

The Lorentzian conformal analogon of Calabi Yau manifolds

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1. Motivation

Holonomy groups of Riemannian manifolds

(M^n, g) Riemannian manifold, complete, simply-connected.

DeRham Spitting Theorem: (G.DeRham 1952)

$(M, g) \simeq \mathbb{R}^k \times (M_1, g_1) \times \cdots \times (M_k, g_k)$ where (M_i, g_i) is irreducible

Holonomy groups of symmetric spaces

Let (M, g) be a 1-connected symmetric space, $M = G/K$, where $G \subset Isom(M, g)$ is the transvection group of M and $K = G_x$ the stabilizer of a point $x \in M$. Then

1. $Hol_x(M, g) \simeq K$
2. The holonomy representation $Hol_x(M, g) \rightarrow SO(T_x M, g_x)$ is given by the isotropy representation of K .

Irreducible symmetric spaces are classified \Rightarrow their holonomy groups are known

Berger's List: (M. Berger 1955)

Let (M^n, g) be an irreducible non-locally symmetric Riemannian manifold. Then the holonomy group $Hol^0(M, g)$ is (up to conjugation in $O(n)$) one of the following groups

$SO(n)$	generic type	0
$U(\frac{n}{2})$	Kähler	0
$SU(\frac{n}{2})$	Ricci-flat, Kähler	2
$Sp(\frac{n}{4})$	Hyperkähler	$\frac{n}{4} + 1$
$Sp(\frac{n}{4}) \cdot Sp(1)$	quaternionic Kähler	0
G_2	$n = 7$, special parallel 3-form	1
$Spin(7)$	$n = 8$, special parallel 4-form	1

special holonomy group \iff **special geometric structure**



special spinor fields

Calabi-Yau manifold := Compact Riemannian manifold (M^{2m}, g)

with $Hol(M, g) = SU(m)$

- \implies
- (M, g) is Kähler (\implies complex)
 - (M, g) is Ricci-flat
 - (M, g) is spin
 - (M, g) has a 2-parameter family of parallel spinors $\nabla_X \varphi = 0$

Aim of the talk: Describe the analog situation in conformal geometry:

g metric $\rightsquigarrow c = [g]$ conformal structure, $c := [g] = \{\tilde{g} \mid \tilde{g} = e^{2\sigma} g\}$

- What is the holonomy group of a conformal manifold (M, c) ?

$$Hol(M^{p,q}, c) \subset O(p+1, q+1)$$

- Describe Lorentzian conformal manifolds with

$$Hol(M, [g]) \subset SU(1, m) \subset O(2, 2m).$$

Why conformal holonomy groups are interesting ?

- This would describe interesting special conformal geometries (described by special holonomy groups like in the Berger list)
- There is a link to conformally invariant spinor field equations:

$$\nabla_X \varphi + \frac{1}{n} X \cdot D\varphi = 0 \quad \varphi \text{ conformal Killing spinor (CKS)}$$

For which manifolds (M, g) exist conformal Killing spinors ?

Answer is given by $Hol(M, [g])$:

$$\{\varphi \mid \varphi \text{ CKS}\} \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \{v \in \Delta_{p+1, q+1} \mid \widetilde{Hol(M, [g])} v = v\}.$$

What we have to do to define $Hol(M, [g])$?

- $(M^{p,q}, g)$ semi-Riemannian manifold, $n=p+q$
 - $\rightsquigarrow (TM, \nabla^g, g), \nabla^g$ Levi-Civita-connection, **unique**
 - $\rightsquigarrow Hol(M, g) := Hol(TM, \nabla^g) \subset O(p, q)$
- $(M^{p,q}, [g])$ conformal manifold, $n=p+q$
 - \rightsquigarrow **There is no unique connection** ∇ on $(TM, [g])$.
 - \rightsquigarrow Find **unique triple** $(\mathcal{T}(M), \nabla^{nor}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ for $(M, [g])$
 - $\rightsquigarrow Hol(M, [g]) := Hol(\mathcal{T}(M), \nabla^{nor}) \subset O(p+1, q+1)$

$\mathcal{T}(M)$ vector bundle of rank $n+2$ on M
 $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ bundle metric of sign $(p+1, q+1)$
 ∇^{nor} metric connection on $(\mathcal{T}(M), \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$.

\rightsquigarrow **Tool: Cartan geometry, Cartan connections**

2. Cartan connections and holonomy groups

$(P, \pi, M; B)$ B -principal fibre bundle, $B \subset G$ closed subgroup

$\omega \in \Omega^1(P; \mathfrak{g})$ is a Cartan connection : \iff

- $R_b^* \omega = \text{Ad}(b^{-1}) \circ \omega \quad \forall b \in B$
- $\omega(\tilde{X}) = X \quad \forall X \in \mathfrak{b}$
- $\omega_u : T_u P \longrightarrow \mathfrak{g} \quad \text{linear isomorphism } \forall u \in P$

\implies no B -invariant horizontal splitting of TP

$$T_x M \stackrel{\omega}{\simeq} \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{b} = T_e(G/B)$$

P parallelizable

Example: Flat model: $G \xrightarrow{\pi} G/B = M$ homogeneous bundle
 $\omega := \omega_G \in \Omega^1(G; \mathfrak{g})$ Maurer-Cartan form of G
 $\Omega^\omega = d\omega + \frac{1}{2}[\omega, \omega] = 0$ curvature of $\omega = \omega_G$

Holonomy groups of Cartan connections

$\omega \in \Omega^1(N, \mathfrak{g})$ 1-form on N , $\delta : [0, 1] \rightarrow N$ curve on N

$\implies \exists ! \delta_{[\omega]} : [0, 1] \rightarrow G$ (development of ω along δ):

- $\delta'_{[\omega]}(t) = dL_{\delta_{[\omega]}(t)}(\omega(\delta'(t)))$
- $\delta_{[\omega]}(0) = e \in G$

$(P, \pi, M; B)$ with Cartan connection $\omega \in \Omega^1(P, \mathfrak{g})$, $u \in P_x$

Holonomy group of ω wrto $u \in P_x$:

$Hol_u(P, \omega) := \{ \tilde{\gamma}_{[\omega]}(1) \in G \mid \gamma \text{ loop in } x \text{ with lift } \tilde{\gamma}, \text{ closed in } u \in P \} \subset G$

Example: $G \xrightarrow{\pi} G/B$ with Maurer-Cartan form $\omega = \omega_G$.

If $\tilde{\gamma}(0) = u$, then $\tilde{\gamma}_{[\omega]}(t) = u^{-1} \cdot \tilde{\gamma}(t)$

$\implies Hol_u(G, \omega_G) = \{1\}$.

$(P, \pi, M; B)$ principal bundle with Cartan connection $\omega \in \Omega^1(P, \mathfrak{g})$
 $\rho: G \longrightarrow GL(V)$ representation of G
 $E := P \times_B V$ tractor bundle

$\rightsquigarrow \nabla^\omega : \Gamma(E) \longrightarrow \Gamma(T^*M \otimes E)$ covariant derivative (tractor connection)

$$\nabla_X^\omega \phi|_U := [s, X(v) + \rho_*(\omega(ds(X)))v] \quad \phi|_U = [s, v]$$

Theorem: If B is connected or M is simply connected, then

$$\rho(\text{Hol}_u(P, \omega)) = [u]^{-1} \circ \underbrace{\text{Hol}_x(E, \nabla^\omega) \circ [u]}_{\subset GL(E_x)} \quad ([u] : V \simeq E_x)$$

$$\rho \text{ faithful} \implies \text{Hol}(P, \omega) \simeq \text{Hol}(E, \nabla^\omega).$$

3. Holonomy groups of conformal structures

3.1. Flat model of conformal geometry

S^n with standard conformal structure $c = [g_{can}]$.
 $\rightsquigarrow S^n \simeq Conf(S^n, c) / Conf(S^n, c)_{x_0} \simeq PO(1, n + 1) / B$.

$L := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{p+1, q+1} \setminus \{0\} \mid \langle x, x \rangle_{p+1, q+1}\} \subset \mathbb{R}^{p+1, q+1}$ lightcone

$\mathbb{P}L$ with conformal structure $c := [\mu^* \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{p+1, q+1}]$ of signature (p, q) ,

$$\mu : \mathbb{P}L \rightarrow L^+ \text{ section}$$

Riemannian: $(\mathbb{P}L, c) = (S^n, [g_{can}]) \simeq \partial H^{n+1}$

Lorentzian: $(\mathbb{P}L, c) = Ein_n \simeq \partial AdS^{n+1}$

$G := O(p + 1, q + 1)$.

$\hat{G} := PO(p + 1, q + 1) \simeq Conf(\mathbb{P}L, c)$ acts transitively and conformally on $\mathbb{P}L$

$B := \hat{G}_{p_\infty} \simeq CO(p, q) \times \mathbb{R}^n \subset G$ stabilizer of an isotropic line p_∞

$\rightsquigarrow \mathbb{P}L \simeq G/B$ flat model of conformal geometry

3.2. Curved conformal manifolds

(M, c) conformal manifold of signature (p, q) , $n = p + q$.

$(\mathcal{P}^0, \pi^0, M; CO(p, q))$ bundle of conformal frames of (M, c)

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{P}^1 & \text{first prolongation of } \mathcal{P}^0 & \\
 \downarrow & & \\
 \mathbb{R}^n & & \\
 \downarrow & & \\
 \mathcal{P}^0 & \text{conformal frames, } \theta \text{ displacement form} & \\
 \downarrow & & \\
 CO(p, q) & & \\
 \downarrow & & \\
 (M, c) & &
 \end{array}$$

$$\mathcal{P}^1 := \{ H \subset T_u \mathcal{P}^0 \mid u \in \mathcal{P}^0, H \text{ horizontal and torsion free} \} \quad \begin{array}{l} B\text{-bundle over } M \\ B = CO(p, q) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^n \subset G \end{array}$$

torsion of a horizontal space H :

$$\begin{aligned}
 t(H) &\in \Lambda^2(\mathbb{R}^n)^* \otimes \mathbb{R}^n \\
 t(H)(v, w) &:= d\theta_u(\theta|_H^{-1}(v), \theta|_H^{-1}(w))
 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem: There exists a **unique** Cartan connection $\omega^{nor} : T\mathcal{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$, which "lifts" θ and satisfies the curvature condition $\partial^* \Omega^{\omega^{nor}} = 0$.

ω^{nor} := normal conformal Cartan connection

- $\mathcal{T}(M) := \mathcal{P}^1 \times_B \mathbb{R}^{p+1, q+1}$ standard tractor bundle
- $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ bundle metric on $\mathcal{T}(M)$ defined by $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{p+1, q+1}$ on $\mathbb{R}^{p+1, q+1}$
- $\nabla^{nor} := \nabla^{\omega^{nor}}$ metric connection on $\mathcal{T}(M)$.

(M, c) conformal manifold $\implies (\mathcal{T}(M), \nabla^{nor}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$
conformal invariant data by definition.

Holonomy group of (M, c) :

$$Hol(M, c) := Hol(\mathcal{T}(M), \nabla^{nor}) \subset O(p+1, q+1)$$

3.3. Metric description of $(\mathcal{T}(M), \nabla^{nor}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$

$$g \in \mathcal{C} \rightsquigarrow \text{reduction } i : \mathcal{P}^g \subset \mathcal{P}^0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}^1 \\ u \longmapsto \text{Ker } A_u^g$$

$$\implies \mathcal{T}(M) \stackrel{g}{\simeq} \mathcal{P}^g \times_{0(p,q)} \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R}^{p,q} \oplus \mathbb{R} \simeq \underline{\mathbb{R}} \oplus TM \oplus \underline{\mathbb{R}}$$

$$\phi \in \Gamma(\mathcal{T}(M)) \implies \phi \stackrel{g}{\simeq} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ Y \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \text{function on } M \\ \text{vector field on } M \\ \text{function on } M \end{array}$$

$$\langle \phi, \hat{\phi} \rangle \stackrel{g}{\simeq} \alpha \hat{\beta} + \beta \hat{\alpha} + g(Y, \hat{Y})$$

Theorem: Fix a metric $g \in \mathcal{C}$. Then for the tractor connection ∇^{nor} hold:

$$\nabla_X^{nor} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ Y \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{g}{\simeq} \begin{pmatrix} X(\alpha) - K^g(X, Y) \\ \nabla_X^g Y + \alpha X + \beta K^g(X) \\ X(\beta) - g(X, Y) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$K^g(X, Y) := \frac{1}{n-2}(\text{Ric}^g - \frac{1}{2(n-2)}\text{scal}^g g) \quad \text{Schouten tensor}$$

4. Reducible conformal holonomy groups and Einstein metrics

$g \in c$ Einstein metric $\iff \exists \phi \in \Gamma(\mathcal{T}(M))$ with $\nabla^{nor} \phi = 0$
hence $Hol(M, c)$ is non-irreducible.

$\exists g \in c|_U$ Einstein $\iff \exists \phi \in \Gamma(\mathcal{T}(M))$ with $\nabla^{nor} \phi = 0$
 U open and dense in M

$$\bullet \quad g \in c \text{ Einstein} \implies K^g = \frac{1}{2n(n-1)} scal^g g \\ \implies \nabla^{nor} \left(-\frac{scal^g}{2n(n-1)}, 0, 1 \right)^\perp = 0$$

\bullet Let $g \in c$ arbitrary and $\nabla^{nor} \phi = 0$. Then $\phi \stackrel{g}{\simeq} (\alpha, Y, \beta)^\perp$.
 $\implies U = \{x \in M \mid \beta(x) \neq 0\} \subset M$ open and dense

$\tilde{g} = \beta^{-2} g$ is Einstein

$scal^{\tilde{g}} > 0 \iff \phi$ timelike

$scal^{\tilde{g}} < 0 \iff \phi$ spacelike

$scal^{\tilde{g}} = 0 \iff \phi$ lightlike

- $V^1 \subset \mathbb{R}^{p+1, q+1}$ 1-dim Hol -invariant subspace $\implies \exists g \in c|_U$ Einstein
- **Local Splitting Theorem (St. Armstrong '05, F. Leitner '04):**
 $V^k \subset \mathbb{R}^{p+1, q+1}$ k -dim Hol -invariant *non-degenerate* subspace, $k \geq 2$
 $\implies (M, c) \stackrel{\text{locally}}{\simeq} (M_1 \times M_2, [g_1 \times g_2]), \quad (M_i, g_i) \text{ Einstein}$
 $Hol(M, c) = Hol(M_1, [g_1]) \times Hol(M_2, g_2).$
- **Holonomy of Einstein spaces (St. Armstrong '05, Th. Leistner '05):**
 $g \in c$ Einstein. $(M, [g]) \rightsquigarrow (\tilde{M}, \tilde{g})$ Ricci-flat space of sign $(p+1, q+1)$
 $\tilde{M} := \mathbb{R} \times M \times \mathbb{R}^+$
 $\tilde{g} := \begin{cases} \frac{n(n-1)}{scal^g} (d^2t - d^2s) + t^2g & \text{if } scal^g \neq 0 \\ 2dsdt + t^2g & \text{if } scal^g = 0 \end{cases}$
 $\implies Hol_x(M, c) = Hol_{(1,x,1)}(\tilde{M}, \tilde{g}) =$
 $= \begin{cases} Hol_{(1,x)}(\text{cone}(M)), \frac{n(n-1)}{scal^g} dt^2 + t^2g & \text{if } scal^g \neq 0 \\ Hol_x(M, g) \times \mathbb{R}^n & \text{if } scal^g = 0 \end{cases}$

5. Riemannian conformal structures (St. Armstrong 2005)

$$\boxed{Hol(M^n, [g]) \subset O(1, n + 1)}$$

a) **Irreducible case:** $Hol^0(M, [g]) \simeq SO^0(1, n + 1)$ (Di Scala, Olmos 2001)

b) **Non-irreducible case:**

- 1-dim. invariant subspace $\implies g \stackrel{loc}{\sim} \tilde{g}$ Einstein metric
- k-dim. non-degenerate invariant subspace $\implies g \stackrel{loc}{\sim}$ product of Einstein metrics

c) **Conformally indecomposable Einstein spaces:**

- $scal^g < 0 \implies Hol(M, [g]) = SO_0(1, n)$.
- $scal^g > 0 \implies Hol(M, [g]) = SO(n + 1), SU(\frac{n+1}{2}), Sp(\frac{n+1}{4}), G_2 (n = 6), Spin(7) (n = 7)$
- $scal^g = 0 \implies Hol(M, [g]) = SO(n) \times \mathbb{R}^n, SU(\frac{n}{2}) \times \mathbb{R}^n, Sp(\frac{n}{4}) \times \mathbb{R}^n, G_2 \times \mathbb{R}^7 (n = 7), Spin(7) \times \mathbb{R}^8 (n = 8)$.

6. Lorentzian conformal structures:

$$\text{Hol}(M^{1,n-1}, [g]) \subset O(2, n)$$

a) Non-irreducible case:

- 1-dim. invariant subspace $\implies g \stackrel{\text{loc}}{\sim} \tilde{g}$ Einstein metric
- k-dim. non-degenerate invariant subspace $\implies g \stackrel{\text{loc}}{\sim}$ product of Einstein metrics
- 2-dim. totally isotropic invariant subspace (Th. Leistner '05):
 $\implies g \stackrel{\text{loc}}{\sim} \tilde{g}$, \tilde{g} Lorentzian metric with light-like recurrent vector field
and totally isotropic Ricci tensor

b) Irreducible case:

Thm: (Di Scala, Leistner, 2008)

$H \subset O(2, n)$ connected, irreducibly acting \implies

- $$H \simeq$$
- $SO^0(2, n)$
 - $U(1, \frac{n}{2}), SU(1, \frac{n}{2}),$ if n is even
 - $S^1 \cdot SO^0(1, \frac{n}{2}) \subset U(1, \frac{n}{2}),$ if n is even and $n \geq 4$
 - $SO^0(1, 2) \subset SO^0(2, 3),$ if $n = 3.$

Thm: (Leitner 2007)

$Hol^0(M^{2m}, c) \subset U(1, m) \implies Hol^0(M, c) \subset SU(1, m).$

Thm: (M^n, c) conformal Lorentzian manifold, $n \geq 4.$ $Hol^0(M, c)$ acts irreducibly

$\implies Hol^0(M, c) \simeq SO^0(2, n)$ or

$Hol^0(M, c) \simeq SU(1, \frac{n}{2}).$

7. Lorentzian conformal manifolds (M, c) with $Hol(M, c) \subset SU(1, m)$

(N^{2m-1}, H, J) CR manifold : \Leftrightarrow

- $H \subset TN$ subbundle of codim 1
 - $J : H \rightarrow H$, $J^2 = -id_H$, J integrable
- $$N_J(X, Y) := J([JX, Y] + [X, JY]) - [JX, JY] + [X, Y] = 0$$

Examples: Real hypersurfaces of complex manifolds,
Sasaki manifolds, Heisenberg manifolds

(N^{2m-1}, H, J, θ) strictly pseudo convex manifold : \Leftrightarrow

- N oriented, θ contact 1-form on N with Reeb vector field T_θ
- positive definite Levi form: $L_\theta(X, Y) = d\theta(X, JY)$, $X, Y \in H$

$g_\theta := L_\theta + \theta \circ \theta$ Riemannian metric on N .

$\nabla^W : \Gamma(TN) \rightarrow \Gamma(TN^* \otimes TN)$ Tanaka-Webster connection : \Leftrightarrow

- $\nabla^W g_\theta = 0$
 - $Tor^W(X, Y) = L_\theta(JX, Y) \cdot T_\theta$
- $$Tor^W(T_\theta, X) = -\frac{1}{2} \left\{ [T_\theta, X] + J([T_\theta, JT_\theta]) \right\}$$

(N^{2m-1}, H, J, θ) strictly pseudoconvex and spin

$\implies \sqrt{K} := \sqrt{\Lambda^{m,0}N}$ square root of the canonical line bundle K

$\implies M^{2m} := \sqrt{K^*}/\mathbb{R}^+ \xrightarrow{\pi} N$ S^1 -bundle on N with connection form

$$A_\theta := A^W - \frac{i}{4m} \text{scal}^W \circ \theta$$

Fefferman connection

$$TM = H^* \oplus \underbrace{\mathbb{R}T_\theta^*}_{\text{horizontal wrto } A_\theta} \oplus TvM$$

\implies Lorentzian metric on M

$$h_\theta := \pi^*L_\theta - \frac{8i}{m}\pi^*\theta \circ A_\theta$$

Fefferman metric on M

$(N, H, J, \theta, \text{spin}) \rightsquigarrow (M, [h_\theta], \text{spin})$ Fefferman spin space

\uparrow strictly pseudoconvex \uparrow independent on θ

Theorem: $(M^{1,2m-1}, [h_\theta])$ Fefferman spin space

$$\implies \text{Hol}(M, [h_\theta]) \subset SU(1, m)$$

- hermitian almost complex structure \mathcal{J} on $\mathcal{T}(M) = \mathcal{P}^1 \times_B \mathbb{R}^{2,2m}$:

$$\mathcal{J} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \gamma X^* + T_\theta^* + \delta V \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{h_\theta}{:=} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\delta}{2} \\ \nabla_{X^*}^{h_\theta} V + \frac{\beta}{2} T_\theta^* + 2\alpha V \\ -2\gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\nabla^{nor} \mathcal{J} = 0 \implies \text{Hol}(M, [h_\theta]) \subset U(1, m)$$

- \exists 2-parameter family of conformal Killing spinors on (M, h_θ) (Baum '97)
- \implies 2-dimensional space of $\widehat{\text{Hol}}(M, [h_\theta])$ -invariant spinors in $\Delta_{2,2m}$
- $\implies \text{Hol}(M, [h_\theta]) \subset SU(1, m)$

Local characterizations of Fefferman spaces

Theorem: (Graham/Sparling '87)

(M, h) Lorentzian manifold with a light-like Killing field V such that

- $V \lrcorner W^h = 0$ W^h Weyl tensor
- $V \lrcorner C^h = 0$ C^h Cotton York tensor
- $Ric^h(V, V) = const > 0$

$\implies (M, h)$ is locally isometric to a Fefferman space (M, h_θ)
of a strictly pseudo-convex manifold.

Theorem: (F. Leitner '06)

(M, c) conformal Lorentzian manifold.

$Hol^0(M, c) \subset SU(1, m) \implies (M, c)$ is locally a Fefferman space.