

A Personal Tour Through Symplectic Topology and Geometry

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Describe the following **3 trails** and how my work fits in them.

- **Gromov trail**: holomorphic curves and topology of symplectomorphism groups.
- **Delzant-Guillemin trail**: moment polytopes and Kähler geometry of toric orbifolds.
- **Donaldson trail**: Hamiltonian action of the group of symplectomorphisms on the space of compatible complex structures.

Holomorphic Curves

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Definition

A **parametrized holomorphic curve** is a map from a closed Riemann surface to an almost complex manifold, $f : (\Sigma, j) \rightarrow (M, J)$, such that $df \circ j = J \circ df$. Its image $C = f(\Sigma)$ is an **unparametrized holomorphic curve**.

- $\mathcal{J}(M, \omega)$ - space of **compatible** almost complex structures on a **symplectic manifold** (M, ω) , i.e. $J \in \Gamma(\text{End}(TM))$ with $J^2 = -Id$, such that

$g_J(\cdot, \cdot) \equiv \omega(\cdot, J\cdot)$ is a **Riemannian metric** on M .

- $\mathcal{J}(M, \omega)$ is always **non-empty**, infinite-dimensional and **contractible**.

Simple Version of Gromov's Compactness Theorem (1985)

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$f_n : (\Sigma, j) \rightarrow (M, \omega, J_n)$ - holomorphic curves representing $0 \neq A \in H_2(M, \mathbb{Z})$. Assume that $J_n \rightarrow J_\infty$ in $\mathcal{J}(M, \omega)$.

Then, modulo $PSL(2, \mathbb{C})$ -reparametrizations when $\Sigma = S^2$,

- (i) either a subsequence of f_n converges to a holomorphic curve $f_\infty : (\Sigma, j) \rightarrow (M, J_\infty)$, also representing A ;
- (ii) or $A = B + A'$, where $B \neq 0$ can be represented by a J_∞ -holomorphic sphere (“bubble”) and $A' \neq 0$ can be represented by a J_∞ -holomorphic curve.

Simple Corollary of Gromov's Compactness Theorem

Any compatible almost complex structure $J \in \mathcal{J}(M, \omega)$ satisfies the **positivity** condition

$$\omega(X, JX) > 0, \quad \forall 0 \neq X \in TM.$$

Hence

$$[\omega](A) > 0$$

for any $0 \neq A \in H_2(M, \mathbb{Z})$ that can be **represented by a holomorphic curve**.

Corollary

If the homology class $A \in H_2(M, \mathbb{Z})$ **cannot** be written as $A = A_1 + A_2$, where $[\omega](A_i) > 0$, $i = 1, 2$, and either A_1 or A_2 is a spherical class, then **(i) holds** (i.e. **no “bubbles”**).

Properties of Holomorphic Curves in Dimension 4 - Homology Controls Geometry

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Positivity of Intersections implies that two **distinct** holomorphic curves C and C' , representing homology classes $A = [C]$ and $A' = [C']$, satisfy:

- $A \cdot A' \geq 0$ (i.e. if $A \cdot A' < 0$ then $C = C'$).
- $A \cdot A' = 0$ iff C and C' are **disjoint**.
- $A \cdot A' = 1$ iff C and C' **intersect transversally at 1 point**.

The **Adjunction Formula** implies that a somewhere injective holomorphic curve $C = f(\Sigma) \subset M$, with $A = [C] \in H^2(M)$, is **embedded** iff

$$2 + A \cdot A - c_1(A) = 2 \cdot (\text{genus of } \Sigma).$$

Holomorphic Spheres and the Symplectomorphism Group of $(S^2 \times S^2, \sigma \times \sigma)$

Proposition

For **any** $J \in \mathcal{J}(S^2 \times S^2, \sigma \times \sigma)$ and **any point** $p \in S^2 \times S^2$, there exist **J -holomorphic spheres** representing the classes $A = [S^2 \times \{p}]$ and $F = [\{p\} \times S^2]$, both passing through the point p .

Proof.

The statement is **true for a subset** of $\mathcal{J}(S^2 \times S^2, \sigma \times \sigma)$ which is:

- (i) **non-empty** (contains $J_0 = j_0 \times j_0$);
- (ii) **open** (holomorphic curve equation is elliptic);
- (iii) **closed** (Corollary of Gromov's Compactness).



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$$\text{Diff}^{H_2}(S^2 \times S^2, \sigma \times \sigma) \sim SO(3) \times SO(3).$$

Proof.

The **natural action** map

$$\beta : \text{Diff}^{H_2}(S^2 \times S^2, \sigma \times \sigma) / SO(3) \times SO(3) \rightarrow \mathcal{J},$$

given by $\beta([\varphi]) = \varphi_*(J_0)$, is an **homotopy equivalence**.

In fact, one can construct an **homotopy inverse** using the **coordinate systems** provided by **holomorphic sphere foliations**. □

Holomorphic Spheres and the Symplectomorphism Group of $(S^2 \times S^2, \omega_\lambda)$

Given $1 < \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, let $M_\lambda \equiv (S^2 \times S^2, \omega_\lambda = \lambda\sigma \times \sigma)$,
 $\mathcal{J}_\lambda \equiv \mathcal{J}(M_\lambda)$ and $G_\lambda \equiv \text{Symp}(M_\lambda)$.

For each $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$, define $U_k \subset \mathcal{J}_\lambda$ by

$J \in U_k \Leftrightarrow \exists$ **J -holomorphic sphere** representing $A - kF$.

Note: $[\omega_\lambda](A - kF) > 0 \Leftrightarrow k < \lambda \Leftrightarrow k \leq \ell$, where $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ is such that $\ell < \lambda \leq \ell + 1$. Hence $U_k \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow 0 \leq k \leq \ell$.

In fact, when $0 \leq k \leq \ell$, there exists **integrable** $J_k \in U_k$ such that:

- $(S^2 \times S^2, J_k) \cong$ **Hirzebruch surface** H_{2k} ;
- $K_k \equiv \text{Isom}(S^2 \times S^2, g_{\lambda,k}(\cdot, \cdot) \equiv \omega_\lambda(\cdot, J_k \cdot))$ is **$SO(3) \times SO(3)$** ($k = 0$) or **$SO(3) \times S^1$** ($k \geq 1$).

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A.'98, McDuff'00

\mathcal{J}_λ is stratified as $\mathcal{J}_\lambda = U_0 \sqcup U_1 \sqcup \cdots \sqcup U_\ell$, where U_0 is open and dense, $\text{codim}(U_k) = 4k - 2$ when $k \geq 1$, and $\overline{U_k} = U_k \sqcup U_{k+1} \sqcup \cdots \sqcup U_\ell$. Moreover,

$$G_\lambda/K_k \sim U_k, \quad \forall k \geq 0.$$

A.-McDuff'00

$$H^*(G_\lambda; \mathbb{Q}) = \Lambda(a, x, y) \otimes S(w_\ell),$$

where $\Lambda(a, x, y) =$ exterior algebra over \mathbb{Q} on generators a , x and y of degrees $\text{deg}(a) = 1$, $\text{deg}(x) = \text{deg}(y) = 3$, and $S(w_\ell) =$ polynomial algebra over \mathbb{Q} on the generator w_ℓ of degree 4ℓ .

Symplectic Toric Manifolds

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Definition

A **symplectic toric manifold** is a connected symplectic manifold (M, ω) of dimension $2n$, equipped with an effective **Hamiltonian \mathbb{T}^n -action**.

The corresponding **moment map** will be denoted by $\mu : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ and, for **compact** M , the corresponding moment polytope $\mu(M) = P \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ will be called its **Delzant polytope**.

Delzant polytopes are always **convex** (by the A-G-S Convexity Theorem), **simple** and **integral**, and these 3 properties can be used to define them.

Classification Theorems

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Delzant'82

The Delzant polytope is a **complete invariant** of a compact symplectic toric manifold.

Lerman-Tolman'97

The **rational** Delzant polytope with a positive integer **label** attached to each of its **facets** is a **complete invariant** of a compact symplectic toric **orbifold**.

A **facet** of a polytope is a codimension-1 face.

Examples - Projective Spaces

$(\mathbb{P}^n, \omega_{\text{FS}})$, with homogeneous coordinates $[z_0; z_1; \dots; z_n]$.

\mathbb{T}^n -action on \mathbb{P}^n given by

$$(y_1, \dots, y_n) \cdot [z_0; z_1; \dots; z_n] = [z_0; e^{-iy_1} z_1; \dots; e^{-iy_n} z_n],$$

is **Hamiltonian**, with moment map $\mu_{\text{FS}} : \mathbb{P}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ given by

$$\mu_{\text{FS}}[z_0; z_1; \dots; z_n] = \frac{1}{\|z\|^2} (\|z_1\|^2, \dots, \|z_n\|^2).$$

$(\mathbb{P}^n, \omega_{\text{FS}})$ is a **compact** symplectic toric manifold.

Delzant polytope $P = \mu_{\text{FS}}(\mathbb{P}^n)$ is the **standard simplex** in \mathbb{R}^n .

Examples - Labeled Projective Spaces

$$(\mathbb{P}_{\vec{m}}^n, \omega_{\vec{m}}), \text{ where } \vec{m} = (m_1, \dots, m_{n+1}) \in \mathbb{N}^{n+1},$$

is the symplectic toric orbifold associated with the **standard simplex** in \mathbb{R}^n , with **labels** $m_1, \dots, m_{n+1} \in \mathbb{N}$ on its facets.

The better known **weighted projective spaces**,

$$\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}_{\vec{a}}^n \text{ with } \vec{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_{n+1}) \in \mathbb{N}^{n+1},$$

are orbifold **covering spaces** of labeled projective spaces, i.e. there is an orbifold covering map $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}_{\vec{a}}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\vec{m}}^n$ of degree $(\prod a_k)^{n-1}$, where

$$m_r = \prod_{k=1, k \neq r}^{n+1} a_k, \quad 1 \leq r \leq n+1.$$

Toric Compatible Complex Structures

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Definition

A **toric compatible complex structure** on a symplectic toric manifold (M^{2n}, ω) is a

$$\mathbb{T}^n\text{-invariant } J \in \mathcal{I}(M, \omega) \subset \mathcal{J}(M, \omega).$$

The space of all such will be denoted by

$$\mathcal{I}^{\mathbb{T}^n}(M, \omega) \subset \mathcal{J}^{\mathbb{T}^n}(M, \omega).$$

- It follows from the classification theorems of Delzant and Lerman-Tolman that $\mathcal{I}^{\mathbb{T}^n}(M, \omega)$ is **non-empty** for any compact symplectic toric manifold or orbifold.

Description of Action-Angle Coordinates

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$$\mathbb{R}^n \supset \mu(M) = P \supset \check{P} \equiv \text{interior of } P.$$

$\check{M} \equiv \mu^{-1}(\check{P}) \equiv \{\text{points of } M \text{ where } \mathbb{T}^n\text{-action is free}\}$

$$\cong \check{P} \times \mathbb{T}^n = \left\{ (x, y) : x \in \check{P} \subset \mathbb{R}^n, y \in \mathbb{R}^n / 2\pi\mathbb{Z}^n \right\}$$

such that $\omega|_{\check{M}} = dx \wedge dy \equiv$ standard symplectic form

Definition

$(x, y) \equiv$ symplectic/Darboux/action-angle coordinates.

- \check{M} is an open dense subset of M .
- In these coordinates, the moment map $\mu : \check{M} \rightarrow \check{P}$ is given by $\mu(x, y) = x$.

Local Form of Toric Compatible Complex Structures

For any **integrable** $J \in \mathcal{I}^{\mathbb{T}^n}$ there exist action-angle coordinates (x, y) on $\check{M} \cong \check{P} \times \mathbb{T}^n$ such that

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \vdots & -S^{-1} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ S & \vdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

with

$$S = S(x) = (s_{ij}(x)) = \left(\frac{\partial^2 s}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right) > 0$$

for some **real** potential function $s : \check{P} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

We will call s the **symplectic potential** of the complex structure J .

Examples - Compact Symplectic Toric Manifolds

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- To any Delzant polytope $P \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, a construction of Delzant associates a canonical compact Kähler toric manifold $(M_P^{2n}, \omega_P, J_P)$ with moment map $\mu_P : M_P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ and moment polytope $\mu_P(M_P) = P$.
- Let F_i denote the i -th facet of the polytope. The **affine defining function** of F_i is the function

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_i : \mathbb{R}^n &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x &\longmapsto \ell_i(x) = \langle x, \nu_i \rangle - \lambda_i, \end{aligned}$$

where $\nu_i \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ is a primitive inward pointing normal to F_i and $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$ is such that $\ell_i|_{F_i} \equiv 0$. Note that $\ell_i|_P > 0$.

Examples - Compact Symplectic Toric Manifolds

- Lerman-Tolman extended Delzant's construction to **rational and labeled** Delzant polytopes, associating to each a compact Kähler toric **orbifold** $(M_P^{2n}, \omega_P, J_P)$.

Guillemin'94, A.'01

In appropriate action-angle coordinates (x, y) , the canonical symplectic potential $s_P : \check{P} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for $J_P|_{\check{P}}$ is given by

$$s_P(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^d m_i l_i(x) \log l_i(x),$$

where d is the number of facets of P and $m_i \in \mathbb{N}$ is the **label** of the i -th facet of P , $i = 1, \dots, d$.

Examples - Projective Space $(\mathbb{P}^n, \omega_{FS}, \mu_{FS})$

The Delzant polytope of \mathbb{P}^n is the **standard simplex**, with defining affine functions

$$\ell_i(\mathbf{x}) = x_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad \text{and} \quad \ell_{n+1}(\mathbf{x}) = 1 - r,$$

where $r = \sum_i x_i$. In this **smooth** case all **labels** = 1.

The canonical symplectic potential, $s_P : \check{P} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, is then given by

$$s_P(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \log x_i + \frac{1}{2} (1 - r) \log(1 - r).$$

It defines the **standard complex structure** J_{FS} and **Fubini-Study metric** g_{FS} on \mathbb{P}^n .

Remark - Symplectic Potentials and Reduction

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Calderbank-David-Gauduchon'02

Symplectic potentials **restrict** naturally under toric symplectic **reduction**.

- If (M', ω', P') is a toric symplectic reduction of (M, ω, P) , then there is a natural affine inclusion $P' \subset P$ and any $J \in \mathcal{I}^{\mathbb{T}}(M, \omega)$ induces a reduced $J' \in \mathcal{I}^{\mathbb{T}'}(M', \omega')$. This theorem says that if $s : \check{P} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $s' : \check{P}' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ denote the corresponding symplectic potentials, then

$$s' = s|_{\check{P}'}.$$

It easily implies, for example, Guillemin's formula for the canonical symplectic potential s_P .

Toric $\partial\bar{\partial}$ -Lemma in Action-Angle Coordinates

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Let $J \in \mathcal{I}^{\mathbb{T}^n}(M_P, \omega_P)$. Then, in suitable action-angle coordinates (x, y) on $\check{M} \cong \check{P} \times \mathbb{T}^n$, J is given by a **symplectic potential** $s : \check{P} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ of the form

$$s(x) = s_P(x) + h(x),$$

where $h \in C^\infty(P)$, $\text{Hess}_x(s) > 0$ in \check{P} and $\det(\text{Hess}_x(s)) = (\delta(x) \prod_i \ell_i)^{-1}$, with $\delta \in C^\infty(P)$ and $\delta(x) > 0$, $\forall x \in P$.

Conversely, **any such s** is the **symplectic potential** of a $J \in \mathcal{I}^{\mathbb{T}^n}(\check{P} \times \mathbb{T}^n)$ that compactifies to a **well defined** $J \in \mathcal{I}^{\mathbb{T}^n}(M_P, \omega_P)$.

Extremal Kähler Metrics

Definition (Calabi'82)

Extremal Kähler metrics are **critical points** of the square of the L^2 -norm of the **scalar curvature**, considered as a functional on the space of all **Kähler metrics in a fixed Kähler cohomology class**.

- Extremal Kähler metrics **generalize** constant scalar curvature Kähler metrics.
- The extremal **Euler-Lagrange equation** is equivalent to the **gradient of the scalar curvature** being an **holomorphic** vector field.
- From a symplectic point of view, "Kähler metrics in a fixed Kähler cohomology class" means **compatible complex structures in a fixed diffeomorphism class**.

Remarks on Toric Case

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- Calabi proved that **extremal Kähler metrics** are always **invariant under a maximal compact subgroup** of the group of holomorphic diffeomorphisms of the underlying complex manifold.
- This implies that **on a toric manifold extremal Kähler metrics are toric.**
- On a **fixed symplectic toric manifold**, there is a **unique diffeomorphism class of compatible toric complex structures.**

Toric Kähler Metrics and Scalar Curvature

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- Toric Kähler metric

$$g = \begin{bmatrix} (s_{ij}) & \vdots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \vdots & (s^{jj}) \end{bmatrix}$$

where $(s_{ij}) = \text{Hess}_x(s)$ for a symplectic potential $s : \check{P} \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

- Formula for its **scalar curvature** [A.'98]:

$$Sc \equiv - \sum_{j,k} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[s^{jk} \frac{\partial \log(\det \text{Hess}_x(s))}{\partial x_k} \right] = - \sum_{j,k} \frac{\partial^2 s^{jk}}{\partial x_j \partial x_k}$$

- **Extremal** $\Leftrightarrow Sc$ is **affine function** on $\check{P} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$.

Remarks

- Many interesting **explicit** constructions in this setting. For example, Calabi's first examples of **extremal metrics** with non-constant scalar curvature, **on non-trivial holomorphic \mathbb{P}^1 -bundles over \mathbb{P}^n** , have simple explicit symplectic potentials [A.'98].
- (**Donaldson'04,'06**) Geometric and analytic study of the general nonlinear, fourth order PDE for a convex function $u : \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, given by

$$-\sum_{j,k} \frac{\partial^2 u^{jk}}{\partial x_j \partial x_k} = A,$$

where A is some given function (e.g. Ω a polytope and A a suitable affine function).

Examples - Extremal Metrics on Labeled Projective Spaces

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- (R. Bryant'01) Constructs **extremal Kähler metrics on weighted projective spaces**, as particular examples of Bochner-Kähler metrics.
- In our setting these can be written down explicitly, on the corresponding **labeled projective spaces**, in the following simple way.
- Let $P \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be the **standard simplex**, with defining affine functions

$$l_i(x) = x_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad \text{and} \quad l_{n+1}(x) = 1 - r,$$

where $r = \sum_i x_i$, and **facet labels** $m_1, \dots, m_{n+1} \in \mathbb{N}$.

Examples - Extremal Metrics on Labeled Projective Spaces

Define

$$\ell_{\vec{m}}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} m_i l_i(x).$$

A.'01

The **symplectic potential**

$$s(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} m_i l_i(x) \log l_i(x) - \frac{1}{2} \ell_{\vec{m}}(x) \log \ell_{\vec{m}}(x)$$

defines an **extremal** toric Kähler metric on the labeled projective space $(\mathbb{P}_{\vec{m}}^n, \omega_{\vec{m}}, \tau_{\vec{m}})$. If the integer labels m_i are not all equal, this metric has **non-constant** scalar curvature.

General Moment Map Framework (Atiyah-Bott-Kirwan-Donaldson)

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(X, J, Ω) with **Kähler action** of a Lie group G , such that:

- (i) **holomorphic action of G on (X, J) extends to $G^{\mathbb{C}}$** ;
- (ii) **symplectic action of G on (X, Ω) admits moment map**

$$\mu : X \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^* .$$

Then we have the following **two general principles**:

- PI. $X^s/G^{\mathbb{C}} = \mu^{-1}(0)/G$, i.e. on each **stable $G^{\mathbb{C}}$ -orbit** there is a point $p \in \mu^{-1}(0)$, unique up to the action of G .
- PII. $\|\mu\|^2 : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a **G -invariant Morse-Bott function** - critical manifolds **compute $H_G^*(X) \equiv H^*(X \times_G EG)$** .

Action of Symplectomorphism Groups on Compatible Complex Structures

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- (M^{2n}, ω) - compact symplectic manifold, $H^1(M, \mathbb{R}) = 0$.
- $G \equiv \text{Diff}(M, \omega)$ - infinite dim'l Lie group with Lie algebra

$$\mathcal{G}^* \supset \mathcal{G} = C_0^\infty(M) \equiv \left\{ f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \int_M f \frac{\omega^n}{n!} = 0 \right\}.$$

- $\mathcal{J}(M, \omega)$ - infinite dim'l Kähler manifold = space of sections of $Sp(2n, \mathbb{R})/U(n)$ -bundle over (M, ω) .
- Natural Kähler action of G on $\mathcal{J}(M, \omega)$:

$$\phi \cdot J \equiv \phi_*(J) = d\phi \circ J \circ d\phi^{-1}, \quad \forall \phi \in G, \quad J \in \mathcal{J}(M, \omega).$$

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On $X = \mathcal{I}(M, \omega) \subset \mathcal{J}(M, \omega)$, an invariant Kähler submanifold, Donaldson'97 shows that:

- (i) “ $G^{\mathbb{C}}$ ”-orbits are diffeomorphism classes of compatible complex structures;
- (ii) moment map $\mu : X \rightarrow C_0^{\infty}(M)$ is given by scalar curvature: $\mu(J) = Sc(J) - \text{const.}$

The two general principles should then say that:

- PI. Each diffeomorphism class of stable compatible complex structures has one with constant scalar curvature, unique up to $G = \text{Diff}(M, \omega)$.
- PII. Critical manifolds of $\|\mu\|^2 : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ compute $H_G^*(X)$, i.e. extremal Kähler metrics compute $H_{\text{Diff}(M, \omega)}^*(\mathcal{I}(M, \omega))$.

Remarks

- Framework **not rigorous in infinite dimensions**, but **formal application** can be **useful as guide**.
- Donaldson follows this guide to study constant scalar curvature Kähler metrics. In particular, shows how the **use of action-angle coordinates on toric manifolds fits well in this framework**.
For example, **special toric formula** for **scalar curvature** is its **natural expression as a moment map**.
- We can also follow this guide to get a **new approach** to understanding the **topology of the symplectomorphism groups** of $S^2 \times S^2$.

Compatible Complex Structures and the Symplectomorphism Group of $(S^2 \times S^2, \omega_\lambda)$

Given $1 < \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, let $M_\lambda \equiv (S^2 \times S^2, \omega_\lambda = \lambda\sigma \times \sigma)$, $X_\lambda \equiv \mathcal{I}(M_\lambda) \subset \mathcal{J}(M_\lambda)$ and $G_\lambda \equiv \text{Symp}(M_\lambda)$.

For each $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$, define $V_k \subset X_\lambda$ by

$$J \in V_k \Leftrightarrow \exists \text{ J-holomorphic sphere representing } A - kF.$$

Note: $[\omega_\lambda](A - kF) > 0 \Leftrightarrow k < \lambda \Leftrightarrow k \leq \ell$, where $\ell \in \mathbb{N}_0$ is such that $\ell < \lambda \leq \ell + 1$. Hence $V_k \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow 0 \leq k \leq \ell$.

In fact, when $0 \leq k \leq \ell$, there exists **extremal** $J_k \in V_k$, unique up to the action of G_λ such that:

- $(S^2 \times S^2, J_k) \cong$ **Hirzebruch surface** H_{2k} ;
- $K_k \equiv \text{Isom}(S^2 \times S^2, g_{\lambda,k}(\cdot, \cdot) \equiv \omega_\lambda(\cdot, J_k \cdot))$ is **$SO(3) \times SO(3)$** ($k = 0$) or **$SO(3) \times S^1$** ($k \geq 1$).

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X_λ is stratified as $X_\lambda = V_0 \sqcup V_1 \sqcup \cdots \sqcup V_\ell$, where:

- Each stratum V_k consists of a unique “ $G_\lambda^{\mathbb{C}}$ ”-orbit and $G_\lambda/K_k \sim V_k, \forall k \geq 0$.
- For $1 \leq k \leq \ell$, each V_k has a tubular neighborhood with normal slice given by $H^1(H_{2k}, \Theta) \cong \mathbb{C}^{2k-1}$, where $\Theta =$ sheaf of holomorphic vector fields on H_{2k} .

The isotropy normal representation of $K_k \cong SO(3) \times S^1$ on \mathbb{C}^{2k-1} is the following: S^1 acts diagonally and $SO(3)$ acts irreducibly with highest weight $2(k-1)$.

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Standard equivariant cohomology gives the following

Corollary

$$H_{G_\lambda}^*(X_\lambda; \mathbb{Z}) \cong H^*(BSO(3) \times BSO(3); \mathbb{Z}) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=1}^{\ell} \Sigma^{4k-2} H^*(BS^1 \times BSO(3); \mathbb{Z}),$$

where \cong indicates a group isomorphism.

Comparing $X_\lambda = \mathcal{I}(M_\lambda)$ with $\mathcal{J}(M_\lambda)$ gives the following

Theorem

X_λ is **weakly contractible**.

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In particular, this means that

$$H_{G_\lambda}^*(X_\lambda; \mathbb{Z}) \cong H^*(BG_\lambda; \mathbb{Z}),$$

which implies the following

Corollary

$$H^*(BG_\lambda; \mathbb{Z}) \cong H^*(BSO(3) \times BSO(3); \mathbb{Z}) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=1}^{\ell} \Sigma^{4k-2} H^*(BS^1 \times BSO(3); \mathbb{Z}),$$

where \cong indicates a group isomorphism.

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Any $J \in \mathcal{J}^{\mathbb{T}^n}(\check{M}, \omega|_{\check{M}})$ can be written in action-angle coordinates (x, y) on $\check{M} \cong \check{P} \times \mathbb{T}^n$ as

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} S^{-1}R & \vdots & -S^{-1} \\ \dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots \\ RS^{-1}R + S & \vdots & -RS^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

where $R = R(x)$ and $S = S(x)$ are real **symmetric** ($n \times n$) matrices, with **S positive definite**, i.e.

$Z(x) \equiv R(x) + iS(x) \in$ **Siegel Upper Half Space**, $\forall x \in \check{P}$.

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For **integrable** toric compatible complex structures we have that:

$$J \in \mathcal{I}^{\mathbb{T}^n} \subset \mathcal{J}^{\mathbb{T}^n} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial Z_{ij}}{\partial x_k} = \frac{\partial Z_{ik}}{\partial x_j}$$

$\Leftrightarrow \exists f : \check{P} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $f(x) = r(x) + is(x)$, such that

$$Z_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} = \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} + i \frac{\partial^2 s}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} = R_{ij} + iS_{ij}$$

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Any real function

$$h : \check{P} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

is the Hamiltonian of a 1-parameter family

$$\phi_t : \check{M} \rightarrow \check{M}$$

of \mathbb{T}^n -equivariant symplectomorphisms, given in action-angle coordinates (x, y) on $\check{M} \cong \check{P} \times \mathbb{T}^n$ by

$$\phi_t(x, y) = \left(x, y - t \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}\right).$$

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The natural **action** of such a ϕ_t on $\mathcal{J}^{\mathbb{T}^n}$, given by

$$\phi_t \cdot J = (d\phi_t)^{-1} \circ J \circ (d\phi_t),$$

corresponds in the Siegel Upper Half Space parametrization to

$$\phi_t \cdot (Z = R + iS) = (R + tH) + iS,$$

where

$$H = (h_{ij}) = \left(\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right).$$

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Hence, for any **integrable** $J \in \mathcal{I}^{\mathbb{T}^n}$ there exist action-angle coordinates (x, y) on $\check{M} \cong \check{P} \times \mathbb{T}^n$ such that $R \equiv 0$ in the Siegel Upper Half Space Parametrization, i.e. such that

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \vdots & -S^{-1} \\ \dots\dots\dots \\ S & \vdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

with

$$S = S(x) = (s_{ij}(x)) = \left(\frac{\partial^2 s}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right) > 0$$

for some

real potential function $s : \check{P} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.