

# Existence of Constant Scalar Curvature Sasaki Structures on Sasaki Join Manifolds.

Joint work with Charles Boyer, Hongnian Huang and Eveline Legendre

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## Plan for this talk:

In this talk we look at the **existence of constant scalar curvature Sasaki structures** (cscS). We show that the modified **Einstein–Hilbert functional** detects the **Sasaki-Futaki invariant**. For certain so-called **Sasaki join manifolds**, we then apply this result to provide an **explicit, computable, necessary, and sufficient** condition for the existence of cscS within a certain sub cone of the Sasaki cone.

**Plan:**

1. Kähler geometry and Scalar Curvature
2. Sasakian geometry and Scalar Curvature
3. The join construction in Sasakian geometry and cscS metrics
4. The Einstein-Hilbert functional and Sasaki-Futaki invariant
5. Main Result

## Kähler Geometry

Let  $N$  be a smooth compact manifold of real dimension  $2d_N$ .

- ▶ If  $J$  is a smooth bundle-morphism on the real tangent bundle,  $J: TN \rightarrow TN$  such that  $J^2 = -Id$  and  $\forall X, Y \in TN$

$$J(\mathcal{L}_X Y) - \mathcal{L}_X JY = J(\mathcal{L}_{JX} JY - J\mathcal{L}_{JX} Y),$$

then  $(N, J)$  is a **complex manifold** with **complex structure**  $J$ .

- ▶ A Riemannian metric  $g$  on  $(N, J)$  is said to be a **Hermitian Riemannian metric** if

$$\forall X, Y \in TN, \quad g(JX, JY) = g(X, Y)$$

- ▶ This implies that  $\omega(X, Y) := g(JX, Y)$  is a  $J$ -invariant ( $\omega(JX, JY) = \omega(X, Y)$ ) non-degenerate 2-form on  $N$ .
- ▶ If  $d\omega = 0$ , then we say that  $(N, J, g, \omega)$  is a **Kähler manifold** (or **Kähler structure**) with **Kähler form**  $\omega$  and **Kähler metric**  $g$ .
- ▶ The second cohomology class  $[\omega]$  is called the **Kähler class**.
- ▶ For fixed  $J$ , the subset in  $H^2(N, \mathbb{R})$  consisting of Kähler classes is called the **Kähler cone**.

## Scalar Curvature of Kähler metrics:

Given a Kähler structure  $(N, J, g, \omega)$ , the Riemannian metric  $g$  defines (via the unique Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$ )

- ▶ the **Riemann curvature tensor**  $R : TN \otimes TN \otimes TN \rightarrow TN$
- ▶ and the trace thereof, the **Ricci tensor**  $r : TN \otimes TN \rightarrow C^\infty(N)$
  
- ▶ This gives us the **Ricci form**,  $\rho(X, Y) = r(JX, Y)$ .

- ▶ If  $\rho = \lambda\omega$ , where  $\lambda$  is some constant, then we say that  $(N, J, g, \omega)$  is **Kähler-Einstein** (or just **KE**).
- ▶ the **scalar curvature**,  $Scal \in C^\infty(N)$ , where  $Scal$  is the trace of the map  $X \mapsto \tilde{r}(X)$  where  $\forall X, Y \in TN, g(\tilde{r}(X), Y) = r(X, Y)$ .
- ▶ If  $Scal$  is a constant function, we say that  $(N, J, g, \omega)$  is a constant scalar curvature Kähler metric (or just **CSC**).
- ▶  $KE \implies CSC$  (with  $\lambda = \frac{Scal}{2d_N}$ )
- ▶ Not all complex manifolds  $(N, J)$  admit CSC Kähler structures.

## Admissible Kähler manifolds/orbifolds

- ▶ Special cases of the more general (admissible) constructions defined by/organized by **Apostolov, Calderbank, Gauduchon**, and T-F.
- ▶ Credit goes to **Calabi**, Koiso, Sakane, Simanca, Pedersen, Poon, Hwang, Singer, Guan, LeBrun, and others.



- ▶ Let  $\omega_N$  be a primitive integral Kähler form of a CSC Kähler metric on  $(N, J)$ .
- ▶ Let  $\mathbb{1} \rightarrow N$  be the trivial complex line bundle.
- ▶ Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ .
- ▶ Let  $L_n \rightarrow N$  be a holomorphic line bundle with  $c_1(L_n) = [n\omega_N]$ .
- ▶ Consider the total space of a projective bundle  $S_n = \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{1} \oplus L_n) \rightarrow N$ .
- ▶ Note that the fiber is  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1$ .
- ▶  $S_n$  is called **admissible**, or an **admissible manifold**.

## Admissible Kähler classes

- ▶ Let  $D_1 = [\mathbb{1} \oplus 0]$  and  $D_2 = [0 \oplus L_n]$  denote the “zero” and “infinity” sections of  $S_n \rightarrow N$ .
- ▶ Let  $r$  be a real number such that  $0 < |r| < 1$ , and such that  $r n > 0$ .
- ▶ A Kähler class on  $S_n$ ,  $\Omega$ , is **admissible** if (up to scale)
 
$$\Omega = \frac{2\pi n[\omega_N]}{r} + 2\pi PD(D_1 + D_2).$$
 (“PD” = Poincare Dual)
- ▶ In general, the **admissible cone** is a sub-cone of the Kähler cone.

- ▶ In each admissible class we can now construct **explicit** Kähler metrics  $g$  (called **admissible Kähler metrics**).
- ▶ We can generalize this construction to the log pair  $(S_n, \Delta)$ , where  $\Delta$  denotes the branch divisor  $\Delta = (1 - 1/m_1)D_1 + (1 - 1/m_2)D_2$ .
- ▶ If  $m = \gcd(m_1, m_2)$ , then  $(S_n, \Delta)$  is a fiber bundle over  $N$  with fiber  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1[m_1/m, m_2/m]/\mathbb{Z}_m$ .
- ▶  $g$  is smooth on  $S_n \setminus (D_1 \cup D_2)$  and has orbifold singularities along  $D_1$  and  $D_2$
- ▶ This gives enough flexibility to produce CSC examples.

Kähler orbifolds naturally lead to...

## Sasakian Geometry:

Odd dimensional version of Kählerian geometry and special case of **contact structure**.

A Sasakian structure on a smooth manifold  $M$  of dimension  $2n + 1$  is defined by a quadruple  $\mathcal{S} = (\xi, \eta, \Phi, g)$  where

- ▶  $\eta$  is **contact 1-form** defining a subbundle (contact bundle) in  $TM$  by  $\mathcal{D} = \ker \eta$ .
- ▶  $\xi$  is the **Reeb vector field** of  $\eta$  [ $\eta(\xi) = 1$  and  $\xi \lrcorner d\eta = 0$ ]
- ▶  $\Phi$  is an endomorphism field which annihilates  $\xi$  and satisfies  $J = \Phi|_{\mathcal{D}}$  is a complex structure on the contact bundle ( $d\eta(J\cdot, J\cdot) = d\eta(\cdot, \cdot)$ )

- ▶  $g := d\eta \circ (\Phi \otimes \mathbb{1}) + \eta \otimes \eta$  is a Riemannian metric
- ▶  $\xi$  is a Killing vector field of  $g$  which generates a one dimensional foliation  $\mathcal{F}_\xi$  of  $M$  whose transverse structure is Kähler.
- ▶ we let  $(g_T, \omega_T)$  denote the transverse Kähler metric

- ▶ If  $\xi$  is **regular**, the transverse Kähler structure lives on a smooth manifold (quotient of regular foliation  $\mathcal{F}_\xi$ ).
- ▶ If  $\xi$  is **quasi-regular**, the transverse Kähler structure has orbifold singularities (quotient of quasi-regular foliation  $\mathcal{F}_\xi$ ).
- ▶ If not regular or quasi-regular we call it **irregular**... (that's most of them)

### Transverse Homothety:

- ▶ If  $\mathcal{S} = (\xi, \eta, \Phi, g)$  is a Sasakian structure, so is  $\mathcal{S}_a = (a^{-1}\xi, a\eta, \Phi, g_a)$  for every  $a \in \mathbb{R}^+$  with  $g_a = ag + (a^2 - a)\eta \otimes \eta$ .
- ▶ So Sasakian structures come in rays.



## Deforming the Sasaki structure:

**In its contact structure isotopy class:**



$$\eta \rightarrow \eta + d^c \phi, \quad \phi \text{ is basic}$$

- ▶ This corresponds to a deformation of the transverse Kähler form

$$\omega_T \rightarrow \omega_T + dd^c \phi$$

in its Kähler class in the regular/quasi-regular case.

- ▶ “Up to isotopy” means that the Sasaki structure might have to be deformed as above.

### In the Sasaki Cone:

- ▶ Choose a maximal torus  $T^k$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq n+1$  in the Sasaki automorphism group

$$\mathcal{Aut}(\mathcal{S}) = \{\phi \in \mathcal{D}iff(M) \mid \phi^*\eta = \eta, \phi^*J = J, \phi^*\xi = \xi, \phi^*g = g\}.$$

- ▶ The unreduced Sasaki cone is  $\mathfrak{t}^+ = \{\xi' \in \mathfrak{t}_k \mid \eta(\xi') > 0\}$ , where  $\mathfrak{t}^k$  denotes the Lie algebra of  $T^k$ .
- ▶ Each element in  $\mathfrak{t}^+$  determines a new Sasaki structure with the same underlying CR-structure.

## Scalar Curvature of Sasaki metrics

- ▶ The scalar curvature of  $g$  behaves as follows

$$Scal = Scal_T - 2n$$

- ▶  $\mathcal{S} = (\xi, \eta, \Phi, g)$  has constant scalar curvature (CSC) if and only if the transverse Kähler structure has constant scalar curvature.
- ▶  $\mathcal{S} = (\xi, \eta, \Phi, g)$  has CSC iff its entire ray has CSC (“CSC ray”).
- ▶ We will say that  $\mathcal{S} = (\xi, \eta, \Phi, g)$  is CSC whenever it is CSC up to isotopy.

## The Join Construction

- ▶ The join construction of Sasaki manifolds (Boyer, Galicki, Ornea) is the analogue of Kähler products.
- ▶ Given quasi-regular Sasakian manifolds  $\pi_i : M_i \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}_i$ . Let  $L = \frac{1}{2l_1}\xi_1 - \frac{1}{2l_2}\xi_2$  be viewed as a vector field on  $M_1 \times M_2$ .
- ▶ Form  $(l_1, l_2)$ -join by taking the quotient by the action induced by  $L$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 M_1 \times M_2 & & \\
 & \searrow \pi_L & \\
 \downarrow \pi_{12} & & M_1 \star_{l_1, l_2} M_2 \\
 & \swarrow \pi & \\
 \mathcal{Z}_1 \times \mathcal{Z}_2 & & 
 \end{array}$$

- ▶  $M_1 \star_{l_1, l_2} M_2$  is a  $S^1$ -orbibundle (generalized Boothby-Wang fibration).
- ▶  $M_1 \star_{l_1, l_2} M_2$  has a natural quasi-regular Sasakian structure for all relatively prime positive integers  $l_1, l_2$ . Fixing  $l_1, l_2$  fixes the contact orbifold. It is a smooth manifold iff  $\gcd(\mu_1 l_2, \mu_2 l_1) = 1$ , where  $\mu_i$  is the order of the orbifold  $\mathcal{Z}_i$ .

## Join with a weighted 3-sphere

- ▶ Take  $\pi_2 : M_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}_2$  to be the  $S^1$ -orbibundle

$$\pi_2 : S_{\mathbf{w}}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{w}]$$

determined by a weighted  $S^1$ -action on  $S^3$  with weights  $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, w_2)$  such that  $w_1 \geq w_2$  are relative prime.

- ▶  $S_{\mathbf{w}}^3$  has an extremal Sasakian structure with transverse Kähler form  $\omega_{\mathbf{w}}$  on  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{w}]$  satisfying  $[\omega_{\mathbf{w}}] = \frac{[\omega_0]}{w_1 w_2}$ , where  $\omega_0$  is the standard Fubini-Study volume form on  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1$ .
- ▶ Let  $M_1 = M$  be a regular CSC Sasaki manifold whose quotient is a unit volume compact CSC Kähler manifold  $N$  with scalar curvature equal to  $\frac{A}{4\pi}$ .
- ▶ Assume  $\gcd(l_2, l_1 w_1 w_2) = 1$  (equivalent with  $\gcd(l_2, w_i) = 1$ ).



$$\begin{array}{ccc} M \times S_{\mathbf{w}}^3 & \searrow \pi_L & \\ \downarrow \pi_{12} & & M \star_{l_1, l_2} S_{\mathbf{w}}^3 =: M_{l_1, l_2, \mathbf{w}} \\ N \times \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{w}] & \swarrow \pi & \end{array}$$

## The $\mathbf{w}$ -Sasaki cone

- ▶ The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{aut}(\mathcal{S}_{l_1, l_2, \mathbf{w}})$  of the automorphism group of the join satisfies  $\mathfrak{aut}(\mathcal{S}_{l_1, l_2, \mathbf{w}}) = \mathfrak{aut}(\mathcal{S}_1) \oplus \mathfrak{aut}(\mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{w}})$ , mod  $(L_{l_1, l_2, \mathbf{w}} = \frac{1}{2l_1}\xi_1 - \frac{1}{2l_2}\xi_2)$ , where  $\mathcal{S}_1$  is the Sasakian structure on  $M$ , and  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{w}}$  is the Sasakian structure on  $S_{\mathbf{w}}^3$ .
- ▶ The unreduced Sasaki cone  $\mathfrak{t}_{l_1, l_2, \mathbf{w}}^+$  of the join  $M_{l_1, l_2, \mathbf{w}}$  thus has a 2-dimensional subcone  $\mathfrak{t}_{\mathbf{w}}^+$  is called the  $\mathbf{w}$ -Sasaki cone.
- ▶  $\mathfrak{t}_{\mathbf{w}}^+$  is inherited from the Sasaki cone on  $S^3$



- ▶ Each Reeb vector field in  $\mathfrak{t}_{\mathbf{w}}^+$  is determined by a choice of  $(v_1, v_2) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+$ . Indeed,  $\xi_{\mathbf{v}} = v_1 H_1 + v_2 H_2$ , where  $H_i$  is the restriction to  $M_{l_1, l_2, \mathbf{w}}$  of the rotation  $z_i \mapsto e^{i\theta} z_i$  on  $S^3$ .
- ▶ The ray of  $\xi_{\mathbf{v}}$  is quasi-regular iff  $v_2/v_1 \in \mathbb{Q}$ .
- ▶  $\mathfrak{t}_{\mathbf{w}}^+$  has a regular ray (given by  $(v_1, v_2) = (1, 1)$ ) iff  $l_2$  divides  $w_1 - w_2$ .

## Motivating Question

- ▶ Does  $t_w^+$  have a CSC ray?

## Key Proposition (Boyer, T-F)

Let  $M_{l_1, l_2, \mathbf{w}} = M \star_{l_1, l_2} S_{\mathbf{w}}^3$  be the join as described above.

Let  $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2)$  be a weight vector with relatively prime integer components and let  $\xi_{\mathbf{v}}$  be the corresponding Reeb vector field in the Sasaki cone  $\mathfrak{t}_{\mathbf{w}}^+$ .

Then the quotient of  $M_{l_1, l_2, \mathbf{w}}$  by the flow of the Reeb vector field  $\xi_{\mathbf{v}}$  is  $(S_n, \Delta)$

with  $n = l_1 \left( \frac{w_1 v_2 - w_2 v_1}{s} \right)$ , where  $s = \gcd(l_2, w_1 v_2 - w_2 v_1)$ , and the branch divisor  $\Delta = \left(1 - \frac{1}{m_1}\right) D_1 + \left(1 - \frac{1}{m_2}\right) D_2$ , with ramification indices  $m_i = v_i \frac{l_2}{s}$ .

## The Kähler class on the (quasi-regular) quotient

- ▶ is admissible up to scale (when  $(v_1, v_2) \neq (w_1, w_2)$ ).
- ▶ We can determine exactly which one it is.
- ▶ So we can test it for containing an admissible CSC Kähler metrics.
- ▶ Hence we can test if the ray of  $\xi_v$  is admissible CSC (up to isotopy).
- ▶ By lifting the admissible construction to the Sasakian level (in a way so it depends smoothly on  $(v_1, v_2)$ ), we can also handle the irregular rays.
- ▶ In fact,

## Proposition (Boyer, T-F)

Consider a ray in the  $\mathbf{w}$ -cone determined by a choice of  $b = v_2/v_1 > 0$ . Then the Sasakian structures of the ray has admissible CSC metrics (up to isotopy) if and only if  $f_{CSC}(b) = 0$ , where  $f_{CSC}(b) = \frac{-f(b)}{(w_1 b - w_2)^3}$  and  $f(b)$  is a polynomial given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
& - (d_N + 1)l_1 w_1^{2d_N+3} b^{2d_N+4} \\
& + w_1^{2(d_N+1)} b^{2d_N+3} (Al_2 + l_1(d_N + 1)w_2) \\
& - w_1^{d_N+2} w_2^{d_N} b^{d_N+3} ((d_N + 1)(A(d_N + 1)l_2 - l_1((d_N + 1)w_1 + (d_N + 2)w_2))) \\
& + w_1^{d_N+1} w_2^{d_N+1} b^{d_N+2} (2Ad_N(d_N + 2)l_2 - (d_N + 1)(2d_N + 3)l_1(w_1 + w_2)) \\
& - w_1^{d_N} w_2^{d_N+2} b^{d_N+1} (d_N + 1)(A(d_N + 1)l_2 - l_1((d_N + 2)w_1 + (d_N + 1)w_2)) \\
& + w_2^{2(d_N+1)} (b(Al_2 + l_1(d_N + 1)w_1)) \\
& - (d_N + 1)l_1 w_2^{2d_N+3}.
\end{aligned}$$

$f(b)$  has a root of order three at  $b = w_2/w_1$  when  $w_1 > w_2$  and order at least four when  $w_1 = w_2 = 1$  (where the case of  $b = w_2/w_1 = 1$  gives a product transverse CSC structure). Thus  $f_{CSC}(b)$  is a polynomial of order  $2d_N + 1$  with positive roots corresponding to the rays in the  $\mathbf{w}$ -cone that admit admissible CSC metrics.

## Theorem (Boyer, T-F)

- ▶ For each vector  $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, w_2) \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \times \mathbb{Z}^+$  with relatively prime components satisfying  $w_1 > w_2$  there exists a Reeb vector field  $\xi_{\mathbf{v}}$  in the 2-dimensional  $\mathbf{w}$ -Sasaki cone on  $M_{l_1, l_2, \mathbf{w}}$  such that the corresponding ray of Sasakian structures  $\mathcal{S}_a = (a^{-1}\xi_{\mathbf{v}}, a\eta_{\mathbf{v}}, \Phi, g_a)$  has constant scalar curvature.
- ▶ Suppose in addition that the scalar curvature of  $N$  is positive. Then for sufficiently large  $l_2$  there are at least three CSC rays in the  $\mathbf{w}$ -Sasaki cone of the join  $M_{l_1, l_2, \mathbf{w}}$ .

**Remark:** When  $N = \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1$ ,  $M_{l_1, l_2, \mathbf{w}}$  are  $S^3$ -bundles over  $S^2$ . These were treated by **Boyer** and **Boyer, Pati**, as well as by **E. Legendre**.

## Motivating Question

- ▶ Within the  $\mathbf{w}$ -Sasaki cone of  $M_{I_1, I_2, \mathbf{w}}$ , how restrictive was it to look for **admissible** CSC Sasaki structures?
- ▶ Collaborating with **Eveline Legendre** and **Hongnian Huang**, we found that....
- ▶ it is not restrictive at all!



## The Sasaki-Futaki invariant

For a given Kähler class, the existence of a CSC Kähler representative is obstructed by the so-called Futaki Invariant (Futaki 1983).

Likewise, there is a Sasaki version of this invariant, the so-called Sasaki-Futaki Invariant or Transversal Futaki Invariant (Boyer, Galicki, Simanca, Futaki, Ono, Wang, 2008–09)

$\mathbf{F}_\xi$  : Lie algebra of transverse holomorphic vector fields  $\longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$

- ▶ The vanishing of  $\mathbf{F}_\xi$  is a necessary, but in general not sufficient, condition for the existence of a CSC Sasaki structure in the space of Sasaki structures with fixed Reeb vector field  $\xi$  and fixed transverse holomorphic structure.
- ▶ In particular,  $\mathbf{F}_\xi$  is an obstruction to the existence of CSC Sasaki structure in the isotopy class of a given Sasaki structure.

## The (modified) Einstein-Hilbert functional

For a given Sasaki structure, let  $\mathbf{V}_\xi$  denote the volume of the Sasaki metric and let  $\mathbf{S}_\xi$  denote the total transversal scalar curvature.

We define the Einstein–Hilbert functional

$$\mathbf{H}(\xi) = \frac{\mathbf{S}_\xi^{n+1}}{\mathbf{V}_\xi^n} \quad (1)$$

as a functional on the Sasaki cone.

- ▶ Note that  $\mathbf{H}$  is homogeneous since the rescaling  $\xi \mapsto \frac{1}{\lambda}\xi$  gives

$$\lambda^{n+1}dv_g \text{ and } \frac{1}{\lambda}Scal_T.$$

- ▶ Note also that  $\mathbf{H}(\xi)$  only depends on the isotopy class of the Sasaki structure.

## A Lemma linking the SF-invariant and the EH functional (Boyer, Huang, Legendre, T-F)

Given  $a \in T_\xi t^+$ , we have

$$d\mathbf{H}_\xi(a) = \frac{n(n+1)\mathbf{S}_\xi^n}{\mathbf{V}_\xi^n} \mathbf{F}_\xi(\Phi(a)).$$

## The EH-functional on $M_{l_1, l_2, \mathbf{w}}$

On the manifolds  $M_{l_1, l_2, \mathbf{w}}$  with  $b = v_2/v_1 \neq w_2/w_1$  - up to an overall positive constant rescale that does not depend on  $(v_1, v_2)$  - the Einstein-Hilbert functional restricted to the  $\mathbf{w}$ -cone takes the form

$$\mathbf{H}(b) = \frac{\left( l_1 w_1^{d_{N+1}} b^{d_{N+2}} + (l_2 A - l_1 w_2) w_1^{d_N} b^{d_{N+1}} + (l_1 w_1 - l_2 A) w_2^{d_N} b - l_1 w_2^{d_{N+1}} \right)^{d_{N+2}}}{(w_1 b - w_2) \left( w_1^{d_{N+1}} b^{d_{N+2}} - w_2^{d_{N+1}} b \right)^{d_{N+1}}}.$$

Furthermore, we have the boundary behavior

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow 0} \mathbf{H}(b) = +\infty, \quad \lim_{b \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbf{H}(b) = +\infty.$$

Note that  $\mathbf{H}(b) = \mathbf{H}(H_1 + bH_2) = \mathbf{H}(v_1 H_1 + v_2 H_2)$ .

## Derivative of $\mathbf{H}(b)$

If we consider  $a = H_2$ , then  $d\mathbf{H}_{\xi_{\mathbf{v}}}(a)$  is just  $H'(b)$ .

We calculate that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{H}'(b) &= \frac{\left( v_1^{d_N+1} b^{d_N+1} \int_{M_{l_1, l_2, \mathbf{w}}} \text{Scal}^T dv_{\bar{g}_{\mathbf{v}}} \right)^{d_N+1} f_{CSC}(b)}{b^{d_N+2} \left( v_1^{d_N+2} b^{d_N+1} \int_{M_{l_1, l_2, \mathbf{w}}} dv_{\bar{g}_{\mathbf{v}}} \right)^{d_N+2}} \\
 &= \frac{\left( \int_{M_{l_1, l_2, \mathbf{w}}} \text{Scal}^T dv_{\bar{g}_{\mathbf{v}}} \right)^{d_N+1} f_{CSC}(b)}{(bv_1)^{2d_N+3} \left( \int_{M_{l_1, l_2, \mathbf{w}}} dv_{\bar{g}_{\mathbf{v}}} \right)^{d_N+2}} \cdot \\
 &= \frac{(\mathbf{S}_{\xi_{\mathbf{v}}})^{d_N+1} f_{CSC}(b)}{(bv_1)^{2d_N+3} (\mathbf{V}_{\xi_{\mathbf{v}}})^{d_N+2}},
 \end{aligned}$$

which with  $n = d_N + 1$  equals

$$\frac{\mathbf{S}_{\xi_v}^n f_{CSC}(b)}{(bv_1)^{2n+1} \mathbf{V}_{\xi_v}^{n+1}}$$



## The Link between the SF-invariant and $f_{CSC}(b)$

So, on  $M_{l_1, l_2, \mathbf{w}}$  in the  $\mathbf{w}$ -Sasaki cone, for  $a = H_2$ , up to an overall positive constant rescale that does not depend on  $(v_1, v_2)$ , we have

$$\frac{n(n+1)\mathbf{S}_{\xi_v}^n}{\mathbf{V}_{\xi_v}^n} \mathbf{F}_{\xi}(\Phi(a)) = d\mathbf{H}_{\xi_v}(a) = \frac{\mathbf{S}_{\xi_v}^n f_{CSC}(b)}{(bv_1)^{2n+1} \mathbf{V}_{\xi_v}^{n+1}}$$

Since, as one may check,  $\mathbf{S}_{\xi_v}^n$  is a smooth rational function with only isolated zeroes and  $f_{CSC}$  as well as the Sasaki-Futaki invariant varies smoothly in the Sasaki-cone, we conclude that, up to a positive multiple,

$f_{CSC}(b)$  represents the value of the Sasaki-Futaki invariant  $F_{\xi_v}$  in a specific direction transversal to the rays.

Thus in this case, **the vanishing of the Sasaki-Futaki invariant actually does imply the existence of cscS metrics for the given ray.**

In cases where the  $\mathbf{w}$ -cone is the entire Sasaki cone we have that the existence of cscS metrics is equivalent to the vanishing of  $f_{CSC}(b)$  and hence with the vanishing of  $F_{\xi}$ .

## Main Result (Boyer, Huang, Legendre, T-F)

Consider a ray in the  $\mathbf{w}$ -cone of  $M_{l_1, l_2, \mathbf{w}}$  determined by a choice of  $b = v_2/v_1 > 0$ . Then the Sasakian structures of the ray has **admissible** CSC metrics (up to isotopy) if and only if  $f_{CSC}(b) = 0$ , where  $f_{CSC}(b) = \frac{-f(b)}{(w_1 b - w_2)^3}$  and  $f(b)$  is a polynomial given by:

$$bla \quad bla \quad bla$$

$f(b)$  has a root of order three at  $b = w_2/w_1$  when  $w_1 > w_2$  and order at least four when  $w_1 = w_2 = 1$  (where the case of  $b = w_2/w_1 = 1$  gives a product transverse CSC structure). Thus  $f_{CSC}(b)$  is a polynomial of order  $2d_N + 1$  with positive roots corresponding to the rays in the  $\mathbf{w}$ -cone that admit **admissible** CSC metrics.

## Concluding Remarks

- ▶ Is it possible to prove the main result directly without using the EH-functional?
- ▶ Maybe, but a lot of “useful facts” available in Kähler geometry are still “under construction” for the Sasaki case.
- ▶ The EH-functional is also related to a stability notion.
- ▶ Next Question: Within the  $\mathbf{w}$ -Sasaki cone of  $M_{I_1, I_2, \mathbf{w}}$ , how restrictive is it to look for **admissible** extremal Sasaki structures?

*Thank You For Your Attention*

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