

# KIERAN O'GRADY: FOUR DIMENSIONAL ANALOGUES OF K3 SURFACES

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**Definition 1.** A K3 surface is a compact Kähler surface such that  $B_1(X) = 0$ ,  $K_X \cong \mathcal{O}_X$ .

For instance, the standard quartic in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ . The generic K3 is not projective but does deform to one. We recall two key results on K3 surfaces.

**Theorem 1** (Kodaira). *Any two K3 surfaces are deformation equivalent, i.e. there is one deformation class of K3s, i.e. any K3 can be deformed to the standard quartic.*

**Theorem 2** (Shafarevich and P.S., Burns-Rappaport,...). *Global Torelli holds for K3 surfaces:  $X, Y$  are isomorphic K3 surfaces iff  $\exists : H^2(X, \mathbb{C}) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^2(Y, \mathbb{C})$  is an integral isometry which respects the Hodge isomorphism, i.e. it maps  $H^{2,0}(X) \rightarrow H^{2,0}(Y)$  isomorphically.*

We can construct higher dimensional analogues of these surfaces, called *hyperkähler manifolds*.

**Definition 2.** A hyperkähler manifold  $X^{2n}$  is a Kähler manifold s.t.  $\pi_1(X) = \{1\}$ ,  $H^0(\Omega^2) = \mathbb{C}\sigma$  for some nondegenerate (symplectic) form  $\sigma$ . In particular,  $\wedge^n \sigma \in H^0(K_X)$  is nowhere zero so  $K_X \cong \mathcal{O}_X$ .

These are one of the building blocks compact Kähler manifolds with  $c_1 = 0$ , the others being the complex tori  $\mathbb{C}^m/\text{lattices}$  and *proper Calabi-Yau manifolds* which have  $h^0(\Omega_X^p) = 0$  for  $0 < p < n$ . The hyperkähler ones are those with interesting holonomy (due to Yau's proof of the Calabi conjecture).

*Example.* For  $\dim X = 2$ , the only hyperkähler manifolds are K3 surfaces. In dimension 4, blowing up the symmetric square of a K3 on the diagonal (called the Hilbert square  $S^{[2]}$ ) gives one, as the symplectic form on the K3 lifts. Moreover, for  $V \subset \mathbb{P}^5$  a cubic hypersurface,  $X(V) = \{\ell \subset V \mid \ell \text{ a line}\}$ ,  $X(V)$  is hyperkähler deformation equivalent to the above example if  $V$  is smooth, with the associated K3 being  $S = \{p \in \ell \subset V_0\}$  for  $V_0 = V(f_2 + f_3)$  the intersection of a quadric and a cubic in  $\mathbb{P}^4$  and  $p$  the ordinary double point on  $V_0$ . The map  $S^{[2]} \rightarrow X(V_0)$  is given by  $(\ell_1, \ell_2) \mapsto \ell$  for  $\ell$  the third line on the plane spanned by  $\ell_1, \ell_2$ .

*Remark.* The number of moduli of  $S^{[2]}$  is 20 (arbitrary K3) or 19 (projective K3), as  $S^{[2]}$  is projective if  $S$  is. However, the number of moduli of  $X(V)$  is 20

(dimension of the space of cubic polynomials), so there are more HK manifolds than K3s and there is a locally complete family of projective HK manifolds.

Questions:

- (1) How many deformational classes of HK manifolds are there? At least two in each (even) dimension  $\geq 4$ .
- (2) Does global Torelli hold? No in general, but for pairs of deformation equivalent HK manifolds, it is conjectured that they will be birational if  $\phi$  satisfies the same condition.

We can think of tori as being governed by  $H^1$  (curve-like), proper CYs by  $H^n$ , and HKs by  $H^2$  (surface-like).

**Definition 3.** *The Bogomolov-Beauville-Fujiki form is a nondegenerate symmetric form  $q$  on  $H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$  defined by*

$$(1) \quad q(\beta_1, \beta_2) = \int_X \omega^{2n-2} \wedge \beta_2 \wedge \alpha_2 - \frac{2(n-1) \int_X \omega^{2n-1} \wedge \beta_1 \cdot \int_X \omega^{2n-1} \wedge \beta_2}{(2n-1)^2 \int_X \omega^{2n}}$$

Up to a constant  $Q$ ,  $q$  is uniquely defined by  $\int_X \beta^{2n} = c_X q(\beta, \beta)^n$  for  $c_X \in \mathbb{Q}_+$ . For  $\sigma \in H^0(\Omega_X^2)$ ,  $q_X(\sigma) = 0, q_X(\sigma + \bar{\sigma}) > 0$ . We then obtain a smooth period map  $\text{Def}(X) \rightarrow \{[\sigma] \in \mathbb{P}(H^2(X)) \mid q_X(\sigma) = 0, q_X(\sigma + \bar{\sigma}) > 0\}$  (Local) infinitesimal Torelli says that this map is a local isomorphism.

Strategy for proof: show that if  $X$  is numerically a  $(\text{K3})^{[2]}$ , i.e.  $q_X \cong q_{(\text{K3})^{[2]}}$  and  $c_X = c_{(\text{K3})^{[2]}} = 3$ , then  $X$  is a deformation of a  $(\text{K3})^{[2]}$ , and then that ‘‘Naive’’ Global Torelli holds for  $(\text{K3})^{[2]}$ .

We consider the EPW (Eisenbud-Popescu-Walter) sextic  $Y$ : for  $\bigwedge^3 \mathbb{C}^6 \times \bigwedge^3 \mathbb{C}^6 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  a symplectic form,  $\alpha, \beta \mapsto \text{vol}(\alpha \wedge \beta)$ ,

$$(2) \quad LG = LG(\bigwedge^3 \mathbb{C}^6) = \{A \subset \bigwedge^3 \mathbb{C}^6 \text{ Lagrangian}\}$$

For  $[v] \in \mathbb{P}^5 = \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{C}^6)$ , set

$$(3) \quad LG \ni F_v = \{\alpha \in \bigwedge^3 \mathbb{C}^6 \mid \sigma \wedge \alpha = 0\}$$

, and for  $A \in LG$ , set

$$(4) \quad Y_A = \{[v] \in \mathbb{P}^5 \mid A \cap F_v \neq \{0\}\}$$

This is the special sextic  $Y$ , unless  $A$  is pathological and  $Y_A \cong \mathbb{P}^5$ . Another description of  $Y$ : consider  $\text{Gr} = \text{Gr}(1, \mathbb{P}^4) \subset \mathbb{P}^9$  via the Plücker embedding, and let  $Z_A = \text{Gr} \cap Q_A$  for  $Q_A \subset \mathbb{P}^9$  a quadric; then  $Y_A \subset |\mathcal{I}_{Z_A}(2)|$  is the space of singular quadrics  $Q$  minus  $\mathcal{I}_{\text{Gr}}(2)$ . There is a natural double cover  $f_A : X_A \rightarrow Y_A$  for  $A$  generic ramified only over the singular locus of  $Y_A$  (which is a smooth surface).

**Theorem 3** (O'Grady). *If  $A$  is generic,  $X_A$  is a deformation of  $(K3)^{[2]}$ , and  $H_A = f_A^* \mathcal{O}_{Y_A}(1)$  satisfies  $q(H_A) = 2$  and gives a locally complete family  $\{(X_A, H_A)\}_{A \in LG}$ . Moreover, if  $Z$  is numerically  $(K3)^{[2]}$ , we can deform it to  $X$  equipped with ample  $H$  s.t.  $q_X(H) = 2$ , and for  $X \dashrightarrow |H|^\vee \cong \mathbb{P}^5$ , one of the following holds:*

- $(X, H)$  is a deformation of  $(X_A, H_A)$  for  $A \in LG$ , or
- $f$  is birational onto its image.

We conjecture that the latter statement is never true, implying that  $Z$  is deformation equivalent to  $(K3)^{[2]}$ .

Relevant question: for  $X$  HK,  $H$  ample on  $X$ , is  $\mathcal{O}_X(2H)$  globally generated?

Assuming this conjecture, we obtain an equivalence between local Torelli for  $(K3)^{[2]}$  and global Torelli. So we study  $LG//PGL(6) = \mathcal{M}$  equipped with a rational map  $p$  to  $\mathbb{D}^{BB}$ . Infinitesimal Torelli says that  $p$  is dominant, and  $\deg p < \infty$ .