

# Spectral Action of Bianchi IX Gravitational Instantons

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## spacetime geometries (Euclidean)

- **homogeneous and isotropic**: Robertson–Walker
- **homogeneous and non-isotropic**: Bianchi IX, Kasner, mixmaster...
- **non-homogeneous and isotropic**: Rees-Sciama, swiss-cheese...

## $SU(2)$ -Bianchi IX cosmologies (Euclidean, compactified)

- another version of Bianchi IX mixmaster cosmologies, with  $SU(2)$  symmetry (Euclidean version)

$$g = w_1 w_2 w_3 dt^2 + \frac{w_2 w_3}{w_1} \sigma_1^2 + \frac{w_1 w_3}{w_2} \sigma_2^2 + \frac{w_1 w_2}{w_3} \sigma_3^2$$

with  $w_i = w_i(t)$ , or more generally

$$g = F \left( d\mu^2 + \frac{\sigma_1^2}{w_1^2} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{w_2^2} + \frac{\sigma_3^2}{w_3^2} \right)$$

with a conformal factor  $F \sim w_1 w_2 w_3$

- $SU(2)$ -invariant 1-forms  $\{\sigma_i\}$  satisfying relations

$$d\sigma_i = \sigma_j \wedge \sigma_k$$

for all cyclic permutations  $(i, j, k)$  of  $(1, 2, 3)$

## $SU(2)$ -invariant 1-forms

$$\sigma_1 = x_1 dx_2 - x_2 dx_1 + x_3 dx_0 - x_0 dx_3 = \frac{1}{2}(d\psi + \cos \theta d\phi),$$

$$\sigma_2 = x_2 dx_3 - x_3 dx_2 + x_1 dx_0 - x_0 dx_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\sin \psi d\theta - \sin \theta \cos \psi d\phi),$$

$$\sigma_3 = x_3 dx_1 - x_1 dx_3 + x_2 dx_0 - x_0 dx_2 = \frac{1}{2}(-\cos \psi d\theta - \sin \theta \sin \psi d\phi),$$

Euler angles  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ ,  $0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi$  and  $0 \leq \psi \leq 4\pi$  ( $SU(2)$  case)

## Explicit form of the metric

- more explicitly  $ds^2$  is

$$\begin{aligned} & w_1 w_2 w_3 dt dt + \frac{w_1 w_2 \cos(\eta)}{w_3} d\phi d\psi + \frac{w_1 w_2 \cos(\eta)}{w_3} d\psi d\phi \\ & + \left( \frac{w_2 w_3 \sin^2(\eta) \cos^2(\psi)}{w_1} + w_1 \left( \frac{w_3 \sin^2(\eta) \sin^2(\psi)}{w_2} + \frac{w_3 \cos^2(\eta)}{w_3} \right) \right) d\phi d\phi \\ & + \frac{(w_1^2 - w_2^2) w_3 \sin(\eta) \sin(\psi) \cos(\psi)}{w_1 w_2} d\eta d\phi + \frac{(w_1^2 - w_2^2) w_3 \sin(\eta) \sin(\psi) \cos(\psi)}{w_1 w_2} d\phi d\eta \\ & + \left( \frac{w_2 w_3 \sin^2(\psi)}{w_1} + \frac{w_1 w_3 \cos^2(\psi)}{w_2} \right) d\eta d\eta + \frac{w_1 w_2}{w_3} d\psi d\psi \end{aligned}$$

- identifying  $S^3$  with unit quaternions  $SU(2)$
- The metrics on  $S^3$

$$\frac{w_2 w_3}{w_1} \sigma_1^2 + \frac{w_1 w_3}{w_2} \sigma_2^2 + \frac{w_1 w_2}{w_3} \sigma_3^2$$

are left-invariants under the action of  $SU(2)$  but *not* right-invariant (unlike the round metric on  $S^3$ )

## Dirac operator

- orthonormal coframe  $\{\theta^a\}$

$$D = \sum_a \theta^a \nabla_{\theta_a}^S$$

- spin connection  $\nabla^S$  with matrix of 1-forms  $\omega = (\omega_b^a)$  with

$$\nabla \theta^a = \sum_b \omega_b^a \otimes \theta^b$$

- metric-compatibility and torsion-freeness (Levi-Civita connection)

$$\omega_b^a = -\omega_a^b, \quad d\theta^a = \sum_b \omega_b^a \wedge \theta^b$$

## Dirac operator

$$D = \sum_{a,\mu} \gamma^a dx^\mu (\theta_a) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{a,b,c} \gamma^c \omega_{ac}^b \gamma^a \gamma^b$$

with  $\omega_a^b = \sum_c \omega_{ac}^b \theta^c$

- matrices  $\gamma^a$  Clifford action of  $\theta^a$  on spin bundle:

$$(\gamma^a)^2 = -I$$

$$\gamma^a \gamma^b + \gamma^b \gamma^a = 0 \text{ for } a \neq b$$



## Dirac operator on Bianchi IX metrics

- local coordinates  $(x^\mu) = (t, \eta, \phi, \psi)$  with  $\mathbb{S}^3$  parametrized by

$$(\eta, \phi, \psi) \mapsto \left( \cos(\eta/2)e^{i(\phi+\psi)/2}, \sin(\eta/2)e^{i(\phi-\psi)/2} \right)$$

with  $0 \leq \eta \leq \pi, 0 \leq \phi < 2\pi, 0 \leq \psi < 4\pi$ .

- orthonormal frame

$$\theta^0 = \sqrt{w_1 w_2 w_3} dt,$$

$$\theta^1 = \sin(\eta) \cos(\psi) \sqrt{\frac{w_2 w_3}{w_1}} d\phi - \sin(\psi) \sqrt{\frac{w_2 w_3}{w_1}} d\eta,$$

$$\theta^2 = \sin(\eta) \sin(\psi) \sqrt{\frac{w_1 w_3}{w_2}} d\phi + \cos(\psi) \sqrt{\frac{w_1 w_3}{w_2}} d\eta,$$

$$\theta^3 = \cos(\eta) \sqrt{\frac{w_1 w_2}{w_3}} d\phi + \sqrt{\frac{w_1 w_2}{w_3}} d\psi.$$

- non-vanishing  $\omega_{ac}^b$

$$\omega_{11}^0 = -\frac{w_2 (w_1 w_3' - w_3 w_1') + w_1 w_3 w_2'}{2(w_1 w_2 w_3)^{3/2}}, \quad \omega_{22}^0 = -\frac{w_2 (w_3 w_1' + w_1 w_3') - w_1 w_3 w_2'}{2(w_1 w_2 w_3)^{3/2}},$$

$$\omega_{33}^0 = -\frac{w_2 (w_3 w_1' - w_1 w_3') + w_1 w_3 w_2'}{2(w_1 w_2 w_3)^{3/2}}, \quad \omega_{23}^1 = -\frac{w_1^2 w_2^2 - w_3^2 (w_1^2 + w_2^2)}{2(w_1 w_2 w_3)^{3/2}},$$

$$\omega_{32}^1 = -\frac{w_1^2 (w_2^2 - w_3^2) + w_2^2 w_3^2}{2(w_1 w_2 w_3)^{3/2}}, \quad \omega_{31}^2 = -\frac{w_2^2 w_3^2 - w_1^2 (w_2^2 + w_3^2)}{2(w_1 w_2 w_3)^{3/2}}.$$

## pseudo-differential symbol of Dirac

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma(D)(x, \xi) &= \sum_{a, \mu} i \gamma^a e_a^\mu \xi_{\mu+1} + \frac{1}{4\sqrt{w_1 w_2 w_3}} \left( \frac{w_1'}{w_1} + \frac{w_2'}{w_2} + \frac{w_3'}{w_3} \right) \gamma^1 \\
 &\quad - \frac{\sqrt{w_1 w_2 w_3}}{4} \left( \frac{1}{w_1^2} + \frac{1}{w_2^2} + \frac{1}{w_3^2} \right) \gamma^2 \gamma^3 \gamma^4 \\
 &= - \frac{i \gamma^2 \sqrt{w_1} (\csc(\eta) \cos(\psi) (\xi_4 \cos(\eta) - \xi_3) + \xi_2 \sin(\psi))}{\sqrt{w_2} \sqrt{w_3}} \\
 &\quad + \frac{i \gamma^3 \sqrt{w_2} (\sin(\psi) (\xi_3 \csc(\eta) - \xi_4 \cot(\eta)) + \xi_2 \cos(\psi))}{\sqrt{w_1} \sqrt{w_3}} \\
 &\quad + \frac{i \gamma^1 \xi_1}{\sqrt{w_1} \sqrt{w_2} \sqrt{w_3}} + \frac{i \gamma^4 \xi_4 \sqrt{w_3}}{\sqrt{w_1} \sqrt{w_2}} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{4\sqrt{w_1 w_2 w_3}} \left( \frac{w_1'}{w_1} + \frac{w_2'}{w_2} + \frac{w_3'}{w_3} \right) \gamma^1 \\
 &\quad - \frac{\sqrt{w_1 w_2 w_3}}{4} \left( \frac{1}{w_1^2} + \frac{1}{w_2^2} + \frac{1}{w_3^2} \right) \gamma^2 \gamma^3 \gamma^4
 \end{aligned}$$

- with non-vanishing  $e_a^\mu$ :

$$e_0^0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{w_1 w_2 w_3}},$$

$$e_2^1 = \frac{\sqrt{w_2} \cos(\psi)}{\sqrt{w_1 w_3}},$$

$$e_2^2 = \frac{\sqrt{w_2} \csc(\eta) \sin(\psi)}{\sqrt{w_1 w_3}},$$

$$e_2^3 = -\frac{\sqrt{w_2} \cot(\eta) \sin(\psi)}{\sqrt{w_1 w_3}},$$

$$e_1^1 = -\frac{\sqrt{w_1} \sin(\psi)}{\sqrt{w_2 w_3}},$$

$$e_1^2 = \frac{\sqrt{w_1} \csc(\eta) \cos(\psi)}{\sqrt{w_2 w_3}},$$

$$e_1^3 = -\frac{\sqrt{w_1} \cot(\eta) \cos(\psi)}{\sqrt{w_2 w_3}},$$

$$e_3^3 = \frac{\sqrt{w_3}}{\sqrt{w_1 w_2}}$$

- get from the symbol the **homogeneous components**  $p_k(x, \xi)$  with

$$\sigma(D^2)(x, \xi) = p_2(x, \xi) + p_1(x, \xi) + p_0(x, \xi)$$

- Example: for  $p_0(x, \xi)$  get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( -\frac{w'_1}{8w_1w_2^2} - \frac{w'_1}{8w_1w_3^2} + \frac{3w'_1}{8w_1^3} - \frac{w'_2}{8w_1^2w_2} - \frac{w'_3}{8w_1^2w_3} - \frac{w'_2}{8w_2w_3^2} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{3w'_2}{8w_2^3} - \frac{w'_3}{8w_2^2w_3} + \frac{3w'_3}{8w_3^3} \right) \gamma^1 \gamma^2 \gamma^3 \gamma^4 + \\ & \left( -\frac{w''_1}{4w_1^2w_2w_3} + \frac{w'_1w'_2}{8w_1^2w_2^2w_3} + \frac{w'_1w'_3}{8w_1^2w_2w_3^2} + \frac{5w_1'^2}{16w_1^3w_2w_3} - \frac{w''_2}{4w_1w_2^2w_3} \right. \\ & \quad + \frac{w'_2w'_3}{8w_1w_2^2w_3^2} + \frac{5w_2'^2}{16w_1w_2^3w_3} - \frac{w''_3}{4w_1w_2w_3^2} + \frac{5w_3'^2}{16w_1w_2w_3^3} + \frac{w_2w_3}{16w_1^3} \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{w_3}{8w_1w_2} + \frac{w_1w_3}{16w_2^3} + \frac{w_2}{8w_1w_3} + \frac{w_1}{8w_2w_3} + \frac{w_1w_2}{16w_3^3} \right) I. \end{aligned}$$

- also manageable expression for  $p_2(x, \xi)$ , longer one for  $p_1(x, \xi)$

Applying Parametrix Method to this Dirac operator

$$a_{2n}(x, D^2) = \frac{(2\pi)^{-m}}{2\pi i} \int \int_{\gamma} e^{-\lambda} \operatorname{tr}(r_{2n}(x, \xi, \lambda)) d\lambda d^m \xi$$

- Find  $a_0$ ,  $a_2$ ,  $a_4$  explicitly

$$a_0(D^2) = 4w_1 w_2 w_3$$

$$a_2(D^2) = -\frac{w_1^2}{3} - \frac{w_2^2}{3} - \frac{w_3^2}{3} + \frac{w_1^2 w_2^2}{6w_3^2} + \frac{w_1^2 w_3^2}{6w_2^2} + \frac{w_2^2 w_3^2}{6w_1^2} - \frac{(w_1')^2}{6w_1^2} - \frac{(w_2')^2}{6w_2^2} - \frac{(w_3')^2}{6w_3^2} - \frac{w_1' w_2'}{3w_1 w_2} - \frac{w_1' w_3'}{3w_1 w_3} - \frac{w_2' w_3'}{3w_2 w_3} + \frac{w_1''}{3w_1} + \frac{w_2''}{3w_2} + \frac{w_3''}{3w_3}.$$

and a much longer and more complicated expression for  $a_4(D^2)$

**Observation:** all coefficients in these expressions (also for  $a_4$ ) are **rational numbers** ... what about other terms in expansion?

## Wodzicki Residue Method for $SU(2)$ -Bianchi IX metrics

- setting  $\zeta_{\mu+1} = \sum_{\nu} e_{\mu}^{\nu} \xi_{\nu+1}$  find inductively for  $n \geq 2$

$$\sigma_{-2-n}(x, \xi)|_{S^*(M \times \mathbb{T}^{n-2})} = \sigma_{-2-n}(x, \xi(\zeta))|_{\zeta \in \mathbb{S}^{n+1}} = (w_1 w_2 w_3)^{-\frac{3}{2}n} P_n(\zeta)$$

polynomials  $P_n(\zeta)$  coefficients functions of  $w_i$  and derivatives

- these explicitly give

$$a_{2n}(D^2) = (w_1 w_2 w_3)^{1-3n} Q_{2n} \left( w_1, w_2, w_3, w'_1, w'_2, w'_3, \dots, w_1^{(2n)}, w_2^{(2n)}, w_3^{(2n)} \right)$$

with  $Q_{2n}$  polynomials with **rational coefficients**

$$Q_{2n} = \frac{1}{2\pi^{n+1}} \int_{\mathbb{S}^{2n+1}} \text{Tr}(P_{2n}(\zeta)(\Delta^{-1})) d^{2n+1}\zeta$$

**Question:** is this rationality a sign of an **arithmetic structure** of Bianchi IX metrics that persists in the Spectral Action?

## Motives and periods for Bianchi IX metrics

- Wodzicki Residue Method (products with auxiliary flat tori)

$$a_{2n} = \frac{1}{32 \pi^{n+3}} \text{Res}(\Delta_{2n}^{-1}),$$

$$\Delta_{2n} = D^2 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \Delta_{\mathbb{T}^{2n-2}},$$

$\Delta_{\mathbb{T}^{2n-2}}$  flat Laplacian on  $\mathbb{T}^{2n-2} = (\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})^{2n-2}$  with symbol

$$\sigma(\Delta_{2n}^{-1})(x, \xi) \sim_{\xi \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{-2} \sigma_m(\Delta_{2n}^{-1})(x, \xi)$$

each  $\sigma_m(\Delta_{2n}^{-1})$  homogeneous order  $m$  in  $\xi$

$$\text{Res}(\Delta_{2n}^{-1}) = \int_{M \times \mathbb{T}^{2n-2}} \left( \int_{|\xi|=1} \text{tr}(\sigma_{-2n-2}(x, \xi)) \sigma_{\xi, 2n+1} \right) dx^1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx^{2n+2}$$

volume form on the unit sphere in the cotangent bundle

$$\sigma_{\xi, 2n+1} = \sum_{j=1}^{2n+2} (-1)^{j-1} \xi_j d\xi_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \widehat{d\xi_j} \wedge \cdots \wedge d\xi_{2n+2}$$



- recursive relations (from parametrix method)

$$\sigma_{-2}(\Delta_{2n}^{-1})(x, \xi) = (p_2(x, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_4) + (\xi_5^2 + \dots + \xi_{2n+2}^2) I)^{-1}$$

$$\sigma_m(\Delta_{2n}^{-1})(x, \xi) =$$

$$- \left( \sum_{\substack{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_4 \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \\ m < j \leq -2, \quad 0 \leq k \leq 2 \\ j - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2 - \alpha_4 + k = m + 2}} \frac{(-j)^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_4}}{\alpha_1! \alpha_2! \alpha_4!} \left( \partial_{\xi_1}^{\alpha_1} \partial_{\xi_2}^{\alpha_2} \partial_{\xi_4}^{\alpha_4} \sigma_j(\Delta_{2n}^{-1}) \right) \left( \partial_t^{\alpha_1} \partial_\eta^{\alpha_2} \partial_\psi^{\alpha_4} p_k \right) \right).$$

$$\sigma_{-2}(\Delta_{2n}^{-1})$$

- change of variables

$$W_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{w_1(t)}\sqrt{w_2(t)}\sqrt{w_3(t)}}, \quad W_2 = -\frac{\sqrt{w_1(t)}}{\sqrt{w_2(t)}\sqrt{w_3(t)}},$$

$$W_3 = \frac{\sqrt{w_2(t)}}{\sqrt{w_1(t)}\sqrt{w_3(t)}}, \quad W_4 = \frac{\sqrt{w_3(t)}}{\sqrt{w_1(t)}\sqrt{w_2(t)}}$$

$$\zeta_1 = \xi_1$$

$$\zeta_2 = \xi_4 \cot(\eta) \cos(\psi) - \xi_3 \csc(\eta) \cos(\psi) + \xi_2 \sin(\psi)$$

$$\zeta_3 = -\xi_4 \cot(\eta) \sin(\psi) + \xi_3 \csc(\eta) \sin(\psi) + \xi_2 \cos(\psi)$$

$$\zeta_4 = \xi_4, \quad \zeta_5 = \xi_5, \quad \dots \quad \zeta_{2n+2} = \xi_{2n+2}$$

- rewrite integrand

$$\operatorname{tr}(\sigma_{-2n-2}) = \sum_{j=1}^{M_n} \left\{ c_{j,2n} (\sin \eta)^{\beta_{0,1,j}} (\cos \eta)^{\beta_{0,2,j}} (\sin \psi)^{\beta_{1,1,j}} (\cos \psi)^{\beta_{1,2,j}} \right. \\ \left. \frac{\zeta_1^{\beta_{1,j}} \zeta_2^{\beta_{2,j}} \cdots \zeta_{2n+2}^{\beta_{2n+2,j}}}{Q_{W,2n}^{\rho_{j,2n}}} \prod_{i=1}^3 \omega_{i,0}^{k_{i,0,j}} \omega_{i,1}^{k_{i,1,j}} \cdots \omega_{i,2n}^{k_{i,2n,j}} \right\}$$

$$Q_{W,2n}(\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_{2n+2}) = W_1^2 \zeta_1^2 + W_2^2 \zeta_2^2 + W_3^2 \zeta_3^2 + W_4^2 \zeta_4^2 + \zeta_5^2 + \cdots + \zeta_{2n+2}^2$$

with  $c_{j,2n} \in \mathbb{Q}$  and

$$\beta_{0,1,j}, \beta_{0,2,j}, \beta_{1,1,j}, \beta_{1,2,j}, k_{i,0,j} \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\beta_{1,j}, \dots, \beta_{2n+2,j}, \rho_{j,2n}, k_{i,1,j}, \dots, k_{i,2n,j} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$$

and parameters

$$\omega_{i,0} = w_i(t), \quad \omega_{i,1} = w_i'(t), \quad \dots \quad \omega_{i,2n} = w_i^{(2n)}(t)$$

- **integration** on the cosphere bundle and the 3-manifold

$$|\xi|_g = \sum_{\mu,\nu=1}^4 g^{\mu\nu} \xi_\mu \xi_\nu + \xi_5^2 + \dots + \xi_{2n+2}^2$$

$$a_{2n}(t) = \frac{1}{32 \pi^{n+3}} \int_0^\pi d\eta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^{4\pi} d\psi \int_{|\xi|_g=1} \text{tr}(\sigma_{-2n-2}) \sigma_{\xi, 2n+1}$$

- use one-side  $SU(2)$  symmetry of Bianchi IX to show that

$$\frac{1}{\sin(\eta) w_1(t) w_2(t) w_3(t)} \int_{|\xi|_g=1} \text{tr}(\sigma_{-2n-2}) \sigma_{\xi, 2n+1}$$

is independent of the variables  $\eta, \phi, \psi$

- volume form in the  $\zeta_i$  coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\xi, 2n+1} &= \sum_{j=1}^{2n+2} (-1)^{j-1} \xi_j d\xi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{d\xi_j} \wedge \dots \wedge d\xi_{2n+2} = \\ &= \sin(\eta) \sum_{j=1}^{2n+2} (-1)^{j-1} \zeta_j d\zeta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{d\zeta_j} \wedge \dots \wedge d\zeta_{2n+2} \\ &= \sin(\eta) \sigma_{\zeta, 2n+1} \end{aligned}$$

- also replace domain  $|\xi|_g = 1$  with homologous cycle given by unit sphere in the  $\zeta_j$  coords

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2n+2} \zeta_i^2 = \xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2 + \csc^2(\eta) \xi_3^2 + \csc^2(\eta) \xi_4^2 - 2 \cot(\eta) \csc(\eta) \xi_3 \xi_4 + \xi_5^2 + \cdots + \xi_{2n+2}^2 = 1$$

- all terms with some  $\beta_{0,1,j}, \beta_{0,2,j}, \beta_{1,1,j}, \beta_{1,2,j}$  odd integrate to zero
- denote by  $b_{-2n-2}$  remaining terms in  $\text{tr}(\sigma_{-2n-2})$
- **coordinates**  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  defined by

$$\mu_1 = -\cos(\eta) \cos(\psi), \quad \mu_2 = \sin(\psi)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2(\psi) &= \mu_2^2, & \cos^2(\psi) &= 1 - \mu_2^2 \\ \sin^2(\eta) &= \frac{1 - \mu_1^2 - \mu_2^2}{1 - \mu_2^2}, & \cos^2(\eta) &= \frac{\mu_1^2}{1 - \mu_2^2} \end{aligned}$$

Period form of the integrals  $\alpha_{2n} = a_{2n}(t)$

$$\alpha_{2n} = \frac{1}{\pi^{n+2}} \int_{A_{2n}} \frac{b_{-2n-2}}{1 - \mu_2^2} d\mu_1 \wedge d\mu_2 \wedge \sigma_{\zeta, 2n+1}$$

- algebraic differential form

$$\frac{b_{-2n-2}}{1 - \mu_2^2} d\mu_1 \wedge d\mu_2 \wedge \sigma_{\zeta, 2n+1}$$

defined on the complement in  $\mathbb{A}^{2n+4}$  of the union of two hyperplanes

$$H_{\pm} = \{(\mu_1, \mu_2, \zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_{2n}) \in \mathbb{A}^{2n+4} : \mu_2 = \pm 1\}$$

and quadric  $Q_{W, 2n}(\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_{2n}) = 0$

- integration over semi-algebraic set

$$A_{2n} = \left\{ (\mu_1, \mu_2, \zeta_1, \zeta_2, \dots, \zeta_{2n+2}) \in \mathbb{A}^{2n+4}(\mathbb{R}) : \right.$$

$$\left. 0 < \mu_1, \mu_2 < 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=1}^{2n+2} \zeta_i^2 = 1 \right\}$$

## Motive underlying the period

- number field  $\mathbb{K}$ , assume  $W = (W_1, \dots, W_4) \in \mathbb{G}_m(\mathbb{K})^4$
- $Z_{W,2n} \subset \mathbb{P}^{2n+1}$  projective quadric defined by

$$Q_{W,2n}(\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_{2n+2}) = \sum_{i=1}^4 W_i^2 \zeta_i^2 + \sum_{i=5}^{2n+2} \zeta_i^2$$

$$Z_{W,2n} = \{(\zeta_1 : \dots : \zeta_{2n+2}) \in \mathbb{P}^{2n+1} : Q_{W,2n}(\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_{2n+2}) = 0\}$$

- $\widehat{Z}_{W,2n}$  the affine cone in  $\mathbb{A}^{2n+2}$
- $C^2 Z_{W,2n}$  the projective cone of  $Z_{W,2n}$  in  $\mathbb{P}^{2n+3}$
- $\widehat{C^2 Z}_{W,2n}$  the affine cone of  $C^2 Z_{W,2n}$  in  $\mathbb{A}^{2n+4}$

## Motive

$$m(\mathbb{A}^{2n+4} \setminus (H_+ \cup H_- \cup \widehat{C^2 Z}_{W,2n}), \Sigma)$$

$H_{\pm}$  hyperplanes

$$H_{\pm} = \{(\mu_1, \mu_2, \zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_{2n+2}) \in \mathbb{A}^{2n+4} : \mu_2 = \pm 1\}$$

$\Sigma$  divisor in  $\mathbb{A}^{2n+4}$  given by

$$\Sigma = \cup_{i=1}^2 \cup_{j=0}^1 H_{i,j}$$

$H_{i,j}$  hyperplanes

$$H_{i,j} = \{(\mu_1, \mu_2, \zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_{2n+2}) \in \mathbb{A}^{2n+4} : \mu_i = j\}$$



## Grothendieck class

$$[\mathbb{A}^{2n+4} \setminus (H_+ \cup H_- \cup \widehat{C^2Z}_{W,2n})]$$

- Grothendieck classes and cones

- $\mathbb{L} = [\mathbb{A}^1]$  Lefschetz motive, class of the affine line

- $[\hat{Z}] = (\mathbb{L} - 1)[Z] + 1$

- $[CZ] = \mathbb{L}[Z] + 1$  (projective cone union of a copy of  $Z$  and a copy of affine cone  $\hat{Z}$ )

- $[C^2Z] = \mathbb{L}[CZ] + 1 = \mathbb{L}^2[Z] + \mathbb{L} + 1$

- $[\widehat{C^2Z}] = (\mathbb{L} - 1)[C^2Z] + 1 = \mathbb{L}^3[Z] + \mathbb{L}^2 - \mathbb{L}^2[Z] = \mathbb{L}^3[Z] - \mathbb{L}^2([Z] - 1)$

- $[\widehat{CZ}] = (\mathbb{L} - 1)[CZ] + 1 = \mathbb{L}^2[Z] - \mathbb{L}([Z] - 1)$

- so have  $[\mathbb{A}^{2n+2} \setminus \hat{Z}] = (\mathbb{L} - 1)[\mathbb{P}^{2n+1} \setminus Z]$

$$[\mathbb{A}^{2n+4} \setminus \widehat{C^2Z}] = (\mathbb{L} - 1)[\mathbb{P}^{2n+3} \setminus C^2Z] = \mathbb{L}^{2n+4} - 1 - (\mathbb{L} - 1)[C^2Z] =$$

$$\mathbb{L}^{2n+4} - 1 - (\mathbb{L} - 1)(\mathbb{L}^2[Z] + \mathbb{L} + 1) = \mathbb{L}^{2n+4} - \mathbb{L}^3[Z] + \mathbb{L}^2([Z] - 1)$$

- by inclusion-exclusion

$$\begin{aligned} [\widehat{C^2Z} \cup H_+ \cup H_-] &= [\widehat{C^2Z}] + [H_- \cup H_+] - [\widehat{C^2Z} \cap (H_+ \cup H_-)] \\ &= [\widehat{C^2Z}] + 2\mathbb{L}^{2n+3} - 2[\widehat{CZ}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [\widehat{C^2Z} \cup H_+ \cup H_-] &= \mathbb{L}^3[Z] - \mathbb{L}^2([Z] - 1) + 2\mathbb{L}^{2n+3} - 2(\mathbb{L}^2[Z] - \mathbb{L}([Z] - 1)) \\ &= 2\mathbb{L}^{2n+3} + \mathbb{L}^3[Z] - 3\mathbb{L}^2[Z] + 2\mathbb{L}[Z] + \mathbb{L}^2 - 2\mathbb{L} \end{aligned}$$

- so get

- $[\mathbb{A}^{2n+4} \setminus \widehat{C^2Z}] = \mathbb{L}^{2n+4} - \mathbb{L}^3[Z] + \mathbb{L}^2([Z] - 1)$

- $[\mathbb{A}^{2n+4} \setminus (\widehat{C^2Z} \cup H_+ \cup H_-)] = \mathbb{L}^{2n+4} - 2\mathbb{L}^{2n+3} - \mathbb{L}^3[Z] + 3\mathbb{L}^2[Z] - 2\mathbb{L}[Z] - \mathbb{L}^2 + 2\mathbb{L}$

## Quadratic forms and field extensions

- assume number field  $\mathbb{K}$  contains  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$  then change of variables

$$\begin{aligned}X_1 &= W_1\zeta_1 + iW_2\zeta_2, & Y_1 &= W_1\zeta_1 - iW_2\zeta_2 \\X_2 &= i(W_3\zeta_3 + iW_4\zeta_4), & Y_2 &= i(W_3\zeta_3 - iW_4\zeta_4).\end{aligned}$$

quadratic form  $Q_{W,2}$  becomes

$$X_1 Y_1 - X_2 Y_2$$

projective quadric  $Z_{W,2} \subset \mathbb{P}^3$  is Segre embedding

$$Z_{W,2} = \{X_1 Y_1 - X_2 Y_2 = 0\} \simeq \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$$

then changes of coordinates

$$X_n = \zeta_{2n-1} + i\zeta_{2n}, \quad Y_n = \zeta_{2n-1} - i\zeta_{2n}$$

quadratic form  $Q_{W,2n}$  becomes

$$Q_{W,2n-2}(\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_{2n}) + X_n Y_n$$

## Grothendieck class of the quadric and its complement

- compute inductively  $C_{2n} = [\mathbb{A}^{2n+2} \setminus \hat{Z}_{W,2n}]$ :
  - $C_{2n} = \mathbb{L}^{2n+2} - \mathbb{L}^{2n+1} - \mathbb{L}^{n+1} + \mathbb{L}^n$
  - $[Z_{W,2n}] = 1 + \mathbb{L} + \dots + \mathbb{L}^{n-1} + 2\mathbb{L}^n + \mathbb{L}^{n+1} + \dots + \mathbb{L}^{2n}$
- after change of variables  $Q_{W,2}$  becomes quadric  $X_1 Y_1 - X_2 Y_2$

$$[Z_{W,2}] = [\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1] = \mathbb{L}^2 + 2\mathbb{L} + 1$$

$$[\hat{Z}_{W,2}] = (\mathbb{L} - 1)[Z_{W,2}] + 1 = (\mathbb{L} - 1)(\mathbb{L}^2 + 2\mathbb{L} + 1) + 1$$

$$= \mathbb{L}^3 + 2\mathbb{L}^2 + \mathbb{L} - \mathbb{L}^2 - 2\mathbb{L} - 1 + 1 = \mathbb{L}^3 + \mathbb{L}^2 - \mathbb{L}$$

$$C_2 = \mathbb{L}^4 - \mathbb{L}^3 - \mathbb{L}^2 + \mathbb{L}$$

- **recursion relation:** complement where

$$Q_{W,2n-2}(\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_{2n}) + X_n Y_n \neq 0$$

- if  $X_n = 0$  then  $Y_n \in \mathbb{A}^1$  and  $Q_{W,2n-2}(\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_{2n}) \neq 0$  so contribute  $\mathbb{L} \cdot C_{2n-2}$  to class  $C_{2n}$
- if  $X_n \neq 0$  then  $Y_n \neq \frac{Q_{W,2n-2}(\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_{2n})}{X_n}$  with  $(\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_{2n}) \in \mathbb{A}^{2n}$  and  $Y_n \in \mathbb{G}_m$  and  $X_n \in \mathbb{G}_m$  contributes  $[\mathbb{G}_m]^2 \mathbb{L}^{2n} = \mathbb{L}^{2n}(\mathbb{L} - 1)^2$

$$C_{2n} = \mathbb{L}^{2n+2} - 2\mathbb{L}^{2n+1} + \mathbb{L}^{2n} + \mathbb{L} \cdot C_{2n-2}$$

- assume  $C_{2n-2} = \mathbb{L}^{2n} - \mathbb{L}^{2n-1} - \mathbb{L}^n + \mathbb{L}^{n-1}$  then get

$$\begin{aligned} C_{2n} &= \mathbb{L}^{2n+2} - 2\mathbb{L}^{2n+1} + \mathbb{L}^{2n} + \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{L}^{2n} - \mathbb{L}^{2n-1} - \mathbb{L}^n + \mathbb{L}^{n-1}) \\ &= \mathbb{L}^{2n+2} - \mathbb{L}^{2n+1} - \mathbb{L}^{n+1} + \mathbb{L}^n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [Z_{W,2n}] &= ([\hat{Z}_{W,2n}] - 1)(\mathbb{L} - 1)^{-1} = (\mathbb{L}^{2n+1} + \mathbb{L}^{n+1} - \mathbb{L}^n - 1)(\mathbb{L} - 1)^{-1} \\ &= 1 + \mathbb{L} + \dots + \mathbb{L}^{2n} + \mathbb{L}^n \end{aligned}$$

## Grothendieck class

$$[\mathbb{A}^{2n+4} \setminus (H_+ \cup H_- \cup \widehat{C^2 Z_{W,2n}})] = \\ \mathbb{L}^{2n+4} - 3\mathbb{L}^{2n+3} + 2\mathbb{L}^{2n+2} - \mathbb{L}^{n+3} + 3\mathbb{L}^{n+2} - 2\mathbb{L}^{n+1}$$

### Motive:

- motive of a quadric  $m(Z_{W,2n})$  is a Tate motive
- $m(\mathbb{P}^{2n+1} \setminus Z_{W,2n})$  is mixed Tate because triangle  
 $m(\mathbb{P}^{2n+1} \setminus Z_{W,2n}) \rightarrow m(\mathbb{P}^{2n+1}) \rightarrow m(Z_{W,2n})(1)[2] \rightarrow m(\mathbb{P}^{2n+1} \setminus Z_{W,2n})[1]$
- $\mathbb{A}^1$ -fibrations  $\mathbb{P}^{2n+2} \setminus CZ_{W,2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{2n+1} \setminus Z_{W,2n}$  and  $\mathbb{P}^{2n+3} \setminus C^2 Z_{W,2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{2n+2} \setminus CZ_{W,2n}$  so mixed Tate  
 $m(\mathbb{P}^{2n+3} \setminus C^2 Z_{W,2n})$
- $\mathbb{G}_m$ -bundle  $\mathcal{T} = \mathbb{A}^{2n+4} \setminus \widehat{C^2 Z_{W,2n}} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{2n+3} \setminus C^2 Z_{W,2n}$  and associated  $\mathbb{P}^1$ -bundle  $\mathcal{P}$  with Gysin triangle

$$m(\mathcal{T}) \rightarrow m(\mathcal{P}) \rightarrow m(\mathcal{P} \setminus \mathcal{T})^*(1)[2] \rightarrow m(\mathcal{T})[1]$$

and  $m(\mathcal{P} \setminus \mathcal{T})$  mixed Tate (two copies of base) so  $m(\mathcal{T})$  mixed Tate

- $m(\mathcal{T}) = m(\mathbb{A}^{2n+4} \setminus \widehat{C^2 Z}_{W,2n})$  mixed Tate
- Mayer-Vietoris distinguished triangle

$$m(U \cap V) \rightarrow m(U) \oplus m(V) \rightarrow m(U \cup V) \rightarrow m(U \cap V)[1]$$

with  $U = \mathbb{A}^{2n+4} \setminus \widehat{C^2 Z}_{W,2n}$  and  $V = \mathbb{A}^{2n+4} \setminus (H_+ \cup H_-)$ , with  
 $U \cup V = \mathbb{A}^{2n+4} \setminus (\widehat{C^2 Z}_{W,2n} \cap (H_+ \cup H_-))$  and  
 $U \cap V = \mathbb{A}^{2n+4} \setminus (\widehat{C^2 Z}_{W,2n} \cup H_+ \cup H_-)$

- know  $m(U)$  mixed Tate by previous
- from  $m(V)$  know  $m(H_+ \cup H_-)$  mixed Tate then Gysin triangle to get  $m(V)$  mixed Tate
- intersection  $\widehat{C^2 Z}_{W,2n} \cap (H_+ \cup H_-)$  is two sections of the cone isomorphic to  $\widehat{CZ}_{W,2n}$

$$m(\widehat{C^2 Z}_{W,2n} \cap (H_+ \cup H_-)) = m(\widehat{CZ}_{W,2n}) \oplus m(\widehat{CZ}_{W,2n})$$

- $m(\widehat{CZ}_{W,2n})$  mixed Tate because complement is (Gysin triangle)

- so motive of union  $m(U \cup V) = m(\mathbb{A}^{2n+4} \setminus (\widehat{C^2 Z}_{W,2n} \cap (H_+ \cup H_-)))$  also mixed Tate
- now in Mayer-Vietoris triangle  $m(U)$ ,  $m(V)$ ,  $m(U \cup V)$  mixed Tate, so also  $m(U \cap V)$
- get  $m(\mathbb{A}^{2n+4} \setminus (\widehat{C^2 Z}_{W,2n} \cup H_+ \cup H_-))$  mixed Tate
- for  $m(\mathbb{A}^{2n+4} \setminus (H_+ \cup H_- \cup \widehat{C^2 Z}_{W,2n}), \Sigma)$  also distinguished triangle for relative cohomology with  $m(\Sigma)$  and previous mixed Tate so motive underlying period integral is mixed Tate

**Gravitational instantons:** these results hold for arbitrary Bianchi IX metrics, specially interesting case of Bianchi IX gravitational instantons has additional arithmetic structure given by modular forms



## Blanchi IX gravitational instantons and Painlevé VI

- Euclidean Bianchi IX metrics with  $SU(2)$ -symmetry that are
  - self-dual (Weyl curvature tensor  $W$  self-dual)
  - Einstein metrics (Ricci tensor proportional to the metric)
- Self-dual equations for a Riemannian 4-manifold are PDEs; with  $SU(2)$ -symmetry reduce to ODEs
- This ODE is a Painlevé VI equation with

$$(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta) = \left(\frac{1}{8}, -\frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{3}{8}\right)$$

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## Painlevé VI equations

- *Painlevé transcendents*: solutions of nonlinear second-order ODEs in the plane with *Painlevé property* (the only movable singularities are poles) not solvable in terms of elementary functions; classification in types
- *Painlevé VI*: 4-parameter family  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 X}{dt^2} = & \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{X} + \frac{1}{X-1} + \frac{1}{X-t} \right) \left( \frac{dX}{dt} \right)^2 \\ & - \left( \frac{1}{t} + \frac{1}{t-1} + \frac{1}{X-t} \right) \frac{dX}{dt} + \\ & + \frac{X(X-1)(X-t)}{t^2(t-1)^2} \left( \alpha + \beta \frac{t}{X^2} + \gamma \frac{t-1}{(X-1)^2} + \delta \frac{t(t-1)}{(X-t)^2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

## Painlevé VI and elliptic curves

- Painlevé VI rewritten as (Fuchs)

$$t(1-t) \left[ t(1-t) \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + (1-2t) \frac{d}{dt} - \frac{1}{4} \right] \int_{\infty}^{(X,Y)} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x(x-1)(x-t)}} = \\ = \alpha Y + \beta \frac{tY}{X^2} + \gamma \frac{(t-1)Y}{(X-1)^2} + \left( \delta - \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{t(t-1)Y}{(X-t)^2}$$

where  $(X, Y) := (X(t), Y(t))$  is a section

(local and/or multivalued)  $P := (X(t), Y(t))$

of the generic elliptic curve  $E = E(t) : Y^2 = X(X-1)(X-t)$

- left-hand-side  $\mu(P)$  satisfies  $\mu(P+Q) = \mu(P) + \mu(Q)$  for  $P+Q$  addition on the elliptic curve  $E$  (in particular  $\mu(Q) = 0$  for points of finite order)

- analytic description of the elliptic curve  $E_\tau = \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$  with  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z} + \tau\mathbb{Z}$ , with  $\tau \in \mathbb{H}$
- then Painlevé VI rewritten as (Manin)

$$\frac{d^2 z}{d\tau^2} = \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^2} \sum_{j=0}^3 \alpha_j \wp_z\left(z + \frac{T_j}{2}, \tau\right)$$

with  $(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_3) := (\alpha, -\beta, \gamma, \frac{1}{2} - \delta)$  and  $(T_0, T_1, T_2, T_3) := (0, 1, \tau, 1 + \tau)$ , and

$$\wp(z, \tau) := \frac{1}{z^2} + \sum_{(m,n) \neq (0,0)} \left( \frac{1}{(z - m\tau - n)^2} - \frac{1}{(m\tau + n)^2} \right)$$

- also have, for  $e_i(\tau) = \wp(\frac{T_i}{2}, \tau)$

$$\wp_z(z, \tau)^2 = 4(\wp(z, \tau) - e_1(\tau))(\wp(z, \tau) - e_2(\tau))(\wp(z, \tau) - e_3(\tau))$$

so  $e_1 + e_2 + e_3 = 0$

- a multivalued solution  $z = z(\tau)$  defines a multi-section of the family, which is a covering of  $\mathbb{H}$
- is know ramification and monodromy can study behavior over geodesics in  $\mathbb{H}$

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## Theta characteristics

- explicit parameterization of solutions for coefficients  $W_i$  of the Bianchi IX gravitational instantons (from solutions of Painlevé VI)
- **theta-characteristics** with parameters  $(p, q)$ :

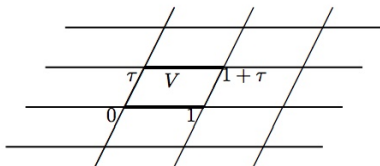
$$\vartheta[p, q](z, i\mu) := \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \exp(-\pi(m+p)^2\mu + 2\pi i(m+p)(z+q))$$

- theta-characteristics and theta functions with vanishing characteristics

$$\vartheta[p, q](z, i\mu) = \exp(-\pi p^2\mu + 2\pi ipq) \cdot \vartheta[0, 0](z + pi\mu + q, i\mu)$$

## What's nice about theta characteristics?

- lattice in  $\mathbb{C}$ : entire doubly-periodic complex functions are constant, but quasi-periodic functions are interesting



- basic theta function  $\vartheta(z, \tau) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \exp(\pi i n^2 \tau) \exp(2\pi i n z)$

$$\vartheta(z + 1, \tau) = \vartheta(z, \tau), \quad \vartheta(z + \tau, \tau) = \exp(-\pi i \tau - 2\pi i z) \vartheta(z, \tau)$$

$$\vartheta(z + a\tau + b, \tau) = \exp(-\pi i a^2 \tau - 2\pi i a z) \vartheta(z, \tau)$$

automorphy factor  $e_\tau(\lambda, z) = \exp(-\pi i a^2 \tau - 2\pi i a z)$



- more generally quasi-periodic theta characteristics

$$\vartheta[p, q](z, \tau) = \sum_n \exp(\pi i(n + p)^2 \tau) \exp(2\pi i(n + p)(z + q))$$

- geometrically: no non-constant holomorphic functions on  $E = \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$  but holomorphic sections of line bundles (from quasi-periodic functions)
- Abel theorem: meromorphic functions on  $E = \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$  with zeros at  $a_i$  of order  $n_i$  and poles at  $b_j$  of order  $m_j$

$$z \mapsto \frac{\prod_i \vartheta_\sigma(z - a_i, \tau)^{n_i}}{\prod_j \vartheta_\sigma(z - b_j, \tau)^{m_j}}$$

using  $\vartheta_\sigma = \vartheta[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]$  because simple zeros at  $z \in \Lambda$

- theta characteristics ... function theory on elliptic curves

$$\wp(z) = -\left(\frac{\vartheta'_\sigma}{\vartheta_\sigma}\right)'(z) + c$$

Weierstrass  $\wp$ -function

## Gravitational instantons and theta characteristics

- use notation  $\vartheta[p, q] := \vartheta[p, q](0, i\mu)$ , and

$$\vartheta_2 := \vartheta[1/2, 0], \quad \vartheta_3 := \vartheta[0, 0], \quad \vartheta_4 := \vartheta[0, 1/2]$$

- self-dual metrics

$$g = F \left( d\mu^2 + \frac{\sigma_1^2}{w_1^2} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{w_2^2} + \frac{\sigma_3^2}{w_3^2} \right)$$

with

$$w_1 = -\frac{i}{2} \vartheta_3 \vartheta_4 \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial q} \vartheta[p, q + \frac{1}{2}]}{e^{\pi i p} \vartheta[p, q]}, \quad w_2 = \frac{i}{2} \vartheta_2 \vartheta_4 \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial q} \vartheta[p + \frac{1}{2}, q + \frac{1}{2}]}{e^{\pi i p} \vartheta[p, q]},$$

$$w_3 = -\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_2 \vartheta_3 \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial q} \vartheta[p + \frac{1}{2}, q]}{\vartheta[p, q]},$$

- with non-zero cosmological constant  $\Lambda$ :

$$F = \frac{2}{\pi \Lambda} \frac{w_1 w_2 w_3}{\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial q} \log \vartheta[p, q] \right)^2}$$

- these metrics also satisfy **Einstein equation** if either
  - ①  $\Lambda < 0$  with  $p \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $q \in \frac{1}{2} + i\mathbb{R}$
  - ②  $\Lambda > 0$  with  $q \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $p \in \frac{1}{2} + i\mathbb{R}$
- also case with **vanishing cosmological constant**:

$$w_1 = \frac{1}{\mu + q_0} + 2 \frac{d}{d\mu} \log \vartheta_2, \quad w_2 = \frac{1}{\mu + q_0} + 2 \frac{d}{d\mu} \log \vartheta_3,$$

$$w_3 = \frac{1}{\mu + q_0} + 2 \frac{d}{d\mu} \log \vartheta_4, \quad F = C(\mu + q_0)^2 w_1 w_2 w_3$$

with  $q_0, C \in \mathbb{R}, C > 0$ .

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## Bianchi IX: time-dependent conformal perturbations

- original **triaxial Bianchi IX**:

$$ds^2 = w_1 w_2 w_3 d\mu^2 + \frac{w_2 w_3}{w_1} \sigma_1^2 + \frac{w_3 w_1}{w_2} \sigma_2^2 + \frac{w_1 w_2}{w_3} \sigma_3^2$$

$w_i = w_i(\mu)$  cosmic time  $\mu$

- time-dependent **conformal perturbation**:

$$d\tilde{s}^2 = F ds^2 = F \left( w_1 w_2 w_3 d\mu^2 + \frac{w_2 w_3}{w_1} \sigma_1^2 + \frac{w_3 w_1}{w_2} \sigma_2^2 + \frac{w_1 w_2}{w_3} \sigma_3^2 \right)$$

with  $F = F(\mu)$

- effect on **Dirac operator**:

$$\tilde{D} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{F}} D + \frac{3F'}{4F^{\frac{3}{2}} w_1 w_2 w_3} \gamma^0$$

$D$  Dirac operator of unperturbed Bianchi IX

- **spectral action** expansion for  $\tilde{D}$  from **heat kernel**

$$\mathrm{Tr} \left( \exp(-t\tilde{D}^2) \right) \sim t^{-2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \tilde{a}_{2n} t^n, \quad t \rightarrow 0^+$$

- **rationality** result for coefficients of the spectral action

$$\tilde{a}_{2n} = \frac{\tilde{Q}_{2n} \left( w_1, w_2, w_3, F, w'_1, w'_2, w'_3, F', \dots, w_1^{(2n)}, w_2^{(2n)}, w_3^{(2n)}, F^{(2n)} \right)}{F^{2n} (w_1 w_2 w_3)^{3n-1}}$$

$\tilde{Q}_{2n}$  polynomial with rational coefficients

- zeroth coefficient: volume form (cosmological term)

$$\tilde{a}_0 = 4F^2 w_1 w_2 w_3$$

- second coefficient  $\tilde{a}_2$ : Einstein-Hilbert action

$$-\frac{F}{3} (w_1^2 + w_2^2 + w_3^2) + \frac{F}{6} \left( \frac{w_1^2 w_2^2 - w_3'^2}{w_3^2} + \frac{w_1^2 w_3^2 - w_2'^2}{w_2^2} + \frac{w_2^2 w_3^2 - w_1'^2}{w_1^2} \right)$$

$$-\frac{F}{3} \left( \frac{w_1' w_2'}{w_1 w_2} + \frac{w_1' w_3'}{w_1 w_3} + \frac{w_2' w_3'}{w_2 w_3} \right) + \frac{F}{3} \left( \frac{w_1''}{w_1} + \frac{w_2''}{w_2} + \frac{w_3''}{w_3} \right) - \frac{F'^2}{2F} + F''$$

- much longer and more complicated explicit formula for  $\tilde{a}_4$   
(Weyl conformal gravity and Gauss-Bonnet gravity)

## Gravitational Instantons

- now assuming conformally perturbed Bianchi IX is **self-dual Einstein metric** and use parameterization by **theta functions**
- two-parameter family with non-vanishing cosmological constant:

$$w_1[p, q](i\mu) = -\frac{i}{2}\vartheta_3(i\mu)\vartheta_4(i\mu) \frac{\partial_q \vartheta[p, q + \frac{1}{2}](i\mu)}{e^{\pi i p} \vartheta[p, q](i\mu)}$$

$$w_2[p, q](i\mu) = \frac{i}{2}\vartheta_2(i\mu)\vartheta_4(i\mu) \frac{\partial_q \vartheta[p + \frac{1}{2}, q + \frac{1}{2}](i\mu)}{e^{\pi i p} \vartheta[p, q](i\mu)}$$

$$w_3[p, q](i\mu) = -\frac{1}{2}\vartheta_2(i\mu)\vartheta_3(i\mu) \frac{\partial_q \vartheta[p + \frac{1}{2}, q](i\mu)}{\vartheta[p, q](i\mu)}$$

$$F[p, q](i\mu) = \frac{2}{\pi\Lambda} \frac{1}{(\partial_q \ln \vartheta[p, q](i\mu))^2} = \frac{2}{\pi\Lambda} \left( \frac{\vartheta[p, q](i\mu)}{\partial_q \vartheta[p, q](i\mu)} \right)^2$$

- one-parameter family with vanishing cosmological constant:

$$w_1[q_0](i\mu) = \frac{1}{\mu + q_0} + 2 \frac{d}{d\mu} \log \vartheta_2(i\mu),$$

$$w_2[q_0](i\mu) = \frac{1}{\mu + q_0} + 2 \frac{d}{d\mu} \log \vartheta_3(i\mu),$$

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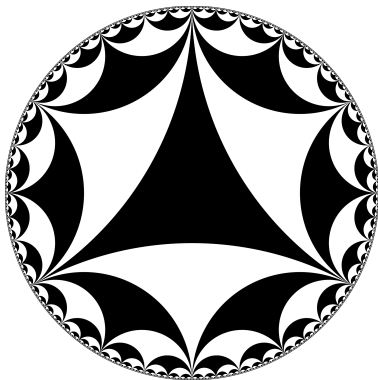
$$F[q_0](i\mu) = C(\mu + q_0)^2,$$

$C$  arbitrary positive constant



## What are modular forms?

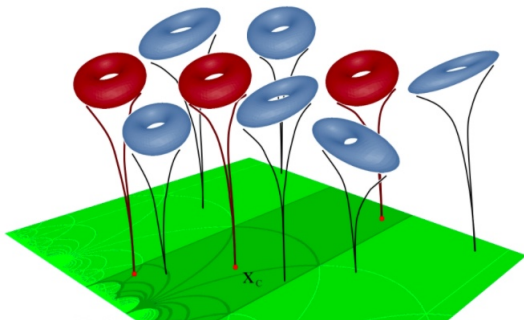
- symmetries by a lattice  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\tau$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ : elliptic curves, theta functions,...
- symmetry by a “hyperbolic lattice”: fundamental domains of  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  action on the hyperbolic plane: modular curve, modular forms



- the hyperbolic upper-half plane  $\mathbb{H} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \Re(z) > 0\}$  with metric  $ds^2 = \frac{dx^2 + dy^2}{y^2}$  (also model as Poincaré disk): isometries  $\mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  fractional linear transformations  $g : z \mapsto \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$
- modular group: discrete subgroup  $\Gamma = \mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$  generators  $S : z \mapsto -1/z$  and  $T : z \mapsto z + 1$

$$\Gamma = \langle S, T \mid S^2 = 1, (ST)^3 = 1 \rangle$$

- modular curve  $X_\Gamma = \mathbb{H}/\Gamma$ : moduli space of elliptic curves



## Modular forms

- meromorphic functions on  $\mathbb{H}$  satisfying

$$f\left(\frac{az + b}{cz + d}\right) = (cz + d)^{2k} f(z)$$

where  $(cz + d)^{-2} = \frac{d(gz)}{dz}$  so modularity  $f(gz)d(gz)^k = f(z)dz^k$

- on generators

$$f(z + 1) = f(z), \quad f(-1/z) = z^{2k} f(z)$$

- holomorphic modular form (modular form):  $f(z)$  holomorphic (including at infinity); cusp form: holomorphic and vanishing at infinity

## Some significant examples

- **Eisenstein series:** sum over non-zero points of a lattice ( $k > 1$ )

$$G_k(z) = \sum_{(n,m) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}} \frac{1}{(mz + n)^{2k}}$$

- **modular discriminant:** elliptic curve  $E_\tau = \mathbb{C}/(\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}\tau)$  as algebraic curve  $y^2 = 4x^3 - g_2(\tau)x - g_3(\tau)$  with  $g_2 = 60G_2$  and  $g_3 = 140G_3$  when discriminant  $\Delta \neq 0$

$$\Delta(\tau) = g_2^3(\tau) - 27g_3^2(\tau)$$

is a cusp modular form of weight 12

## Modularity in the Spectral Action of Bianchi IX instantons

- generators of the modular group  $\mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$

$$T_1(\tau) = \tau + 1, \quad S(\tau) = \frac{-1}{\tau}, \quad \tau \in \mathbb{H}$$

- using behavior of theta functions and derivatives under modular transformations (two-parameter family):

$$\begin{aligned} w_1[p, q](i\mu + 1) &= w_1[p, q + p + \frac{1}{2}](i\mu), & w_1^{(n)}[p, q](i\mu + 1) &= w_1^{(n)}[p, q + p + \frac{1}{2}](i\mu), \\ w_2[p, q](i\mu + 1) &= w_3[p, q + p + \frac{1}{2}](i\mu), & w_2^{(n)}[p, q](i\mu + 1) &= w_3^{(n)}[p, q + p + \frac{1}{2}](i\mu), \\ w_3[p, q](i\mu + 1) &= w_2[p, q + p + \frac{1}{2}](i\mu), & w_3^{(n)}[p, q](i\mu + 1) &= w_2^{(n)}[p, q + p + \frac{1}{2}](i\mu). \end{aligned}$$

- for  $\mu$  with  $\Re(\mu) > 0$ :

$$w_3[p, q]\left(\frac{i}{\mu}\right) = -\mu^2 w_1[-q, p](i\mu),$$

$$w_3'[p, q]\left(\frac{i}{\mu}\right) = \mu^4 w_1'[-q, p](i\mu) + 2\mu^3 w_1[-q, p](i\mu),$$

$$w_3''[p, q]\left(\frac{i}{\mu}\right) = -\mu^6 w_1''[-q, p](i\mu) - 6\mu^5 w_1'[-q, p](i\mu) - 6\mu^4 w_1[-q, p](i\mu),$$

$$w_3^{(3)}[p, q]\left(\frac{i}{\mu}\right) = \mu^8 w_1^{(3)}[-q, p](i\mu) + 12\mu^7 w_1''[-q, p](i\mu) + 36\mu^6 w_1'[-q, p](i\mu) + 24\mu^5 w_1[-q, p](i\mu),$$

$$w_3^{(4)}[p, q]\left(\frac{i}{\mu}\right) = -\mu^{10} w_1^{(4)}[-q, p](i\mu) - 20\mu^9 w_1^{(3)}[-q, p](i\mu) - 120\mu^8 w_1''[-q, p](i\mu) - 240\mu^7 w_1'[-q, p](i\mu) - 120\mu^6 w_1[-q, p](i\mu).$$

- similar results for  $w_2$  and  $w_3$  under modular generator  $S$

- conformal factor:

$$F[p, q](i\mu + 1) = F[p, q + p + \frac{1}{2}](i\mu),$$

$$F^{(n)}[p, q](i\mu + 1) = F^{(n)}[p, q + p + \frac{1}{2}](i\mu).$$

$$F[p, q]\left(\frac{i}{\mu}\right) = -\mu^{-2}F[-q, p](i\mu),$$

$$F'[p, q]\left(\frac{i}{\mu}\right) = F'[-q, p](i\mu) - 2\mu^{-1}F[-q, p](i\mu),$$

$$F''[p, q]\left(\frac{i}{\mu}\right) = -\mu^2 F''[-q, p](i\mu) + 2\mu F'[-q, p](i\mu) - 2F[-q, p](i\mu),$$

$$F^{(3)}[p, q]\left(\frac{i}{\mu}\right) = \mu^4 F^{(3)}[-q, p](i\mu),$$

$$F^{(4)}[p, q]\left(\frac{i}{\mu}\right) = -\mu^6 F^{(4)}[-q, p](i\mu) - 4\mu^5 F^{(3)}[-q, p](i\mu).$$

- similar results for the case of the one-parameter family with vanishing cosmological constant
- **modularity of spectral action coefficients:**

$$\tilde{a}_0[p, q](i\mu + 1) = \tilde{a}_0[p, q + p + \frac{1}{2}](i\mu)$$

$$\tilde{a}_2[p, q](i\mu + 1) = \tilde{a}_2[p, q + p + \frac{1}{2}](i\mu)$$

$$\tilde{a}_4[p, q](i\mu + 1) = \tilde{a}_4[p, q + p + \frac{1}{2}](i\mu)$$

$$\tilde{a}_0[p, q]\left(\frac{i}{\mu}\right) = -\mu^2 \tilde{a}_0[-q, p](i\mu)$$

$$\tilde{a}_2[p, q]\left(\frac{i}{\mu}\right) = -\mu^2 \tilde{a}_2[-q, p](i\mu)$$

$$\tilde{a}_4[p, q]\left(\frac{i}{\mu}\right) = -\mu^2 \tilde{a}_4[-q, p](i\mu)$$



## Modularity of remaining coefficients $\tilde{a}_{2n}$

- Dirac operators  $\tilde{D}^2[p, q]$ ,  $\tilde{D}^2[p, q + p + \frac{1}{2}]$  and  $\tilde{D}^2[-q, p]$  are **isospectral**
- heat kernel  $K_t[p, q]$  of  $\exp(-t\tilde{D}^2[p, q])$  in terms of eigenvalues and eigenspinors  $\Rightarrow$  modularity

$$K_t[p, q](i\mu_1 + 1, i\mu_2 + 1) = K_t[p, q + p + \frac{1}{2}](i\mu_1, i\mu_2),$$

$$K_t[p, q]\left(-\frac{1}{i\mu_1}, -\frac{1}{i\mu_2}\right) = (i\mu_2)^2 K_t[-q, p](i\mu_1, i\mu_2).$$

- then modularity of coefficients  $\tilde{a}_{2n}$ :

$$\tilde{a}_{2n}[p, q](i\mu + 1) = \tilde{a}_{2n}\left[p, q + p + \frac{1}{2}\right](i\mu),$$

$$\tilde{a}_{2n}\left[p, q\right]\left(\frac{i}{\mu}\right) = (i\mu)^2 \tilde{a}_{2n}[-q, p](i\mu).$$

## Vector valued modular forms

- coefficients satisfy:

$$\tilde{a}_{2n}[p+1, q] = \tilde{a}_{2n}[p, q+1] = \tilde{a}_{2n}[p, q],$$

- $\mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$  action on  $(p, q) \in \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}^2$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{S}(p, q) &= (-q, p) \\ \tilde{T}_1(p, q) &= (p, q + p + \frac{1}{2})\end{aligned}$$

finite orbits  $\mathcal{O}_{(p,q)}$  on rationals

- $\tilde{a}_{2n}[p', q'](i\mu)$ , with  $(p', q') \in \mathcal{O}_{(p,q)}$ , **vector-valued modular form** of weight 2 for the modular group  $\mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$

- summing over orbits:

$$\tilde{a}_{2n}(i\mu; \mathcal{O}_{(p,q)}) = \sum_{(p',q') \in \mathcal{O}_{(p,q)}} \tilde{a}_{2n}[p', q'](i\mu)$$

is an ordinary **modular form** of weight 2 for  $\mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$

- **Question:** which modular form is it?
- analyze zeros and poles structure to find out
  - **Example:** for all  $n$ , modular form  $\tilde{a}_{2n}(i\mu; \mathcal{O}_{(0, \frac{1}{3})})$  in one-dimensional space spanned by

$$\frac{G_{14}(i\mu)}{\Delta(i\mu)},$$

with  $\Delta$  modular discriminant (cusp form weight 12) and  $G_{14}$  is Eisenstein series weight 14

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$$\frac{\Delta(i\mu)G_6(i\mu)}{G_4(i\mu)^4}$$