

Hyperkähler Geometry

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Goals:

- Place of HK in the landscape of (complex) geometry
- Main features of HKs
- Classification & Examples
- What would we like to know?
- Recent results (joint work with Debarre, Macrì, and Voisin)

Warning:

Here HK are compact! Non-compact HK is a different world (with some links)

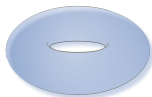
Reminder on the classification of compact Riemann surfaces

Topology:



$$S^2$$

$$g = 0$$



$$S^1 \times S^1$$

$$g = 1$$



$$g \geq 2$$

Equations: $F(x_0, x_1, x_2) = 0 \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^2$

$$\deg(F) = 1, 2$$

$$\deg(F) = 3$$

$$\deg(F) \geq 4$$

Parametrization:

$$\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1$$

$$\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\tau$$

$$\mathbb{H}/\Gamma$$

Curvature: $c_1 = [\omega] \in H^2(C, \mathbb{R})$, locally $\omega = \sqrt{-1} h dz \wedge d\bar{z}$

$$h > 0$$

$$h = 0$$

$$h < 0$$

Classification of compact complex(!) surfaces

Topology: ??

Equations: $F(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) = 0 \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^3$

$$\deg(F) \leq 3$$

$$\deg(F) = 4$$

$$\deg(F) \geq 5$$

Parametrization / Examples:

$$\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^2$$

$$\mathbb{C}^2/\Lambda$$

...

$$\mathbb{H}^2/\Gamma$$

Curvature: $c_1 = [\omega] \in H^2(S, \mathbb{R})$, locally $\omega = \sqrt{-1} \sum h_{ij} dz_i \wedge d\bar{z}_j$

$$(h_{ij}) > 0$$

$$(h_{ij}) = 0$$

...

$$(h_{ij}) < 0$$

Holomorphic symplectic: \exists 2-form σ : locally $f dz_1 \wedge dz_2$, $f \neq 0$, holomorphic

• \mathbb{C}^2/Λ complex torus

• K3 surface $\approx S \subset \mathbb{P}^3: x_0^4 + x_1^4 + x_2^4 + x_3^4 = 0$

Kummer, Kähler, Kodaira, et de la belle montagne de K2



Classification in higher dimensions

Curvature:

$$c_1 > 0 \qquad c_1 = 0 \qquad \dots \qquad \dots \qquad c_1 < 0$$

Beauville–Bogomolov–Yau 1983: $X \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^N$ compact, complex, manifold with $c_1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \widetilde{X} \cong \mathbb{C}^N / \Lambda \times \prod_i \text{HK}_i \times \prod_i \text{CY}_i$$

Hyperkähler manifold (HK): $X =$ compact complex manifold

& \exists σ holomorphic symplectic form: pointwise $\sigma = \sum dz_i \wedge dz_{n+i}$

Additional assumptions: $X \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^N$ (or Kähler) & $\pi_1(X) = \{1\}$ & σ unique

(\leadsto exclude tori \mathbb{C}^n / Λ and products)

Examples: K3 surfaces, ??

Bogomolov 1978: HK do not exist in $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} > 2$, i.e. K3 surfaces are the only HK

...and yet they exist

Beauville, Fujiki 1983:

$$\bullet S = \text{K3 surface} \rightsquigarrow S \times S \longrightarrow (S \times S)/\mathfrak{S}_2 \longleftarrow S^{[2]} = \text{HK}, \dim_{\mathbb{C}} = 4$$

σ unique, $\pi_1 = \{1\}$

but singular



$$\text{Similar: } S^n \longrightarrow S^n/\mathfrak{S}_n \longleftarrow S^{[n]} = \text{HK}, \dim_{\mathbb{C}} = 2n$$

$$\bullet A = \mathbb{C}^2/\Lambda \rightsquigarrow A^n \longrightarrow A^n/\mathfrak{S}_n \longleftarrow A^{[n]} \supset K_{n-1}(A) = \text{HK}, \dim_{\mathbb{C}} = 2(n-1)$$

\rightsquigarrow Two series of examples of HK (topologically):

'Hilbert schemes' $S^{[n]}$ and 'Kummer varieties' $K_n(A)$

Recall: Topologically there exists only one torus in each dimension: $\mathbb{C}^n/\Lambda \approx (S^1)^{2n}$

\rightsquigarrow The HK world is richer!

Remark: \exists unexplained further complex structures, not coming from S or A

...getting lucky

O'Grady 1999 & 2000: \exists two further examples $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} = 6$ & $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} = 10$

Start again with K3 or torus, but get topologically new **HK**

Beauville–Donagi 1985:

Start with $Y \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^5: x_0^3 + \cdots + x_5^3 = 0$

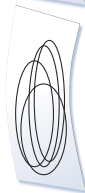
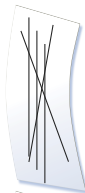
$\leadsto X = F(Y) = \{ \ell \subset Y \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^5 \mid \text{line} \}$ is **HK** of $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} = 4$

But topologically not new $\approx S^{[2]}$

Lehn–Lehn–Sorger–van Straten 2017:

Start again with $Y \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^5 \leadsto F'(Y)$ **HK** of $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} = 8$, topologically $\approx S^{[4]}$

General problem: There is a shortage of methods to construct interesting varieties
HK are not constructed neither by equations nor by parametrizations



Main features: BBF form

Principles:

- Strong restriction on topology
- HK behave like (K3) surfaces, i.e. topological fourfolds
- H^2 rules

Beauville–Bogomolov–Fujiki form: $X = \text{HK}$, $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} = 2n$ ($\Rightarrow \dim_{\mathbb{R}} = 4n$)

$\Rightarrow \exists q: H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ non-deg. quadratic form & $c \in \mathbb{Q}$:

$$q(\alpha)^n = c \cdot \int_X \alpha^{2n} \quad \forall \alpha \in H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$$

For $n = 1$: $q = (\cdot)$ intersection form

Question: How restrictive is this for compact topological manifolds?

Verbitsky, Bogomolov 1996: Cohomology ring

$$S^* H^2(X) \longrightarrow S^* H^2(X)/(H_{2n+2})^{\perp} \longrightarrow H^{2*}(X)$$

Main features: Using the BBF form

Surjectivity of period map 1999: $X \text{ HK} \leadsto [\sigma] \in H^2(X, \mathbb{C}): q(\sigma) = 0 \text{ \& } q(\sigma, \bar{\sigma}) > 0$

If $[\sigma]' \in H^2(X, \mathbb{C})$ with $\dots \Rightarrow$ comes from X'

Finiteness 2003: Fix $q: H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow \exists$ at most finitely many topological $\text{HK } X$.

Global Torelli theorems:

(i) **K3 surfaces** [Pjateckiĭ–Šapiro–Šafarevič '71, Burns–Rapoport '75]:

$$H^2(S, \mathbb{Z}) \cong H^2(S', \mathbb{Z}) \text{ \& } q \text{ \& } \sigma \Rightarrow S \cong S'$$

(ii) **HK** [Verbitsky '13, Bourbaki '12, Looijenga '19]:

$$H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \cong H^2(X', \mathbb{Z}) \text{ \& } q \text{ \& } \sigma \text{ \& } \text{monodromy} \Rightarrow X \sim X'$$

Central role of BBF form: What do we know? Not much.

For sure: $\text{sing}(q) = (3, b_2 - 3) \text{ \& } b_2 = 23 \text{ or } b_2 \leq 8 \text{ in } \dim_{\mathbb{C}} = 4$

Challenge: Exclude the case $b_2(X) = 3$, i.e. $H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}^{\oplus 3}$

Further features

Curves in K3 surfaces

$S = \text{K3 surface}$, $C \subset S$ smooth curve

$$c_1(C) > 0 \Leftrightarrow q(C) < 0$$

$$c_1(C) = 0 \Leftrightarrow q(C) = 0$$

$$c_1(C) < 0 \Leftrightarrow q(C) > 0$$

Hirzebruch–Riemann–Roch

$S = \text{K3 surface}$, $L \in \text{Pic}(S)$

$$\Rightarrow \chi(S, L) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot q(c_1(L)) + 2$$

Hypersurfaces in HK

$X = \text{HK}$, $D \subset X$ smooth, $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} D = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} X - 1$

[Amerik–Campana, Abugaliev 2014-2021]

$$c_1(D) > 0 \Leftrightarrow q(D) < 0$$

$$c_1(D) = 0 \Leftrightarrow q(D) = 0$$

\vdots *do not occur!*

$$c_1(D) < 0 \Leftrightarrow q(D) > 0$$

Riemann–Roch polynomials

$X = \text{HK}$, $L \in \text{Pic}(X)$

$$\Rightarrow \chi(X, L) = P(q(c_1(L)))$$

$$= \frac{c}{(2n)!} \cdot q(c_1(L))^n + \cdots + (n+1)$$

Lagrangian fibrations (integrable systems)

- $S \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^3: x_0^4 + \dots + x_3^4 = 0$ Fermat surface: $[x_0 : \dots : x_3] \mapsto [x_0^2 + \xi x_1^2 : x_2^2 - \xi x_3^2]$

$$\leadsto S = \text{stack of 3 ellipses} \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1 \text{ with elliptic curves as generic fibres } S_t \cong \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$$

Special! But after small deformation every K3 surface $S \leadsto S' \twoheadrightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1$

- Higher dimensions: Start with $S \twoheadrightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1 \leadsto S \times S \twoheadrightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1 \times \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1$

$$\leadsto S^{[2]} \twoheadrightarrow (S \times S)/\mathfrak{S}_2 \twoheadrightarrow (\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1 \times \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1)/\mathfrak{S}_2 \cong \mathbb{P}^2 \text{ with fibres } S_{t,s}^{[2]} = S_t \times S_s \cong \mathbb{C}^2/\Lambda$$

SYZ Conjecture: $X = \text{HK}$, σ holomorphic two-form

$$\Rightarrow \text{after deformation } \exists X' \twoheadrightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^n \text{ with generic fibres } X'_t \cong \mathbb{C}^n/\Lambda$$

Concrete SYZ Conjecture: If $\exists \alpha \in H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}): q(\alpha) = 0$ & $q(\alpha, \sigma) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \exists X \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^n \text{ (Lagrangian fibration)}$$

Going through the examples: True for all series of examples (non-trivial!)

Towards a classification in $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} = 4$

Theorem (with Debarre, Macrì, Voisin 2022):

- If X is [HK](#), $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} = 4$ with $H^*(X, \mathbb{Z}) \cong H^*(S^{[2]}, \mathbb{Z})$, then X is member of the $S^{[2]}$ -clan
- Enough: $\exists \alpha, \beta \in H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$ with $\int \alpha^4 = \int \beta^4 = 0$ and $\int \alpha^2 \cdot \beta^2 = 2$ (minimal)
- SYZ conjecture holds in this case

Meaning: $X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$ is Lagrangian fibration:

(i) $\alpha = \text{pullback of hyperplane class} \in H^2(\mathbb{P}^2, \mathbb{Z}) \Rightarrow \int \alpha^4 = 0$

(ii) $\mathbb{Z} \cdot \beta = \text{Im}(H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow H^2(A, \mathbb{Z}))$ for smooth fibre $A = X_t \cong \mathbb{C}^2/\Lambda$

(iii) $\int \alpha^2 \cdot \beta^2 = 2$ is the case of principally polarized abelian surfaces, e.g. $A \cong E_1 \times E_2$

\leadsto Maybe that's it ?

Expectation (today 5:10pm): One more example in dimension four

Open questions & current trends

- Cohomological description of higher-dimensional $S^{[n]}$
- Cohomological description of second series $K_2(A)$
- A = polarized abelian variety of $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} = n$. When $\exists A \subset X = \text{HK}$ of $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} = 2n$?

No restriction in small dimensions

- Test standard conjectures: Hodge, Tate, Grothendieck, ...
- Group actions on HK
- Geometric Langlands, $P = W$ conjecture
- Generalize existing theory to mildly singular HK . More examples!
- Dimension reduction (via derived categories)