

$X$  closed, oriented, Riem 4-manifold

I. Set up :

$\text{Spin}^c$  structure

$$\text{Spin}(4) \xrightarrow{2:1} \text{SO}(4) \quad \text{universal cover}$$

$$\text{Spin}^c(4) = (\text{Spin}(4) \times \text{U}(1)) / \{\pm 1\}$$

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^1 \rightarrow \text{Spin}^c(4) \rightarrow \text{SO}(4) \rightarrow 0$$

Def A  $\text{spin}^c$  structure on  $X$  is a principal  $\text{Spin}^c(4)$ -bundle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \rightarrow & P_{\text{SO}(4)}(TX) \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \\ & X & \end{array}$$

$$\text{Spin}(4) = \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2)$$

A  $\text{spin}^c$  structure gives rise to a rank 4 hermitian bundle

$$S_X = S^+ \oplus S^- \quad \text{spinor bundles}$$

Alternatively, a  $\text{spin}^c$  structure is an isometry

$$\rho : TX \rightarrow \text{Hom}(S_X, S_X) \quad \text{Clifford multiplication}$$

$$\text{locally } \{e_0, e_1, e_2, e_3\} \text{ ONB, } \rho(e_i) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\sigma_i^* \\ \sigma_i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \sigma_1 = \begin{bmatrix} i & \\ & -i \end{bmatrix}, \quad \sigma_2 = \begin{bmatrix} & -1 \\ 1 & \end{bmatrix}, \quad \sigma_3 = \begin{bmatrix} & i \\ i & \end{bmatrix}$$

$\rho$  extends to  $\Lambda^* T^*X$

Fact A  $\text{spin}^c$  structure for an oriented 4-mfd always exists.

$$\text{Furthermore, } \{ \text{spin}^c \text{ str.} \} \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \{ \text{complex line bundle} \} \cong H^2(X; \mathbb{Z})$$

II. SW equations : Fix  $X$  and a  $\text{spin}^c$  str.  $S$

• A unitary connection on  $S_X$  is a  $\text{spin}^c$  connection if  $\rho$  is parallel

$$\nabla_A (X \cdot \varphi) = \nabla_{Lc} X \cdot \varphi + X \cdot \nabla_A \varphi$$

$\{ \text{spin}^c \text{ connections} \} \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \mathcal{O}^1(X; i\mathbb{R})$  affine space

$A := (\text{spin}^c \text{ connection } \nabla_A, \text{ Dirac operator } D_A)$

- Given a spin<sup>c</sup> connection, we define the Dirac operator  $D_A$  as a composite

$$\Gamma(S_X) \xrightarrow{\nabla_A} \Gamma(T^*X \otimes S_X) \xrightarrow{\rho} \Gamma(S_X)$$

There is a decomposition  $D_A = D_A^+ + D_A^-$

$$D_A^\pm : \Gamma(S^\pm) \rightarrow \Gamma(S^\mp)$$

- Hodge star  $*$  :  $\Omega^2(X) \rightarrow \Omega^2(X)$

self-dual  $\Omega^+(X) = \{ \omega \in \Omega^2(X) ; * \omega = \omega \}$

projection  $\Omega^2(X) \rightarrow \Omega^+(X)$

$$\omega \mapsto \omega^+ = \frac{\omega + * \omega}{2}$$

Note  $\rho : \Omega^+(X) \rightarrow \text{SU}(S^+)$

- For a pair  $(A, \Phi) \in \mathcal{A} \times \Gamma(S^+)$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \rho(F_A^+) - (\Phi \Phi^*)_0 &= 0 \\ D_A^+ \Phi &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Seiberg-Witten equations}$$

$F_A$  curvature 2-form,  $(\Phi \Phi^*)_0$  traceless endomorphism

The gauge group  $\mathcal{G} = \text{Map}(X, S^1)$

$$u \cdot (A, \Phi) = (A - u^{-1} du, u \Phi)$$

Def.  $\mathcal{M}(X, S) = \{ (A, \Phi) \text{ satisfies SW-eqn} \} / \mathcal{G}$

The monopole moduli space

Fact  $\mathcal{M}(X, S) \subset \mathcal{B}(X, S) = \mathcal{A} \times \Gamma(S^+) / \mathcal{G}$  is compact

A pair  $(A, \Phi)$  s.t.  $\Phi \equiv 0$  is called reducible

Otherwise, it is called irreducible

Fact When  $b^+(X) \geq 1$ , one can perturb the SW equation so that

$\mathcal{M}(X, S_X)$  is regular and contains no reducibles.

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{M}(X, S_X)$  is a compact, smooth manifold of dimension

$$u = \frac{1}{4} (c_1(S^1)[X] - 2\eta(X) - 3\sigma(X))$$

" ind  $d^+$  + 2 ind  $D_A^+$

In this case,

$M(X, S) \subset B^*(X, S)$  irreducible part

$g_0 = \text{Map}_*(X, S^1)$  with a basepoint  $x_0 \in X$

$A \times (\Gamma(S^1) \setminus \{0\}) / g_0 \rightarrow B^*(X, S)$  is an  $S^1$ -bundle

$$\rightsquigarrow u \in H^2(B^*(X, S); \mathbb{Z})$$

Def.  $SW(X, S) = \langle [M(X, S)], u^{d/2} \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}$

if  $b^+(X) \geq 2$  this is independent of the metric

When  $d = \nu$ , this is the sign count.

### III calculation

#### 1. Positive scalar curvature

Weitzenböck formula

$$\int_X |D_A^+ \Phi|^2 = \int_X |\nabla_A \Phi|^2 + \int_X \langle \Phi, \rho(F_A^+) \Phi \rangle + \frac{1}{4} \int_X |\Phi|^2$$

If  $(A, \Phi)$  is a SW-solution,

$$0 = \int_X |\nabla_A \Phi|^2 + \frac{1}{4} \int_X |\Phi|^4 + \frac{1}{4} \int_X s |\Phi|^2$$

Prop If  $X$  has a metric of positive scalar curvature, then  $SW(X) = 0$

Ex.  $S^4$ ,  $\mathbb{C}P^2$ ,  $\mathbb{C}P^2$ ,  $k \mathbb{C}P^2 \neq l \mathbb{C}P^2$

#### 2. Kähler surfaces

There is a canonical  $\text{spin}^c$  structure  $K^* = \Lambda^{0,2}$

$$S^+ = \Lambda^{0,\nu} \oplus \Lambda^{0,2}, \quad S^- = \Lambda^{0,1}$$

$$\text{hm. } SW(X, K^*) = \pm 1$$

Taubes generalized to symplectic manifolds

Idea of proof: show that  $(A_0, \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ \nu \end{bmatrix})$  is the only solution

canonical connection

Ex. -  $K3$

• A quintic surface of  $\mathbb{C}P^3$  with odd intersection form

$$b^+(X) = 9, b^-(X) = 44$$

Freedman  $\Rightarrow$   $X$  is homeomorphic to a  $\mathbb{C}P^2 \# 44 \overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}$

Above  $\Rightarrow$   $X$  is not diffeomorphic to  $\nearrow$

3. Surgery SW-series  $SW(X) = \sum_{s \in H^2(X; \mathbb{Z})} SW(X, s) e^s$

Suppose  $X$  is simply-connected and contains  $n$  embedded torus  $T$  s.t.  
 $\uparrow$  near-cusp

- $T$  is homologically nontrivial
- zero self-intersection
- a basis of  $H_1(T; \mathbb{Z})$  each bounds a disk of self-intersection 1

Assume that  $X \setminus T$  is simply-connected

A tubular nbhd of  $T$  is  $T \times D^2$  with boundary  $T \times S^1$

Pick a knot  $K \subset S^3$

Note that  $S^3 \setminus K \cong S^1 \times D^2$  homologically

$$\partial((S^3 \setminus K) \times S^1) \cong \partial(T \times D^2) \quad "$$

Identify by sending the meridian  $c_m \times 1$  to  $1 \times S^1$

define  $X_K = (X \setminus T) \cup_{T^3} ((S^3 \setminus K) \times S^1)$

This preserves the intersection form, so  $X_K \stackrel{\text{homeo}}{\cong} X$

Thm. (Fintushel - Stern)  $SW(X_K) = SW(X) \cdot \Delta_K(e^{21})$

where  $\Delta_K(\cdot)$  is the Alexander polynomial of  $K$

(Idea of proof: Use a sequence of generalized log transform & gluing formula)

Ex.  $X = K3$ ,  $SW(X_K) = \Delta_K(e^{2F})$

$F$  generic torus fiber

$\Rightarrow K3$  has infinitely many smooth structures