

Collapse and special holonomy metrics

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 - ALC spaces by cohomogeneity one methods
 - G_2 analogue of the Gibbons-Hawking ansatz.
 - ALC spaces by analytic methods
 - G_2 -holonomy metrics on compact manifolds collapsing to Calabi-Yau 3-folds

Collapsing hK metrics on K3

Foscolo gave the following general construction of collapsing families of hK metrics on the K3 surface utilising ALF gravitational instantons.

Theorem (Foscolo 2016) Every collection of 8 ALF spaces of dihedral type M_1, \dots, M_8 and n ALF spaces of cyclic type N_1, \dots, N_n satisfying

$$\sum_{j=1}^8 \chi(M_j) + \sum_{i=1}^n \chi(N_i) = 24$$

appears as the collection of “bubbles” forming in a sequence of Kähler Ricci-flat metrics on the K3 surface collapsing to the flat orbifold T^3/\mathbb{Z}_2 with bounded curvature away from $n + 8$ points.

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- The ALF spaces of **dihedral** type are more complicated to construct because they do not arise from the Gibbons-Hawking ansatz (except asymptotically). The Atiyah–Hitchin manifold D_0 and its double cover D_1 are vital to the gluing construction. They contribute effective negative 'charge'. Without them only have collapse via the Kummer construction.

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- Deform the resulting approximately hyperkähler metric using the Implicit Function Theorem. The setting of *definite triples* seems the most convenient framework to use.

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Q1: What's the correct G_2 analogue of an ALF gravitational instanton?

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Remark: ALC reduces to ALF when $n = 4$, $N = \mathbb{S}^3/\Gamma$ where Γ is a cyclic or binary dihedral group, and $\Sigma = \mathbb{S}^2$ or $\mathbb{R}P^2$ respectively.

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- Geometrically the two parameters control the size of the exceptional orbit (a round 3-sphere) and the length of the asymptotic circle.
- Geometric degenerations occur at special points in the parameter space.
 - The AC limit and the conically singular ALC space discussed by Johannes.
 - A **collapsed limit** where the ALC G_2 manifold Gromov-Hausdorff converges to a noncompact Calabi-Yau 3-fold.

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Essentially reduces us to solving a **linear** PDE $\Delta h = 0$ plus some topological constraints.

G_2 analogue of Gibbons-Hawking

- **Apostolov–Salamon** (2004): Let $M^7 \rightarrow Y^6$ be a principal circle bundle with connection θ and $(\omega, h^{-\frac{3}{4}}\Omega)$ an $SU(3)$ -structure on Y with h some positive function on Y . We define a G_2 -structure on P by

$$\varphi = \theta \wedge \omega + \operatorname{Re} \Omega.$$

The induced metric is

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and the 4-form is given by

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φ is an \mathbb{S}^1 -invariant torsion-free G_2 -structure iff

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Further work needed

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