On Special Complex Structures and Hermitian Metrics

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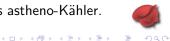
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has a balanced SU(2)-structure, but it has no hypo structure and the corresponding solvable Lie group G has a compact quotient $N = G/\Gamma$.

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(X, J) complex surface.

A holomorphic symplectic structure on X is the datum of a *d*-closed and non-degenerate (2, 0)-form ω on X. Let g be a J-Hermitian metric on X and ω_3 be the fundamental form of (g, J). Then, up to a conformal change, we may assume that

$$\omega_1^2 = \omega_2^2 = \omega_3^2 \,.$$

Then we have the following



Let (X, J) be a complex surface equipped with a holomorphic symplectic structure $\omega = \omega_1 + i\omega_2$ and let ω_3 be the Kähler form of a J-Hermitian metric g as above. Then, for any integral closed 2-form Ω on X annihilating $\cos \theta \, \omega_1 + \sin \theta \, \omega_2$ and $-\sin \theta \, \omega_1 + \cos \theta \, \omega_2$ for some θ , there is a principal circle bundle $\pi \colon N \longrightarrow X$ with connection form ρ such that Ω is the curvature of ρ and such that the SU(2)-structure $(\eta, \omega_1^{\theta}, \omega_2^{\theta}, \omega_3^{\theta})$ on N given by

$$\begin{split} \eta &= \rho, \\ \omega_1^{\theta} &= \pi^* (\cos \theta \, \omega_1 + \sin \theta \, \omega_2), \\ \omega_2^{\theta} &= \pi^* (-\sin \theta \, \omega_1 + \cos \theta \, \omega_2), \\ \omega_3^{\theta} &= \pi^* (\omega_3) \end{split}$$

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Example

Let $X = \Gamma \setminus G$ be the *Kodaira-Thurston* manifold, where the Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} of G has the following structure equations

$$de^1=0\,,\quad de^2=0\,,\quad de^3=0\,,\quad de^4=-e^{23}\,.$$

Then

$$\varphi^1 = e^1 + ie^4$$
, $\varphi^2 = e^2 + ie^3$
 $\omega = (e^{12} + e^{34}) + i(e^{13} - e^{24}) = \omega_1 + i\omega_2$

define a complex structure and holomorphic symplectic structure on X respectively. If $g = \sum_{i=1}^4 e^i \otimes e^i$, then

$$\omega_3 = e^{14} + e^{23}$$
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Therefore, the previous Proposition applies.



We establish the evolution equations that allow the construction of new balanced structures in dimension six from balanced ${
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$$d\Psi = d(\omega_1 \wedge \eta) - (\partial_t(\omega_1 \wedge \eta) + d\omega_2) \wedge dt + i d(\omega_2 \wedge \eta) - i (\partial_t(\omega_2 \wedge \eta) - d\omega_1) \wedge dt.$$

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Lie algebra (0,0,0,12,14): The family of balanced SU(2)-structures

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Theorem M. Fernández, —, L. Ugarte, R. Villacampa, J. Math. Phys. '09) Any 3-dimensional complex-parallelizable (non-abelian) solvable Lie group has a Hermitian metric such that the holonomy of its Bismut connection is equal to SU(3).



Example Consider the Lie algebra defined by the complex structure equations

$$d\varphi^1 = d\varphi^2 = 0, \quad d\varphi^3 = -\varphi^{12}, \quad d\varphi^4 = -2\varphi^{13}.$$

Let $\varphi^j = e^{2j-1} + i e^{2j}, j = 1, \dots, 4.$
Then

$$de^1 = de^2 = de^3 = de^4 = 0, \ de^5 = -e^{13} + e^{24},$$

 $de^6 = -e^{14} - e^{23}, \ de^7 = -2(e^{15} - e^{26}),$
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Examples of manifolds with full holonomy

J complex structure given by

$$Je^1 = -e^2$$
, $Je^2 = e^1$, $Je^3 = -e^4$, $Je^4 = e^3$,
 $Je^5 = -e^6$, $Je^6 = e^5$, $Je^7 = -e^8$, $Je^8 = e^7$.

The fundamental form *F* associated with the *J*-Hermitian metric $g = \sum_{i=1}^{8} e^i \otimes e^i$ is given by

$$F=\sum_{j=1}^4 e^{2j-1}\wedge e^{2j}$$
 ,



• g is balanced and the torsion T is given by

 $T = JdF = e^{135} + e^{146} + 2e^{157} + 2e^{168} + e^{236} - e^{245} + 2e^{258} - 2e^{267}.$

The following curvature forms of the Bismut connection are linearly independent:



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$$\begin{split} \Omega_3^1 &= -e^{13} - e^{24}, \ \Omega_4^1 &= -e^{14} + e^{23}, \ \Omega_5^1 &= -4(e^{15} + e^{26}), \\ \Omega_6^1 &= -4(e^{16} - e^{25}), \ \Omega_4^3 &= 2e^{12}, \ \Omega_6^5 &= 2(3e^{12} - e^{34}), \\ \Omega_7^5 &= -2(e^{35} + e^{46}), \ \Omega_8^5 &= -2(e^{36} - e^{45}), \\ \Omega_8^7 &= -8(e^{12} + e^{56}). \end{split}$$

This gives a 9-dimensional space.

By computing the covariant the derivative of the curvature it follows that $Hol(\nabla^B)=SU(4)$.

