



Machine learning in CY geometry

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Why use ML in string theory?

- **Build string vacuum** with {Standard Model, dS, scale separation, ..}
 - Can ML pick good geometries? Speed up hard computations? Find vacua?
- **Swampland program**
 - Can ML help classify UV-complete effective field theories? Or test conjectures?
- **Numerics:** ML for conformal bootstrap, ML of CY metrics
- **Learn mathematical structures** (of relevance for physics)
- Physics-inspired models to **explain how ML works**
... progress on all of these topics, driven by many researchers

Reviews: [Ruehle:20](#), [Bao, He, Heyes, Hirst:22](#), [Anderson, Gray, ML:23](#)

- Talks by [Stefano Lanza](#), [Kit Fraser-Taliente](#), [Justin Tan](#), [Lucas Tsun Yin Leung](#),...

This talk in a nutshell

- ML is useful for CY geometry
 - Ricci flat metrics
 - Hermitian Yang-Mills connections
 - Harmonic representatives



See talks by Kit Fraser-Taliente and Justin Tan

- ML methods work for
 - generic CY manifolds
 - at given point in moduli space
- Symmetries can be encoded using invariant ML models

CY geometry: Ricci flat metrics

CY Theorem: Let X be an n -dimensional compact, complex, Kähler manifold with vanishing first Chern class.

Then in any Kähler class $[J]$, X admits a unique Ricci flat metric g_{CY} .

Calabi:54, Yau:78

- For $n > 1$, *no analytical expression* for g_{CY} . K3: Kachru-Tripathy-Zimet:18
- Solve $R_{ij}(g) = 0$ 4th order, non-linear PDE. Very hard.
- Equivalent to 2nd order PDE for function ϕ .
Hard, but may solve numerically on examples

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Kähler form J_{CY} satisfies

- $J_{CY} = J + \partial\bar{\partial}\phi$ same Kähler class; ϕ is a function
- $J_{CY} \wedge J_{CY} \wedge J_{CY} = \kappa \Omega \wedge \bar{\Omega}$ Monge-Ampere equation (κ constant)
2nd order PDE for ϕ
- Sample points on CY; compute J, Ω, κ ; solve MA eq numerically

Numerical CY metrics

Algebraic CY metrics

- $K_k(z, \bar{z}) = \frac{1}{k} \sum \ln H_{a\bar{b}} p^a \bar{p}^{\bar{b}}$
 p^a spectral basis (polynomials)
- **Solve for $H_{a\bar{b}}$** using
 - Donaldson algorithm
Donaldson:05, Douglas-et.al:06,
Douglas-et.al:08, Braun-et.al:08,
Anderson-et.al:10, ...
 - Functional minimization
Headrick–Nassar:13, Cui–Gray:20,
Ashmore–Calmon–He–Ovrut:21
 - ... or machine learning
Anderson–et.al:20, Gerdes–
Krippendorf:22,

Machine Learning CY metrics

- Neural Networks are universal approximators
Cybenko:89, Hornik:91,
Leshno et.al:93, Pinkus:99,...
- **Train ML model** to approximate CY metric, or Kähler potential
Ashmore–He–Ovrut:19,
Douglas–Lakshminarasimhan–Qi:20,
Anderson–et.al:20,
Jejjala–Mayorga–Pena:20,
ML-Lukas-Ruehle-Schneider:21, 22
Ashmore–Calmon–He–Ovrut:21,22,
Berglund-et.al:22, Halverson-
Ruehle:23, Douglas-Platt-Qi-24

1. Generate a point sample

On example CY **need random set of points, sampled w.r.t. known measure**

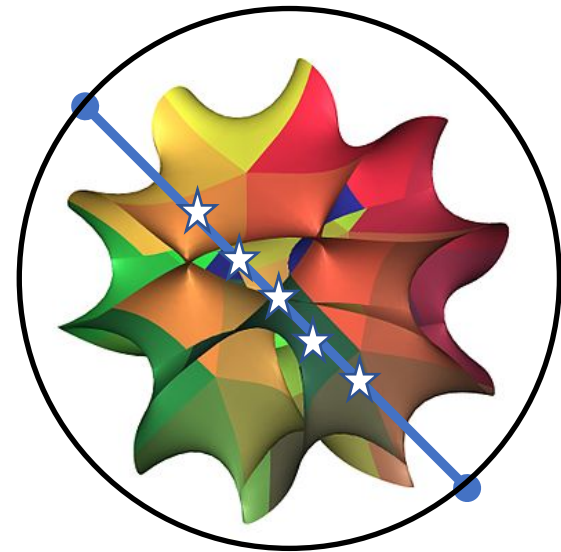
Leading algorithm: CY is hypersurface in \mathbb{P}^n Douglas et. al: 06

- Sample 2 pts on \mathbb{P}^n , connect with line & intersect $\rightarrow n + 1$ pts
- Shiffman-Zelditch theorem: distributed w.r.t. $dvol_{FS}$

Generalizes to CICYs and CYs from Kreuzer-Skarke list

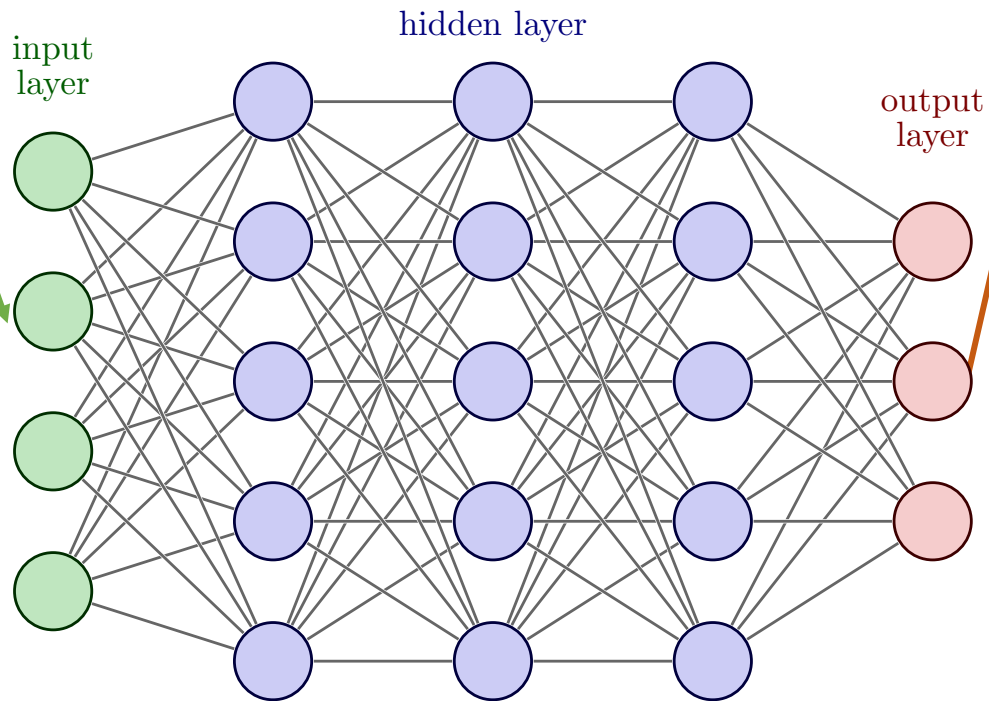
Douglas et.al: 07, ML, Lukas, Ruehle, Schneider: 21,22

- **Fast point generators included in ML packages**
MLgeometry, cymetric, cyjax



2. Set up the ML model

Moduli
Point sample

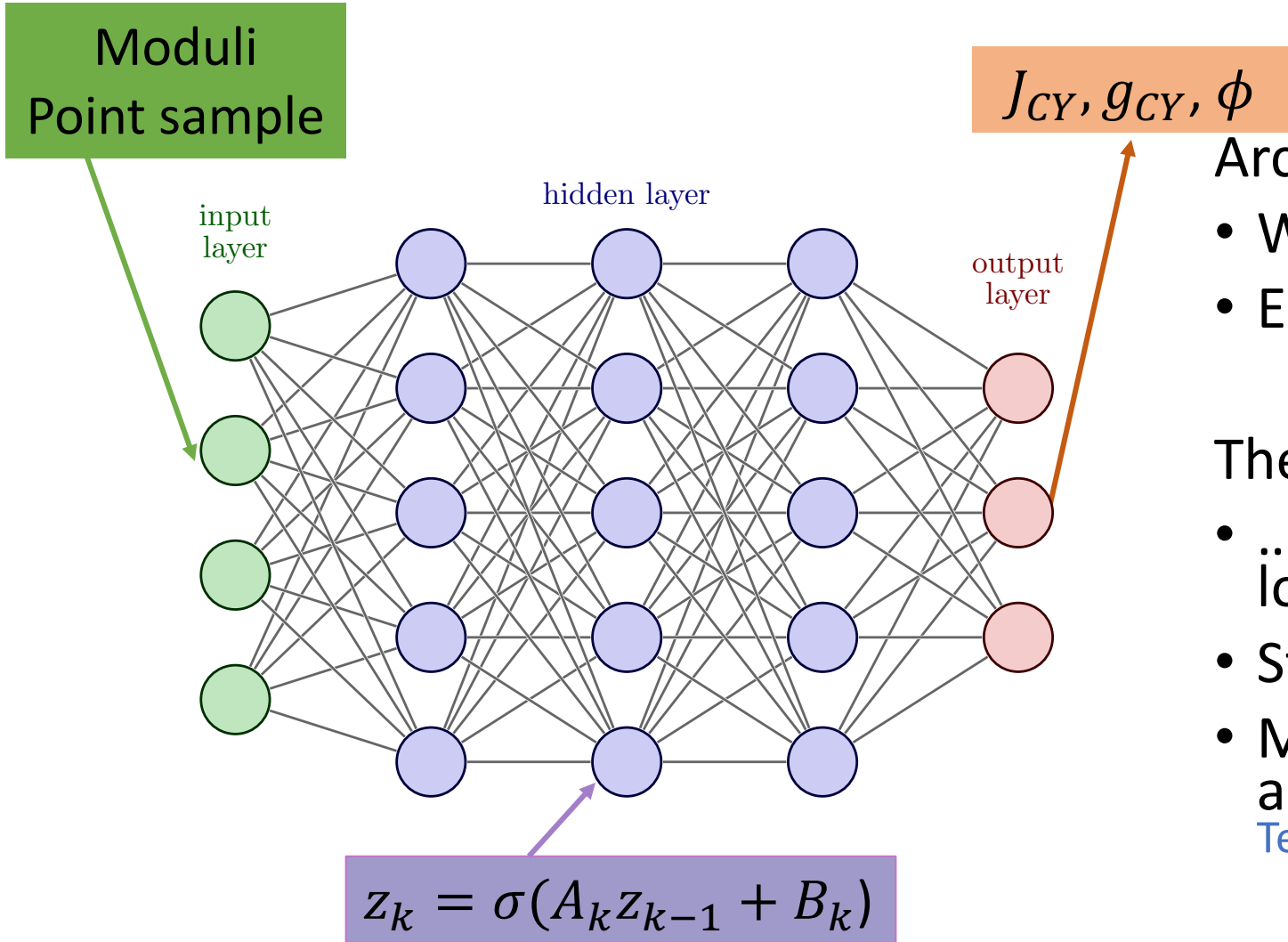


J_{CY}, g_{CY}, ϕ

Architectural choices

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

3. Train the ML model



Architectural choices

- What to predict?
- Encode constraints in NN or loss?

Then train

- ... i.e. adapt layer weights to minimize loss functions
- Stochastic gradient descent
- ML libraries w. highly optimized automatic differentiation
TensorFlow, JAX, PyTorch

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
- Satisfy Monge-Ampere eq \rightarrow minimize Monge-Ampere loss

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

- Free metric ansatz \rightarrow more loss functions (Kähler, transition, K-class)

4. Check accuracy

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

Check via established benchmarks:

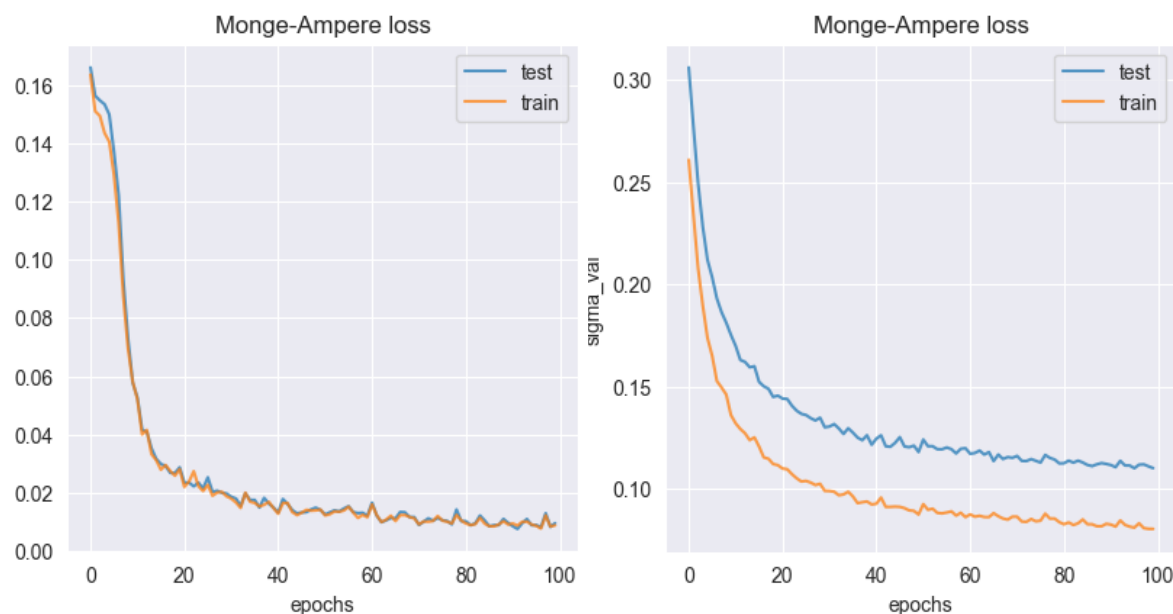
$$\sigma = \frac{1}{\text{Vol}_{\text{CY}}} \int_X \left| 1 - \kappa \frac{\Omega \wedge \bar{\Omega}}{(J_{\text{pr}})^3} \right|, \quad \mathcal{R} = \frac{1}{\text{Vol}_{\text{CY}}} \int_X |R_{\text{pr}}|.$$

- Checking topological quantities, like volume and line bundle slopes, ensures metric prediction has good global properties .

Experiments: Fermat vs. generic quintic

Anderson, Gray, ML:23

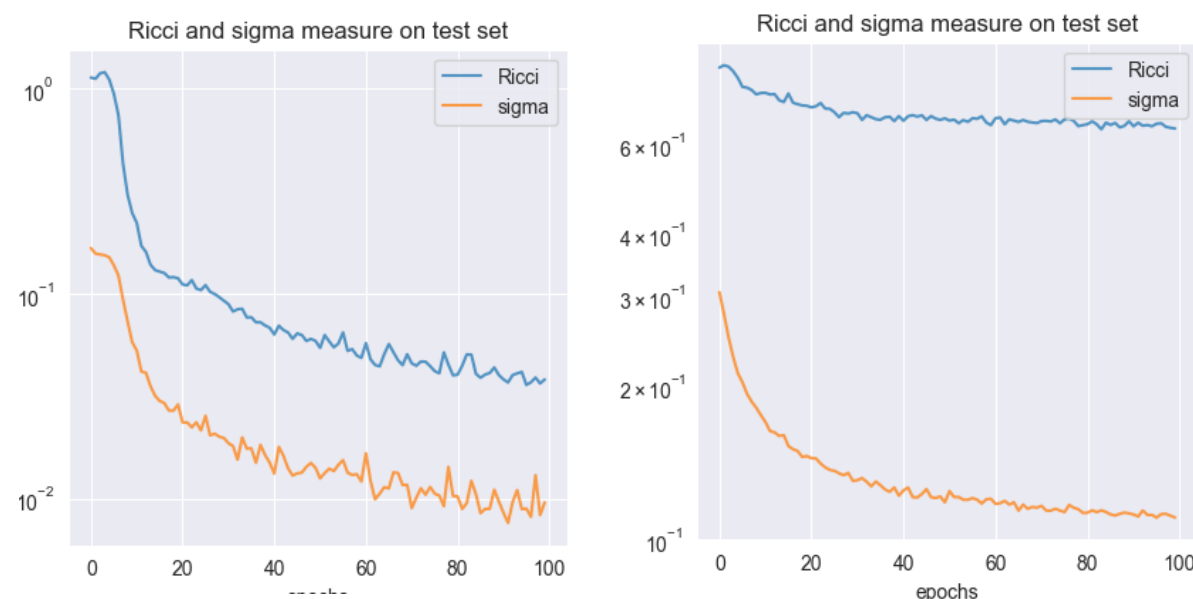
Monge-Ampere loss



Fermat

Generic

Error measures



Fermat

Generic

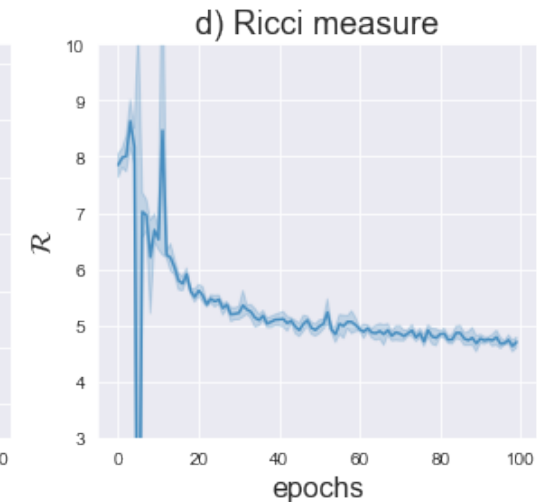
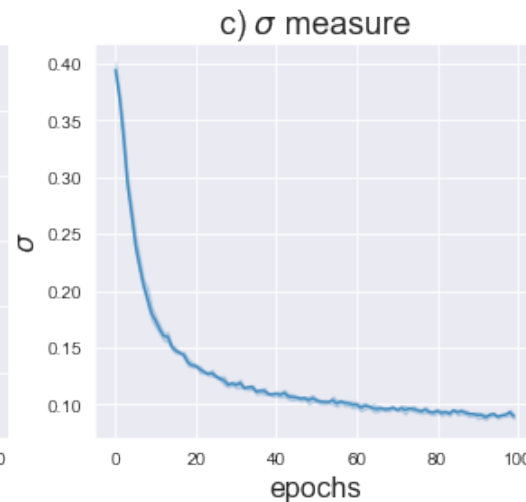
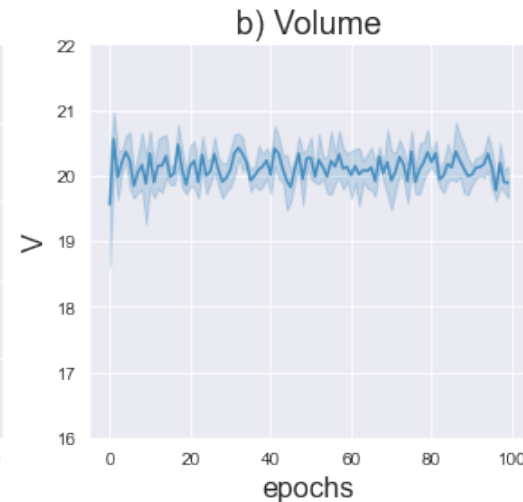
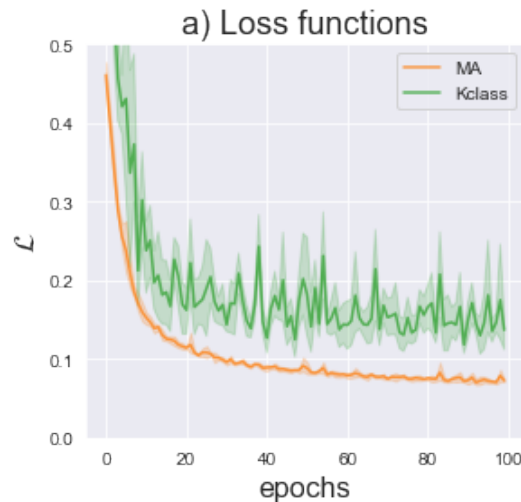
cymetric, ϕ -model, 100 000 points, 3 64-node layers, GELU, default loss parameters, Adam, batch (64, 50000)

ML methods are less sensitive to symmetry

Experiments: KS CY example

ML,Lukas, Ruehle,Schneider:22

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



cymetric, toric ϕ -model, default loss, 200 000 points

NN width 256, depth 3, GELU, batch (128, 10000), SGD w. momentum

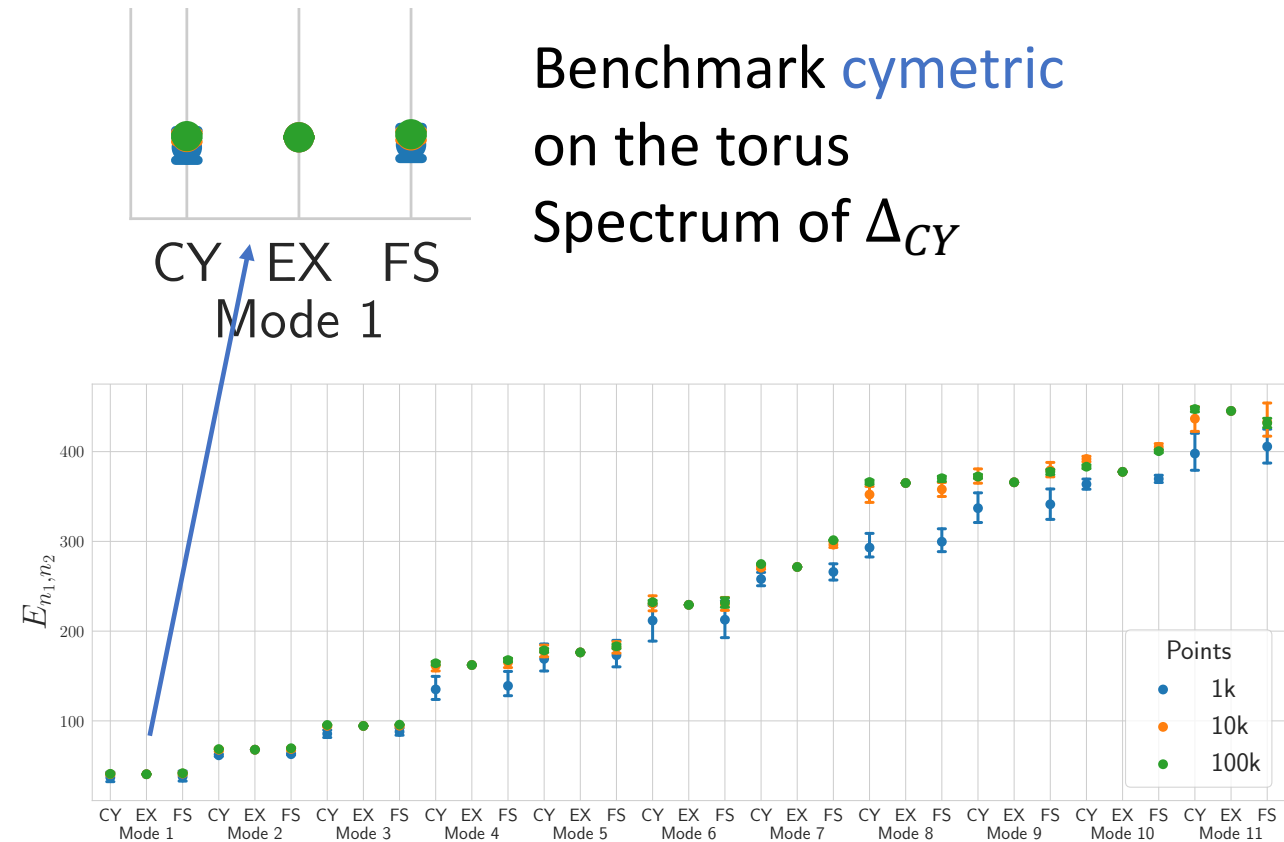
ML methods work on both CICY and KS CYs

Accuracy and benchmarks

Ahmed & Ruehle:23

Accuracy improves with

- Larger point sample
 - Wider/deeper NN
 - Train longer
- and/or
- Change model architecture
 - **cymetric** ϕ -model + Spectral Layer
Berglund et al:22, Butbaia et al:24



Application: Heterotic Standard-Like Models

Building blocks

- **Ricci-flat** Calabi Yau manifold X
- Vector bundle V satisfying **Hermitian Yang-Mills eq.**
- **Discrete symmetry** group G (break GUT)

- Many examples! E.g. 35 000 SLMs found with $V = \bigoplus L_i$
[Anderson et.al:11,12,13, ...](#)
[with RL/gen.alg.](#) [ML-Schneider:20](#), [Constantin et.al: 21](#), [Abel et al:21,23,...](#)
- Next step toward SM: compute normalized Yukawa couplings
[Butbaia-et.al:24](#), [Constantin-et.al:24](#)

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- Ricci-flat Calabi Yau manifold X
- Vector bundle satisfying HYM eq.
- Discrete symmetry $G \rightsquigarrow$ smooth quotient CY X/G
 - allows to break GUT using Wilson lines
 - symmetries: permutations, discrete phase rotations, shifts of input z_i
- How can we restrict the model prediction to group invariant metrics?
- Can we use ML for Ricci flat metric on quotient CY?

ML G -invariant CY metrics

Hendi, ML, Walden:24 (work in progress)

- Let X be smooth CY, G symmetry, $g_{CY} = g_{FS} + \partial\bar{\partial}\phi$
- ML model which approximates $\phi(z)$ is **G -invariant** if

$$\phi(g \cdot z) = \phi(z)$$

- With spectral basis, ϕ invariant if expanded in invariant polynomials
[Donaldson:05](#), [Headrick-Nassar:13](#), [Douglas et al:08](#), ...
- For ML, any G -invariant layer makes model invariant
 - Invariant NNs are Universal approximators for invariant functions [Yarotsky:22](#),...
 - Invariant ML models can be constructed in many ways
 - Geometric Deep Learning: symmetry, performance & interpretability
[Bronstein et al:17,21](#),...

Invariance through non-trainable layers

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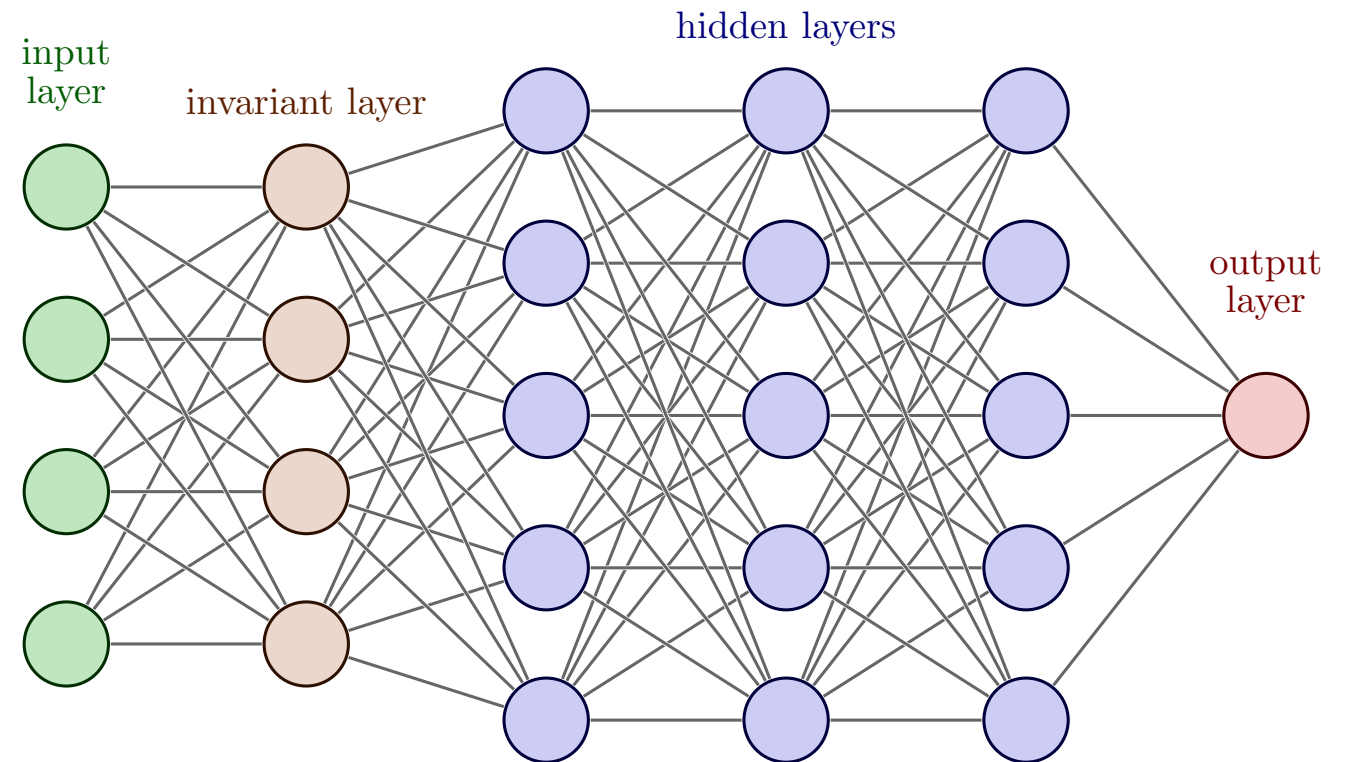
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[Yarotsky:22](#)

↷ Spectral layer

- G-canonicalization:
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[Aslan, Platt, Sheard:22, Kaba et.al. 23](#)

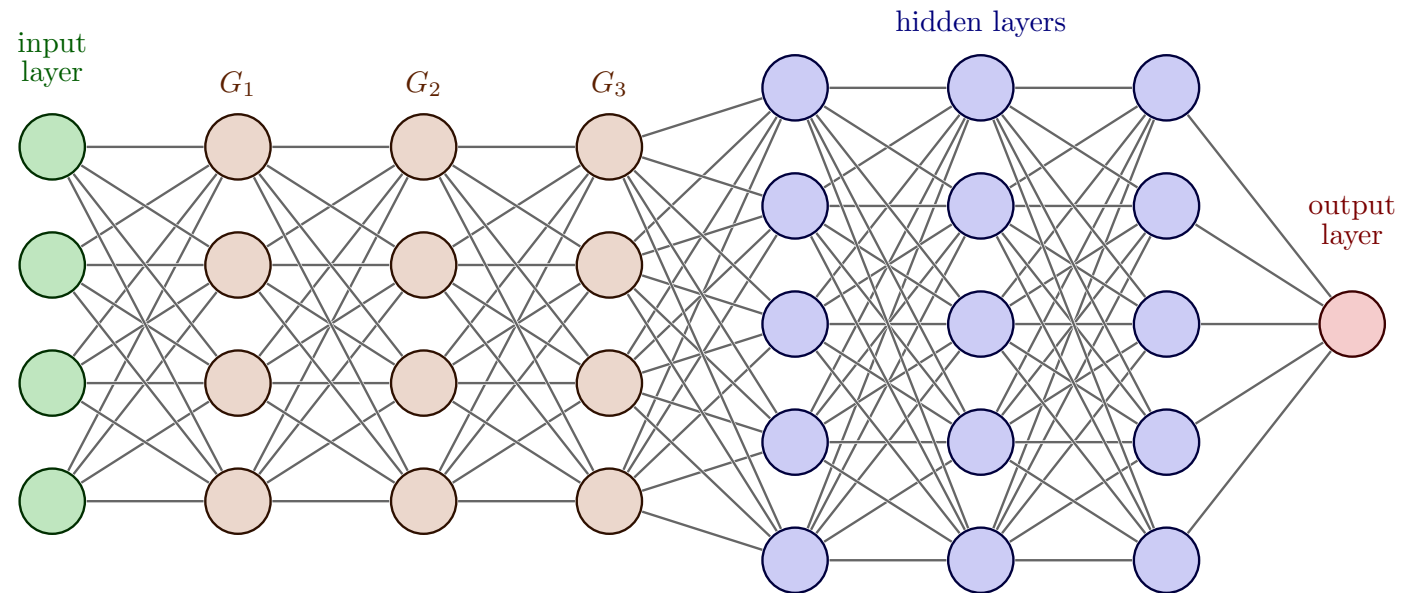


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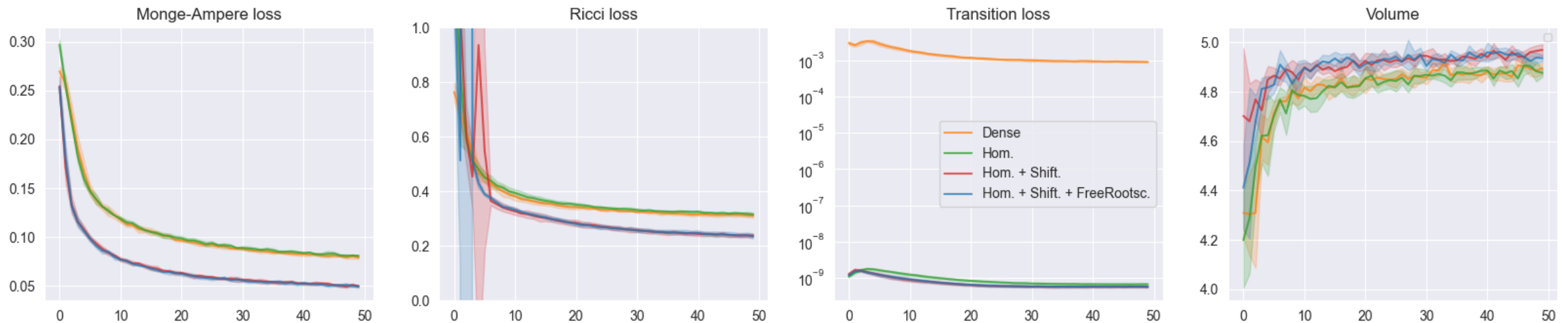
- Invariant layer projects data to fundamental domain of G
- Modular and stackable (given compatibility condition)
- Easily included in ML models for CY metrics (we use [cymetric](#))



CY metric on smooth quintic quotient

Hendi, ML, Walden: 24 (work in progress)

- Ricci-flat metric on X/\mathbb{Z}_2^2
- Symmetries (shifts and phase rotation) act freely
- ϕ -model of cymetric with 2 canonicalization layers



Conclusion and outlook

- Can learn Ricci flat metrics on CICY and KS CY manifolds, for given moduli.
- Mathematical constraints: encoded in NN or in loss functions
- Performant ML packages: [cymetric](#), [MLgeometry](#), [cyjax](#),...
- Architecture determines accuracy, performance, generality.

Applications and generalizations

- Yukawa couplings [Butbaia-et.al:24](#), [Constantin-et.al:24](#)
- Swampland distance conjecture [Ashmore:20](#), [Ashmore & Ruehle:21](#) [Ahmed & Ruehle:23](#)
- Moduli-dependent CY metrics [Anderson-et.al:20](#), [Gerdes-Krippendorf:22](#)
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Thank you for listening!

Additional slides

ML models - choice of architecture

1. Learn **metric**

Anderson-et.al.:20,
Jejjala–Mayorga–Pena:20
ML-Lukas-Ruehle-Schneider:21, 22

2. Learn **Kähler potential (ϕ)**

Anderson-et.al.:20,
Douglas–Lakshminarasimhan–Qi:20,
Ashmore–Calmon–He–Ovrut:21,22,
ML-Lukas-Ruehle-Schneider:21, 22,
Berglund-et.al.:22

3. Learn Donaldson's **H matrix**

Anderson-et.al.:20,
Gerdes–Krippendorf:22

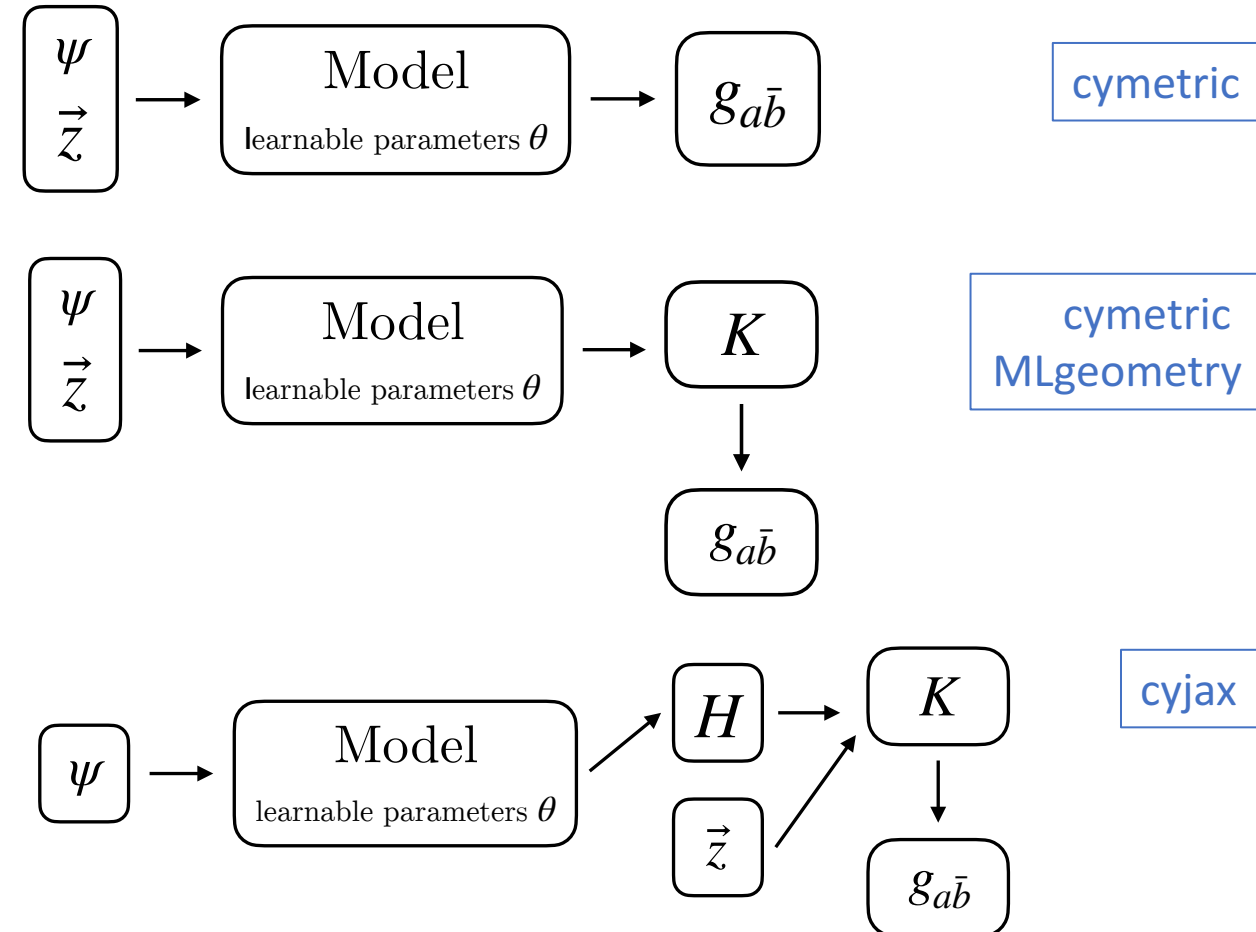


Figure adapted from Anderson et al:20

Homogeneous rescaling invariance

- Often work with homogeneous coordinates of ambient space
- Rescaling invariant $\phi(z) = \phi(\lambda z)$
- True *exactly* for algebraic metric, using spectral basis
[Anderson et al : 20](#), [Douglas et al : 20](#), [Gerdes & Krippendorf:22](#), ...
- The models of the cymetric package are only approximately invariant.
- Combining cymetric ϕ –model with “spectral layer”
gives invariant model
[Berglund et al:22](#)

$$(z_0, \dots, z_n) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \frac{z_0 \bar{z}_0}{|z|^2} & \frac{z_0 \bar{z}_1}{|z|^2} & \cdots & \frac{z_0 \bar{z}_n}{|z|^2} \\ \frac{z_1 \bar{z}_0}{|z|^2} & \frac{z_1 \bar{z}_1}{|z|^2} & \cdots & \frac{z_1 \bar{z}_n}{|z|^2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{z_n \bar{z}_0}{|z|^2} & \frac{z_n \bar{z}_1}{|z|^2} & \cdots & \frac{z_n \bar{z}_n}{|z|^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

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[Donaldson:85](#), [Uhlenbeck–Yau:86](#)
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[Douglas et.al.:06](#) [Anderson et.al:10,11](#)
- ... with ML
[Ashmore–Deen–He–Ovrut:21](#)
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