

# Machine learning Calabi-Yau metrics

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arxiv:[2111.01436](#) & [2205.13408](#) and work in progress

...or

Simple neural nets learn tricky geometry

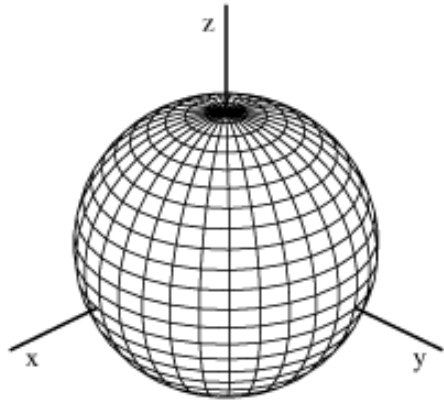
# Motivation & problem set-up

# Swampland, compactifications and Calabi-Yaus

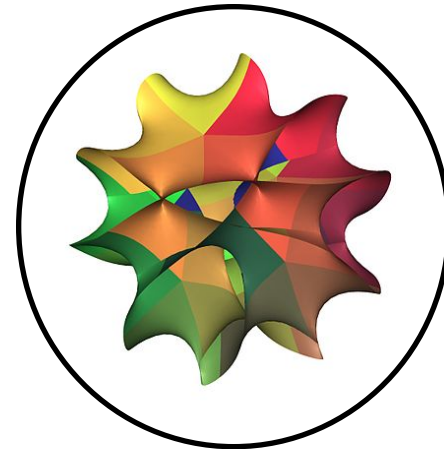
- String compactifications: test Swampland conjectures
- The topology and geometry of compact dimensions is key
  - e.g. Swampland Distance Conjecture
- Calabi-Yau manifolds are popular:
  - Give SUSY Minkowski vacua (with moduli), ...
  - Admit Ricci-flat metric (but non-constructive proof)
  - Many examples, topology well understood.
- *Ricci-flat CY metric* has info on geodesics, curvature, masses,...  
Can we compute it in examples?

# Calabi-Yau manifolds: algebraic construction

- Build non-trivial spaces from simple ambient spaces



$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^3$$



$$Z_0^5 + Z_1^5 + Z_2^5 + Z_3^5 + Z_4^5 = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{P}^4$$

- Many examples collected in databases:  
CICY [Candelas et al:88](#), hypersurfaces in toric spaces [Kreuzer-Skarke:00](#), ...

# CY manifolds and Ricci flat metrics

*Calabi:54, Yau:78*

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- There is *no analytical expression* for  $g_{CY}$ .
- Impose Ricci-flatness: solve non-linear PDE for metric. This is hard.

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But on CY spaces, we know more! Kähler form  $J_{CY}$  satisfies

- $J_{CY} = J + \partial\bar{\partial}\phi$       same Kähler class;  $\phi$  is a function
- $J_{CY} \wedge J_{CY} \wedge J_{CY} = \kappa \Omega \wedge \bar{\Omega}$       Monge-Ampere equation ( $\kappa$  constant)  
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We can compute these in examples!



# Setting up the problem:

Find Ricci flat CY metric  $g_{CY} \iff$  find  $J_{CY}$  that solves MA equation

$$J_{CY} \wedge J_{CY} \wedge J_{CY} = \kappa \Omega \wedge \bar{\Omega}$$

where  $\kappa$  is some complex constant.

Numerical method: Sample large set of random points on CY.

- Compute  $\Omega$  and a reference  $J$  at all points
- Solve MA eq. numerically for  $J_{CY}$  (or  $\phi$ )
- Check solution (on new points): Does MA eq hold? Is Ricci tensor 0?

# Numerical CY metrics – a longstanding quest

- Donaldson algorithm

*Donaldson:05, Douglas-et.al:06, Douglas-et.al:08, Braun-et.al:08, Anderson-et.al:10, ...,*

- Energy functionals

*Headrick–Nassar:13, Cui–Gray:20, Ashmore–Calmon–He–Ovrut:21, ...*

- Machine learning

*Ashmore–He–Ovrut:19, Douglas–Lakshminarasimhan–Qi:20,*

*Anderson–Gerdes–Gray–Krippendorf–Raghuram–Ruehle:20, Jejjala–Mayorga–Peña:20 ,*

*Larfors–Lukas–Ruehle–Schneider:21, 22, Ashmore–Calmon–He–Ovrut:21,*

*Berglund–Butbaia–Hübsch–Jejjala–Mayorga Peña–Mishra–Tan:22,*

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*Ashmore–He* <https://github.com/yidiq7/MLGeometry>

*Anderson–G* <https://github.com/pythoncymetric/cymetric> *orga–Peña:20 ,*

*Larfors–Luka* <https://github.com/pythoncymetric/cymetric>

*Berglund–B*

*Gerdes–Krip* <https://github.com/ml4physics/cyjax>

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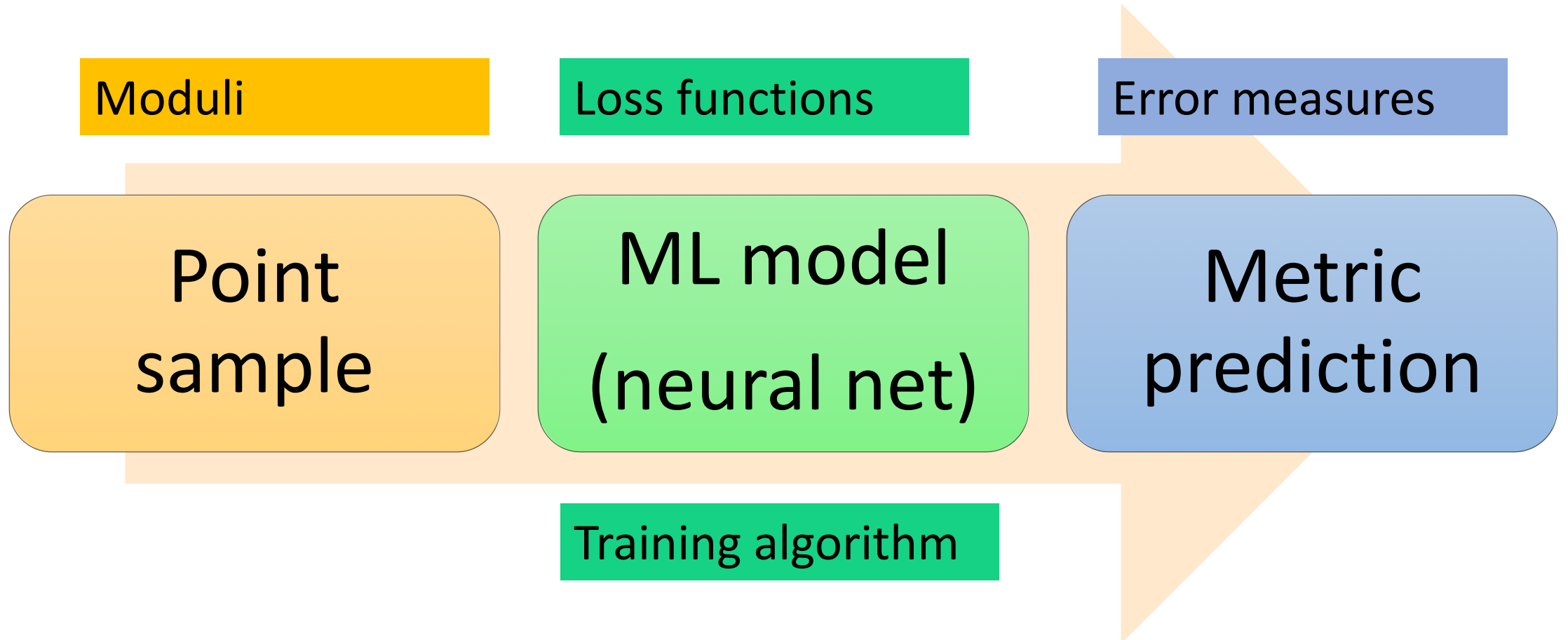
## Algebraic CY metrics

- Expand  $K_{CY}$  in basis of hom. polynomials of degree  $k$
- $K_k(z, \bar{z}) = \frac{1}{k} \sum \ln H_{a\bar{b}} p^a \bar{p}^{\bar{b}}$
- Solve for  $H_{a\bar{b}}$  using
  - Donaldson algorithm
  - Minimize energy functional
  - Machine learning

## Machine Learning CY metrics

- NNs are universal approximators  
*Cybenko:89; Hornik:91; Leshno et.al:93; Pinkus:99*
- ML model searches freely for CY metric
- Training objective: minimize loss
- Control evolution via NN architecture and loss functions

# Machine Learning implementation



# Example implementation: cymetric package

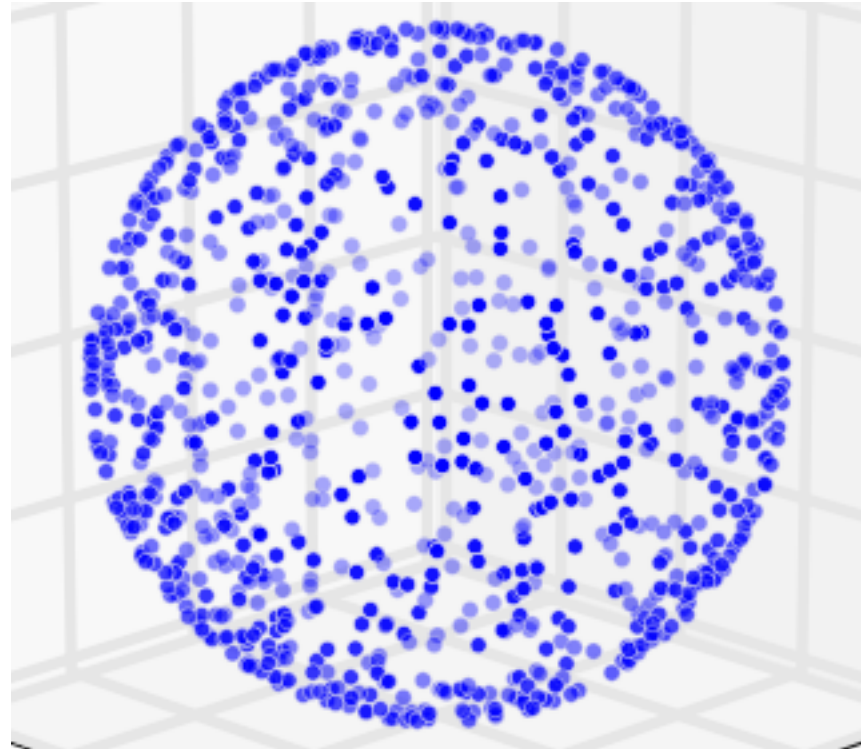
## cymetric

ML package `cymetric` written in Python and Mathematica (separately).

Decomposes into

- 1 point generators based on Shiffman–Zelditch theorem  
Uses NumPy, SciPy, SageMath and Mathematica.
- 2 custom neural networks give CY metric (at given point in moduli space)
  - 5 different models (metric Ansätze)
  - Implemented and optimized with TensorFlow/Keras

# Point generators



# What do we need? Error measures

After training, evaluate performance (on separate test set):

does the MA equation hold? is the metric Ricci flat?

Check via established benchmarks:

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{\text{Vol}_{\text{CY}}} \int_{\mathcal{X}} \left| 1 - \kappa \frac{\Omega \wedge \bar{\Omega}}{(J_{\text{pr}})^3} \right|, \quad \mathcal{R} = \frac{1}{\text{Vol}_{\text{CY}}} \int_{\mathcal{X}} |R_{\text{pr}}|.$$

using Monte Carlo integration for any function  $f$

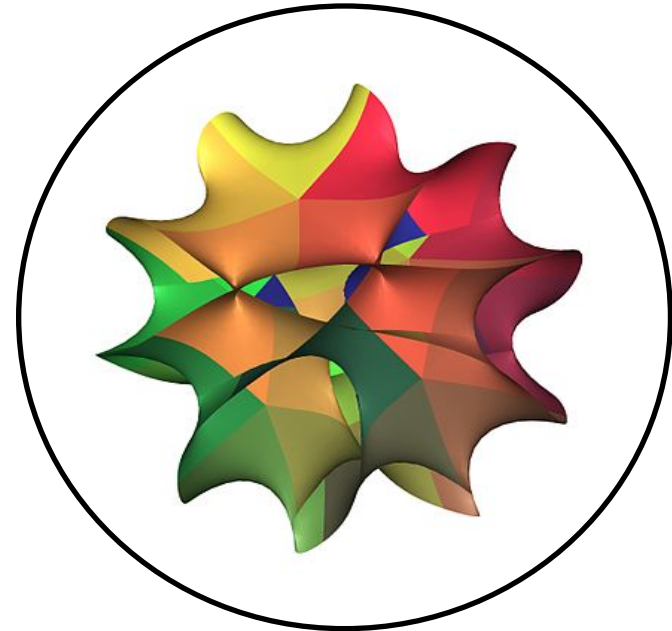
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# Point generators

We need

- random set of points on CY
  - sampled w.r.t. measure  $dA$
- ..so we can compute integrals  
(e.g to check accuracy)



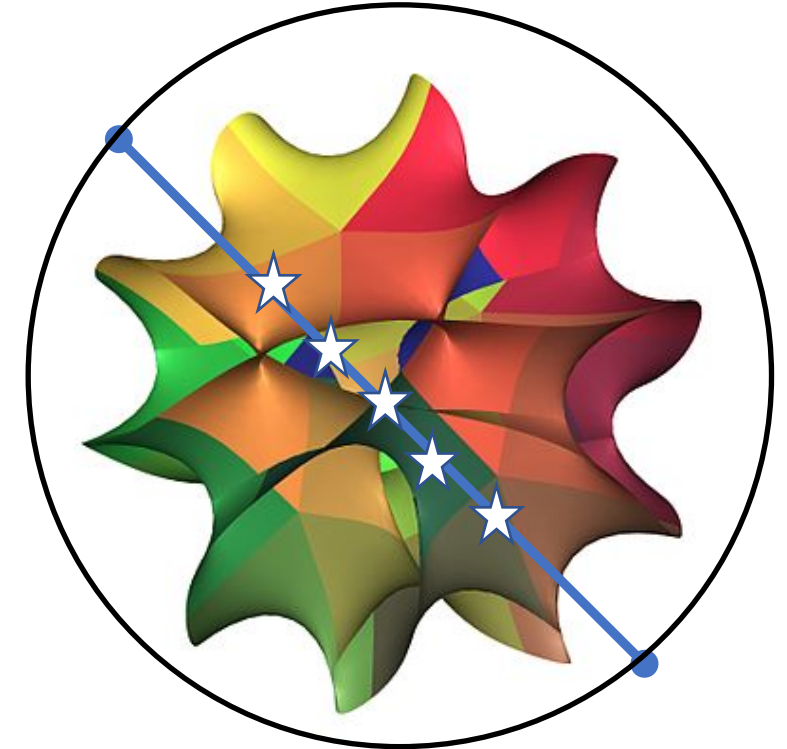
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# Point generators

Quintic  $X: p = 0 \subset \mathbb{P}^4$

*Douglas et. al: 06*

- Sample 2 points on  $\mathbb{P}^4$ ; connect & intersect
- Repeat  $M$  times  $\leadsto 5M$  random points on  $X$
- Shiffman-Zelditch:  
points distributed w.r.t. FS measure on  $X$



- Generalizations:  
CICY  
Kreuzer-Skarke

*Douglas et.al: 07*

*ML, Lukas, Ruehle, Schneider: 21,22*

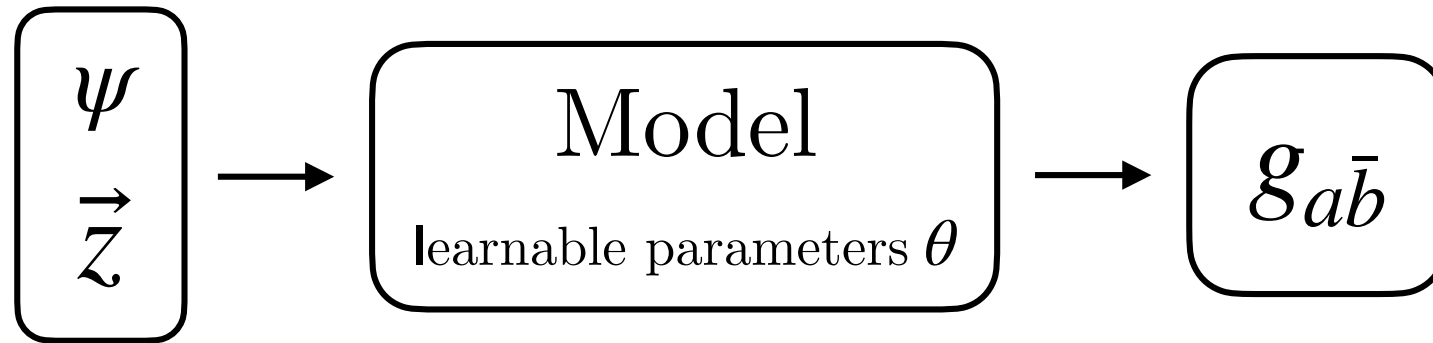
# Point generators for KS CY manifolds

- Can we relate ambient toric variety  $A$  to projective spaces?  
Yes!  
Use sections of line bundle dual to Kähler cone divisors;  
recall nef divisors are base-point free
- So Shiffman–Zelditch applies and quintic algorithm generalizes.

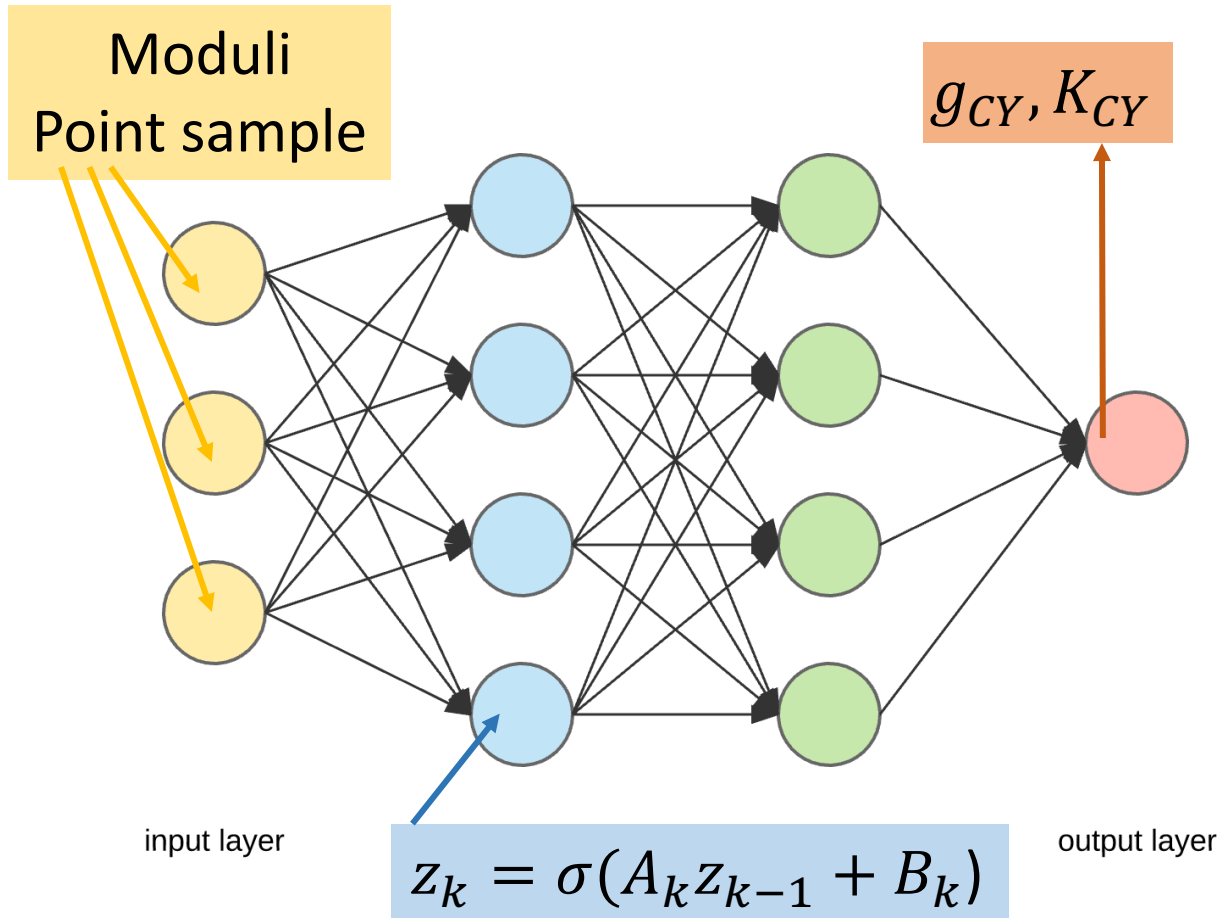
- Sections  $s_j^{(\alpha)}$  of the toric Kähler cone generators  $J_\alpha \sim$  coordinates of  $\mathbb{P}^{r_\alpha}$
- Use Shiffman–Zelditch on  $\mathbb{P}^{r_\alpha}$
- Express CY 3-fold as non-complete intersection in  $\hat{\mathcal{A}} \cong \bigotimes_{\alpha=1}^{h^{1,1}} \mathbb{P}^{r_\alpha}$
- Intersect  $\rightsquigarrow$  sample of random points on CY distributed wrt FS measure.

Details: [toric-point-gen](#)

# ML model architecture in cymetric



# ML models: Set-up and training



## Architectural choices

- What to predict?
- Encode constraints in NN or loss? (global, complex, Kähler...)

## Then train

- Minimize loss functions
- Choose optimizer

## And check performance

# ML models in cymetric package

- 5 ML models
- Encode few/many constraints so need more/less loss functions

Model name	Ansatz
Free	$g_{pr} = g_{NN}$
Additive	$g_{pr} = g_{FS} + g_{NN}$
Multiplicative, elementwise	$g_{pr} = g_{FS} + g_{FS} \odot g_{NN}$
Multiplicative, matrix	$g_{pr} = g_{FS} \cdot (\mathbb{I} + g_{NN})$
$\phi$ -model	$g_{pr} = g_{FS} + \partial \bar{\partial} \phi$

# Loss functions encode math constraints

- Train the network to get *unknown* Ricci-flat metric (in given Kähler class)
- Use semi-supervised learning
  1. Encode mathematical constraints as custom loss functions
  2. Train network (adapt layer weights) to minimize loss functions
- E.g. satisfy Monge-Ampere eq  $\leadsto$  minimize Monge-Ampere loss

$$\mathcal{L}_{MA} = \left\| \left| 1 - \frac{1}{\kappa} \frac{\det g_{pr}}{\Omega \wedge \bar{\Omega}} \right| \right\|_n$$

- Depending on metric ansatz, need more or fewer loss functions.

# Custom loss functions in cymetric package

- Monge-Ampere loss

$$\mathcal{L}_{MA} = \left\| \left| 1 - \frac{1}{\kappa} \frac{\det g_{pr}}{\Omega \wedge \bar{\Omega}} \right| \right\|_n$$

- Ricci loss (duplicates MA loss)
- Kähler loss (not needed for  $\phi$  network)
- Transition loss
- Kähler class loss (needed when  $h^{(1,1)} > 1$ )



# Error functions and accuracy measures

- After training, check that MA eq holds and Ricci tensor is zero

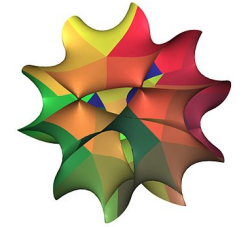
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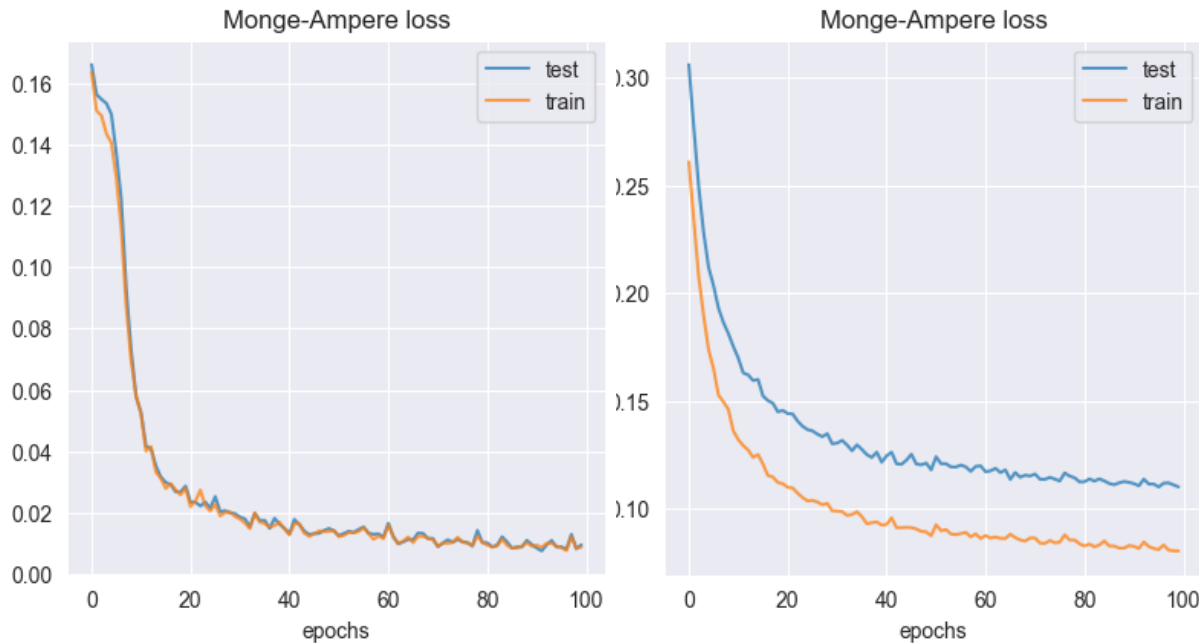
- For CY manifolds with more than one Kähler class, must also check that we keep this fixed:
- So we check that volume and line bundle slopes remain constant.

# Experiments

# Fermat vs. generic quintic



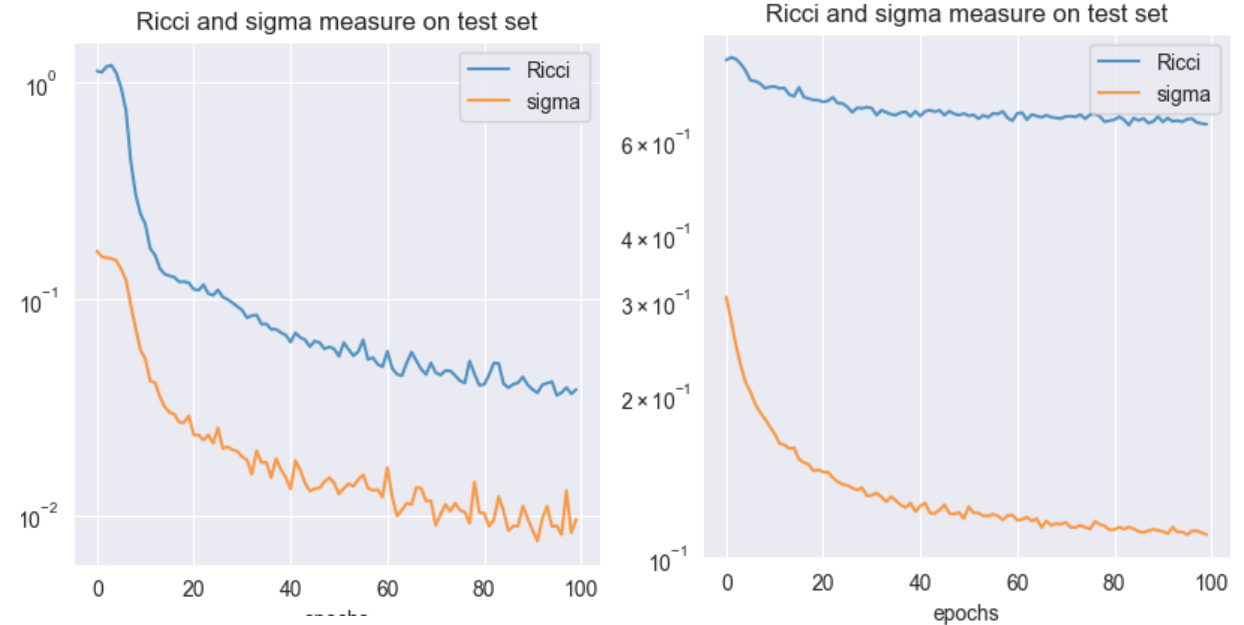
## Monge-Ampere loss



Fermat

Generic

## Error measures



Fermat

Generic

100000 points,  $\phi$  model, 3 64-node layers, GELU, default loss, Adam, batch (64, 50000)

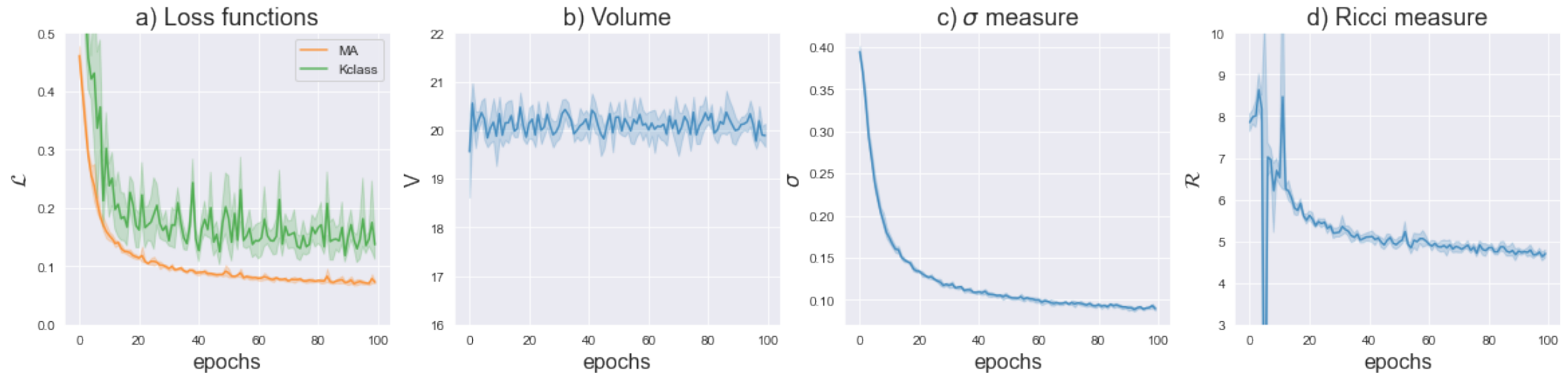
# KS CY example

$h^{1,1} = 2, h^{2,1} = 80$  CY from the Kreuzer-Skarke list

- Ambient space is  $\mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow A \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$  w. toric coordinates  $(x_0, \dots, x_4)$
- CY hypersurface:  $p(x_0, \dots, x_4) = 0$  (80 terms; select randomly)
- 2 Kähler cone generators  $J_a$ ;  $J = t_1 J_1 + t_2 J_2$
- Morphisms to  $\mathbb{P}^1$  and  $\mathbb{P}^5$  using  $H^0(J_a)$
- Point generation  $\sim 1$  hour (generic cpl structure moduli,  $t_a = 1$ ).

# KS CY example

- $h^{1,1} = 2, h^{2,1} = 80$  Kreuzer-Skarke



- Toric  $\phi$ -model, default loss, 200 000 points
- NN width 256, depth 3, GELU, batch (128, 10000), SGD w. momentum

Further developments

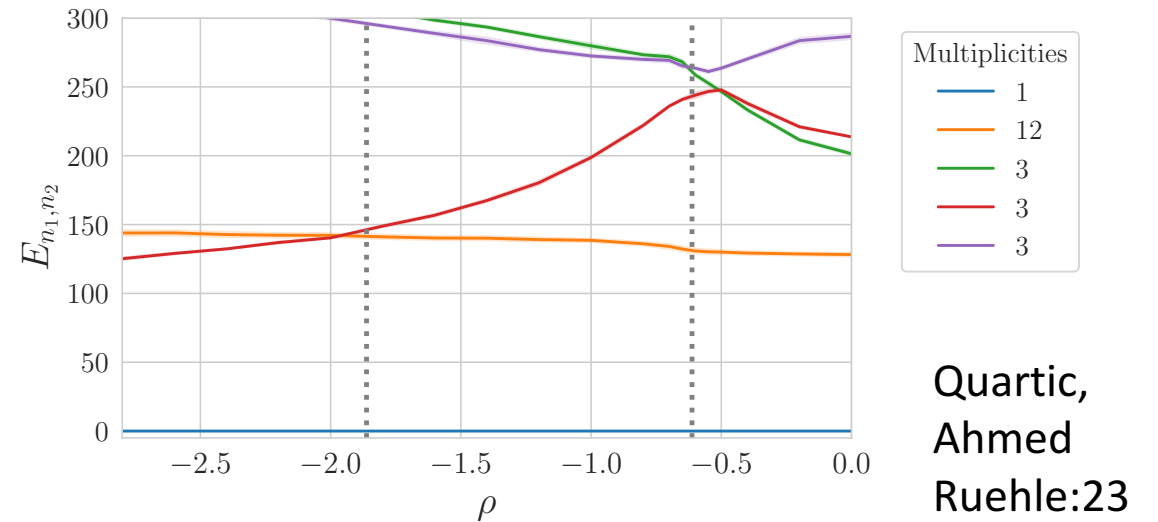
# Connecting to Swampland

- Compute *moduli-dependent* spectrum of  $\Delta_{CY}$  *explicitly* in example CY:s

1. Compute the moduli space metric (using either analytic [20] or numeric [21] techniques)
2. Compute the geodesics and the geodesic distances in moduli space
3. Compute the CY metric along the moduli space geodesics
4. Compute the massive spectrum from the CY metric
5. Fit a function to the masses and compare with the prediction from the SDC

- Level crossing & number theory

Ashmore:20, Ashmore & Ruehle:21 Ahmed & Ruehle:23

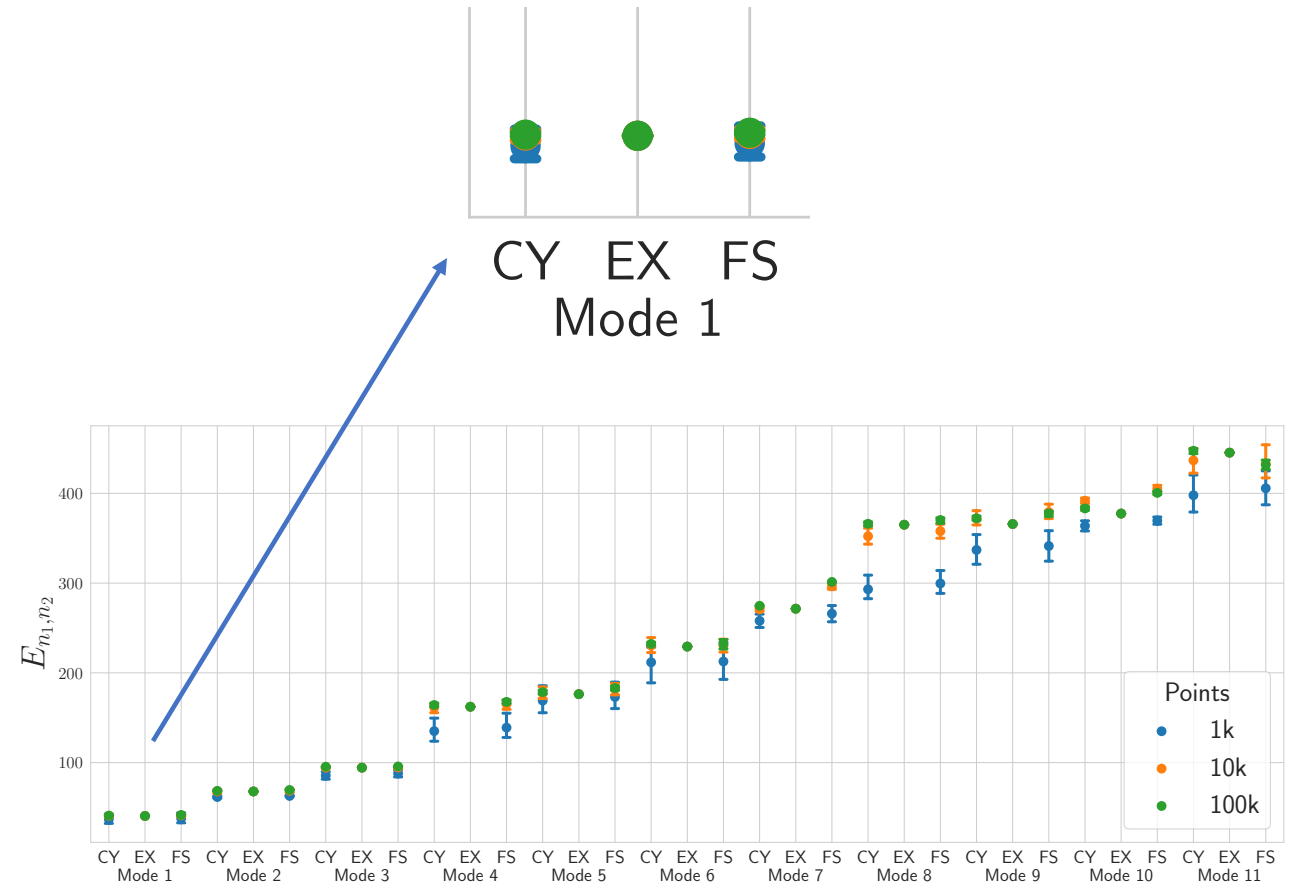


# Accuracy and benchmarks

Ahmed & Ruehle:23

Improve accuracy

- Larger point sample
- Wider/deeper NN
- Train longer
- Benchmark on cubic CY in  $\mathbb{P}^2$  (a.k.a. the torus)
- Spectrum of  $\Delta_{CY}$



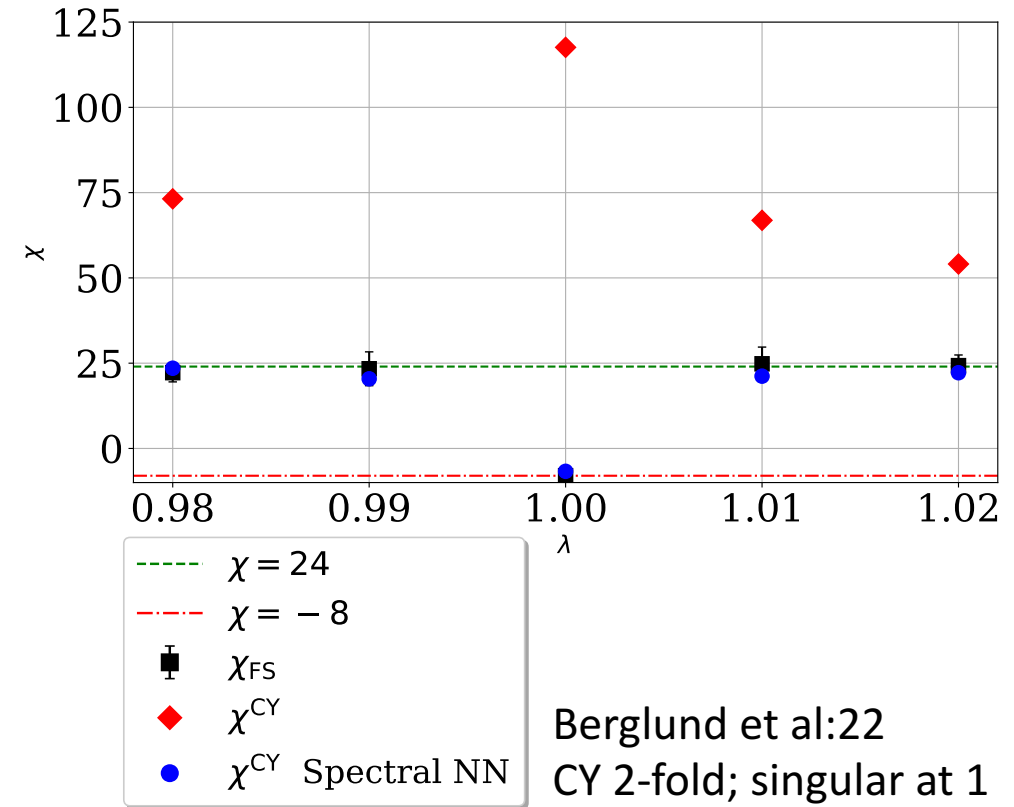


# Accuracy, performance and architecture

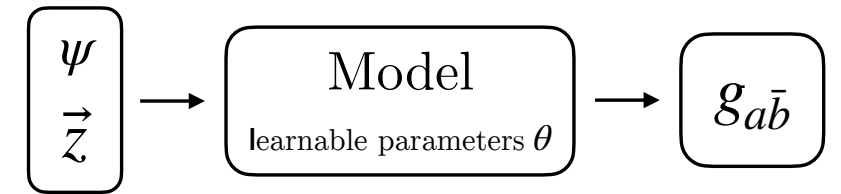
- Is the control by loss functions accurate enough?
- Can performance be improved?

## Change ML architecture

- Algebraic metric Ansatz  
*Anderson et al : 20, Douglas et al : 20, Gerdes & Krippendorf:22, ...*
- cymetric with spectral layer  
*Berglund et al:22*
- Metric Neural Tangent Kernel  
*Halverson & Ruehle:23*
- Symmetries and Geometric Deep Learning  
*in progress*

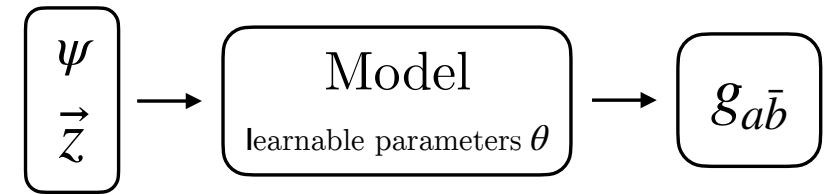


# Conclusion and outlook



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- cymetric package: applies to all CICY and Kreuzer-Skarke list at given point in moduli space
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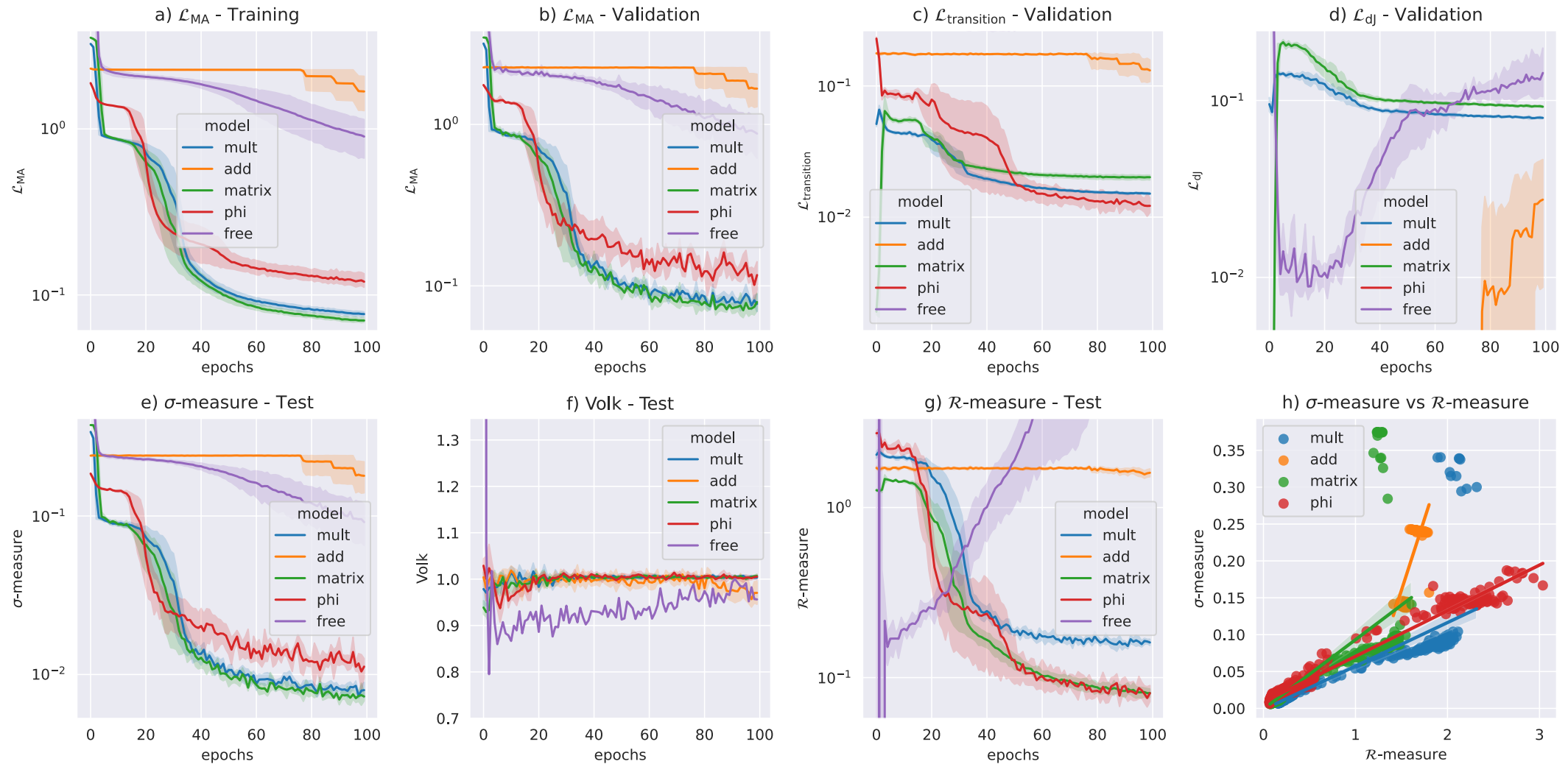


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Thank you for listening!

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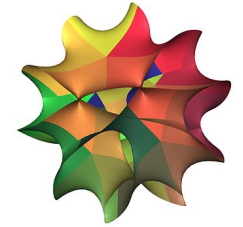
# Different metric ansatzes on Fermat quintic



198 000 points, 0.1 val split, 5 experiments/model.

NN width 64, depth 3, GELU, batch size 64, Adam optimizer. Ricci and K-class loss disabled.

# Calabi-Yau spaces: details



- Complex: local coordinates  $z_i, \bar{z}_j$   
holomorphic top form  $\Omega = dz_i \wedge dz_j \wedge dz_k$
- Kähler: metric determined by Kähler potential

$$g_{i\bar{j}} = \partial_i \partial_{\bar{j}} K, \quad g_{ij} = g_{\bar{i}\bar{j}} = 0$$

$$\text{Kähler form } J = \frac{i}{2} \sum g_{i\bar{k}} dz^j \wedge d\bar{z}^{\bar{k}}$$

- Come in families parametrized by *complex structure/Kähler moduli*
- Satisfy topological restriction ( $c_1 = 0$ )  
→ admit a *unique Ricci-flat CY metric*

# Traditional methods

- Approximate  $K_{CY}$  via *algebraic expansion* in polynomial basis

$$K_k(z, \bar{z}) = \frac{1}{k} \sum \ln H_{a\bar{b}} p^a \bar{p}^{\bar{b}}$$

- Hermitian matrix  $H$  to be computed

## Donaldson algorithm

- $H_k$  : fixed point of iteration scheme
- Slow convergence at given  $k$
- Proven  $K \rightarrow K_{CY}$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$

## Energy functional

- $H_k$  : minimum of functional encoding MA equation
- Fast convergence at given  $k$

# Traditional methods – scaling problem

- Approximate  $K_{CY}$  via *algebraic expansion* in polynomial basis

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- Hermitian matrix  $H$  to be computed
- Problem: polynomial basis  $\dim N_k$  grows with  $k$ , and  $H \sim N_k^2$

On quintic:

$$N_k = \binom{k+4}{k} - \binom{k-1}{k-5} = 5, 15, 35, 70, 125, 205, 315, \dots$$

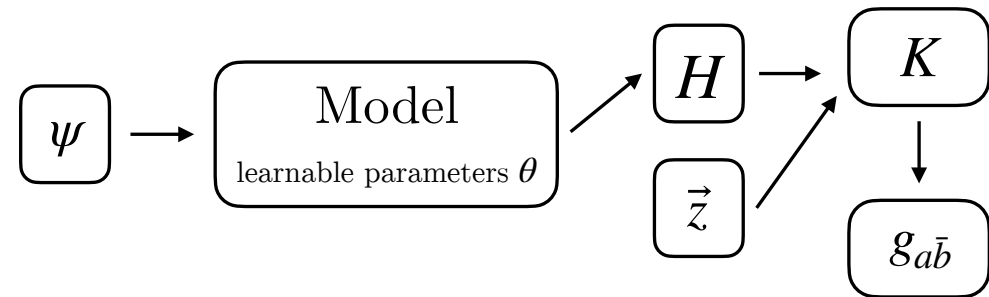
- Use discrete symmetries to cut down  $N_k$ . Restriction on moduli.



# ML model architectures

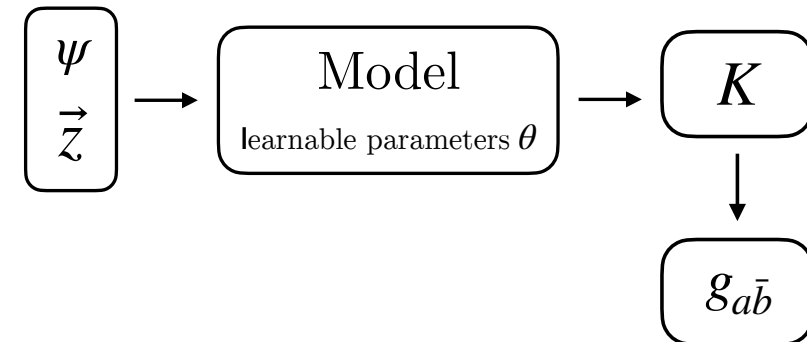
## 1. Learn Donaldson's H matrix

Anderson et al 2012.04656, Gerdes et al 2211.12520



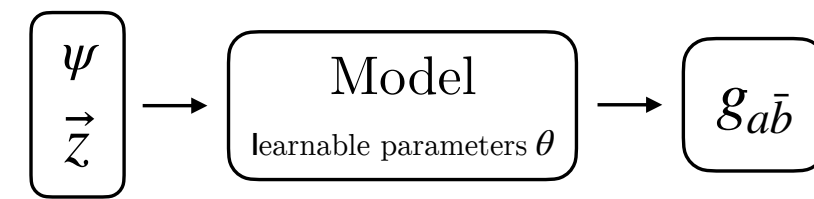
## 2. Learn Kähler potential

Anderson et al 2012.04656, Douglas et al 2012.04797, Larfors et al 2111.01436 & 2205.13408, Berglund et al 2211.09801



## 3. Learn metric

Anderson et al 2012.04656, Jejjala et al 2012.15821, Larfors et al 2111.01436 & 2205.13408



# Point Generators

## Creating a point sample on KS CY 3-fold, part 1

Assume toric ambient space w. coordinates  $x_i \sim D_i$  divisors

- Kähler cone generators  $J_\alpha = \sum c_\alpha^i D_i$  dual to nef line bundle  $\mathcal{O}(J_\alpha)$
- Sections of  $\mathcal{O}(J_\alpha) \sim$  coordinates of  $\mathbb{P}^{r_\alpha}$

$$\Phi_\alpha : [x_0 : x_1 : \dots] \rightarrow [s_0^{(\alpha)} : s_1^{(\alpha)} : \dots : s_{r_\alpha}^{(\alpha)}]$$

- FS metrics on  $\mathbb{P}^r \longrightarrow$  (non-FS) Kähler metric on  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- Build random sections

$$S = \sum_{j=0}^{r_\alpha} a_j^{(\alpha)} s_j^\alpha$$

drawing  $a_j^{(\alpha)}$  independently from Gaussian distribution

- **Theorem**[Shiffman and Zelditch]:  
Zeros of random sections of are distributed according to the FS measure.

# Point Generators

## Creating a point sample on KS CY 3-fold, part 2

Got map  $\Phi_\alpha : [x_0 : x_1 : \dots] \rightarrow [s_0^{(\alpha)} : s_1^{(\alpha)} : \dots : s_{r_\alpha}^{(\alpha)}]$

Know zeros of random sections  $S = \sum_{j=0}^{r_\alpha} a_j^{(\alpha)} s_j^\alpha$  have good distribution.

- Express the CY 3-fold in terms of Kähler cone sections  $s_j^{(\alpha)}$ 
  - ▶ Problem 1: too many sections! Problem 2: relations among sections!
- First find relations among sections ...
  - ▶ Groebner basis analysis using Singular (access via Sage)
  - ▶ Linear algebra routine (faster, requires generic points in section space)

$$\prod_l s_l^{f_l} = \prod_J s_J^{g_J} \Leftrightarrow \prod_l s_l^{h_l} = 1, \quad s_J = \prod_a x_a^{M_{a,J}} \implies \sum_l M_{a,l} h_l = \vec{0}_a$$

- ... then combine relations + hypersurface eq:  
CY 3-fold as non-complete intersection in  $\hat{\mathcal{A}} \cong \bigotimes_{\alpha=1}^{h^{1,1}} \mathbb{P}^{r_\alpha}$ .
- Intersect: random point sample on CY distributed wrt FS measure.

# Custom loss functions in cymetric package

Derivatives – TensorFlow gradient tapes on input

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{MA}} = \left\| \left| 1 - \frac{1}{\kappa} \frac{\det g_{\text{pr}}}{\Omega \wedge \bar{\Omega}} \right| \right\|_n,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{dJ}} = \sum_{ijk} \left\| \left| \text{Re } c_{ijk} \right| \right\|_n + \left\| \left| \text{Im } c_{ijk} \right| \right\|_n, \quad \text{with } c_{ijk} = g_{i\bar{j},k} - g_{k\bar{j},i} \quad \text{and } g_{i\bar{j},k} = \partial_k g_{i\bar{j}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{transition}} = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{(s,t)} \left\| \left| g_{\text{pr}}^{(t)} - T_{(s,t)} \cdot g_{\text{pr}}^{(s)} \cdot T_{(s,t)}^\dagger \right| \right\|_n, \quad T_{(s,t)} \text{ transition matrix}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Ricci}} = \left\| \left| R \right| \right\|_n = \left\| \left| \partial \bar{\partial} \ln \det g_{\text{pr}} \right| \right\|_n$$

Integral – weighted sum; 2-step training loop

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{K-class}} = \frac{1}{h^{11}} \sum_{i=1}^{h^{11}} \left\| \left| \mu_{\text{JFS}}(\mathcal{L}_i) - \int_X (J_{\text{pr}})^{n-1} \mathcal{F}_i \right| \right\|_n$$

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- Could define a loss function fixing curve, divisor and CY volumes (but have not; this requires sampling points on curves and divisors).
- Instead use that  $\mathcal{O}_X(k)$  (line bundle over  $X$  with  $c_1 = [k^\alpha J_\alpha]$ ) has slope

$$\mu_J := \int_X J \wedge J \wedge c_1(\mathcal{O}_X(k)) = -\frac{i}{2\pi} \int_X J \wedge J \wedge F = d_{\alpha\beta\gamma} t^\alpha t^\beta k^\gamma ,$$

The slope is topological, so agrees for metrics in the same Kähler class!

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- Integral requires many points  $\rightsquigarrow$  2-batch training loop.
- Cross-check after training: compare volume and line bundle slopes (from intersection numbers, FS and CY metric).