

Calabi-Yau period motives in QFT, String theory and general relativity

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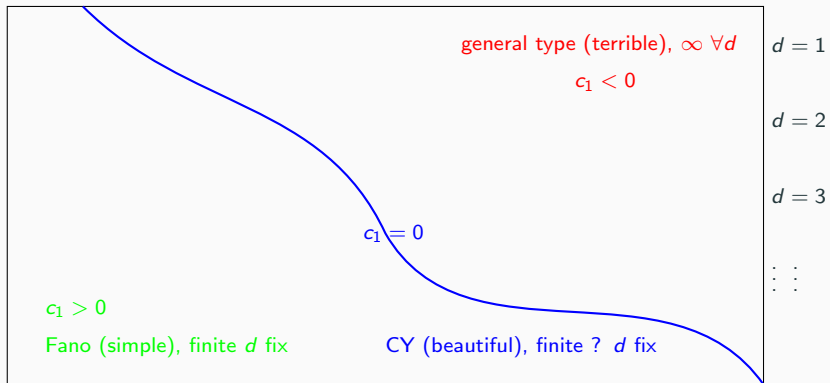
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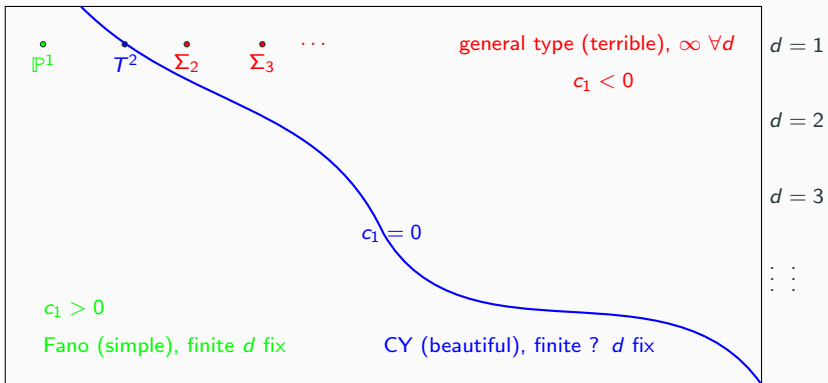
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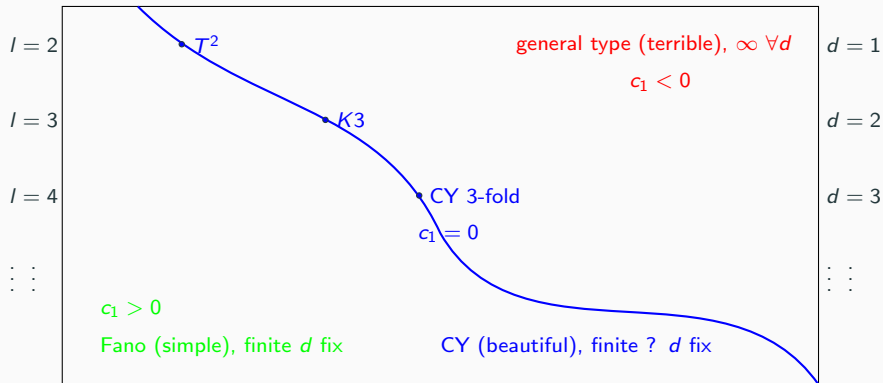


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Dictionary Feynman graphs/amplitudes and geometry

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Remark: CY n -fold are generalisations of **elliptic curves**

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Periods integrals

$$\Pi_{ij}(z) = \int_{\Gamma_i} \gamma^j(z)$$

define a non-degenerate pairing between (middle) homology and (middle) cohomology well defined by the theorem of Stokes:

$$\Pi : H_n(M_n, \mathbb{K}) \times H^n(M_n, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}.$$

It is possible and natural to have \mathbb{K} to be \mathbb{Z} . There is an intersection pairing

$$\Sigma : H_n(M_n, \mathbb{K}) \times H_n(M_n, \mathbb{K}) \rightarrow \mathbb{K},$$

that can be made in particular integral. If n is odd Σ is antisymmetric and can be made symplectic. If n is even Σ is a symmetric on the even self dual lattice $H_n(M_n, \mathbb{K})$. E.g. for $K3$ $b_2 = 22$ and

$$\sigma = b_2^+ - b_2^- = \frac{1}{3} \int_{M_2} c_1^2 - 2c_2 = -16 \text{ hence } b_2 \text{ has signature } (3, 19) \text{ and is } E_8(-1)^{\oplus 2} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{\oplus 3}.$$

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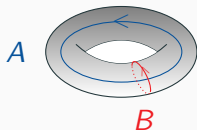
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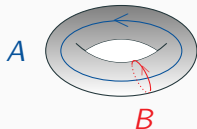


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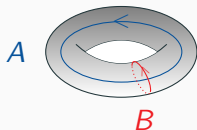
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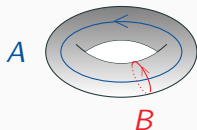
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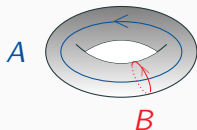
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Here $\underline{\partial}_{I_k}^k \Omega = \partial_{z_{I_1}} \dots \partial_{z_{I_k}} \Omega \in F^{n-k} := \bigoplus_{p=0}^k H^{n-p,p}(W)$ are arbitrary combinations of derivatives w.r.t. to the z_i , $i = 1, \dots, r$.

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$$W^{-1} = \Sigma W^T Z^{-1}$$

with $Z^{-1} \in \mathbb{Q}[z]$, e.g. for $n = 3$

$$Z^{-1} = \frac{(2\pi i)^3}{C} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{c''}{C} - 2\frac{c'}{C} + \frac{a_2}{a_4} & -\frac{c'}{C} & 1 \\ 2\frac{c'}{C} - \frac{c''}{C} - \frac{a_2}{a_4} & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ \frac{c'}{C} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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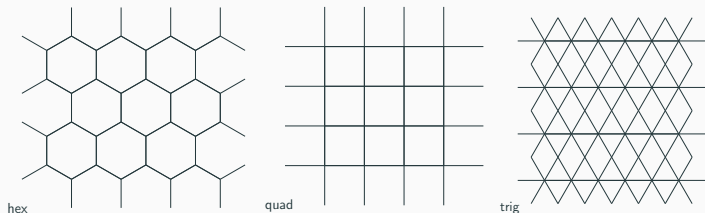


Figure 1: The three regular tilings of the plan with vertices of valence $\nu = 3, 4, 6$ respectively.

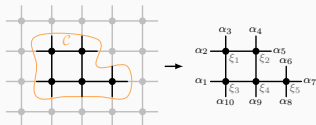


Figure 2: Ten-point five-loop fishnet integral cut out of a square tiling of the plane.

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To obtain a graph G consider a convex closed oriented curve \mathcal{C} that cuts edges of the tiling and does not pass to vertices. To each vertex inside the curve \mathcal{C} we associate a \mathbb{P}^1 with homogeneous coordinates $[x_i : u_i]$, $i = 1, \dots, l$ over which we want to integrate with the measure

$$d\mu_i = u_i dx_i - x_i du_i . \quad (3)$$

To the end point of each cut edge outside \mathcal{C} we associate a parameter $a_j \in \mathbb{C}$, $j = 1, \dots, r$. The graph is constructed by the l vertices with **propagators**

$$P_{ij}^I = \frac{1}{(x_i - x_j)^{w_{ij}}}, \quad P_{ij}^E = \frac{1}{(x_i - a_j)^{w_{ij}}} . \quad (4)$$

To be conformal in D dimension the weights of propagators incident to each vertex V_i has to fulfill

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We deal mainly with $D = 2$ and choose the propagator weights all equal $w_{ij} = w = 2/\nu(V)$, where $\nu(V)$ is the valence of the vertices, i.e. for the hexagonal tiling we have $w = \frac{2}{3}$, for the quartic tiling $w = \frac{1}{4}$ and for the trigonal tiling $w = \frac{1}{3}$.

To the hexagonal and the quartic lattice we can associate an in general singular l -dimensional Calabi-Yau variety M_l as the $d = 3$ or $d = 2$ fold cover

$$W = \frac{y^d}{d} - P([\underline{x} : \underline{u}]; \underline{a}) = 0 \quad (6)$$

over the base $B = (\mathbb{P}^1)^l$ branched at

$$P([\underline{x} : \underline{w}]; \underline{a}) = \prod_{ij} (u_j x_i - x_j u_i) \prod_{ij} (x_i - a_j u_i) = 0, \quad (7)$$

respectively. The orders of the covering automorphism exchanging the sheets will play a crucial role in the following geometric analysis

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Note that (6) defines a Calabi-Yau manifold, because the canonical class of the base is with H_i the hyperplane class of the i 'th \mathbb{P}^1 given by

$$K_B = 2 \bigoplus_{i=1} H_i, \quad (8)$$

and the Calabi-Yau condition ensuring $K_{M_i} = 0$

$$\frac{d}{d-1} K_B = [P([\underline{x} : \underline{u}]; \underline{a})] = \nu \bigoplus_{i=1} H_i \quad (9)$$

is true with $d = 3, 2$ as $\nu = 3, 4$ for graphs from the hexagonal and the quartic tiling, respectively.

Calabi-Yau period motives and Amplitudes

Another way of stating this is that the periods over the unique holomorphic $(\ell, 0)$ -form, given by the Griffiths residuum form Ω

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are well defined. The significance for the application is that these period integrals over cycles $\Gamma \in H_l(M_l, \mathbb{Z})$ are building blocks for the amplitudes $I_G(\underline{a}) = Cf(\underline{a})\Phi_G(\underline{z})$

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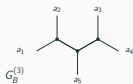
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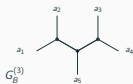
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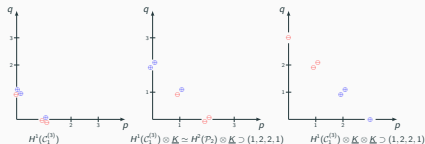
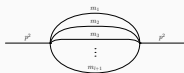


Figure 3: Relations of the Hodge structure $H^{q,p}$ of the genus three Picard curve $\mathcal{C}_1^{(3)}$, the Picard two-variety \mathcal{P}_2 and the Calabi-Yau three-variety over $K = \mathbb{Z}[e^{2\pi i/3}]$.

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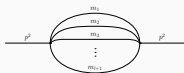
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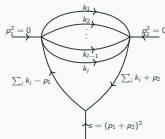
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A systematic way to get the **Gauss-Manin connection** and the **inhomogeneous term** is to use the integration by parts relations IBP relation between so called master integrals. Consider **l-loop Feynman integrals** in general dimensions $D \in \mathbb{R}_+$ of the form

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$D_j = q_j^2 - m_j^2 + i \cdot 0$ for $j = 1, \dots, p$ are the propagators, q_j is the j^{th} momenta through D_j , $m_j^2 \in \mathbb{R}_+$ are masses, $i \cdot 0$ indicates the choice of contour/branchcut in \mathbb{C} . Subject to momentum conservation the q_j are linear in the external momenta p_1, \dots, p_E , $\sum_{i=1}^E p_i = 0$ and the loop momenta k_r . We defined $\epsilon := \frac{D_{cr} - D}{2}$.

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The Feynman integral depends besides $D(\epsilon)$ on dot products of p_i and the masses m_j^2 , written compactly in a vector $\underline{w} = (w_1, \dots, w_N) = (p_{i_1} \cdot p_{i_2}, m_j^2)$ and dimensional analysis of $I_{\underline{v}}$ shows that it depends only on the ratios of two parameters x_i , we chose

$$z_k := \frac{w_k}{w_N} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq k < N$$

and label now the parameters of the integrals $I_{\underline{v}}$ by the dimensionless parameters \underline{z} .

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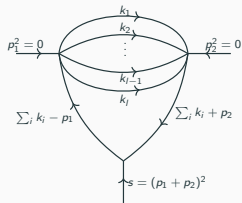
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Example: From the $(l+1)$ -loop ice-cone graph



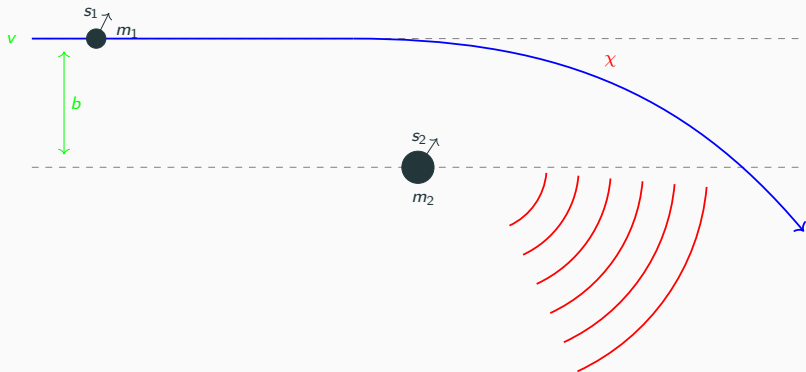
it is clear that it contains l -loop banana graph as block(s).

Dictionary for the blocks

	$l = (n + 1)$ -loop in block integrals in D_{cr} dimensions	Calabi-Yau (CY) geometry
1	Maximal cut integrals in D_{cr} dimensions	$(n, 0)$ -form periods of CY manifolds or CY motives
2	Dimensionless ratios $z_i = m_i^2/p^2$	Unobstructed compl. moduli of M_n , or equi'ly Kähler moduli of the mirror W_n
3	Integration-by-parts (IBP) reduction	Griffiths reduction method
4	Integrand-basis for maximal cuts of of master integrals in D_{cr}	Middle (hyper) cohomology $H^n(M_n)$ M_n
5	Complete set of differential operators annihilating a given maximal cut in D_{cr} dimensions	Homogeneous Picard-Fuchs differential ideal (PFI) / Gauss-Manin (GM) connection

III. Worldline Quantum Field Theory approach to General Relativity [8]

Scattering of two black holes (BH) as starter to the description of BH mergers as the main sources for gravitational waves detected at LIGO, ...



Worldline Quantum Field Theory approach to General Relativity

The action for the scattering process

$$S = - \sum_{i=1}^2 m_i \int d\tau \left[\frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}_i^\mu \dot{x}_i^\nu \right] + S_{\text{EH}}$$

is expanded in Post Minkowskian (PM) approximation in the Worldline Quantum Field Theory (WQFT) approach around the non-interacting background configurations

$$x_i^\mu = b_i^\mu + v_i^\mu \tau + z_i^\mu(\tau), \quad g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \sqrt{32\pi G} h_{\mu\nu}(x) .$$

Worldline Quantum Field Theory approach to General Relativity

The goal is to calculate from the initial data: the impact parameter $b^\mu = b_1^\mu - b_2^\mu$ and the incoming velocities v_1, v_2 the physical quantity of interest, which is the radiation induces change in the momentum say $\Delta p_1^\mu = m_1 \int d\tau \ddot{x}(\tau)$ of the first particle.

In the PM approximation the latter can be expanded in the gravitational coupling G

$$\Delta p_1^\mu = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G^n \Delta p^{(n)\mu}(x) .$$

At each order the contributions $\Delta p^{(n)\mu}(x)$ are calculated in the WQFT approach in the Swinger-Keldysh in-in formalism in terms of a Feynman graph expansion with retarded propagators. Here $x = \gamma - \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}$ with γ the Lorentz factor of the relative velocities is the only parameter.

Worldline Quantum Field Theory approach to General Relativity

In the 4PM approximation the Feynman integral in the 1SF sector



involve bilinear of elliptic function which are periods of the $K3$

$$Y^2 = X(X - 1)(X - x)Z(Z - 1)(Z - 1/x).$$

In the 5PM approximation we find in [8] that in the 5PM approximation the following graphs in the 1SF sector



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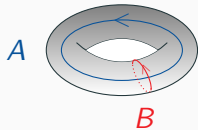
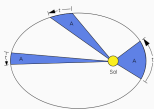
The corresponding smooth CY three-fold one-parameter complex family $x = (2\psi)^{-8}$, can be defined as resolution of four symmetric quadrics

$$x_j^2 + y_j^2 - 2\psi x_{j+1} y_{j+1} = 0, \quad j \in \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$$

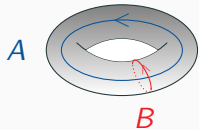
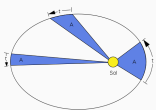
in the homogeneous coordinates $x_i, y_j, j = 0, \dots, 3$ of \mathbb{P}^7 . The periods of the above K3 and CY threefold determine all special functions that are necessary to solve for $\Delta p^{(5)\mu}(x)$ in the 1SF sector.

In the 5PM 2SF further different CY and K3 appear.

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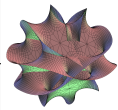
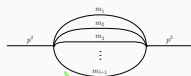


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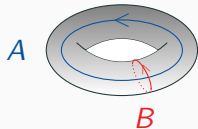
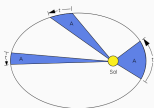
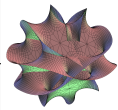
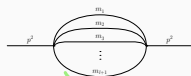
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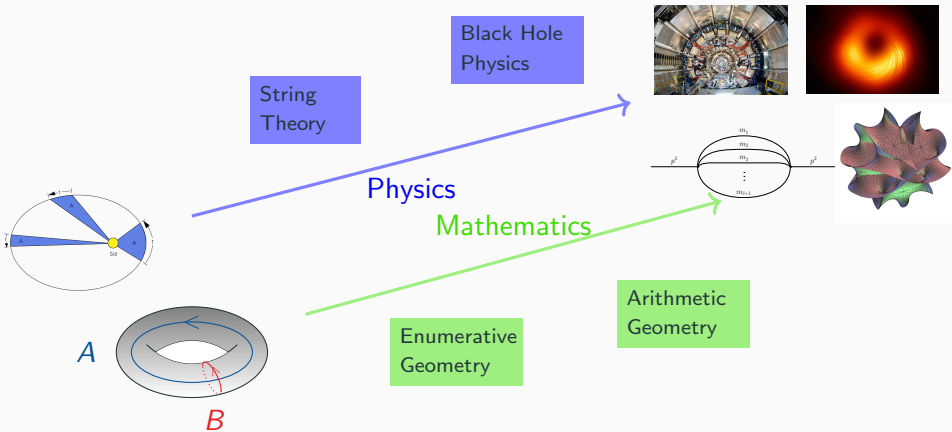
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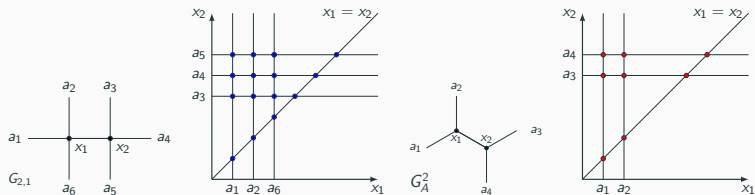


Figure 4: Singularities of the $K3$ denoted for the valence 4 graph $M_{G_{1,2}}$ and the valence 3 graph $M_{G_A^2}$. Note that 3 of the a_i can be set to $0, 1, \infty$ by a diagonal $PSL(2, \mathbb{C})$ acting on the projective plane in which the a_i lie