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Happy birthday to Bernard Teissier !

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(1) What is enumerative geometry about?
(2) New results on tropical geometry and non-archimedean geometry
(3) Count holomorphic cylinders in log Calabi-Yau surfaces

- New geometric invariants
- The wall-crossing formula conjectured by Kontsevich-Soibelman
(4) Potential applications to singularity theory


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The last step turns out very difficult in non-archimedean geometry. But in the case of $\log$ Calabi-Yau surfaces, we can borrow the algebraic construction of virtual fundamental class (Behrend-Fantechi), as long as we can prove the GAGA theorem for non-archimedean analytic stacks.

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The number of cylinders enjoys very nice properties. I hope to explain to you in the future.

Now let's look at a concrete example for a del Pezzo surface.

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(x, y) \longmapsto(x(1+y), y), \quad x^{m} y^{n} \longmapsto x^{m}(1+y)^{m} y^{n}=\sum_{k=0}^{m}\binom{m}{k} x^{m} y^{k+n}
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They do not use non-archimedean geometry. Their main tools are scattering diagrams and broken lines; both are combinatorial notions.
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