

Lagrangian fibrations and special Kähler geometry

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Flat affine manifolds

DEFINITION: A flat affine manifold is a smooth manifold equipped with a flat, torsion-free connection.

EXAMPLE: Let Γ be a group acting on an open subset $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ freely, properly discontinuously, by affine transforms. Then U/Γ is affine.

REMARK: All flat affine manifolds are obtained this way.

DEFINITION: A flat affine manifold (M, ∇) is called special affine if it admits a ∇ -invariant volume form, or, equivalently, if its holonomy belongs to $SL(n, \mathbb{R})$. A flat affine manifold is complete if it is a quotient of \mathbb{R}^n by a discrete group of affine transforms.

CONJECTURE: Markus conjecture (1961)

a compact affine manifold is complete if and only if it is special.

CONJECTURE: Auslander conjecture (1964)

For any complete affine manifold \mathbb{R}^n/Γ , the group Γ is solvable.

CONJECTURE: Chern conjecture (1955)

The Euler class of a compact affine manifold vanishes (proven by Bruno Klingler in 2017 for special affine manifolds).

Hessian manifolds

DEFINITION: Let (M, ∇) be a flat affine manifold. Since ∇ is torsion-free, the tensor $\nabla^2(f)$ is symmetric for any $f \in C^\infty M$. A Riemannian metric g on M is called **Hessian** if locally $g = \nabla^2(f)$, for some f which is called **the potential** of the metric.

EXERCISE: Prove that **a metric g on (M, ∇) is Hessian if and only if $\nabla(g)$ is a symmetric 3-form.**

EXERCISE: Prove that the complex

$$C^\infty(M) \xrightarrow{\nabla^2} \text{Sym}^2 T^*M \xrightarrow{\nabla} \frac{\Lambda^1(M) \otimes \text{Sym}^2 T^*M}{\text{Sym}^3 T^*M}$$

is elliptic.

REMARK: Cohomology of this complex are called **Hessian cohomology**, and the cohomology classes represented by Hessian metrics are called **Hessian classes**.

REMARK: This geometry **is in many ways similar to Kähler geometry.**

Special Kähler manifolds

DEFINITION: Let (M, I, g) be a complex Hermitian manifold, with $I : TM \rightarrow TM, I^2 = -\text{Id}$ being the complex structure operator, and g an I -invariant Riemannian form. Then $\omega(\cdot, \cdot) := g(\cdot, I\cdot)$ is an anti-symmetric form, called **fundamental form** of (M, I, g) . If it is closed, (M, I, g) is called **Kähler**.

In physics, the following structure occurs very often.

DEFINITION: Let $(M, I, \nabla, g, \omega)$ be a Kähler manifold equipped with a flat, torsion-free connection ∇ which satisfies $\nabla(\omega) = 0$ (but does not necessarily preserve g). Assume that g is Hessian. Then $(M, I, \nabla, g, \omega)$ is called **a special Kähler manifold**.

REMARK: A cotangent space to a special Kähler manifold **is always hyperkähler (see the next slide)**.

EXAMPLE: The base of an “algebraic Hamiltonian system” **is always equipped with a special Kähler structure** (Donagi, Markman).

EXAMPLE: The moduli space of 3-dimensional Calabi-Yau manifolds **is a special pseudo-Kähler manifold** (“pseudo” here refers to the Kähler metric having Lorentzian signature).

REMARK: Special Kähler manifolds satisfy $\det g = \omega^n$, hence $\nabla \det g = \text{const}$. **This implies that they are flat affine Calabi-Yau**, in the sense of Cheng-Yau.

Hyperkähler manifolds

DEFINITION: A **hypercomplex manifold** is a manifold M equipped with three complex structure operators I, J, K , satisfying **quaternionic relations**

$$IJ = -JI = K, \quad I^2 = J^2 = K^2 = -\text{Id}_{TM}$$

(the last equation is a part of the definition of almost complex structures).

DEFINITION: A **hyperkähler manifold** is a hypercomplex manifold equipped with a metric g which is Kähler with respect to I, J, K .

REMARK: This is equivalent to $\nabla I = \nabla J = \nabla K = 0$: the parallel translation along the connection preserves I, J, K .

DEFINITION: Let M be a Riemannian manifold, $x \in M$ a point. The subgroup of $GL(T_x M)$ generated by parallel translations (along all paths) is called **the holonomy group** of M .

REMARK: A hyperkähler manifold can be defined as a manifold which has holonomy in $Sp(n)$ (the group of all endomorphisms preserving I, J, K).

Holomorphically symplectic manifolds

Let (M, g, I, J, K) be hyperkähler, and $\omega_I(\cdot, \cdot) := g(\cdot, I\cdot)$, $\omega_J(\cdot, \cdot) := g(\cdot, J\cdot)$, $\omega_K(\cdot, \cdot) := g(\cdot, K\cdot)$ the corresponding Kähler forms.

DEFINITION: A holomorphically symplectic manifold is a complex manifold equipped with non-degenerate, holomorphic $(2, 0)$ -form.

REMARK: All hyperkähler manifolds are holomorphically symplectic. Indeed, $Sp(n)$ is a compact form of the symplectic group $Sp(2n, \mathbb{C})$, and the form $\omega_J + \sqrt{-1}\omega_K$ is holomorphically symplectic on (M, I) .

THEOREM: (Calabi-Yau) A compact, Kähler, holomorphically symplectic manifold admits a unique hyperkähler metric in any Kähler class.

Holomorphic Lagrangian fibrations

THEOREM: (Matsushita, 1997)

Let $\pi : M \rightarrow X$ be a surjective holomorphic map from a hyperkähler manifold M to X , with $0 < \dim X < \dim M$. **Then $\dim X = 1/2 \dim M$, and the fibers of π are holomorphic Lagrangian** (this means that the symplectic form vanishes on $\pi^{-1}(x)$).

DEFINITION: Such a map is called **holomorphic Lagrangian fibration**.

REMARK: The base of π **is conjectured to be rational**. Hwang (2007) proved that $X \cong \mathbb{C}P^n$, if it is smooth. Matsushita (2000) proved that it has the same rational cohomology as $\mathbb{C}P^n$.

REMARK: The base of π **has a natural flat, torsion-free connection on the smooth locus of π** . The combinatorics of this connection can be used to determine the topology of M (Strominger-Yau-Zaslow, Kontsevich-Soibelman).

If we want to learn something about M , it's recommended to start from a holomorphic Lagrangian fibration.

Trianalytic subvarieties and hyperholomorphic bundles

Let (M, g, I, J, K) be a hyperkähler manifold. Define **trianalytic subvarieties** as closed subsets which are complex analytic with respect to I, J, K .

0. Trianalytic subvarieties are singular hyperkähler.
1. Let $L \in \mathbb{H}$ be a generic complex structure induced by quaternions. Then all compact complex subvarieties of (M, L) are trianalytic.
2. A normalization of a hyperkähler variety is smooth and hyperkähler. This gives a desingularization (“hyperkähler Hironaka”).
3. A complex deformation of a trianalytic subvariety is again trianalytic, the corresponding moduli space is (singularly) hyperkähler.
4. Similar results (also very strong) are true for vector bundles which are holomorphic under I, J, K (**“hyperholomorphic bundles”**)

Special Lagrangian subvarieties

DEFINITION: (Harvey-Lawson)

Let (M, g, ω, I) be an n -dimensional Calabi-Yau manifold, and $\Omega \in \Lambda^{n,0}(M)$ its holomorphic volume form. **Special Lagrangian subvariety** is a Lagrangian subvariety $S \subset (M, \omega)$ such that $\operatorname{Re} \Omega$ is equal to the Riemannian volume form on S .

THEOREM: (McLean)

Deformations of special Lagrangian subvarieties are unobstructed, and in a neighbourhood of $S \subset M$ this deformation space **is locally identified with $H^1(S, \mathbb{R})$** .

REMARK: This implies that **any special Lagrangian torus belongs to a special Lagrangian fibration, defined in its neighbourhood**.

REMARK: All known examples of special Lagrangian fibrations **are obtained by “hyperkähler rotation”**: one takes a holomorphic Lagrangian fibration on (M, I) , where (M, I, J, K, g) is hyperkähler, and considers it as a real Lagrangian fibration on (M, J, ω_J) .

Mirror symmetry

Kontsevich's homological mirror symmetry. Derived category of coherent sheaves on a Calabi-Yau is equivalent to the Fukaya category on the mirror dual Calabi-Yau, with Hamiltonian isotopy classes of Lagrangian subvarieties as objects, and the Floer cohomology as morphisms.

SYZ (Strominger, Yau, Zaslow) interpretation of mirror symmetry. Each Calabi-Yau manifold is equipped with a special Lagrangian toric fibration, dualizing the tori one obtains the mirror dual Calabi-Yau manifold.

Chern connections and holomorphic structure operators

DEFINITION: let (B, ∇) be a smooth bundle with connection and a holomorphic structure $\bar{\partial} : B \rightarrow \Lambda^{0,1}(M) \otimes B$. Consider a Hodge decomposition $\nabla = \nabla^{0,1} + \nabla^{1,0}$,

$$\nabla^{0,1} : B \rightarrow \Lambda^{0,1}(M) \otimes B, \quad \nabla^{1,0} : B \rightarrow \Lambda^{1,0}(M) \otimes B.$$

We say that ∇ is **compatible with the holomorphic structure** if $\nabla^{0,1} = \bar{\partial}$.

DEFINITION: A Chern connection on a holomorphic Hermitian vector bundle is a connection compatible with the holomorphic structure and preserving the metric. **THEOREM:** On any holomorphic Hermitian vector bundle, **the Chern connection exists, and is unique.**

REMARK: The curvature of a Chern connection on B is an $\text{End}(B)$ -valued $(1,1)$ -form: $\Theta_B \in \Lambda^{1,1}(\text{End}(B))$.

REMARK: A converse is true, too. Given a Hermitian connection ∇ on a vector bundle B with curvature in $\Lambda^{1,1}(\text{End}(B))$, we obtain a holomorphic structure operator $\bar{\partial} = \nabla^{0,1}$. Then, **∇ is a Chern connection of $(B, \bar{\partial})$.**

Kobayashi-Hitchin correspondence

DEFINITION: Let F be a coherent sheaf over an n -dimensional compact Kähler manifold M . Let

$$\text{slope}(F) := \frac{1}{\text{rank}(F)} \int_M \frac{c_1(F) \wedge \omega^{n-1}}{\text{vol}(M)}.$$

A torsion-free sheaf F is called **(Mumford-Takemoto) stable** if for all subsheaves $F' \subset F$ one has $\text{slope}(F') < \text{slope}(F)$. If F is a direct sum of stable sheaves of the same slope, F is called **polystable**.

DEFINITION: A Hermitian metric on a holomorphic vector bundle B is called **Yang-Mills** (Hermitian-Einstein) if the curvature of its Chern connection satisfies $\Theta_B \wedge \omega^{n-1} = \text{slope}(F) \cdot \text{Id}_B \cdot \omega^n$, or, equivalently, $\Lambda(\Theta_B) = \text{slope}(F) \cdot \text{Id}_B$. A Yang-Mills connection is a Chern connection induced by the Yang-Mills metric.

REMARK: Yang-Mills connections minimize the integral

$$\int_M |\Theta_B|^2 \text{Vol}_M$$

Kobayashi-Hitchin correspondence: (Donaldson, Uhlenbeck-Yau). Let B be a holomorphic vector bundle. **Then B admits Yang-Mills connection if and only if B is polystable.** Moreover such a connection is **unique**.

Higgs bundles

DEFINITION: Let M be a complex manifold, and B a holomorphic vector bundle. **Higgs field** on B is an $\text{End}(B)$ -valued holomorphic 1-form $\theta \in H^0(\Omega^1(M) \otimes \text{End}(B))$ which satisfies $\theta \wedge \theta = 0$, where $\theta \wedge \theta$ is exterior square, considered as a section of $\Omega^2(M) \otimes \text{End}(B)$; if $\theta = \sum_i v_i \otimes A_i$, then $\theta \wedge \theta = \sum_{i,j} v_i \wedge v_j \otimes [A_i, A_j]$.

DEFINITION: Let (B, θ) be a Higgs bundle. **Higgs subsheaf** is a coherent subsheaf $F \subset B$ such that for each $f \in F$ the section $\theta(f) \in B$ belongs to F .

DEFINITION: A Higgs bundle B is called **stable** if for all Higgs subsheaves $F \subset B$ one has $\text{slope}(F) < \text{slope}(B)$. If B is a direct sum of stable bundles of the same slope, B is called **polystable**.

Corlette-Simpson correspondence

DEFINITION: Let ∇ be a Chern connection on a Higgs bundle. Its **Higgs connection** is $\nabla_\theta := \nabla + \theta + \bar{\theta}^*$, where $\bar{\theta}^* = \sum_i \bar{v}_i \otimes A_i^T$ for $\theta = \sum_i v_i \otimes A_i$. Its **Higgs curvature** is $\Theta := (\nabla_\theta)^2 \in \Lambda^2(M) \otimes \text{End}(B)$. We say that the Higgs bundle (B, ∇, θ) is **Hermitian Yang-Mills**, if $\Lambda\Theta = \text{const Id}_B$.

THEOREM: Corlette-Simpson correspondence: Let (B, θ) be a Higgs bundle. **Then (B, θ) admits Yang-Mills Higgs connection if and only if (B, θ) is polystable.** Moreover such a connection is **unique**.

THEOREM: (“Bogomolov-Lübke inequality”, due to Corlette and Simpson) Let (B, ∇, θ) be a Yang-Mills Higgs bundle with $c_1(B) = 0, c_2(B) = 0$. **Then the connection $\nabla_\theta := \nabla + \theta + \bar{\theta}^*$ is flat.**

THEOREM: (Simpson) Let M be a compact Kähler manifold, and $\pi_1(M) \xrightarrow{\rho} GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ a representation. Assume that the algebraic closure of $\rho(\pi_1(M))$ is a reductive Lie group. **Then ρ is obtained from a polystable Higgs bundle (B, θ) using the Corlette-Simpson correspondence.** Moreover, (B, θ) is **determined uniquely from ρ .**

Narasimhan-Seshadri

THEOREM: (Kobayashi-Lubke)

The **Yang-Mills connection on a holomorphic bundle with $c_1(B) = 0, c_2(B) = 0$ is flat.**

COROLLARY: (Narasimhan, Seshadri)

A stable bundle with $c_1(B) = 0, c_2(B) = 0$ **admits a unique flat unitary Chern connection**

REMARK: Let $U \subset \mathcal{X}_D$ be the space of Higgs bundles (B, θ) , where B is stable. Then U is clearly open. Let Z is the space of stable bundles with $c_1(B) = 0, c_2(B) = 0$. **The natural forgetful map $(B, \theta) \rightarrow B$ is a Lagrangian fibration, which is locally identifies U with T^*Z .**

Non-Abelian Hodge theory

REMARK: Let $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n \in \pi_1(M)$ be generators of $\pi_1(M)$, and R_1, \dots, R_k the relations. The space $\text{Hom}(\pi_1(M), GL(n, \mathbb{C}))$ of complex-valued representations $\pi_1(M) \xrightarrow{\rho} GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ is a set of matrices A_1, \dots, A_n such that $R_1(A_1, \dots, A_n) = \dots = R_m(A_1, \dots, A_n) = \text{Id}$. Therefore, $\text{Hom}(\pi_1(M), GL(n, \mathbb{C}))$ is an affine variety. **The moduli of representations of $\pi_1(M)$** is the quotient $\text{Hom}(\pi_1(M), GL(n, \mathbb{C})) // GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ by the adjoint action, where $* // GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ **signifies the GIT reduction** (that is, **the symplectic reduction**).

DEFINITION: Let $\tilde{\mathcal{X}}$ be the subset of $\text{Hom}(\pi_1(M), GL(n, \mathbb{C})) // GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ consisting of representations ρ with reductive Zariski closure of $\text{im } \rho$, and $\mathcal{X}_B := \tilde{\mathcal{X}} // GL(n, \mathbb{C})$. Then \mathcal{X}_B is called **the Betti moduli space** of representations of $\pi_1(M)$. The complex structure on \mathcal{X}_B is induced from the complex structure on $\text{Hom}(\pi_1(M), GL(n, \mathbb{C}))$ as indicated above. **The Dolbeault moduli space \mathcal{X}_D** is the same space with different complex structure. The complex structure on the Dolbeault moduli space **is induced from the moduli of Higgs bundles**.

THEOREM: (Simpson) The moduli space \mathcal{X} **is equipped with a natural hyperkähler structure**, and **the Dolbeault and Betti complex structures are induced from the quaternion action** associated with this hyperkähler structure.

Kapustin-Witten duality

DEFINITION: The Hitchin system is the space of stable Higgs bundles on a compact curve C . It is equipped with a Lagrangian fibration with proper fibers and a base $\bigoplus_i H^0(C, K_C^{\otimes j_i})$. In a similar way one defines a principal Higgs bundle (which is a holomorphic G -bundle P with a Higgs field $\theta \in H^0(\Omega^1(M) \otimes \text{Lie}(P))$) and a Hitchin system on a G -bundle over C .

Kapustin-Witten duality (a. k. a “Montonen-Olive/geometric Langlands duality”) is the duality between Hitchin systems associated with Langlands dual Lie groups.

- 1. The corresponding** holomorphic Lagrangian fibrations **are expected to be SYZ dual.**
- 2. In place of** the Fukaya category on the symplectic side of Mirror Symmetry, one has **a category of holomorphic Lagrangian subvarieties** (called “BAA”, “ABA” and “AAB branes”).
- 3. In place of** the derived category of coherent sheaves on the complex side of Mirror Symmetry there is a category which has pairs **(trianalytic subvariety, hyperholomorphic bundle on it) as objects**; these are called “BBB branes”.

Kapustin-Witten duality is expected to exchange the BBB branes and the holomorphic Lagrangian subvarieties.

Holomorphic Lagrangian fibrations

DEFINITION: Let M be a holomorphically symplectic manifold, and $\pi : M \rightarrow B$ a proper surjective holomorphic map with B normal and all fibers holomorphically Lagrangian. Then π is called **a holomorphic Lagrangian fibration**.

CLAIM: (Liouville) A smooth fiber F of a holomorphic Lagrangian fibration $\pi : M \rightarrow B$ is always a torus.

Proof: For any fibration $\pi : M \rightarrow B$, any smooth fiber $F = \pi^{-1}(x)$ has trivial normal bundle $NF = \pi^*(T_x B)$. For any function on B , its Hamiltonian gives a section of TF . Choose a collection of holomorphic functions such that their Hamiltonians give a basis in TF . Since these Hamiltonians commute, the corresponding vector fields in TF also commute. This gives a locally free action of an abelian Lie group on F , and therefore F is a quotient of an abelian group by a lattice. ■

DEFINITION: Let $\pi : M \rightarrow B$ be a proper, regular fibration. The flat connection on the bundle $R^i \pi_*(\mathbb{R}_M)$ on B with the fiber $H^i(\pi^{-1}(x))$ for all $x \in B$ is called **the Gauss-Manin connection**.

Special Kähler geometry and algebraic Hamiltonian systems

DEFINITION: Let $\pi : M \rightarrow B$ be a Lagrangian fibration, and $F := \pi^{-1}(x)$ a regular fiber. Then $\pi^*T_x B = NF = T^*F$. This identifies TB with the bundle $R^1\pi_*(\mathbb{R}_M)$ of first cohomology of fibers. Then TB is equipped with a natural flat connection, called **the Arnold-Liouville connection**.

EXERCISE: Prove that **this connection is torsion-free**.

REMARK: Let $\pi : M \rightarrow B$ be a holomorphic Lagrangian fibration. A Kähler form ω on M restricted to a smooth fiber F of π defines a cohomology class $[\omega] \in H^2(F)$. Since F is a torus, we can consider $[\omega]$ as a 2-form on $R^1\pi_*(\mathbb{R}_M) = TB$. **This form is clearly parallel under the Gauss-Manin connection, and defines a Kähler structure on B .**

THEOREM: (Donagi-Markman, Freed)

Let $\pi : M \rightarrow B$ be a holomorphic Lagrangian fibration on a Kähler holomorphic symplectic manifold (Donagi-Markman call this **“an algebraic Hamiltonian system”**) and $B_0 \subset B$ be the complement to the discriminant locus of B . **Then (B_0, ∇, ω) is a special Kähler manifold.**

Lagrangian subvarieties in Hitchin systems

Note that **the Hitchin systems are equipped with a natural \mathbb{C}^* -action which multiplies the Higgs field by a number.** Hitchin proved the following result related to the Kapustin-Witten duality.

THEOREM: (Hitchin) Let $\pi : M \rightarrow B$ be the Hitchin system. Then **any \mathbb{C}^* -invariant holomorphic Lagrangian submanifold has an open set with the structure of a fibration over a \mathbb{C}^* -invariant special Kähler submanifold of B , and each fiber is a disjoint union of translates of an abelian subvariety.**

He asked whether this is true in a more general situation.

THEOREM: (Kamenova-V.) Let $\pi : M \rightarrow B$ be a holomorphic symplectic Kähler manifold equipped with a holomorphic Lagrangian fibration π with compact fibers, $Z \subset M$ its holomorphic Lagrangian subvariety, $X := \pi(Z)$, and $X_0 \subset B$ the set of all regular values of $\pi : Z \rightarrow X$. Then **X_0 is a special Kähler submanifold of B , and each fiber of $\pi : Z \rightarrow X$ over X_0 is a disjoint union of translates of the same torus.**

Lagrangian subspaces in $W \oplus W^*$

Lemma 1: Suppose $V \subset W \oplus W^*$ is a Lagrangian vector subspace in $W \oplus W^*$ with standard symplectic structure, and $\pi : W \oplus W^* \rightarrow W$ the projection.

Then $\pi(V)^\perp = V \cap W^*$, where $R^\perp \subset W^*$ denotes the annihilator of a subspace $R \subset W$, and W^* is considered as a subspace in $W \oplus W^*$.

THEOREM: (Kamenova-V.) Let $\pi : M \rightarrow B$ be a holomorphic symplectic Kähler manifold equipped with a holomorphic Lagrangian fibration π with compact fibers, $Z \subset M$ an irreducible, closed holomorphic Lagrangian subvariety, $X := \pi(Z)$, and $X_0 \subset B$ the set of all regular values of $\pi : Z \rightarrow X$. Then **X_0 is a special Kähler submanifold of B , and each fiber of $\pi : Z \rightarrow X$ over X_0 is a disjoint union of translates of the same torus.**

Proof. Step 1: Let $Z_x := \pi^{-1}(x) \cap Z$, where $x \in X_0$. The holomorphic symplectic form induces non-degenerate pairing between $T_z^\pi M$ (the fiberwise tangent space) and $T_x B$. By Lemma 1, for all $z \in Z_x$, one has $T_z Z_x = \pi(T_z Z)^\perp \cap T_z^\pi M$, hence **the spaces $T_z Z_x$ are translates for all $z \in Z_x$.** Therefore, **Z_x is a disconnected union of subtori of $\pi^{-1}(x)$, and all of these subtori are translates.**

Step 2: It remains only to show that $X_0 \subset B$ is flat with respect to the Arnold-Liouville connection. We may identify the vertical tangent space $T_z^\pi M$ with $H^1(\pi^{-1}(x))$. Then $T_z Z_x$ is identified with the cohomology of a compact torus $H^1(Z_x)$, hence it stays constant under deformations of x . Then $\pi(T_z Z) = \pi((T_z Z)^\perp)$ is constant under the Arnold-Liouville connection.



*Friedrich Hirzebruch, Nigel Hitchin
and Edward Witten, 2009, MFO*