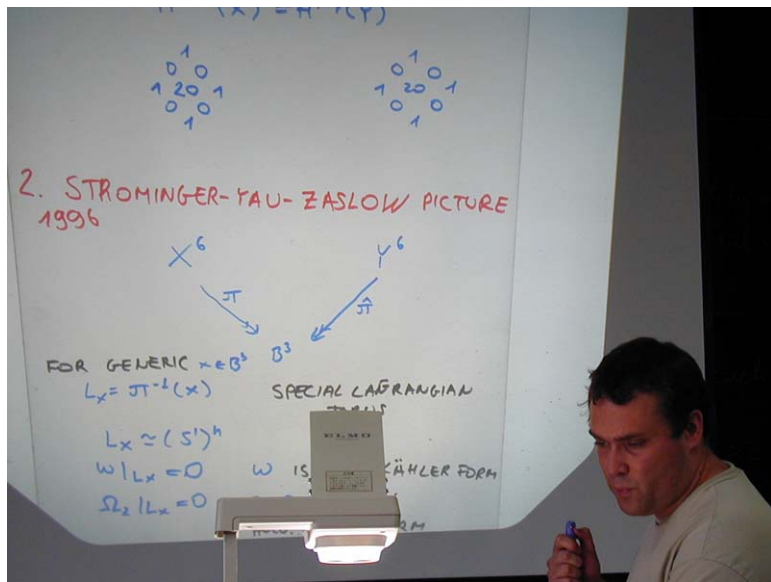


# Mirror symmetry, Langlands duality and the Hitchin system

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# Mirror Symmetry

- phenomenon first arose in various forms in string theory
- mathematical predictions (Candelas-de la Ossa-Green-Parkes 1991)
- mathematically it relates the symplectic geometry of a Calabi-Yau manifold  $X^d$  to the complex geometry of its mirror Calabi-Yau  $Y^d$
- first aspect is the *topological mirror test*  $h^{p,q}(X) = h^{d-p,q}(Y)$
- compact hyperkähler manifolds satisfy  $h^{p,q}(X) = h^{d-p,q}(X)$
- (Kontsevich 1994) suggests *homological mirror symmetry*  $\mathcal{D}^b(Fuk(X, \omega)) \cong \mathcal{D}^b(Coh(Y, I))$
- (Strominger-Yau-Zaslow 1996) suggests a geometrical construction how to obtain  $Y$  from  $X$
- many predictions of mirror symmetry have been confirmed - no general understanding yet

# Hodge diamonds of mirror Calabi-Yaus

Fermat quintic  $X$

		1		
	0		0	
0		1		0
1	101		101	1
0		1		0
	0		0	
		1		

$\hat{X} := X/(\mathbb{Z}_5)^3$

		1		
	0		0	
0		101		0
1	1		1	1
0		101		0
	0		0	
		1		

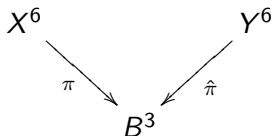
K3 surface  $X$

		1		
	0		0	
1		20		1
	0		0	
		1		

$\hat{X}$  mirror K3

		1		
	0		0	
1		20		1
	0		0	
		1		

- $X$  CY 3-fold
- $Y$  mirror CY 3-fold
- $B$  is 3-dimensional real manifold - mostly  $S^3$



- $\pi$  and  $\hat{\pi}$  are special Lagrangian fibrations
- for generic  $x \in B^3$   
 $L_x = \pi^{-1}(x) \cong T^3$  and  $\hat{L}_x = \hat{\pi}^{-1}(x) \cong T^3$  are dual special Lagrangian tori
- generically  $Y^6$  can be thought of as the moduli space of flat  $U(1)$  connections on a generic fiber  $L_x$  (a.k.a. *D-branes*)

# Langlands duality

- the Langlands program aims to describe  $\mathrm{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$  via representation theory
- $G$  reductive group,  ${}^L G$  its Langlands dual
- e.g.  ${}^L \mathrm{GL}_n = \mathrm{GL}_n$ ;  ${}^L \mathrm{SL}_n = \mathrm{PGL}_n$ ,  ${}^L \mathrm{PGL}_n = \mathrm{SL}_n$
- [Langlands 1967] conjectures that
$$\{\text{homs } \mathrm{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow G(\mathbb{C})\} \leftrightarrow \{\text{automorphic reps of } {}^L G(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})\}$$
- $G = \mathrm{GL}_1 \leadsto$  class field theory  
 $G = \mathrm{GL}_2 \leadsto$  Shimura-Taniyama-Weil
- function field version: replace  $\mathbb{Q}$  with  $\mathbb{F}_q(X)$ , where  $X/\mathbb{F}_q$  is algebraic curve
- [Ngô, 2008] proves fundamental lemma for  $\mathbb{F}_q(X) \leadsto \mathrm{FL}$  for  $\mathbb{Q}$
- geometric version: replace  $\mathbb{F}_q(X)$  with  $\mathbb{C}(X)$  for  $X/\mathbb{C}$
- [Laumon 1987, Beilinson–Drinfeld 1995]  
Geometric Langlands conjecture
$$\{G\text{-local systems on } X\} \leftrightarrow \{\text{Hecke eigensheaves on } \mathrm{Bun}_{{}^L G}(X)\}$$
- [Kapustin–Witten 2006] deduces this from reduction of S-duality (electro-magnetic duality) in  $N = 4$  SUSY YM in  $4d$

- Hamiltonian system:  $(X^{2d}, \omega)$  symplectic manifold  
 $H : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  Hamiltonian function  $X_H$  Hamiltonian vector field  
( $dH = \omega(X_H, \cdot)$ )
- $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a *first integral* if  $X_H f = \omega(X_f, X_H) = 0$
- the Hamiltonian system is *completely integrable* if there is  
 $f = (H = f_1, \dots, f_d) : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  generic such that  
 $\omega(X_{f_i}, X_{f_j}) = 0$
- the generic fibre of  $f$  has an action of  $\mathbb{R}^d = \langle X_{f_1}, \dots, X_{f_d} \rangle \curvearrowright$   
when  $f$  is proper generic fibre is a torus  $(S^1)^d$
- examples include: Euler and Kovalevskaya tops and the spherical pendulum
- algebraic version when replacing  $\mathbb{R}$  by  $\mathbb{C} \curvearrowright$  many examples  
can be formulated as a version of the *Hitchin system*
- a Hitchin system is associated to a complex curve  $C$  and a  
complex reductive group  $G$
- it arose in the study [Hitchin 1987] of the 2-dimensional  
reduction of the Yang-Mills equations

# Topological mirror tests

- In these lectures we will discuss the mirror symmetry proposal of [Hausel–Thaddeus 2003]:

"Hitchin systems for Langlands dual groups satisfy Strominger-Yau-Zaslow, so could be considered mirror symmetric; in particular they should satisfy the *topological mirror tests*:"

- $$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{M}_{\text{DR}}^d(\text{SL}_n) & & \mathcal{M}_{\text{DR}}^e(\text{PGL}_n) \\ & \searrow \check{x} \quad \swarrow \hat{x} & \\ & \mathcal{A}^0 & \end{array}$$

Conjecture (Hausel–Thaddeus 2003, "Topological mirror test")

For all  $d, e \in \mathbb{Z}$ , satisfying  $(d, n) = (e, n) = 1$ , we have

$$E_{\text{st}}^{B^e} \left( \mathcal{M}_{\text{DR}}^d(\text{SL}_n); x, y \right) = E_{\text{st}}^{\hat{B}^d} \left( \mathcal{M}_{\text{DR}}^e(\text{PGL}_n); x, y \right).$$



- $C$  smooth complex projective curve of genus  $g > 1$
- fix integers  $n > 0$  and  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$  always assume  $(d, n) = 1$ .
- $\mathcal{N}^d :=$  moduli space of isomorphism classes of semi-stable rank  $n$  degree  $d$  vector bundles on  $C$
- constructed using geometric invariant theory (GIT) or gauge theory
- vector bundle  $E$  is called *semi-stable* (*stable*) if every proper subbundle  $F$  satisfies

$$\mu(F) = \frac{\deg(F)}{\mathrm{rk}(F)} \stackrel{(<)}{\leq} \mu(E) = \frac{\deg(E)}{\mathrm{rk}(E)}$$

- when  $(d, n) = 1$  semi-stability  $\Leftrightarrow$  stability  $\leadsto$   
 $\mathcal{N}^d$  is a non-singular projective fine moduli space

- $\det : \mathcal{N}^d \rightarrow \mathrm{Jac}^d(C)$   
 $[E] \mapsto \Lambda^n(E)$
- fix  $\Lambda \in \mathrm{Jac}^d(C)$  and let  $\check{\mathcal{N}}^\Lambda := \det^{-1}(\Lambda) \subset \mathcal{N}^d$   
the moduli space of (twisted)  $\mathrm{SL}_n$  bundles on  $C$
- $\check{\mathcal{N}}^\Lambda$  does not depend on the choice of  $\Lambda \in \mathrm{Jac}^d(C)$  just write  
 $\check{\mathcal{N}}^d := \check{\mathcal{N}}^\Lambda$
- when  $(d, n) = 1 \leadsto \check{\mathcal{N}}^d$  is non-singular and projective
- $\mathrm{Pic}^0(C) = \mathrm{Jac}^0(C)$  acts on  $\mathcal{N}^d$  via  $(L, E) \mapsto L \otimes E$ . define

$$\hat{\mathcal{N}}^d := \mathcal{N}^d / \mathrm{Pic}^0(C)$$

the moduli space of degree  $d$   $\mathrm{PGL}_n$  bundles on  $C$

- $\Gamma := \mathrm{Pic}^0(C)[n] \cong \mathbb{Z}_n^{2g} \subset \mathrm{Pic}^0(C)$  acts on  $\hat{\mathcal{N}}^d$  and clearly  
 $\hat{\mathcal{N}}^d = \check{\mathcal{N}}^d / \Gamma \leadsto \hat{\mathcal{N}}^d$  is a projective orbifold.

- The cohomologies  $H^*(\mathcal{N}^d)$ ,  $H^*(\check{\mathcal{N}}^d)$  and  $H^*(\hat{\mathcal{N}}^d)$  are well understood.
- [Harder–Narasimhan 1975] obtained recursive formulae for  $\#\mathcal{N}(\mathbb{F}_q) \leadsto$  formula for Betti numbers via the Weil conjectures [Deligne 1974]
- [Atiyah–Bott 1981] gave different gauge-theoretic proof

## Theorem (Harder–Narasimhan, 1975)

*The finite group  $\Gamma$  acts trivially on  $H^*(\check{\mathcal{N}}^d)$ .  
In particular  $H^*(\check{\mathcal{N}}^d) \cong H^*(\hat{\mathcal{N}}^d)$ .*

- proof by showing  $\#\check{\mathcal{N}}^d(\mathbb{F}_q) = \#\hat{\mathcal{N}}^d(\mathbb{F}_q)$
- [Hitchin, 1987]  $\Rightarrow$  false for moduli space of  $\mathrm{SL}_2$  Higgs bundles  $\leadsto$  non-triviality of our topological mirror tests

# The Hitchin map - $\mathrm{GL}_n$

- $T^*\mathcal{N}$  is a (non-projective) algebraic symplectic variety
- the ring  $\mathbb{C}[T^*\mathcal{N}]$  is known to be finitely-generated
- the affinization of  $T^*\mathcal{N}$  gives the  $\mathrm{GL}_n$  *Hitchin map*.

$$\chi : T^*\mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{A} := \mathrm{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[T^*\mathcal{N}])$$

- deformation theory  $\leadsto T_{[E]}\mathcal{N} = H^1(C, \mathrm{End}(E))$   
Serre duality  $\Rightarrow T_{[E]}^*\mathcal{N} = H^0(C, \mathrm{End}(E) \otimes K)$
- $\phi \in H^0(C, \mathrm{End}(E) \otimes K)$  is a *Higgs field*  
locally "a matrix of one-forms on the curve"
- let  $(E, \phi) \in T^*\mathcal{N}$  its characteristic polynomial  
 $\chi(\phi) = t^n + a_1 t^{n-1} + \dots + a_n$  where  $a_i \in H^0(K^n)$
- $$\begin{array}{ccc} \chi : T^*\mathcal{N} & \rightarrow & \mathcal{A} := \bigoplus_{i=1}^n H^0(K^i) \\ (E, \phi) & \mapsto & (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \end{array}$$
- The affine space  $\mathcal{A}$  is called the *Hitchin base*.

- for  $\mathrm{SL}_n$

$$T_{[E]}^* \check{\mathcal{N}}^d = H^0(\mathrm{End}_0(E) \otimes K)$$

that is, a covector at  $E$  is given by a *trace free* Higgs field.

- the  $\mathrm{SL}_n$  Hitchin base is

$$\check{\mathcal{A}} = \mathcal{A}^0 := \bigoplus_{i=2}^n H^0(C, K^i).$$

- the  $\mathrm{SL}_n$  Hitchin map

$$\check{\chi} : T^* \check{\mathcal{N}}^d \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^0.$$

- the action of  $\Gamma = \mathrm{Pic}^0(C)[n]$  on  $T^* \check{\mathcal{N}}$  is along the fibers of  $\check{\chi}$   
 $\Rightarrow \check{\chi}$  descends to the quotient
- the  $\mathrm{PGL}_n$  Hitchin map:

$$\hat{\chi} : (T^* \check{\mathcal{N}})/\Gamma \rightarrow \hat{\mathcal{A}} = \mathcal{A}^0.$$

# The Hitchin map is an integrable system

- recall that  $T^*\mathcal{N}$  is an algebraic symplectic variety
- with canonical Liouville symplectic structure
- as the Hitchin map only depends on the cotangent direction  
 $\leadsto$

## Theorem (Hitchin, 1987)

- $\omega(X_{\chi_i}, X_{\chi_j}) = 0$  for any two  $\chi_i, \chi_j \in \mathbb{C}[T^*\mathcal{N}]$  coordinate functions.
- $\dim(\mathcal{A}) = \dim(\mathcal{N}) = \dim(T^*\mathcal{N})/2$
- *generic fibres of  $\chi$  are open subsets of abelian varieties*

$\leadsto \chi$  is an algebraically completely integrable Hamiltonian system.

- Need to projectivize  $\chi$  to complete the generic fibres to abelian varieties (compact tori)

# Proper Hitchin map

- $(E, \phi) \in T^*\mathcal{N} \rightsquigarrow E$  is stable; to projectivize  $\chi$  we need to allow  $E$  to become unstable.
- A *Higgs bundle* is a pair  $(E, \phi)$  where  $E$  is a vector bundle on  $C$  and  $\phi \in H^0(C, \text{End}(E) \otimes K)$  is a *Higgs field*.
- a Higgs bundle  $(E, \phi)$  is *(semi-)stable* if for every  $\phi$ -invariant proper subbundle  $F$  we have  $\mu(F) \stackrel{(\leq)}{<} \mu(E)$
- $\mathcal{M}^d$  the moduli space of (semi-)stable Higgs bundles, a non-singular quasi-projective and symplectic variety, containing  $T^*\mathcal{N} \subset \mathcal{M}^d$  as an open dense subvariety
- extend  $\chi : \mathcal{M}^d \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  in the obvious way

Theorem (Hitchin 1987, Nitsure 1991, Faltings 1993)

*$\chi$  is a proper algebraically completely integrable Hamiltonian system. Its generic fibres are abelian varieties.*

- as  $\dim(\mathcal{M}^d \setminus T^*\mathcal{N}^d) \geq 2 \Rightarrow \mathbb{C}[\mathcal{M}^d] \cong \mathbb{C}[T^*\mathcal{N}^d] \Rightarrow$  thus  
by the Theorem  
 $\mathcal{A} \cong \text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[\mathcal{M}^d]) \cong \text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[T^*\mathcal{N}^d])$

- fix  $\Lambda \in \text{Jac}^d(C)$
- $E$  vector bundle on  $C$  with determinant  $\Lambda$
- $\phi \in H^0(\text{End}_0(E) \otimes K)$  is trace-free Higgs field
- then  $(E, \phi)$  is an  $SL_n$ -Higgs bundle
- $\check{\mathcal{M}}^\Lambda \subset \mathcal{M}^d$  moduli space of (semi-)stable  $SL_n$ -Higgs bundles
- $\check{\mathcal{M}}^\Lambda$  is independent of  $\Lambda$  denote  $\check{\mathcal{M}}^d := \check{\mathcal{M}}^\Lambda$
- $\check{\mathcal{M}}^d$  is a non-singular quasi-projective and symplectic variety
- characteristic polynomial of  $\phi$  gives  $SL_n$ -Hitchin system

$$\check{\chi} : \check{\mathcal{M}}^d \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^0 := \bigoplus_{i=2}^n H^0(C; K^i)$$

- $\check{\chi}$  is proper and a completely integrable system



- $T^* \mathrm{Pic}^0(C) = \mathrm{Pic}^0(C) \times H^0(C, K)$  is a group; it acts on  $\mathcal{M}^d$  by  $(L, \varphi)(E, \phi) \mapsto (L \otimes E, \varphi + \phi)$
- $\leadsto$  action of  $\Gamma = \mathrm{Pic}^0[n]$  on  $\check{\mathcal{M}}^d$
- $\hat{\mathcal{M}}^d = \mathcal{M}^d / T^* \mathrm{Pic}^0(C) \cong \chi^{-1}(\mathcal{A}^0) / \mathrm{Pic}^0(C) \cong \check{\mathcal{M}} / \Gamma$
- $\hat{\mathcal{M}}^d$ , the  $\mathrm{PGL}_n$  *Higgs moduli space*, is an orbifold
- the  $\Gamma$  action is along the fibers of  $\check{\chi} \leadsto \mathrm{PGL}_n$  *Hitchin map*

$$\hat{\chi} : \hat{\mathcal{M}}^d = \check{\mathcal{M}}^d / \Gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^0$$

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} \check{\mathcal{M}}^d & & \hat{\mathcal{M}}^e \\ & \searrow \check{\chi} & \swarrow \hat{\chi} \\ & \mathcal{A}^0 & \end{array}$$

- will show generic fibers are dual Abelian varieties; which are complex Lagrangian due to integrable system
- changing complex structure will lead to special Lagrangian fibrations; and so to SYZ

- let  $(E, \phi)$  be a Higgs bundle such that  $\chi(\phi) = a \in \mathcal{A}$  has the form

$$a = t^n + a_1 t^{n-1} + \cdots + a_n,$$

where  $a_i \in H^0(K^i)$ .

- What should be the spectrum of the Higgs field  $\phi$ ?
- at  $p \in C$  the Higgs field  $\phi_p : E_p \rightarrow E_p \otimes K_p$
- eigenvalue  $\nu_p$  of  $\phi_p$  satisfies  $\exists v \in E_p - 0 : \phi_p(v) = \nu_p v$ .  $\leadsto$  must have  $\nu_p \in K_p$
- let  $X$  denote the total space of  $K$  then  $C_a := \cup_{p \in C} \nu_p^i \subset X$ , the set of all eigenvalues of the Higgs field  $\leadsto$  *spectral curve*
- scheme structure on  $C_a$ ?
- tautological section  $\lambda \in H^0(X, \pi^* K)$  satisfying  $\lambda(x) = x$
- $s_a := \lambda^n + a_1 \lambda^{n-1} + \cdots + a_n \in H^0(X, \pi^* K^n)$
- $C_a := s_a^{-1}(0) \subset X$  spectral curve  
 $\pi_a : C_a \rightarrow C$  spectral cover of degree  $n$

# Generic fibres of the Hitchin map

- assume  $C_a$  is smooth  $\Leftrightarrow a \in \mathcal{A}_{reg}$ ;  $(E, \phi) \in \chi^{-1}(a) =: \mathcal{M}_a$
- if  $\nu_p \in C_a \subset X$  then  $L_{\nu_p} \subset \pi_a^*(E)$   $\nu_p$ -eigenspace in  $E_p \leadsto L \subset \pi_a^*(E)$  subsheaf rank 1  $\leadsto$  invertible as  $C_a$  is smooth
- $\leadsto L \in \text{Jac}(C_a)$  is a line bundle on  $C_a$  such that  $\pi_*(L) = E \otimes \det(\pi_*(\mathcal{O}_{C_a}))$  (eigenspace decomposition of  $\phi$ )
- starting with a line bundle  $L \in \text{Jac}^d(C_a)$  we construct  $E = \pi_*(L) \otimes \det(\pi_*(\mathcal{O}_{C_a}))^{-1}$  rank  $n$  degree  $d$  torsion free  $\leadsto$  locally free and Higgs field  $\phi := \pi_*(\lambda)$ :  
 $\pi_*(L) \otimes \det(\pi_*(\mathcal{O}_{C_a}))^{-1} \rightarrow \pi_*(L) \otimes \det(\pi_*(\mathcal{O}_{C_a}))^{-1} \otimes K$   
pushing forward the tautological map  $\lambda : L \rightarrow L \otimes \pi^*(K)$
- by definition  $\lambda$  solves the characteristic polynomial  $a$  on  $C_a \leadsto$  so will  $\phi \leadsto$  by Cayley-Hamilton  $\chi(\phi) = a$
- the spectral curve of a proper Higgs subbundle of  $(E, \phi) = (\pi_*(L) \otimes \det(\pi_*(\mathcal{O}_{C_a}))^{-1}, \pi_*(\lambda))$  would be a 1-dimensional proper subscheme of  $C_a \Rightarrow (E, \phi)$  is stable

Theorem (Hitchin 1987, Beauville-Narasimhan-Ramanan 1989)

For  $a \in \mathcal{A}_{reg}$  we have  $\mathcal{M}_a^d \cong \text{Jac}^d(C_a)$ .

# Generic fibers for $\mathrm{SL}_n$ and $\mathrm{PGL}_n$ -Hitchin map

- recall  $(E, \phi)$   $\mathrm{SL}_n$ -Higgs bundle if  $\mathrm{tr}(\phi) = 0$  and  $\det(E) = \Lambda$
- define  $\mathrm{Prym}^d(C) \subset \mathrm{Jac}^d(C_a)$  by

$$L \in \mathrm{Prym}^d(C_a) \Leftrightarrow \det \pi_*(L) \otimes \det(\pi_*(\mathcal{O}_{C_a}))^{-1} = \Lambda$$

- if  $a \in \mathcal{A}_{reg}^0$  the  $\mathrm{SL}_n$ -Hitchin fibre satisfies

$$\check{\mathcal{M}}_a := \check{\chi}^{-1}(a) \cong \mathrm{Prym}^d(C_a).$$

- for  $\mathrm{PGL}_n$  we have  $\hat{\mathcal{M}}_a := \hat{\chi}^{-1}(a) \cong \check{\mathcal{M}}_a/\Gamma \cong \mathrm{Prym}^d(C_a)/\Gamma$  makes sense since for  $L_\gamma \in \mathrm{Pic}(C)[n]$  we have  $\det(\pi_*(\pi^*(L_\gamma) \otimes L)) = \det(L_\gamma \otimes \pi_*(L)) = L_\gamma^n \otimes \det(\pi_* L) = \det(\pi_* L)$ .
- alternatively  $\hat{\mathcal{M}}_a = \mathcal{M}_a/\mathrm{Pic}^0(C) \cong \mathrm{Jac}^d(C_a)/\mathrm{Pic}^0(C)$
- where  $\mathrm{Pic}^0(C)$  acts on  $\mathrm{Jac}^d(C_a)$  via the homomorphism  $\pi_a^* : \mathrm{Pic}^0(C) \rightarrow \mathrm{Pic}^0(C_a)$

# Symmetries of the $\mathrm{GL}_n$ and $\mathrm{PGL}_n$ Hitchin fibration

- for  $\mathrm{GL}_n$ : fix  $a \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{reg}}$
- tensor product gives a simply transitive action of  $\mathrm{Pic}^0(C_a)$  on  $\mathrm{Jac}^d(C_a)$
- $\leadsto \mathcal{M}_a$  is a torsor for  $P_a := \mathrm{Pic}^0(C_a)$
- for  $\mathrm{PGL}_n$ : fix  $a \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{reg}}^0$

$$\hat{\mathcal{M}}_a = \mathcal{M}_a / \mathrm{Pic}^0(C)$$

is a torsor for the quotient  $\hat{P}_a := P_a / \mathrm{Pic}^0(C)$  abelian variety

# Symmetries of the $SL_n$ Hitchin fibration

- recall the spectral cover map  $\pi : C_a \rightarrow C$
- for an abelian variety  $A$  the dual  $\hat{A} := \text{Pic}^0(A)$

## Definition

For  $a \in \mathcal{A}_{reg}^0$  the *norm map*  $Nm_{C_a/C} : \text{Pic}^0(C_a) \rightarrow \text{Pic}^0(C)$  is defined in any of the following three equivalent ways:

- 1  $D$  divisor on  $C_a$ ,  $Nm_{C_a/C}(\mathcal{O}(D)) = \mathcal{O}(\pi_* D)$
- 2 For  $L \in \text{Pic}^0(C_a)$  define  
$$Nm_{C_a/C}(L) = \det(\pi_*(L)) \otimes \det^{-1}(\pi_* \mathcal{O}_{C_a}).$$
- 3 the norm map is the dual of the pull-back map  
 $\pi_a^* : \text{Pic}^0(C) \rightarrow \text{Pic}^0(C_a)$ , that is  
$$Nm_{C_a/C} = \check{\pi} : \text{Pic}^0(C_a) \cong \check{\text{Pic}}^0(C_a) \rightarrow \check{\text{Pic}}^0(C) \simeq \text{Pic}^0(C).$$

- the Prym variety  $\text{Prym}^0(C_a) := \ker(Nm_{C_a/C})$  acts on  $\text{Prym}^d(C_a) = \check{\mathcal{M}}_a \rightsquigarrow \check{\mathcal{M}}_a$  is a torsor for  $\check{P}_a := \text{Prym}^0(C_a)$ .
- for  $\text{PGL}_n$ :  $\hat{\mathcal{M}}_a$  is a torsor for  $\hat{P}_a = \text{Pic}^0(C_a)/\text{Pic}^0(C) \cong \text{Prym}^0(C_a)/\Gamma \cong \check{P}_a/\Gamma$

# Duality of the Hitchin fibres

- short exact sequence of abelian varieties:

$$0 \rightarrow \mathrm{Prym}^0(C_a) \hookrightarrow \mathrm{Pic}^0(C_a) \xrightarrow{\mathrm{Nm}_{C_a/C}} \mathrm{Pic}(C) \rightarrow 0$$

- the dual sequence is

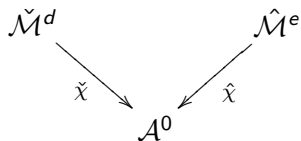
$$0 \leftarrow \check{\mathrm{Prym}}^0(C_a) \leftarrow \mathrm{Pic}^0(C_a) \xleftarrow{\pi^*} \mathrm{Pic}(C) \leftarrow 0 ,$$

- $\leadsto \check{P}_a = \mathrm{Pic}^0(C_a)/\mathrm{Pic}(C) = \hat{P}_a, \Rightarrow \check{P}_a$  and  $\hat{P}_a$  are dual abelian varieties

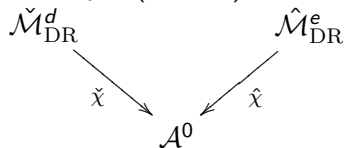
## Theorem (Hausel-Thaddeus, 2003)

*For a regular  $a \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{reg}}^0$   $\check{\mathcal{M}}_a$  and  $\hat{\mathcal{M}}_a$  are torsors for dual Abelian varieties (namely  $\check{P}_a$  and  $\hat{P}_a$ ).*

# Strominger-Yau-Zaslow for $\check{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{DR}}$ and $\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{DR}}$



- generic fibers are torsors for dual Abelian varieties
- as  $\check{\chi}$  and  $\hat{\chi}$  are integrable systems  $\Rightarrow$  the fibers are complex Lagrangian (i.e.  $\omega^c = \omega_J + i\omega_K$  is zero on the fibers)
- [Hitchin, 1987] shows that  $\check{\mathcal{M}}$  is hyperkähler and  $(\check{\mathcal{M}}, J)$  is the moduli space  $\check{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{DR}}$  of (twisted) flat  $\text{SL}_n$ -connections on  $C$



- the fibers of  $\check{\chi}$  on  $\check{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{DR}}$  now are special Lagrangian because both  $\omega_J$  and  $\text{Im}((\omega_K + i\omega_I)^{2d})$  restrict to zero on the fibers
- Strominger-Yau-Zaslow is satisfied for  $\check{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{DR}}$  and  $\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{DR}}$ !



- (Deligne 1972) constructs weight filtration  
 $W_0 \subset \cdots \subset W_k \subset \cdots \subset W_{2d} = H_c^d(X; \mathbb{Q})$  for any complex algebraic variety  $X$ , plus a pure Hodge structure on  $W_k/W_{k-1}$  of weight  $k$
- we say that the weight filtration is *pure* when  
 $W_k/W_{k-1}(H_c^i(X)) \neq 0 \Rightarrow k = i$ ; examples include smooth projective varieties,  $\hat{\mathcal{M}}^d$  and  $\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{DR}}^d$
- define  $E(X; x, y) := \sum_{i,j,d} (-1)^d x^i y^j h^{i,j} (W_k/W_{k-1}(H_c^d(X, \mathbb{C})))$
- basic properties:  
 additive - if  $X_i \subset X$  locally closed s.t.  $\dot{\cup} X_i = X$  then  
 $E(X; x, y) = \sum E(X_i; x, y)$   
 multiplicative -  $F \rightarrow E \rightarrow B$  locally trivial in the Zariski topology  $E(E; x, y) = E(B; x, y)E(F; x, y)$
- when weight filtration is pure then  
 $E(X; -x, -y) = \sum_{p,q} h^{p,q}(H_c^{p+q}(X)) x^p y^q$  is the Hodge  
 $E(X; t, t)$  is the Poincaré polynomial

# Stringy E-polynomials

- let finite group  $\Gamma$  act on a non-singular complex variety  $M$
- $E_{st}(M/\Gamma; x, y) := \sum_{[\gamma] \in [\Gamma]} E(M_\gamma/C(\gamma); x, y)(xy)^{F(\gamma)}$   
*stringy E-polynomial*
- $F(\gamma)$  is the fermionic shift, defined as  $F(\gamma) = \sum w_i$ , where  $\gamma$  acts on  $TX|_{X_\gamma}$  with eigenvalues  $e^{2\pi i w_i}$ ,  $w_i \in [0, 1)$
- $F(\gamma)$  is an integer when  $M$  is CY and  $\Gamma$  acts trivially on  $K_M$
- motivating property [Kontsevich 1995] if  $f : X \rightarrow M/\Gamma$  crepant resolution  $\Leftrightarrow K_X = f^* K_{M/\Gamma}$  then  
 $E(X; x, y) = E_{st}(M/\Gamma; x, y)$
- if  $B$  is a  $\Gamma$ -equivariant flat  $U(1)$ -gerbe on  $M$ , then on each  $\mathcal{M}_\gamma$  we get an automorphism of  $B|_{\mathcal{M}_\gamma} \leadsto C(\gamma)$ -equivariant local system  $L_{B,\gamma}$
- we can define  
 $E_{st}^B(M/\Gamma; x, y) := \sum_{[\gamma] \in [\Gamma]} E(M_\gamma, L_{B,\gamma}; x, y)^{C(\gamma)}(xy)^{F(\gamma)}$   
*stringy E-polynomial twisted by a gerbe*

# Topological mirror symmetry conjecture - unravelled

Conjecture (Hausel–Thaddeus, 2003)

$(d, n) = (e, n) = 1$ ;  $\hat{B}$  the canonical  $\Gamma$ -equivariant gerbe on  $\check{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{DR}}^e$

$$E(\check{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{DR}}^d) = E_{st}^{\hat{B}^e}(\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{DR}}^e) \Leftrightarrow E(\check{\mathcal{M}}^d) = E_{st}^{\hat{B}^e}(\hat{\mathcal{M}}^e)$$

- Theorem for  $n = 2, 3$  using [Hitchin 1987] and [Gothen 1994].
- as  $\Gamma$  acts on  $H^*(\check{\mathcal{M}}^d)$  we have  $\leadsto$   
 $H^*(\check{\mathcal{M}}^d) \cong \bigoplus_{\kappa \in \hat{\Gamma}} H_{\kappa}^*(\check{\mathcal{M}}^d) \leadsto$

$$E(\check{\mathcal{M}}^d) = \sum_{\kappa \in \hat{\Gamma}} E_{\kappa}(\check{\mathcal{M}}^d) = E_0(\check{\mathcal{M}}^d) + \overbrace{\sum_{\kappa \in \hat{\Gamma}^*} E_{\kappa}(\check{\mathcal{M}}^d)}^{\text{variant}}$$

$$E_{st}^{B^d}(\hat{\mathcal{M}}^e) = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} E(\check{\mathcal{M}}_{\gamma}^e, L_{B, \gamma})^{\Gamma} \stackrel{\parallel}{=} E(\check{\mathcal{M}}^d)^{\Gamma} + \underbrace{\sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma^*} E(\check{\mathcal{M}}_{\gamma}^d / \Gamma, L_{B^d, \gamma})}_{\text{stringy}}$$

- $\Gamma \cong H^1(C, \mathbb{Z}_n)$  and wedge product induces  $w : \Gamma \cong \hat{\Gamma}$
- refined Topological Mirror Test for  $w(\gamma) = \kappa$ :

$$E_{\kappa}(\check{\mathcal{M}}^d) = E(\check{\mathcal{M}}_{\gamma}^d / \Gamma, L_{B, \gamma})$$

# Example $SL_2$

- fix  $n = 2$   $d = 1$
- $\mathbb{T} := \mathbb{C}^\times$  acts on  $\check{\mathcal{M}}$  by  $\lambda \cdot (E, \phi) \mapsto (E, \lambda \cdot \phi) \overset{\text{Morse}}{\leadsto}$

$$H^*(\check{\mathcal{M}}) = \bigoplus_{F_i \subset \check{\mathcal{M}}^\mathbb{T}} H^{*+\mu_i}(F_i) \quad \text{as } \Gamma\text{-modules}$$

- $F_0 = \check{\mathcal{N}}$  where  $\phi = 0$ ; then [Harder–Narasimhan 1975]  $\Rightarrow$   
 $H^*(F_0)$  is trivial  $\Gamma$ -module
- for  $i = 1, \dots, g-1$

$$F_i = \{(E, \phi) \mid E \cong L_1 \oplus L_2, \phi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \varphi & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \varphi \in H^0(L_1^{-1} L_2 K)\}$$

$\leadsto F_i \rightarrow S^{2g-2i-1}(C)$  Galois cover with Galois group  $\Gamma$

## Theorem (Hitchin 1987)

*The  $\Gamma$  action on  $H^*(F_i)$  is only non-trivial in the middle degree  $2g - 2i - 1$ . For  $\kappa \in \hat{\Gamma}^*$  we have*

$$\dim H_{\kappa}^{2g-2i-1}(F_i) = \binom{2g-2}{2g-2i-1}.$$

# Example $\mathrm{PGL}_2$

- $\gamma \in \Gamma = \mathrm{Pic}^0(C)[2] \leadsto C_\gamma \xrightarrow{2:1} C$  with Galois group  $\mathbb{Z}_2$

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$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{M}(\mathrm{GL}_1, C_\gamma) \cong T^* \mathrm{Jac}^d(C_\gamma) & \xrightarrow{\text{push-forward}} & \mathcal{M}^d \supset \check{\mathcal{M}}^d \\
 \parallel & & \downarrow \det \\
 T^* \mathrm{Jac}^d(C_\gamma) & \xrightarrow{N_m(C_\gamma/C)} & T^* \mathrm{Jac}^d(C) \ni (\Lambda, 0)
 \end{array}$$

- let  $\check{\mathcal{M}}(\mathrm{GL}_1, C_\gamma) := N_m(C_\gamma/C)^{-1}(\Lambda, 0)$  endoscopic  $H_\gamma$ -Higgs moduli space
- after [Narasimhan–Ramanan, 1975]  
 $\check{\mathcal{M}}_\gamma = \check{\mathcal{M}}(\mathrm{GL}_1, C_\gamma)/\mathbb{Z}_2 \cong T^* \mathrm{Prym}^d(C_\gamma/C)$
- can calculate  $\dim H^{2g-2i+1}(\check{\mathcal{M}}_\gamma/\Gamma, L_{\hat{B}, \gamma}) = \binom{2g-2}{2g-2i-1}$   
 and 0 otherwise

**Theorem (Hausel–Thaddeus, 2003)**

when  $n = 2$  and  $\kappa = w(\gamma)$

$$E_\kappa(\check{\mathcal{M}}; u, v) = E(\check{\mathcal{M}}_\gamma/\Gamma; L_{B, \gamma}, u, v)$$

# Character varieties

- the  $GL_n$ -character variety:

$$\mathcal{M}_B^d := \{(A_i, B_i)_{i=1..g} \in GL_n^{2g} \mid [A_1, B_1] \dots [A_g, B_g] = \zeta_n^d I_n\} // PGL_n$$

non-singular, affine

- the  $SL_n$ -character variety:

$$\check{\mathcal{M}}_B^d := \{(A_i, B_i)_{i=1..g} \in SL_n^{2g} \mid [A_1, B_1] \dots [A_g, B_g] = \zeta_n^d I_n\} // PGL_n$$

non-singular, affine

- for  $PGL_n$  note that  $(\mathbb{C}^\times)^{2g}$  acts on  $\mathcal{M}_B^d$  and

$$\Gamma \cong (\mathbb{Z}_n)^{2g} \subset (\mathbb{C}^\times)^{2g} \text{ acts on } \check{\mathcal{M}}^d$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{M}}_B^d := \check{\mathcal{M}}_B^d / \Gamma \cong \mathcal{M}_B^d / (\mathbb{C}^\times)^{2g} \text{ is an affine orbifold}$$

## Theorem (Non-Abelian Hodge Theorem; Simpson, Corlette)

$$\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{Dol}}^d \stackrel{\text{diff}}{\cong} \hat{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{DR}} \stackrel{RH}{\cong} \hat{\mathcal{M}}_B$$

- RH is complex analytic  $\cong$ ; so SYZ satisfied by  $\check{\mathcal{M}}_B^d$  and  $\hat{\mathcal{M}}_B^d$

## Conjecture (Hausel-Villegas, 2004)

$$(d, n) = (e, n) = 1 \quad E(\check{\mathcal{M}}_B^d; u, v) = E_{st}^{\hat{B}^d}(\mathcal{M}_B^e; u, v)$$

# Arithmetic technique to calculate $E$ -polynomials

- $E$ -polynomial of a complex variety  $X$ :  
$$E(X; u, v) = \sum_{i,p,q} (-1)^i h^{p,q}(Gr_k^W H_c^i(X)) u^p v^q$$
where  $W_0 \subseteq W_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq W_i \subseteq \dots \subseteq W_{2k} = H_c^k(X)$  is the weight filtration.
- $\hat{\mathcal{M}}_B$  have a Hodge-Tate type MHS i.e.  $h^{p,q} \neq 0$  unless  $p = q$   
$$E(X; u, v) = E(X, uv) := \sum_{i,k} (-1)^i \dim(Gr_k^W H_c^i(X)) (uv)^k,$$
but the MHS is not pure, i.e  $k \neq i$  when  $h^{(k/2,k/2)} \neq 0$ .
- $X/\mathbb{Z}$  has *polynomial-count*, if  
$$E(q) = |X(\mathbb{F}_q)| \in \mathbb{Q}[q]$$
 is polynomial in  $q$ .

## Theorem (Katz, 2006)

When  $X/\mathbb{Z}$  has *polynomial-count*  $E(X/\mathbb{C}, q) = |X(\mathbb{F}_q)|$

- $\mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  over  $\mathbb{Z}$  as the subscheme  $\{xy = 1\}$  of  $\mathbb{A}^2$ . Then  
$$E(\mathbb{C}^*; q) = |(\mathbb{F}_q^*)| = q - 1$$
- since  $H_c^2(\mathbb{C}^*)$  has weight  $q$  and  $H_c^1(\mathbb{C}^*)$  has weight  $1 \rightsquigarrow$  checks with Katz

# Arithmetic harmonic analysis on $\hat{\mathcal{M}}_B$

- for any finite group  $G$ , [Frobenius 1896], ..., ..., TQFT [Freed–Quinn 1993]  $\leadsto$

$$\left| \left\{ a_1, b_1, \dots, a_g, b_g \in G \mid \prod [a_i, b_i] = z \right\} \right| = \sum_{\chi \in Irr(G)} \frac{|G|^{2g-1}}{\chi(1)^{2g-1}} \chi(z)$$

- when  $\zeta_n \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$ , i.e.  $n \mid q-1$ , we get

$$E(\mathcal{M}_B; q) \stackrel{Katz}{=} |\mathcal{M}_B^d(\mathbb{F}_q)| = (q-1) \sum_{\chi \in Irr(GL_n(\mathbb{F}_q))} \frac{|GL_n(\mathbb{F}_q)|^{2g-2}}{\chi(1)^{2g-2}} \cdot \frac{\chi(\zeta_n^d \cdot I)}{\chi(1)}$$

$Irr(GL_n(\mathbb{F}_q))$  described combinatorially by [Green, 1955]  $\leadsto$   
formula for  $E(\mathcal{M}_B; q)$  [Hausel–Villegas, 2008]

- when  $n \nmid q-1$

$$E(\check{\mathcal{M}}_B; q) \stackrel{Katz}{=} |\check{\mathcal{M}}_B^d(\mathbb{F}_q)| = \sum_{\chi \in Irr(SL_n(\mathbb{F}_q))} \frac{|SL_n(\mathbb{F}_q)|^{2g-2}}{\chi(1)^{2g-2}} \cdot \frac{\chi(\zeta_n^d \cdot I)}{\chi(1)}$$

$Irr(SL_n(\mathbb{F}_q))$  more difficult; only need value of  $\chi(\zeta_n^d \cdot I) \leadsto$   
Clifford theory  $\leadsto$  calculation of  $E(\check{\mathcal{M}}_B; q)$  by [Mereb, 2010]



# Character table of $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{F}_q)$

Table 1: characters of  $\mathbf{GL}_2(\mathbb{F}_q)$   
(note that  $|\mathbf{GL}_2(\mathbb{F}_q)| = q(q-1)^2(q+1)$ )

Classes	$\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$ $a \in \mathbb{F}_q^\times$	$\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix}$ $a, b \in \mathbb{F}_q^\times$ $a \neq b$	$\begin{pmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & {}^F x \end{pmatrix}$ $x \in \mathbb{F}_{q^2}^\times$ $x \neq {}^F x$	$\begin{pmatrix} a & 1 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$ $a \in \mathbb{F}_q^\times$
Number of classes of this type	$q - 1$	$\frac{(q-1)(q-2)}{2}$	$\frac{q(q-1)}{2}$	$q - 1$
Cardinal of the class	1	$q(q+1)$	$q(q-1)$	$q^2 - 1$
$R_{\mathbf{T}}^{\mathbf{G}}(\alpha, \beta)$ $\alpha, \beta \in \mathrm{Irr}(\mathbb{F}_q^\times)$ $\alpha \neq \beta$	$(q+1)\alpha(a)\beta(a)$	$\alpha(a)\beta(b) + \alpha(b)\beta(a)$	0	$\alpha(a)\beta(a)$
$-R_{\mathbf{T}_s}^{\mathbf{G}}(\omega)$ $\omega \in \mathrm{Irr}(\mathbb{F}_{q^2}^\times)$ $\omega \neq \omega^q$	$(q-1)\omega(a)$	0	$-\omega(x) - \omega({}^F x)$	$-\omega(a)$
$\mathrm{Id}_{\mathbf{G}}.(\alpha \circ \det)$ $\alpha \in \mathrm{Irr}(\mathbb{F}_q^\times)$	$\alpha(a^2)$	$\alpha(ab)$	$\alpha(x.{}^F x)$	$\alpha(a^2)$
$\mathrm{St}_{\mathbf{G}}.(\alpha \circ \det)$ $\alpha \in \mathrm{Irr}(\mathbb{F}_q^\times)$	$q\alpha(a^2)$	$\alpha(ab)$	$-\alpha(x.{}^F x)$	0

# Character table of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{F}_q)$

Table 2: characters of  $\mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{F}_q)$  for  $q$  odd  
(note that  $|\mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{F}_q)| = q(q-1)(q+1)$ )

Classes	$\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$ $a \in \{1, -1\}$	$\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$ $a \in \mathbb{F}_q^\times$ $a \neq \{1, -1\}$	$\begin{pmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & {}^F x \end{pmatrix}$ $x, {}^F x \neq 1$ $x \neq {}^F x$	$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$ $a \in \{1, -1\}$ , $b \in \mathbb{F}_q^\times$ with $x \in \mathbb{F}_q^\times - (\mathbb{F}_q^\times)^2$
Number of classes of this type	2	$(q-3)/2$	$(q-1)/2$	4
Cardinal of the class	1	$q(q+1)$	$q(q-1)$	$(q^2-1)/2$
$R_{\mathbf{T}}^G(\alpha)$ $\alpha \in \mathrm{Irr}(\mathbb{F}_q^\times)$ $\alpha^2 \neq \mathrm{Id}$	$(q+1)\alpha(a)$	$\alpha(a) + \alpha(\frac{1}{a})$	0	$\alpha(a)$
$\chi_{\alpha_0}^\varepsilon$ $\varepsilon \in \{1, -1\}$	$\frac{q+1}{2}\alpha_0(a)$	$\alpha_0(a)$	0	$\frac{\alpha_0(a)}{2}(1 - \varepsilon\alpha_0(ab)\sqrt{\alpha_0(-1)q})$
$-R_{\mathbf{T}_s}^G(\omega)$ $\omega \in \mathrm{Irr}(\mu_{q+1})$ $\omega^2 \neq \mathrm{Id}$	$(q-1)\omega(a)$	0	$-\omega(x) - \omega({}^F x)$	$-\omega(a)$
$\chi_{\omega_0}^\varepsilon$ $\varepsilon \in \{1, -1\}$	$\frac{q-1}{2}\omega_0(a)$	0	$-\omega_0(x)$	$\frac{\omega_0(a)}{2}(-1 + \varepsilon\alpha_0(ab)\sqrt{\alpha_0(-1)q})$
$\mathrm{Id}_G$	1	1	1	1
$\mathrm{St}_G$	$q$	1	-1	0

# Topological Mirror Test for $n = 2$

- can calculate

$$E_{var}(\check{\mathcal{M}}) = E(\check{\mathcal{M}}) - E(\hat{\mathcal{M}}) = E(\check{\mathcal{M}}) - E(\mathcal{M})/(q-1)^{2g} = \\ (2^{2g} - 1)q^{2g-2} \left( \frac{(q-1)^{2g-2} - (q+1)^{2g-2}}{2} \right) = \\ \sum_{i=1}^{g-1} (2^{2g} - 1) \binom{2g-2}{2i-1} q^{2g-3+2i}$$

- $\check{\mathcal{M}}_\gamma$  can be identified with  $(\mathbb{C}^\times)^{2g-2}$  and the  $\Gamma$ -equivariant local system  $L_{\beta,\gamma}$  can be explicitly determined  $\leadsto$

$$E(\check{\mathcal{M}}_\gamma/\Gamma, L_{B,\gamma}) = \frac{(q-1)^{2g-2} - (q+1)^{2g-2}}{2}$$

- $\Rightarrow E(\check{\mathcal{M}}_B) = E_{st}^B(\hat{\mathcal{M}}_B)$  when  $n = 2$  due to certain patterns in  $Irr(\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{F}_q))$  [Schur, 1907] vs.  $Irr(\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{F}_q))$  [Jordan, 1907]
- similar argument works when  $n$  is a prime
- for general  $n$  one can determine  $E(\check{\mathcal{M}}_\gamma/\Gamma, L_{B,\gamma})$  using formulas of Laumon–Ngô and Deligne
- seems to check the Betti-TMS  $\leadsto$   
work in progress with Villegas and Mereb
- $E(\hat{\mathcal{M}}_B; 1/q) = q^d E(\hat{\mathcal{M}}_B; q)$  palindromic  $\Leftarrow$  Alvis-Curtis duality in  $Irr(G(\mathbb{F}_q))$

# Hard Lefschetz for Weight and Perverse Filtrations

- Weight filtration:  $W_0 \subset \cdots \subset W_i \subset \cdots \subset W_{2k} = H^k(X)$
- Alvis-Curtis duality in  $R(\mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{F}_q))$   
 $\leadsto$  Curious Hard Lefschetz Conjecture (theorem for  $\mathrm{PGL}_2$ ):

$$L^I : \underset{X}{Gr_{d-2I}^W(H^{i-I}(\mathcal{M}_B))} \xrightarrow{\cong} \underset{X \cup \alpha^I}{Gr_{d+2I}^W H^{i+I}(\mathcal{M}_B)},$$

where  $\alpha \in W_4 H^2(\mathcal{M}_B)$

- Perverse filtration:  $P_0 \subset \cdots \subset P_i \subset \cdots \subset P_k(X) \cong H^k(X)$   
for  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  proper  $X$  smooth  $Y$  affine  
(de Cataldo-Migliorini, 2008):  
take  $Y_0 \subset \cdots \subset Y_i \subset \cdots \subset Y_d = Y$   
s.t.  $Y_i$  generic with  $\dim(Y_i) = i$  then

$$P_{k-i-1} H^k(X) = \ker(H^k(X) \rightarrow H^k(f^{-1}(Y_i)))$$

- the Relative Hard Lefschetz Theorem holds:

$$L^I : \underset{X}{Gr_{d-I}^P(H^*(X))} \xrightarrow{\cong} \underset{X \cup \alpha^I}{Gr_{d+I}^P H^{*+2I}(X)}$$

where  $\alpha \in H^2(X)$  is a relative ample class

# $P = W$ conjecture

- recall Hitchin map  $\chi : \mathcal{M}_{\text{Dol}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is proper,  
 $(E, \phi) \mapsto \text{charpol}(\phi)$   
thus induces perverse filtration on  $H^*(\mathcal{M}_{\text{Dol}})$

Conjecture ("P=W", de Cataldo-Hausel-Migliorini 2008)

$P_k(\mathcal{M}_{\text{Dol}}) \cong W_{2k}(\mathcal{M}_{\text{B}})$  under the isomorphism

$H^*(\mathcal{M}_{\text{Dol}}) \cong H^*(\mathcal{M}_{\text{B}})$  from non-Abelian Hodge theory.

Theorem (de Cataldo-Hausel-Migliorini 2009)

$P = W$  when  $G = \text{GL}_2, \text{PGL}_2$  or  $\text{SL}_2$ .

- Define  $PE(\mathcal{M}_{\text{Dol}}; x, y, q) := \sum q^k E(\text{Gr}_k^P(H^*(\mathcal{M}_{\text{Dol}})); x, y)$
- $PE(\mathcal{M}_{\text{Dol}}; x, y, 1) = E(\mathcal{M}_{\text{Dol}}; x, y) = E(\mathcal{M}_{\text{DR}}; x, y)$
- Conjecture  $P = W \Rightarrow PE(\mathcal{M}_{\text{Dol}}; 1, 1, q) = E(\mathcal{M}_{\text{B}}; q)$
- $\text{RHL} \rightsquigarrow PE(\mathcal{M}_{\text{Dol}}; x, y, q) = (xyq)^d PE(\mathcal{M}_{\text{Dol}}; x, y, \frac{1}{qxy}) \rightsquigarrow$

Conjecture (Topological Mirror test, TMS)

$$PE_{\text{st}}^{B^e}(\mathcal{M}_{\text{Dol}}^d(\text{SL}_n); x, y, q) = (xyq)^d PE_{\text{st}}^{\hat{B}^d}(\mathcal{M}_{\text{Dol}}^e(\text{PGL}_n); x, y, \frac{1}{qxy})$$

- The TMS above unifies the previous Dol,DR,B-TMS conjectures (Theorem when  $n = 2$ )
- Fibrewise Fourier-Mukai transform aka S-duality should identify

$$S : H_p^{r,s}(\mathcal{M}_{\text{Dol}}(\text{SL}_n)) \cong H_{st,d-p}^{r+d/2-p,s+d/2-p}(\mathcal{M}_{\text{Dol}}(\text{PGL}_n))$$

this solves the mirror problem

(Theorem over regular locus of  $\chi$ )

- (Ngô 2008) proves the fundamental lemma in the Langlands program by proving "geometric stabilisation of the trace formula" which for  $\text{SL}_n$  and  $\text{PGL}_n$  can be reformulated to prove TMS over integral spectral curves, which when  $n$  is a prime, can be extended to a proof of TMS everywhere.

# Some open questions

- Can fibrewise Fourier-Mukai Transform be extended to integral spectral curves? For  $GL_n$  the answer is yes by [Arinkin, 2010]
- for reduced, but non-reducible spectral curves? some relevant work by Esteves, López-Martín, ...
- for non-reduced spectral curves? some recent work by [Drezet, 2009]
- Can the cohomology of the Hitchin fibers be computed? for integral (cf. [Ngô, 2008]) reduced but reducible (cf. [Chaudouard-Laumon, 2009]) non-reduced spectral curves?
- Can Gross-Siebert's approach to mirror symmetry (i.e. degenerating the CY's to a reducible one) be applied to Hitchin systems?  $\leadsto$  Hitchin systems for singular curves? even only for ordinary double points and for  $GL_1$ ?
- ramifications, other reductive groups?