

# Symplectic Orbifold Gromov-Witten Invariants (work in progress).

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- ▶ Our aim is to construct Gromov-Witten invariants of symplectic orbifolds.
- ▶ This was done over  $\mathbb{Q}$  by Chen and Ruan in arXiv:0103156, but we wish to define more general counts (e.g. for  $K$ -theory).
- ▶ We also wish to present Moduli spaces of holomorphic curves in terms of Global-Kuranishi Charts.
- ▶ This is part of a larger project with Ritter in which we will attempt to prove a version of the Crepant resolution conjecture relating Gromov-Witten invariants of birational orbifolds.
- ▶ There is also ongoing work by Mak, Seyfaddini and Smith for global quotient orbifolds

# Orbifolds

- ▶ We think of an *orbifold*  $X$  as a ‘manifold’, except that the charts are locally modelled on open subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  quotiented by a finite linear group action.
- ▶ So, locally, there is a coordinate chart  $V \overset{\text{open}}{\subset} \mathbb{R}^n$  together with a linear group action of a finite group  $\Gamma$  on  $V$  and a map  $V/\Gamma \rightarrow X$  which is a homeomorphism onto its image.

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- ▶ Suppose  $G$  is a compact Lie group acting on a smooth manifold  $M$  with finite stabilizers.
- ▶ Then the quotient  $X = [M/G]$  is naturally an orbifold.
- ▶ (Slice theorem): For each point  $x \in M$ , there is a  $G_x$ -equivariant submanifold  $S_x \subset M$  containing  $x$  and a  $G$ -equivariant neighborhood  $U_x \subset M$  of  $x$  so that so the following map is a  $G$ -equivariant diffeomorphism:

$$G \times_{G_x} S_x \rightarrow U_x.$$

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- ▶ After shrinking the slice  $S_x \subset M$ , we can assume that  $S_x$  has a global coordinate system with  $G_x$  acting linearly.
- ▶ Then  $(S_x, G_x)$  is our induced orbifold chart centered at  $x$ .
- ▶ The set theoretic quotient  $M/G$  is called the underlying *coarse moduli space* which we will write as  $\underline{X}$ .
- ▶ Theorem (Pardon): Every smooth orbifold is a quotient  $[M/G]$ .

# Morphisms of Orbifolds

- ▶ Let  $[M_1/G_1]$  and  $[M_2/G_2]$  be orbifolds.
- ▶ An *HS (Hilsum-Skandalis) morphism* between these orbifolds is a diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow[\text{\scriptsize } G_2\text{-equiv}]{f} & M_2 \\ \pi \downarrow \text{\scriptsize } G_1\text{-equiv} & & \\ M_1 & & \end{array}$$

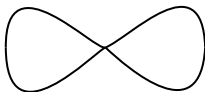
where  $P$  is a smooth manifold admitting a  $G_1 \times G_2$ -action and with  $\pi$  a principal  $G_2$ -bundle.

- ▶ Really, it is an equivalence class of such diagrams.
- ▶ Locally, there are charts  $(V_1, \Gamma_1)$ ,  $(V_2, \Gamma_2)$  and a map  $\Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Gamma_2$  and a  $\Gamma_1$ -equivariant map  $V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ .

# Symplectic Orbifold

- ▶ A *symplectic orbifold* is a smooth orbifold  $X$  together with a closed non-degenerate 2-form  $\omega$  on it.
- ▶ We can define compatible almost complex structures  $J$  on such symplectic orbifolds.
- ▶ The spaces of such  $J$ 's is contractible.
- ▶ Let us fix  $(X, \omega, J)$  and  $\beta \in H_2(\underline{X}; \mathbb{Z})$ .

- ▶ We can define a *complex orbifold* to be an orbifold with an integrable almost complex structure.
- ▶ A *twisted nodal curve*  $\Sigma$  is a space of the form  $\tilde{\Sigma}/\sim$  where  $\Sigma$  is a one dimensional complex orbifold and where  $\sim$  identifies a finite collection of distinct pairs of points  $p \sim q$  so that the following *balancing condition* holds:
  - ▶  $p$  admits an orbifold chart with coordinate  $z$  and where  $\mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}$  acts by  $(m, z) \rightarrow e^{2\pi im/k} z$  and
  - ▶  $q$  admits an orbifold chart with coordinate  $w$  where  $\mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}$  acts by  $(m, w) \rightarrow e^{-2\pi im/k} w$ .



- ▶ We call  $\tilde{\Sigma}$  the *normalization* of  $\Sigma$  and the points that we have identified are called the *nodes*.



- ▶ So, near a node, a twisted nodal curve looks like

$$\{xy = 0\}/(\mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) \subset \mathbb{C}^2/(\mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z})$$

where the group action is  $(g, (x, y)) \rightarrow (gx, g^{-1}y)$  where  $g = e^{2i\pi m/k}$ .

- ▶ The reason for the balancing condition is it allows the node to be smoothed. Locally

$$\{xy = t\}/(\mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}), \quad t \in \mathbb{C}$$

is the smoothing of the nodal curve  $t = 0$ .

- ▶ A *marking* on a twisted nodal curve  $\Sigma$  is a collection of distinct points  $p_1, \dots, p_h$  on  $\Sigma$  disjoint from the nodes and containing all the points with nontrivial stabilizers.

- ▶ We call  $\Sigma = (\Sigma, p_1, \dots, p_h)$  a *twisted nodal curve with  $h$  marked points*.
- ▶ A *twisted nodal curve*  $u : \Sigma \rightarrow X$  is an *HS-morphism* from the normalization  $\tilde{\Sigma}$  of  $\Sigma$  to  $X$  so that
  - ▶ the induced map of stabilizer groups  $G_\sigma \rightarrow G_{u(\sigma)}$  is injective for each  $\sigma \in \tilde{\Sigma}$
  - ▶ and which descends to a continuous map  $\underline{\Sigma} \rightarrow \underline{X}$  of coarse moduli spaces.
- ▶ The *genus* of  $u$  is the arithmetic genus of the underlying coarse moduli space of its domain  $\Sigma$ .

- ▶ A map  $u : \Sigma \rightarrow X$  from a twisted nodal curve is *stable* if it has finitely many automorphisms:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Sigma & \xrightarrow{u} & X \\ \phi \downarrow & \nearrow u & \\ \Sigma & & \end{array}$$

- ▶ If the domain has marked points, the the automorphism  $\phi$  must fix these marked points.
- ▶ We let  $\mathcal{M}_{g,h,\beta}(X)$  be the moduli space of stable  $J$ -holomorphic maps from genus  $g$  twisted nodal curves to  $X$  representing  $\beta$ .

- ▶ **Example:**  $M = pt$ ,  $G = \mathbb{Z}/2$ . So  $\mathcal{M}_{g,h,0}$  is the moduli space of twisted nodal curves together with a  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  principal bundle.
- ▶ See arXiv:0106211 Abramovich, Corti, Vistoli.

- ▶ We wish to put a fundamental class on  $\mathcal{M}_{g,h,\beta}(X)$  so that we can integrate pullbacks of cohomology classes from the inertia stack against it to give Gromov-Witten invariants.
- ▶ A *global Kuranishi chart* is a tuple  $(G, T, E, s)$  where  $G$  is a Lie group acting semi-freely on a manifold  $T$  and  $E$  is a  $G$ -vector bundle over  $T$  with a  $G$ -equivariant section  $s$ .
- ▶ We call  $T$  the *thickening* and  $E$  the *obstruction bundle*.
- ▶ Such a global Kuranishi chart *models*  $\mathcal{M}_{g,h,\beta}(X)$  if this moduli space is homeomorphic to  $s^{-1}(0)/G$ .

- ▶ The fundamental class is given by  $[T/G] \cap s^*(Th(E))$  where  $[T/G]$  is the fundamental class in  $G$ -equivariant homology and  $Th(E)$  is the Thom class of the obstruction bundle in  $G$ -equivariant cohomology.
- ▶ Here, we need an appropriate orientation for  $T - g$  and  $E$ .
- ▶ So, how do we construct such a global Kuranishi chart for  $\mathcal{M}_{g,h,\beta}(X)$ ?

## Genus Zero Manifold Case

- ▶ Let us start in the simpler setting where  $X$  is a smooth manifold and the genus is zero.
- ▶ The following construction is due to Abouzaid-M-Smith.
- ▶ We let  $\mathcal{F}_{h,d}$  be the moduli space of genus zero degree  $d$  curves with  $h$  marked points mapping to  $\mathbb{P}^d$  whose image is not contained in a hyperplane
- ▶ This is a smooth quasi-projective variety.
- ▶ We let  $\mathcal{C}_{h,d} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{h,d}$  be the corresponding universal curve and  $\mathcal{C}_{h,d}^\circ$  the complement of its nodes.

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- ▶ Let  $Y_{h,d} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{h,d}^o \times X$  be the vector bundle whose fiber over a point  $(p, x)$  is the space of anti-holomorphic maps from the tangent bundle of the fiber of  $\mathcal{C}_{h,d}^o$  at  $p$  to  $T_x X$ .
- ▶ A *finite dimensional approximation scheme* is a sequence  $(V_\mu, \lambda_\mu)_{\mu \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $PU(d+1)$ -equivariant maps  $\lambda_\mu : V_\mu \rightarrow C_c^\infty(Y_{h,d})$  from a  $PU(d+1)$  representation  $V_\mu$  so that the union of their images is dense,  $V_\mu \subset V_{\mu+1}$  and  $\lambda_{\mu+1}|_{V_\mu} = \lambda_\mu$  for each  $\mu$ .
- ▶ We define the *pre-thickened moduli space*  $T^{pre}$  to be the space of tuples  $(u, \phi, e)$  where  $\phi \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $u : \mathcal{C}|_\phi \rightarrow X$  is a stable map and  $e \in V_\mu$  so that

$$\bar{\partial}_J u(p) = \lambda_\mu(e)(p, u(x)), \quad \forall p \in \mathcal{C}^o|_\phi \times X$$

- ▶ The topology on this space is induced from the Hausdorff topology on graphs in  $\mathcal{C} \times X$  as well as the topology on  $V_\mu$ .



- ▶ A naive guess for the obstruction bundle is  $V_\mu$  with the section sending  $(u, \phi, e)$  to  $e$  since setting  $e = 0$  gives  $J$ -holomorphic curves.
- ▶ This would be fine if our group  $G$  is  $PGL_{\mathbb{C}}(d + 1)$  - however this does not work since  $\lambda_\mu$  cannot be made to be  $PGL_{\mathbb{C}}(d + 1)$ -equivariant.
- ▶ So we need to reduce the group  $PGL_{\mathbb{C}}(d + 1)$  to  $PU(d + 1)$ .
- ▶ First, choose a Hermitian line bundle  $L \rightarrow X$  whose curvature form  $\Omega_L$  tames  $J$ .

- ▶ A *framed curve* is a triple  $(u, \Sigma, F)$  where  $u : \Sigma \rightarrow X$  is a smooth map representing  $\beta$  and  $F = (f_0, \dots, f_d)$  is a basis of  $H^0(u^*L)$  where  $d = c_1(L)(\beta) + 1$
- ▶ The basis  $F$  induces a map

$$\phi_F : \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^d, \quad \phi_F(\sigma) = [\tau f_0(\sigma), \dots, \tau f_d(\sigma)]$$

where  $\tau$  is a trivialization  $\tau : L|_\sigma \cong \mathbb{C}$ .

- ▶ Hence we have an identification  $\psi_F : \Sigma \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{C}|_{\phi_F}$ .

- ▶ Let  $\mathcal{H}_{d+1}$  be the space of  $(d+1) \times (d+1)$  Hermitian matrices.
- ▶ We have an identification

$$\exp : \mathcal{H}_+ \xrightarrow{\cong} PGL_{d+1}(\mathbb{C})/PU(d+1).$$

- ▶ We define  $A_F := \exp^{-1} B$  where  $B$  is the matrix with  $i, j$  entry

$$\int_{\Sigma} \langle f_i, f_j \rangle \Omega_L.$$

- ▶ We define the *thickening*  $T$  to be the space of isomorphism classes of tuples  $(u, \Sigma, F, e)$  so that  $(u \circ \psi_F^{-1}, \phi_F, e) \in T^{pre}$ .
- ▶ The group  $G = PU(d+1)$  acts on  $T$  via postcomposition in  $\mathbb{P}^N$ .
- ▶ The obstruction bundle  $E$  has fiber  $\mathcal{H}_+ \times V_\mu$ .
- ▶ The section  $s$  sends  $(u, \Sigma, F, e)$  to  $(A_F, e)$ .
- ▶ So,  $(G, T, E, s)$  is our Global Kuranishi chart.

- ▶ We wish to generalize this to higher genus with  $X$  an orbifold rather than a manifold.
- ▶ There are two problems.
- ▶ The first problem is that twisted nodal curves with at least one orbifold point don't map to  $\mathbb{P}^d$ .
- ▶ The second problem is that line bundles of a given degree on a higher genus curve aren't unique.

- ▶ Let us deal with the first problem.
- ▶ We will use work of Ross and Thomas.
- ▶ Instead of looking at moduli spaces of curve mapping to projective space, we use weighted projective space
$$\mathbb{P}(w_0, \dots, w_d) = (\mathbb{C}^{d+1} - 0) / \sim,$$
$$(z_0, \dots, z_d) \sim (t^{w_0} z_0, \dots, t^{w_d} z_d) \text{ for each } t \in \mathbb{C}^*.$$

- ▶ Let  $Y$  be a complex compact orbifold with only cyclic quotient singularities
- ▶ In our case, we are only interested in one dimensional complex orbifolds corresponding to normalizations of twisted nodal curves.
- ▶ A line bundle  $L$  over  $Y$  is *locally ample* if for each  $y \in Y$ , the stabilizer of  $y$  acts faithfully on the fiber  $L|_y$ .
- ▶ It is *globally positive* if  $L^N$  is the pullback of an ample line bundle from the coarse moduli space  $\underline{Y}$  where  $N$  is the least common multiple of all the stabilizers of all the points on  $Y$ .

- ▶  $L$  is *orbi-ample* if it is locally ample and globally positive.
- ▶ Let  $n_i := |H^0(L^i)|$  for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- ▶ A  $k$ -*framing* of  $L$  is a tuple

$$(f_{ij})_{i=k, \dots, 2k, j=0, \dots, n_i}$$

where  $f_{ij}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n_i$  is a basis for  $H^0(L^i)$  for each  $i = k, \dots, 2k$ .



- ▶ Define

$$\mathbb{P}_k(L) := \mathbb{P}(k, \dots, k, k+1, \dots, k+1, \dots, 2k, \dots, 2k)$$

where there are exactly  $n_i$  copies of  $k+i$  for each  $i = 1, \dots, N$ .

- ▶ Define the map  $\phi_F : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_k(L)$  sending  $y \in Y$  to  $[\tau f_{ij}(s)]_{i=k \dots, 2k, j=0, \dots, n_i}$  where  $\tau$  is any trivialization  $\tau : L|_s \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{C}$ .
- ▶ **Theorem.** (Ross, Thomas).  $\phi_F$  is an embedding for  $k$  large if  $L$  is orbi-ample.

- ▶ Let  $(X, \omega)$  be a symplectic orbifold with compatible almost complex structure  $J$  and let  $\beta \in H_2(X; \mathbb{Z})$ .
- ▶ Choose a locally ample orbi-vector bundle  $W \rightarrow X$  (this exists by Pardon's result).
- ▶ Choose a Hermitian line bundle  $L$  on  $X$  which is a pullback from the coarse moduli space whose curvature for  $\Omega_L$  tames  $J$ .

- ▶ Abramovich and Vistoli have constructed moduli spaces of twisted nodal curves mapping to smooth DM stacks (i.e. complex orbifolds).
- ▶ For any weighted projective spaces  $\mathbb{P}$ , define  $\mathcal{F} := \mathcal{F}_{g,h,D}(\mathbb{P})$  to be the moduli space of stable twisted nodal curves  $u$  of degree at most  $D$  satisfying  $H^1(u^* \mathcal{O}(1)) = 0$  and  $u$  is automorphism free.
- ▶ This is a smooth quasi-projective variety with universal curve  $\mathcal{C} := \mathcal{C}_{g,h,D}(\mathbb{P}) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{g,h,D}(\mathbb{P})$ .

- ▶ Let  $k \gg 1$ .
- ▶ We define  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{F}}$  be the space of tuples  $(\phi, u, R)$  where
  - ▶  $\phi \in \mathcal{F}$ ,
  - ▶  $u : \mathcal{C}|_{\phi} \rightarrow X$  is a twisted nodal curve and
  - ▶  $R = (R_{ij})_{i=k \dots, 2k, j=1, \dots, n_i}$  is a  $k$ -framing of  $W_u := K_{\mathcal{C}|_{\phi}} \otimes (u^* W \otimes L^i)$ .
- ▶ The topology is the Hausdorff topology induced by graphs of  $R_{ij}$  on the coarse moduli space of  $\mathcal{C} \times W_u^{\sum_{i=k}^{2k} n_i}$ .

- ▶ Let  $\mathcal{C}^\circ \subset \mathcal{C}$  be the complement of the nodes and marked points.
- ▶ Let  $Y \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^\circ \times X$  be the vector bundle whose fiber over a point  $(p, x)$  is the space of anti-holomorphic maps from the tangent space at  $p$  of the fiber of  $\mathcal{C}^\circ$  to  $T_x X$ .
- ▶ Choose a finite dimensional approximation scheme  $(\lambda_\mu, W_\mu)_{\mu \in \mathbb{N}}$ ,  $\lambda_\mu : W_\mu \rightarrow C_c^\infty(Y)$  for  $Y$ .

- ▶ **Definition:** The *pre-thickened moduli space*  $\mathcal{T}^{pre}$  is the space of tuples  $((\phi, u, R), e) \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{F}} \times V_{\mu}$  satisfying:

$$\bar{\partial}_J u(p) = \lambda_{\mu}(e)(p, u(x)).$$

- ▶ For  $k, \mu \gg 1$ , we get have that  $\mathcal{T}^{pre}$  is a topological manifold (it has a  $C_{loc}^1$  structure, when enables us to put a smooth structure on an enlargement of it).

- ▶ For each  $((\phi, u, R), e) \in \mathcal{T}^{pre}$ , define  $L_u := K_{C|_\phi}(p_1, \dots, p_h) \otimes u^*L$  where  $K_{C|_\phi}$  is the canonical bundle.
- ▶ We define the *thickened moduli space*  $\mathcal{T}$  to be the space of tuples  $(\phi, u, R, e, F)$  where  $(\phi, u, R, e) \in \mathcal{T}^{pre}$  and  $F$  is a  $k$ -framing of  $L_u$ .
- ▶ We now need to construct the obstruction bundle.

- ▶ Define  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{T}} := \mathbb{P}_k(L_u)$  for some  $(\phi, u, R, e, F)$  in  $\mathcal{T}$  (this does not depend on the point in  $\mathcal{T}$  for  $k \gg 1$  after shrinking).
- ▶ This is the weighted projective space that our framing  $F$  maps to. So, we get a natural map  $\phi_{\mathcal{T}} : \mathcal{C}|_{\phi} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{T}}$  and hence a map  $\mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{g,h,D}(\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{T}})$ ,  $D \gg 1$ .
- ▶ Define  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{T}}^2}$  to be an appropriate moduli space of maps to  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{T}}^2$  and let  $\Delta_{\mathcal{T}}$  be the normal bundle of the diagonal map  $\mathcal{F}_{g,h,D}(\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{T}}) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{g,h,D}(\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{T}}^2)$ .
- ▶ We can pull back this diagonal bundle to  $\mathcal{T}$ . Call it  $\tilde{\Delta}_{\mathcal{T}}$ .



- ▶ Our obstruction bundle  $\mathcal{E}$  is then  $\tilde{\Delta}_{\mathcal{G}} \times \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{G}}} \times \mathcal{H}_W \times V_{\mu}$ .
- ▶ The first component tells us how far away the bundle  $\phi_F^* \mathcal{O}(1)$  is from  $L_u$ . In other words, how far apart is  $\phi$  and  $\phi_F$  (which is an element of  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathbb{P}^2_{\mathcal{G}}}$  and hence, via a metric maps to  $\tilde{\Delta}_{\mathcal{G}}$ ).
- ▶ The second component  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{G}}}$  is  $G_{\mathcal{G}}^{\mathbb{C}}/G_{\mathcal{G}}$  where  $G_{\mathcal{G}}$  is the automorphism group of our weighted projective space  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{G}}$  and  $G_{\mathcal{G}}$  is its maximal compact subgroup. It tells us how far our framing  $F$  is from being orthogonal.
- ▶ The third component  $G_W^{\mathbb{C}}/G_W$  tells us how far  $R$  is from being orthogonal. It is defined analogously. Here  $G_W$  is a product of unitary groups.
- ▶ The last component tells us how far our map  $u$  is from being holomorphic.

- ▶ **Theorem** (in progress, M-Ritter).  $(G_{\mathcal{G}} \times G_W, \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{E}, s)$  is a Global-Kuranishi chart for  $\mathcal{M}_{g,h,\beta}(X)$ . It is unique up to a series of standard operations and their inverses: stabilization, group enlargement and germ equivalence.
- ▶ The thickening also admits a  $C^1_{loc}$ -structure, which means up to stabilization, it admits a smooth structure.
- ▶ If we deform  $J$ , then we get cobordant global Kuranishi charts, which shows that our Gromov-Witten counts are in fact invariants of the symplectic form.