



Left-invariant Einstein metrics on $S^3 \times S^3$

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Motivation:

Mathematics

- Open problem: **full classification** of homogeneous compact Einstein manifolds in $d = 6$
- Remaining **open case**: LI Einstein metrics on $S^3 \times S^3$

Physics: string theory/supergravity

- Cp. Einstein manifolds play a role in **AdS/CFT corresp.**
(string-/M-theory on $\text{AdS}_d \times M$
 \longleftrightarrow CFT on $(d - 1)$ -dim boundary of AdS_d)
- **Flux compactifications** of string theory from 10 to 4 dim:
 - unbroken SUSY \implies internal $6d$ mfd. w/ $\text{SU}(3)$ -structure
 - Particular interest: $\text{SU}(3)$ -structure nearly Kähler or half-flat
 - (Strict) nearly Kähler $\implies 6d$ mfd. is Einstein

Recall:

Definition

A (pseudo-)Riemannian mfd. (M, g) is called **Einstein manifold** if its Ricci tensor Ric_g satisfies

$$Ric_g = \lambda g ,$$

for some constant $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ called **Einstein constant**.

(Here: only consider the Riemannian case)

Taking the trace yields:

$$S = n\lambda ,$$

where S denotes the **scalar curvature** of g and $n := \dim M$.

Later, we need concept of a **symmetry of the metric**.

- For LI Einstein metrics on $S^3 \times S^3 =: G$ [D'Atri, Ziller (1979)]:

$$L_G \subset \text{Isom}_0(G, g) \subset L_G \cdot R_G \cong (G \times G) / \{(z, z) \mid z \in Z(G)\}$$

(up to changing metric by an isometric LI metric). Notation:

- $\text{Isom}_0(G, g)$: conn. isometry grp. of some LI metric g on G
- L_G (R_G): group of left (right) translations
- $Z(G) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$: center of G
- RHS contains group of **inner automorphisms**:

$$\text{Inn}(G) = C_G := \{C_a \mid a \in G\} \subset L_G \cdot R_G,$$

where $C_a : G \rightarrow G, x \mapsto axa^{-1}$ (conjugation by a)

- Hence, **isotropy grp.** of neutral el. $e \in G$ in $\text{Isom}_0(G, g)$:

$$\text{Isom}_0(G, g) \cap C_G =: K_0$$

- K_0 is the **maximal connected subgroup** of the Lie group

$$\text{Isom}(G, g) \cap C_G =: K$$

[Nikonorov, Rodionov (1999, 2003)]

- **Partial classification:**

Theorem 1 (Nikonorov, Rodionov (1999, 2003))

A simply connected $6d$ homogeneous cp. Einstein mfd. is either

- 1 a symmetric space, or
- 2 isometric, up to multiplication of the metric by a constant, to one of the following manifolds:
 - a $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^3 = \frac{\text{Sp}(2)}{\text{Sp}(1) \times \text{U}(1)}$ with squashed metric
 - b the Wallach space $\text{SU}(3)/T_{\max}$ with std or Kähler metric
 - c the Lie group $\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) = S^3 \times S^3$ with some left-invariant Einstein metric

- Classification of item (2c) is still **open**.
- Progress can be achieved by assuming **additional symmetries** of the metric...

[Nikonorov, Rodionov (2003)]

- **Classification** was achieved for the case that $K = \text{Isom}(G, g) \cap C_G$ contains a $U(1)$ **subgroup**:

Theorem 2 (Nikonorov, Rodionov (2003))

Let g be a LI Einstein metric on $G := S^3 \times S^3$. If K contains a $U(1)$ subgroup, then (G, g) is homothetic to (G, g_{can}) or (G, g_{NK}) .

Here: g_{can} = standard metric, g_{NK} = nearly Kähler metric

- These are the **only known** Einstein metrics on $S^3 \times S^3$ (up to isometry and scale)
- These metrics are **rigid** [Kröncke (2015); Moroianu, Semmelmann (2007)]

- Theorem 2 covers the case $\dim K \geq 1$
- Remaining case: $\dim K = 0$, i.e. K is a **finite group**
- Equivalently: require $\text{Isom}_0(G, g) = G$
- i.e. the group of orientation preserving isometries is given by

$$\text{Isom}^+(G, g) = K \rtimes G,$$

where K is a **finite group** of inner automorphisms of G

- \rightarrow **goal of rest of talk** to analyze this case

Section 2

Methods for finding LI Einstein metrics on
 $S^3 \times S^3 =: G$

[Jensen (1971); Wang, Ziller (1986); Besse (1987); ...]

Finding Einstein metrics reformulated as **variational problem**:

Theorem 3

A Riemannian metric g on a cp. orientable manifold M is **Einstein** iff it is a **critical point** of the Einstein-Hilbert functional

$$S_{\text{EH}}[g] = \int_M S \text{ vol}_g ,$$

subject to the **volume constraint** $\mathcal{V} := \int_M \text{ vol}_g = \mathcal{V}_0$, where \mathcal{V}_0 is a positive constant.

Here, vol_g is the metric volume form on (M, g) .

- Volume constr. incorp. by means of **Lagrange multiplier**
- Instead of $S_{\text{EH}}[g]$, we consider crit. pts. of

$$\tilde{S}_{\text{EH}}[g, \nu] = S_{\text{EH}}[g] - \nu(\mathcal{V} - \mathcal{V}_0),$$

where ν is a **Lagrange multiplier**.

- **Simplifications** occur when $(M, g) = (G, g)$ is a **cp. Lie group** G with LI Riemannian metric g
 - Then $S = \text{const.}$ and hence, $S_{\text{EH}}[g] = S \mathcal{V}$
 - Crit. pts. of $\tilde{S}_{\text{EH}}[g, \nu]$ (i.e. Einstein metrics) satisfy

$$\text{grad}_g S = \frac{2\nu}{2-n} \text{grad}_g \mathcal{V} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}_0$$

Here, $\text{grad}_g =$ variation w.r.t. metric g . Assume $n > 2$.

- LI Riemannian metric g on $G \longleftrightarrow$
scalar product on Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} of G (also denoted by g)
- Here, $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$ w/ scal. prod. $Q(\cdot, \cdot) = -1/2B(\cdot, \cdot)$
($B(X, Y) = \text{tr}(\text{ad}(X)\text{ad}(Y)) =$ **Killing form** of \mathfrak{g})
- **Any other scalar product** g : $g(\cdot, \cdot) = Q(L\cdot, \cdot)$
($L = Q$ -symmetric pos. def. endomorphism)
- Thus, **space of LI Riemannian metrics** \longleftrightarrow

$$P(\mathfrak{g}) := \{L \in \text{End}(\mathfrak{g}) \mid L \text{ positive definite}\}$$

[Nikonov, Rodionov (2003)]

- Parameterize $P(\mathfrak{g})$ by considering a **change of basis**:

$$(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = (\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{F})A^T, \quad A \in \text{GL}(6, \mathbb{R})$$

Notation:

- Q -orthonormal basis (\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{F}) of \mathfrak{g}
- $\mathbf{E} := (E_1, E_2, E_3)$, $\mathbf{F} := (F_1, F_2, F_3)$ oriented ONBs of $\mathfrak{su}(2)_{1,2}$
- g -orthonormal basis (\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) of \mathfrak{g}
- A satisfies $A^T A = L^{-1}$, i.e. $g(\cdot, \cdot) = Q((A^T A)^{-1}, \cdot)$
- Can choose (\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) s.t. $A = \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ W & \tilde{D} \end{pmatrix}$, where

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{D} = \begin{pmatrix} d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & f \end{pmatrix}, \quad W = \begin{pmatrix} x & u & v \\ \alpha & y & w \\ \beta & \gamma & z \end{pmatrix}$$

a, \dots, f pos. params, components of W arbitrary real params

[Nikonov, Rodionov (2003)]

- W.l.o.g. choose $\mathcal{V}_0 = \int_G \text{vol}_Q = 4\pi^4$
(vol. of canonical product metric on $G = S^3 \times S^3$)
- S and $\mathcal{V} = V \mathcal{V}_0$ **rational functions in 15 params**
($a, \dots, f, x, y, z, u, v, w, \alpha, \beta, \gamma$):
 $V = (\det A)^{-1} = (abcdef)^{-1}$ and

$$\begin{aligned}
 S = & a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 + e^2 + f^2 + x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + u^2 + v^2 + w^2 + \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ a^2 b^2 c^{-2} + b^2 c^2 a^{-2} + c^2 a^2 b^{-2} + d^2 e^2 f^{-2} + e^2 f^2 d^{-2} + f^2 d^2 e^{-2} \right. \\
 & + \left(\frac{a^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2} \right) (u^2 + y^2 + \gamma^2) + \left(\frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{a^2} \right) (v^2 + w^2 + z^2) + \left(\frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{b^2} \right) (x^2 + \alpha^2 + \beta^2) \\
 & + a^{-2} \left[\left(uw - vy - \frac{de}{f} \beta \right)^2 + \left(v\gamma - uz - \frac{df}{e} \alpha \right)^2 + \left(yz - w\gamma - \frac{ef}{d} x \right)^2 \right] \\
 & + b^{-2} \left[\left(v\alpha - xw - \frac{de}{f} \gamma \right)^2 + \left(xz - v\beta - \frac{df}{e} y \right)^2 + \left(w\beta - z\alpha - \frac{ef}{d} u \right)^2 \right] \\
 & \left. + c^{-2} \left[\left(xy - u\alpha - \frac{de}{f} z \right)^2 + \left(u\beta - x\gamma - \frac{df}{e} w \right)^2 + \left(\alpha\gamma - y\beta - \frac{ef}{d} v \right)^2 \right] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

- **Einstein metrics correspond to solutions of**

$$\nabla S = \mu \nabla V \quad \text{and} \quad V = (abcdef)^{-1} = 1$$

Here, $\nabla =$ std. gradient in param. space $(\mathbb{R}_{>0})^6 \times \mathbb{R}^9 \subset \mathbb{R}^{15}$
w/ coords $(a, \dots, f, x, y, z, u, v, w, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ and μ is a
Lagrange multiplier.

- **Remark:** Lagrange multiplier $\mu \longleftrightarrow$ Einstein constant λ

$$\mu = -2\mathcal{V}_0\lambda$$

Section 3

LI Einstein metrics invariant under finite subgroup $\Gamma \subset \text{Ad}(G)$

[Belgun, Cortés, AH, Lindemann (2017)]

- Consider LI Einstein metrics invariant under **non-trivial finite subgroup** $\Gamma \subset \text{Ad}(G)$
- **Observation:** either all non-trivial elements of Γ are of order 2 or \exists element σ of order $k \geq 3$
- First consider the **latter case:**

Result 1

Let g be a left-invariant and Γ -**invariant** Einstein metric on G , where $\Gamma \subset \text{Ad}(G)$. If Γ contains an element σ of order $k \geq 3$ then K contains a $U(1)$ subgroup and, hence, (G, g) is homothetic to (G, g_{can}) or (G, g_{NK}) by Theorem 2.

- **Proof:** representation-theoretic arguments (quite technical)

[Belgun, Cortés, AH, Lindemann (2017)]

- Remaining case, i.e. all non-triv. elements of Γ are of order 2:

Proposition

If all non-trivial elements of Γ are of order 2, then $\Gamma \cong \mathbb{Z}_2^\ell$, where $1 \leq \ell \leq 4$. If $\ell \geq 3$, then Γ contains an element σ with $\text{tr } \sigma = 2$.

- **Proof:** representation-theoretic arguments & combinatorics
- Cases $\text{tr } \sigma = 2$ and $\text{tr } \sigma = -2$ **treated separately**

Result 2 (case $\text{tr } \sigma = 2$)

Let g be a left-invariant and Γ -invariant Einstein metric on G . If Γ contains an element σ of trace 2, then $g = g_{\text{can}}$. (By the previous proposition, this covers the case $\Gamma \cong \mathbb{Z}_2^\ell$, where $\ell \geq 3$.)

Proof:

- Γ -invariance can be used to **simplify basis change matrix** A , namely $y = z = u = v = w = \gamma = 0$
- Need to **solve**: $\nabla S = \mu \nabla V$ and $V = (abcdef)^{-1} = 1$ with

$$\begin{aligned} -2S &= -2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 + e^2 + f^2 + x^2 + \alpha^2 + \beta^2) \\ &\quad + a^2 b^2 c^{-2} + b^2 c^2 a^{-2} + c^2 a^2 b^{-2} + d^2 e^2 f^{-2} + e^2 f^2 d^{-2} + f^2 d^2 e^{-2} \\ &\quad + (b^2 c^{-2} + c^2 b^{-2})(x^2 + \alpha^2 + \beta^2) + a^{-2}(d^2 e^2 f^{-2} \beta^2 + d^2 f^2 e^{-2} \alpha^2 + e^2 f^2 d^{-2} x^2) \end{aligned}$$

- 1st consider **gradient in x direction**:

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial x} = -x \left(\frac{a^2 d^2 (b^2 - c^2)^2 + b^2 c^2 e^2 f^2}{a^2 b^2 c^2 d^2} \right) \stackrel{!}{=} \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = 0 \implies x = 0$$

- Same argument: $\alpha = \beta = 0$

Proof continued:

- Remaining eqs: **7 polys in 7 vars** (a, \dots, f, μ) w/ $\text{deg} \leq 11$

$$0 = abcdef - 1 ,$$

$$0 = abc\mu + a^4 b^4 def - a^4 c^4 def - b^4 c^4 def + 2a^2 b^2 c^4 def ,$$

$$0 = abc\mu - a^4 b^4 def + a^4 c^4 def - b^4 c^4 def + 2a^2 b^4 c^2 def ,$$

$$0 = abc\mu - a^4 b^4 def - a^4 c^4 def + b^4 c^4 def + 2a^4 b^2 c^2 def ,$$

$$0 = def\mu + abcd^4 e^4 - abcd^4 f^4 - abce^4 f^4 + 2abcd^2 e^2 f^4 ,$$

$$0 = def\mu - abcd^4 e^4 + abcd^4 f^4 - abce^4 f^4 + 2abcd^2 e^4 f^2 ,$$

$$0 = def\mu - abcd^4 e^4 - abcd^4 f^4 + abce^4 f^4 + 2abcd^4 e^2 f^2 .$$

- Result of simple (< 1 sec) **computer-based Gröbner basis computation** (e.g. using Mathematica):

$$a = b = c = d = e = f = -\mu = 1$$

(only soln w/ $a, \dots, f \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$)

- This **proves** that $g = g_{can}$ if Γ contains an element of trace 2.

- **Remaining cases:** $1 \leq \ell \leq 2$ and $\text{tr } \sigma = -2$ for all non-trivial elements $\sigma \in \Gamma$
- **First** consider the case $\ell = 2$, i.e. $\Gamma \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \dots$

[Belgun, Cortés, AH, Lindemann (2017)]

Result 3 (case $\Gamma \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$)

Let g be a left-invariant Einstein metric on G that is invariant under a **non-trivial finite subgroup** $\Gamma \subset \text{Ad}(G)$ such that $\Gamma \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$. Then (G, g) is homothetic to (G, g_{can}) or (G, g_{NK}) .

Proof:

- Case 1: $\exists \sigma \in \Gamma$ s.t. $\text{tr } \sigma = 2$ (**covered by Result 2**) ✓
- Case 2: $\text{tr } \sigma = -2$ for all non-trivial elements $\sigma \in \Gamma$
- Γ -invariance \rightarrow **simplify basis change matrix** A , namely
 $u = v = w = \alpha = \beta = \gamma = 0$
- **Coord. trafo** (diffeo of $(\mathbb{R}_{>0})^6 \times \mathbb{R}^3$) to simplify polys

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 a = \sqrt{BC}, & b = \sqrt{AC}, & c = \sqrt{AB}, \\
 d = \sqrt{FE}, & e = \sqrt{DF}, & f = \sqrt{DE}, \\
 x = X\sqrt{BC}, & y = Y\sqrt{AC}, & z = Z\sqrt{AB}.
 \end{array}$$

Proof continued:

- **10 polys in 10 vars** ($A, \dots, F, X, Y, Z, \mu$) w/ $\text{deg} \leq 6$

$$0 = ABCDEF - 1,$$

$$0 = BCDEF\mu - AY^2Z^2 + DXYZ - AY^2 - AZ^2 + BZ^2 + CY^2 - A + B + C,$$

$$0 = ACDEF\mu - BX^2Z^2 + EXYZ - BZ^2 - BX^2 + CX^2 + AZ^2 + A - B + C,$$

$$0 = ABDEF\mu - CX^2Y^2 + FXYZ - CX^2 - CY^2 + AY^2 + BX^2 + A + B - C,$$

$$0 = ABCEF\mu + AXYZ - DX^2 - D + E + F,$$

$$0 = ABCDF\mu + BXYZ - EY^2 + D - E + F,$$

$$0 = ABCDE\mu + CXYZ - FZ^2 + D + E - F,$$

$$0 = -B^2XZ^2 - C^2XY^2 - B^2X - C^2X + ADYZ + BEYZ + CFYZ + 2BCX - D^2X,$$

$$0 = -C^2X^2Y - A^2YZ^2 - C^2Y - A^2Y + ADXZ + BEXZ + CFXZ + 2ACY - E^2Y,$$

$$0 = -A^2Y^2Z - B^2X^2Z - A^2Z - B^2Z + ADXY + BEXY + CFXY + 2ABZ - F^2Z.$$

- **GB computation** using computer algebra system **Magma**
(resources: compute-server w/ 24 state-of-the-art Intel Xeon E5-2643 3.40 GHz processors, 512 GB RAM)

Proof continued:

- Running time: 16.5 minutes; consumed 1.8 GB of RAM
- Output: 55 polys w/ \emptyset 78.7 terms/poly. Coeffs up to $\mathcal{O}(10^{12})$
- Real solns (w/ $a, \dots, f \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$):

counter	a	b	c	d	e	f	x	y	z	μ	S
(1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	-1	$\frac{5}{3}$
(2)	1	1	1	1	1	1	± 1	± 1	1	-1	3
(3)	1	1	1	1	1	1	± 1	∓ 1	-1	-1	3
(4)	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}$	$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	-1	3
(5)	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}$	$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\mp \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	-1	3
(6)	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}$	$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{3}}$	$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{3}}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{3}}$	$-\frac{5}{3\sqrt{3}}$	$\frac{5}{\sqrt{3}}$
(7)	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}$	$\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{3}}$	$\mp \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{3}}$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{3}}$	$-\frac{5}{3\sqrt{3}}$	$\frac{5}{\sqrt{3}}$

- Sign choices can be absorbed in initial choice of basis (**E, F**)
- 4 cases remain:** (1), (2), (4), and (6) (w/ $x, y, z \geq 0$)
- By comparing to [Nikonorov, Rodionov (2003)]: (1) = std. metric, (6) = NK metric, (2) and (4) = isometric to std. metric

- Last remaining case: $\Gamma \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$, w/ non-triv. $\sigma \in \Gamma$: $\text{tr } \sigma = -2$
- 12 polys in 12 vars $(A, \dots, F, X, Y, Z, W, C, \mu)$ w/ $\text{deg} \leq 6$

$$0 = ABCDEF - 1,$$

$$0 = -D + E + F + ABCE\mu - DX^2 + AXYZ - AWXC,$$

$$0 = D - E + F + ABCDF\mu - EW^2 - EY^2 + BXYZ - CWXC,$$

$$0 = A - B + C + ACDEF\mu + AW^2 - BW^2 - BX^2 + CX^2 - BW^2X^2 + EXYZ + AZ^2 - BZ^2 - BX^2Z^2 - FWXC,$$

$$0 = D + E - F + ABCDE\mu + CXYZ - FZ^2 - BWXC - FC^2,$$

$$0 = -A + B + C + BCDEF\mu - AW^2 + BW^2 - AY^2 + CY^2 + DXYZ - AZ^2 + BZ^2 \\ - AY^2Z^2 - DWXC + 2AWYZC - AC^2 + CC^2 - AW^2C^2,$$

$$0 = A + B - C + ABDEF\mu + BX^2 - CX^2 + AY^2 - CY^2 - CX^2Y^2 + FXYZ - EWXC + AC^2 - CC^2 - CX^2C^2$$

$$0 = -ADWX - CEWX - BFWX + A^2WYZ - A^2C + 2ACC - C^2C - F^2C - A^2W^2C - C^2X^2C,$$

$$0 = ADXY + BEXY + CFX Y - A^2Z + 2ABZ - B^2Z - F^2Z - B^2X^2Z - A^2Y^2Z + A^2WYC,$$

$$0 = -A^2Y + 2ACY - C^2Y - E^2Y - C^2X^2Y + ADXZ + BEXZ + CFXZ - A^2YZ^2 + A^2WZC,$$

$$0 = -A^2W + 2ABW - B^2W - E^2W - B^2WX^2 - ADXC - CEXC - BFXC + A^2YZC - A^2WC^2,$$

$$0 = -B^2X + 2BCX - C^2X - D^2X - B^2W^2X - C^2XY^2 + ADYZ + BEYZ + CFYZ$$

$$- B^2XZ^2 - ADWC - CEWC - BFWC - C^2XC^2.$$

- Solving (using GB techniques) apparently out of reach w/ current technology (tried, but requires > 1 **TB of RAM!**)
- Instead: managed to compute **grevlex GB** (running time **29 days!**, 78 GB of RAM)
- Output: **106 GB (!)**; **50472 polys w/ \emptyset 593 terms/poly. Coeffs up to $\mathcal{O}(10^{10})$**
- No good for solving eq-sys, but:

Result 4

The system of polynomial equations that describes left-invariant Einstein metrics on G invariant under a subgroup $\mathbb{Z}_2 \subset \text{Ad}(G)$ has a **continuous families of complex solutions**.

- Also: solved eq-sys for **fixed value of μ** ($\sim \lambda \sim S$)
- $\mu = -1$: all real solns isometric to std. metric g_{can}
- $\mu = -5/(3\sqrt{3})$: all real solns isometric to NK metric g_{NK}

Summary

- **Missing link** in classification of homogeneous compact Einstein manifolds in $d = 6$: LI Einstein metrics on $S^3 \times S^3$
- **Previous result** [Nikonorov, Rodionov (2003)]: If $U(1) \subset K$, then (G, g) is homothetic to (G, g_{can}) or (G, g_{NK}) .
- Using repn-theoretic arguments & advanced GB techniques, we **extended** this to the case where the metric is, in addition to being LI, inv. under non-triv. finite subgroup $\Gamma \subset \text{Ad}(G)$:
 - ① For $\Gamma \not\cong \mathbb{Z}_2$: (G, g) is homothetic to (G, g_{can}) or (G, g_{NK})
 - ② For $\Gamma \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$: partial results (i.p. for fixed μ ; **no new metrics**)

Open Problems

- **Fully solve** $\Gamma \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$ -case or gen. case w/out symmetry?
- Is there a **new** metric elsewhere in param. space? Properties?
- Consider **other (related) scenarios**, e.g. (partial) classific. of LI Einst. metrics on (non-cp) $SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \times SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ (w.i.p.)

Thank you for your attention.