# Project Review 2018: String Theory group

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## String Theory Group









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### Non-Geometric and Massive Supergravities

#### (Dieter Lüst, Felix Rudolph)

#### Super-gravities in 4-dimensions known for N = 1,2,3,4,5,6,8

Spin-four  $\mathcal{N} = 7$  W-Supergravity: S-fold and Double Copy Construction

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#### Graviton is massive! Supersymmetry + massive and bi-metric gravity:

BIMETRIC, CONFORMAL SUPERGRAVITY AND ITS SUPERSTRING EMBEDDING

Sergio Ferrara<sup>a,b,c</sup>, Alex Kehagias<sup>d</sup>, Dieter Lüst<sup>e,f</sup>

ASPECTS OF WEYL SUPERGRAVITY

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A Unique Connection for Born Geometry

Non-geometric metric structures:

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### $L_{\infty}$ - Algebras and Gauge Theories

(Ralph Blumenhagen, Dieter Lüst, Vladislav Kupriyanov) Max Brinkmann, Matthias Traube

Gauge theories are based on Lie algebras  $A_{\mu} = A^{i}_{\mu}t_{i}$ 

$$\left[t_i, t_j\right] = f_{ij}^k t_k$$

String Field Theories have a more general structure of  $L_{\infty}$ -Algebras

$$\begin{bmatrix} t_i, t_j, \dots, t_s \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} [t_i, t_j], t_k \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} [t_k, t_i], t_j \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} [t_j, t_k], t_i \end{bmatrix} \neq 0$$

On the Existence of an  $L_{\infty}$  structure for Classical Super  $\mathcal{W}$ -algebras

Bootstrapping Non-commutative Gauge Theories from  $L_{\infty}$  algebras

On the Uniqueness of  $L_{\infty}$  bootstrap: Quasi-isomorphisms are Seiberg-Witten Maps

Ralph Blumenhagen and Max Brinkmann<sup>1</sup>

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### **Strings on Celestial Sphere**

(Stephan Stieberger)

New way to write particle scattering amplitudes in Minkowski space in terms of correlators on the celestial sphere



Application of the techniques to String Theory scattering amplitudes

Strings on Celestial Sphere

Symmetries of Celestial Amplitudes

Stephan Stieberger^{a,b} , Tomasz R. Taylor^{c,d}

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### Machine Learning Geometry

Daniel Klaewer, Lorenz Schlechter

Machine Learning Line Bundle Cohomologies of Hypersurfaces in Toric Varieties

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Supervised learning by computer to compute difficult algebraic geometric quantities, relevant for particle physics model building in string theory



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### **String Theory Swampland** (Dieter Lüst, Ralph Blumenhagen, Eran Palti) Daniel Klaewer, Lorenz Schlechter, Florian Wolf



#### The String Theory Swampland has been a hot topic this year

#### De Sitter Space and the Swampland

Georges Obied (Harvard U., Phys. Dept.), Hirosi Ooguri (Caltech & Tokyo U., IPMU), Lev Spodyneiko (Caltech), Cumrun Vafa (Harvard U., Phys. Dept.). Jun 21, 2018. 21 pp. CALT-TH-2018-020, IPMU18-0100 e-Print: arXiv:1806.08362 [hep-th] | PDF References | BibTeX | LaTeX(US) | LaTeX(EU) | Harvmac | EndNote

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#### Dark Energy May Be Incompatible With String Theory

A controversial new paper argues that universes with dark energy profiles like ours do not exist in the "landscape" of universes allowed by string theory.





#### Distance and de Sitter Conjectures on the Swampland

Hirosi Ooguri,<sup>1,2</sup> Eran Palti,<sup>3</sup> Gary Shiu,<sup>4</sup> and Cumrun Vafa<sup>5</sup>

The refined de Sitter conjecture\*

$$\left| \underline{\nabla} V(\phi) \right| > c V(\phi) \quad \text{or}$$

$$V(\phi) \qquad \qquad \checkmark$$

 $\min(\nabla_i \nabla_j V) \le -\frac{c'}{M_p^2} V$ 



**Cosmological Constant** 

Dynamical Dark Energy (quintessence)

\*Arguments apply at weak coupling

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Distance conjecture states that when a scalar field changes its expectation value by more than the Planck mass, an infinite tower of states becomes exponentially light

$$\Lambda \sim M_p e^{-\frac{\Delta \phi}{M_p}}$$

The Refined Swampland Distance Conjecture in Calabi-Yau Moduli Spaces

Ralph Blumenhagen<sup>1</sup>, Daniel Klaewer<sup>1</sup>, Lorenz Schlechter<sup>2,1</sup>, Florian Wolf<sup>1</sup>

Infinite Distances in Field Space and Massless Towers of States

Thomas W. Grimm<sup>1</sup>, Eran Palti<sup>2</sup>, Irene Valenzuela<sup>1</sup>

Infinite Distance Networks in Field Space and Charge Orbits

Thomas W. Grimm<sup>1</sup>, Chongchuo Li<sup>1</sup>, Eran Palti<sup>2</sup>



#### Most recently proposed a new Swampland Constraint

A Spin-2 Conjecture on the Swampland

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A massive Spin-2 field, with mass m, and interaction scale  $M_w$ , coupled to gravity implies an infinite tower of states at the scale

$$\Lambda \sim \frac{m M_p}{M_w}$$

Captures behaviour in string theory of Kaluza-Klein/Oscillator modes

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### Summary of 2018

String theory is central to theoretical physics, and is constantly expanding its reach

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# Thank You