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# *EAC manifolds with structure group $G_2$*

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper we will consider the deformation theory of compact  $G$ -manifolds, where  $G = G_2$ . We will prove that the moduli space of torsionfree  $G$ -structures is a smooth manifold. Also proved smoothness of the moduli space on compact  $G$ -manifolds for any of the Ricci-flat holonomy groups  $G_2$  in a fairly uniform way. The arguments used here are geared to make it easier to generalise to the asymptotically cylindrical case in physics.

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### INTRODUCTION

A way to obtain irreducible compact  $G_2$ -manifolds is by gluing a pair of noncompact  $G_2$ -manifolds which are asymptotically cylindrical. A manifold is said to have cylindrical ends if it is homeomorphic to a cylinder outside a compact piece. An asymptotically cylindrical manifold is a Riemannian manifold with cylindrical ends for which the metric is asymptotic to a product metric on the cylindrical ends. Asymptotically cylindrical manifolds are easier to work with than arbitrary non-compact manifolds. Many analysis results for elliptic operators on compact manifolds can be generalised to statements about asymptotically translation-invariant elliptic operators acting on suitable spaces of sections on an asymptotically cylindrical manifold. In some arguments it is helpful to impose a

Stronger condition, requiring the manifold to be exponentially asymptotically cylindrical (EAC). Given a pair of EAC  $G_2$ -manifolds whose cylinders match one can form a generalised connected sum by truncating the cylinders after some large but finite length and gluing them together. If the neck length is sufficiently large then the EAC  $G_2$ -structures can be glued to form a torsion-free  $G_2$ -structure on the connected sum. This is a gluing construction for compact  $G_2$ -manifolds. Kovalev proves an EAC version of the Calabi conjecture to produce EAC Calabi-Yau 3-folds. By multiplying with circles reducible EAC  $G_2$ -manifolds are obtained, which can be glued to form irreducible compact  $G_2$ -manifolds different topological types from those constructed by Joyce.

Definition 1.1. Let  $X^6$  be a compact manifold, and denote by  $t$  the  $R$ -coordinate on the cylinder  $X \times R$ . Let  $M$  be a Riemannian manifold with  $HOL(M) \subseteq H$  and  $\rho$  a representation of  $H$ . The Lichnerowicz Laplacian on  $E_\rho$  is the formally self adjoint operator

$$\Delta_\rho = \nabla * \nabla - 2(D_\rho)^2(R): \Gamma(E_\rho) \rightarrow \Gamma(E_\rho)$$

where  $\nabla$  is the connection on  $E_\rho$  induced by the Levi-Civita connection on  $M$ .

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Definition 1.2. A  $G_2$ -structure' on  $X \times R$  is cylindrical if it is translation-invariant and the associated metric is a product metric  $g_\phi = g_x + dt^2$

Definition 1.3. A manifold  $M$  is said to have cylindrical ends if it is a union of two pieces  $M_0$  and  $M_\infty$  with common boundary  $X$ , where  $M_0$  is compact, and  $M_\infty$  is identified with  $X \times R^+$  by a diffeomorphism (identifying  $\partial M_\infty$  with  $X \times \{0\}$ )  $X$  is called the cross-section of  $M$ .

Definition 1.4. A tensor field or differential operator on  $X \times \mathbb{R}$  is called translation invariant if it is invariant under the obvious  $\mathbb{R}$ -action on  $X \times \mathbb{R}$ .

Definition 1.5. An asymptotically cylindrical manifold is a Riemannian manifold with cylindrical ends for which the metric is asymptotic to a product metric on the cylindrical ends

Definition 1.6. A metric  $g$  on a manifold  $M$  with cylindrical ends is said to be EAC if it is exponentially asymptotic to a product  $g_x + dt^2$  metric on  $X \times \mathbb{R}^+$ . An EAC manifold is a manifold with cylindrical ends equipped with an EAC metric.

Proposition 1.7. Let  $M_7$  an EAC  $G_2$ -manifold with cross-section  $X$ . Then

$$H_6^2(X) = A_6^2 \oplus E_6^2, H_6^4(X) = A_6^4 \oplus E_6^4$$

and the sums are orthogonal. Furthermore

- (i)  $H_6^2(X) \rightarrow H_6^4(X), [\alpha] \rightarrow *[\alpha]$  maps  $A_6^2$  to  $E_6^4$  and  $E_6^2$  to  $A_6^4$
- (ii)  $H^1(X) \rightarrow H_6^4(X), [\alpha] \rightarrow [\alpha] \cup [\mathcal{Q}]$  maps  $A^1$  to  $A_6^4$  and  $E^1$  to  $E_6^4$
- (iii)  $H^1(X) \rightarrow H^5(X), [\alpha] \rightarrow [\alpha] \cup [\frac{1}{2}w^2]$  maps  $A^1$  to  $A^5$  and  $E^1$  to  $E^5$

proof: (i) is obvious, since  $*$  maps  $A^m \leftrightarrow E^{6-m}$ .

$[\alpha] \rightarrow [\alpha] \cup [\mathcal{Q}]$  is a bijection  $H^1(X) \rightarrow H_6^4(X)$ . It maps  $A^1$  into  $A^4$  and  $E^1$  into  $E^4$ . It follows that  $A^1 \rightarrow A_6^4$  and  $E^1 \rightarrow E_6^4$  are both surjective and that  $H_6^4(X)$  splits as  $A_6^4 \oplus E_6^4$ .  $H_6^2(X)$  splits too by (i).

(iii) easily follows from (i) and (ii) in the same way.

Lemma 1.8. Let  $M$  be a Ricci-flat EAC manifold:

- (i) If  $M$  has a finite normal cover homeomorphic to a cylinder then  $M$  or a double cover of  $M$  is homeomorphic to a cylinder
- (ii) If  $\pi_1(M)$  is infinite then  $M$  has a finite cover  $\bar{M}$  with  $b^1(\bar{M}) > 0$

Proof: (i) If  $\bar{M}$  is a finite normal cover of  $M$  homeomorphic to a cylinder then it is isometric to a product cylinder  $Y \times \mathbb{R}$ .  $M$  is a quotient of  $Y \times \mathbb{R}$  by a finite group  $A$  of isometries. The isometries are products of isometries of  $Y$  and of  $\mathbb{R}$  (since they preserve the set of globally distance minimising geodesics  $\{y\} \times \mathbb{R}: y \in Y$ ). The elements of  $A$  have finite order, so they must act on the  $\mathbb{R}$  factor as either the identity or as reflections. Therefore the subgroup  $B \subseteq A$  which acts as the identity on  $\mathbb{R}$  is either all of  $A$ , in which case  $M$  is the cylinder  $(\frac{Y}{B}) \times \mathbb{R}$ , or a normal subgroup of index 2, in which case  $(\frac{Y}{B}) \times \mathbb{R}$  is a cylindrical double cover of  $M$ .

- (iii) Let  $G_0 \subseteq \pi_1(M)$  be a nilpotent subgroup of finite index.  $G_0$  is soluble, so the derived series  $G_i + 1 = [G_i, G_i]$  reaches 1. Therefore there is a largest  $i$  such that  $G_i \subseteq \pi_1(M)$  has finite index. Let  $\bar{M}$  be the cover of  $M$  corresponding to  $G_i \subseteq \pi_1(M)$ .  $\frac{G_i}{G_{i+1}}$  is an infinite Abelian group, so has non-zero rank.

Theorem 1.9. Let  $M_\pm$  be  $M_+$  with its orientation reversed and  $(\varphi_+, \varphi_-)$  a matching pair of  $G_2$ -structures. If  $\varphi_+$  and  $\varphi_-$  define the same metric then  $M_\pm$  has a double cover isometric to a cylinder.

Proof.  $\varphi_-$  is a torsion-free  $G_2$ -structure on  $M_+$  which defines the same metric as  $\varphi_+$ . The matching condition for  $\varphi_+$  and  $\varphi_-$  implies that the parallel section is asymptotic to  $[\frac{\partial}{\partial t}]$ . In other words either  $M_+$  or a double cover of  $M_+$  has a parallel vector field asymptotic to  $\pm \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$  now this is impossible for a manifold with a single end, so  $M_\pm$  has a double cover which is isometric to a cylinder.

Result 1.10. Let  $M_\pm$  denote the moduli space of torsion-free EAC  $G_2$ -structures on  $M^\pm$  and  $N$  the moduli space of Calabi-Yau structures on their common cross-section  $X$ . We can define a subset  $M_y \subseteq M_+ \times M_-$  consisting of pairs which have matching images in  $N$ .

While we can apply our understanding of  $M_\pm$  and their relationship to  $N$  to show that  $M_y$  is a manifold, it is not an appropriate domain. The reason is that for a matching pair of points in the moduli spaces  $M_+, M_-$  there is some ambiguity in how to glue them.

Corollary 1.11. Let  $M$  be an asymptotically cylindrical manifold with non-negative Ricci curvature. Then the fundamental group  $\pi_1(M)$  has a nilpotent subgroup of finite index.  $M$  is homotopy equivalent to a compact manifold with boundary so  $\pi_1(M)$  is finitely generated. Volume comparison arguments show that the volume of balls in the universal cover of  $M$  grows polynomially and this can be used to deduce that  $\pi_1(M)$  has polynomial growth

## 2 Main Result

if  $C = C_7 + C_{14}$  is a skew-symmetric tensor, then the evolution of the skew-symmetric tensor  $P(C)$  under the following equation:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \varphi_{ijk} = h_i^l \varphi_{ljk} + h_j^l \varphi_{ilk} + h_k^l \varphi_{ijl} + X^l \varphi_{lij} \text{ is given by:}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (P(C))_{ij} = (P(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} C))_{ij} + 6\pi_7(\{h, C_{14}\})_{ij} - 6\pi_{14}(\{h, C_7\})_{ij} - 2\pi_7([X, C_{14}])_{ij} + 2\pi_{14}([X, C_7])_{ij}$$

Where  $\pi_7$  and  $\pi_{14}$  denote the projections onto  $\Omega_7^2$  and  $\Omega_{14}^2$  respectively.

Proof. we see that  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (C_{ab}g^{ap}g^{bq}\psi_{pgij})$  equals

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} C_{ab}\right)g^{ap}g^{bq}\psi_{pgij} + 2C_{ab}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}g^{ap}\right)g^{bq}\psi_{pgij} + C_{ab}g^{ap}g^{bq}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\psi_{pgij}\right) \\ &= (P\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}C\right))_{ij} - 4C_{ab}h^{ap}g^{bq}\psi_{pgij} + C_{ab}h^{ap}g^{bq}(h_p^l\psi_{lqij} + h_q^l\psi_{plij}) \\ &+ C_{ab}g^{ap}g^{bq}(h_i^l\psi_{pqlj} + h_j^l\psi_{pqil} - X_p\phi_{qij} + X_q\phi_{pij} - X_i\phi_{pqj} + X_j\phi_{pqi}) \\ &= (P\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}C\right))_{ij} - 2C_{ab}h^{ap}g^{bq}\psi_{pgij} + h_i^l(P(C))_{lj} + (P(C))_{il}h_j^l \\ &+ 2(C_{ab}X^b g^{bq})\psi_{pij} - 6(C_7)_jX_i + 6(C_7)_iX_j \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the skew-symmetry of C and of  $\phi$  and relabeled indices to combine terms. The second term above can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} -2h_{al}g^{lm}C_{mb}g^{ap}g^{bq}\psi_{pqij} &= -(h_{al}g^{lm}C_{mb} + C_{al}g^{lm}h_{mb})g^{ap}g^{bq}\psi_{pqij} \\ &= -\{h, c\}_{ab}g^{ap}g^{bq}\psi_{pqij} = -P(\{h, c\})_{ij} = 4(\pi_7\{h, c\})_{ij} - 2(\pi_{14}\{h, c\})_{ij} \\ &= 4(\pi_7\{h, c_7\})_{ij} + 2(\pi_7\{h, c_{14}\})_{ij} - 2(\pi_{14}\{h, c_7\})_{ij} - 2(\pi_{14}\{h, c_{14}\})_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

Meanwhile the third and fourth terms of (1) become

$$\{h, P(C)\}_{ij} = \{h, -4c_7 + 2c_{14}\}_{ij}$$

$$= -4(\pi_7\{h, c_7\})_{ij} + 2(\pi_7\{h, c_{14}\})_{ij} - 4(\pi_{14}\{h, c_7\})_{ij} + 2(\pi_{14}\{h, c_{14}\})_{ij}$$

expressions, after some cancellation we see that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(C_{ab}g^{ap}g^{bq}\psi_{pgij}) = (P\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}C\right))_{ij} + 6\pi_7(\{h, C_{14}\})_{ij} - 6\pi_{14}(\{h, C_7\})_{ij}$$

$$+ 2(C_{ab}X^b g^{bq})\psi_{pij} - 6(C_7)_jX_i + 6(C_7)_iX_j \quad (2)$$

Consider now the third to last term above:

$$\begin{aligned} 2(C_7(X_{ij}) + C_7(X_{ij})) &= 2\left(-\frac{1}{2}[C_7, X]_{ij} - \frac{3}{2}(C_7)_iX_j \pm \frac{3}{2}(C_7)_iX_j + \frac{3}{2}(C_7)_iX_j [C_{14}, X]_{ij}\right) \\ &= -[C_7, X]_{ij} + 2[C_{14}, X]_{ij} - 3(C_7)_iX_j + 3(C_7)_jX_i \end{aligned}$$

Hence the final three terms of (2) are:

$$\begin{aligned} &= -[C_7, X]_{ij} + 2[C_{14}, X]_{ij} + 3(C_7)_iX_j - 3(C_7)_jX_i \\ &= -[C_7, X]_{ij} + 2[C_{14}, X]_{ij} - 3\left(-\frac{1}{3}[C_7, X]_{ij} + \frac{2}{3}(C_7 \times X)_{ij}\right) \\ &= -2[C_7, X]_{ij} + 2[C_{14}, X]_{ij} + 2(C_7 \times X)_{ij} \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

now by using (1) and (2) and (3) the result is prove.

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