

# Generalized K3 surfaces

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## Rewriting K3s

Write a K3 surface  $X$  as  $(M, I)$  with  $M =$  oriented differentiable manifold and  $I \in \text{End}(TM)$  a complex structure.

Then a holomorphic two-form  $0 \neq \sigma \in H^0(X, \Omega_X^2)$  viewed as  $\sigma \in \mathcal{A}^2(M)_{\mathbb{C}}$  satisfies:

- i)  $\sigma \wedge \sigma \equiv 0$ .
- ii)  $\sigma \wedge \bar{\sigma} > 0$ .
- iii)  $d\sigma = 0$ .

*Calabi–Yau structure*

**Converse (Andreotti):** Suppose  $\sigma \in \mathcal{A}^2(M)_{\mathbb{C}}$  satisfies i) - iii). Then there exists a unique complex structure  $I$  such that  $X := (M, I)$  is a K3 surface with  $\sigma \in H^0(X, \Omega_X^2)$ .

i)  $\sigma \wedge \sigma \equiv 0$ , ii)  $\sigma \wedge \bar{\sigma} > 0$ , iii)  $d\sigma = 0$

**Idea:**  $\sigma$  induces  $\sigma, \bar{\sigma} : TM_{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow TM_{\mathbb{C}}^*$ . Define

$$T^{0,1} := \text{Ker}(\sigma) \quad \text{and} \quad T^{1,0} := \text{Ker}(\bar{\sigma}) = \overline{T^{0,1}}.$$

i)  $\Rightarrow T^{1,0} \neq 0$ , ii)  $\Rightarrow T^{1,0} \cap T^{0,1} = 0$ ,  
 $\sigma$  alternating  $\Rightarrow \dim T^{0,1} \equiv 0(2)$ .

Hence

$$TM_{\mathbb{C}} = T^{1,0} \oplus T^{0,1} \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad I(v) := iv^{1,0} - iv^{0,1}$$

defines an almost complex structure  $I$ .

iii)  $\Rightarrow I$  is integrable.

**Remark:**  $\sigma$  and  $\lambda\sigma$  define the same  $I$  ( $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ).

$$\sigma \in \mathcal{A}^2(M)_{\mathbb{C}} \rightsquigarrow \varphi \in \mathcal{A}^{2^*}(M)_{\mathbb{C}}$$

$M$  = oriented differentiable manifold underlying a K3 surface. The *Mukai pairing for even forms*  $\varphi = \varphi_0 + \varphi_2 + \varphi_4 \in \mathcal{A}^{2^*}(M)_{\mathbb{C}}$  is:

$$\langle \varphi, \psi \rangle := \varphi_2 \wedge \psi_2 - \varphi_0 \wedge \psi_4 - \varphi_4 \wedge \psi_0 \in \mathcal{A}^4(M)_{\mathbb{C}}.$$

**Definition (Hitchin):** A *generalized Calabi–Yau structure* on  $M$  is a  $\varphi \in \mathcal{A}^{2^*}(M)_{\mathbb{C}}$  with

- i)  $\langle \varphi, \varphi \rangle \equiv 0$ .
- ii)  $\langle \varphi, \bar{\varphi} \rangle > 0$ .
- iii)  $d\varphi = 0$  (i.e.  $\varphi_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $d\varphi_2 = 0$ ).

**Examples:**

- $\sigma$  = holomorphic two-form on K3  $X = (M, I) \rightsquigarrow \varphi := \sigma$ .
- $\omega \in \mathcal{A}^2(M)$  symplectic  $\rightsquigarrow \varphi := \exp(i\omega) := 1 + i\omega - \omega^2/2$ .

## B-field transforms

A closed real form  $B \in \mathcal{A}^2(M)$  is called a *B-field*.

**Easy:** Multiplication with  $\exp(B) := 1 + B + B^2/2$  is orthogonal, i.e.

$$\langle \varphi, \psi \rangle \equiv \langle \exp(B) \cdot \varphi, \exp(B) \cdot \psi \rangle.$$

**Lemma:** If  $\varphi \in \mathcal{A}^2(M)_{\mathbb{C}}$  is a generalized CY structure, then the *B-field transform*  $\exp(B) \cdot \varphi$  is one too.

**Examples:**

- $\exp(B) \cdot \sigma = \sigma + B \wedge \sigma = \sigma + B^{0,2} \wedge \sigma.$
- $\exp(B) \cdot \exp(i\omega) = \exp(B + i\omega) = 1 + B + i\omega + \frac{B^2 - \omega^2}{2} + iB \wedge \omega.$

# Classification of generalized CY structures

**Hitchin:** Any generalized CY structure  $\varphi$  is of the form  $\exp(B) \cdot \sigma$  with  $\sigma$  a holomorphic two-form or  $\varphi_0 \cdot \exp(B + i\omega)$  with  $\omega$  real symplectic and a B-field  $B$ .

**Proof:** If  $\varphi_0 = 0$ , then  $\varphi_2$  satisfies i)-iii). Let  $\sigma := \varphi_2$  and choose  $B$  such that  $B \wedge \sigma = \varphi_4$ .

If  $\varphi_0 \neq 0$ , let  $\omega := \text{Im}(\varphi_0^{-1} \cdot \varphi_2)$  and  $B := \text{Re}(\varphi_0^{-1} \cdot \varphi_2)$ .

Check that:

i)  $\Rightarrow \varphi_0^{-1} \cdot \varphi = \exp(B + i\omega)$  and

ii)  $\Rightarrow \omega$  symplectic.

$$\varphi \in \mathcal{A}^{2*}(M)_{\mathbb{C}} \rightsquigarrow [\varphi] \in H^*(M, \mathbb{C})$$

Define the *Mukai pairing* by

$$\langle \varphi, \psi \rangle := \int (\varphi_2 \wedge \psi_2 - \varphi_0 \wedge \psi_4 - \varphi_4 \wedge \psi_0)$$

on  $H^*(M, \mathbb{Z})$ . Thus  $\langle [\varphi], [\psi] \rangle = \int \langle \varphi, \psi \rangle$ .

On  $H^2(M, \mathbb{Z})$ : standard intersection pairing.

On  $H^0(M, \mathbb{Z}) \oplus H^4(M, \mathbb{Z})$ : minus standard intersection pairing.

Write  $\tilde{H}(M, \mathbb{Z}) := (H^*(M, \mathbb{Z}), \langle \ , \ \rangle)$ . Thus abstractly

$$\tilde{H}(M, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq 2(-E_8) \oplus 4U.$$

$[\varphi] \in H^*(M, \mathbb{C}) \rightsquigarrow$  Hodge structure

For  $[\varphi] \in H^*(M, \mathbb{C})$  of a generalized CY structure  $\varphi \in \mathcal{A}^{2*}(M)_{\mathbb{C}}$ :

$$\text{i) } \langle [\varphi], [\varphi] \rangle = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{ii) } \langle [\varphi], \overline{[\varphi]} \rangle > 0.$$

Define a weight two Hodge structure  $\tilde{H}(M, \varphi, \mathbb{Z})$  on  $\tilde{H}(M, \mathbb{Z})$  by

$$\tilde{H}^{2,0}(M, \varphi) := \mathbb{C}[\varphi] \subset H^*(M, \mathbb{C}),$$

$$\tilde{H}^{0,2}(M, \varphi) := \overline{H^{2,0}(M, \varphi)} = \mathbb{C}[\bar{\varphi}],$$

and

$$\tilde{H}^{1,1}(M, \varphi) := (H^{2,0} \oplus H^{0,2})(M, \varphi)^{\perp}.$$

**Example:**  $\varphi = \sigma$  holomorphic two-form on  $X = (M, I)$ , then

$$\tilde{H}^{2,0}(M, \varphi) = H^{2,0}(X)$$

and

$$\tilde{H}^{1,1}(M, \varphi) = H^{1,1}(X) \oplus H^0(X) \oplus H^4(X).$$



$X = \text{K3 surface}$ **Brauer group:**

$$\text{Br}(X) := H^2(X, \mathcal{O}_X^*)_{\text{tor}}.$$

Exponential sequence  $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X^* \rightarrow 0$  yields

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Pic}(X) \rightarrow H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^2(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow H^2(X, \mathcal{O}_X^*) \rightarrow 0.$$

For  $\alpha \in \text{Br}(X)$  pick  $B \in H^2(X, \mathbb{R})$  such that  $\alpha = \alpha_B := e^{2\pi i B^{0,2}}$ . Define the integral(!) weight two Hodge structure of the *twisted K3 surface*  $(X, \alpha)$  as:

$$\tilde{H}((X, \alpha), \mathbb{Z}) := \tilde{H}(M, \exp(B) \cdot \sigma, \mathbb{Z}).$$

**Lemma:** The isomorphism type of  $\tilde{H}((X, \alpha), \mathbb{Z})$  is independent of the choice of  $B$ .

# $M$ as before

The *moduli space of generalized CY structures*:

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{N}} := \{\mathbb{C}\varphi \mid \varphi \text{ generalized CY structure}\} / \simeq,$$

where  $\varphi \simeq \varphi'$  if there exists  $f \in \text{Diff}_*(M)$  (i.e.  $f^* = \text{id}$  on  $H^*(M, \mathbb{Z})$ ) and  $B \in \mathcal{A}^2(M)$  exact such that  $\varphi = \exp(B) \cdot f^*\varphi'$ .

Classically

$$\mathfrak{N} := \{\mathbb{C}\sigma \mid \sigma \text{ CY structure}\} / \text{Diff}_*(M).$$

Then:  $\mathfrak{N} \subset \tilde{\mathfrak{N}}$  and  $\mathfrak{N} = \mathfrak{M} =$  moduli space of marked K3 surfaces (one connected component).

$$\Gamma := H^2(M, \mathbb{Z}), \quad \tilde{\Gamma} := \tilde{H}(M, \mathbb{Z})$$

Classical period domain

$$Q := \{x \mid (x, x) = 0, (x, \bar{x}) > 0\} \subset \mathbb{P}(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}})$$

and period map  $\mathcal{P} : \mathfrak{N} \rightarrow Q, \sigma \mapsto [\mathbb{C}\sigma]$ .

*Generalized period domain*

$$\tilde{Q} := \{x \mid \langle x, x \rangle = 0, \langle x, \bar{x} \rangle > 0\} \subset \mathbb{P}(\tilde{\Gamma}_{\mathbb{C}})$$

and period map  $\tilde{\mathcal{P}} : \tilde{\mathfrak{N}} \rightarrow \tilde{Q}, \varphi \mapsto [\mathbb{C}\varphi]$ .

Then

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathfrak{N} & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}} & Q & \hookrightarrow & \mathbb{P}(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}}) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \tilde{\mathfrak{N}} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}} & \tilde{Q} & \hookrightarrow & \mathbb{P}(\tilde{\Gamma}_{\mathbb{C}}). \end{array}$$

## Torelli etc.

**Moser:**  $\tilde{\mathcal{P}} : \tilde{\mathfrak{N}} \setminus \mathfrak{N} \rightarrow \tilde{Q}$  is a local homeomorphism.

**Andreotti:**  $\mathcal{P} : \mathfrak{N} \rightarrow Q$  is a local homeomorphism.

**Open:** Is  $\tilde{\mathfrak{N}}$  connected?

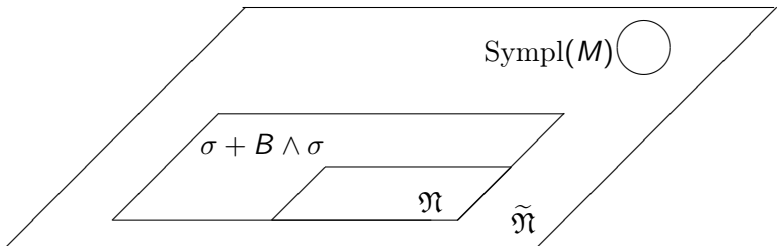
**Surjectivity:**  $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}$  is surjective.

Restrict in  $\tilde{\mathfrak{N}}$  to symplectic forms which are hyperkähler with respect to at least one complex structure. Then

**Global Torelli:**

- i)  $\tilde{\mathcal{P}} : \tilde{\mathfrak{N}} \rightarrow \tilde{Q}$  is an isomorphism over  $\tilde{Q} \setminus \exp(H^2(M, \mathbb{R})) \cdot Q$ .
  - ii)  $\mathcal{P} : \mathfrak{N} \rightarrow Q$  bijective up to non-Hausdorff phenomena.
- (i) uses ii))

Identify non separated points:



Observe:

$$t \exp \left( \frac{\text{Re}(\sigma) + i\text{Im}(\sigma)}{t} \right) \rightarrow \sigma \text{ for } t \rightarrow 0.$$

$$\Gamma = H^2(M, \mathbb{Z}), \quad \tilde{\Gamma} = \tilde{H}(M, \mathbb{Z})$$

- $O := O(\Gamma)$ -action on  $\mathbb{P}(\Gamma_{\mathbb{C}})$  preserves  $Q$ .
- $\tilde{O} := O(\tilde{\Gamma})$ -action on  $\mathbb{P}(\tilde{\Gamma}_{\mathbb{C}})$  preserves  $\tilde{Q}$ .
- $O(\tilde{\Gamma})$ -action on  $\mathbb{P}(\tilde{\Gamma}_{\mathbb{C}})$  does not preserve  $Q$  or  $\exp(H^2(M, \mathbb{R})) \cdot Q$ .

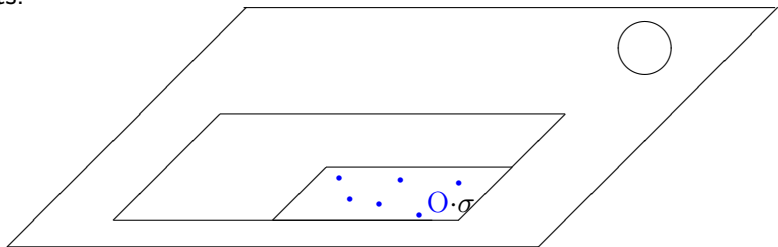
**Explicitly:**  $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(\varphi) \in \tilde{O} \cdot \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(\varphi')$

$\Leftrightarrow \exists g : \tilde{H}(M, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq \tilde{H}(M, \mathbb{Z})$  Hodge isometry.

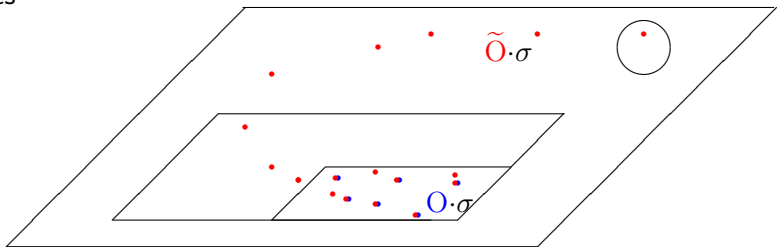
**Classically:**  $\mathcal{P}(\sigma) \in O \cdot \mathcal{P}(\sigma')$

$\Leftrightarrow \exists g : H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq H^2(X', \mathbb{Z})$  with  $g(H^{2,0}(X)) = H^{2,0}(X')$ .

O-orbits:



$\tilde{O}$ -orbits





## Global Torelli à la Weil:

- *Now it may happen that two classes  $S, S'$  may be distinct and still define isomorphic structures; this will be so when structures belonging to these classes can be transformed into one another by a differentiable homeomorphism... The latter will induce an automorphism of the homology group, and therefore a unit  $U$  of the quadratic form  $F$ , ie. a matrix with integral coefficients belonging to the orthogonal group of  $F$ .*
- *It seems plausible (but not easy to prove) that two such forms with the same periods must determine complex structures which can be transformed into one other by a differentiable homeomorphism, **homotopic to the identity**;...*

i) OK, but ii) is open.

**Open:** Is  $\text{Diff}_0(M) \subset \text{Diff}_*(M)$  equality?

**The Global Torelli theorem for K3 surfaces is still not proven !**