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Flows of G₂ Structures Associated to Calabi–Yau Manifolds

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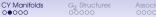
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A Calabi–Yau manifold has the following properties:

- the canonical bundle K_X is trivial,
- the first Chern class $c_1(X)$ vanishes,
- the Ricci-form $\operatorname{Ric}(\omega, J)$ is given by $2i\partial\overline{\partial}(\log |\Omega|_{\omega})$ and it vanishes if and only if $|\Omega|_{\omega}$ is constant.



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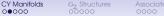
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Yau's theorem and its proof involved the solving of complex Monge-Ampère equations, which have since been studied extensively.



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We have two particular cases of importance:

• MA^{$$\frac{1}{3}$$} flow ($a = 2 \log |\Omega|_{\omega}$, $H = 6K\rho^{\frac{1}{3}}$):

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}u_t = 6K \Big(e^{-2\log|\Omega|_{\omega}} \frac{\det(\omega + i\partial\overline{\partial}u_t)}{\det\omega} \Big)^{\frac{1}{3}},$$

• Kähler–Ricci flow ($a = 2 \log |\Omega|_{\omega}$, $H = 2K \log \rho$):

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}u_t = 2K\log\left(\frac{\det(\omega+i\partial\overline{\partial}u_t)}{\det\omega}\right) - 2K\log|\Omega|_{\omega}^2.$$

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Uniform Estimates

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These estimates were previously known for certain special cases like the Kähler–Ricci flow (Cao, Phong–Sturm).



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Theorem (Bryant-Xu)

Let φ be a closed G₂ structure on a compact 7-fold M. Then, the Laplacian flow with initial condition φ has a unique solution for a short-time [0, T] with T depending on φ .

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The associated metric and volume form are

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If $\alpha \in \Omega^k(X^4)$ is a k-form, then the Hodge star acts as

$$\begin{split} \star_{7} &\alpha = (-1)^{k} 2^{\left(-\frac{4}{3}+\frac{2}{3}k\right)} |F|^{\left(\frac{4}{3}-\frac{2}{3}k\right)} Gdr^{1} \wedge dr^{2} \wedge dr^{3} \wedge \star_{4} \alpha \\ & \star_{7} (dr^{1} \wedge \alpha) = 2^{\left(-\frac{8}{3}+\frac{2}{3}k\right)} |F|^{\left(\frac{8}{3}-\frac{2}{3}k\right)} Gdr^{1} dr^{2} \wedge dr^{3} \wedge \star_{4} \alpha, \\ & \star_{7} (dr^{2} \wedge \alpha) = 2^{\left(-\frac{2}{3}+\frac{2}{3}k\right)} |F|^{\left(\frac{2}{3}-\frac{2}{3}k\right)} Gdr^{3} \wedge dr^{1} \wedge \star_{4} \alpha, \\ & \star_{7} (dr^{3} \wedge \alpha) = 2^{\left(-\frac{2}{3}+\frac{2}{3}k\right)} |F|^{\left(\frac{2}{3}-\frac{2}{3}k\right)} Gdr^{1} \wedge dr^{2} \wedge \star_{4} \alpha, \\ & \star_{7} (dr^{3} \wedge a) = 2^{\left(-\frac{2}{3}+\frac{2}{3}k\right)} |F|^{\left(2-\frac{2}{3}k\right)} Gdr^{1} \wedge dr^{2} \wedge \star_{4} \alpha, \\ & \star_{7} (dr^{3} \wedge dr^{1} \wedge \alpha) = (-1)^{k} 2^{\left(-2+\frac{2}{3}k\right)} |F|^{\left(2-\frac{2}{3}k\right)} G^{-1} dr^{3} \wedge \star_{4} \alpha, \\ & \star_{7} (dr^{3} \wedge dr^{1} \wedge \alpha) = (-1)^{k} 2^{\frac{2}{3}k} |F|^{-\frac{2}{3}k} Gdr^{1} \wedge \star_{4} \alpha, \\ & \star_{7} (dr^{2} \wedge dr^{3} \wedge \alpha) = (-1)^{k} 2^{\frac{2}{3}k} |F|^{-\frac{2}{3}k} Gdr^{1} \wedge \star_{4} \alpha, \\ & \star_{7} (dr^{1} \wedge dr^{2} \wedge dr^{3} \wedge \alpha) = 2^{\left(-\frac{4}{3}+\frac{2}{3}k\right)} |F|^{\left(\frac{4}{3}-\frac{2}{3}k\right)} G^{-1} \star_{4} \alpha. \end{split}$$

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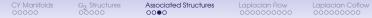
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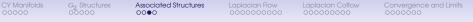


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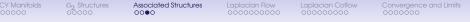
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The torsion forms vanish if and only if $|\Omega|_{\omega}$ is constant or equivalently when ω is Calabi–Yau.



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Remark

A priori, it is not clear that structures satisfying the above evolution equations remain compatible as Calabi–Yau structures.

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Idea

In order to address the compatibility conditions (and the fact that J_t needs to change), we can look for solutions by acting on compatible Calabi–Yau structures via a moving family of diffeomorphisms. This idea is similar to that of Fei–Phong–Picard–Zhang.



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In turn, we get a family of Kähler metrics $\tilde{\omega}_t = \omega + i\partial \overline{\partial} u_t$ which converge to the Calabi–Yau metric ω_{CY} that also satisfy

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Idea

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The Story So Far

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With these ingredients, we will prove convergence of the structures (ω_t, Ω_t) and their associated G_2 structures (borrowing ideas from Lotay–Wei).

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Thus Θ_{∞} is a bijective local diffeomorphism and hence a diffeomorphism.

It follows that (ω_t, Ω_t) converge to $(\Theta^*_{\infty} \omega_{CY}, \Theta^*_{\infty} \Omega)$ as $t \to \infty$.

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Start the Laplacian flow with initial data

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 on $T^3 imes X^4$,

or

$$\varphi = \operatorname{Re}\left(\Omega\right) - \operatorname{dr}\wedge\omega \text{ or } \mathbf{S}^{1}\times X^{6}.$$

Then the Laplacian flow exists for all time t and is given by the $MA^{\frac{1}{3}}$ flow (up to diffeomorphism) and converges to a stationary point

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$$\varphi_{\infty} = \operatorname{Re}\left(\Theta_{\infty}^{*}\Omega\right) - dr \wedge \Theta_{\infty}^{*}\omega_{CY} \text{ on } S^{1} \times X^{6},$$

where Θ_{∞} is a diffeomorphism on the base and ω_{CY} is the unique Ricci-flat Kähler metric in the class $[\omega]$.

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or

$$\psi = -2 \cdot dr \wedge Im(\Omega) - \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2}\omega^2 \text{ on } \mathbf{S}^1 \times X^6.$$

Then the Laplacian coflow exists for all time t and is given by the Kähler–Ricci flow (up to diffeomorphism) and converges to a stationary point

$$\begin{split} \psi_{\infty} &= -2^{-\frac{4}{3}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \Theta_{\infty}^{*} \omega_{CY}^{2} + 2^{-\frac{4}{3}} \cdot dr^{2} \wedge dr^{3} \wedge \Theta_{\infty}^{*} \omega_{CY} \\ &+ 2^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot dr^{3} \wedge dr^{1} \wedge \operatorname{Re}\left(\Theta_{\infty}^{*} \Omega\right) + 2^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot dr^{1} \wedge dr^{2} \wedge \operatorname{Im}\left(\Theta_{\infty}^{*} \Omega\right) \text{ on } T^{3} \times X^{4} \end{split}$$

or

$$\psi_{\infty} = -2 \cdot dr \wedge \mathit{Im}\left(\Theta_{\infty}^{*}\Omega\right) - \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2}\Theta_{\infty}^{*}\omega_{\mathit{CY}}^{2} \text{ on } S^{1} \times X^{6},$$

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Thank you.

