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The basic structure of tangent bundles in Kähler geometry is

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 T & \xrightarrow{g} & T^* \\
 & \swarrow I & \searrow \omega \\
 & T &
 \end{array}$$

where  $I$  is a complex structure (so  $I^2 = -1$ ),  $g = g(-, -)$  is a Riemannian metric (so  $g^* = g$  and  $g$  is positive definite), and  $\omega$  is a symplectic form (so  $\omega^* = -\omega$  and  $\omega(X, Y) = -\omega(Y, X)$ .)

Compatibility of any two of these structures  $\iff$  composite is as required.

*Example 1.*  $I, \omega$  are compatible  $\iff I^*\omega = (-\omega I)^* = -\omega I$ . Equivalently

$$\begin{aligned}
 & I^*\omega + \omega I = 1 \\
 \iff & \omega(X, IY) + \omega(IX, Y) = 0 \\
 \iff & I^*\omega I = \omega \\
 \iff & \omega(IX, IY) = \omega(X, Y)
 \end{aligned}$$

Because of the complex structure  $I$ ,  $T \otimes \mathbb{C} = T_{1,0} \oplus T_{0,1}$  where  $T_{1,0}$  is the  $+i$  eigenspace and  $T_{0,1}$  is the  $-i$  eigenspace. So,

$$\bigwedge^2 T_{\mathbb{C}}^* = \bigwedge^2 T_{1,0}^* \oplus (T_{1,0}^* \otimes T_{0,1}^*) \otimes \bigwedge^2 T_{0,1}^*$$

and

$$\Omega_{\mathbb{C}}^2 = \Omega^{2,0} \oplus \Omega^{1,1} \oplus \Omega^{0,2}.$$

The compatibility condition then becomes  $\omega \in \Omega^{1,1}$ .

### 3.1 Integrability of Kähler Structures

I:  $[T_{1,0}, T_{1,0}] \subset T_{1,0}$ . Define the *Nijenhuis Tensor*  $N \in \bigwedge^2 T_{1,0}^* \otimes T_{0,1}$  by  $N(X, Y) = \pi_{0,1}[X, Y]$  where  $X$  and  $Y$  are of type 1, 0.  $I$  is integrable if this tensor vanishes. A result of Newlander-Nirenberg says that  $I$  is locally isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}^n$  when  $I$  is integrable.

$\omega$ :  $\omega$  is integrable if  $d\omega = 0$ . By a theorem of Darboux, if  $\omega$  is integrable then  $\omega$  is locally isomorphic to the standard symplectic structure  $(\mathbb{R}^{2n}, \omega_{std})$ .

If both integrability conditions are satisfied then this is a *Kähler structure*.

*Remark 1.* It is immediate from  $\omega \in \Omega^{1,1}$  and  $d\omega = 0$  that  $\omega$  is locally  $i\partial\bar{\partial}k$  for  $k \in C^\infty(U, \mathbb{R})$  by the  $\partial\bar{\partial}$  lemma.  $k$  is called the *Kähler potential*.

The de Rham differential splits as

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \Omega^{p+1, q-1} \\
 \nearrow N \\
 \nearrow \partial \\
 d|_{\Omega^{p,q}} : \Omega^{p,q} \\
 \searrow \bar{\partial} \\
 \searrow \bar{N} \\
 \Omega^{p, q+1} \\
 \Omega^{p-1, q+2}
 \end{array}$$

and  $I$  is integrable  $\iff d = \partial + \bar{\partial}$ .

**Lemma 1.**  $I, \omega$  are each integrable if and only if  $\nabla I = 0 \iff \nabla \omega = 0$ . Here  $\nabla$  is the Levi-Civita connection, ie. the unique connection on  $T$  which preserves  $g$  ( $Xg(Y, Z) = g(\nabla_X Y, Z + g(Y, \nabla_X Z) \iff \nabla g = 0$ ) and is torsion free ( $\nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X = [X, Y]$ ).

*Proof.* If  $I$  is integrable,  $IX = iX$ ,  $IY = -iY$  and we want to show  $I[X, Y] = i[X, Y]$ . But

$$I(\nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X) = (\nabla_X(IY) - \nabla_Y(IX)) = i[X, Y].$$

The rest is an exercise. □

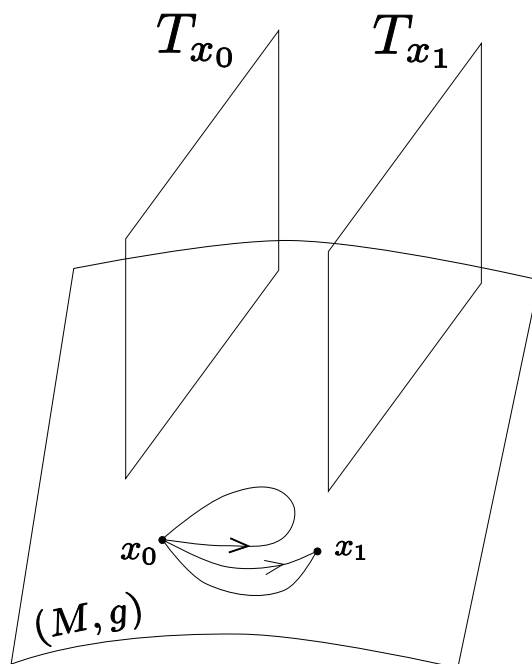
*Remark 2.* Given an  $n$ -dim. complex manifold with hol. tangent and cotangent bundles  $T_{1,0}$  (with coordinates  $\frac{\partial}{\partial z_i}$ ) and  $T_{1,0}^*$  (with coordinates  $dz_i$ ).

Let  $K = \bigwedge^n T_{1,0}^*$  be the canonical holomorphic line bundle.

Kähler metric  $\implies$  Hermitian Metric on  $K \implies$  (unique) Chern connection.

Curvature(Chern) =  $F \in \Omega_{\mathbb{R}}^2$ . By Poincaré-Lelong,  $F = i\partial\bar{\partial} \log \|s\|_g$  where  $\|s\|_g = \det g_{ij}$  ( $s$  is the hol. section  $dz_1 \cdots dz_n$ .) In the Kähler case,  $F = \text{Ric}_g(I-, -)$ . Thus the Einstein equation  $\text{Ric} = 0 \iff K$  is flat in the Kähler case.

## 3.2 Holonomy Groups



We have a tangent bundle with structures  $I, \omega, g$  which satisfy  $\nabla I = 0, \nabla \omega = 0$  and  $\nabla g = 0$ . Hence parallel transport preserves the entire Kähler structure. In particular for a loop  $\gamma$  at  $x_0$ , we get an automorphism  $O(n) \ni P_\gamma : T_{x_0} \rightarrow T_{x_0}$ . Varying over all paths get  $\{P_\gamma\} \subset_{\text{Lie Subgroup}} O(n)$ , the *holonomy group* of  $(M, g)$ .

In the Kähler case, get **Special Holonomy**:  $\text{Hol}(M, g) \subseteq U(n) \subset SO(2n, \mathbb{R})$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & GL(2n, \mathbb{R}) & \\
 & \subset & \supset \\
 \left( \text{aut of } (\mathbb{R}^{2n}, I) \right) & GL(n, \mathbb{C}) & Sp(2n, \mathbb{R}) \left( \text{aut of } (\mathbb{R}^{2n}, \omega_{std}) \right) \\
 & \supset & \subset \\
 & U(n) & \\
 \text{max cpt subgp} & & 
 \end{array}$$

## Berger's List (1955) Of Possible Holonomy Groups

1. Locally symmetric spaces (loc.  $G/K$  with  $\text{Hol} = K$ .) Lie theoretic classification by Cartan.
2.  $M_{\mathbb{R}}^n$

Group $\subset O(n)$	Structure
$SO(n)$	orientable
$U\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)$	Kähler
$SU\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)$	Calabi-Yau (noncompact Calabi, compact Yau)
$Sp\left(\frac{n}{4}\right)$	<b>Hyperkähler</b>
$Sp\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) \cdot Sp(1)$	Quaternionic Kähler
$G_2 \subset O(7)$	$G_2$ structure
$\text{Spin}(7) \subset O(8)$	Spin7 structure (noncompact Bryant, compact Joyce)

## Hyperkähler

- Define
- Construct: KH reduction, examples
- Twistor space
- many moduli spaces (Higgs, monopoles, solns to Nahms eqns) coadjoint orbits for complex reductive groups,  $\dots$ , have hyperkähler structures.

Lecture 2

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## 4 Hyperkähler Structures

**Definition 1.** A hyperkähler manifold is a Riemann manifold with holonomy  $SP(m) \subset O(n = 4m)$ .

Here  $Sp(m)$  is the quaternionic unitary group which we now define. Let

$$\mathbb{H} = \{q = x_0 + ix_1 + kx_2 + kx_3 : x_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

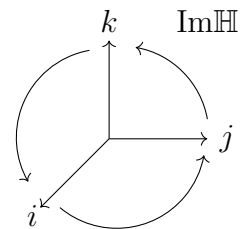
where  $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = ijk = -1$ .

Every quaternion  $q$  has a conjugate  $\bar{q} = x_0 - ix_1 - jx_2 - kx_3$  and  $q\bar{q} = x_0^2 + x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2$ .

May view  $\mathbb{H}$  as  $\mathbb{C}^2$  via  $q = (x_0 + ix_1) + (x_2 + ix_3)j \in \mathbb{C} \oplus \mathbb{C}j$  so the extra structure on  $\mathbb{C}^2$  is multiplication by  $j$ . More precisely, we have  $J : L_j : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$  such that for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $J(\lambda v) = \bar{\lambda}(Jv)$  ie.  $J$  is a complex linear automorphism. So we have  $J : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{C}^2}$  such that

$$\mathbb{C}^2 \xrightarrow{K} \overline{\mathbb{C}^2} \xrightarrow{J} \mathbb{C}^2$$

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Any such  $J$  is called a quaternionic structure on a complex vector space.

Focus on a certain structure enjoyed by  $\mathbb{R}^4 = \mathbb{H}$ . There are three complex structures  $L_i = I, L_j = J, L_k = K$  with the euclidean metric  $g_{\text{euc}}$ ,  $g(q, q) = q\bar{q}$ .

These define 3 Kähler structures

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 V & \xrightarrow{g} & V^* \\
 \swarrow \text{\scriptsize } I, J, K & & \searrow \text{\scriptsize } \omega_1 = \omega_I, \omega_2 = \omega_J, \omega_3 = \omega_K \\
 & & V
 \end{array}$$

$$\omega_1 = dx_0 \wedge dx_1 + dx_2 \wedge dx_3$$

$$\omega_2 = dx_0 \wedge dx_2 - dx_1 \wedge dx_3$$

$$\omega_3 = dx_0 \wedge dx_3 + dx_1 \wedge dx_2$$

In fact, for all  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \in S^2$ ,

$$\alpha I + \beta J + \gamma K = I_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}$$

is also a complex structure. The corresponding Kähler form is

$$\omega_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)} = gI_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} = \alpha\omega_1 + \beta\omega_2 + \gamma\omega_3$$

$\mathbb{R}^{4m} = \mathbb{H}^m \cong (\mathbb{C}^{2m}, J = L_J)$  w.r.t complex structure defined by  $L_i = I$  is a left quaternionic module. Have

$$q_\ell = x_0^\ell + ix_1^\ell + jx_2^\ell + kx_3^\ell, \quad \ell = 1, \dots, m$$

**Definition 2.**  $Sp(m)$  is the stabilizer in  $O(4m, \mathbb{R})$  of the structure  $(g, I, J, K)$  (and hence  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$ ).

$Sp(m)$  is a compact (simply) connected Lie group with  $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} = 2m^2 + m$ .

**m=1:** coincides with  $SU(2) = S^3$

**m=2:** coincides with  $\text{Spin}(5)$

This is sometimes defined as a subgroup of  $GL(m, \mathbb{H})$  preserving  $(,)$ . Here

$$GL(m, \mathbb{H}) = \{[a_{ij}]_{i,j=1}^m : A_{ij} \in \mathbb{H}\}$$

with quaternionic action  $A \cdot (q^1, \dots, q^m) = (q^1, \dots, q^m)\bar{A}^T$ . c.f.  $U(n) \subset GL(n, \mathbb{C})$  preserving  $(,)$ .

Similarly, by privileging  $I$ , we view  $(\mathbb{H}^m, I), J) = (\mathbb{C}^{2m}, J)$  as a complex vector space with quaternionic structure. Have complex coordinates

$$z_{2p-1} = x_0^p + ix_1^p, \quad z_{2p} = x_2^p + ix_3^p$$

and then

$$\begin{aligned}
 g &= \sum_{\ell} |dz_{\ell}|^2 \\
 \omega_I &= \frac{i}{2} \sum_{\ell} dz_{\ell} \wedge d\bar{z}_{\ell} \\
 \omega_J + i\omega_K &= dz_1 \wedge dz_2 + dz_3 \wedge dz_4 + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\omega_j + i\omega_K$  is a holomorphic (complex) symplectic form on  $\mathbb{C}^{2m}$ . Hence  $Sp(m) = U(2m) \cap Sp(2m, \mathbb{C})$  ( $Sp(2m, \mathbb{C})$  is the complex symplectic group.)

In fact, the hyperkähler structure is completely determined by  $(\omega_I, \omega_J, \omega_K)$ :

**Lemma 2.**

$$\text{Stab}(\omega_I, \omega_J, \omega_K) = Sp(m)$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{g} & V^* \\ & \swarrow I & \nearrow \omega \\ & \omega & \end{array}$$

$$\omega_1 = gI$$

$$\omega_2 = gJ$$

$$\omega^{-1}\omega_2 = I^{-1}g - 1gJ = -K$$

$$\omega_K \circ (-K) = g$$

*Warning 1.* Not so for  $I, J, K$ .

□

*Example 2.* Consider dimension 4 on  $\mathbb{R}^4 = V$ .

*Lemma 3.*  $(\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3)$  has stabilizer  $Sp(1) \iff$

$$\begin{cases} \omega_1 \wedge \omega_1 = \omega_2 \wedge \omega_2 = \omega_3 \wedge \omega_3 \neq 0 \\ \omega_1 \wedge \omega_2 = \omega_1 \wedge \omega_3 = \omega_2 \wedge \omega_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Consider  $\Omega_1 = \omega_2 + i\omega_3$  ( $I$  holomorphic symplectic form  $dz_1 \wedge dz_2$ .) Then  $\Omega_1 \wedge \Omega_1 = 0$  so  $\Omega_1$  decomposes as  $\Omega_1 = \theta_1 \wedge \theta_2$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \omega_3 & \\ & \uparrow & \Omega^2 \\ & \swarrow & \searrow \\ \omega_1 & & \omega_2 \end{array}$$

$\Omega_1 \wedge \overline{\Omega_1} = 2\omega_1^2 \neq 0 \iff \theta_1 \wedge \theta_2 \wedge \bar{\theta}_1 \wedge \bar{\theta}_2 \neq 0$  so we have a basis  $(\theta_1, \theta_2, \bar{\theta}_1, \bar{\theta}_2)$  for  $V^* \otimes \mathbb{C}$ . But this is equivalent to a decomposition  $V^* \otimes \mathbb{C} = \langle \theta_1, \theta_2 \rangle \oplus \langle \bar{\theta}_1, \bar{\theta}_2 \rangle$ . This yields a complex structure by regarding  $\langle \theta_1, \theta_2 \rangle$  as the 1,0 eigenspace and  $\langle \bar{\theta}_1, \bar{\theta}_2 \rangle$  as the 0,1 eigenspace.

So far, we have a complex structure  $I$  on  $\text{Stab} \subset GL(2, \mathbb{C})$  but  $\Omega_1$  is also preserved which implies  $\text{Stab} \subset SL(2, \mathbb{C})$  and since  $\omega_1$  is also preserved,  $\omega_1 \in \Omega_I^{1,1}$ .

Expand  $\omega_1 = \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1,2} h_{\alpha\bar{\beta}} \theta_\alpha \wedge \bar{\theta}_\beta$  where  $h_{\alpha, \bar{\beta}}$  is a  $2 \times 2$  Hermitian matrix and so  $h_{\alpha, \bar{\beta}}$  is conjugate to

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

We have

$$\lambda\mu\theta_1\theta_2\bar{\theta}_1\bar{\theta}_2 = (\det h_{\alpha, \bar{\beta}})\theta_1\theta_2\bar{\theta}_1\bar{\theta}_2 = \omega_1^2 = \frac{1}{2}\Omega \wedge \bar{\Omega} = \frac{1}{2}\theta_1 \wedge \theta_2 \wedge \bar{\theta}_1 \wedge \bar{\theta}_2$$

which implies both  $\lambda, \mu$  have the same sign. □

*Note 1.*  $M^4$  a compact oriented manifold,  $H^2 \times H^2 \rightarrow H^4 = \mathbb{R}$  a symmetric, nondegenerate inner product on  $H^2$ .  $b_+(M^4) = \#$  of positive directions signature  $(b_+, b_2 - b_+)$ . In order to have a Kähler structure need **what?**

$k3$  has signature  $(3, 19)$ ,  $\dim H^2 = 22$  supports a hyperkähler structure.

## The Manifold Case

If  $(M^{4m}, g)$  has  $\text{hol}(\nabla^{LC}) \subset Sp(m)$  then all the  $Sp(m)$ -invariant structure on  $\mathbb{H}^m$  passes to corresponding structure on  $TM$ , which is flat. So we get a Riemannian manifold  $(M, g, I, J, K)$  with three complex structures, 3 Kähler structures and is flat:  $\nabla I = \nabla J = \nabla K \implies 3$  Kähler structures.

If we privilege  $I$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\implies \text{complex manifold } (M, I) \text{ of complex dimension } 2m \\ &\implies \Omega_1 = \omega_2 + i\omega_3 \text{ holomorphic symplectic } (2, 0) \text{ form} \\ &\implies \Omega_1^m \in \bigwedge^{2m} T_{1,0}^* = K \text{ the canonical bundle} \\ &\implies K \cong \mathcal{O} \text{ trivial CY manifold. Recall } \nabla^{LC}, K \text{ flat so } \text{curv}(\text{Chen}) = \text{Ric}I = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Lecture 3

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### 4.1 Examples of Hyperkähler Structures in dimension 4

Recall that we showed a hyperkähler structure in dimension 4 is a triple  $(\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3)$  such that  $\omega_i^2 = 0$ ,  $\omega_1\omega_2 = \omega_1\omega_3 = \omega_2\omega_3 = 0$  and  $d\omega_i = 0$  (integrable.)

*Example 3 (Local).*

Take an open in  $\mathbb{R}^4 = (\mathbb{C}^2, (z_1, z_2))$  with  $I = i$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_1 &= dz_1 \wedge dz_2 = \omega_2 + i\omega_3 \\ \omega_1 &= i\partial\bar{\partial}\varphi \quad \varphi \in C^\infty(U, \mathbb{R}) \\ &= i \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial z_i \partial \bar{z}_j} dz_i \wedge d\bar{z}_j \end{aligned}$$

For example can take  $\varphi = z_1\bar{z}_1 + z_2\bar{z}_2$  so  $i\partial\bar{\partial}\varphi = i(dz_1 \wedge d\bar{z}_1 + dz_2 \wedge d\bar{z}_2)$ . This simply gives  $\mathbb{H}^4$ . The only remaining condition is

$$\omega_1^2 = \text{vol}_{Euc} \iff \det \left( \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial z_i \partial \bar{z}_j} \right) = 1$$

The equation  $\det \left( \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial z_i \partial \bar{z}_j} \right) = 1$  is the (complex) Monge-Ampère equation. Calabi: Suppose  $z_i = x_i + y_i$  and  $\varphi(z_1, z_2, \bar{z}_1, \bar{z}_2) = \varphi(x_1, x_2)$ . Then we get the real Monge-Ampère equation:

$$\det \left( \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right) = 1.$$

This is a nonlinear PDE so assume  $\varphi$  is  $SO(2)$  invariant (ie. radial) to get an ODE "cohomogeneity one". Then can solve the equation to get

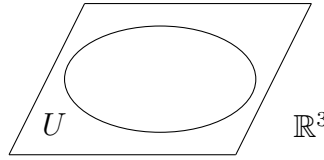
$$\varphi(x) = \int_0^{\|x\|} (c + r^{2c})^{\frac{1}{2}} dr.$$

For example, for  $c = 1$  get  $\frac{1}{2}(c + r)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{2} \sinh^{-1}(r) + K$ . **Diagrams missing**



## Gibbons Hawking Examples

1.



$U \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $M = S^1 \times U$  with coordinates  $(\theta, x_1, x_2, x_3)$ ,  $V(x_1, x_2, x_3) > 0$ .

$$g_m = V^{-1}(d\theta + A)^2 + V(dx_1^2 + dx_2^2 + dx_3^2)$$

where

$$A = A_1(x)dx_1 + A_2(x)dx_2 + A_3(x)dx_3 \quad \text{with } A_i \in C^\infty(U, \mathbb{R})$$

We have a trivial  $S^1$  bundle with principal connection  $d\theta + A$  on the principal  $S^1$  bundle  $M \xrightarrow{\pi} U$ .  $A$  is called the connection one form.

$g_M$  diagonal  $\implies$  on basis for  $T^*$

$$e_0 = V^{-\frac{1}{2}}(d\theta + A)$$

$$e_1 = V^{-\frac{1}{2}}dx_1$$

$$e_2 = V^{-\frac{1}{2}}dx_2$$

$$e_3 = V^{-\frac{1}{2}}dx_3,$$

$$g_M = e_0^2 + e_1^2 + e_2^2 + e_3^2.$$

$$\omega_1 = (d\theta + A) \wedge dx_1 + V(dx_2 \wedge dx_3)$$

$$\omega_2 = (d\theta + A) \wedge dx_2 - V(dx_1 \wedge dx_3)$$

$$\omega_3 = (d\theta + A) \wedge dx_3 + V(dx_1 \wedge dx_2)$$

which has stabiliser  $Sp(1)$ . To get a hyperkähler structure we need  $d\omega_i = 0$ :

$$d\omega_1 = dA \wedge dx_1 + dV \wedge dx_2 \wedge dx_3 = 0$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial A_2}{\partial x_3} - \frac{\partial A_3}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1} \right) dx_1 \wedge dx_2 \wedge dx_3 = 0$$

This is a scalar equation in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Including the other equations  $d\omega_i = 0$ , get  $dA = -\star_{\mathbb{R}^3} dV$ , or equivalently,  $\nabla V = 0$ , so  $V$  is harmonic on  $\mathbb{R}^3 \implies dV$  closed  $\implies$  exact if  $U$  is simply connected  $\implies \exists A$  with  $dA = -\star V$ . On all of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $V = 1$  and so just get  $\mathbb{R}_{Euc}^3 \times S^1$  ( $A$  is unique up to gauge.)

Observe that if we use  $V = \frac{1}{r}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}$  (warning:  $H^2 \neq 0$ ),

$$\star dV = \star(-r^{-2}dr) = -r^{-2}(r^2 d\Omega) = -d\Omega$$

$$\int_{S^2} \star dV \neq 0 \implies \star dV \neq dA$$

Generalization:  $M^4 \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{p_1, \dots, p_k\} = B$  a principal  $S^1$  bundle which is Hopf about each point  $p_i$ , ie.  $c_1(M) = 1$  on each  $S_{p_i}^2$  or  $M|_{S_{p_i}^2}$  is the Hopf fibre  $S^3 \rightarrow S^2$ . **Diagrams Missing**

Now, choose a principal connection  $\eta \in \Omega^1(M)$  which is  $S$ -invariant ( $L_{\partial_\theta} \eta = 0$ ) and  $\iota_{\partial_\theta} = 1$  where  $\partial_\theta$  is the vector field generated by the  $S^1$  action.

- $\ker \eta$  is the horizontal distribution.
- $d\eta = \pi^* F$ ,  $F$  is the curvature of  $\eta \in \Omega^2(B)$  (since  $\iota_{\partial_\theta} d\eta = L_{\partial_\theta} \eta = 0$ )

Given  $M \rightarrow B \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\eta \in \Omega^1(M)$  and  $V \in C^\infty(B, \mathbb{R})$  can build the metric

$$g = V^{-1} \eta^2 + V \pi^*(dx_1^2 + dx_2^2 + dx_3^2)$$

As before, define  $e_0 = V^{-\frac{1}{2}} \eta$ ,  $e_i = V^{\frac{1}{2}} dx_i$ ,  $w_0 = \dots$ . Then we get a hyperkähler structure  $\iff F = -\star dV$  (so  $V$  is harmonic) and by assumption  $\int_{S_{p_i}^2} F = 1 \implies \int_{S_{p_i}^2} \star dV = 1$  so  $V \sim \frac{1}{r}$  at each  $p_i$ .

$$V = c + \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{1}{|x - p_i|_{\mathbb{R}^3}}$$

For  $c \neq 0$  these are called (multi) Taub-NUT Hyperkähler metrics (ALF (asymptotically locally flat):  $\mathbb{R}^3 \times S^1$ )

For  $c = 0$   $A_k$  ALE (asymptotically locally euclidean:  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ) hyperkähler structures. These are also called gravitational instantons in the physics literature.

These two cases are very different in terms of asymptotic geometry but both have two **amazing** properties:

1. Extend smoothly to  $M \sqcup \{p_1, \dots, p_k\}$  to give a smooth 4-dimensional manifold similar to the way  $\mathbb{R}^4 \xrightarrow{\text{Hopf}} \mathbb{R}^3$ .
2. Resulting  $(M, g)$  is complete.

*Example 4.*  $c = 0, k = 0$  (one point),  $V = \frac{1}{r}$  gives  $(\mathbb{R}^4, g_{Euc})$ .

Have  $\mathbb{R}^4 = \mathbb{C}^2$  with  $S^1$  action

$$\begin{aligned} e^{i\theta} \cdot (z_1, z_2) &= (e^{i\theta} z_1, e^{-i\theta} z_2) \\ \partial_\theta &= i(z_1 - z_2) \\ g(\partial_\theta, \partial_\theta) &= V^{-1} (\eta(\partial_\theta))^2 = V^{-1} \\ \|\partial_\theta\| &= V^{-1} = |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Map

$$\begin{aligned} \pi : \mathbb{R}^4 &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \\ (z_1, z_2) &\mapsto \begin{cases} x_1 = |z_1|^2 - |z_2|^2 \\ x_2 + ix_3 = 2z_1 z_2 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

(map is quadratic and restricted to  $S^3$  is just the Hopf map.) Get a principal  $S^1$  bundle on  $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus 0$  with critical value 0.

$$\begin{aligned} r^2 &= x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 = (|z_1|^2 - |z_2|^2)^2 + 4|z_1|^2 |z_2|^2 = \left( |z_1| + |z_2| \right)^2 \\ V^{-1} &= \sqrt{r^2} = r \quad V = \frac{1}{r} \end{aligned}$$

Recall that we constructed the  $A_k$  ALE hyperkähler manifolds: Given

$$\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{p_1, \dots, p_k\} \leftarrow \tilde{M} \text{ principle } S^1 \text{ bundle with } c_1 = 1 \text{ about each } p_i$$

$$\eta \in \Omega^1(\tilde{M}) \text{ } S^1 \text{-invariant connection}$$

$$d\eta = -\pi^* \star dV$$

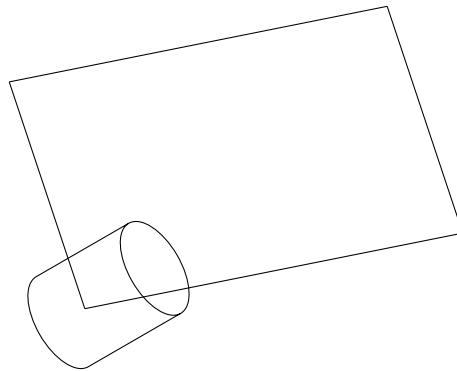
$$V \text{ a harmonic function on } \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ with } \frac{1}{r} \text{ singularities at } p_i$$

get a metric

$$g = V\pi^*g_{\mathbb{R}^3} + V^{-1}\eta^2.$$

Taking  $V = c + \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{1}{|x-p_i|}$  with  $c = 0$  gave  $A_k$  ALE and  $c \neq 0$  gives the multi Taub-NUT metrics. In either case,  $M = \tilde{M} \cup \{p_1, \dots, p_k\}$  is a smooth 4-manifold with complete hyperkähler metric.

## Description of Hyperkähler Structure



### Finish Diagram

*Example 5.*

- $V = \frac{1}{r} \iff (\mathbb{R}^4, g_{\mathbb{R}^4})$  flat hyperkähler

- $A_1$  **diagram missing**

associated to straightline  $-p \rightarrow p$  get minimal surface  $S^2 \subset M \implies H^2 = \langle S_\ell^2 \rangle$ .

If  $x_2|_\ell = x_3|_\ell = 0$ , then

$$\omega_1 = (d\theta + A) \wedge dx_1 + V dx_2 \wedge dx_3$$

$$\omega_2 = (d\theta + A) \wedge dx_2 - V dx_1 \wedge dx_3$$

$$\omega_3 = (d\theta + A) \wedge dx_3 + V dx_1 \wedge dx_2$$

$\omega_1$  is  $I$  (Kähler) and  $\Omega_1 = \omega_2 + i\omega_3$ . So  $\Omega_1|_{S_\ell^2} = 0$  implies  $S_\ell^2$  is Lagrangian for  $\omega_2, \omega_3$  and a complex curve with respect to  $I$ . In the physics terminology, this is a  $(B, A, A)$  brane (the  $B$  refers to complex geometry, the  $A$  to symplectic.)

**Fact:** For a generic  $x \in S_{cx^2}$ , no line  $\overline{p_i p_j}$  is parallel to  $x$ . Hence  $(M, I_x)$  has no rational curves and in fact is an affine algebraic variety but for  $x$  parallel to  $\overline{p_i p_j}$  get rational curves in corresponding complex structure.

## 5 Penrose Twistor Space

Start with a hyperkähler manifold  $(M^{4n}, g, I, J, K)$  and let  $S^2$  be the sphere of complex structures with coordinates  $(x_1, x_2, x_3) \leftrightarrow x_1I + x_2J + x_3K = I_x$ . Then the **twistor space** is  $Z = M \times S^2$ .

Given  $(m, x) \in Z$ ,  $T_{(m,x)} = T_m M \oplus T_x S^2$ . Since  $I_x \circlearrowleft T_m M$  and  $I_{std} \circlearrowleft T_x S^2$ ,  $\mathbb{I} = I_x \oplus I_{std} \circlearrowleft T_{(m,x)} Z$ .

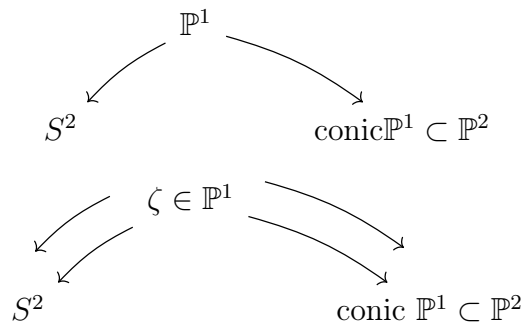
**Theorem 1.**  $(Z, \mathbb{I})$  is a complex  $(2n+1)_{\mathbb{C}}$  dimensional manifold.

*Proof.* Strategy: Identify generators for  $\Omega_Z^{(2n+1,0)}$  and show these are closed.

The holomorphic symplectic structure for  $I_x$  is what?

$$I_x = x_1 I + x_2 J + x_3 K \quad (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in S^2$$

$$\Omega_x = a\omega_1 + b\omega_2 + c\omega_3 \quad [a : b : c] \in \mathbb{C}P^2 \quad \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 0}{\text{smooth conic in } \mathbb{P}^2}$$



$$\frac{\vec{\eta} \times \bar{\vec{\eta}}}{\|\eta \times \bar{\eta}\|} = \frac{1}{1 + \zeta \bar{\zeta}} (1 - \zeta \bar{\zeta}, i(\bar{\zeta} - \zeta), -(\zeta + \bar{\zeta}))$$

So the holomorphic symplectic form for the complex structure  $I_\zeta$  is

$$\Omega_\zeta = 2i\zeta\omega_1 + (1 + \zeta^2)\omega_2 + i(1 - \zeta^2)\omega_3 = \Omega_1 + 2i\zeta\omega_1 + \zeta\omega_1 + \zeta^2\bar{\Omega}_1.$$

Finally for the holomorphic volume form for  $Z^{2n+1}$ .

$$\Theta = \Omega_\zeta \underbrace{\wedge \cdots \wedge}_{\eta} \Omega_\zeta \wedge d\zeta$$

defines a complex structure and

$$d\Theta = (d_M + d_{S^2})\Theta = 0$$

□

*Example 6.* If  $\mathbb{H} = \mathbb{C}^2$  then  $Z^3$  is a complex 3-fold with complex structure determined by

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1 &= \frac{i}{2}(dz_1 \wedge d\bar{z}_1 + dz_2 \wedge d\bar{z}_2) \\ \omega_2 + i\omega_3 &= dz_1 \wedge dz_2 \\ \Omega_\zeta &= \Omega_1 + 2i\zeta\omega_1 + \zeta^2\bar{\Omega}_1 \\ &= dz_1 \wedge dz_2 + 2i\zeta \frac{i}{2}(dz_1 \bar{d}z_1 + dz_2 \bar{d}z_2) + \zeta^2(d\bar{z}_1 \wedge d\bar{z}_2) - \zeta(dz_1 d\bar{z}_1 + dz_2 d\bar{z}_2) \\ &= (dz_1 + \zeta d\bar{z}_2) \wedge (dz_2 - \zeta d\bar{z}_1). \end{aligned}$$

Hence there are complex coordinates

$$\begin{cases} (\zeta, z_1 + \zeta \bar{z}_2, z_2 - \zeta \bar{z}_1) & \zeta \neq \infty \\ (\zeta^{-1}, \zeta^{-1} z_1 + \bar{z}_2, \zeta^{-1} z_2 - \bar{z}_1) & \zeta \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

on  $\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}^2$ . If we glue these, get

$$Z = \text{tot} \left( \mathcal{O}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}(1) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \right)$$

since the transition functions are  $(\zeta, \zeta)$  for the 2 factors.

**Diagram missing**

Warning: Each  $p \in M$  defines  $p \times S^2 \subset Z$  and this is obviously a complex curve, hence defines  $S_p \in H^0(\underbrace{\mathbb{P}^1}_{=H^0(\mathcal{O}(1)) \oplus H^0(\mathcal{O}(1))}, \mathcal{O}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}(1))$ . There exists a “real structure“ on  $Z$ ,  $\sigma : Z \xrightarrow{C^\infty} Z$  preserving

all the structure:

- antiholomorphic involution
- compatible with  $\Omega_\zeta$
- sends sections to sections

The sections fixed by  $\sigma$  are  $\mathbb{R}^4 \subset \mathbb{C}^4$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^4$  being the “real” twistor lines and  $\mathbb{C}^4$  being all twistor lines.