

Universes as Bigdata,

from String Theory to Modern Geometry to Machine-Learning

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The Geometrization Programme

- Algebraic/differential geometry/topology : the right language for physics
 - Gravity \sim Ricci 2-form of the Tangent bundles;
 - Elementary Particles \sim irreducible representations of the Lorentz group and sections of bundles with Lie structure group;
 - Interactions \sim Tensor products of sections ...
 - **String theory: brain-child of gauge-gravity geometrization tradition**
- A new exciting era for synergy with (pure & computational) geometry, group theory, combinatorics, number theory: *Sage*, *M2*, *GAP*, *LMFDB*, *GrDB* are becoming indispensable tools for physicists
- **Interdisciplinary enterprise:** cross-fertilisation of particle/string theory, phenomenology, pure mathematics, computer algorithms, data-bases, ...

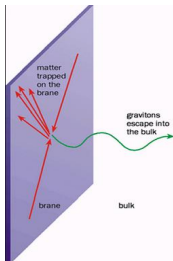
$$10 = 4 + 3 \times 2$$

Superstring Theory 9+1 d

Unified theory of quantum gravity

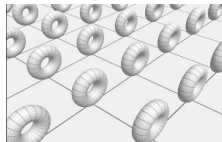
I. 6 Large Dim

AdS/CFT
Brane World



II. 6 small dim

Compactification



1. Reduce Dim: $10 = 6+4$
2. Break SUSY

Quarks

u	c	t
d	s	b

Leptons

e	μ	τ
ν_e	ν_μ	ν_τ

Higgs

Forces

Z	γ
W	g

Our world 3+1d

$SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$ SM + GR



- String Phenomenology [Candelas-Horowitz-Strominger-Witten]: 1985
 - Heterotic string [Gross-Harvey-Martinec-Rohm]: $E_8 \times E_8$ or $SO(32)$, 1984 - 6
 - E_8 accommodates Standard Model of particle physics

$$SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1) \subset SU(5) \subset SO(10) \subset E_6 \subset E_8$$

- 6 extra dimensions is some 6-dimensional manifold X
 - 1 not just a real 6-manifold but a **complex 3-fold** X
 - 2 X is furthermore **Kähler** ($g_{\alpha\bar{\beta}} = \partial_\alpha \bar{\partial}_{\bar{\beta}} K$)
 - 3 X is Ricci flat (vacuum Einstein equations)
 - 4 Rmk: **there are other classes of solutions** (more later...) but 1,2,3 simplest
- What are such manifolds? *Just so happens that Yau and Strominger were neighbours at IAS in 1985*

- Generalize the trichotomy for complex dim 1 (Riemann surfaces):

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Calabi-Yau Manifolds as Algebraic Varieties

- **THM: Homog deg $n + 1$ in \mathbb{P}^n** , is Calabi-Yau $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} = n - 1$ (adjunction)
- $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} = 1$: T^2 as cubic (elliptic curve) in \mathbb{P}^2 ;
 $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} = 2$: K3 surface as quartic in \mathbb{P}^3
- CY3, immediately get 5 (cyclics): **Degree 5 in \mathbb{P}^4 (The Quintic Q)**, $[3,3]$ in \mathbb{P}^5 , $[2,4]$ in \mathbb{P}^5 , $[2,2,3]$ in \mathbb{P}^6 , $[2,2,2,2]$ in \mathbb{P}^7
- First physics challenge to algebraic geometry:
 - Particle Spectrum: Generation : $n_{27} = h^1(X, TX) = h_{\bar{0}}^{2,1}(X)$;
Anti-Generation : $n_{\bar{27}} = h^1(X, TX^*) = h_{\bar{0}}^{1,1}(X)$
 - # generations of particles = $\chi = 2(h^{1,1} - h^{2,1})$; **1986 Question: Are there Calabi-Yau threefolds with Euler number ± 6 ?** (None of our 5 obvious ones)

The First Data-sets in Mathematical Physics/Geometry

- [Candelas-A. He-Hübsch-Lutken-Schimmrigk-Berglund] (1986-1990)
 - CICYs (complete intersection CYs) multi-deg polys in products of $\mathbb{C}P^{n_i}$
 - Problem: *classify all configuration matrices*; employed the best computers at the time (**CERN supercomputer**); q.v. magnetic tape and dot-matrix printout in Philip's office
 - 7890 matrices, 266 Hodge pairs $(h^{1,1}, h^{2,1})$, 70 Euler $\chi \in [-200, 0]$
- [Candelas-Lynker-Schimmrigk, 1990]
 - Hypersurfaces in Weighted P4
 - 7555 inequivalent 5-vectors w_i , 2780 Hodge pairs, $\chi \in [-960, 960]$
- [Kreuzer-Skarke, mid-1990s - 2000]
 - Hypersurfaces in (Reflexive, Gorenstein Fano) Toric 4-folds
 - 6-month running time on dual Pentium SGI machine
 - at least 473,800,776, with 30,108 distinct Hodge pairs, $\chi \in [-960, 960]$

Triadophilia: recent progress

Exact Standard Model Particle Content from String Compactification

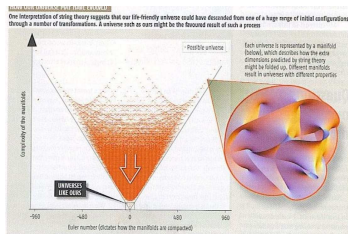
- [Braun-YHH-Ovrut-Pantev, Bouchard-Cvetic-Donagi 2005] first exact MSSM
- [Anderson-Gray-YHH-Lukas, 2007-] use alg./comp. algebraic geo & sift
- Anderson-Gray-Lukas-Ovrut-Palti ~ 200 in 10^{10} MSSM Stable Sum of Line Bundles over CICYs (Oxford-Penn-Virginia 2012-)

A Special Corner?

[New Scientist, 5/1/2008 feature]

Candelas-de la Ossa-YHH-Szendroi

“Triadophilia: A Special Corner of the Landscape” ATMP, 2008

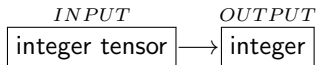


Where we stand . . .

- The Good** Last 10-15 years: several international groups have bitten the bullet
Oxford, London, Vienna, Blacksburg, Boston, Johannesburg, Munich, . . . computed
many geometrical/physical quantities and **compiled them into**
various databases Landscape Data ($10^9 \sim 10^{10}$ entries typically) [links](#)
- The Bad** Generic computation **HARD**: dual cone algorithm (exponential),
triangulation (exponential), Gröbner basis (double-exponential)
. . . e.g., how to construct stable bundles over the \gg 473 million KS
CY3? Sifting through for SM computationally impossible . . .
- The ???** **Borrow new techniques from “Big Data” revolution**

A Wild Question

- Typical Problem in String Theory/Algebraic Geometry:



- Q: Can problems in computational geometry and theoretical physics be “learned” by AI ? implications:
 - can we “machine-learn the landscape?”
 - can we do mathematics with ML?
- [YHH 1706.02714] Deep-Learning the Landscape, *Phys Lett B* 774, 2017
Science feature article, Aug, vol 365 issue 6452 :
Experimentally, it seems to be the case for many situations in geometry and beyond. (cf. YHH *CY Landscape: from Geometry, to Physics, to ML* 1812.02893, Springer Textbook, to appear)

NN Doesn't Care/Know about Algebraic Geometry

- Hodge Number of a Complete Intersection CY is the association rule, e.g.

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad h^{1,1}(X) = 8 \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \begin{img alt="A 12x15 pixel image representing the Hodge number 8. The image is mostly purple, with a diagonal sequence of green and red pixels forming a pattern that corresponds to the Hodge number 8." data-bbox="685 312 883 526"/> $\rightarrow 8$$$

CICY is 12×15 integer matrix with entries $\in [0, 5]$ is simply represented as a 12×15 pixel image of 6 colours (proper way: sequence chasing) Proper Way

- **Cross-Validation:** $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} - \text{Take samples of } X \rightarrow h^{1,1} \\ - \text{train a NN, or SVM} \\ - \text{Validation on } \textit{unseen} X \rightarrow h^{1,1} \end{array} \right.$

Experiments ((precision, confidence) @ 80-20 cross-val)

- YHH (1706.02714) Bull-YHH-Jejjala-Mishra (1806.03121, 1903.03113):
Hodge numbers of CICYs, (0.85, 0.9);
- YHH-SJ Lee (1904.08530): Distinguish Elliptic Fibrations (0.99, 0.99);
- Ashmore-YHH-Ovrut (1910.08605): ML Donaldson algorithm for (balanced)
CY metric $\sim 10^2$ speedup;
- YHH-MY Kim (1905.02263): Use GAP database, recognizing simple groups:
(0.96, 0.95) distinguishing Cayley tables from Latin squares (0.9, 0.9)
- Bao-Franco-YHH-Hirst-Musiker-Xiao (2006.10783): Recognize cluster
mutations (0.9, 0, 8) \rightarrow (1.0, 1.0)
- YHH-ST Yau (2006.16619): Finite graphs, recognizing acyclic, Ricci-flat,
planarity, etc: (0.8, 0.7) \rightarrow (0.95, 0.91) Reprobates

Summary and Outlook

- PHYSICS
- The string landscape now solidly resides in the **age of Big Data**
 - Use Machine-Learning as Classifier & Predictor

- MATHS
- somewhat bypassing the expensive steps of long sequence-chasing, Gröbner bases, dual cones/combinatorics and getting the right answer @ high rate (only probabilistically doing NP-Hard); 100% \rightsquigarrow new conjectures/formulae/algorithms;
 - **Hierarchy of Difficulty ML struggles with:**
numerical < **algebraic geometry over \mathbb{C}** < **combinatorics/algebra** < **number theory**

Various Databases

- **CICYs:** resurrected Anderson-Gray-YHH-Lukas, <http://www-thphys.physics.ox.ac.uk/projects/CalabiYau/cicylist/index.html>
- **Kreuzer-Skarke:** <http://hep.itp.tuwien.ac.at/~kreuzer/CY/>
 - new PALP: Braun-Walliser: ArXiv 1106.4529
 - Triangulations: Altmann-YHH-Jejjala-Nelson:
<http://www.rossealtman.com/>
- cf. **Graded Rings:** Brown, Kasprzyk, et al. <http://www.grdb.co.uk/>

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Computing Hodge Numbers: Sketch

- Recall Hodge decomposition $H^{p,q}(X) \simeq H^q(X, \wedge^p T^*X) \rightsquigarrow$

$$H^{1,1}(X) = H^1(X, T_X^*), \quad H^{2,1}(X) \simeq H^{1,2} = H^2(X, T_X^*) \simeq H^1(X, T_X)$$

- Euler Sequence** for subvariety $X \subset A$ is short exact:

$$0 \rightarrow T_X \rightarrow T_M|_X \rightarrow N_X \rightarrow 0$$

- Induces **long exact sequence in cohomology**:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & \overset{0}{\cancel{H^0(X, T_X)}} & \rightarrow & H^0(X, T_A|_X) & \rightarrow & H^0(X, N_X) \rightarrow \\ & & \boxed{H^1(X, T_X)} & \xrightarrow{d} & H^1(X, T_A|_X) & \rightarrow & H^1(X, N_X) \rightarrow \\ & & H^2(X, T_X) & \rightarrow & \dots & & \end{array}$$

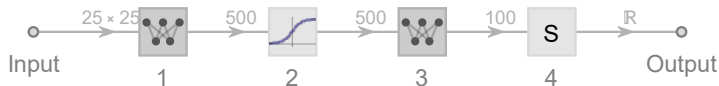
- Need to compute $\text{Rk}(d)$, cohomology and $H^i(X, T_A|_X)$ (Cf. Hübsch)

Reprobates

Expect anything involving properties of primes to do badly:

- YHH (1706.02714): predicting [primes](#) (0.5, 0.0) (completely random) ...
- Alessandretti-Baronchelli-YHH (1911.02008) [BSD](#) using [LMFdb](#): rank from Weierstrass coef, random; correlation @ BSD quantities, marginally better

at least for standard classifiers (boosted trees, SVMs, ...) and simple NN which does algebraic geometry so well:



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