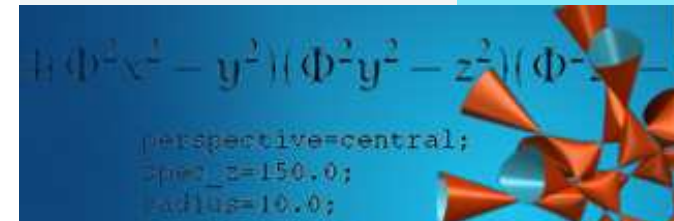


## Spinorial description of $G_2$ and $SU(3)$ -manifolds

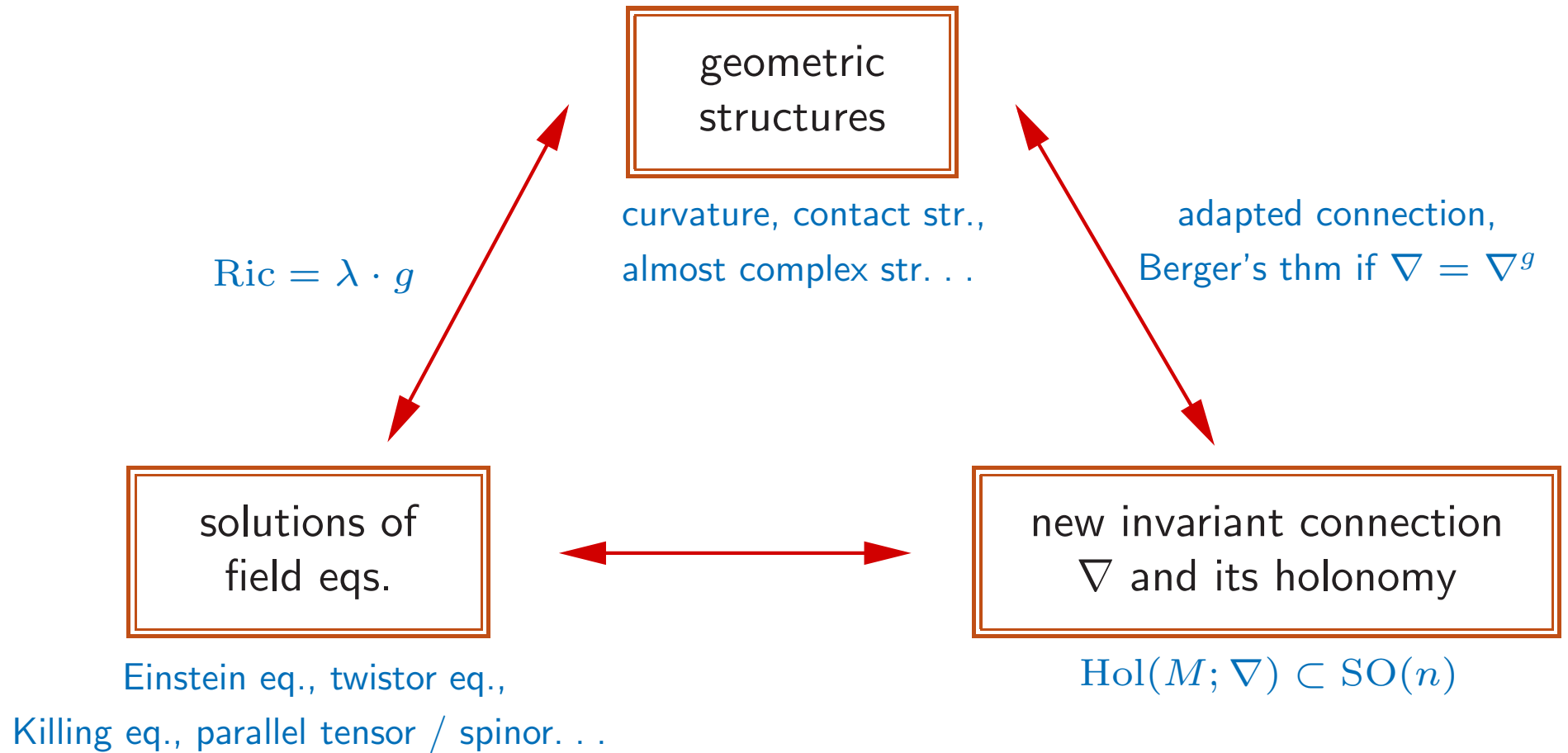
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Relations between different objects on a Riemannian manifold  $(M^n, g)$ :



N.B.  $\nabla^g :=$  Levi-Civita connection

## Observation:

- $\exists$  multitude of different spinorial field equations, related to different geometric structures and geometric questions

## Goal:

- Uniform description of different types of spinor fields
- Applications

## The Riemannian Dirac operator

$(M^n, g)$ : compact Riemannian spin mnfd,  $\Sigma$ : spin bdle (of dim.  $2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$ )

Classical Riemannian Dirac operator  $D^g$ :

Dfn :  $D^g : \Gamma(\Sigma) \longrightarrow \Gamma(\Sigma), \quad D^g\psi := \sum_{i=1}^n e_i \cdot \nabla_{e_i}^g \psi$

### Properties:

- $D^g$  is elliptic differential operator of first order, essentially self-adjoint on  $L^2(\Sigma)$ , pure point spectrum
- Of equal fundamental importance than the Laplacian
- In dimension 4:  $\text{index}(D^g) = \sigma(M^4)/8$  [Atiyah-Singer,  $\sim$  1963]
- Schrödinger (1932), Lichnerowicz (1962):  $(D^g)^2 = \Delta + \frac{1}{4}\text{Scal}^g$

$\sim$  "root of the Laplacian" for  $\text{Scal}^g = 0$

## Spinors and Riemannian eigenvalue estimates

SL formula  $\Rightarrow$  EV of  $(D^g)^2$ :  $\lambda \geq \frac{1}{4} \text{Scal}_{\min}^g$

- optimal only for spinors with  $\langle \Delta\psi, \psi \rangle = \|\nabla^g\psi\|^2 = 0$ , i. e. parallel spinors

**Thm.**  $(M, g)$  has parallel spinors iff  $\text{Hol}_0(M) = \text{SU}(n), \text{Sp}(n), G_2, \text{Spin}(7)$ , and then  $\text{Ric}^g = 0$ . [Wang, 1989]

**Thm.** Optimal EV estimate:  $\lambda \geq \frac{n}{4(n-1)} \text{Scal}_{\min}^g$  [Friedrich, 1980]

- " = " iff  $\exists$  a **Killing spinor (KS)**  $\psi$ :  $\nabla_X^g \psi = \text{const} \cdot X \cdot \psi \quad \forall X$

### Link to special geometries:

**Thm.**  $\exists$  KS  $\Leftrightarrow n = 5$  :  $(M, g)$  is Sasaki-Einstein mnfd

$\Leftrightarrow n = 6$  :  $(M, g)$  nearly Kähler mnfd

$\Leftrightarrow n = 7$  :  $(M, g)$  nearly parallel  $G_2$  mnfd

(similarly for other  $n$ )

[Friedrich, Grunewald, Kath, 1985-90]

## Killing spinors and submanifolds

**Thm.** Suppose  $(M, g)$  is Sasaki-Einstein ( $n = 5$ ), nearly Kähler ( $n = 6$ ), or nearly parallel  $G_2$  ( $n=7$ ). Then the metric cone

$$(\bar{M}, \bar{g}) := (M \times \mathbb{R}^+, \frac{1}{4} r^2 g^2 + dr^2)$$

has a  $\nabla^g$ -parallel spinor; in particular, it is Ricci-flat of Riemannian holonomy  $SU(3)$ ,  $G_2$ , resp.  $Spin(7)$ . [Bryant 1987  $\rightsquigarrow$  B-Salamon 1989, Bär 1993 (+ Wang '89)]

**Observe:** Construction relies on existence of a Killing spinor

**Thm.** Let  $(M, g)$  be a spin manifold with a  $\nabla^g$ -parallel spinor  $\psi$ ,  $N \subset M$  a codimension one hypersurface. Then  $\varphi := \psi|_N$  is a *generalized Killing spinor* on  $N$ , i. e.  $\nabla_X^g \varphi = A(X) \cdot \varphi$  for a symmetric endomorphism  $A$  (Weingarten map). [Friedrich 1998, Bär-Gauduchon-Moroianu 2005]

**Observe:** Generalizes the Weierstraß representation of minimal surfaces, based on ideas of Eisenhardt (1909)

## Link to special geometries:

- Thm.**  $\exists$  gen. KS  $\Leftrightarrow n = 5$  :  $(M, g)$  is hypo  $SU(2)$  mnfd  
( $\not\subset$  contact metric mnfds) [[Conti-Salamon, 2007](#)]
- $\Leftrightarrow n = 6$  :  $(M, g)$  half-flat  $SU(3)$  mnfd
- $\Leftrightarrow n = 7$  :  $(M, g)$  cocalibrated  $G_2$  mnfd

## Spin structures and topology in dimension 6 and 7

### Observation:

Any 8-dimensional real vector bundle over a  $n$ -dimensional manifold ( $n = 6, 7$ ) admits a section of length one

$\Rightarrow$  a 6-dim. oriented Riemannian manifold admits a spin structure iff it admits a reduction from  $\text{Spin}(6) \cong \text{SU}(4)$  to  $\text{SU}(3)$

$\Rightarrow$  a 7-dim. oriented Riemannian manifold admits a spin structure iff it admits a reduction from  $\text{Spin}(7)$  to  $G_2$

Use this section to give a uniform **spinorial description** of  $\text{SU}(3)$ -manifolds and  $G_2$ -manifolds!



## Spin linear algebra in dimension 6 and 7

- In  $n = 6, 7$ , the spin representations are real and  $2^3 = 8$ -dimensional, they coincide as vector spaces, call it  $\Delta := \mathbb{R}^8$ .

$n = 6$

[A-Fr-Chiossi-Höll, 2014]

- $\Delta$  admits a Spin(6)-invariant cplx structure  $j$  (because  $\text{Spin}(6) \cong \text{SU}(4)$ )
- any real spinor  $0 \neq \phi \in \Delta$  decomposes  $\Delta$  into three pieces,

$$\Delta = \mathbb{R} \cdot \phi \oplus \mathbb{R} \cdot j(\phi) \oplus \underbrace{\{X \cdot \phi : X \in \mathbb{R}^6\}}_{\cong \mathbb{R}^6, \text{ the base space}} \quad (*)$$

- the following formula defines an **orthogonal cplx str.** on the last piece,

$$J_\phi(X) \cdot \phi := j(X \cdot \phi)$$

- the spinor defines a **3-form** by  $\psi_\phi(X, Y, Z) := -(X \cdot Y \cdot Z \cdot \phi, \phi)$ .

**Exa.** Consider  $\phi = (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1) \in \Delta = \mathbb{R}^8$ . Then:

$$J_\phi = -e_{12} + e_{34} + e_{56}, \quad \psi_\phi = e_{135} - e_{146} + e_{236} + e_{245}.$$

## Spin linear algebra in dimension 6 and 7

**Thm.** The following is a 1-1 correspondence: (well-known)

- $SU(3)$ -structures on  $\mathbb{R}^6 \longleftrightarrow$  real spinors of length one (mod  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ ),

$$SO(6)/SU(3) = \{SU(3)\text{-structures on } \mathbb{R}^6\} = \mathbb{P}(\Delta) = \mathbb{RP}^7.$$

$n = 7$

- any real spinor  $0 \neq \phi \in \Delta$  decomposes  $\Delta$  into two pieces,

$$\Delta = \mathbb{R} \cdot \phi \oplus \underbrace{\{X \cdot \phi : X \in \mathbb{R}^7\}}_{\cong \mathbb{R}^7, \text{ the base space}} \quad (**)$$

- the spinor defines again a **3-form**  $\psi_\phi$ , which turns out to be *stable* (i. e. open GL-orbit); but no analogue of neither  $j$  nor  $J_\phi$

**Thm.** The following is a 1-1 correspondence: (well-known)

stable 3-forms  $\psi$  of fixed length, with isotropy  $\subset SO(7) \longleftrightarrow \dots$  (as above),

$$SO(7)/G_2 = \mathbb{P}(\Delta) = \mathbb{RP}^7.$$

## Special almost Hermitian geometry

- $SU(3)$  manifold  $(M^6, g, \phi)$ : Riemannian spin manifold  $(M^6, g)$  equipped with a global spinor  $\phi$  of length one,  $j$  as before,  $J$  induced almost cplx str.,  $\omega$  its kähler form,  $\psi_\phi$  induced 3-form,  $\psi_\phi^J := J \circ \psi_\phi$ .

Decomposition  $(*) \Rightarrow \exists_1$  1-form  $\eta$  and endomorphism  $S$  s. t.

$$\nabla_X^g \phi = \eta(X)j(\phi) + S(X) \cdot \phi$$

$\eta$ : "intrinsic 1-form",  $S$ : "intr. endomorphism" (indeed:  $\Gamma = S \lrcorner \psi_\phi - \frac{2}{3}\eta \otimes \omega$ )

This equation summarizes all spinor eqs. previously known in dim.6!

**Thm.**  $(\nabla_X^g \omega)(Y, Z) = 2\psi_\phi^J(S(X), Y, Z) \quad (*)$

This generalizes the classical nK condition  $\nabla_X^g \omega(X, Y) = 0 \forall X, Y$ .

## A classical example: Hypersurfaces in $\text{Im } \mathbb{O}$

[Calabi, 1958]

- $M^6$  a compact hypersurface in  $\mathbb{R}^7$
- $N$ : normal vector field
- $K$ : shape operator (Weingarten map)
- Define  $J \in \text{End}(TM)$  by

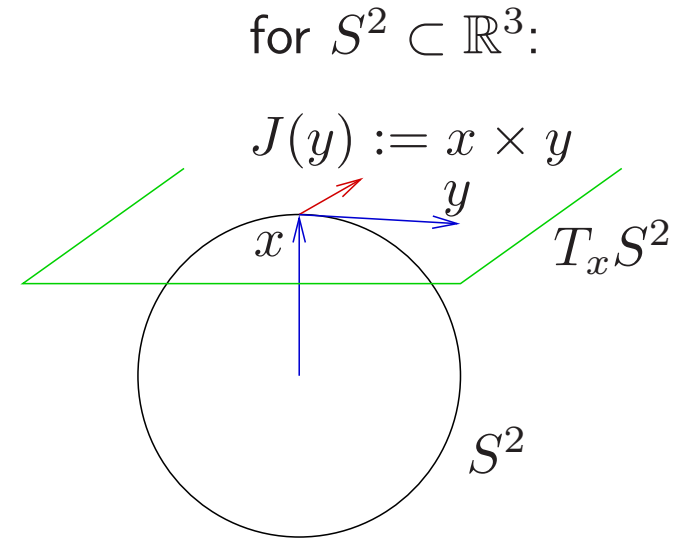
$$J(Y) = N \times Y, \quad Y \in TM$$

- $J^2 = -\text{Id}$  is a non integrable almost complex structure satisfying

$$\langle (\nabla_X^g J)(Y), Z \rangle = \langle K(X) \times Y, Z \rangle$$

This is exactly the more general eq. (\*) cited before

- For  $M^6 = S^6$ ,  $K = \text{Id}$  and  $J$  makes it a **nearly Kähler manifold**:  
 $\nabla_X^g J(X) = 0 \ (\Rightarrow \text{Einstein})$



There are 7 basic classes of SU(3)-structures, called  $\chi_1, \chi_{\bar{1}}, \chi_2, \chi_{\bar{2}}, \chi_3, \chi_4, \chi_5$ .

[Chiossi-Salamon, 2002]

They are a refinement of the classical Gray-Hervella classification of U(3)-structures. Write  $\chi_{1\bar{2}4}$  for  $\chi_1^+ \oplus \chi_2^- \oplus \chi_4$  etc.

### Examples.

- nearly Kähler mnfds: class  $\chi_{\bar{1}}$
- half-flat SU(3)-mnfds: class  $\chi_{\bar{1}\bar{2}3}$

Next: express Niejenhuis tensor,  $d\omega, \delta\omega$  through  $\psi_\phi^j, \eta, S$  – for example:

- $\delta\omega(X) = 2[(D\phi, Xj(\phi)) - \eta(X)]$  ( $\chi_4$  component)
- $N(X, Y, Z) = -2[\psi_\phi^J((J_\phi S + SJ_\phi)X, Y, Z) - \psi_\phi^J((J_\phi S + SJ_\phi)Y, X, Z)]$   
( $\chi_{1\bar{1}\bar{2}\bar{2}}$  component)

**Thm.** The classes of  $SU(3)$  str. are determined as follows:

class	description	dimension
$\chi_1$	$S = \lambda \cdot J_\phi, \eta = 0$	1
$\chi_{\bar{1}}$	$S = \mu \cdot \text{Id}, \eta = 0$	1
$\chi_2$	$S \in \mathfrak{su}(3), \eta = 0$	8
$\chi_{\bar{2}}$	$S \in \{A \in S_0^2(\mathbb{R}^6) \mid AJ_\phi = J_\phi A\}, \eta = 0$	8
$\chi_3$	$S \in \{A \in S_0^2(\mathbb{R}^6) \mid AJ_\phi = -J_\phi A\}, \eta = 0$	12
$\chi_4$	$S \in \{A \in \Lambda^2(\mathbb{R}^6) \mid AJ_\phi = -J_\phi A\}, \eta = 0$	6
$\chi_5$	$S = 0, \eta \neq 0$	6

where  $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ . In particular  $S$  is symmetric and  $\eta = 0$  if and only if the class is  $\chi_{\bar{1}\bar{2}3}$ .

The *symmetries of  $S$*  translate into a *differential eq. for  $\phi$* :

$$\begin{aligned}
 SJ_\phi = \pm J_\phi S &\iff (J_\phi Y \nabla_X^g \phi, \phi) = \mp (Y \nabla_{J_\phi X}^g \phi, \phi), \\
 S \text{ is } \pm\text{-symmetric} &\iff (X \nabla_Y^g \phi, \phi) = \pm (Y \nabla_X^g \phi, \phi).
 \end{aligned}$$

**Thm.** The classification of  $SU(3)$  str. in terms of  $\phi$  is given by  
 $(\lambda := \frac{1}{6}(D^g\phi, j(\phi)), \mu := -\frac{1}{6}(D^g\phi, \phi))$ : (. . . and similarly for mixed classes)

class	spinorial equation
$\chi_1$	$\nabla_X^g \phi = \lambda X j(\phi)$ for $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$
$\chi_{\bar{1}}$	$\nabla_X^g \phi = \mu X \phi$ for $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ (Killing sp.)
$\chi_2$	$(J_\phi Y \nabla_X^g \phi, \phi) = -(Y \nabla_{J_\phi X}^g \phi, \phi),$ $(Y \nabla_X^g \phi, j(\phi)) = +(X \nabla_Y^g \phi, j(\phi)), \lambda = \eta = 0$
$\chi_{\bar{2}}$	$(J_\phi Y \nabla_X^g \phi, \phi) = +(Y \nabla_{J_\phi X}^g \phi, \phi),$ $(Y \nabla_X^g \phi, j(\phi)) = -(X \nabla_Y^g \phi, j(\phi)), \mu = \eta = 0$
$\chi_3$	$(J_\phi Y \nabla_X^g \phi, \phi) = +(Y \nabla_{J_\phi X}^g \phi, \phi),$ $(Y \nabla_X^g \phi, j(\phi)) = +(X \nabla_Y^g \phi, j(\phi)),$ and $\eta = 0$
$\chi_4$	$(J_\phi Y \nabla_X^g \phi, \phi) = -(Y \nabla_{J_\phi X}^g \phi, \phi),$ $(Y \nabla_X^g \phi, j(\phi)) = -(X \nabla_Y^g \phi, j(\phi))$ and $\eta = 0$
$\chi_5$	$\nabla_X^g \phi = (\nabla_X^g \phi, j(\phi)) j(\phi)$

**Corollary.** On a 6-dim spin mnfd,  $\exists$  spinor of constant length s. t.

$$D^g \phi = 0$$

iff admits a  $SU(3)$  structure of class  $\chi_{2\bar{2}345}$  with  $\delta\omega = -2\eta$ .



## Example: twistor spaces as SU(3)-manifolds

- $M^6 = \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^3$ ,  $U(3)/U(1)^3$ : twistor spaces of  $S^4$  and  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^2$ . Both carry metrics  $g_t (t > 0)$  and two almost complex structures  $\Omega^K, \Omega^{nK}$  such that

- $(M^6, g_{1/2}, \Omega^{nK})$  is a nearly Kähler manifold

- $(M^6, g_1, \Omega^K)$  is a Kähler manifold

- $\exists$  two real linearly indep. global spinors  $\phi_\varepsilon$  in  $\Delta_6$  ( $\varepsilon = \pm 1$ ).

**Both spinors** induce the same almost cplx structure  $J_\phi$  ( $\Leftrightarrow \Omega^{nK}$ )!

- For  $t = 1/2$ ,  $\phi_\varepsilon$  are Riemannian Killing spinors. For general  $t$ , define

$$S_\varepsilon : TM^6 \rightarrow TM^6 \text{ by } S_\varepsilon = \varepsilon \sqrt{c} \cdot \text{diag} \left( \frac{\sqrt{t}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{t}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{t}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{t}}{2}, \frac{1-t}{2\sqrt{t}}, \frac{1-t}{2\sqrt{t}} \right).$$

Verify:  $\nabla_X^g \phi_\varepsilon = S_\varepsilon(X) \phi_\varepsilon$ , hence  $S_\varepsilon$  is the intr. endom. and  $\eta = 0$ .

- Class:  $\chi_{\bar{1}\bar{2}}$  for  $t \neq 1/2$ ,  $\chi_{\bar{1}}$  for  $t = 1/2$ .

- For  $t = 1$ ,  $\phi_\varepsilon$  are Kählerian Killing spinors, but they *do not* induce the Kählerian cplx str.  $\Omega^K$ ! Thus, the Kählerian structure cannot be recovered from the pair of Kählerian Killing spinors (only a  $U(3)$ -reduction).

## Characteristic connections

For all classes, an adapted metric connection  $\nabla$  can be defined.

$$\text{torsion: } T(X, Y, Z) := g(\nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X - [X, Y], Z)$$

Special case: require  $T \in \Lambda^3(M^n)$  ( $\Leftrightarrow$  same geodesics as  $\nabla^g$ )

$$\Rightarrow g(\nabla_X Y, Z) = g(\nabla_X^g Y, Z) + \frac{1}{2} T(X, Y, Z)$$

- If existent, such a connection is unique and called the '*characteristic connection*' [Fr-Ivanov 2002, A-Fr-Höll 2013]

**Thm.** A spin manifold  $(M^6, g, \phi)$  admits a characteristic connection  $\nabla$  iff it is of class  $\chi_{1\bar{1}345}$  and  $\eta = \frac{1}{4} \delta \omega$ . It satisfies  $\nabla \phi = 0$ .

**Corollary.** Whenever  $\nabla$  exists,

$$\phi \in \ker D^g \iff T\phi = 0 \iff \text{the SU(3)-class is } \chi_3 \text{ (almost Hermitian).}$$

## $G_2$ geometry

- $G_2$  manifold  $(M^7, g, \phi)$ : Riemannian spin manifold  $(M^7, g)$  equipped with a global spinor  $\phi$  of length one,  $\psi_\phi$  induced 3-form.

Decomposition  $(**)$   $\Rightarrow \exists_1$  endomorphism  $S$  s. t.

$$\nabla_X^g \phi = S(X) \cdot \phi$$

$S$ : "intrinsic endomorphism" (indeed:  $\Gamma = -\frac{2}{3}S \lrcorner \psi_\phi$ )

**Thm.**  $(\nabla_V^g \psi_\phi)(X, Y, Z) = 2 * \psi_\phi(S(V), X, Y, Z)$ .

This generalizes the nearly parallel  $G_2$  condition  $\nabla \psi_\phi = d\psi_\phi = c * \psi_\phi$ !

There are 4 basic classes of  $G_2$ -structures, called  $\mathcal{W}_1, \dots, \mathcal{W}_4$ .

[Fernandez-Gray, 1982]

**Thm.** The classes of  $G_2$  structures are determined as follows:

class	description	dimension
$\mathcal{W}_1$	$S = \lambda \text{Id}$	1
$\mathcal{W}_2$	$S \in \mathfrak{g}_2$	14
$\mathcal{W}_3$	$S \in S_0^2 \mathbb{R}^7$	27
$\mathcal{W}_4$	$S \in \{V \lrcorner \Psi_\phi \mid V \in \mathbb{R}^7\}$	7

In particular,  $S$  is symmetric if and only if  $S \in \mathcal{W}_{13}$  and skew iff it belongs to  $\mathcal{W}_{24}$ .

**Corollary.** Let  $(M^7, g, \phi)$  be a Riemannian spin manifold with unit spinor  $\phi$ . Then  $\phi$  is harmonic

$$D^g \phi = 0$$

iff the underlying  $G_2$ -structure is of class  $\mathcal{W}_{23}$ .

**Thm.** The basic classes of  $G_2$ -manifolds described in terms of  $\phi$ :

( $\lambda := -\frac{1}{7}(D^g\phi, \phi) : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a real function and  $\times$  the cross product relative to  $\Psi_\phi$ )

class	spinorial equation
$\mathcal{W}_1$	$\nabla_X^g \phi = \lambda X \phi$ (Killing spinor)
$\mathcal{W}_2$	$\nabla_{X \times Y}^g \phi = Y \nabla_X^g \phi - X \nabla_Y^g \phi + 2g(Y, S(X))\phi$
$\mathcal{W}_3$	$(X \nabla_Y^g \phi, \phi) = (Y \nabla_X^g \phi, \phi)$ and $\lambda = 0$
$\mathcal{W}_4$	$\nabla_X^g \phi = X V \phi + g(V, X)\phi$ for some $V \in TM^7$
$\mathcal{W}_{12}$	$\nabla_{X \times Y}^g \phi = Y \nabla_X^g \phi - X \nabla_Y^g \phi + g(Y, S(X))\phi - g(X, S(Y))\phi - \lambda(X \times Y)\phi$
$\mathcal{W}_{13}$	$(X \nabla_Y^g \phi, \phi) = (Y \nabla_X^g \phi, \phi)$
$\mathcal{W}_{14}$	$\exists V, W \in TM^7 : \nabla_X^g \phi = X V W \phi - (X V W \phi, \phi)$
$\mathcal{W}_{23}$	$S\phi = 0$ and $\lambda = 0$ , or $D^g\phi = 0$
$\mathcal{W}_{24}$	$(X \nabla_Y^g \phi, \phi) = -(Y \nabla_X^g \phi, \phi)$

## Example: 7-dim. $3(\alpha, \delta)$ -Sasaki mnfds

**Dfn.** An *almost 3-contact metric manifold* is a Riemannian manifold  $(M^{4n+3}, g)$  endowed with 3 almost contact structures  $(\phi_i, \xi_i, \eta_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$  s.t.  $g$  is compatible with each a.c.str. and

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_k &= \varphi_i \varphi_j - \eta_j \otimes \xi_i = -\varphi_j \varphi_i + \eta_i \otimes \xi_j, \\ \xi_k &= \varphi_i \xi_j = -\varphi_j \xi_i, \quad \eta_k = \eta_i \circ \varphi_j = -\eta_j \circ \varphi_i, \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

for any even permutation  $(i, j, k)$  of  $(1, 2, 3)$ .

- $TM = \mathcal{H} \oplus \mathcal{V}$ , where  $\mathcal{H} := \bigcap_{i=1}^3 \text{Ker}(\eta_i)$ ,  $\mathcal{V} := \langle \xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3 \rangle$ .

**Dfn.** An a. 3-c. m. m.  $M$  will be called a  *$3(\alpha, \delta)$ -Sasaki manifold* if

$$d\eta_i = 2\alpha\Phi_i + 2(\alpha - \delta)\eta_j \wedge \eta_k$$

for every even permutation  $(i, j, k)$  of  $(1, 2, 3)$ , where  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^*$ ,  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- When  $\alpha = \delta = 1$ , we have a 3-contact metric manifold, and hence a 3-Sasaki manifold by a theorem of Kashiwada
- Quat. Heisenberg groups are examples with  $\delta = 0$
- Known: A 3-Sasaki mafd is always Einstein and has 3 Riemannian Killing spinors
- each a.c. structure  $\eta_i$  induces a characteristic connection  $\nabla^i$ , but  $\nabla^1 \neq \nabla^2 \neq \nabla^3$ ?!?

**Thm.** Let  $M^7$  be a 3- $(\alpha, \delta)$ -Sasaki manifold. There exists a cocalibrated  $G_2$ -structure with char. connection  $\nabla$  with parallel spinor  $\psi$  with the properties:

- $\nabla$  preserves  $\mathcal{V}$  and  $\mathcal{H}$ , and  $\nabla T = 0$
- $\psi$  and  $\xi_i \cdot \psi$  are generalized Riemannian Killing spinors on  $M^7$

[A-Dileo, 2019]

**Observe:** Only known example of gKS where endom. has three different eigenvalues

## Application: cone constructions

- How to construct  $G_2$ -str. of any class on cones over  $SU(3)$ -manifolds?

Start with  $(M^6, g, \phi)$  with intrinsic torsion  $(S, \eta)$ . Choose a function  $h = h_1 + ih_2 : I \rightarrow S^1$  and define by

$$\phi_t := h(t)\phi := h_1(t)\phi + h_2(t)j(\phi)$$

a new family of  $SU(3)$ -structures on  $M^6$  depending on  $t \in I$ .

Conformally rescale the metric by some function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  and consider  $M_t^6 := (M^6, f(t)^2g, \phi_t)$ . Intrinsic torsion of  $M_t^6$ :  $(\frac{h^2}{f}S, \eta)$ .

**Dfn.** *spin cone* over  $M^6$ :  $(\bar{M}^7, \bar{g}) = (M^6 \times I, f^2(t)g + dt^2)$  with spinor  $\phi_t$ .

**Exa.** Suppose we want  $\bar{M}^7$  to be a nearly parallel  $G_2$ -manifold: need  $h'/h$  constant, so  $h(t) = \exp(i(ct + d))$ ,  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Easiest: sine cone  $(M^6 \times (0, \pi), \sin(t)^2g + dt^2, e^{it/2}\phi)$  [Fernández-Ivanov-Muñoz-Ugarte, 2008; Stock, 2009]

- Similarly, we can construct  $G_2$ -manifolds of any desired pure class (construction really uses the spinor!).



## To conclude:

Obtained a uniform description of all possible defining spinorial differential eqs. on 6-dim.  $SU(3)$ -manifolds and  $G_2$ -manifolds, generalizing Killing spinors, generalized Killing spinors, quasi-Killing spinors [Friedrich-Kim, 2000]. . . .

So far, all spinors encountered are *generalized Killing spinor with torsion (gKST)*, i. e.

$$\nabla\phi = A(X) \cdot \phi$$

for some endomorphism  $A : TM^6 \rightarrow TM^6$ ; but the same eq. can be expressed in different ways.

- Not the differential eq. is the basic object, but rather the  $G$ -structure!

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