

# Cohomology of hyperkähler moduli spaces via arithmetic harmonic analysis

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## Holomorphic symplectic quotients

- $\mathbb{V}$  finite dimensional complex vector space,  $G$  complex reductive group
- representation  $\rho : G \rightarrow GL(\mathbb{V})$  of  $G$  on  $\mathbb{V}$ , inducing  $\varrho : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(\mathbb{V})$ .
- inducing an action of  $G$  on  $\mathbb{V} \times \mathbb{V}^*$ , preserving the natural symplectic structure, with moment map:  $\mu : \mathbb{V} \times \mathbb{V}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$  defined by  $\mu(v, w)(X) = \langle \varrho(X)v, w \rangle$
- for  $\xi \in (\mathfrak{g}^*)^G$  the holomorphic symplectic quotient:  $\mathbb{V} \times \mathbb{V}^* //_{\xi} G := (\mu^{-1}(\xi)) // G$  carries a natural hyperkähler metric at its smooth points
- Examples: affine toric hyperkähler varieties when  $G$  abelian; Nakajima's quiver varieties, when  $\rho$  is constructed from a quiver, e.g. semisimple adjoint orbits in  $\mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{C})$

Diffeomorphic spaces in the non-Abelian Hodge theory of a curve  $C$ :

$G = GL(n)$ ;  $C$  is a genus  $g$  curve with generic semisimple conjugacy classes  $\tilde{C}_1, \dots, \tilde{C}_k \subset GL(n, \mathbb{C})$  at punctures  $p_1, \dots, p_k \in C$ . The *character variety* is defined as a group-valued holomorphic symplectic quotient:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_B &= \{(A_1, B_1, \dots, A_g, B_g, C_1, \dots, C_k) \mid C_i \in \tilde{C}_i \\ &A_1^{-1} B_1^{-1} A_1 B_1 \dots A_g^{-1} B_g^{-1} A_g B_g C_1 \dots C_k = Id\} // G(\mathbb{C}) \\ &\cong \end{aligned}$$

$\mathcal{M}_{DR} :=$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{moduli space of flat} \\ GL(n, \mathbb{C})\text{-connections on } C \setminus \{p_1, \dots, p_k\} \\ \text{with holonomy around } p_i \text{ lying in } \tilde{C}_i \end{array} \right\}$$

## Mixed Hodge Structure of Deligne

- $\bigoplus_{p,q} H^{p,q;k}(M)$  is the associated graded to the weight and Hodge filtrations on the cohomology  $H^k(M, \mathbb{C})$  of a complex algebraic variety  $M$
- $h^{p,q;k} = \dim(H^{p,q;k}(M))$ , the *mixed Hodge numbers*
- $H(M; x, y, t) = \sum_{p,q,k} h^{p,q;k}(M) x^p y^q t^k$ , the *mixed Hodge polynomial*
- $P(M; t) = H(M; 1, 1, t)$ , the *Poincaré polynomial*
- $E(M; x, y) = x^n y^n H(1/x, 1/y, -1)$ , the *E-polynomial* of a smooth variety  $M$ .

# Arithmetic and topological content of the E-polynomial

**Theorem 1** (...Ito 2004, Katz 2005). *If  $M$  is a smooth quasi-projective variety defined over  $\mathbb{Z}$  and*

$$\#\{M(\mathbb{F}_q)\} = E(q)$$

*is a polynomial in  $q$ , then*

$$E(M; x, y) = E(xy).$$

- MHS on  $H^*(M, \mathbb{C})$  is *pure* if  $h^{p,q;k} = 0$  unless  $p+q = k \Leftrightarrow H(M; x, y, t) = (xyt^2)^n E(\frac{-1}{xt}, \frac{-1}{yt}) \Rightarrow P(M; t) = H(M; 1, 1, t) = t^{2n} E(\frac{-1}{t}, \frac{-1}{t})$ ; examples of varieties with pure MHS: smooth projective varieties,  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{Dol}}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{DR}}$ , Nakajima's quiver varieties
- in general the pure part of  $H(M; x, y, t)$  is  $PH(M; x, y) = \text{Coeff}_{T^0} \left( H(M; xT, yT, tT^{-1}) \right)$ ; which, for a smooth  $M$ , is always the image of the cohomology of a smooth compactification

## Fourier Transform for $T^*\mathbb{C}P^n$

- Calabi's hyperkähler manifold:  $T^*\mathbb{C}P^n \cong \{(v, w) \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \mid \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} v_i w_i = 1\} // GL(1)$

- $f(\xi) = q\delta_0 + (q-1)\mathbf{1} =$

$$\#\{(v, w) \in \mathbb{F}_q \times \mathbb{F}_q \mid vw = \xi\} = \begin{cases} 2q-1 & \text{if } \xi = 0 \\ q-1 & \text{if } \xi \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

- $\frac{1}{q-1} \#\{(v, w) \in \mathbb{F}_q^{n+1} \times \mathbb{F}_q^{n+1} \mid \sum_i v_i w_i = 1\} =$

$$\frac{1}{q-1} f \star f \star \cdots \star f(\mathbf{1}) =$$

$$\frac{q^{n/2}}{q-1} \sum_{X \in \mathbb{F}_q} \mathcal{F}(f)(X)^{n+1} \Psi(X) = \frac{q^{n/2}}{q-1}$$

$$\sum_{X \in \mathbb{F}_q} \left( qq^{-1/2} \mathbf{1}(X) + (q-1)q^{1/2} \delta_0(X) \right)^{n+1} \Psi(X)$$

$$= \frac{q^{2n+1} - q^n}{q-1} = q^n (q^n + q^{n-1} + \cdots + 1)$$

- $\Rightarrow P(T^*\mathbb{C}P^n; t) = 1 + t^2 + t^4 + \cdots + t^{2n}$

## Fourier Transform for $\mathcal{M}_B$

### Setup:

- $G = GL(n)$
- $C = \mathbb{P}^1$ , with punctures  $a_1, \dots, a_k \in \mathbb{P}^1$
- $\tilde{C}_i \subset GL(n)$  fixed semisimple conjugacy classes
- $\mathcal{M}_B = \{(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k) \mid A_i \in \tilde{C}_i, A_1 \cdots A_k = I\} // G(\mathbb{C})$

**Theorem 2 (Frobenius 1896, Hausel–R-Villegas 2004).**

$$\#\{\mathcal{M}_B(\mathbb{F}_q)\} = \sum_{\chi \in \text{Irr}(G(\mathbb{F}_q))} \frac{\chi(1)^2 |Z(G(\mathbb{F}_q))|}{|G(\mathbb{F}_q)|^2} \prod_i \frac{\chi(\tilde{C}_i(\mathbb{F}_q))}{\chi(1)} |\tilde{C}_i(\mathbb{F}_q)|$$

is a polynomial  $E(q)$  in  $q \Rightarrow$

$$E(\mathcal{M}_B, x, y) = E(xy)$$

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**Example** Assume  $n = 3$ , and all the conjugacy classes  $\tilde{C}_i$  are regular semisimple:

$$\begin{aligned}
E(\mathcal{M}_B; q) = & \\
& \frac{\left((q+1)(q^2+q+1)\right)^k}{(q^3-1)^2(q^2-1)^2} - \frac{\left(3q^2(q+1)\right)^k}{q^4(q^2-1)^2(q-1)^2} \\
& + 1/3 \frac{\left(6q^3\right)^k}{q^6(q-1)^4} + \frac{\left(2q^2(q^2+q+1)\right)^k}{q^4(q^3-1)^2(q-1)^2} \\
& + \frac{\left(q^3(q+1)(q^2+q+1)\right)^k}{q^6(q^3-1)^2(q^2-1)^2} - \frac{\left(3q^3(q+1)\right)^k}{q^6(q^2-1)^2(q-1)^2}.
\end{aligned}$$



**Conjecture 1 (Hausel 2004).** *When  $n = 3$ ,  $\tilde{C}_i$  are regular semisimple,  $h_{N-j}^{i-j} = h_{N+j}^{i+j}$  for*

$$\begin{aligned}
H(\mathcal{M}_B, q, t) &= \sum h_j^i q^j t^i = \\
&\frac{\left( (qt^2 + 1) (q^2 t^4 + qt^2 + 1) \right)^k}{(q^3 t^6 - 1) (q^3 t^4 - 1) (q^2 t^4 - 1) (q^2 t^2 - 1)} \\
&\quad - \frac{\left( 3 q^2 t^4 (qt^2 + 1) \right)^k}{q^4 t^8 (q^2 t^4 - 1) (q^2 t^2 - 1) (qt^2 - 1) (q - 1)} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{3} \frac{6^k (qt^2)^{3k}}{q^6 t^{12} (qt^2 - 1)^2 (q - 1)^2} \\
&\quad + \frac{\left( q^2 t^4 (2 q^2 t^2 + qt^2 + q + 2) \right)^k}{q^4 t^8 (q^3 t^4 - 1) (q^3 t^2 - 1) (qt^2 - 1) (q - 1)} \\
&\quad + \frac{\left( q^3 t^6 (q + 1) (q^2 + q + 1) \right)^k}{q^6 t^{12} (q^3 t^2 - 1) (q^3 - 1) (q^2 t^2 - 1) (q^2 - 1)} \\
&\quad - \frac{\left( 3 q^3 t^6 (q + 1) \right)^k}{q^6 t^{12} (q^2 t^2 - 1) (q^2 - 1) (qt^2 - 1) (q - 1)},
\end{aligned}$$

**Conjecture 2 (Hausel 2005).** *If  $\mathcal{M}_B$  is the  $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$  character variety of  $\mathbb{P}^1$  punctured with  $k$  generic regular semisimple conjugacy classes:*

$$H(\mathcal{M}_B; q, t) = \sum_{\substack{\lambda^1, \lambda^2, \dots, \lambda^l \\ |\lambda^1| + \dots + |\lambda^l| = n}} A(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_l),$$

where

$$A(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_l) = \frac{(r)! \left( n! (qt^2)^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} \prod_{i=1}^l \frac{1}{|\lambda^i|!} A_{(1^n)}^{\lambda^i}((qt^2)^{-1}, q) \right)^k}{(-1)^{r-1} r_1! r_2! \dots r_s! (qt^2)^{n(\lambda^1, \dots, \lambda^l)} \prod_{i=1}^l c_{\lambda^i}(q, t) c'_{\lambda^i}(q, t)}.$$

Here  $A_{\rho}^{\lambda}$  is a linear combination of Macdonald's  $(q, t)$  Kostka polynomials, which is defined as

$$A_{\rho}^{\lambda}(u, v) = \sum_{|\mu|=n} K_{\lambda\mu}(u, v) K_{\rho\mu}.$$

## The Riemann-Hilbert map

- $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{gl}(n)$
- $C = \mathbb{P}^1$  with punctures  $a_1, \dots, a_k \in \mathbb{P}^n$
- $\mathcal{C}_i$  semisimple adjoint orbit in  $\mathfrak{g}(\mathbb{C})$
- $Q = \{(A_1, \dots, A_k) \mid A_i \in \mathcal{C}_i, A_1 + \dots + A_k = 0\} // G(\mathbb{C})$ , Nakajima's star-shaped quiver variety
- $Q$  is smooth when  $\mathcal{C}_i$  are generic
- “ $Q \subset \mathcal{M}_{\text{DR}}$ ”, a point in  $Q$  gives the meromorphic flat  $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ -connection  $\sum A_i \frac{dz}{z-a_i}$  on the trivial bundle on  $C$ .
- $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_i = \exp(2\pi i \mathcal{C}_i) \subset G(\mathbb{C})$  is the corresponding conjugacy class
- the *Riemann-Hilbert monodromy map*

$$\nu_a : Q \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{\text{B}}$$

is given by sending the flat connection to its holonomy.

## The purity conjecture

**Conjecture 3.** *If  $\mathcal{C}_i$  are generic, then*

$$\mu_a^* : PH^*(\mathcal{M}_B) \xrightarrow{\cong} H^*(Q)$$

### Example

- $n = 3, k = 3, \mathcal{C}_i$  regular semisimple
- $Q$  is  $\cong$  to an  $E_6$  ALE space,
- $\mathcal{M}_B \cong \mathcal{M}_{\text{Dol}}$  an elliptic fibration with singular fibre of type  $\hat{E}_6$ .
- $P_t(Q) = 1 + 6t^2$
- $H(\mathcal{M}_B; q, t) = 1 + 6qt^2 + q^2t^2$

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Conjecture is true in this case

## Fourier transform for $Q$

- $\Psi : \mathbb{F}_q \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  non-trivial additive character
- $f : \mathfrak{g}(\mathbb{F}_q) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  its Fourier transform  $\mathcal{F}(f) : \mathfrak{g}^*(\mathbb{F}_q) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  at a  $Y \in \mathfrak{g}^*(\mathbb{F}_q)$

$$\mathcal{F}(f)(Y) := |\mathfrak{g}(\mathbb{F}_q)|^{-1/2} \sum_{X \in \mathfrak{g}(\mathbb{F}_q)} f(X) \Psi(\langle X, Y \rangle).$$

- $\delta_{\mathcal{C}_i} : \mathfrak{g}(\mathbb{F}_q) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  characteristic function of  $\mathcal{C}_i \subset \mathfrak{g}(\mathbb{F}_q)$

**Theorem 3 (Hausel–R–Villegas 2004).**

$$\#\{Q(\mathbb{F}_q)\} = \frac{|Z(G(\mathbb{F}_q))| |\mathfrak{g}(\mathbb{F}_q)|^{\frac{k-2}{2}}}{|G(\mathbb{F}_q)| \sum_{X \in \mathfrak{g}(\mathbb{F}_q)} \mathcal{F}(\delta_{\mathcal{C}_1})(X) \cdots \mathcal{F}(\delta_{\mathcal{C}_k})(X)}$$

**Theorem 4 (Hausel–Letellier 2005).** *When all  $C_i$  are generic regular semisimple then the pure part of the conjectured  $H(\mathcal{M}_B; q, t)$  polynomial agrees with the actual  $P(Q; t)$ .*

**Example** When  $n = 3$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(Q; t) = & \frac{\left( (t^2 + 1) (t^4 + t^2 + 1) \right)^k}{(t^6 - 1) (t^4 - 1)} \\
 & - \frac{\left( 3t^4 (t^2 + 1) \right)^k}{t^8 (t^4 - 1) (t^2 - 1)} + 1/3 \frac{6^k (t^2)^{3k}}{t^{12} (t^2 - 1)^2} \\
 & - \frac{\left( t^4 (t^2 + 2) \right)^k}{t^8 (t^2 - 1)} + t^{6k-12} + \frac{(3t^6)^k}{t^{12} (t^2 - 1)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

## Purity conjecture for $g > 0$

### Setup

- $C$  genus  $g$  curve, punctures  $a_1, \dots, a_k \in C$
- $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_i \subset G$  semisimple conjugacy classes
- $\mathcal{M}_B = \{(A_1, B_1, \dots, A_g, B_g, C_1, \dots, C_k) \mid C_i \in \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_i \mid A_1^{-1} B_1^{-1} A_1 B_1 \dots A_g^{-1} B_g^{-1} A_g B_g C_1 \dots C_k = Id\} // G(\mathbb{C})$
- $\mathcal{C}_i \subset \mathfrak{g}$  semisimple adjoint orbit
- $Q = \{(A_1, B_1, \dots, A_g, B_g, C_1, \dots, C_k) \mid C_i \in \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_i \mid A_1 B_1 - B_1 A_1 + \dots + A_g B_g - B_g A_g + C_1 + \dots + C_k = 0\} // G(\mathbb{C})$

**Conjecture 4.** *The pure part of the cohomology of  $\mathcal{M}_B$  is isomorphic with the cohomology of  $Q$ , in particular:  $PH(\mathcal{M}_B; q, t) = P(Q; t)$*

## Fourier transform for $(\mathbb{C}^2)^{[n]}$

- $g = 1$  and  $k = 1$ , and  $\mathcal{C}_1 \subset GL(n)$  is a smallest non-central semisimple orbit
- $\mathcal{M}_B =$

$$\{(A_1, B_1, C) \mid C \in \mathcal{C}_1, A_1^{-1} B_1^{-1} A_1 B_1 C = Id\} // GL(n)$$

- $Q \cong (\mathbb{C}^2)^{[n]}$
- Conjecture  $\Rightarrow PH^*(\mathcal{M}_B) \cong H^*((\mathbb{C}^2)^{[n]}, \mathbb{C})$ .
- [ **Nevins-Stafford 2003** ]  $\Rightarrow$

$$\mathcal{M}_B \cong (\mathbb{C}^\times \times \mathbb{C}^\times)^{[n]}$$

**Conjecture 5 (Hausel 2005).** *In this case:*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} H(\mathcal{M}_B; q, t) T^n = \prod_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 + q^m t^{2m-1} T^m)^2}{(1 - q^{m-1} t^{2m-2} T^m)(1 - q^{m+1} t^{2m} T^m)}$$



## Fourier transform for $\mathbb{V} \times \mathbb{V}^* // // \xi G$

- representation  $\rho : G \rightarrow GL(\mathbb{V})$  of  $G$  on  $\mathbb{V}$ , inducing  $\varrho : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(\mathbb{V})$ .
- inducing an action of  $G$  on  $\mathbb{V} \times \mathbb{V}^*$ , preserving the natural symplectic structure, with moment map:  $\mu : \mathbb{V} \times \mathbb{V}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$  defined by  $\mu(v, w)(X) = \langle \varrho(X)v, w \rangle$

**Proposition 5 (Hausel 2005).** *Let  $\xi \in \mathfrak{g}(\mathbb{F}_q)^*$ . The number of solutions of the equation  $\mu(x) = \xi$  over the finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$  is given by the formula:*

$$\begin{aligned} \#\{(v, w) \in \mathbb{V}(\mathbb{F}_q) \times \mathbb{V}(\mathbb{F}_q)^* \mid \mu(v, w) = \xi\} &= \\ |\mathfrak{g}(\mathbb{F}_q)|^{-1} |\mathbb{V}(\mathbb{F}_q)| \sum_{X \in \mathfrak{g}(\mathbb{F}_q)} C_\varrho(X) \frac{(q\delta_0(\langle X, \xi \rangle) - 1)}{q - 1} &= \\ &= |\mathfrak{g}(\mathbb{F}_q)|^{-1/2} |\mathbb{V}| \mathcal{F}(C_\varrho)(\xi), \end{aligned}$$

where  $C_\varrho(X) = |\ker(\varrho(X))|$ .

**Corollary 6.** *Using the proposition one can compute the Betti numbers of toric hyperkähler varieties (recovering results of Bielawski-Dancer 2000 and Hausel-Sturmfels 2002), the Betti numbers of Hilbert schemes of  $n$  points on  $\mathbb{C}^2$  (recovering results of Elingsrud-Stromme 1987, Göttsche formulas), twisted ADHM instanton moduli spaces (recovering results of Nakajima-Yoshioka 2004), and one also gets a certain generating function for the Betti numbers of all Nakajima quiver varieties.*