

Periods, arithmetic & the Hodge structure for Calabi-Yau manifolds

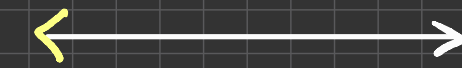
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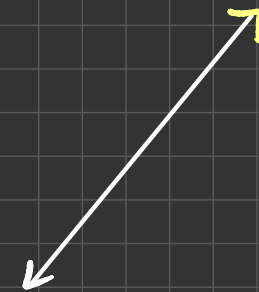
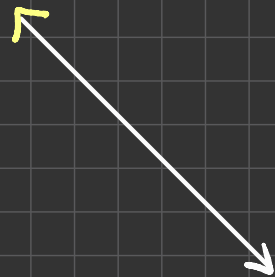
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geometry of families
of Calabi-Yau varieties
and that of their
moduli spaces

arithmetic of families
of Calabi-Yau varieties
and modularity
properties



PERIODS



physics

- ▶ black hole solutions in string theory
- ▶ scattering amplitudes
- etc, etc, ...

Collaborators

- P. Candelas & F Rodriguez-Villegas 2000, 2004
- P. Candelas, D van Straten & M Elmi 2019
- P. Candelas, D van Straten 2021
- P. Candelas, J McGovern & P Kuusela 2021-2024
- P. Candelas & P Kuusela 2024
- P. Candelas, D van Straten, N. Gedda in progress 2025
- P. Candelas & E Svanberg in progress 2025.

① Calabi-Yau varieties (very brief)

② Calabi-Yau varieties OVER FINITE FIELDS

②.1 Zeta functions

mostly a
classical discussion

②.2 Exercise: counting points mod p

②.3 WHY? intuitive notion only

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③ The attractor mechanism

④ Arithmetic of attractor varieties

⑤ Conclusions

①

CALABI-YAU VARIETIES

Mathematical objects of interest:

algebraic varieties with certain special properties

set of solutions of

$$|P(\underline{\varphi}, \underline{x}) = 0, \underline{x} \in \mathbb{A}^d|$$

polynomials with complex coefficients φ

Calabi-Yau

- Kähler
- $c_1 = 0$

This talk: concerned with $d=3$

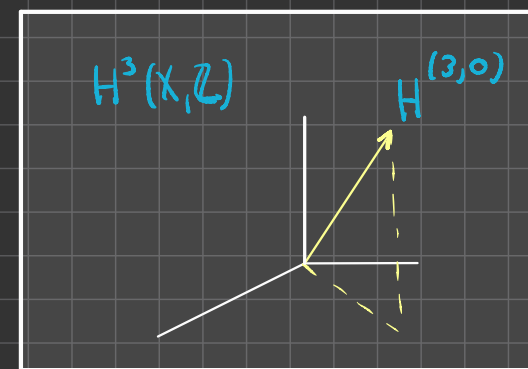
► It is a theorem that $\exists!$ (up to a constant) a nowhere vanishing $(3,0)$ -form Ω which is holomorphic ($d\Omega=0$)

so $h^{(3,0)} = \dim H^{(3,0)} = \dim H^{(0,3)} = 1$

• $H^3 = H^{(3,0)} \oplus H^{(2,1)} \oplus H^{(1,2)} \oplus H^{(0,3)}$

Hodge structure

$\dim H^3 = b_3 = 1 + h^{(2,1)} + h^{(1,2)} + 1 = 2(1 + h^{(2,1)})$



• Vary the complex structure

→ Ω moves inside $H^3(X, \mathbb{C})$ (variations of the HS)
 ($h^{1,2} = \text{e-dim moduli space}$)

Examples: very many!

• $\mathbb{P}^4[5]$ eg $\sum_{i=1}^5 x_i^5 - 5\psi x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 x_5 = 0, (x_1, \dots, x_5) \in \mathbb{P}^4$
 \swarrow $c_1 = 0$

• We have in mind a particular example:
 Verrill 1996, Hulek & Verrill 2005

(quotient of the)
Mirror of a CICY

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbb{P}^1 \\ \mathbb{P}^1 \\ \mathbb{P}^1 \\ \mathbb{P}^1 \\ \mathbb{P}^1 \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} h'' = 5 \\ \updownarrow \\ \text{quotient} \\ h'' = 1 \end{array}$$

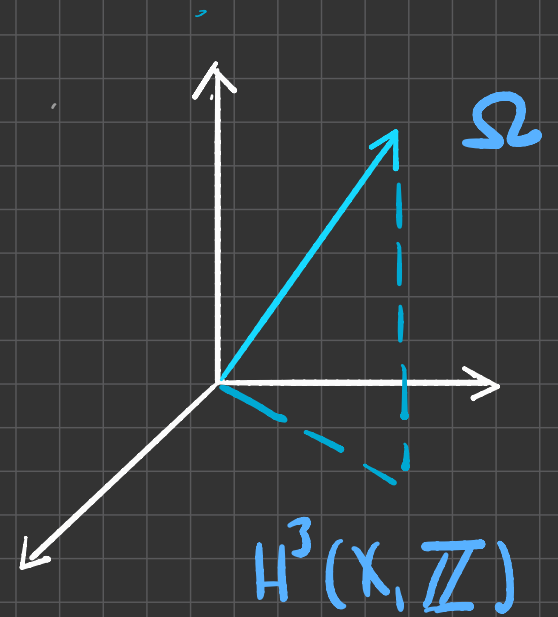
why this example? exhibits interesting arithmetic properties which have an interpretation in BH solutions of string theory (also in amplitudes)

Periods and the complex structure

↳ there is a canonical way to give coordinates on the space of complex structures

Recall: Ω is defined up to a scale but is otherwise unique \Rightarrow defines a **line** in H^3

- study the variations of the complex structure by studying how Ω varies in H^3
- the coordinates of this line are the **periods** (which then vary as we vary the complex structure)



That is, $\Omega(\varphi) = \omega^i \alpha_i$
↖ basis of $H_3(X, \mathbb{Z})$

Bryant & Griffiths: the complex structure is completely determined by (half of) the periods

Periods determine the geometry of the moduli space

↖ also have arithmetic content.

special geometry → physics!

Periods are calculable: they satisfy a differential eq of degree b_3 (Picard-Fuchs equation)

$$d\omega = 0$$

Focus today
1-parameter examples
($b_3 = 2(1+h_{1,1}) = 4$)

- There is a prescription to obtain the PF eq
(Dwork and Griffiths; Gelfand, Kapranov and Tenevskii)

► One parameter families of CY : $b_3 = 4$

$$\deg d = 4$$

Solutions around MUM point $\varphi = 0$

$$(T-1)^4 = 0, (T-1)^3 \neq 0$$

Frobenius basis

$$\mathcal{D}_0(\varphi) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m \varphi^m = f_0(\varphi) \leftarrow \text{fundamental period}$$

$$\mathcal{D}_1(\varphi) = f_0(\varphi) \log \varphi + f_1(\varphi)$$

$$\mathcal{D}_2(\varphi) = f_0(\varphi) \log^2 \varphi + 2f_1(\varphi) \log \varphi + f_2(\varphi)$$

$$\mathcal{D}_3(\varphi) = f_0(\varphi) \log^3 \varphi + 3f_1(\varphi) \log^2 \varphi + 3f_2(\varphi) \log \varphi + f_3(\varphi)$$

f -series are regular

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CALABI-YAU VARIETIES OVER FINITE FIELDS

2.1

Zeta functions

Let X_φ be a family of algebraic varieties
st X_φ is a CY hypersurface with
defining polynomial $P(\underline{x}, \varphi)$

Let $\varphi \in \mathbb{Q}$

Questions:

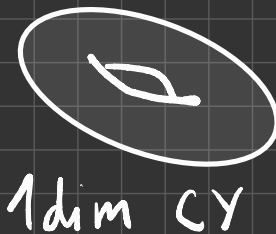
- ▶ how many solutions of $P(\underline{x}, \varphi) = 0$
are there over \mathbb{Q} (ie $x_i \in \mathbb{Q}$)
- ▶ how does this number vary with φ ?

i TOO HARD !

For elliptic curves for example :

" Millenium prize problem "

Birch & Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture



One learns **a lot** however by "reducing mod p " where p is a prime number, that is, by working over **finite fields** \mathbb{F}_{p^k} , $k=1,2,\dots$

$(\mathbb{F}, +, \times)$ \nearrow field with p^k elements

[simplest: $\mathbb{F}_p \rightarrow$ integers mod p

eg \mathbb{F}_7 $x: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$ [$p \neq$ prime does not work!]
 $\bar{x}: x, 1, 4, 5, 2, 3, 6$ [$\mathbb{Z} \text{-mod } 6$ $2 \cdot 3 \equiv 0 \text{ mod } 6$]

$\mathbb{F}_{p^2} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p[\alpha] = \{ a + \sqrt{\alpha}b, a, b \in \mathbb{F}_p, \alpha \neq \text{a square in } \mathbb{F}_p \}$

\mathbb{F}_7 $x^2: 0, 1, 4, 2, 2, 4, 1$ \hookrightarrow eg 3, 5 not squares in \mathbb{F}_7

So let $\varphi \in \mathbb{F}_p$:

The fundamental quantities of interest are

$N_k(\varphi)$ = number of solutions of $P(x, \varphi) = 0$ over \mathbb{F}_{p^k}

Generating function \rightsquigarrow zeta function

$$Z_x(T, p; \varphi) = \exp \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} N_k(\varphi) T^k \right\}$$

$\left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} N_k(\varphi) T^k \right\}$ depends on both p & φ

properties \rightsquigarrow Weil conjectures

(proven by Dwork, Deligne, Grothendieck)

In particular,

$\zeta(T)$ is a rational function (Dwork)
(true even if the variety is singular)

Moreover: (for smooth varieties)

$$\zeta(T) = \frac{R_1(T) R_3(T) \cdots R_{2d-1}(T)}{R_0(T) R_2(T) \cdots R_{2d}(T)}$$

$R_i(T)$ polynomials with integer coeffs

$\deg R_i = b_i$ i -th Betti number

$$R_0(T) = 1 - T, \quad R_{2d}(T) = (1 - p^d T)$$

"simple" case :

X is a point •

$$N_k = 1 \quad \forall k$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} N_k T^k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} T^k = -\log(1-T)$$

$$\Rightarrow \zeta_{\text{point}}(T) = \frac{1}{1-T}$$

Remark :

$$\prod_p \zeta_{\text{point}}(p^{-s}) = \prod_p \frac{1}{1-p^{-s}}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} = \zeta_{\mathbb{R}}(s)$$

enter
L-switch

Elliptic curves

cy 1 dim
 \mathcal{E} over \mathbb{Q}

$$\zeta(\mathcal{E}, T) = \frac{1 + a_p T + p T^2}{(1-T)(1-pT)}$$

$$\underline{a_p = p+1 - N_p}$$

$p \neq$ prime of bad reduction

\mathcal{E} is associated to a modular form

Taniyama-Shimura modularity conjecture

proof : Wiles, Breuil, Conrad, Diamond, Taylor

(the proof of the Fermat's conjecture follows from this)

L-function:
$$\prod_p \sum (p^{-s}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n^s}$$

a_n \rightsquigarrow n-th coefficient of a $w=2$ modular form

constructed
from the q_p

of $\Gamma_0(N) < SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$

$\Gamma_0(N): \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ st $c=0 \pmod N$

conductor: its prime factors \rightsquigarrow primes of bad reduction

modular form: $f(\tau) = \sum_n a_n q^n$, $q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$, $\tau \in \mathbb{H}$

• holomorphic

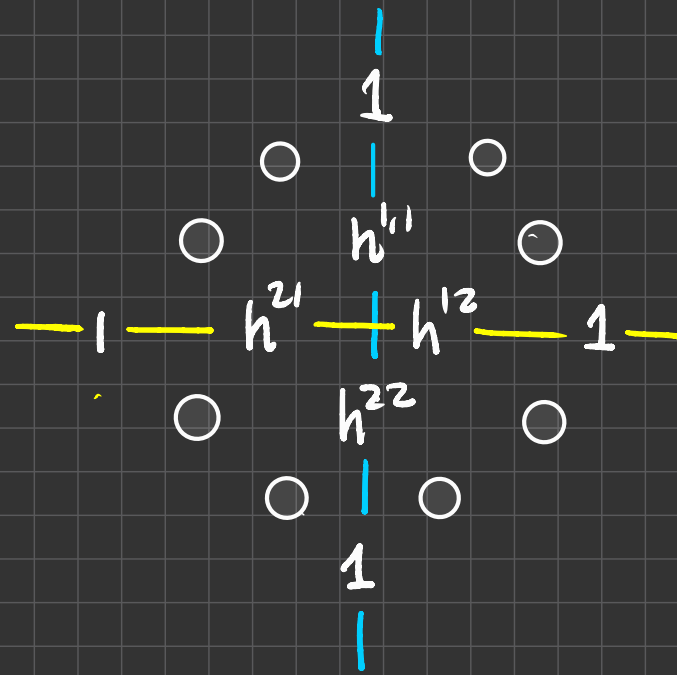
• for $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_0(N)$: $f\left(\frac{a\tau+b}{c\tau+d}\right) = (c\tau+d)^k f(\tau)$ $k = \text{weight}$ ||

CY threefolds

Hodge numbers

$$h^{i,j} = h^{j,i}$$

$$h^{1,1} = h^{2,2}$$



$$\begin{aligned} b_0 &= 1 \\ b_1 &= 0 \\ b_2 &= h^{1,1} \\ b_3 &= 2(1 + h^{2,1}) \\ b_4 &= b_2 = h^{1,1} \\ b_5 &= 0 \\ b_6 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\deg R(T) = b_3$$

$$S_x(T) = \frac{\cancel{R_1(T)} \quad R(T) \quad \cancel{R_5(T)}}{(1-T) \underbrace{(1-pT)^{h^{1,1}} (1-p^2T)^{h^{1,1}}}_{b_3} (1-p^3T)}$$

smooth
CY

(Picard group generated by divisors defined over the ground field \mathbb{F}_p)

$$b_2 = b_4 = h^{1,1}$$

1-parameter families ($h^{2,1} = 1$) of CY varieties

$$b_3 = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 4 \quad \text{so } \deg \mathcal{R}_3 = 4$$

$$\mathcal{R}(T) = 1 + a_p T + b_p p T^2 + a_p p^3 T^3 + p^6 T^3$$

where $N_p = p^3 + h'' p^2 + h'' p + 1 + a_p$

$$N_{p^2} = p^6 + h'' p^4 + h'' p^2 + 1 + 2pb_p - a_p^2$$

- How do we compute a_p, b_p ? How do these vary with φ ?
- And how is this story related to the periods?
- Is there an analogue of the modularity theorem for \mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Q} ?
- $\deg \mathcal{R}_3 < 4$ @ singularities

2.2

AN EXERCISE: COUNTING POINTS MOD P

► Fermat's little theorem

$$a^p \equiv a$$

$$\Rightarrow a(a^{p-1} - 1) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow a^{p-1} \equiv \begin{cases} 1 & a \neq 0 \\ 0 & a = 0 \end{cases}$$

Then: $1 - P(\underline{x}, \varphi)^{p-1} \equiv \begin{cases} 1, & \forall \underline{x} \text{ st } P(\underline{x}, \varphi) = 0 \\ 0, & \forall \underline{x} \text{ st } P(\underline{x}, \varphi) \neq 0 \end{cases}$

$$\therefore \nu_p(\varphi) \equiv \sum_{\underline{x} \in \mathbb{F}_p^n} (1 - P(\underline{x}, \varphi)^{p-1})$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{n\text{-variables}}$

Chevalley, Warning (1935) ..., P. Candelas, XD, F. Rodriguez-Villegas (2000, 2004)

... E. Pomeroy, F. Brown

(mirror) quintic:

$$\mathcal{V}_p(\varphi) \equiv \sum_{m=0}^{\lfloor p/5 \rfloor} a_m \varphi^m \equiv \lfloor p/5 \rfloor \mathcal{Q}_0(\varphi)$$

truncated
fundamental
period.

- result extends to all hypersurfaces in toric varieties and $h^{2,1} \geq 1$

• why?

- Want to count points exactly!

Counting points exactly:

In progress with P Candelas & E Swannberg:

primitive part of N_p

$$= \sum_{\underline{e}, \underline{d} = \underline{0}}^{\underline{p}} \frac{h_{p, \underline{d}}}{\underline{e}!} \left(\frac{p}{1-p} \underline{D} \right)^{\underline{e}+1} \overset{[p-2]}{f^{\underline{e}}}(\varphi)$$

truncated
f-series

$$\underline{e}, \underline{d} = (e_1, \dots, e_n)$$

$$\underline{D} = D_1 D_2 \dots D_n$$

$$D_i = \varphi_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi_i}$$

mirror

quintic

$$= \overset{[n-2]}{f_0}(\varphi) + \left(\frac{p}{1-p} \right) f_1'(\varphi) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{p}{1-p} \right)^2 f_2''(\varphi) -$$

[F Beukens & M Vlasenko; M Kerr

K3: ... R Dain, J Dulac, E Orbis, T Libero,
A Salvino, L Sturm, m, n, Whitcher; T Kelly]

2.3

WHY?

intuitive notion

only

Frobenius :

let X be an algebraic variety over \mathbb{F}_p
defined by the zero locus of a polynomial

$$P(\underline{x}) = \sum c_m \underline{x}^m$$

$c_m \in \mathbb{F}_p$

$\underline{x} = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}, x_i \in \overline{\mathbb{F}_p}$

$$\underline{x}^m = x_1^{m_1} x_2^{m_2} \dots x_n^{m_n}$$

Suppose $\underline{x} \rightarrow \underline{x}^p$

Frobenius map

Then: $P(\underline{x}) = 0 \iff P(\underline{x}^p) = 0$

$$P(\underline{x})^p = 0 = \sum_{\underline{m}} c_{\underline{m}}^p \underline{x}^{p\underline{m}} = \sum_{\underline{m}} c_{\underline{m}} \underline{x}^{p\underline{m}}$$

$(a+b)^p = a^p + b^p$

ie \underline{x}^p satisfies the same equation as \underline{x}
and the Frobenius map is an automorphism

→ Fixed points
($\underline{x}^p = \underline{x}$) \iff precisely the points over \mathbb{F}_p
of the Frobenius

"p-adic" version of the Lefschetz fixed point theorem from topology

$$N = \sum_{k \geq 0} (-1)^k \operatorname{Tr}(f_* | H_k(X))$$

trace over the Frobenius action on the cohomology of X

linear map induced by the Frobenius on the homology of X

$H^k(X, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ p-adic cohomology

2.4

Back to the zeta function

1-parameter families: $h^{2,1} = 1$, $b_3 = 1+1+1+1 = 4$ so $\deg R_3 = 4$

$$\zeta_X(T) = \frac{R(T)}{(1-T)(1-pT)^{h''}(1-p^2T)^{h''}(1-p^3T)^{h''}} \quad \text{smooth CY}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R(T) &= 1 + a_p T + b_p p T^2 + a_p p^3 T^3 + p^6 T^3 \\ &= \det(1 - T u(\varphi)) \quad (\text{eg } a_p = -b_p^2, \dots) \end{aligned}$$

$u = \text{Frob}_3^{-1}: H^3(X) \rightarrow H^3(X)$ map induced by the Frob automorphism on H^3

\uparrow
 \hookrightarrow 4×4 matrix constructed from the periods of Ω

singular CY: $\deg R(T) < 4$

Need to compute a_p, b_p, \dots

Counting points exactly

* $\chi(T)$ can be "quickly" computed for $\psi \in \mathbb{F}_p$
($\psi = 0, 1, \dots, p-1$) for many primes p

P Candelas, XD & D van Straten (2021) 1-parameter families

P Candelas, XD, P Kuusela (2024) multi-parameter families

based on the deformation method developed first by Dwork & Lander

To appear soon: P Kuusela, M. Atwood, M. Mosso Bozas, M. Stepniczka

Many questions arise: certainly ready for substantial experimentation.

► One can construct L-functions

1 parameter families

$$L(s, \varphi) = \prod_p \underbrace{R(p^{-s}, \varphi)}_{\text{spinor zeta function } w=3}^{-1}$$

What are the properties of this L-function?

- functional equation
- formula for the conductor

Langlands \rightsquigarrow modularity \leftrightarrow paramodular forms of $\Gamma(N) \leq \mathrm{Sp}(4)$ for 1-parameter cases

[G Tornaria, A Pacetti, J Voight, V Golyshev ...]

P Candelas, XD, N Gegeia, D van Straten, in progress]

Again

at this time these are very **hard** questions

modularity is not classical modularity except in some special cases

➤ rigid CY ($h^{2,1}=0$) \Rightarrow $\deg R = 2$

$$R(T) = 1 - a_p T + p^3 T^2$$

F. Gouvêa + N. Yui (2009), Dieulefait + Manoharmayun (2003)

rigid CYs over \mathbb{Q} are modular

$a_p \rightsquigarrow$ p -th coeff in q -expansion of a modular form of some $\Gamma_0(N)$, $w=4$

► What happens at singularities?

necessary to properly understand the L-function

eg conifold singularities

$$R(T) = (1 - \epsilon_p T) (1 - a_p T + p^3 T^2)$$

(for one parameter families)

a_p = p -th coeff in q -expansion of the eigenform g of weight 4 of $P_0(N)$

mirror quintic: $q = 1/5$ $N = 25$ (Schoen)
HV family: $q = 1, 1/9, 1/25$ (not hypergeometric)

Recap:

While at this time it is hard to say
in general what the properties of a_p & b_p
are (and there are many conjectures)

↳ interesting things happen
for special values of φ

eg - HS of CM CYs \leftrightarrow RCFT H Jockers, P Kuusela, M Sarve 2025

• BH physics \leftrightarrow decomposition of the HS

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THE ATTRACTOR MECHANISM

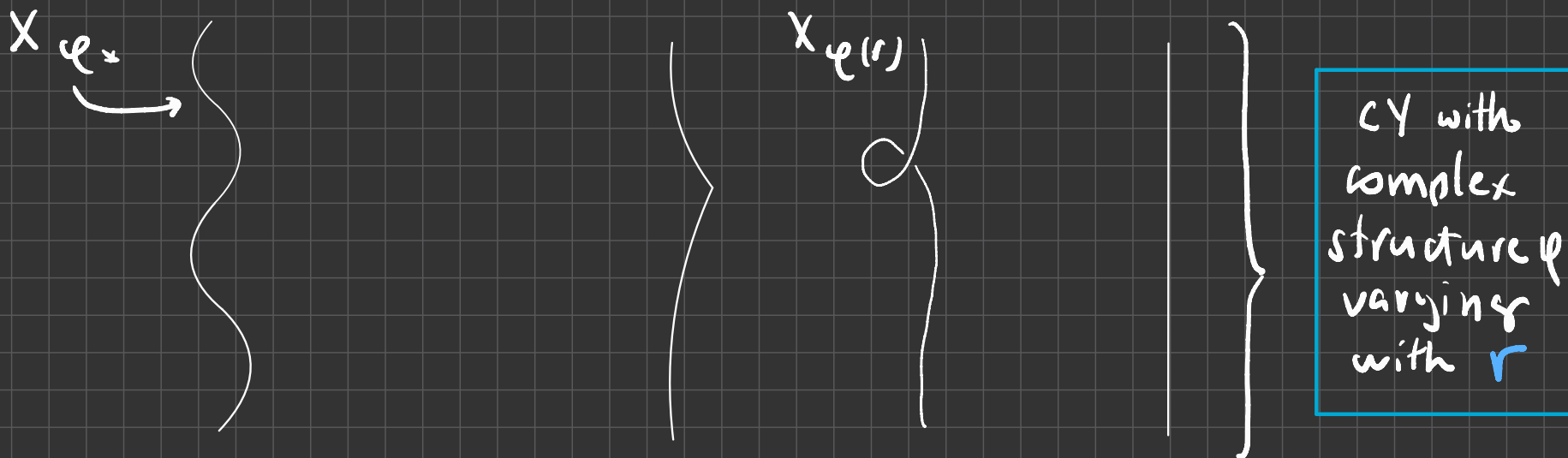
(Furuya, Kallosh 95, Greg Moore 98 ...)

Physics: supersymmetric black hole solutions
of type IIB superstrings

→ 10 dimensional

include { Einstein's equations for gravity
+
Maxwell equations for electromagnetism

10 dim space-time: a CY, $X_{\varphi(r)}$, at each point of 4 dim space-time
 4 dim space-time = spherically symmetric asymptotically flat charged BH



horizon ($r=0$)
 (coordinate singularity)
 $\mu(r) \rightarrow -\infty$

- last surface visible from infinity
- surface separates exterior from interior of BH

$$ds^2 = e^{2\mu(r)} dt^2 + e^{-2\mu(r)} dx^2, \quad \underline{x} = (x, y, z)$$

4dim BH metric dependent only on the radial coordinate r

- asymptotically flat: $\mu(r) \rightarrow 0, r \rightarrow \infty$
- horizon at $r=0$: $\mu(r) \rightarrow -\infty$

flat 4-dim space-time
 $r \rightarrow \infty (\mu(r) \rightarrow 0)$

Type IIB supergravity contains gravity but also extra $h(1)$ gauge fields (h of them)

So: the BH has electric & magnetic charges

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} q_a \\ p^b \end{pmatrix} \quad a, b = 0, 1, \dots, h^{2,1}$$

↪ these must all be integers

Let $\Gamma = p^a \alpha_a - q_a \beta^a \in H^3(X, \mathbb{Z})$
↪ charge vector

(α_a, β^b) symplectic basis of $H^3(X, \mathbb{Z})$

Black hole solutions which preserve **supersymmetry**
need to satisfy 1st order differential eqs
for $\ell(r)$ & $\varphi(r)$, the attractor equations

These equations represent a non-linear dynamical system
on the \mathbb{C} -structure moduli space with flow parameter $\rho = 1/r$

Let $\bar{z}_\gamma = e^{k/2} \int_\gamma \Omega$, $\gamma =$ Poincaré dual of Γ .

Given a choice of $\Gamma \in H^3(X, \mathbb{Z})$ one can **prove** using the attractor equations that

► the \mathbb{C} -structure parameters flow to a value $\varphi_* = \varphi(r=0)$ where $|\bar{z}_\gamma|$ reaches a minimum, and it is independent of the starting value $\varphi_\infty = \varphi(r=\infty)$

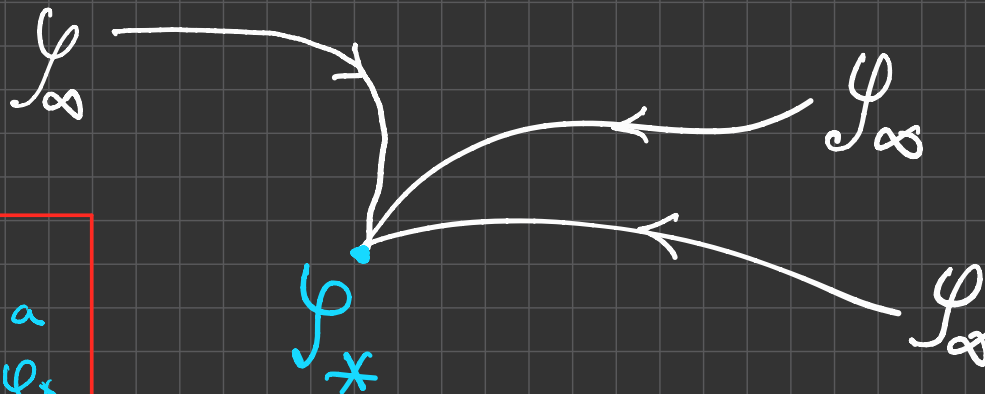
95: Ferrara + Kallosh

...

98: G. Moore
conjectures on the
arithmetic nature of
attractor varieties

$X_{\varphi_*} = X_*$

φ evolves
smoothly to a
fixed point φ_*
at $r=0$



► Moreover,

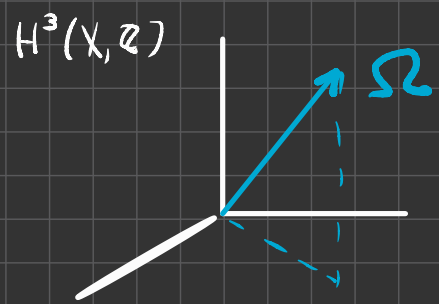
the \mathbb{Q} -structure at an attractor point $\varphi = \varphi_x$ is st

$$\Gamma = p^a \alpha_a - q_a \beta^a \in H^{(3,0)} \oplus H^{(0,3)}$$

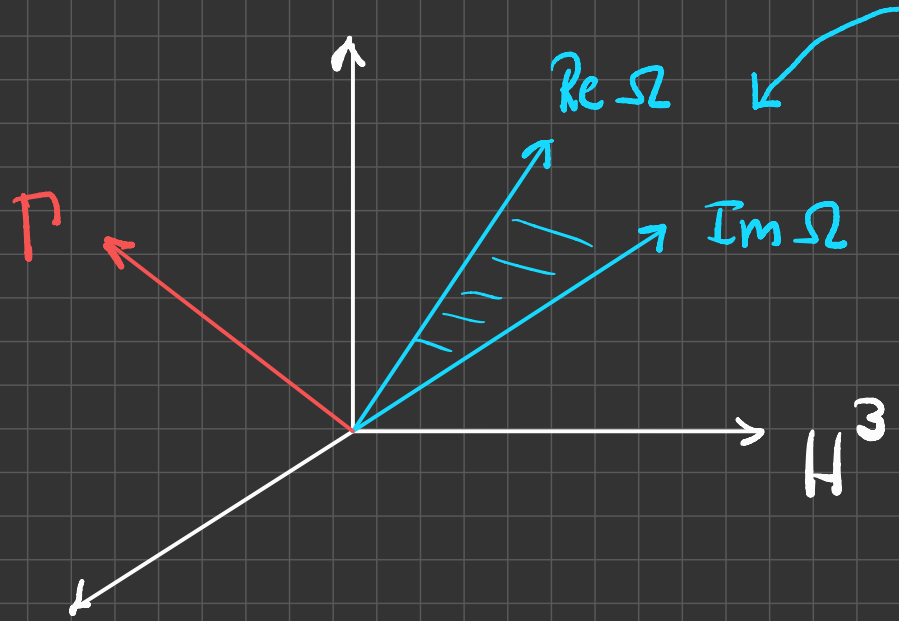
ie $\Gamma^{(1,2)} = \Gamma^{(2,1)} = 0$

proof: exercise in special geometry

rank 1 attractors



Recall: Ω defines a line in $H^3(X, \mathbb{Z})$
 Ω moves inside $H^3(X, \mathbb{Z})$ as we change the CS



Consider
 $V_{\mathbb{R}}(\varphi) =$ plane spanned
over \mathbb{R} by $\text{Re } \Omega$ & $\text{Im } \Omega$
 $V_{\mathbb{R}}(\varphi)$ moves with φ

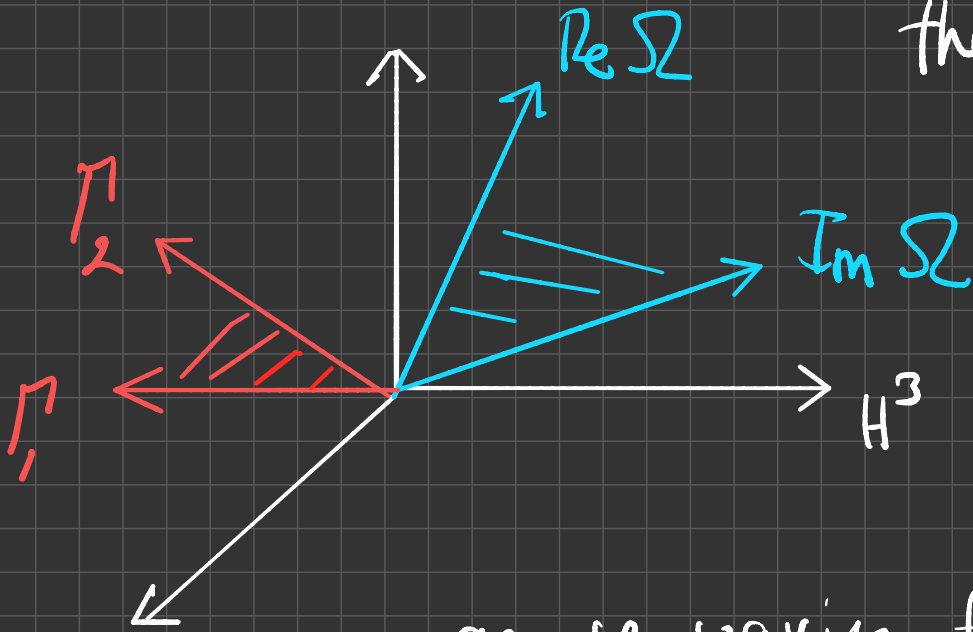
OTOH: Inside $H^3(X, \mathbb{R})$ we have a lattice of vectors
 $\Gamma \subset H^3(X, \mathbb{Z})$ which are fixed

rank 1 A.P: φ st $V_{\mathbb{R}}(\varphi)$ contains the line Γ

rank 2 attractors

at an attractor point of rank 2 there are two vectors in $H^3(X, \mathbb{Z})$

$$P_1, P_2 \text{ st } P_{1,2} \in H^{(3,0)} \oplus H^{(0,3)}$$



as q varies the plane $V_{\mathbb{R}}(q)$ moves and at a rank 2 attractor point $q = q_*$ the plane $V_{\mathbb{R}}(q)$ coincides with the plane generated by P_1 & P_2 .

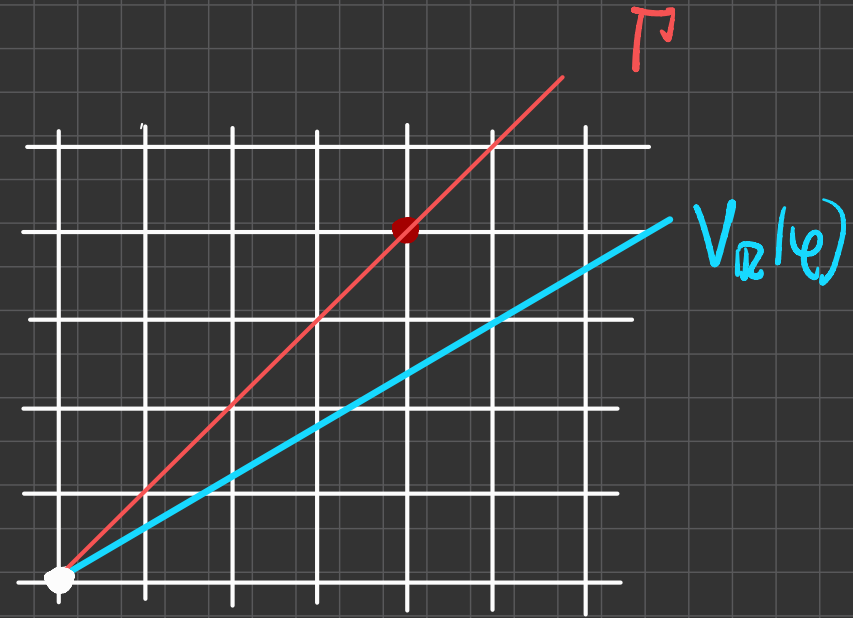
RARE,

very difficult to find a CY which has rank 2 attractor points

Why?

A line which passes through the origin in general will not pass through another lattice point unless the slope is rational.

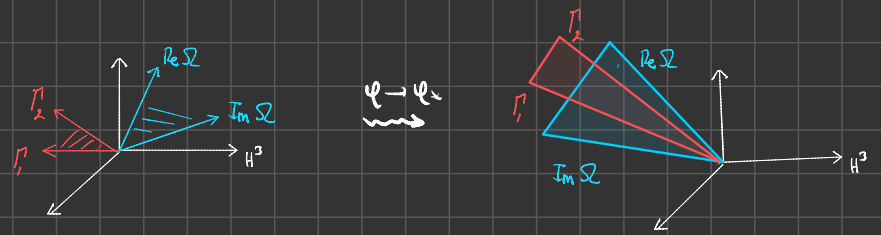
Not too hard to find φ st $V_{\mathbb{R}}(\varphi)$ coincides with Γ



For rank 2 attractors we have a **plane** and it is then much harder to find φ st **it** coincides with $V_{\mathbb{R}}(\varphi)$

Geometrically:

at $\varphi = \varphi^*$



$\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2 \in \Lambda := \mathcal{V}_R(\varphi) \cap H^3(X, \mathbb{Z})$ is a lattice plane

and $\Lambda \otimes \mathbb{C} = H^{(3,0)} \oplus H^{(0,3)}$

Also: $\Lambda^\perp \subset H^3(X, \mathbb{Z})$ lattice orthogonal to Λ
(under the natural symplectic product on 3-forms)

satisfies $\Lambda^\perp \otimes \mathbb{C} = H^{(2,1)} \oplus H^{(1,2)}$

We obtain an isomorphism

$$H^3(X, \mathbb{Q}) = \Lambda_{\mathbb{Q}} \oplus \Lambda_{\mathbb{Q}}^\perp$$

$\Lambda \oplus \Lambda^\perp$ has finite index extends to \mathbb{Q}

splitting of the Hodge structure $H^3(X, \mathbb{Q})$!

Hodge conjecture \Rightarrow splitting has a geometrical origin

VERY HARD

\rightsquigarrow open question

Problem: how do we find varieties with
rank 2 attractor points?

However: the splitting becomes apparent in the
arithmetic structure of X

\therefore arithmetic strategy!

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Arithmetic of attractor varieties

At $\varphi = \varphi_x$

Recall $H^3(X_x, \mathbb{Z}) = V \oplus V^\perp$
 $(3,0) + (0,3)$ $(2,1) + (1,2)$

$$R(T) = \det(1 - T \mathcal{U})$$

$\mathcal{U} \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{Z} & & \\ & \mathbb{Z} & \\ & & \mathbb{Z} \end{pmatrix}$

$$= (1 - \alpha_p T + p^3 T^2) (1 - \beta_p T + p^3 T^2)$$

$H^{2,1} \oplus H^{1,2}$ $H^{3,0} \oplus H^{0,3}$

factors
over \mathbb{Z}
 $\forall p$

Moreover: expect α_p, β_p to be coeffs of modular forms
(Tate & Serre conjectures)

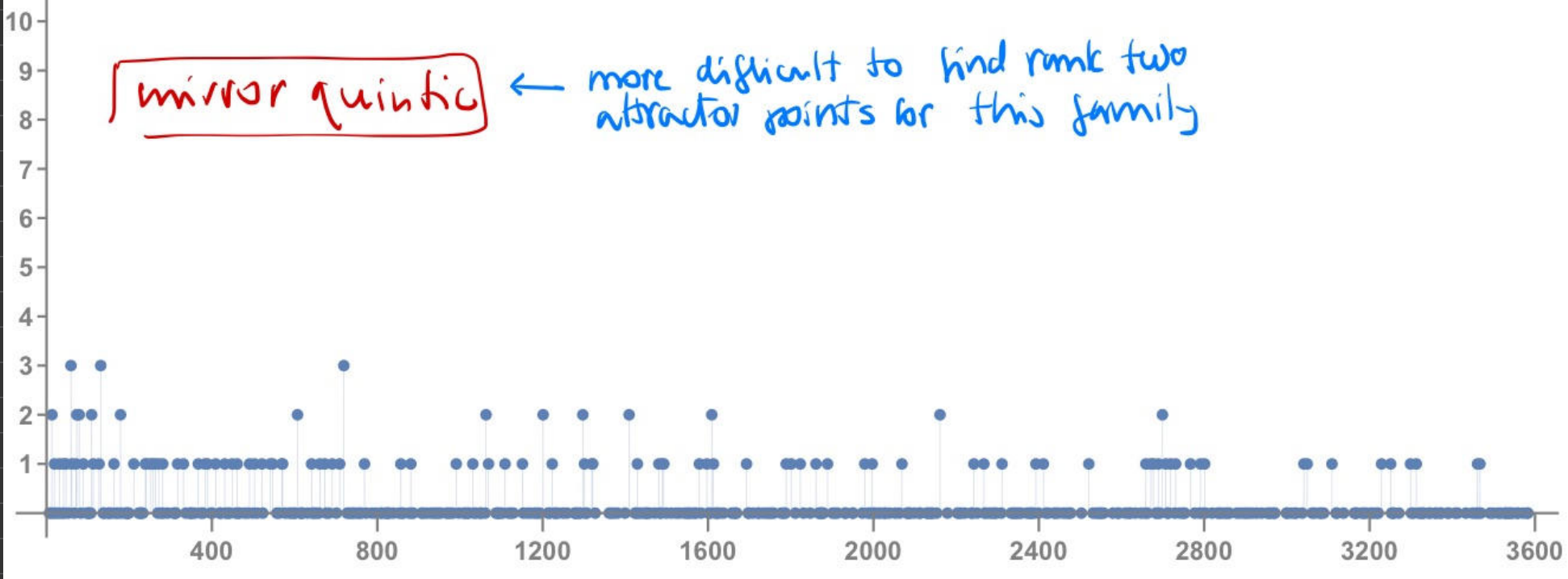
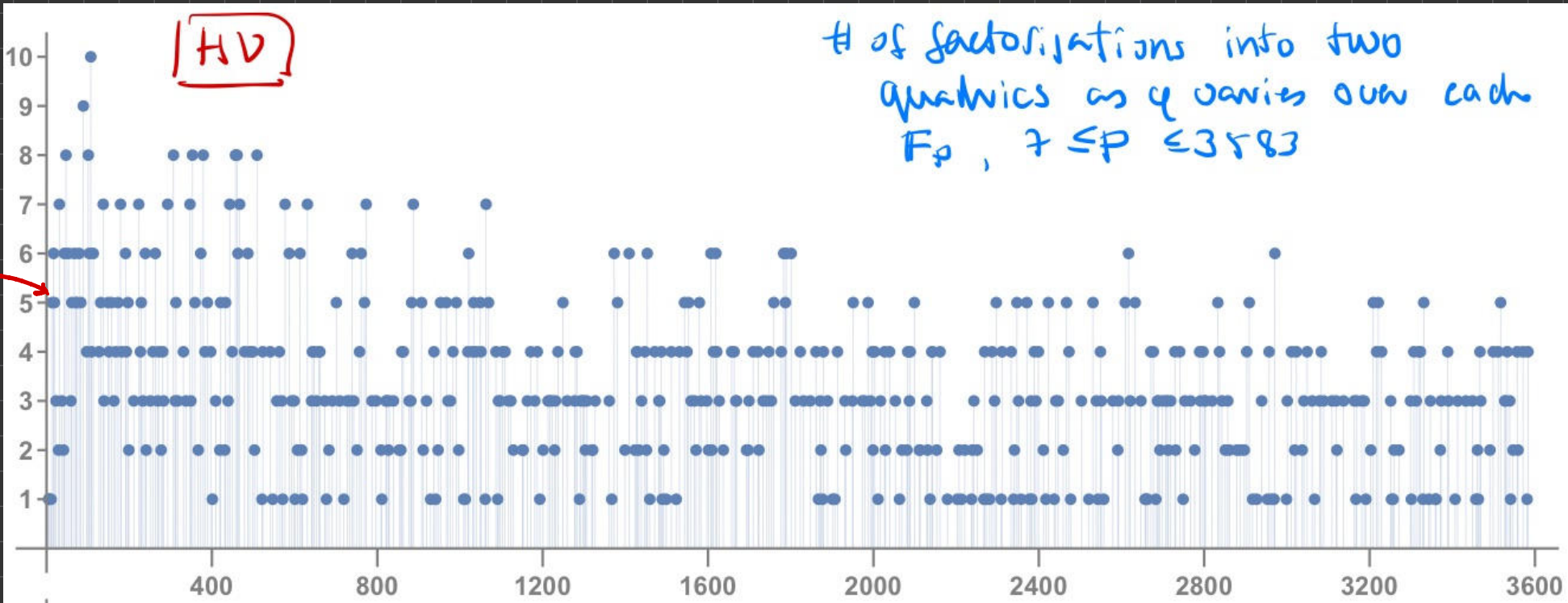
Arithmetic strategy:

make tables of $R(T, \varphi)$ for many p & φ
and look for **persistent factorisations** of R
into two quadrics

↑
factorisations occurring when
 φ_* is a root of a polynomial
with integer coeffs

[P. Candela, XD, **A Thorne**, Du Straten 2018

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We find that for the HV manifold there is always a factorisation when (P Candelas, XD, M Elmi & D van Straten)

$$\bullet \quad 7\varphi + 1 = 0 \quad : \quad \varphi = -1/7 \quad (\forall p \neq 7)$$

and

$$\bullet \quad \varphi^2 - 66\varphi + 1 = 0 \quad : \quad \varphi_{\pm} = 33 \pm 8\sqrt{17}$$

(exists in \mathbb{F}_p when 17 is a square modulo p)

For $p = 19$ (say)

$$\varphi = -\frac{1}{7} \equiv 8$$

$$\varphi_{\pm} \equiv 4, 5$$

($17 \equiv 6^2$)

conifold

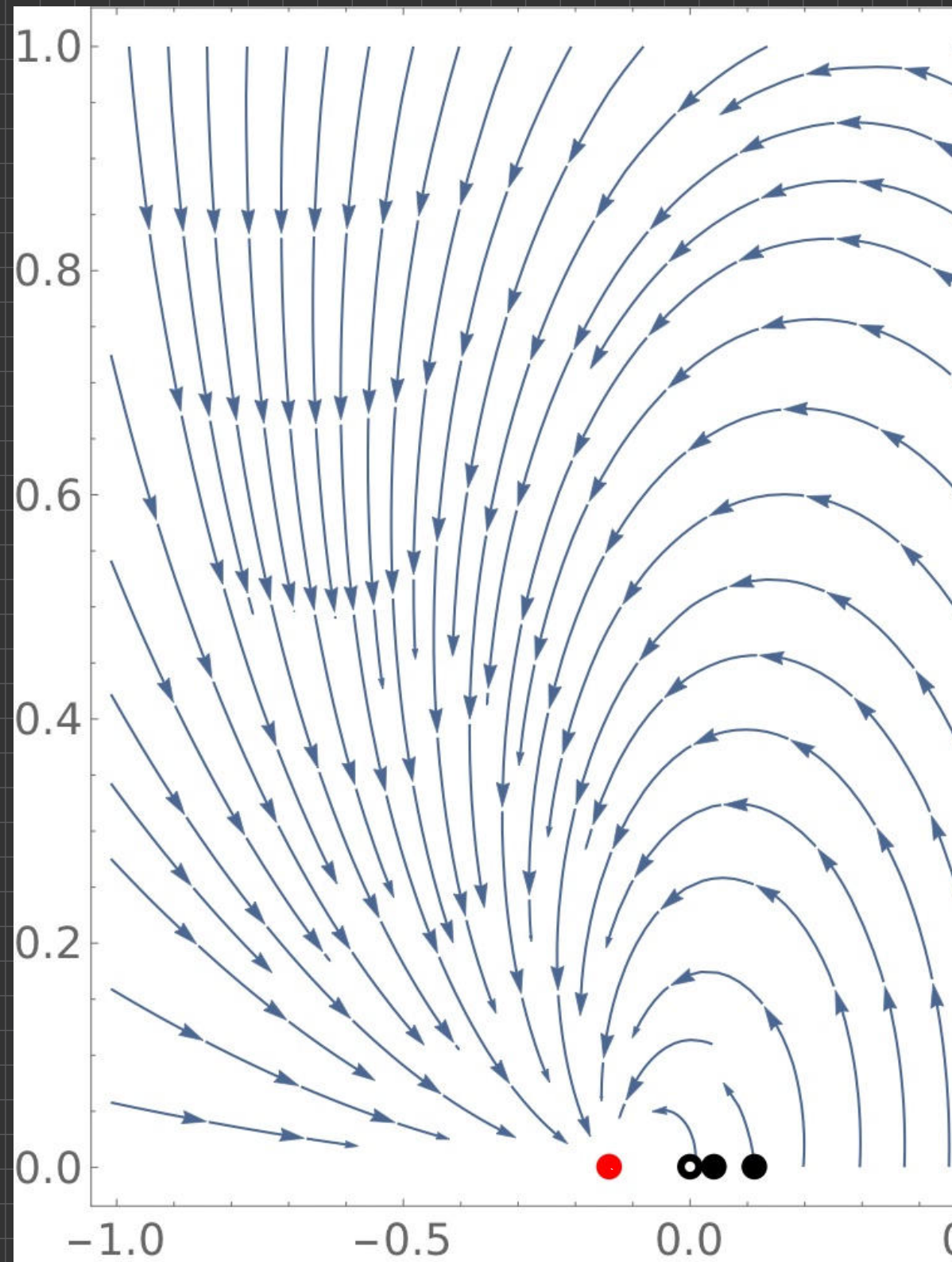
φ_+ →
 φ_- →
 $\varphi = -1/7$ →

conifold
conifold

$p = 19$			
φ	smooth/sing.	singularity	$R(T)$
1	singular	1	$(1 - pT)(1 - 20T + p^3T^2)$
2	smooth		$1 + 4pT + 2pT^2 + 4p^4T^3 + p^6T^4$
3	smooth		$1 - 8T + 242pT^2 - 8p^3T^3 + p^6T^4$
4	smooth		$(1 + 4pT + p^3T^2)(1 - 60T + p^3T^2)$
5	smooth		$(1 + 4pT + p^3T^2)(1 - 60T + p^3T^2)$
6	smooth		$1 + 8T - 318pT^2 + 8p^3T^3 + p^6T^4$
7	smooth		$1 - 44T - 238pT^2 - 44p^3T^3 + p^6T^4$
8	smooth		$(1 - 2pT + p^3T^2)(1 - 80T + p^3T^2)$
9	smooth		$(1 + 4pT + p^3T^2)(1 - 160T + p^3T^2)$
10	smooth		$1 + 12T + 562pT^2 + 12p^3T^3 + p^6T^4$
11	smooth		$(1 + 4pT + p^3T^2)(1 - 140T + p^3T^2)$
12	smooth		$1 + 12T + 82pT^2 + 12p^3T^3 + p^6T^4$
13	smooth		$1 + 178T + 1082pT^2 + 178p^3T^3 + p^6T^4$
14	smooth		$1 + 12T - 158pT^2 + 12p^3T^3 + p^6T^4$
15	smooth		$1 + 42T - 2p^2T^2 + 42p^3T^3 + p^6T^4$
16	singular	$\frac{1}{25}$	$(1 - pT)(1 + 76T + p^3T^2)$
17	singular	$\frac{1}{9}$	$(1 - pT)(1 - 20T + p^3T^2)$
18	smooth		$1 - 54T + 322pT^2 - 54p^3T^3 + p^6T^4$

Table 1: The R -factors for $\varphi \in \mathbb{F}_{19}$. Note the factorisations into two quadrics for the five values $\varphi = 4, 5, 8, 9, 11$.

$$\varphi = -\frac{1}{7}$$



There is more information in the tables:
there are modular forms

$$R(T) = (1 - \rho \alpha_p T + p^3 T^2)(1 - \beta_p T + p^3 T^2)$$

Serre's conjecture (generalizing Taniyama-Weil)

↳ "motives" of length two are modular
↳ algebraically defined part of cohomology

[proof: Dieulefait, Khare & Wintenberger, Kisin]

For $\varphi = -1/7$

α_p & β_p are Fourier coefficients of a modular form for $\Gamma_0(14)$

LMFDB

$$f_2 = \sum_n \alpha_n q^n \quad \text{weight 2}$$

14.2.a.a

$$f_4 = \sum_n \beta_n q^n \quad \text{weight 4}$$

14.4.a.a

$$q = e^{2\pi i \tau} \quad \tau \in \mathbb{H}$$

Similarly, for φ_{\pm}

$\varphi_p \in \beta_p \rightarrow$ coeffs of modular forms
for $\Gamma_1(34) \subset \Gamma_0(34)$

$$SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \ni \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{34}$$

$$f_2 \rightarrow 34.2.b.a$$

$$f_4 \rightarrow 34.4.b.a$$

Area of the horizon of the BH

$$\varphi = -1/7$$

Charges $Q_{ke} = k(4, -15, -5, 0) + \ell(0, 0, 2, 1)$

(so a two parameter family of BHs)

let $v_* = \frac{7}{\pi} \frac{L_4(2)}{L_4(1)}$

$L_4 \rightarrow$ L-function associated to f_4

$$L_4(s) = \frac{(2\pi)^s}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty dy y^{s-1} f_4(iy)$$

Then

$$A_{\ell k}(\varphi_*) = 4\pi |Z_8(\varphi_*)|^2 = 14\pi \left\{ k^2 v_* + \left(\ell - \frac{5k}{2} \right)^2 \frac{1}{v_*} \right\}$$

\uparrow
BH entropy

What is the precise meaning of this?

Area of the horizon of the BH

$$\varphi_{\pm} = 33 \pm 8\sqrt{17}$$

$$\varphi_+ \quad Q_{kl} = k(4, -9, 7, 4) + l(4, -30, -30, -5)$$

$$\varphi_- \quad Q_{kl} = k(-2, 0, 0, 5) + l(0, 3, 1, 0)$$

$$v_* = \frac{17}{2} \left(\frac{9 - \sqrt{17}}{2} \right) \frac{\lambda_4(2)}{\pi \lambda_4(1)} \quad (\lambda_4 = \operatorname{Re} L_4)$$

$$A_{kl}(\varphi_{\pm}) = 34\pi \left(\frac{k^2}{v_*} + l^2 v_* \right)$$

Identities from mirror symmetry

$$\frac{1}{17}(9 + \sqrt{17}) \frac{\pi \lambda_4(1)}{\lambda_4(2)} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{15}} \left\{ 1 - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{p \in \text{pt}(j)} a_p N_p \left(\frac{j}{4\pi\sqrt{15}} \right)^{\ell(p)} k_{\ell(p)-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{15}}{3} \pi j \right) \right\}.$$

$$N_k = \sum_{d|h} d^3 n_d$$

$$= k^3 N_h^{\text{GW}}$$

GW
invariants!

Bessel function of the 3rd kind

$$k_n(z) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi z}} K_{n+\frac{1}{2}}(z)$$

← modified BF of the 2nd kind

mirror map

$$2\pi i t = \frac{\partial_1(\varphi)}{\partial_0(\varphi)}$$

at φ_- : $t(\varphi_-) = i \frac{5}{16 \cdot 17} (9 + \sqrt{17}) \frac{\pi \lambda_4(1)}{\lambda_4(2)}$

Outlook

- ▶ Arithmetic strategy to study the Hodge structure
 - attractor mechanism \rightarrow still open questions in particular the meaning of the formula for the area of the BH solns.
 - apply to other cases! eg $CM \leftrightarrow RCFT$
 - modular forms

► What makes a CY an attractor variety?

Why is the HV so special?

rigorous proof: find the geometric reason for the splitting of the Hodge structure

► IIB [X] flux vacua

conjecture: (Kachru, Nally, Yang) A CY variety X_φ with $\mathcal{N}=1$ $\mathcal{N}=(1,0)$ which gives a supersymmetric flux vacuum is modular in the sense that it is associated to a modular form of $w=2$

(..... Candelas, XD, M. Green, Kuyukela 2023)

► Modularity of CY varieties!

1-parameter families \rightarrow paramodular forms of $\Gamma(N) \subseteq \mathrm{Sp}(4)$ ^v

\rightarrow at certain values of the parameter this "degenerates"
into **known** modular forms of $\Gamma_0(N) \subseteq \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$

THANKS!