

QALF hyperkähler spaces

(+ ranks about correspondence
3d Hitchin system/codim-4 ADE sing's G_2 -mflds)

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D_k ALF spaces from the Kummer construction

Gibbons–Hawking Ansatz (1978)

$$\begin{cases} \text{flat } (B^3, g_B) \text{ w/ parallel coframe} \\ \Delta_{g_B} h = 0 \text{ w/ } [*dh] \in H^2(B; \mathbb{Z}) \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{1-p family of } S^1\text{-inv. HK}^4 \text{ metrics} \\ g_\epsilon = (1 + \epsilon h) g_B + \epsilon^2 (1 + \epsilon h)^{-1} \theta^2 \end{array}$$

- **cyclic ALF** A_k space: $B = \mathbb{R}^3$, $h = \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \frac{1}{2|x-p_i|}$

Kummer construction

Gibbons–Pope (1979), Page (1982), Hitchin (1984), Biquard–Minerbe (2011)

- distinct $\pm p_1, \dots, \pm p_{k-2}$
- **dihedral** $\mathbb{Z}_2 \subset A_{2k-5}$: 2 fixed points modelled on $\mathbb{C}^2/\mathbb{Z}_2$
- desingularise A_{2k-5}/\mathbb{Z}_2 by gluing 2 copies of EH \rightsquigarrow
- **dihedral ALF** D_k space $k \geq 2$

Working in fixed complex structure (and 2 EH have same periods up to scale):
holomorphic symplectic manifold $D_k = \text{Hilb}^{\mathbb{Z}_2}(A_{k-3}) = \text{Hilb}^{[2]}(A_{k-3})//_0 \mathbb{C}^*$

Review: Hilbert schemes, twistor spaces

Transverse and invariant Hilbert schemes

Beauville (1983), Atiyah–Hitchin (1988), Ito–Nakamura (1996)

$$\text{holo symplectic } X^2 \rightsquigarrow \text{holo sympl Hilb}^{[k]}(X) \xrightarrow{\phi} \text{Sym}^k(X)$$

- holo fibration $\mu: X^2 \rightarrow C^1 \rightsquigarrow \text{Hilb}_{\mu}^{[k]}(X) \subset \text{Hilb}^{[k]}(X)$
 - $\text{Hilb}_{\mu}^{[2]}(X)$ regular set of $\text{Hilb}^{[2]}(X) \xrightarrow{s^2(\mu) \circ \phi} \text{Sym}^2(C) = \text{Hilb}^{[2]}(C)$
- symplectic involution $\rightsquigarrow \text{Hilb}^{\mathbb{Z}_2}(X) \subset \left(\text{Hilb}^{[2]}(X) \right)^{\mathbb{Z}_2}$

$(M^{4n}, \underline{\omega})$ hyperkähler \rightsquigarrow **twistor space** $Z = M \times S^2$

- complex structure $p: Z \rightarrow \mathbb{CP}^1$
- antiholomorphic involution $\tau: Z \rightarrow Z$ lifting antipodal map
- fibrewise symplectic $\omega^c \in H^0(Z, \Lambda^2 T_F^* \otimes p^* \mathcal{O}(2))$
- real holomorphic section s of Z is a **twistor line** if $s^* T_F \simeq \mathcal{O}(1)^{\oplus 2n}$
- \rightsquigarrow components of space of twistor lines carry **pseudo**HK structures

(Hitchin–Karlhede–Lindström–Roček, 1987)

D_k ALF and M-theory/IIA duality

$k \in \mathbb{Z}$

Atiyah–Hitchin (1988), Cherkis–Hitchin (2005)

- distinct $\pm p_1, \dots, \pm p_k \in \mathbb{R}^3$
- A_{2k-1} : holo moment map $\mu: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ + symplectic involution
 $\rightsquigarrow \text{Hilb}_\mu^{\mathbb{Z}_2}(A_{2k-1})$
- fibrewise on twistor space $Z(A_{2k-1}) \rightsquigarrow$ twistor space $Z(D_k)$

Dihedral ALF spaces from GH + AH Sen (1997), F. (2016), Schroers–Singer (2020)

- **Atiyah–Hitchin** metric: asymptotic to GH/\mathbb{Z}_2 with $h = -4 \frac{1}{2|x|}$
- incomplete GH for $\epsilon \ll 1$: $B = \mathbb{R}^3$, $h = -4 \frac{1}{2|x|} + \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{2|x-p_i|} + \frac{1}{2|x+p_i|}$
- **dihedral ALF** D_k space: $\text{GH}^\epsilon/\mathbb{Z}_2 \# \text{AH}$

Classification (G. Chen–X. Chen, 2015)

Any complete HK⁴ w/ $\text{Vol}(B_r) = O(r^3)$, $|\text{Rm}| = O(r^{-2})$ is either A_k for some $k \geq -1$ or D_k for some $k \geq 0$

Hypertoric QALF metrics

Bielawski–Dancer (2000)

- n -torus $T = \mathfrak{h}/\Lambda$ ($\mathfrak{h} \simeq \mathfrak{h}^*$, $\Lambda^* \subset \mathfrak{h}^*$)
- $T \subset (M^{4n}, \underline{\omega})$ triholomorphically $\rightsquigarrow \underline{\mu}: M \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}^* \otimes \mathbb{R}^3$
 - $u_1, \dots, u_n \in \Lambda + \underline{\lambda}_1, \dots, \underline{\lambda}_n \in \mathbb{R}^3 \rightsquigarrow$ **flats** $H_{u_i}(\underline{\lambda}_i) = \{\langle u_i, \underline{x} \rangle = \underline{\lambda}_i\}$
 - $G \in \text{Sym}_{\geq 0}^2(\mathfrak{h})$: assume $G > 0 \rightsquigarrow$
- $(M, \underline{\omega})$ **QALF**
 - large open set of end $\approx (T, G^{-1}) \times (\mathfrak{h}^*, G) \otimes \mathbb{R}^3$
 - local model $(\mathbb{R}^3 \times S^1)^{n-1} \times TN$ at generic points of H
- smoothness: $H_1 \cap \dots \cap H_k \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \{u_1, \dots, u_k\}$ part of a \mathbb{Z} -basis of Λ
 - Nagaoka (2019), Eldridge (2020): classification hypertoric manifolds for $n = 2$

Dihedral QALF metrics?

- Weyl group $W \subset T + W$ -invariant G and $\{H_1, \dots, H_n\}$ + weight **–4** attached to W -fixed flat \rightsquigarrow **approx HK end**
 - large open set of end $\approx (T \times \mathfrak{h}^* \otimes \mathbb{R}^3)/W$
 - local model $(\mathbb{R}^3 \times S^1)^{n-1} \times TN$ at generic points of H_u w/ $\text{Stab}_W(u) = \{1\}$
 - local model $(\mathbb{R}^3 \times S^1)^{n-1} \times AH$ at generic points of H_u w/ $\text{Stab}_W(u) = \mathbb{Z}_2$

Twistor space and holo symplectic structure

Proposition

- Holo sympl X + sympl action finite Coxeter group W
- Decomposition $\bigcup_w X^w$ of set of points with non-triv stab, where X^w codim-2 submfld fixed by reflection w
- $\mathfrak{h}^c = W\text{-rep w/o triv factors} + \mu: X \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}^c$ holo W -equiv fibration

Then $\text{Hilb}_\mu^W(X)$ is a holo symplectic manifold

- T max torus of cpt ssimple G , Weyl group W , inv metric on $\mathfrak{h} \simeq \mathfrak{h}^*$
- ‘coroot-flats’ $H_{\alpha^\vee} \subset \mathfrak{h} \otimes \mathbb{R}^3$ fixed by W
- W -invariant collection of further flats H_{u_i} , $u_i \in \Lambda$
 - special case: $\{u_i\}$ = weights of rep V of Langland dual G^\vee
 - **Coulomb branch** of 3d N=4 SYM for G^\vee and hypermultiplets in $V \oplus V^*$

Proposal: hypertoric M' from flats H_{u_i} with \mathbb{C} -moment map $\mu \rightsquigarrow$

- holomorphic symplectic manifold $M = \text{Hilb}_\mu^W(M')$
- $Z(M)$ by fibrewise construction on fibres of $Z(M')$

From the twistor space to Nahm's equations

Simplest case $M' = T \times (\mathfrak{h} \otimes \mathbb{R}^3)$, \mathfrak{h} W -irrep (pure SYM for simple G^\vee)

$Z(M') = T^c$ -bundle $\mathcal{L}^{1/\epsilon} \xrightarrow{\mu} \mathfrak{h}^c \otimes \mathcal{O}(2)$ with trans funct $\exp\left(-\frac{1}{\epsilon}\zeta^{-1}v\right)$

- twistor lines in $Z(M)$: W -inv real curves in $Z(M')$ of deg $|W|$ over \mathbb{CP}^1 and with normal bundle a sum of $\mathcal{O}(1)$'s (Bielawski, 2014)
 - W -inv curves $S \subset \mathfrak{h}^c \otimes \mathcal{O}(2)$ from $q_S \in H^0(\mathbb{CP}^1, \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathcal{O}(2d_i))$
 - $\mathcal{L}^{1/\epsilon}|_S \simeq S \times T^c$
- (S, \mathcal{L}) 'cameral' data of **coHiggs G^c -bundle** (\mathcal{E}, Φ) on \mathbb{CP}^1
Hurtubise (1997), Scognamillo (1998), Donagi–Gaitsgory (2002)
 - $(S, S \times T^c)$ cameral data of $(\mathcal{E}_{max}, \Phi)$ determined by $\sum_{\alpha \in R^+} \alpha^\vee$ and q_S
- **Nahm's flow:** $(\mathcal{E}, \Phi) \rightsquigarrow (\bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{E}} + s \iota_\Phi \omega_{FS}, \Phi)$
 - $\mathcal{E} \simeq S \times G^c \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{E}_s \xrightarrow{u_s} \mathcal{E}$
 - $\text{Ad}_{u_s}(\Phi) = (\Phi_1 + i\Phi_2) - 2i\Phi_3\zeta + (\Phi_1 - i\Phi_2)\zeta^2$ solution of Nahm's eqns

$$\dot{\Phi}_i + [\Phi_j, \Phi_k] = 0 \quad (\text{Hitchin, 2011/2018})$$

- $\mathcal{E}_s \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{max}$ as $s \rightarrow 0 \rightsquigarrow \underline{\Phi}$ simple pole w/ residue = regular \mathfrak{su}_2 -triple

$$-\mathfrak{g}_i + [\mathfrak{g}_j, \mathfrak{g}_k] = 0 \quad \mathfrak{T}_i = \frac{1}{s} \mathfrak{g}_i + \dots \quad s \rightarrow 0$$

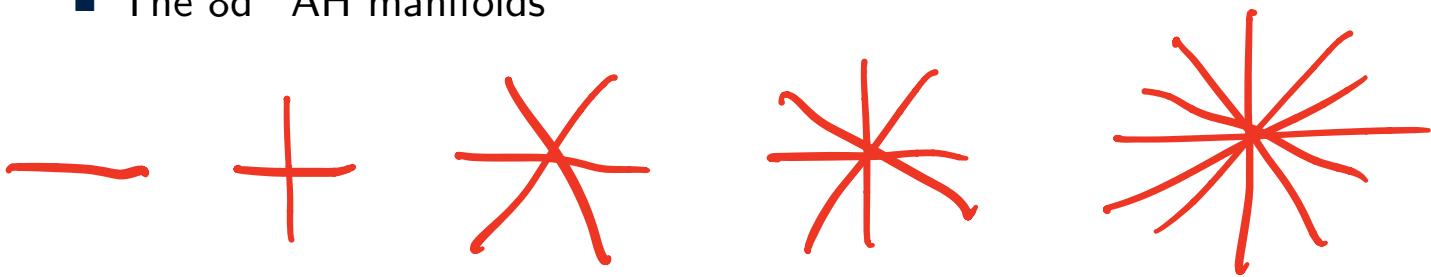
The AH manifold of a cptc ssimple Lie group

Claim: $M = \text{Hilb}_{\mu}^W(T^* T^c)$ can be identified with the moduli space of solutions to Nahm's eqs on $(0, 1/\epsilon)$ with structure gp G and regular poles at the endpoints. $Z(M)$ is the twistor space of the HK L^2 -metric on this moduli space. This metric is QALF.

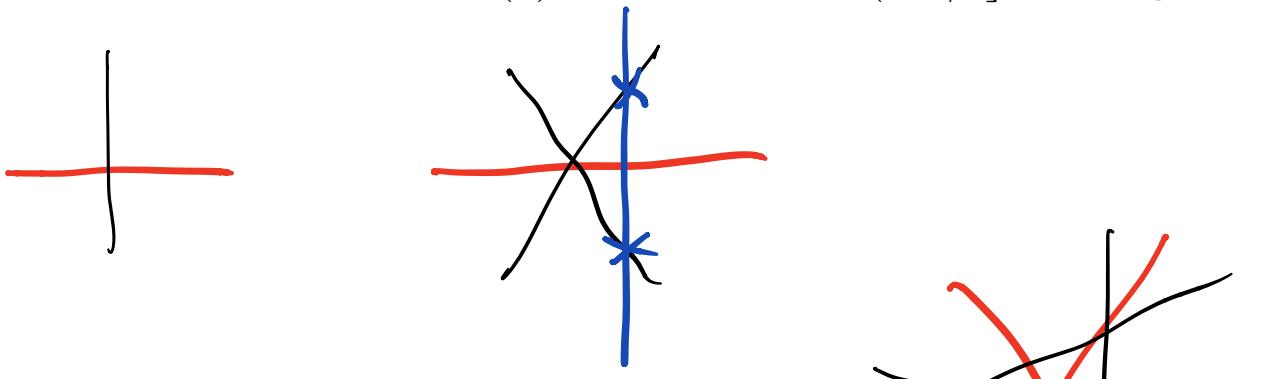
- **regular** poles $\Rightarrow \underline{\Phi}_k$ diverges in M iff $\lambda_k^{-1} := |\underline{\Phi}_k(\text{mid})| \rightarrow \infty$
- rescale: $\lambda_k \underline{\Phi}_k(\lambda_k \cdot) \xrightarrow{k} \text{pairs of solns } \underline{\Phi}^\pm \text{ on } (0, +\infty) \text{ and } (-\infty, 0)$
- $\underline{\Phi}^+ \approx \underline{\tau} + \frac{1}{s} \underline{\rho}^\infty + O(s^{-1-\delta}) \text{ or } O(e^{-\delta s})$
 - $[\underline{\tau}, \underline{\tau}] = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\tau} \in \mathfrak{h} \otimes \mathbb{R}^3$
 - $\underline{\rho}^\infty$ regular \mathfrak{su}_2 -triple in $\ker [\underline{\tau}, \cdot]$
- if $\underline{\tau}$ regular ACyl gluing $\rightsquigarrow g_{L^2} \approx$ hypertoric $+ O(e^{-\delta s})$
- $n = 2$: if $\underline{\tau}$ not regular gluing 'bridge' given by sol for $G = \text{SU}(2)$
 \rightsquigarrow bubbling-off $\mathbb{R}^3 \times S^1 \times AH$ along coroot-flats

8d examples

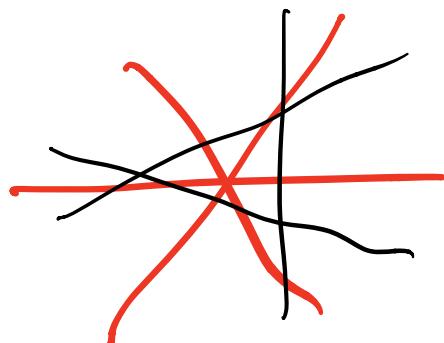
- The 8d “AH manifolds”



- Dancer's manifold: $SU(2)$ Nahm eqn's on $(0, 1/\epsilon]$ with regular pole at 0



- More complicated examples



Coda: G_2 Hitchin-type system / codim-4 ADE singularities in G_2 -mflds
& deformations of HK cones

$M^3, g, S \rightarrow M$ locus of ADE singularities in a G_2 -mfd

$\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma \rightsquigarrow G$ cpt ssimple Lie gp

$$\begin{matrix} \mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}, W \\ \cong H^2(\widetilde{\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma}) \end{matrix}$$

G_2 Hitchin-type system:

$P \rightarrow M$ princ. G -bundle

A conn. on P

$$\phi \in \Omega^1(M; \text{ad } P) \quad \text{s.t.}$$

$$\begin{cases} F_A - [\phi \wedge \phi] = 0 \\ d_A \phi = 0 = d_A^* \phi \end{cases}$$

$A + i\phi$ flat

Slogan: (A, ϕ) encode information to construct a fibration

$$\begin{matrix} F^4 \hookrightarrow (X^7, \phi) \\ \uparrow \qquad \downarrow \\ \text{HK at leading order, } (\mathbb{M}^3, g) \\ \text{"deforming" } \mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma \end{matrix}$$

closed ϕ w/ "small" torsion
(Donaldson: adiabatic limit coassoc. fibr.)
Joyce - Karigiannis

$$(\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3) \in \mathfrak{h} \otimes \mathbb{R}^3/W$$

Problem clear interpretation only if $[\phi \wedge \phi] = 0$

§1. An analogue of the Hitchin map

$$\phi \in \Omega^1(M; \text{ad } P) \leftrightarrow \phi: S \times_M P \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \otimes \mathfrak{g} \quad \text{SU(2) } G \text{-equiv.}$$

$$\left[\text{or loc. } \phi = \phi_i dx^i \quad (\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3) \in C^\infty(U; \mathbb{R}^3 \otimes \mathfrak{g}) \right]$$

Lemma Ad-inv. poly on \mathfrak{g} induce $SU(2)$ -equiv., G -inv. map

$$\mathbb{R}^3 \otimes \mathfrak{g} \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \text{Sym}^{2d_i}(\mathbb{C}^2)_R$$

$$\text{Proof. } \mathbb{R}^3 \otimes \mathbb{C} \simeq H^0(\mathbb{P}^1; \mathcal{O}(2)) \quad \text{Sym}^{2d_i}(\mathbb{C}^2) \simeq H^0(\mathbb{P}^1; \mathcal{O}(2d_i)) \quad \blacksquare$$

Def Hitchin map: $\phi \mapsto s_\phi \in C^\infty(M; \bigoplus_i \text{Sym}^{2d_i}(\mathcal{S}))$
 $\partial s_\phi = 0$

§2. Deformations of HK cones

Prop. $\bigoplus_{i=1}^n H^0(P_j^1; \mathcal{O}(2d_i))_R$ parametrises HK metrics (gen. incomplete)
 BF "deforming" the flat cone metric on C^2/Γ .

Proof.

uses twistor methods & deformation theory:

Varial def. of C^2/Γ :

C^*G	$\xrightarrow{\pi}$	holo. sympl. fibres
+ antiholo. involution	$\downarrow \pi$	$T^*W \cong \mathbb{C}^r$ via inv. poly

$\rightsquigarrow \mathfrak{X}(2) \xrightarrow{\pi} \bigoplus_i \mathcal{O}(2d_i)$ w/ real structure
 \downarrow_{P^1}

$* s \in \bigoplus_i H^0(P_j^1; \mathcal{O}(2d_i))_R \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{Z}_s = \pi^{-1}(s)$
 twistor space (Hitchin, 1979)

* ℓ twistor line in \mathcal{Z}_s is smooth pt of space of sections of $\mathfrak{X}(2)$
 & $H^0(\pi)$ submersion at ℓ

\rightsquigarrow deform to ℓ_t twistor line in \mathcal{Z}_{ts} \blacksquare

Example: C^2/\mathbb{Z}_2 $d_i = 2$ $\text{Sym}^4(C^2)_R \cong \text{Sym}_0^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$

Hitchin map: $\mathbb{R}^3 \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_2} (\mathbb{Z}_2) \mapsto \left(|\phi_1|^2 - |\phi_3|^2, \langle \phi_1, \phi_2 \rangle, \langle \phi_1, \phi_3 \rangle \right)$

HK metric g_s from \mathcal{Z}_s , $s \in \text{Sym}_0^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$ explicit: (Belinskii et al.)
 1978

HK "end" asymptotic to C^2/\mathbb{Z}_2

complete only when s comes from $\mathbb{R}^3 - \lambda_i \in (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$