

# Super $J$ -holomorphic curves

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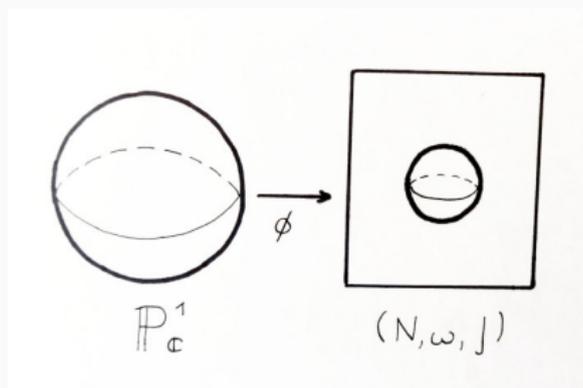
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# $J$ -holomorphic curves<sup>1</sup>

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$$\bar{\partial}_J \phi = \frac{1}{2} (d\phi + J d\phi I) = 0 \in \Gamma (T^\vee \Sigma \otimes \phi^* TN)^{0,1}$$



<sup>1</sup>McDuff and Salamon (2012). *J-holomorphic curves and symplectic topology*.

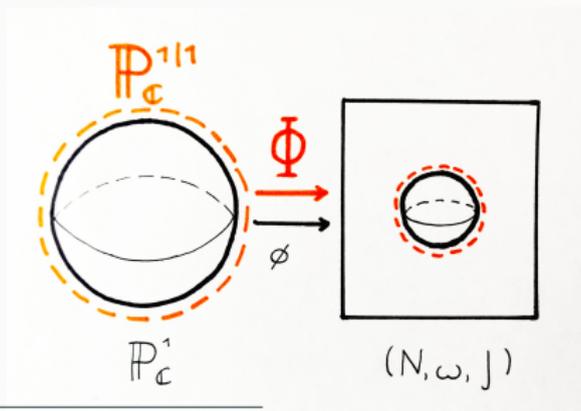
## $J$ -holomorphic curves

- $J$ -holomorphic curves are absolute minimizers of the Dirichlet action.
- Under certain conditions the moduli space  $M_p^*(A)$  of  $J$ -holomorphic curves and  $[\text{im } \phi] = A \in H_2(N, \mathbb{Z})$  is a manifold.
- There is a compactification  $\overline{M}_{p,k}(A)$  via stable maps.
- Gromov–Witten invariants of  $N$  can be constructed as certain integrals over  $\overline{M}_{p,k}(A)$ .

## Super $J$ -holomorphic curves<sup>2</sup>

- A *super  $J$ -holomorphic curve*  $\Phi: M \rightarrow N$  is a map from a *super Riemann surface*  $M$  such that

$$\bar{D}_J \Phi = \frac{1}{2} (d\Phi + J d\Phi I)|_{\mathcal{D}} = 0 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^\vee \otimes \Phi^* TN)^{0,1}$$



<sup>2</sup>Keßler, Sheshmani, and Yau (2021). “Super  $J$ -holomorphic Curves: Construction of the Moduli Space.”

## Super $J$ -holomorphic curves of genus zero

- The differential equations of super  $J$ -holomorphic curves couple the Cauchy–Riemann equations of  $J$ -holomorphic curves with a Dirac equation for spinors.
- Super  $J$ -holomorphic curves are critical points of the superconformal action or spinning string action.
- Under certain conditions the moduli space  $\mathcal{M}(A)$  of  $J$ -holomorphic curves of genus 0 and  $[\text{im } \phi] = A \in H_2(N, \mathbb{Z})$  is a *supermanifold*.
- There is a compactification  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,k}(A)$  via *super* stable maps.
- *Super* Gromov–Witten invariants?

Super Riemann Surfaces

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# Super Riemann Surfaces

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# Graßmann algebras

- Think of differential forms with exterior product  $\wedge$ .
- The exterior algebra of a vector space  $V$  is defined as  $\Lambda(V) = \mathcal{T}(V) / \langle v \otimes v \rangle$ .
- $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -grading:  $\Lambda(V) = \Lambda_0(V) \oplus \Lambda_1(V)$ .
- *supercommutative* product:  $a \cdot b = (-1)^{p(a)p(b)} b \cdot a$ .
- For  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$  we denote a basis by  $\eta^\alpha$  and then any element  $a \in \Lambda(\mathbb{R}^n)$  can be written

$$a = a_0 + \eta^\alpha a_\alpha + \eta^\alpha \eta^\beta a_{\alpha\beta} + \dots + \eta^1 \dots \eta^n a_{1\dots n}.$$

- Homomorphisms of Graßmann algebras preserve the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -grading.

# Local theory of supermanifolds

Super geometry was developed in the 1980s to provide mathematical tools for supersymmetric field theories.<sup>3</sup>

The building block for supergeometry is the ringed space  $\mathbb{R}^{m|n} = (\mathbb{R}^m, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{R}^{m|n}})$ , where

$$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{R}^{m|n}} = C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}) \otimes \bigwedge(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

- even coordinates  $x^1, \dots, x^m$ , odd coordinates  $\eta^1, \dots, \eta^n$
- general function on  $\mathbb{R}^{2|2}$ :  
 $f(x, \eta) = {}_0f(x) + \eta^\mu {}_\mu f(x) + \eta^1 \eta^2 {}_{12}f(x)$
- Supermanifolds are locally isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^{m|n}$ .
- Maps of supermanifolds are maps of ringed spaces.
- Any manifold is a supermanifold of odd dimension zero.

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<sup>3</sup>Leites (1980). "Introduction to the theory of supermanifolds."

Let  $(x^a, \eta^\alpha)$  be coordinates on  $\mathbb{R}^{m|n}$ . Tangent vector fields on  $\mathbb{R}^{m|n}$  are derivations on the functions on  $\mathbb{R}^{m|n}$ . They can be written as a linear combination of the partial derivatives  $\partial_{x^a}, \partial_{\eta^\alpha}$ .

$$X = X^a \partial_{x^a} + X^\alpha \partial_{\eta^\alpha}$$

Similarly: vector bundles, Lie groups, principal bundles, connections and (almost) complex structures...

## Families of supermanifolds

Let  $(y^a, \theta^\alpha)$  be coordinates on  $\mathbb{R}^{p|q}$  and  $(x^b, \eta^\beta)$  be coordinates on  $\mathbb{R}^{m|n}$ . A map  $\Phi: \mathbb{R}^{p|q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m|n}$  is completely determined by the image of the coordinate functions:

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi^\# x^b &= f^b(y) && + \theta^\mu \theta^\nu \nu_\mu f^b(y) + \dots \\ \Phi^\# \eta^\beta &= \theta^\mu \mu f^\beta(y) && + \dots\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\Phi^\# x^b &= 0f^b(y) + \theta^\mu {}_\mu f^b(y) + \theta^\mu \theta^\nu {}_{\nu\mu} f^b(y) + \dots \\ \Phi^\# \eta^\beta &= 0f^\beta(y) + \theta^\mu {}_\mu f^\beta(y) + \theta^\mu \theta^\nu {}_{\nu\mu} f^\beta(y) + \dots\end{aligned}$$

For full  $\theta$ -expansion we need families of supermanifolds + base change. Here: Submersions. That is, we actually consider maps  $\Phi: \mathbb{R}^{p|q} \times B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m|n}$ .

- The complex projective superspace of dimension  $1|1$  is a complex supermanifold given by two charts isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}^{1|1}$  with coordinates  $(z_1, \theta_1)$  and  $(z_2, \theta_2)$  such that

$$z_2 = \frac{1}{z_1}, \quad \theta_2 = \frac{\theta_1}{z_1}.$$

- Alternatively  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^{1|1} = \text{Split}_{\mathbb{C}} S = (\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1, \wedge_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{H}(S)))$ , where  $S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1$  is the spinor line bundle, that is  $S \otimes S = T\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1$ .

## Definition

A super Riemann surface is a complex 1|1-dimensional supermanifold  $M$  with an odd holomorphic distribution  $\mathcal{D} \subset TM$ , such that  $\frac{1}{2}[\cdot, \cdot]: \mathcal{D} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{D} \simeq TM/\mathcal{D}$ .

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{D} \rightarrow TM \rightarrow TM/\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D} \otimes \mathcal{D} \rightarrow 0$$

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<sup>4</sup>LeBrun and Rothstein (1988). “Moduli of super Riemann surfaces.”

## Local structure of SRS

- Let  $(z, \theta)$  be the standard coordinates on  $\mathbb{C}^{1|1}$  and define  $\mathcal{D} \subset T\mathbb{C}^{1|1}$  by  $\mathcal{D} = \langle \partial_\theta + \theta \partial_z \rangle$ . Then  $\mathcal{D} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{D} \simeq TM/\mathcal{D}$  by

$$[\partial_\theta + \theta \partial_z, \partial_\theta + \theta \partial_z] = 2\partial_z.$$

- Local uniformization: Every super Riemann surface is locally isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}^{1|1}$  with its standard super Riemann surface structure.
- A holomorphic map  $\Phi: \mathbb{C}^{1|1} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  given by  $\Phi(z, \theta) = \varphi(z) + \theta\psi(z)$  satisfies  $D\Phi = \psi(z) + \theta\partial_z\varphi$ .

# Split Super Riemann Surfaces

- $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^{1|1}$  is a super Riemann surface with  $\mathcal{D}$  generated by  $\partial_{\theta_1} + \theta_1 \partial_{z_1}$  and  $\partial_{\theta_2} - \theta_2 \partial_{z_2}$ .
- By uniformization of super Riemann surfaces,  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^{1|1}$  is the only super Riemann surface of genus zero.<sup>5</sup>
- More generally, for any Riemann surface  $\Sigma$  and spinor bundle  $S \rightarrow \Sigma$  the supermanifold  $\text{Split } S$  carries a canonical super Riemann surface structure.

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<sup>5</sup>Crane and Rabin (1988). "Super Riemann surfaces: Uniformization and Teichmüller Theory."

## Odd deformations

Let  $M_{red}$  be the reduced manifold of a super Riemann surface  $M$  (over  $B$ ) and set  $|M| = M_{red} \times B$ . Pick a map  $i: |M| \rightarrow M$  which is the identity on the topological spaces.

- The super Riemann surface  $M$  is completely determined by a Riemannian metric  $g$ , a spinor bundle  $S$  and a gravitino  $\chi \in \Gamma(T^\vee|M| \otimes S)$  on  $|M|$ .<sup>6</sup>

$$0 \rightarrow S = i^*\mathcal{D} \rightarrow i^*TM \xrightarrow{di} i^*TM/\mathcal{D} = T|M| \rightarrow 0$$

$\chi$

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<sup>6</sup>Keßler (2019). *Supergeometry, Super Riemann Surfaces and the Superconformal Action Functional*.

## Approaches to moduli spaces of SRS

- *Deligne, 1987*: Deformation Theory
- *LeBrun–Rothstein, 1988*: Moduli of marked SRS as “canonical super orbifolds”
- *Crane–Rabin, 1988*: Uniformization of SRS
- *Sachse, 2009*:  $\{M \text{ SRS}\} / \text{Diff}_0 M$
- *Donagi–Witten 2012*: Super moduli space is not projected
- *D’Hoker–Phong, 1988* / *Keßler 2019*: Metrics and Gravitinos

## Super J-holomorphic curves

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## Definition

Let  $M$  be a super Riemann surface and  $(N, \omega, J)$  an almost Kähler manifold. A map  $\Phi: M \rightarrow N$  is called a super  $J$ -holomorphic curve<sup>7</sup> if

$$\bar{D}_J \Phi = \frac{1}{2} (d\Phi + J d\Phi I)|_{\mathcal{D}} = 0.$$

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<sup>7</sup>Keßler, Sheshmani, and Yau (2021). “Super  $J$ -holomorphic Curves: Construction of the Moduli Space.”

## Super $J$ -holomorphic curves $\mathbb{C}^{1|1} \times B \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$

Let  $(z, \theta)$  be the superconformal coordinates on  $\mathbb{C}^{1|1}$ ,  $\lambda^\sigma$  coordinates of  $B$  and  $Z^b$  complex coordinates on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Any smooth map  $\Phi: \mathbb{C}^{1|1} \times B \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$  can be written in coordinates as

$$\Phi^b = \varphi^b(z, \bar{z}, \lambda) + \theta \psi^b(z, \bar{z}, \lambda) + \bar{\theta} \bar{\psi}^b(z, \bar{z}, \lambda) + \theta \bar{\theta} F^b(z, \bar{z}, \lambda),$$

The map  $\Phi$  is super  $J$ -holomorphic if

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_{\bar{\theta}} + \bar{\theta} \partial_{\bar{z}}) \Phi^b &= \bar{\psi}^b(z, \bar{z}, \lambda) - \theta F^b(z, \bar{z}, \lambda) \\ &\quad + \bar{\theta} \partial_{\bar{z}} \varphi^b(z, \bar{z}, \lambda) - \theta \bar{\theta} \partial_{\bar{z}} \psi^b(z, \bar{z}, \lambda) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- If  $N$  is Kähler the map  $\Phi$  is holomorphic.
- $\Phi_{red}: M_{red} \rightarrow N$  is a  $J$ -holomorphic curve.

# Super $J$ -holomorphic curves in component fields

For a super Riemann surface  $M$ ,  $i: |M| \rightarrow M$  and a map  $\Phi: M \rightarrow N$  define

$$\varphi = \Phi \circ i: |M| \rightarrow N$$

$$\psi = i^* d\Phi|_{\mathcal{D}} \in \Gamma(S^\vee \otimes \varphi^*TN)$$

$$F = i^* \Delta^{\mathcal{D}} \Phi \in \Gamma(\varphi^*TN)$$

## Theorem

*The map  $\Phi$  is a super  $J$ -holomorphic curve if and only if*

$$\bar{\partial}_J \varphi + \langle Q\chi, \psi \rangle = 0, \quad (1 + I \otimes J) \psi = 0$$

$$F = 0, \quad \not{D}\psi - 2 \langle \nabla Q\chi, d\varphi \rangle + \|Q\chi\|^2 \psi = 0$$

*Here we have assumed for simplicity that  $N$  is Kähler.*

# Super $J$ -holomorphic curves are super harmonic

## Proposition

Any super  $J$ -holomorphic curve  $\Phi: M \rightarrow N$  is a critical point of the superconformal action

$$\begin{aligned} A(M, \Phi) &= \int_M \|d\Phi|_{\mathcal{D}}\|^2 [dvol] \\ &= \int_{|M|} \left( \|d\varphi\|_{g^V \otimes \varphi^* n}^2 + g_S^V \otimes \varphi^* n (\not{D}\psi, \psi) - \|F\|_{\varphi^* n}^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 4g^V \otimes \varphi^* n (d\varphi, \langle Q\chi, \psi \rangle) + \|Q\chi\|_{g^V \otimes g_S}^2 \|\psi\|_{g_S^V \otimes \varphi^* n}^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{6} g_S^V \otimes \varphi^* n (SR^N(\psi), \psi) \right) dvol_g \end{aligned}$$

# Moduli Space of super $J$ -holomorphic curves

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## B-points of $\mathbb{R}^{m|n}$

Let  $B = \mathbb{R}^{0|s}$ . A  $B$ -point of  $\mathbb{R}^{m|n}$  is a map  $p: B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m|n}$ .

$$p^\# x^a = p^a \qquad p^\# \eta^\alpha = p^\alpha$$

The set of  $B$ -points of  $\mathbb{R}^{m|n}$  is given by

$$\underline{\mathbb{R}^{m|n}}(B) = (\mathcal{O}_B)_0^m \oplus (\mathcal{O}_B)_1^n = \left(\bigwedge_s\right)_0^m \oplus \left(\bigwedge_s\right)_1^n$$

More generally for a supermanifold  $M$  we obtain a functor

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{M}: \text{SPoint}^{op} &\rightarrow \text{Man} \\ B &\mapsto \underline{M}(B) \end{aligned}$$

that contains the full information on  $M$ <sup>8</sup>.

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<sup>8</sup>Molotkov (2010). "Infinite Dimensional and Colored Supermanifolds."

## Space of all maps

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the infinite-dimensional supermanifold such that

$$\underline{\mathcal{H}}(B) = \{\Phi: M \times B \rightarrow N\}.$$

Charts can be constructed using the exponential map on the target  $N$ .

Let furthermore  $\mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  be the vector bundle such that above  $\Phi$  we have

$$\underline{\mathcal{E}}_{\Phi}(B) = \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\vee} \otimes \Phi^*TN)^{0,1} = \text{codomain } \bar{D}_J\Phi$$

Then  $\mathcal{S} = \bar{D}_J: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$  is a section of  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $\mathcal{S}^{-1}(0)$  is the space of super  $J$ -holomorphic curves.

# Moduli Space

Fix  $A \in H_2(N, \mathbb{Z})$  and let  $j: \mathcal{M}(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  be the embedding of

$$\underline{\mathcal{M}(A)}(B) = \{\Phi \in \underline{\mathcal{H}}(B) \mid \mathcal{S}(\Phi) = 0 \text{ and } [\text{im } \Phi] = A\}.$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} j^* \ker d\mathcal{S} & \hookrightarrow & j^* T\mathcal{H} & \xrightarrow{j^* d\mathcal{S}} & j^* \mathcal{S}^* \mathcal{E} & \twoheadrightarrow & j^* \text{Coker } d\mathcal{S} \\ & \searrow & \downarrow & & \swarrow & & \swarrow \\ & & \mathcal{M}(A) & & & & \end{array}$$

By the Theorem of Atiyah–Singer applied to the linearizations of  $\bar{\partial}_j$  and  $\not{D}$ :

$$\text{rk } \ker d\mathcal{S} - \text{rk } \text{Coker } d\mathcal{S} = 2n(1-p) + 2 \langle c_1(TN), A \rangle - 2 \langle c_1(TN), A \rangle.$$

## Theorem

*Fix a closed compact super Riemann surface  $M$  over  $\mathbb{R}^{0|0}$  of genus  $p$ , an almost Kähler manifold  $N$  and  $A \in H_2(N)$ . If  $\mathcal{S}$  is transversal to the zero section, i.e.  $d\mathcal{S}$  is surjective,  $\mathcal{M}(A)$  is a supermanifold of dimension*

$$2n(1 - p) + 2 \langle c_1(TN), A \rangle | 2 \langle c_1(TN), A \rangle .$$

## Sketch of Proof

Idea: Use implicit function theorem around a given  $J$ -holomorphic curve to obtain local charts for  $\mathcal{M}(A)$ .

If  $\mathcal{S}$  is transversal to the zero section at  $\Phi$ :

- Complete locally around  $\Phi$  to Sobolev spaces  $\mathcal{E}^{k,p} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{k,p}$
- Apply Banach space implicit function theorem to obtain a local chart for  $(\mathcal{S}^{k,p})^{-1}(0)$ .
- Show by elliptic regularity that preimages of zero are smooth, that is, in  $\mathcal{S}^{-1}(0)$ .

## Sketch of Proof: Manifold structures

Assume that  $\Phi: M \rightarrow N$  has component fields  $\varphi: M_{red} \rightarrow N$ ,  $\psi = 0$  and  $F = 0$ . Let  $\Phi_B = \Phi \times \text{id}_B: M \times B \rightarrow N$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \underline{\mathcal{E}}(B) & \xleftarrow{\text{id}_{\mathcal{D}} \otimes \rho_{\text{exp}\Phi_B}^{\nabla}} & \underline{U}_{\Phi}(B) \times \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\vee} \otimes \Phi_B^* TN)^{0,1} \\
 \left( \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \\ \downarrow \\ \uparrow \end{array} \right) & & \left( \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \uparrow \end{array} \right) (\text{id}_{\underline{U}_{\Phi}(B)}, \underline{\mathcal{F}}_{\Phi}(B)) \\
 \underline{\mathcal{H}}(B) & \xleftarrow{\text{exp}\Phi_B} & \underline{U}_{\Phi}(B) \subset \Gamma(\Phi_B^* TN)_0
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Gamma(\Phi_B^* TN)_0 &\cong \Gamma(\varphi^* TN) \otimes (\mathcal{O}_B)_0 \oplus \Gamma(S^{\vee} \otimes \varphi^* TN) \otimes (\mathcal{O}_B)_1 \\
 &\quad \oplus \Gamma(\varphi^* TN) \otimes (\mathcal{O}_B)_0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\vee} \otimes \Phi_B^* TN)_0^{0,1} &\cong \Gamma(S^{\vee} \otimes \varphi^* TN)^{0,1} \otimes (\mathcal{O}_B)_1 \\
 &\quad \oplus \left( \Gamma(\varphi^* TN) \oplus \Gamma(T^{\vee} M_{red} \otimes \varphi^* TN)^{0,1} \right) \otimes (\mathcal{O}_B)_0 \\
 &\quad \oplus \Gamma(S^{\vee} \otimes \varphi^* TN)^{0,1} \otimes (\mathcal{O}_B)_1
 \end{aligned}$$

$\underline{\mathcal{S}}$  is transversal to the zero section if the differential of the map

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\mathcal{F}}_{\Phi}(C): \Gamma(\Phi_C^*TN)_0 &\rightarrow \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\vee} \otimes \Phi_C^*TN)_0^{0,1} \\ X &\mapsto \left( \text{id}_{\mathcal{D}^{\vee}} \otimes P_{\exp_{\Phi_C} tX}^{\bar{\nabla}} \right)^{-1} \bar{D}_J \exp_{\Phi_C} X \end{aligned}$$

is surjective. In component fields the differential is given by

$$\begin{aligned} d\underline{\mathcal{F}}_{\Phi}(C): \Gamma(\Phi_C^*TN)_0 &\rightarrow \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\vee} \otimes \Phi_C^*TN)_0^{0,1} \\ (\xi, \zeta, \sigma) &\mapsto (\zeta^{0,1}, \sigma, (1 + I \otimes J) \nabla \xi, (1 + I \otimes J) \not{D} \zeta^{1,0}) \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $(1 + I \otimes J) \nabla \xi$  and  $(1 + I \otimes J) \not{D} \zeta^{1,0}$  are  $(\mathcal{O}_C)_a$ -linear.

By  $\mathcal{O}_C$ -linearity of the differential operators it suffices to look at the reduced operators.

- $(1 + I \otimes J) \nabla \xi$  is surjective for generic  $J$  if  $\varphi_{red}$  is simple.
- $(1 + I \otimes J) \not\exists \zeta^{1,0}$  can be shown to be surjective if  $M$  is of genus zero and  $N$  has positive holomorphic sectional curvature.
- A particularly good example are super  $J$ -holomorphic curves  $\Phi: \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^{1|1} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^n$ .

## Geometry of the moduli space

- Suppose that the target  $N$  is a Kähler manifold and the domain super Riemann surface has vanishing gravitino, and the moduli space  $\mathcal{M}(A)$  exists. Then  $\mathcal{M}(A) = \text{Split } K$  where  $K \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(A)$  is the bundle over the moduli space of (non-super)  $J$ -holomorphic curves such that  $K_\phi = \ker \not{D}^{1,0}$ .
- In that case the moduli space carries an almost complex structure induced from  $N$ .

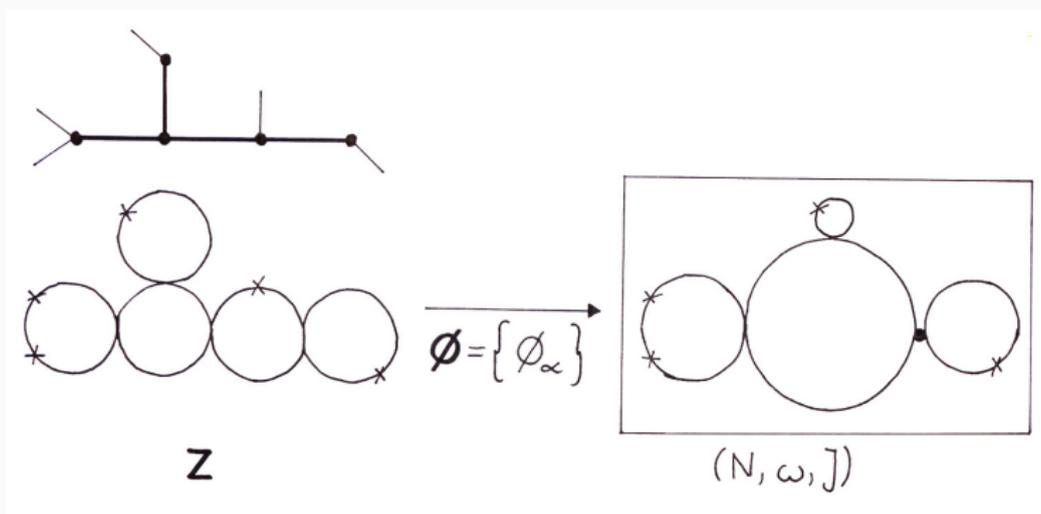
# Super Stable Maps

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## Compactification via stable maps

- The moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_0(A)$  of classical  $J$ -holomorphic curves is in general not compact because sequences of  $J$ -holomorphic spheres might “bubble”. That is they might converge to trees of  $J$ -holomorphic curves.
- Certain bubbles of a bubble tree might be constant. Precomposing on a constant bubble with Möbius transformations leads to different descriptions of the same bubble tree.

# Compactification via stable maps



Hence one generalizes to trees of bubbles with marked points. This leads to so called stable  $J$ -holomorphic curves.

$$\bar{M}_{0,k}(A) = \bigcup_{k\text{-marked trees } T} \bigcup_{A=\sum A_\alpha} M_{0,T}(\{A_\alpha\})$$

# Superconformal automorphisms of $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^{1|1}$

Automorphisms of the super Riemann surface  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^{1|1}$  are of the form

$$l^{\#}z_1 = \frac{az_1 + b}{cz_1 + d} \pm \theta_1 \frac{\gamma z_1 + \delta}{(cz_1 + d)^2}$$

$$l^{\#}\theta_1 = \frac{\gamma z_1 + \delta}{cz_1 + d} \pm \theta_1 \frac{1}{cz_1 + d}$$

with  $ad - bc - \gamma\delta = 1$ .

- Any three  $B$ -points of  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^{1|1}$  can be mapped by a unique superconformal automorphism to  $0$  ( $z_1 = 0, \theta_1 = 0$ ),  $1_{\epsilon}$  ( $z_1 = 1, \theta_1 = \epsilon$ ) and  $\infty$  ( $\frac{1}{z_1} = 0, \theta_1 = 0$ ).
- Any superconformal automorphism mapping  $0 \mapsto 0$ ,  $1_{\epsilon} \mapsto 1_{\epsilon'}$  and  $\infty \mapsto \infty$  implies that  $\epsilon = \pm\epsilon'$  and the map is either the identity or reflection of the odd directions ( $l^{\#}\theta = -\theta$ ).

# Nodal supercurves

## Definition

Let  $T$  be a  $k$  marked tree, represented by vertices  $T = \{\alpha, \beta, \dots\}$ , the edge matrix  $E_{\alpha\beta}$  and the markings  $\{1, \dots, k\} \rightarrow T$ . A nodal supercurve of genus zero over  $B$ , modeled on  $T$  is a tuple

$$\mathbf{z} = \left( \{z_{\alpha\beta}\}_{E_{\alpha\beta}}, \{z_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq k} \right)$$

consisting of  $B$ -points  $z_{\alpha\beta}: B \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^{1|1}$  and  $z_i: B \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^{1|1}$  such that for every  $\alpha \in T$  the reduction of the points  $z_{\alpha\beta}$  and  $z_i$  for  $\rho(i) = \alpha$  are disjoint. The  $z_{\alpha\beta}$  are called nodal points and  $z_i$  are marked points.

The nodal curve is stable if at every node the number of special points, that is nodal points and marked points, is at least three.

## Moduli space of stable supercurves

The moduli space of stable supercurves of fixed tree type  $T$  is a superorbifold of dimension

$$2k - 6 - 2e | 2k - 4$$

and singularities of type  $\mathbb{Z}_2^{e+1}$ .

It can be realized as the quotient by automorphisms of an open subsupermanifold of

$$\left(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^{1|1}\right)^{2e+k}.$$

The hard part of the proof is the definition of superorbifold and the slice theorem for Riemannian superorbifolds.

## Definition

A super stable map of genus zero over  $B$  and modeled on  $T$  is a tuple

$$(\mathbf{z}, \Phi) = \left( \left( \{Z_{\alpha\beta}\}_{E_{\alpha\beta}}, \{Z_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq k} \right), \{\Phi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in T} \right)$$

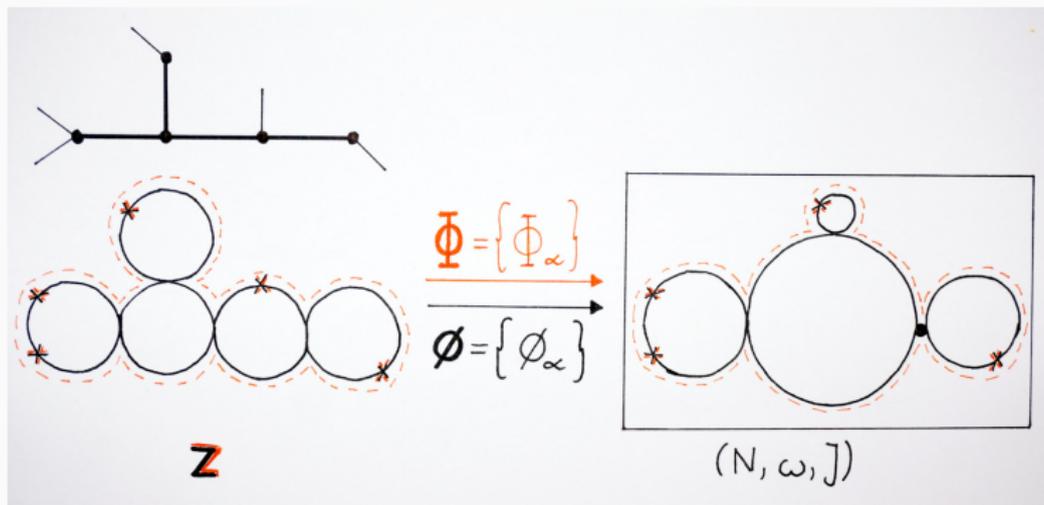
given by a nodal supercurve  $\mathbf{z}$  and super  $J$ -holomorphic curves  $\Phi_\alpha: \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^{1|1} \times B \rightarrow N$  such that

- $\Phi_\alpha \circ Z_{\alpha\beta} = \Phi_\beta \circ Z_{\beta\alpha}$ ,
- the number of special points on nodes with constant  $\Phi_\alpha$  is at least three.

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<sup>9</sup>Keßler, Sheshmani, and Yau (2020). *Super quantum cohomology I: Super stable maps of genus zero with Neveu-Schwarz punctures*.

# Stable super $J$ -holomorphic curves<sup>10</sup>



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## Moduli space of super stable maps of fixed tree type

The moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_{0,T}(\{A_\alpha\})$  of stable of stable super  $J$ -holomorphic curves of fixed tree type  $T$  and partition  $\{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in T}$  of the homology class  $A$  is a superorbifold of dimension

$$2n + 2 \langle A, c_1(TN) \rangle - 2e + 2k - 6 | 2 \langle A, c_1(TN) \rangle + 2k - 4$$

and singularities of type  $\mathbb{Z}_2^{e+1}$ .

It can be realized as the quotient by automorphisms of a subsupermanifold of

$$\prod_{\alpha \in T} \mathcal{M}_0^*(A_\alpha) \times \left( \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^{1|1} \right)^{2e+k}.$$

# Moduli space of super stable maps

The moduli space of super stable maps with  $k$  marked points

$$\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,k}(A)(B) = \bigcup_{k\text{-marked trees } T} \bigcup_{A=\sum A_\alpha} \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,T}(\{A_\alpha\})(B)$$

is not a superorbifold. Instead:

- We have proposed a generalization of Gromov topology.
- The reduced points form the compact space of classical stable maps.
- The reduction to fixed tree type  $T$  is a superorbifold.

# Conclusions

- We have a definition of super  $J$ -holomorphic curve from a super Riemann surface to an almost Kähler manifold that mirrors and extends many of the properties of classical  $J$ -holomorphic curves.
- Under certain conditions on  $N$  we have constructed the moduli space of super  $J$ -holomorphic curves  $\Phi: M \rightarrow N$  and its compactification in genus zero.
- We are working to understand the moduli space of super  $J$ -holomorphic curves better and search for super analogues of Gromov–Witten invariants.

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