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Fake G2 instantons

There is a lot of interest these days in instantons on manifolds with special holonomy. Unfortunately, one lacks examples to test ideas. Recently, various efforts have produced moduli spaces of instantons on some Spin(7) and  $G_2$  manifolds. Here we produce some moduli spaces of  $G_2$  instantons on the product circle with a Calabi-Yau. Because this manifold has holonomy strictly in  $G_2$ , we call them "fake." This result is part of a joint project with Aaron Smith and Spiro Karigiannis.