

## 7. Absolute Hodge classes and Voisin's strategy

Let  $X/k \subset \mathbb{C}$  be a smooth projective variety. The action of  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{C}) (= \text{Gal}(\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Q}))$  on coefficients of its defining equations yields a new variety  ${}^\sigma X$  (defined over  $\sigma(k)$ ). Identifying de Rham cohomology with algebraic differential forms

$$(1) \quad F^p H_{(dR)}^{2p}(X_{\mathbb{C}}^{\text{an}}, \mathbb{C}) \cong H_{\text{Zar}}^{2p}(X_{\mathbb{C}}, \Omega_{X_{\mathbb{C}}}^{\bullet, 2-p}) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{C}$$

and letting  $\sigma$  act on everything on the RHS (including the defining equations of  $X$ , and including the " $\mathbb{C}$ ") induces

$$(2) \quad \sigma_* : F^p H^{2p}(X_{\mathbb{C}}^{\text{an}}, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow F^p H^{2p}({}^\sigma X_{\mathbb{C}}^{\text{an}}, \mathbb{C}).$$

Recall that the  $(\mathbb{Q})$ -Hodge classes are given by  $\text{Hg}^p(X)_{\mathbb{Q}} = H^{2p}(X, \mathbb{Q}) \cap F^p H^{2p}(X, \mathbb{C})$ .

Definition 1: The absolute Hodge classes are defined by

$$\text{AHg}^p(X) := \{ \xi \in \text{Hg}^p(X)_{\mathbb{Q}} \mid \sigma_* (\xi) \in \text{Hg}^p({}^\sigma X)_{\mathbb{Q}} \ (\forall \sigma \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{C})) \}.$$

We say  $\xi$  is weakly absolute if  $\sigma_* (\xi) \in \text{Hg}^p({}^\sigma X)_{\mathbb{Q} \otimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}} \ (\forall \sigma)$ . //

Since the conjugates remain  $F^p$  in (2), the issue is whether they remain  $\mathbb{Q}$ -rational.

Theorem 1: Classes of algebraic cycles are absolute:

$$\text{im}(\text{cl}_X^p) \subset \text{AHg}^p(X).$$

In what follows we assume  $k$  algebraically closed for simplicity.

Idea of proof: We may Zariski-locally think of irreducible components of a cycle as complete intersections, viz.

$$Z_U = Z \cap U = \bigcap_{i=1}^r \{f_i^U = 0\}.$$

Then the elements (writing  $d \log f := \frac{df}{f}$  and  $\Omega^{p,c} := \ker(d) \subset \Omega^p$ )

$$(3) \quad \bigwedge_{i=1}^r d \log f_i^U \in \text{image} \left\{ H^0(U \setminus \cup \{f_i^U = 0\}; \Omega_{U/k}^{p,c}) \rightarrow H_{\text{Zar}}^{p-1}(U \setminus Z_U, \Omega_{U/k}^{p,c}) \xrightarrow{\int} H_{\text{Zar}}^p(U, \Omega_{U/k}^{p,c}) \right\}$$

think: Čech cohom.  
wrt. cover  $\{U \setminus \{f_i = 0\}\}$   
of  $U \setminus Z_U$ .

— which are independent of choices —

yield a global section of the cohomology sheaf

$$\mathcal{H}_Z^p(\Omega_{X/k}^{p,c}) = \mathcal{H}_Z^{2p}(\Omega_{X/k}^{p,c}[-p]) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_Z^{2p}(\Omega_{X/k}^{\geq p}),$$

hence an element of

$$H^0(X, \mathcal{H}_Z^{2p}(\Omega_{X/k}^{\geq p})) \xleftarrow[\cong]{\text{edge hom.}} H_{Z, \text{Zar}}^{2p}(X, \Omega_{X/k}^{\geq p}) \xrightarrow{\text{Gysin}} H_{\text{Zar}}^{2p}(X, \Omega_{X/k}^{\geq p}).$$

Then one has to check that this identifies with the cycle-class map.

To me, this approach is too complicated (too much to check, too messy, etc.).

Instead, it's better to accept a bit more abstraction in order to get clarity.

Actual proof: Introduce the Milnor K-group of a field  $\mathbb{F}$ :

$$K_n^M(\mathbb{F}) := \frac{\mathbb{F}^* \wedge \dots \wedge \mathbb{F}^*}{\langle f, 1-f \rangle} := \frac{\text{free abelian group generated by symbols } \{f_1, \dots, f_n\}}{\text{relations } \begin{cases} \{\dots, f, g, \dots\} = \{\dots, f, \dots\} + \{\dots, g, \dots\} \\ \{\dots, f, g, \dots\} = -\{\dots, g, f, \dots\} \\ \{\dots, f, \dots, 1-f, \dots\} = 0 \end{cases}}$$

and sheaves  $K_{n,X}^M := \frac{\mathcal{O}_X^* \wedge \dots \wedge \mathcal{O}_X^*}{\langle f, 1-f \rangle}$ . We have for each subvariety  $Y$  of

codim. 1 in  $X$  the Tate symbol (or K-theoretic residue) map

$$(4) \quad \text{Tate}_Y: K_n^M(k(X)) \rightarrow K_{n-1}^M(k(Y))$$

given by

(a) writing any element in LHS (4) as a sum of symbols  $\{f_1, \dots, f_n\}$  in which only  $f_i$  is allowed to have nonzero degree along  $Y$ ;  $\textcircled{*}$

(b) setting  $T_{\text{any}}$  of such a symbol to be  $\deg_Y(f_i) \{f_1, \dots, f_n\}_Y$ .

Exercise 1: Writing  $\delta_Y = \iota_Y^*(1)$  for the current of integration over  $Y$ , and

$d[\cdot]$  for exterior derivative on currents (defined by integration by parts, cf. Griffiths-Harris §3), check that

$$(i) \quad d \left[ \frac{dz}{z} \right] = 2\pi i (\delta_{\{0\}} - \delta_{\{\infty\}}) \text{ on } \mathbb{P}^1$$

$$(ii) \quad d \left[ \frac{df}{f} \right] = 2\pi i \sum_{Y \subset X \text{ cd. 1}} \deg_Y(f) \delta_Y$$

$$(iii) \quad d \left[ \frac{df}{f} \wedge \omega \right] = 2\pi i \sum_{Y \subset X \text{ cd. 1}} \deg_Y(f) \iota_Y^* \omega$$

Conclude that  $d[\hat{\Omega}] = 2\pi i \sum_{Y \subset X \text{ cd. 1}} \text{Res}_Y \hat{\Omega}$  if  $\hat{\Omega}$  is a form with log poles.

[Note:  $K_0^M(\mathbb{F}) = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $K_1^M(\mathbb{F}) = \mathbb{F}^*$ .]

Next, we have the Goresky resolution

$$(5) \quad K_{p,X}^M \rightarrow G_{p,X}^{\circ}, \quad \text{where } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} G_{p,X}^{\circ} := \bigsqcup_{x \in X^k} K_{p-k}^M(k(x)) \text{ for } k \text{ as skyscraper sheaf} \\ \text{on } \bar{x} \text{ for} \\ \text{Euler-} k \text{ points} \\ \text{with differential } D \text{ given by Tame symbols along} \\ \text{all codim } k+1 \text{ points.} \end{array} \right.$$

which is acyclic (in the Zariski topology). So

$$(6) \quad H_{\text{Zar}}^p(X, K_{p,X}^M) \cong H^p(X, G_{p,X}^{\circ}) \cong \frac{\Gamma(X, G_{p,X}^{\circ})}{D(\Gamma(X, G_{p,X}^{\circ-1}))} = \frac{\bigoplus_{x \in X^p} K_0^M(k(x)) (\cong \mathbb{Z}_{\bar{x}})}{D\left(\bigoplus_{y \in X^{p-1}} K_1^M(k(y)) (\cong k(y)^*)\right)}$$

$$= \frac{\mathbb{Z}^p(X_k)}{\sum_{y \in X^{p-1}} \text{Div}(k(y)^*)} = H^p(X_k),$$

and we obtain a map of complexes

$\textcircled{*}$  That this is always possible is a consequence of the Bloch moving lemma, which we will cover in Part II.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 (7) & K_{p, X}^M & \rightarrow & K_p^M(k(X)) & \xrightarrow{\prod_{x \in X^1} K_{p-1}^M(k(x))} & \xrightarrow{\prod_{x \in X^2} K_{p-2}^M(k(x))} & \dots \rightarrow \prod_{x \in X^{p-1}} K(x)^* \rightarrow \prod_{x \in X^p} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\text{Zariski closure}} \\
 & \downarrow \Lambda^p \text{dlog (on regular funcs.)} & & \downarrow \Lambda^p \text{dlog (on rational funcs.)} & \downarrow (2\pi i)^p \int \sum \bar{L}_x^{\otimes p} \Lambda^{p-1} \text{dlog} & \downarrow (2\pi i)^{p-1} \int \sum \bar{L}_x^{\otimes p-1} \text{dlog} & \downarrow (2\pi i)^{p-2} \int \sum \bar{L}_x^{\otimes p-2} \text{dlog} \\
 & \Omega_{X/k}^{\bullet, 2p}(p) & & & & & \\
 & \downarrow & & & & & \\
 & \Omega_{X/\mathbb{C}}^{\bullet, 2p}(p) & \rightarrow & F^p D_X^p & \xrightarrow{d} & F^p D_X^{p+1} & \xrightarrow{d} & F^p D_X^{p+2} & \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow & F^p D_X^{2p-1} & \rightarrow & F^p D_X^{2p}
 \end{array}$$

- in which:
- “ $\Lambda^k \text{dlog}$ ” sends  $\{f_1, \dots, f_k\} \mapsto \frac{df_1}{f_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \frac{df_k}{f_k}$  ;
  - the bottom row expands the resolution  $\Omega_{X/\mathbb{C}}^{\bullet, 2p}(p) \rightarrow F^p D_X^{2p}$  ;
  - the rightmost vertical map sends a section  $Z \in Z^p(X_k)$  to the current of integration over  $Z$  (which was how we defined  $cl_X^p$ ) times  $(2\pi i)^p$  ; and
  - Exercise 2: Use Exercise 1 to check the diagram commutes! (Also, check that  $\Lambda^k \text{dlog}$  is well-defined on Milnor K-groups!)

← i.e. (7)  
This induces a

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 (8) & H_{Zar}^p(X_k, K_{p, X_k}^M) & \xleftarrow{\cong} & CH^p(X_k) & \xleftarrow{\cong} & Z^p(X_k) \\
 & \downarrow \Lambda^p \text{dlog} & & \swarrow \cong \text{cl}_X^{p, alg} & & \downarrow Z \mapsto (2\pi i)^p \int_Z \\
 & H_{Zar}^{2p}(X_k, \Omega_{X/k}^{\bullet, 2p}) & & (2\pi i)^p cl_X^p & & \\
 & \downarrow \otimes_k \mathbb{C} & & \searrow & & \\
 & H^{2p}(X_{\mathbb{C}}, \Omega_{X_{\mathbb{C}}}^{\bullet, 2p}) & \xleftarrow{\cong} & F^p H^{2p}(X_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{C}) & \xleftarrow{\cong} & F^p D^{2p}(X)
 \end{array}$$

which verifies that the algebraic cycle-class map (defined by the dotted composition) matches  $(2\pi i)^p cl_X^p$ . In fact, we often replace  $cl_X^p$  by  $(2\pi i)^p cl_X^p$  for this reason, writing  $Hg^p(X)$  for

$$(9) \quad H^{2p}(X, \mathbb{Q}(p)) \cong F^p H^{2p}(X, \mathbb{C})$$

where  $\mathbb{Q}(p) = (2\pi i)^p \mathbb{Q}$ . (We will do this below.)

Now to finish the proof, given  $Z \in Z^p(X_k)$  and  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{C})$ ,

And noting that  $\{f_1, \dots, f_p\} \mapsto \frac{df_1}{f_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \frac{df_p}{f_p}$  commutes with  $\sigma \Rightarrow$   
 $cl_x^{p, \text{alg}}$  does, we have

$$(10) \quad \sigma_* cl_x^p(z) \stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{(by commutativity of (8)) \\ \& \text{ definition of } \sigma_* \text{ in (2)}}}}{=} \sigma cl_x^{p, \text{alg}}(z) \stackrel{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{(commutativity of (8))}}}{=} cl_{\sigma x}^{p, \text{alg}}(\sigma z) = cl_{\sigma x}^p(\sigma z).$$

So if  $\xi \in Hg^p(X)$  is  $cl_x^p(z)$ , then  $\sigma_* \xi \in cl_{\sigma x}^p(CH^p(\sigma X)) \subset Hg^p(\sigma X)$ ,

which is what we wanted to show.  $\square$

The main points in the proof are:

- writing Chow groups as  $k$ -cology and taking the "dlog map" abstractifies the previous "idea of proof"
- the dlog map is purely algebraic so intertwines Galois conjugation
- the diagram (8) shows that the dlog map matches  $cl_x^p$  under the isomorphism (1) when applied to a cycle
- therefore  $cl_x^p$  intertwines the map  $\sigma_x$  defined via (1). //

Theorem 1 gives rise to the following picture:

$$(11) \quad cl_x^p(Z^p(X)) \subset \underbrace{AHg^p(X)}_{\text{AHC: "Hodge } \Rightarrow \text{ AH"}} \subset Hg^p(X)$$

HC

The (weaker) AHC has one of the same consequences as the HC.

Let  $\pi: X \rightarrow S$  be a smooth proper morphism of varieties defined over  $k$  ( $k$  f.g. /  $\mathbb{Q}$ ), giving rise via  $\mathbb{V}_Z := R^n \pi_* \mathbb{Z}$  to a period map

$\bar{\Phi}: \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \Gamma/D$ . Let  $D_m \subset D$  be a  $M$ - $T$  subdomain,  $\Gamma_m$  its stabiliser in  $\Gamma$ .

Theorem 2: If AHC holds, then any irreducible component  $\mathcal{D}$  of  $\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\Gamma_m \backslash D_m)$  is defined over  $\bar{k}$ . [compare Prop. I.B.6.1(b) (and its Corollary)]

Sketch: By the CDK result,  $\mathcal{D}$  is algebraic. Consider the (irreducible)  $\bar{k}$ -spread  $\mathcal{Q} \subset \mathcal{S}$  of any  $p \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{C})$ , i.e. the Zariski closure of the set  $\{q \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{C}) \mid X_q = \sigma X_p \text{ for some } \sigma \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{C}/\bar{k})\}$ .

The  $\{\sigma\}$  produce a continuous family of isomorphisms  $H_{\text{dR}}^n(X_p) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_{\text{dR}}^n(X_q)$ , inducing (by AHC) isomorphisms defined /  $\mathbb{Q}$

of spaces of Hodge tensors. It follows that these Hodge-tensor-spaces are constant with respect to the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -Betti structure;

that is,  $\mathcal{Q} \subset \mathcal{D}$ , and so the  $\bar{k}$ -spread of  $\mathcal{D}$  is  $\mathcal{D}$ .  $\square$

Corollary: If  $n = 2p$  and  $v \in V_{s_0}$  is absolute Hodge at some point, e.g. so, then the Hodge locus  $\mathcal{L}(v)$  is defined /  $\bar{k}$ .

As a consequence, Voisin observes, that we can break the HC into two steps:

(i) proving that Hodge classes are (weakly) absolute; and

(ii) proving that (weakly) absolute classes on varieties defined over  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$  are classes of algebraic cycles. 7

For supposing we have  $\mathfrak{z} \in Hg^p(X)$ , spreading  $X$  out gives  $X \rightarrow \mathfrak{S}/\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ .

If  $\mathfrak{z}$  is (weakly) absolute, it parallel translates to a (weakly) absolute Hodge class on every fiber, a fortiori some fiber over  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ .

I don't know of any case where (ii) is any easier than the HC, i.e. "cuts down the cycles to check HC for" in some meaningful way (e.g. see Deligne's result below). However, the following

result illustrates that when a Hodge locus is positive-dimensional we do have some chance of proving the class is absolute (towards (i)):

Theorem 3 (Voisin, 2006): (Notation as above, with  $n = 2p$ ) ↓ Hodge class from  $\pi: X \rightarrow \mathfrak{S}$  defined over  $k$

Suppose  $T \subset \mathfrak{S}$  is an irreducible subvariety, defined over  $\mathbb{C}$ , such that:

(i)  $T$  is a component of the Hodge locus of some  $\alpha \in (F^p \cap V_{\mathbb{C}})_{t_0}$ ;

(ii)  $\pi_1(T, t_0)$  fixes (under  $\nabla$ -flat continuation in  $V_{\mathbb{C}}$ ) only the line generated by  $\alpha$ .

Then  $T$  is defined over  $\overline{k}$ . Also: If  $k = \mathbb{Q}$ , then  $\alpha$  is weakly absolute (see p. 1)

Sketch: Except in the trivial case, the hypotheses force  $\dim(T) > 0$ .

According to (ii), we may extend  $\alpha$  to a  $\nabla$ -flat family over  $T$ .

Given  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{C}/\overline{k})$ ,  $\sigma^* \alpha$  is a  $\nabla$ -flat family over  $\sigma^* T$ , by

Algebraicity\* of  $\nabla$ . Moreover, the fixed part of  $W_C$  over  $\sigma_T$  must be of rank 1, since otherwise (applying  $\sigma^{-1}$  and algebraicity of  $\nabla$ ) its fixed part over  $T$  could not satisfy (ii). So  $\sigma\alpha = \lambda\beta$ , where  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\beta$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -Betti; but then  $\beta$  is Hodge, since  $\sigma\alpha \in \mathbb{F}^p$ .

As in the proof of Theorem 2, varying  $\sigma$  yields a continuum of conjugates  $\sigma_T$  on which the line  $\mathbb{C}\langle\sigma\alpha\rangle$  remains rational; hence it is constant. Since the polarization is algebraic,  $Q(\alpha, \alpha) = Q(\sigma\alpha, \sigma\alpha) = \lambda^2 Q(\beta, \beta) \Rightarrow \lambda^2 \in \mathbb{Q}$ , and again by continuity  $\lambda = 1$ . Therefore  $\sigma\alpha$  remains Hodge, and  $\alpha$  extends to a Hodge class on the  $\bar{k}$ -spread of  $T$ , which must then (by (i)) be  $T$  itself. Also: If  $k = \mathbb{Q}$ , and  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Q})$  (wolog  $\text{Aut}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ ), we at least get  $\sigma\alpha = \lambda\beta$  with  $\lambda^2 \in \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow \lambda \in \bar{\mathbb{Q}}$ ; so  $\alpha$  is weakly absolute.  $\square$

An amazing result, which is at least the equal of C-D-k as evidence for the HC, is the following one, which Deligne needed for his construction of canonical models (over a number field) for Shimura varieties of Hodge type:

Theorem 4 (Deligne, 1982): AHC holds for abelian varieties.

\* on alg. de Rham cohomology, it is induced by the connecting homomorphism assoc. to  $0 \rightarrow \pi^* \Omega_{S/\mathbb{Q}}^1 \wedge \Omega_X^{\geq p-1}[-1] \rightarrow \Omega_X^{\geq p} \rightarrow \Omega_{\pi/S}^{\geq p} \rightarrow 0$ .

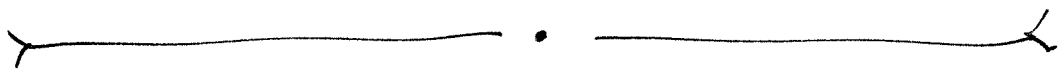


Idea of proof: (1) Start with a family  $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$  of abelian varieties over a connected Shimura variety of Hodge type.

(2) CM points are dense in  $\mathcal{S}$ . Principle B (algebraicity of  $\nabla$ ) allows us to reduce AHC for a general  $A_s$  to AHC for CM abelian varieties.

(3) Principle A (fixed tensors of the "absolute MTG" are absolute Hodge) reduces us to finding absolute Hodge tensors cutting out the usual MTG, forcing "absolute MTG" = "usual MTG".

(4) Weil Hodge classes are absolute. (Together with "obvious" absolute Hodge classes, this does the job.) □



To conclude  $\frac{1}{2}$  I.B, we want to mention a few more recent cases where the HC has been verified.

(A) The work of Bergeron - Millson - Morghin

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a connected compact Shimura variety of the form  $\Gamma \backslash G_{\mathbb{R}} / K$ , where  $G_{\mathbb{R}} = O(p, 2)$  or  $U(p, 1)$  (and  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{X} = p$ ).   
 (identity comp. component)

$\mathcal{X}$  has special cycles arising from divisors and sub-Shimura varieties arising from subgroups  $O(p-k, 2)$  resp.  $U(p-k, 1)$  (and intersection products of these).

Theorem (BMM 2011, 2013):  $Hg^n(\mathbb{X})$  is spanned by  $cl_{\mathbb{X}}^n$  of the special cycles for  $n \leq \frac{p}{2}$  (or  $\geq \frac{2p}{2}$ ). [They have also shown this in the noncompact case for  $G_{\mathbb{R}} = O(p, 2)$ ]

Their results are proved by sophisticated techniques in the theory of automorphic forms, but the core of the argument is to show surjectivity of the thete lift

$$(12) \quad \Theta_* : H^{2n}(\mathfrak{g}, K; W) \rightarrow H^{2n}(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{C})$$

onto the  $(n, n)$  part of cohomology and argue that certain classes on the left map to the classes of special cycles. Here  $W$  is the ( $\infty$ -dim!) Weil representation with underlying space the Schwartz functions  $\mathcal{S}(V_{\mathbb{R}})$  on the orthogonal vector space  $(V, \mathbb{Q})$  on which  $G_{\mathbb{R}}^+ = O(p, 2)^+$  acts.

Given a cocycle  $\varphi \in (\mathcal{S}(V_{\mathbb{R}}) \otimes \wedge^{2n} \mathfrak{p}^*)^K$  (with class in LHS(12); here  $\mathfrak{p} \oplus \mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{g}$  is the Cartan decomposition), we consider  $\mathbb{X}$  to parametrize a choice of lattice  $L_x \subset V_{\mathbb{R}}$  and send  $\varphi$  to the differential  $2n$ -form on  $\mathbb{X}$  defined by  $\sum_{l \in L_x} \varphi(l)$ . (The real power of this construction comes when one notices that there is an action of  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  on  $\mathcal{S}(V_{\mathbb{R}})$  that commutes with  $G_{\mathbb{R}}^+$ 's, and which intertwines (12).)

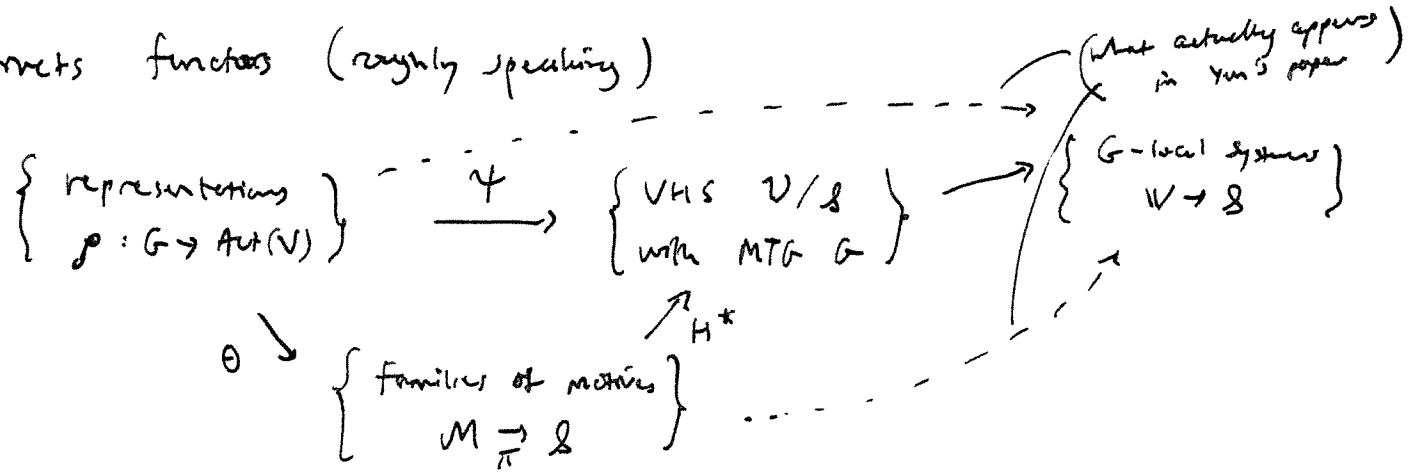
(B) A result of Arapura

I'll have nothing to say about this, since I thought it might be a good paper for one of you to present as your final project.

Theorem (Arapura 2013): Let  $Y \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^n$  be a  $p:1$  cyclic cover ( $p$  prime) branched over a hyperplane arrangement  $D$  with normal crossings. Take  $X \rightarrow Y$  to be a toroidal desingularization. Then the HIC holds for  $X$ .

(C) Yun's construction

Let  $G = G_2, E_7, E_8$  and  $S = \mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\}$ . Using techniques from the Geometric Langlands program, Yun (Inventiones 2014) constructs functors (roughly speaking)



From any representation  $(\rho, W)$  of  $G$  which contains a copy of the trivial representation (such as  $V^{\oplus 3}$  ( $V = 7$ -dim'l irrep.) for  $G = G_2$ ), we get a morphism  $(\text{triv}, \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow (\rho, W)$ . Applying  $\Psi$  gives a morphism  $\mathbb{Q}(-*) \hookrightarrow H^{2*}(M/S)$  of VHS<sup>\*</sup>, hence a family of Hodge classes; applying  $\Theta$  gives a morphism  $M_{\text{triv}} \rightarrow M_\rho$  whose image produces the needed cycle<sup>\*\*</sup>. In this way all Hodge tensors of

<sup>\*</sup>/<sub>42</sub> This statement is not rigorously formulated and has not been checked carefully, so should not be quoted.

any  $V_p$  over all of  $S$  should automatically correspond to algebraic cycles. The catch is that, say, the cycles don't lie on the variety one would have hoped [ e.g. one doesn't have a correspondence between  $M_{p,3}$  and " $M_p^{x,3}$ " in the  $G_2$  example just mentioned ]. So in some sense one gets the HC; in some sense one doesn't.



Addendum. The  $G_2$  example in (C) is related to another "weird" case of the HC (wide open for the most part).

Let  $\mathfrak{g} \in \mathcal{D} = M(\mathbb{R})/\mathbb{R}^p$  be a HS and consider the carr. HS  $\text{Ad}_{\mathfrak{g}}$  on the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{m}$ . Now

- $M$   $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra  $\Rightarrow [ , ] : \mathfrak{m} \otimes \mathfrak{m} \rightarrow \mathfrak{m}$  is rational
- $[\mathfrak{m}^{(a,-a)}, \mathfrak{m}^{(b,-b)}] \subset \mathfrak{m}^{(a+b, -(a+b))} \Rightarrow [ , ]$  is "Hodge"

$\Rightarrow [ , ] \in \text{Hg}^{1,2} \mathfrak{m} (\subset \mathfrak{m} \otimes (\mathfrak{m}^{\vee})^{\otimes 2})$

If  $(\mathfrak{m}, \text{Ad}_{\mathfrak{g}}, -\beta)$  comes from  $H^n(X)$  one has the

Lie-bracket Hodge Conjecture:  $[ , ]$  comes from an algebraic cycle on  $X \times X \times X$ .

(non-CM ex. known)

Exercise: ( $M = \text{SL}_2$ ) As a PHS, one can identify  $\mathfrak{m} \cong \text{End}(H^1(E), \mathbb{Q}) \cong H^2_{\text{br}}(E \times E)$ . Taking  $X = E \times E$ , find the cycle in  $\text{CH}^3(X \times X)$  giving  $[ , ]$ .