quad T_{9,a,b} := \text{SmallGroup}(2187, 3) - \#3; 2 - \#4; \mathbf{37} - \#3; 32 - \#4; a - \#2; \tilde{a} - \#2; b.$$

*Proof.* For a fixed step size  $s \geq 1$ , we denote by  $N$  the number of all immediate descendants of a 3-group, and by  $C$  the number of capable immediate descendants with positive nuclear rank  $\nu \geq 1$ . Generally, let  $X := \langle 2187, 3 \rangle - \#3; 2 - \#4; 37 - \#3; 32$ . This is a non-metabelian 3-group of type (729, 3). We consider a chain of exo-genetic propagations [24]:

- $X$  has  $N = C = 27$  for  $s = \nu = 4$  but only the first 9 descendants are of type (2187, 3).
- Each  $X - \#4; a$  with  $1 \leq a \leq 9$  has  $N = C = 6$  for  $s = \nu = 2$  but only the first, resp. second, descendant, indicated by  $\tilde{a} \in \{1, 2\}$ , is of type (6561, 3).
- Each  $X - \#4; a - \#2, \tilde{a}$  with  $1 \leq a \leq 9$  has  $N = C = 9$  for  $s = \nu = 2$  but only the first 3 descendants are of type (19683, 3).
- Each  $T_{9,a,b} := X - \#4; a - \#2, \tilde{a} - \#2; b$  with  $1 \leq a \leq 9$  and  $1 \leq b \leq 3$  has 6 Schur  $\sigma$ -descendants  $T_{9,a,b}[-\#1; 1]^{e-9} - \#1; i - \#1; k - \#1; 1$  with  $i \in \{2, 3\}$  and  $k \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ , for each  $e \geq 9$ .

Together this census yields  $9 \cdot 3 \cdot 6 = 162$  Schur  $\sigma$ -groups, for each  $e \geq 9$ . Cf. [25, Thm. 6–7].  $\square$

We expand the proof with more details for the particular instance  $a = 1$ ,  $\tilde{a} = 2$  and  $b = 1$ .

**Theorem 14.** *For each logarithmic exponent  $e \geq 9$ , a metabelian CF-group  $T_{e,1,1}$  with commutator quotient  $T_{e,1,1}/T'_{e,1,1} \simeq (3^e, 3) \hat{=} (e1)$ , punctured transfer kernel type b.31,  $\varkappa(T_{e,1,1}) \sim (044; 4)$ , and rank distribution  $\varrho(T_{e,1,1}) \sim (3, 3, 3; 3)$  is given by the **periodic sequence** of iterated  $p$ -descendants*

$$(49) \quad T_{e,1,1} \simeq T_{9,1,1}(-\#1; 1)^{e-9}.$$

These groups have logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(T_{e,1,1}) = 16 + e$  and first abelian quotient invariants  $\alpha_1(T_{e,1,1}) \sim (e21, e11, e11; (e-1)21)$ . They form the infinite main trunk of a descendant tree with finite double-twigs of depth three. For each integer  $e \geq 9$ , the multiplet (doublet or sextet)

$$(50) \quad X_{e,i} \simeq T_{9,1,1}(-\#1; 1)^{e-9} - \#1; i, \quad i \in \{2, 3\},$$

respectively

$$(51) \quad Y_{e,i,k} \simeq T_{9,1,1}(-\#1; 1)^{e-9} - \#1; i - \#1; k, \quad i \in \{2, 3\}, k \in \{1, 2, 3\},$$

respectively

$$(52) \quad G_{e,i,k} \simeq T_{9,1,1}(-\#1; 1)^{e-9} - \#1; i - \#1; k - \#1; 1, \quad i \in \{2, 3\}, k \in \{1, 2, 3\},$$

is a **multiplet of non-metabelian**  $\sigma$ -groups  $(X_{e,i})_{i=2,3}$ ,  $(Y_{e,i,k})_{i=2,3;k=1,2,3}$ , respectively **non-metabelian Schur**  $\sigma$ -groups  $(G_{e,i,k})_{i=2,3;k=1,2,3}$ , with commutator quotient  $(3^e, 3) \hat{=} (e1)$ , punctured transfer kernel type B.18,  $\varkappa \sim (144; 4)$ ,  $\text{lo}(X_{e,i}) = 17 + e$ ,  $\text{lo}(Y_{e,i,k}) = 18 + e$ , respectively  $\text{lo}(G_{e,i,k}) = 19 + e$ , and first abelian quotient invariants  $\alpha_1 \sim ((e+1)21, e11, e11; (e-1)21)$ . For  $e \geq 9$ , the metabelianizations are isomorphic to the groups in Formula (44),

$$(53) \quad X_{e,i}/X''_{e,i} \simeq Y_{e,i,k}/Y''_{e,i,k} \simeq G_{e,i,k}/G''_{e,i,k} \simeq M_{e,i}, \quad \text{for all } i \in \{2, 3\}, k \in \{1, 2, 3\}.$$

See Figure 8. The second derived subgroups are of constant logarithmic order  $\text{lo} = 9, 10, 11$ , in fact, they are abelian of constant type

$$(54) \quad T''_{e,1,1} \simeq X''_{e,i} \simeq (32211), \quad Y''_{e,i,k} \simeq (322111), \quad G''_{e,i,k} \simeq (332111).$$

*Proof.* Let  $s_2 = t_2 = [y, x]$  denote the main commutator,  $\forall_{j=3}^9 s_j = [s_{j-1}, x]$  and  $\forall_{j=3}^5 t_j = [t_{j-1}, y]$  higher commutators, and  $w = x^{3^e}$  the last non-trivial power. Since the groups are non-metabelian, additional commutators in the second derived subgroup are required:  $\forall_{j=5}^7 u_j = [s_{j-1}, y]$ ,  $v_5 = [t_4, x]$ , and  $v_7 = [u_6, x]$ . The second derived subgroup also contains  $s_6, \dots, s_9$ , **but not**  $w$ . These facts, together with all relations (which are only given partially below) immediately lead to the metabelianizations

$$(55) \quad T_{e+1,1,1}/T''_{e+1,1,1} \simeq U_{e+1}, \quad X_{e,i}/X''_{e,i} \simeq M_{e,i},$$

for  $e \geq 9$  and  $i \in \{2, 3\}$ .

For each  $e \geq 9$ , we have extensive parametrized presentations with  $i \in \{2, 3\}$ , which we reduce to the decisive relations **distinct** for  $T_{e+1,1,1}$  and  $X_{e,i}$ .

$$(56) \quad \begin{aligned} T_{e+1,1,1} &= \langle x, y \mid s_2^3 = s_4 t_4^2 s_5 u_5 v_5^2 s_7^2 v_7^2 s_8^2, t_3^3 = s_5 u_5^2 v_5^2 s_6 v_7^2 s_8^2 s_9^2, \\ &\quad [x^3, y] = s_4 t_4 s_5 v_5^2 s_6 s_7 u_7 v_7 s_9, t_5 = s_5^2 u_5^2 v_5 u_6 s_8 \rangle, \\ X_{e,i} &= \langle x, y \mid s_2^3 = s_4 t_4^2 s_5 u_5 v_5^2 s_7^2 v_7^2 s_8^2 w^{i-1}, t_3^3 = s_5 u_5^2 v_5^2 s_6 v_7^2 s_8^2 s_9^2 (w^{i-1})^2, \\ &\quad [x^3, y] = s_4 t_4 s_5 v_5^2 s_6 s_7 u_7 v_7 s_9 (w^{i-1})^2, t_5 = s_5^2 u_5^2 v_5 u_6 s_8 w^{i-1} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

The  $p$ -class is given by  $\text{cl}_p(X_{e,i}) = e + 1$  respectively  $\text{cl}_p(T_{e+1,1,1}) = e + 1$ . For  $e \geq 9$ , the last non-trivial lower  $p$ -central is given by  $P_e(X_{e,i}) = \langle w \rangle$  respectively  $P_e(T_{e+1,1,1}) = \langle w \rangle$ , whence all three groups share the common  $p$ -parent  $X_{e,i}/P_e(X_{e,i}) \simeq T_{e+1,1,1}/P_e(T_{e+1,1,1}) \simeq T_{e,1,1}$ .

Repeated recursive applications of the  $p$ -group generation algorithm eventually produce the lower part of Figure 8, and thus confirm Formulas (49), (50), (51) and (52).  $\square$

FIGURE 7. Schur  $\sigma$ -groups  $G$  with  $\varrho(G) \sim (3, 3, 3; 3)$ ,  $G/G' \simeq (3^e, 3)$ ,  $2 \leq e \leq 4$

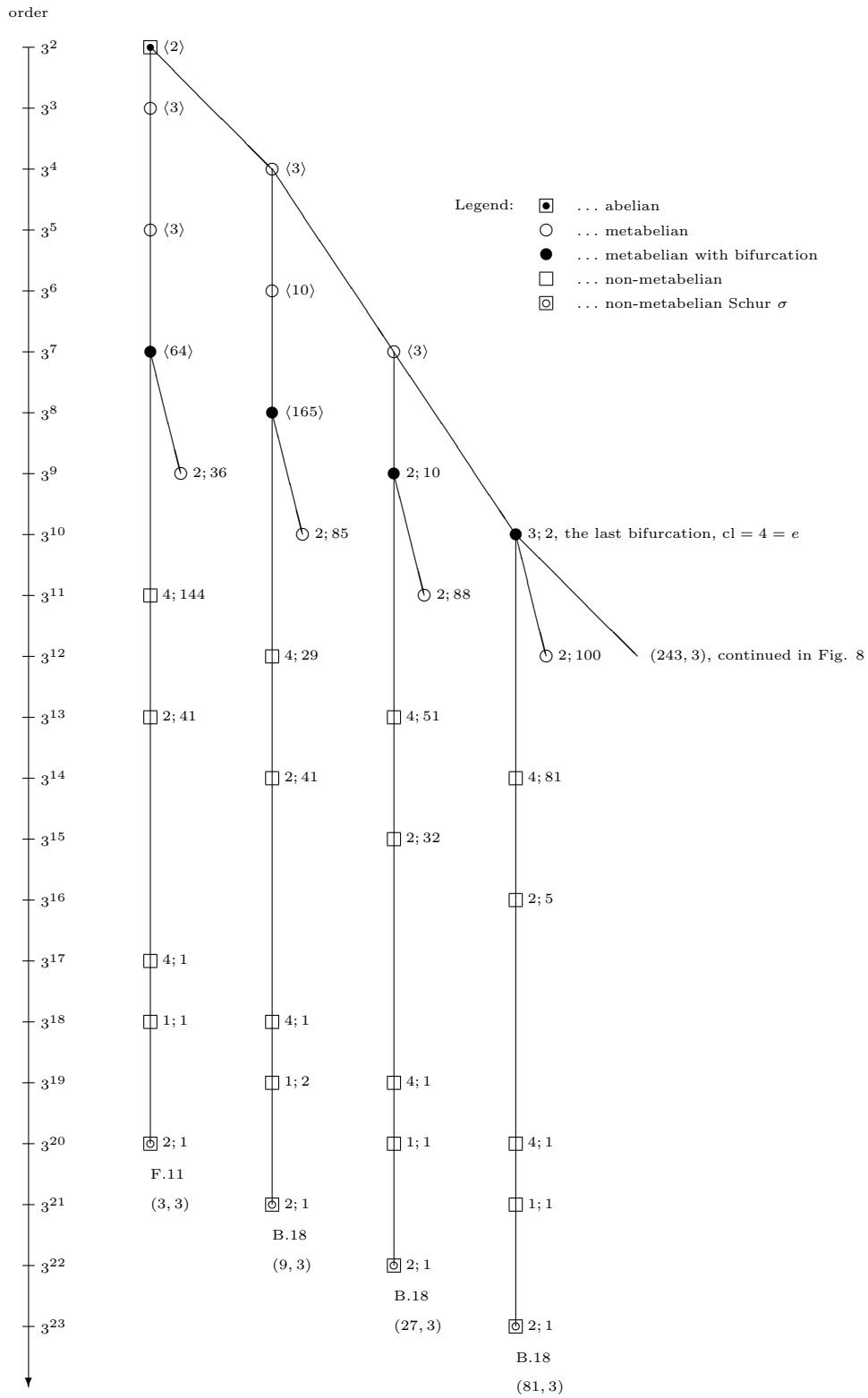
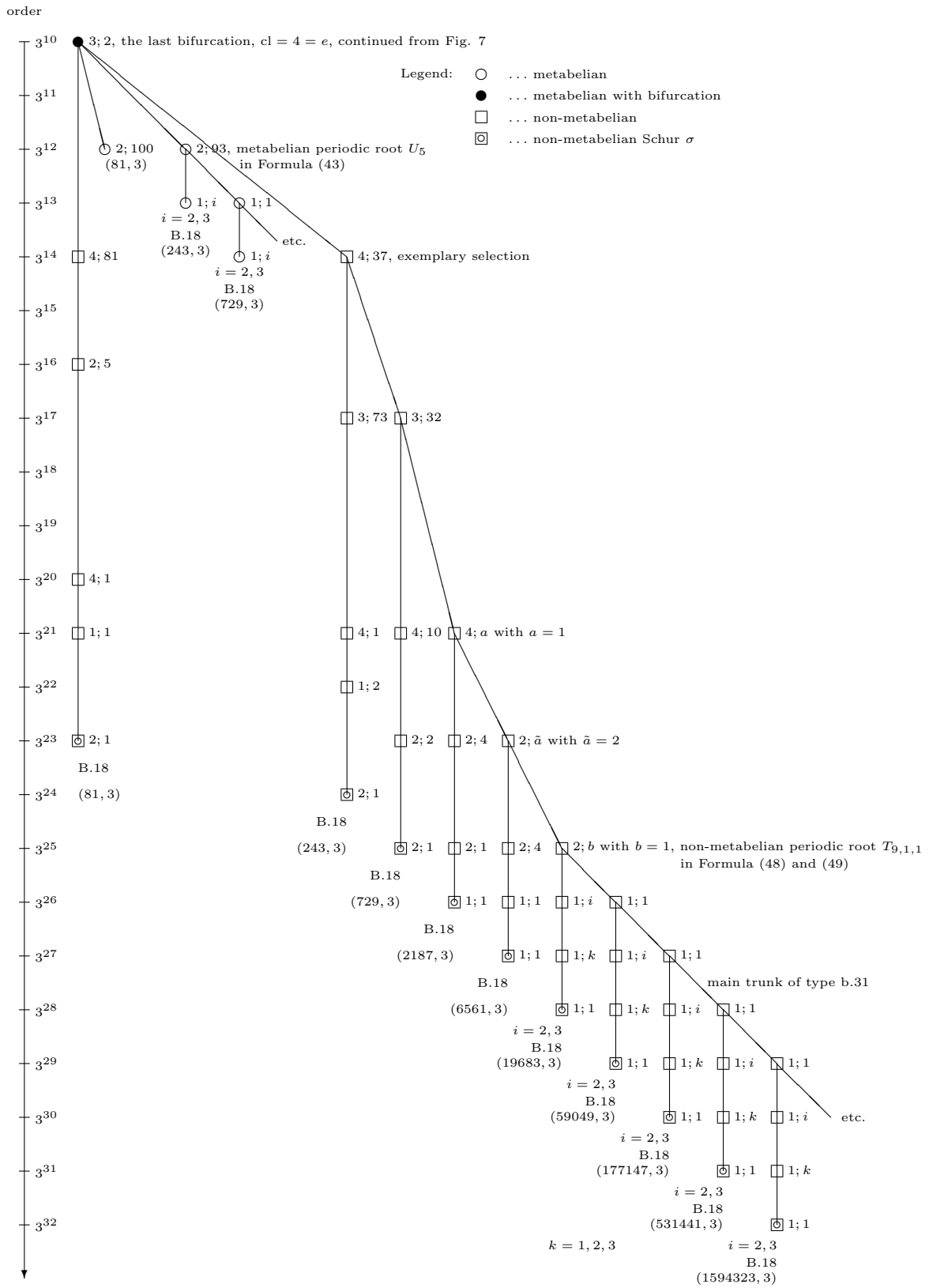




FIGURE 8. Schur  $\sigma$ -groups  $G$  with  $\varrho(G) \sim (3, 3, 3; 3)$ ,  $G/G' \simeq (3^e, 3)$ ,  $4 \leq e \leq 13$



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