

# Hilbert series and obstructions to asymptotic Chow semistability

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$M$  is asymptotically Chow polystable (resp. stable or semistable) w.r.t.  $L$  if there exists a  $k_0 > 0$  such that  $M$  is Chow polystable (resp. stable or semistable) w.r.t.  $L^k$  for all  $k \geq k_0$ .

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Theorem C (Mabuchi, Invent. Math. 2005)

Let  $(M, L)$  be a polarized manifold, and suppose  $\text{Aut}(M, L)$  is not discrete.

If  $\exists$  a cscK metric in  $c_1(L)$  and if the obstruction vanishes then  $(M, L)$  is asymptotically Chow polystable.



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**Remark:** Questions (a) and (b) are still open.

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Then the lift  $\tilde{X}$  to  $L$  of  $X$  is written as

$$\tilde{X} = \theta(\tilde{X})iz\frac{\partial}{\partial z} + X^\#.$$

The ambiguity of  $\tilde{X}$  is  $\text{const } iz\frac{\partial}{\partial z}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\widetilde{X} + ciz\frac{\partial}{\partial z} &= \theta(\widetilde{X} + ciz\frac{\partial}{\partial z})iz\frac{\partial}{\partial z} + X^\sharp \\ &= (\theta(\widetilde{X}) + c)iz\frac{\partial}{\partial z} + X^\sharp.\end{aligned}$$

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Conclusion: **Ambiguity of Hamiltonian function  $\iff$  ambiguity of lifting of  $X$  to  $L$ .**

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$$L(X) = \nabla_X - L_X \in \Gamma(\text{End}(T'M))$$

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be the  $(1,1)$ -part of the curvature form of  $\nabla$ .

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Theorem D : Vanishing of Mabuchi's obstruction is equivalent to

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$$L(g) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \text{Tr}(g|_{H^0(M, K_M^{-k})})$$

the formal sum of the Lefschetz numbers.

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$$T_{(0, \dots, 0, m+1)} C_R = \{\mathbf{c} = (c_1, \dots, c_m, 0)\} \subset \mathfrak{g}.$$

This defines another way of lifting of  $T^m$ -action to  $L$ .

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(2) In dimension 2, the linear spans are 1-dimensional.

In dimension 3 the linear spans are at most 2-dimensional, and there are examples in which the linear spans are 2-dimensional.

**Remark** Martelli-Sparks-Yau: From  $t^{-m}$  term we get the Futaki invariant.

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