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# Isotropic Kähler hyperbolic twistor spaces

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## Abstract

In this paper we study two natural indefinite almost Hermitian structures on the hyperbolic twistor space of a four-manifold endowed with a neutral metric. We show that only one of these structures can be isotropic Kähler and obtain the precise geometric conditions on the base manifold ensuring this property.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $(M, J, g)$  be an almost Hermitian manifold with an almost complex structure  $J$  and compatible Riemannian metric  $g$ , i.e.  $g(X, Y) = g(JX, JY)$ . If  $J$  is parallel with respect to the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  of  $g$ , the structure is Kähler and this can be recognised by the vanishing of the square norm of  $\nabla J$ , i.e.  $\|\nabla J\|^2 = 0$ , equivalently by  $\|\nabla\Omega\|^2 = 0$ , where  $\Omega$  is the fundamental two-form of the almost Hermitian structure. However for indefinite metrics this is not true, i.e. in general the vanishing of the square norm  $\|\nabla J\|^2$  does not always imply the Kähler condition,  $\nabla J = 0$ . Thus an indefinite almost Hermitian structure is said to be *isotropic Kähler* if  $\|\nabla J\|^2 = 0$  and *indefinite Kähler* if  $\nabla J = 0$ . Although there are many known examples of indefinite Kähler structures (see, e.g. [2,5,11]) the

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first examples of non-Kähler isotropic Kähler structures have been recently constructed by Garcia-Rio and Matsushita [7]. These examples are non-integrable and are related to certain Engel structures on  $\mathbb{R}^4$  and their compact quotients.

In this paper we give a class of integrable six-dimensional examples. These arise as certain indefinite Hermitian structures on hyperbolic twistor spaces over four-dimensional manifolds [3]. One of the key features of our study is the fact that the base manifolds are endowed with neutral metrics, i.e. semi-Riemannian metrics of signature (2, 2). This setting naturally arises in  $N = 2$  string theory where the additional structure of two local supersymmetries on a worldsheet leads to considering neutral Kähler metrics. We refer to [10] for a fascinating discussion.

In Section 2 we review the theory of hyperbolic twistor spaces over four-dimensional manifolds with neutral metrics and their two natural indefinite almost Hermitian structures. In Section 3 we compute the square norm of the covariant derivatives of their fundamental two-forms in terms of the curvature of the base manifold. Then in Section 4 we prove that only one of these indefinite almost Hermitian structures can be isotropic Kähler and obtain the precise geometric conditions on the base manifold ensuring this property. Finally in Section 5 we construct two-parameter families of neutral left-invariant metrics on some four-dimensional Lie groups whose hyperbolic twistor spaces are indefinite Hermitian and isotropic Kähler but not indefinite Kähler.

## 2. Hyperbolic twistor spaces over four-dimensional manifolds

Let  $M$  be an oriented four-dimensional manifold with a neutral metric  $g$ , i.e. a pseudo-Riemannian metric of signature (2, 2), and  $\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_4$  a local orthonormal frame with  $\mathbf{e}_1 \wedge \mathbf{e}_2 \wedge \mathbf{e}_3 \wedge \mathbf{e}_4$  giving the orientation. The metric  $g$  induces a metric on bundle of bivectors,  $\wedge^2 TM$ , by

$$g(\mathbf{e}_i \wedge \mathbf{e}_j, \mathbf{e}_k \wedge \mathbf{e}_l) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} \varepsilon_i \delta_{ik} & \varepsilon_i \delta_{il} \\ \varepsilon_j \delta_{jk} & \varepsilon_j \delta_{jl} \end{vmatrix}, \quad \varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2 = 1, \quad \varepsilon_3 = \varepsilon_4 = -1.$$

The Hodge star operator of the neutral metric acts as an involution on  $\wedge^2 TM$  and is given by

$$*(\mathbf{e}_1 \wedge \mathbf{e}_2) = \mathbf{e}_3 \wedge \mathbf{e}_4, \quad *(\mathbf{e}_1 \wedge \mathbf{e}_3) = \mathbf{e}_2 \wedge \mathbf{e}_4, \quad *(\mathbf{e}_1 \wedge \mathbf{e}_4) = -\mathbf{e}_2 \wedge \mathbf{e}_3.$$

Let  $\wedge^-$  and  $\wedge^+$  denote the subbundles of  $\wedge^2 TM$  determined by the corresponding eigenvalues of the Hodge star operator. The metrics induced on  $\wedge^-$  and  $\wedge^+$  have signature (+, −, −).

Setting

$$s_1 = \mathbf{e}_1 \wedge \mathbf{e}_2 - \mathbf{e}_3 \wedge \mathbf{e}_4, \quad \bar{s}_1 = \mathbf{e}_1 \wedge \mathbf{e}_2 + \mathbf{e}_3 \wedge \mathbf{e}_4,$$

$$s_2 = \mathbf{e}_1 \wedge \mathbf{e}_3 - \mathbf{e}_2 \wedge \mathbf{e}_4, \quad \bar{s}_2 = \mathbf{e}_1 \wedge \mathbf{e}_3 + \mathbf{e}_2 \wedge \mathbf{e}_4,$$

$$s_3 = \mathbf{e}_1 \wedge \mathbf{e}_4 + \mathbf{e}_2 \wedge \mathbf{e}_3, \quad \bar{s}_3 = \mathbf{e}_1 \wedge \mathbf{e}_4 - \mathbf{e}_2 \wedge \mathbf{e}_3,$$

$\{s_1, s_2, s_3\}$  and  $\{\bar{s}_1, \bar{s}_2, \bar{s}_3\}$  are local oriented orthonormal frames for  $\wedge^-$  and  $\wedge^+$ , respectively.

An almost paraquaternionic structure on a  $C^\infty$  manifold  $M$  is a rank 3-subbundle  $E$  of the endomorphisms bundle  $\text{End}(TM)$  which locally is spanned by a triple  $\{J_1, J_2, J_3\}$ , where  $J_1$  is an almost complex structure,  $J_2$  an almost product structure such that  $J_1 J_2 + J_2 J_1 = 0$  and  $J_3 = J_1 J_2$ .  $J_3$  is a second almost product structure which also anti-commutes with  $J_1$  and  $J_2$ ; in particular  $\{J_1, J_2, J_3\}$  is an almost quaternionic structure of the second kind in the sense of Libermann [9]. An almost paraquaternionic manifold of dimension  $4n \geq 8$  and neutral metric  $g$  is said to be *paraquaternionic Kähler* if the bundle  $E$  is parallel with respect to the Levi-Civita connection  $D$  of  $g$ . In dimension 4 this is not a restriction and the four-dimensional analogue of a paraquaternionic Kähler manifold is a neutral, Einstein, self-dual manifold.

We can now identify  $\wedge^2 TM$  with the bundle of skew-symmetric endomorphisms of  $TM$  by the correspondence that assigns to each  $\sigma \in \wedge^2 TM$  the endomorphism  $K_\sigma$  on  $T_p M$ ,  $p = \pi(\sigma)$ , defined by

$$g(K_\sigma X, Y) = 2g(\sigma, X \wedge Y); \quad X, Y \in T_p M.$$

Now the bundle  $E = \wedge^-$  defines an almost paraquaternionic structure on  $M$ , the local endomorphisms  $\{J_1, J_2, J_3\}$  spanning  $E$  being  $J_1 = K_{s_1}, J_2 = K_{s_2}, J_3 = K_{s_3}$ .

We can now define the twistor space  $\mathcal{Z}$  as given in [3]. We first observe that if

$$j = y_1 J_1 + y_2 J_2 + y_3 J_3,$$

then  $j$  is an almost complex structure on  $M$  if and only if

$$-y_1^2 + y_2^2 + y_3^2 = -1.$$

The *hyperbolic twistor space*  $\pi : \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow M$  is then the hypersurface of  $E$  defined by this equation. In particular the fibres of  $\mathcal{Z}$  are these hyperboloids and the reader is encouraged to think of the  $y_1 > 0$  branch as one of the standard models of the hyperbolic plane.

Define a pseudo-Riemannian metric on  $\mathcal{Z}$  by

$$h_t = \pi^* g + t \langle, \rangle, \quad t \neq 0,$$

where  $\langle, \rangle$  is the negative of the restriction of induced metric on  $E$  to the fibres. When  $t = 1$  the branches of the hyperboloids are hyperbolic planes with constant curvature  $-1$ .

We also use the following notation. For the metric  $\langle, \rangle$  on the fibres of  $E$  we set  $\epsilon_1 = -1$  and  $\epsilon_2 = \epsilon_3 = +1$ . Further, denoting also by  $\pi$  the projection of  $E$  onto  $M$ , if  $x_i$  are local coordinates on  $M$ , set  $q_i = x_i \circ \pi$ . We will identify the tangent space of  $E$  at a point  $x \in E$  with the fibre  $E_{\pi(x)}$  through that point. For a section  $s$  of  $E$  we denote its vertical lift to  $E$  as a vector field by  $s^v$  (so  $s^v = s \circ \pi$ ) and frequently utilise the natural identifications of  $J_a^v$  with  $J_a$  itself and with  $\partial/\partial y_a$  in terms of the fibre coordinates  $y_1, y_2, y_3$ .

The Levi-Civita connection  $D$  of  $g$  gives rise to the horizontal lift  $X^h$  of a vector field  $X$  to the bundle  $E$  in the usual way:

$$X^h = \sum_i X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial q^i} - \sum_{a,b=1}^3 \epsilon_b y^a (\langle D_X J_a, J_b \rangle \circ \pi) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_b}.$$

We now define two almost complex structures  $\mathcal{J}_1$  and  $\mathcal{J}_2$  on the hyperbolic twistor space  $\mathcal{Z}$  as follows. Acting on horizontal vectors these are the same and given by  $\mathcal{J}_1 X_\sigma^h = \mathcal{J}_2 X_\sigma^h = (jX)_\sigma^h$  where as above  $j = \sum y_a J_a$  is the point  $\sigma \in \mathcal{Z}$  considered as an endomorphism of  $TM$ . For a vertical vector tangent to  $\mathcal{Z}$ ,  $V = V^1(\partial/\partial y_1) + V^2(\partial/\partial y_2) + V^3(\partial/\partial y_3)$ , let  $\mathcal{J}_k V = (-1)^{k-1} \sigma \times V$ ,  $k = 1, 2$ ,  $\sigma \in \mathcal{Z}$ , where  $\times$  is the vector product determined by the paraquaternionic algebra. It is easy to check that  $h_t$  is Hermitian with respect to both  $\mathcal{J}_1$  and  $\mathcal{J}_2$ .

The curvature operator  $\mathcal{R} : \wedge^2 TM \rightarrow \wedge^2 TM$  admits an  $SO(2, 2)$ -irreducible decomposition

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{1}{6} \tau I + \mathcal{B} + \mathcal{W}^+ + \mathcal{W}^-$$

similar to the four-dimensional Riemannian case. Here  $\tau$  denotes the scalar curvature of the base manifold,  $\mathcal{B}$  represents the traceless Ricci tensor and  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{W}^+ + \mathcal{W}^-$  corresponds to the Weyl conformal curvature tensor. The metric  $g$  is said to be *self-dual* if  $\mathcal{W}^- = 0$ . Also it is often convenient to write the action of  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $\wedge^2 TM = \wedge^+ \oplus \wedge^-$  as

$$\mathcal{R} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{6} \tau I + \mathcal{W}^+ & \mathcal{B} \\ * \mathcal{B} & \frac{1}{6} \tau I + \mathcal{W}^- \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.1)$$

where we have made the standard identifications; e.g. of  $\mathcal{B}$  with

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathcal{B} \\ * \mathcal{B} & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $* \mathcal{B}$  denotes the adjoint of the upper right hand block,  $\mathcal{B}$ .

The theory now develops as in the quaternionic Kähler case and we have the following result from [3] quite analogous to the classical twistor space theory.

**Theorem 2.1.** *On the hyperbolic twistor space  $\mathcal{Z}$  of an oriented four-dimensional manifold  $M$  with a neutral metric  $g$  we have the following:*

- (i) *The almost complex structure  $\mathcal{J}_1$  is integrable if and only if the metric  $g$  is self-dual. The almost Hermitian structure  $(\mathcal{J}_1, h_t)$  is semi-Kähler if and only if  $g$  is self-dual. It is indefinite Kähler if and only if the metric  $g$  is Einstein, self-dual, and  $\tau = -12$ .*
- (ii) *The almost complex structure  $\mathcal{J}_2$  is never integrable. The almost Hermitian structure  $(\mathcal{J}_2, h_t)$  is semi-Kähler if and only if  $g$  is self-dual. It is indefinite almost Kähler or nearly Kähler if and only if the metric  $g$  is Einstein, self-dual and  $\tau = 12$  or  $\tau = -6$ , respectively.*

In the classical twistor space theory the almost complex structures  $\mathcal{J}_1$  and  $\mathcal{J}_2$  were introduced, respectively, by Atiyah et al. [1] and Eells and Salamon [4]. It is a result of Atiyah et al. that  $\mathcal{J}_1$  is integrable if and only if the base manifold is self-dual [1]. Unlike  $\mathcal{J}_1$ , the almost complex structure  $\mathcal{J}_2$  is never integrable as was observed by Eells and Salamon [4]. The Kähler condition for  $(h_t, \mathcal{J}_1)$  in the classical case was studied by Friedrich and Kurke [6] who proved that  $\mathcal{J}_1$  is Kähler if and only if the base manifold is Einstein, self-dual with  $\tau = 12$ ,  $t > 0$ . Note that the only compact Einstein,

self-dual manifolds of positive scalar curvature are  $S^4$  and  $\mathbb{C}P^2$  with their canonical metrics [6,8].

### 3. Norm of the covariant derivative of the fundamental two-form

We denote by  $\|\cdot\|_t$  the norm with respect to  $h_t$  and by  $\|\cdot\|$  the norm with respect to  $g$ . Consider the almost Hermitian manifolds  $(\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{J}_k, h_t), k = 1, 2$ . The fundamental two-forms are defined by  $\Omega_{k,t}(X, Y) = h_t(X, \mathcal{J}_k Y), k = 1, 2$ , but for simplicity we denote them by  $\Omega$ . Similarly we denote the Levi-Civita connection of  $h_t$  simply by  $\nabla$ .

We shall compute the norm of  $\nabla\Omega$  in terms of the components of  $\mathcal{R}$  in the decomposition (2.1).

**Lemma 3.1.** *The norm of  $\nabla\Omega$  at  $\sigma \in \mathcal{Z}$  is given by*

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla\Omega\|_t^2 = & -\left[\frac{2}{t}\left(2 + \frac{t\tau}{6}\right)^2 + \frac{t\tau^2}{18}(1 + (-1)^k)\right] + \left[4 + \frac{t\tau}{3}(2 + (-1)^k)\right]g(\sigma, \mathcal{W}^-(\sigma)) \\ & t(3\|\mathcal{W}^-(\sigma)\|^2 - g(\sigma, \mathcal{W}^-(\sigma))^2 - 2\|\mathcal{W}^-\|^2) + t\left[\|\mathcal{B}(\sigma)\|^2 - \frac{\|\mathcal{B}\|^2}{2}\right] \\ & + (-1)^k t \operatorname{tr}(\mathcal{W}^- \circ S_\sigma)^2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $S_\sigma$  is the endomorphism of  $\wedge_p^-, p = \pi(\sigma)$ , defined by  $S_\sigma A = \sigma \times A, A \in \wedge_p^-$ , and  $\times$  denotes the vector product determined by the paraquaternionic algebra.

**Proof.** Let  $(\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3, \mathbf{e}_4)$  a local orthonormal frame on a neighbourhood of  $p \in M$  such that  $\|\mathbf{e}_1\| = \|\mathbf{e}_2\| = -\|\mathbf{e}_3\| = -\|\mathbf{e}_4\|$ . As before we write  $\varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2 = -\varepsilon_3 = -\varepsilon_4 = 1$  and we write  $\varepsilon_t$  for the sign of the non-zero number  $t$ . Let  $V$  be a vertical tangent vector such that  $h_t(V, V) = \varepsilon_t$ . Then  $(\mathbf{e}_1^h, \mathbf{e}_2^h, \mathbf{e}_3^h, \mathbf{e}_4^h, V, \mathcal{J}_k V)$  is an orthonormal frame of  $T_\sigma\mathcal{Z}$  and we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla\Omega\|_t^2 = & \sum_{1 \leq a, b \leq 4} \varepsilon_a \varepsilon_b \varepsilon_t [(\nabla_V \Omega)(\mathbf{e}_a^h, \mathbf{e}_b^h)^2 + (\nabla_{\mathcal{J}_k V} \Omega)(\mathbf{e}_a^h, \mathbf{e}_b^h)^2] \\ & + 2 \sum_{1 \leq a, b \leq 4} \varepsilon_a \varepsilon_b \varepsilon_t [(\nabla_{\mathbf{e}_a^h} \Omega)(\mathbf{e}_b^h, V)^2 + (\nabla_{\mathbf{e}_a^h} \Omega)(\mathbf{e}_b^h, \mathcal{J}_k V)^2]. \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

For simplicity, we denote the complex structure  $K_\sigma$  on  $T_pM$  defined by  $\sigma$  by  $K$ . Then it is easy to check that

$$g(A, X \wedge KY) = \frac{1}{2}g(\sigma, A)g(X, Y) - g(\sigma \times A, X \wedge Y) \tag{3.2}$$

for any  $A \in \wedge_p^-$  and  $X, Y \in T_pM$ . In particular

$$g(A, X \wedge KY + KX \wedge Y) = -2g(\sigma \times A, X \wedge Y). \tag{3.3}$$

Note that  $X \wedge KY + KX \wedge Y \in \wedge_p^-$ .

Now for  $V \in \wedge_p^-$  we have  $\mathcal{W}^+(V) = 0$ ,  $\mathcal{W}^-(V) \in \wedge_p^-$  and  $\mathcal{B}(V) \in \wedge_p^+$ . Hence from Lemma 2 in [3] and (3.3) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{1 \leq a, b \leq 4} \varepsilon_a \varepsilon_b (\nabla_V \Omega)(\mathbf{e}_a^h, \mathbf{e}_b^h)^2 \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq a, b \leq 4} \varepsilon_a \varepsilon_b g \left( \left( 2 + \frac{t\tau}{6} \right) V - t\sigma \times \mathcal{W}^-(\sigma \times V), \mathbf{e}_a \wedge \mathbf{e}_b \right)^2 \\ &= \left( 2 + \frac{t\tau}{6} \right)^2 \|V\|^2 + 2t \left( 2 + \frac{t\tau}{6} \right) g(\sigma \times V, \mathcal{W}^-(\sigma \times V)) + t^2 \|\sigma \times \mathcal{W}^-(\sigma \times V)\|^2 \\ &= \left( 2 + \frac{t\tau}{6} \right)^2 \|V\|^2 + 2t \left( 2 + \frac{t\tau}{6} \right) g(\sigma \times V, \mathcal{W}^-(\sigma \times V)) \\ & \quad + t^2 \|\mathcal{W}^-(\sigma \times V)\|^2 - t^2 g(\sigma, \mathcal{W}^-(\sigma \times V))^2. \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

Replacing  $V$  by  $\mathcal{J}_k V$  in (3.4) and adding to (3.4) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_1 &:= \sum_{1 \leq a, b \leq 4} \varepsilon_a \varepsilon_b ((\nabla_V \Omega)(\mathbf{e}_a^h, \mathbf{e}_b^h)^2 + (\nabla_{\mathcal{J}_k V} \Omega)(\mathbf{e}_a^h, \mathbf{e}_b^h)^2) \\ &= 2 \left( 2 + \frac{t\tau}{6} \right)^2 \|V\|^2 + 2t \left( 2 + \frac{t\tau}{6} \right) (g(V, \mathcal{W}^-(V)) + g(\sigma \times V, \mathcal{W}^-(\sigma \times V))) \\ & \quad + t^2 (\|\mathcal{W}^-(V)\|^2 + \|\mathcal{W}^-(\sigma \times V)\|^2) - t^2 (g(\sigma, \mathcal{W}^-(V))^2 + g(\sigma, \mathcal{W}^-(\sigma \times V))^2). \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

Since  $\mathcal{W}^-$  has vanishing trace,

$$g(\sigma, \mathcal{W}^-(\sigma)) - |t|g(V, \mathcal{W}^-(V)) - |t|g(\sigma \times V, \mathcal{W}^-(\sigma \times V)) = 0$$

and hence

$$g(V, \mathcal{W}^-(V)) + g(\sigma \times V, \mathcal{W}^-(\sigma \times V)) = \frac{\varepsilon_t}{t} g(\sigma, \mathcal{W}^-(\sigma)). \tag{3.6}$$

We also have

$$\|\mathcal{W}^-(V)\|^2 + \|\mathcal{W}^-(\sigma \times V)\|^2 = \frac{\varepsilon_t}{t} (\|\mathcal{W}^-(\sigma)\|^2 - \|\mathcal{W}^-\|^2), \tag{3.7}$$

and

$$g(\sigma, \mathcal{W}^-(V))^2 + g(\sigma, \mathcal{W}^-(\sigma \times V))^2 = \frac{\varepsilon_t}{t} (g(\sigma, \mathcal{W}^-(\sigma))^2 - \|\mathcal{W}^-(\sigma)\|^2). \tag{3.8}$$

Eqs. (3.5)–(3.8) now give

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_1 &= -\frac{2\varepsilon_t}{t} \left( 2 + \frac{t\tau}{6} \right)^2 + 2\varepsilon_t \left( 2 + \frac{t\tau}{6} \right) g(\sigma, \mathcal{W}^-(\sigma)) \\ & \quad + t\varepsilon_t (2\|\mathcal{W}^-(\sigma)\|^2 - \|\mathcal{W}^-\|^2 - g(\sigma, \mathcal{W}^-(\sigma))^2). \end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

We now compute the second sum in (3.1). By Lemma 2 in [3] we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{1 \leq a, b \leq 4} \varepsilon_a \varepsilon_b (\nabla_{\mathbf{e}_a^h} \Omega)(\mathbf{e}_b^h, V)^2 \\ &= \frac{t^2}{4} (\|\mathcal{R}(V)\|^2 + \|\mathcal{R}(\sigma \times V)\|^2) \\ & \quad + \frac{t^2}{2} (-1)^k \sum_{1 \leq a, b \leq 4} \varepsilon_a \varepsilon_b g(\mathcal{R}(V), \mathbf{e}_a \wedge \mathbf{e}_b) g(\mathcal{R}(\sigma \times V), \mathbf{e}_a \wedge K\mathbf{e}_b). \end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

Now for  $V \in \wedge_p^-$ ,

$$\|\mathcal{R}(V)\|^2 = \|\mathcal{B}(V)\|^2 + \frac{1}{36} \tau^2 \|V\|^2 + \frac{1}{3} \tau g(V, \mathcal{W}^-(V)) + \|\mathcal{W}^-(V)\|^2, \tag{3.11}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{R}(\sigma \times V)\|^2 &= \|\mathcal{B}(\sigma \times V)\|^2 + \frac{1}{36} \tau^2 \|V\|^2 + \frac{1}{3} \tau g(\sigma \times V, \mathcal{W}^-(\sigma \times V)) \\ & \quad + \|\mathcal{W}^-(\sigma \times V)\|^2. \end{aligned} \tag{3.12}$$

Again for  $V \in \wedge_p^-$ , set  $P(V) = (\tau/6)V + \mathcal{W}^-(V)$ . Then  $\mathcal{R}(V) = P(V) + \mathcal{B}(V)$  and we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{1 \leq a, b \leq 4} \varepsilon_a \varepsilon_b g(\mathcal{R}(V), \mathbf{e}_a \wedge \mathbf{e}_b) g(\mathcal{R}(\sigma \times V), \mathbf{e}_a \wedge K\mathbf{e}_b) \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq a, b \leq 4} \varepsilon_a \varepsilon_b g(P(V), \mathbf{e}_a \wedge \mathbf{e}_b) g(P(\sigma \times V), \mathbf{e}_a \wedge K\mathbf{e}_b) \\ & \quad + \sum_{1 \leq a, b \leq 4} \varepsilon_a \varepsilon_b g(P(V), \mathbf{e}_a \wedge \mathbf{e}_b) g(\mathcal{B}(\sigma \times V), \mathbf{e}_a \wedge K\mathbf{e}_b) \\ & \quad + \sum_{1 \leq a, b \leq 4} \varepsilon_a \varepsilon_b g(\mathcal{B}(V), \mathbf{e}_a \wedge \mathbf{e}_b) g(P(\sigma \times V), \mathbf{e}_a \wedge K\mathbf{e}_b) \\ & \quad + \sum_{1 \leq a, b \leq 4} \varepsilon_a \varepsilon_b g(\mathcal{B}(V), \mathbf{e}_a \wedge \mathbf{e}_b) g(\mathcal{B}(\sigma \times V), \mathbf{e}_a \wedge K\mathbf{e}_b). \end{aligned}$$

Note that the latter three sums vanish because, for example,

$$\begin{aligned} & \varepsilon_a \varepsilon_b g(P(V), \mathbf{e}_a \wedge \mathbf{e}_b) g(\mathcal{B}(\sigma \times V), \mathbf{e}_a \wedge K\mathbf{e}_b) \\ & \quad + \varepsilon_b \varepsilon_a g(P(V), \mathbf{e}_b \wedge \mathbf{e}_a) g(\mathcal{B}(\sigma \times V), \mathbf{e}_b \wedge K\mathbf{e}_a) \\ &= \varepsilon_a \varepsilon_b g(P(V), \mathbf{e}_a \wedge \mathbf{e}_b) g(\mathcal{B}(\sigma \times V), \mathbf{e}_a \wedge K\mathbf{e}_b + K\mathbf{e}_a \wedge \mathbf{e}_b) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

since  $\mathbf{e}_a \wedge K\mathbf{e}_b + K\mathbf{e}_a \wedge \mathbf{e}_b \in \wedge_p^-$ .

Now using (3.2) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{1 \leq a, b \leq 4} \varepsilon_a \varepsilon_b g(P(V), \mathbf{e}_a \wedge \mathbf{e}_b) g(P(\sigma \times V), \mathbf{e}_a \wedge K\mathbf{e}_b) \\
 &= \sum_{1 \leq a, b \leq 4} \varepsilon_a \varepsilon_b g(P(V), \mathbf{e}_a \wedge \mathbf{e}_b) \left[ \frac{1}{2} g(\sigma, P(\sigma \times V)) g(\mathbf{e}_a, \mathbf{e}_b) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. - g(\sigma \times P(\sigma \times V), \mathbf{e}_a \wedge \mathbf{e}_b) \right] = -g(P(V), \sigma \times P(\sigma \times V)) \\
 &= g(\sigma \times P(V), P(\sigma \times V)) = \frac{\tau^2}{36} \|V\|^2 + \frac{\tau}{6} [g(\sigma \times V, \mathcal{W}^-(\sigma \times V)) \\
 & \quad + g(V, \mathcal{W}^-(V))] + g(\sigma \times \mathcal{W}^-(V), \mathcal{W}^-(\sigma \times V)).
 \end{aligned}$$

Continuing using Eq. (3.6), this becomes

$$-\frac{\tau^2 \varepsilon_t}{36t} + \frac{\tau \varepsilon_t}{6t} g(\sigma, \mathcal{W}^-(\sigma)) - g((\mathcal{W}^- \circ S_\sigma)^2(V), V).$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{1 \leq a, b \leq 4} \varepsilon_a \varepsilon_b g(\mathcal{R}(V), \mathbf{e}_a \wedge \mathbf{e}_b) g(\mathcal{R}(\sigma \times V), \mathbf{e}_a \wedge K\mathbf{e}_b) \\
 &= -\frac{\tau^2 \varepsilon_t}{36t} + \frac{\tau \varepsilon_t}{6t} g(\sigma, \mathcal{W}^-(\sigma)) - \frac{\varepsilon_t}{t} g((\mathcal{W}^- \circ S_\sigma)^2(V), V). \tag{3.13}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now from Eqs. (3.10)–(3.13) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{1 \leq a, b \leq 4} \varepsilon_a \varepsilon_b (\nabla_{\mathbf{e}_a^h} \Omega)(\mathbf{e}_b^h, V)^2 \\
 &= -\frac{t\tau^2 \varepsilon_t}{72} (1 + (-1)^k) + \frac{t\tau \varepsilon_t}{12} (1 + (-1)^k) g(\sigma, \mathcal{W}^-(\sigma)) \\
 & \quad + \frac{t\varepsilon_t}{4} (\|\mathcal{W}^-(\sigma)\|^2 - \|\mathcal{W}^-\|^2) + \frac{t\varepsilon_t}{4} \left( \|\mathcal{B}(\sigma)\|^2 - \frac{\|\mathcal{B}\|^2}{2} \right) \\
 & \quad + (-1)^{k+1} \frac{t\varepsilon_t}{2} g((\mathcal{W}^- \circ S_\sigma)^2(V), V). \tag{3.14}
 \end{aligned}$$

Applying (3.14) to  $\mathcal{J}_k V$  and adding (3.14) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_2 &:= 2 \sum_{1 \leq a, b \leq 4} \varepsilon_a \varepsilon_b ((\nabla_{\mathbf{e}_a^h} \Omega)(\mathbf{e}_b^h, V)^2 + (\nabla_{\mathbf{e}_a^h} \Omega)(\mathbf{e}_b^h, \mathcal{J}_k V)^2) \\
 &= -\frac{t\tau^2 \varepsilon_t}{18} (1 + (-1)^k) + \frac{t\tau \varepsilon_t}{3} (1 + (-1)^k) g(\sigma, \mathcal{W}^-(\sigma)) \\
 & \quad + t\varepsilon_t (\|\mathcal{W}^-(\sigma)\|^2 - \|\mathcal{W}^-\|^2) + t\varepsilon_t \left( \|\mathcal{B}(\sigma)\|^2 - \frac{\|\mathcal{B}\|^2}{2} \right) \\
 & \quad + (-1)^k t\varepsilon_t \text{tr}(\mathcal{W}^- \circ S_\sigma)^2 \tag{3.15}
 \end{aligned}$$



since  $(\mathcal{W}^- \circ S_\sigma)(\sigma) = 0$ . Now since  $\|\nabla\Omega\|_t^2 = \varepsilon_t(\sum_1 + \sum_2)$ , the lemma follows from (3.9) and (3.15).  $\square$

#### 4. Isotropic Kähler hyperbolic twistor spaces

We now prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.1.** *The hyperbolic twistor space  $(\mathcal{Z}, h_t, \mathcal{J}_k)$ ,  $k = 1, 2$ , is isotropic Kähler if and only if  $k = 1$ ,  $\mathcal{W}^- = 0$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_{\Lambda^-}^2 = 0$  and  $t\tau = -12$ .*

**Proof.** Setting

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{t} \left[ 4 + \frac{t\tau}{3} (2 + (-1)^k) \right]$$

$$h(t) = -2\|\mathcal{W}^-\|^2 - \frac{\|\mathcal{B}\|^2}{2} - \left[ \frac{2}{t^2} \left( 2 + \frac{t\tau}{6} \right)^2 + \frac{\tau^2}{18} (1 + (-1)^k) \right]$$

it follows that  $\|\nabla\Omega\|_t^2 = 0$  if and only if

$$g(\sigma, \mathcal{W}^-(\sigma))^2 = f(t)g(\sigma, \mathcal{W}^-(\sigma)) + 3\|\mathcal{W}^-(\sigma)\|^2 + \|\mathcal{B}(\sigma)\|^2 + (-1)^k \text{tr}(\mathcal{W}^- \circ S_\sigma)^2 + h(t) \tag{4.1}$$

for all  $\sigma \in \mathcal{Z}$ .

Let

$$D = \{(y_1, y_2, y_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid y_1^2 - y_2^2 - y_3^2 > 0\},$$

and  $\|y\|^2 = y_1^2 - y_2^2 - y_3^2$ . Then  $(y_1/\|y\|, y_2/\|y\|, y_3/\|y\|)$  belongs to the hyperboloid  $y_1^2 - y_2^2 - y_3^2 = 1$  and

$$\sigma = \frac{y_1}{\|y\|} s_1 + \frac{y_2}{\|y\|} s_2 + \frac{y_3}{\|y\|} s_3 \in \mathcal{Z}_p.$$

For simplicity denote by  $\alpha_{ij}$  the inner product  $g(s_i, \mathcal{W}^-(s_j))$ . Then Eq. (4.1) can be written in the form

$$\left( \sum_{i,j=1}^3 \alpha_{ij} y_i y_j \right)^2 = \|y\|^2 \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^3 \gamma_{ij} y_i y_j \right)$$

for some coefficients  $\gamma_{ij}$ . Setting  $y_3 = 0$  and comparing coefficients gives  $\alpha_{11} = -\alpha_{22}$  and  $\alpha_{12} = 0$ . Similarly  $\alpha_{11} = -\alpha_{33}$  and  $\alpha_{13} = 0$ . On the other hand  $0 = \text{tr} \mathcal{W}^- = \alpha_{11} - \alpha_{22} - \alpha_{33}$  which then gives  $\alpha_{11} = \alpha_{22} = \alpha_{33} = 0$ . Hence our equation takes the form

$$4\alpha_{23}^2 y_2^2 y_3^2 = (y_1^2 - y_2^2 - y_3^2) \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^3 \gamma_{ij} y_i y_j \right),$$

which clearly implies that  $\alpha_{23} = 0$ . Thus  $g(s_i, \mathcal{W}^-(s_j)) = 0$  for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq 3$  giving that  $\mathcal{W}^- = 0$ .

Eq. (4.1) now takes the form

$$\|\mathcal{B}(\sigma)\|^2 = \frac{1}{2}\|\mathcal{B}\|^2 + g(t), \tag{4.2}$$

where

$$g(t) = \frac{2}{t^2} \left(2 + \frac{t\tau}{6}\right)^2 + \frac{\tau^2}{18}(1 + (-1)^k).$$

Note that  $g(t) \geq 0$  with equality if and only if  $k = 1$  and  $t\tau = -12$ .

Applying the same arguments as above we see that Eq. (4.2) is equivalent to  $g(\mathcal{B}(s_i), \mathcal{B}(s_j)) = 0$  for  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq 3$  and

$$\|\mathcal{B}(s_1)\|^2 = -\|\mathcal{B}(s_2)\|^2 = -\|\mathcal{B}(s_3)\|^2 = \frac{1}{2}\|\mathcal{B}\|^2 + g(t).$$

Since

$$\|\mathcal{B}(s_1)\|^2 - \|\mathcal{B}(s_2)\|^2 - \|\mathcal{B}(s_3)\|^2 = \frac{1}{2}\|\mathcal{B}\|^2,$$

we get

$$\|\mathcal{B}(s_1)\|^2 = -\|\mathcal{B}(s_2)\|^2 = -\|\mathcal{B}(s_3)\|^2 = -\frac{1}{2}g(t).$$

Suppose now that  $g(t) > 0$  and note that if  $\|x\|^2 \geq 0$  and  $\|y\|^2 \geq 0$ , we have  $\langle x, y \rangle^2 \geq \|x\|^2\|y\|^2$ . Then

$$0 = \langle \mathcal{B}(s_2), \mathcal{B}(s_3) \rangle^2 \geq \|\mathcal{B}(s_2)\|^2\|\mathcal{B}(s_3)\|^2 = (\frac{1}{2}g(t))^2,$$

a contradiction. Therefore  $g(t) = 0$ , i.e.  $k = 1$ ,  $t\tau = -12$  and  $g(\mathcal{B}(s_i), \mathcal{B}(s_j)) = 0$  for all  $i, j$ . Finally since  $\mathcal{B} : \wedge^2 TM \rightarrow \wedge^2 TM$  is a symmetric operator it follow that  $\mathcal{B}_{|\Lambda^-}^2 = 0$ .  $\square$

### 5. Examples of neutral self-dual metrics with $\mathcal{B}^2 = 0$

To illustrate the phenomena of the theorem of the preceding section, we provide examples of neutral self-dual metrics with  $\mathcal{B}^2 = 0$  for which  $\mathcal{B} \neq 0$ . We do not know of examples with  $\mathcal{B}_{|\Lambda^-}^2 = 0$  but  $\mathcal{B}^2 \neq 0$ . We give two classes of examples; in the first class we have  $\mathcal{W} = 0$  and in the second class we have  $\mathcal{W}^- = 0$  but  $\mathcal{W}^+ \neq 0$ .

Let  $G$  be a Lie group with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} [E_1, E_2] &= \alpha E_2 + \beta E_3, & [E_1, E_3] &= \gamma E_2 + \delta E_3, & [E_1, E_4] &= pE_4, \\ [E_2, E_3] &= qE_4, & [E_2, E_4] &= 0, & [E_3, E_4] &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

together with the condition  $(\alpha + \delta - p)q = 0$  which gives the Jacobi identity. Define a neutral left-invariant metric  $g$  on  $G$  in terms of the dual basis  $\{E^i\}$  by

$$g = E^1 \otimes E^1 + E^2 \otimes E^2 - E^3 \otimes E^3 - E^3 \otimes E^3.$$

It is now straightforward to compute the Levi-Civita connection and the curvature tensor of  $g$ . This in turn enables one to compute the curvature operator  $\mathcal{R} : \wedge^2 TG \rightarrow \wedge^2 TG$  with respect to the bases  $\{\bar{s}_1, \bar{s}_2, \bar{s}_3\}$  and  $\{s_1, s_2, s_3\}$  of  $\wedge^+$  and  $\wedge^-$ , respectively. For the study of  $\mathcal{B}$  we need:

$$\begin{aligned} g(\mathcal{R}(s_1), \bar{s}_1) &= \frac{1}{4}(\beta^2 - \gamma^2) + \frac{1}{2}(\beta(\beta - \gamma)) + p\delta - \alpha^2 - \frac{1}{4}q^2, \\ g(\mathcal{R}(s_1), \bar{s}_2) &= \beta\delta - \alpha\gamma + \frac{1}{2}p(\beta - \gamma), \quad g(\mathcal{R}(s_1), \bar{s}_3) = 0, \\ g(\mathcal{R}(s_2), \bar{s}_1) &= \beta\delta - \alpha\gamma + \frac{1}{2}p(\beta - \gamma), \\ g(\mathcal{R}(s_2), \bar{s}_2) &= \frac{1}{4}(\beta^2 - \gamma^2) + \frac{1}{2}(\gamma(\beta - \gamma)) + \delta^2 - p\alpha + \frac{1}{4}q^2, \\ g(\mathcal{R}(s_2), \bar{s}_3) &= 0, \quad g(\mathcal{R}(s_3), \bar{s}_1) = 0, \\ g(\mathcal{R}(s_3), \bar{s}_2) &= 0, \quad g(\mathcal{R}(s_3), \bar{s}_3) = p^2 - \frac{3}{4}q^2 - \frac{1}{4}(\beta - \gamma)^2 - \alpha\delta. \end{aligned}$$

For the study of  $\mathcal{W}^-$  we need:

$$\begin{aligned} g(\mathcal{R}(\bar{s}_1), \bar{s}_1) &= \frac{1}{4}(\beta^2 - \gamma^2) + \frac{1}{2}\beta(\beta - \gamma) - \alpha q + \frac{1}{4}q^2 - \alpha^2 - p\delta, \\ g(\mathcal{R}(\bar{s}_1), \bar{s}_2) &= \beta\delta - \alpha\gamma + \frac{1}{2}(\beta - \gamma)q - \frac{1}{2}p(\beta - \gamma), \quad g(\mathcal{R}(\bar{s}_1), \bar{s}_3) = 0, \\ g(\mathcal{R}(\bar{s}_2), \bar{s}_2) &= \frac{1}{4}(\beta^2 - \gamma^2) + \frac{1}{2}\gamma(\beta - \gamma) + \delta^2 + p\alpha + \delta q - \frac{1}{4}q^2, \\ g(\mathcal{R}(\bar{s}_2), \bar{s}_3) &= 0, \quad g(\mathcal{R}(\bar{s}_3), \bar{s}_3) = p^2 - pq + \frac{3}{4}q^2 + \frac{1}{4}(\beta - \gamma)^2 + \alpha\delta. \end{aligned}$$

For the study of  $\mathcal{W}^+$  we need:

$$\begin{aligned} g(\mathcal{R}(s_1), s_1) &= \frac{1}{4}(\beta^2 - \gamma^2) + \frac{1}{2}\beta(\beta - \gamma) + \alpha q + \frac{1}{4}q^2 - \alpha^2 - p\delta, \\ g(\mathcal{R}(s_1), s_2) &= \beta\delta - \alpha\gamma - \frac{1}{2}(\beta - \gamma)q - \frac{1}{2}p(\beta - \gamma), \quad g(\mathcal{R}(s_1), s_3) = 0, \\ g(\mathcal{R}(s_2), s_2) &= \frac{1}{4}(\beta^2 - \gamma^2) + \frac{1}{2}\gamma(\beta - \gamma) + \delta^2 + p\alpha - \delta q - \frac{1}{4}q^2, \\ g(\mathcal{R}(s_2), s_3) &= 0, \quad g(\mathcal{R}(s_3), s_3) = p^2 + pq + \frac{3}{4}q^2 + \frac{1}{4}(\beta - \gamma)^2 + \alpha\delta. \end{aligned}$$

We again recall the decomposition of the curvature operator

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{1}{6}\tau I + \mathcal{B} + \mathcal{W}^+ + \mathcal{W}^-$$

written as

$$\mathcal{R} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{6}\tau I + \mathcal{W}^+ & \mathcal{B} \\ * \mathcal{B} & \frac{1}{6}\tau I + \mathcal{W}^- \end{pmatrix},$$

where we have made the standard identifications, especially of  $\mathcal{B}$  with

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathcal{B} \\ * \mathcal{B} & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Setting  $b_{ji} = g(\mathcal{R}(s_i), \bar{s}_j)$  and recalling that the induced metrics on  $\wedge^-$  and  $\wedge^+$  have signature  $(+, -, -)$ , the matrices for  $\mathcal{B}$  and its adjoint  $*\mathcal{B}$  are

$$\begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & 0 \\ -b_{21} & -b_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -b_{33} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{21} & 0 \\ -b_{12} & -b_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -b_{33} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus the condition for  $\mathcal{B}_{1A}^2$  to vanish becomes

$$\begin{pmatrix} b_{11}^2 - b_{21}^2 & b_{11}b_{12} - b_{21}b_{22} & 0 \\ -b_{11}b_{12} + b_{21}b_{22} & b_{22}^2 - b_{12}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & b_{33}^2 \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

From here we see that  $\mathcal{B}_{1A}^2$  will vanish if and only if

$$g(\mathcal{R}(s_1), \bar{s}_1) = \epsilon g(\mathcal{R}(s_1), \bar{s}_2), \quad g(\mathcal{R}(s_2), \bar{s}_2) = \epsilon g(\mathcal{R}(s_2), \bar{s}_1), \quad g(\mathcal{R}(s_3), \bar{s}_3) = 0,$$

where  $\epsilon = \pm 1$ . Similarly we see that self-duality becomes

$$g(\mathcal{R}(s_1), s_2) = 0, \quad g(\mathcal{R}(s_1), s_1) = -g(\mathcal{R}(s_2), s_2) = -g(\mathcal{R}(s_3), s_3).$$

Since the Jacobi identity leads to the condition  $(\alpha + \delta - p)q = 0$ , we first consider the case  $q = 0$ . We then have the following equations

$$\frac{1}{4}(\beta^2 - \gamma^2) + \frac{1}{2}\beta(\beta - \gamma) + p\delta - \alpha^2 = \epsilon(\beta\delta - \alpha\gamma + \frac{1}{2}p(\beta - \gamma)), \tag{5.1}$$

$$\frac{1}{4}(\beta^2 - \gamma^2) + \frac{1}{2}\gamma(\beta - \gamma) + \delta^2 - p\alpha = \epsilon(\beta\delta - \alpha\gamma + \frac{1}{2}p(\beta - \gamma)), \tag{5.2}$$

$$p^2 - \frac{1}{4}(\beta - \gamma)^2 - \alpha\delta = 0, \tag{5.3}$$

$$\beta\delta - \alpha\gamma - \frac{1}{2}p(\beta - \gamma) = 0, \tag{5.4}$$

$$\beta^2 - \gamma^2 = \alpha^2 - p\alpha + p\delta - \delta^2, \tag{5.5}$$

$$\beta(\beta - \gamma) = \alpha^2 + p\delta - p^2 - \alpha\delta. \tag{5.6}$$

Eqs. (5.5) and (5.6) readily yield

$$\gamma(\beta - \gamma) = p^2 + \alpha\delta - p\alpha - \delta^2.$$

Substituting this and (5.6) into (5.3) we have

$$0 = \frac{1}{4}(3p + \alpha + \delta)(2p - \alpha - \delta).$$

The case  $p = -(1/3)(\alpha + \delta)$  leads to a contradiction and we study the case  $p = (1/2)(\alpha + \delta)$ . If  $p = 0$ , the system is easy to solve and gives  $\mathcal{B} = 0$ . For  $p \neq 0$ , introduce a parameter  $x$  by  $\alpha = xp$  and then  $\delta = (2 - x)p$ . Adding (5.1) and (5.2), and using (5.4), we get

$$\beta^2 - \gamma^2 + 6p^2 - 6xp^2 = 2\epsilon p(\beta - \gamma),$$

which upon comparing with (5.5) yields

$$\beta - \gamma = 2\epsilon p(1 - x).$$

On the other hand, with  $\alpha = xp$  and  $\delta = (2 - x)p$ , Eq. (5.4) is

$$(\frac{3}{2} - x)\beta + (\frac{1}{2} - x)\gamma = 0.$$

Therefore

$$\alpha = xp, \quad \delta = (2 - x)p, \quad \beta = \epsilon p(\frac{1}{2} - x), \quad \gamma = \epsilon p(x - \frac{3}{2}),$$

and one can easily check that these satisfy Eqs. (5.1)–(5.6). Thus, with respect to the basis  $\{\bar{s}_1, \bar{s}_2, \bar{s}_3, s_1, s_2, s_3\}$  of  $\wedge^2 TG = \wedge^+ \oplus \wedge^-$ , the curvature operator is given by

$$\mathcal{R} = p^2 \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 & 2(1-x) & 2\epsilon(1-x) & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & -2\epsilon(1-x) & -2(1-x) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2(1-x) & 2\epsilon(1-x) & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ -2\epsilon(1-x) & -2(1-x) & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore the metric is self-dual and, for  $x \neq 1$ , we have  $\mathcal{B}^2 = 0$  but  $\mathcal{B} \neq 0$ . Note also that we can also consider  $p$  as a parameter in the Lie algebras, so considering the Lie algebras and metric together we have a two-parameter family of examples. Finally the scalar curvature in these examples is  $-12p^2$  and taking  $t = 1/p^2$  we have that the hyperbolic twistor space  $(\mathcal{Z}, h_{1/p^2}, \mathcal{J}_1)$ , is isotropic Kähler but not indefinite Kähler.

We now turn to cases where  $\alpha + \delta - p = 0$  but  $q \neq 0$ ; we also assume  $p \neq 0$ . The equations for  $\mathcal{B}_{\Lambda^-}^2$  are

$$\frac{1}{4}(\beta^2 - \gamma^2) + \frac{1}{2}\beta(\beta - \gamma) + \alpha\delta + \delta^2 - \alpha^2 - \frac{1}{4}q^2 = \epsilon(\frac{3}{2}\beta\delta - \frac{3}{2}\alpha\gamma + \frac{1}{2}\alpha\beta - \frac{1}{2}\delta\gamma), \tag{5.7}$$

$$\frac{1}{4}(\beta^2 - \gamma^2) + \frac{1}{2}\gamma(\beta - \gamma) + \delta^2 - \alpha^2 - \alpha\delta + \frac{1}{4}q^2 = \epsilon(\frac{3}{2}\beta\delta - \frac{3}{2}\alpha\gamma + \frac{1}{2}\alpha\beta - \frac{1}{2}\delta\gamma), \tag{5.8}$$

$$\alpha^2 + \alpha\delta + \delta^2 - \frac{3}{4}q^2 - \frac{1}{4}(\beta - \gamma)^2 = 0, \tag{5.9}$$

and those dealing with self-duality are

$$\beta\delta - \alpha\gamma - \beta q + \gamma q - \alpha\beta + \delta\gamma = 0, \tag{5.10}$$

$$\beta^2 - \gamma^2 = -\alpha q + \delta q, \tag{5.11}$$

$$\beta(\beta - \gamma) = -2\alpha\delta - q^2 - 2\alpha q - \delta q. \tag{5.12}$$

Eqs. (5.11) and (5.12) readily give

$$\gamma(\beta - \gamma) = 2\alpha\delta + q^2 + \alpha q + 2\delta q, \tag{5.13}$$

and then subtracting (5.13) from (5.12) gives

$$(\beta - \gamma)^2 = -2q^2 - 3(\alpha + \delta)q - 4\alpha\delta. \tag{5.14}$$

Substituting (5.9) into the difference of (5.7) and (5.8) we have  $q = \pm(\alpha + \delta)$  and returning to (5.9),  $(\alpha - \delta)^2 = (\beta - \gamma)^2$ . If  $q = \alpha + \delta$ , (5.14) readily gives  $q = 0$ , so we only consider  $q = -\alpha - \delta$ .

If  $q = -\alpha - \delta$  and  $\alpha - \delta = \beta - \gamma$ , Eq. (5.10) gives  $\beta(\alpha - \delta) = \alpha(\alpha - \delta)$ . The case  $\alpha = \delta$  leads to  $\mathcal{B} = 0$ . If  $\alpha \neq \delta$ ,  $\beta = \alpha$  and therefore  $\gamma = \delta$ . One can now check that the equations for  $\mathcal{B}_{1\Lambda}^2 = 0$  and self-duality are satisfied with  $\epsilon = -1$ . The matrix of the curvature operator is

$$\mathcal{R} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta^2 - \gamma^2 & \gamma^2 - \beta^2 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}(\gamma^2 - \beta^2) & \frac{1}{2}(\beta^2 - \gamma^2) & 0 \\ \beta^2 - \gamma^2 & \gamma^2 - \beta^2 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}(\gamma^2 - \beta^2) & \frac{1}{2}(\beta^2 - \gamma^2) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3(\beta + \gamma)^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}(\gamma^2 - \beta^2) & \frac{1}{2}(\beta^2 - \gamma^2) & 0 & -(\beta + \gamma)^2 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}(\gamma^2 - \beta^2) & \frac{1}{2}(\beta^2 - \gamma^2) & 0 & 0 & -(\beta + \gamma)^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -(\beta + \gamma)^2 \end{pmatrix},$$

and the matrix for  $\mathcal{W}^+$  is

$$\mathcal{W}^+ = \begin{pmatrix} 2\beta(\beta + \gamma) & \gamma^2 - \beta^2 & 0 \\ \beta^2 - \gamma^2 & 2\gamma(\beta + \gamma) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2(\beta + \gamma)^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus we have a two-parameter family of examples with  $\mathcal{B}^2 = 0$  and  $\mathcal{W} \neq 0$ .

Similarly  $q = -\alpha - \delta$  and  $\alpha - \delta = \gamma - \beta$  leads to  $\beta = -\alpha$ ,  $\gamma = -\delta$  and  $\epsilon = 1$ . The resulting curvature operator is

$$\mathcal{R} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta^2 - \gamma^2 & \beta^2 - \gamma^2 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}(\gamma^2 - \beta^2) & \frac{1}{2}(\gamma^2 - \beta^2) & 0 \\ \gamma^2 - \beta^2 & \gamma^2 - \beta^2 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}(\beta^2 - \gamma^2) & \frac{1}{2}(\beta^2 - \gamma^2) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3(\beta + \gamma)^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}(\gamma^2 - \beta^2) & \frac{1}{2}(\gamma^2 - \beta^2) & 0 & -(\beta + \gamma)^2 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}(\beta^2 - \gamma^2) & \frac{1}{2}(\beta^2 - \gamma^2) & 0 & 0 & -(\beta + \gamma)^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -(\beta + \gamma)^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

again giving a two-parameter family of examples with  $\mathcal{B}^2 = 0$  and  $\mathcal{W} \neq 0$ .

In the last two examples the scalar curvature is  $\tau = -6(\beta + \gamma)^2$  and the corresponding hyperbolic twistor space  $(\mathcal{Z}, h_t, \mathcal{J}_1)$  for  $t = 2/(\beta + \gamma)^2$  is a non-Kähler isotropic Kähler manifold.

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