

Higgs de-Rham flows and Applications

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(1) The Start

$k = \text{perfect field}$, $\text{char } k = p > 0$

$W_n = W_n(k)$, Witt ring of length $n \geq 1$

N. Katz. (1973)

X/W_n : smooth, $X_n = X_{W_n}^k$

$F_X: X \rightarrow X$, flat, $\bar{F}_X \otimes k = \text{absolute Frb.}$



Then, \exists nat. eqn. of cat., $(f \geq 1, r \geq 1)$

$$\{\varrho \mid \pi_1(X_n) \rightarrow GL_{np}(W_n \otimes \bar{F}_{pf}), \varrho \text{ cts}\} \cong$$

$$\{(E, \bar{\Phi}) \mid \text{E. v. B on } X, \bar{\Phi}: (\bar{F}_X^*)^f \simeq E \text{ of rk } r\}$$

If: Artin-Schreier, The $\bar{\Phi}$ -invariants give the rep. of \bar{H}_1 .

Remark:

(W_{1,2})

(i) Suppose X_n smooth proj. curve. Then

(a) $g(X_n) = 0$ Then $\exists \bar{F}_X : X \rightarrow X$

(b) $g(X_n) = 1$ (b1) X_n : ordinary.

$\exists ! \bar{F}_X : X \rightarrow X$, for $X/W_n =$ Sene-Tate
liftly

$\not\exists \bar{F}_X$, otherwise

(b2) X_n : supersingular

$\not\exists \bar{F}_X$ (WRONG! If X_n comes from
reducln. of CM-elliptics, then certa-

the Frob. lift!)

(c) $g(X_n) \geq 2$. $\not\exists \bar{F}_X : X \rightarrow X$.

Therefore, Katz's correspondence is limited to the smooth, affine
scheme over W_n if $n \geq 2$.

Q: How to generalize Katz's correspond. for X/W_n smooth
projective?

(ii) X/\mathbb{C} : smooth projective.

Norabelian Hodge theorem / Ahlenbeck-Pan, Hitchin, Simpson,
Donaldson Corellette)

$\{(H, \nabla) \mid \text{flat bundle}\}$
 ↗ Riemann-Hilbert
 ↗ Corellete ↗ Simpson, Yang-Mills-Higgs
 ↗ flow

$\{\rho: \overset{top}{\pi_1}(X) \rightarrow GL_r(\mathbb{C})\}$ ↗ U \Downarrow CPMS $\{\rho: \text{Hodge type}\}$ ↗ U	$\simeq \{(E, 0) / \begin{array}{l} \text{Higgs bundle,} \\ C_0(E) = r, \quad C_1(E) = C_2(E) = 0 \end{array}\}$ ↗ semi-stable
$\simeq \{(E, 0) / \begin{array}{l} \text{graded Higgs bundle,} \\ C_1(E) = C_2(E) = 0, \quad \text{spac. stable} \\ C_0(E) = r \end{array}\}$	

$\{\rho: \text{Hodge-de Rham weight zero}\}$ \Downarrow $\{\rho: \pi_1 \rightarrow U_r\}$ \Downarrow $\{\rho: \pi_1 \rightarrow GL_r\}$	↗ U
$\xrightarrow{\text{DUY}} \{E / E/X : \text{Polystable}\}$ v. B., $C_0(E) = r$ $C_1(E) = C_2(E) = 0$	

Faltings (2005)

V = complete PVR. of mixed char. $\pi = \text{unif.}$

$$K = V[\frac{1}{\pi}], \quad k = \mathbb{V}_{\pi}, \quad \widehat{K} = \mathbb{C}_p$$

$X/W = \text{smooth, proj. curve}$ (fix some $A_2(V)$ -lifting of X , π)

$$\{ \text{generalized rep of } \pi_1(X_{\mathbb{C}_p}) \} \xrightarrow{\sim} \{ (E, \theta) /_{X_{\mathbb{C}_p}} \text{ Higgs bundle} \}$$

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$$\{ \rho : \pi_1(X_{\mathbb{C}_p}) \xrightarrow{\text{cts}} GL_r(\mathbb{C}_p) \} \xrightleftharpoons[\text{?}]{} \{ (E, \theta) /_{X_{\mathbb{C}_p}} \mid \begin{array}{l} \deg E = 0 \\ \text{semi-stable} \end{array} \}$$

Question (Faltings): Does every semi-stable Higgs bundle of $\deg = 0$ come from a \mathbb{C}_p -rep of π_1 ?

Question of Deligne's actions)

Assume $X_K = X_{F/K}$ admit a K -rational point

$$1 \rightarrow \pi_1^{geo}(X_K) \rightarrow \pi_1^{\text{cont}}(X_K) \rightarrow G_K \rightarrow 1$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \phi : G_K \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(\pi_1^{geo}).$$

$$\forall [\rho] \in M_{\text{et}} = \{ \rho : \pi_1^{et} \xrightarrow{\text{cts}} GL_r(\mathbb{C}_p) \} / \sim$$

$\forall \sigma \in G_K$, defin

$$[\rho^\sigma] = \begin{cases} [\rho \circ \phi(\sigma^{-1})] \\ \sim [\rho^\sigma] \end{cases}$$

Let $[(E, \theta)] \in M_{\text{del}} = \{ (E, \theta) \} / \sim$ correspond to $[\rho]$.

What is the corresponding Higgs bundle to ρ^σ ?

Note: There is another Galois action:

$$\overset{\sigma}{\rho} : = T_1^{\text{tw}} \xrightarrow{\text{cts}} GL(\ell_p) \xrightarrow{\text{isometry}} GL(\ell_p)$$

cts

Then what is the corresponding Higgs bundle to $\overset{\sigma}{\rho}$?

Conclusion: Non-abelian Hodge theory gives here!

(related to certain dynamics from Galois actions)

(2) Baby example.

X/W = good local model of a Shimura curve of PEL-type (Deligne's strange model)

$$A \xrightarrow{+} X$$

universal abelian scheme

$$\downarrow \begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ W \end{matrix}$$

\mathcal{O}_A

$$= R\mathbb{P}_{\text{tors}}^1(\mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty})$$

$$(H_{\text{cr}}, \nabla^{\text{Gm}}, F_{\text{and}}, \Phi_{\text{rel}}) \in M\overline{F}_{(0,1)}^D(X/W)$$

$$W = R\mathbb{P}_{\text{tors}}^1(\mathbb{Z}_p)_{A_K}$$

$A_K = A \times_W \frac{1}{p}$

dual Tate module

$$(E, \theta) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \text{Gr}_{F_{\text{had}}} (H_{\text{der}}, \nabla^{\text{Gm}})$$

Assume $W = W(\overline{k}_{\mathbb{F}_p})$ $f \gg 1$.

Eigen-decomposition:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} V \otimes W = \bigoplus V_i, \quad \underset{W}{\text{rk}}(V_i) = 2 \\ (E, \theta) = \bigoplus (E_i, \theta_i), \quad \underset{\bigoplus X}{\text{rk}} E_i = 2 \end{array} \right.$$

Work out a theory making the correspondence

$$V_i \longleftrightarrow (E_i, \theta_i)$$

without reference to the endomorphism str.:

Theorem (S.-Zuo, 12) X/W : smooth proper, $X_s = \underset{W}{\lim} X_n$, $n \geq 1$.

For any $(H, \nabla, \text{Fil}, \overline{\varPhi}) \in \overline{MF}_{[0, p-2]}(X/W)$,

$V \stackrel{\Delta}{=} D(H, \nabla, \text{Fil}, \overline{\varPhi})$ corresponding crystalline rep
after Fontaine-Lafaille - Faltings.

$$(E, \theta) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \text{Gr}_{\text{Fil}} (H, \nabla)$$

Then: \exists 1-1 bijection of sets

$\forall f \geq 1, \forall n \geq 1$

$$W_n(\bar{\pi}_{pf}) -$$

$$\{ V' \subseteq V \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} W(\bar{\pi}_{pf}), \mid \text{Sub crystalline rep} \}$$



$$\{ (\bar{E}, \bar{\theta}) \subseteq (E, \theta) \mid \underset{\otimes \mathcal{O}_{X_n}}{(Gr_{\text{Fil}} \circ C_n^{-1})^f} (\bar{E}, \bar{\theta}) = (\bar{E}, \bar{\theta}) \}$$

Here the operator $Gr_{\text{Fil}} \circ C_n^{-1}$ inductively defined :

$$n=1 : Gr_{\text{Fil}} \circ C_1^{-1} : \{ \text{graded Higgs subbundles of } (\bar{E}, \bar{\theta}) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{X_1} \} \hookleftarrow$$

C_1^{-1} = inverse Cartier transform of Ogus-Vologodsky

$$n=2 : Gr_{\text{Fil}} \circ C_2^{-1} : \{ \text{graded Higgs subbundles of } (E, \theta) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{X_2}, \text{ which modulo } p \\ \text{ is periodic} \} \hookleftarrow$$

⋮

Remark : (Sheng-Xin-Zuo for the geometric case,
Lan-S.-Zuo in general)

(Inverse) Cartier transform of Ogus-Vologodsky = Exponential

twisting of the (Classical) Cartier descent.

(3) The notion of Higgs de-Rham flow

$X_{1/k}$: smooth, W_2 -liftable (choose & fix a W_2 -lifting
 X_2/W_2 of $X_{1/k}$)

A Higgs de-Rham flow over $X_{1/k}$ is the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & C_i^{-1} & \\ (E, \theta) = (E_0, \theta_0) & \nearrow & (H_0, \nabla_0) \\ & \text{Gr}_{\text{Fil}_i} & \\ & \searrow & \\ & (E_i, \theta_i) & \\ & C_i^{-1} & \\ & \nearrow & (H_i, \nabla_i) \\ & \text{Gr}_{\text{Fil}_i} & \\ & \searrow & \end{array}$$

- (E, θ) = nilpotent Higgs module over $X_{1/k}$
 of exp $\leq p-1$

- Fil_i on $(H_i, \nabla_i) = C_i^{-1}(\bar{E}_{i+1}, \theta_{i+1})$
 is a Griffiths-trans. filtration of level $\leq p-1$

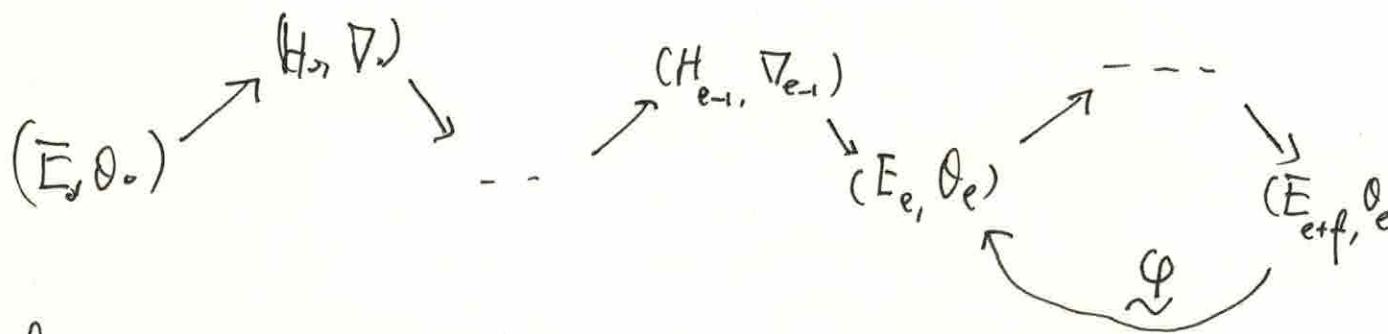
- $(E_i, \theta_i) = \text{Gr}_{\text{Fil}_{i+1}}(H_{i+1}, \nabla_{i+1})$

Ex:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F^* = C_i^{-1} & (F^* E, \nabla_{ca}) & ((F^*)^2 E, \nabla_{ca}) \\ \nearrow & & \searrow \\ (E, \theta) & & (F^* E, \theta) \end{array}$$

- Pre-periodic.

$\exists (e, f) \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 0} \times \mathbb{N}$, s.t



If $e=0$, then it is periodic.

- Semi-stable

X_1/k : smooth proj., $H_1 \subset X_1$ ample divisor.

$\forall i \geq 0$, (E_i, θ_i) is M_H -semi-stable.

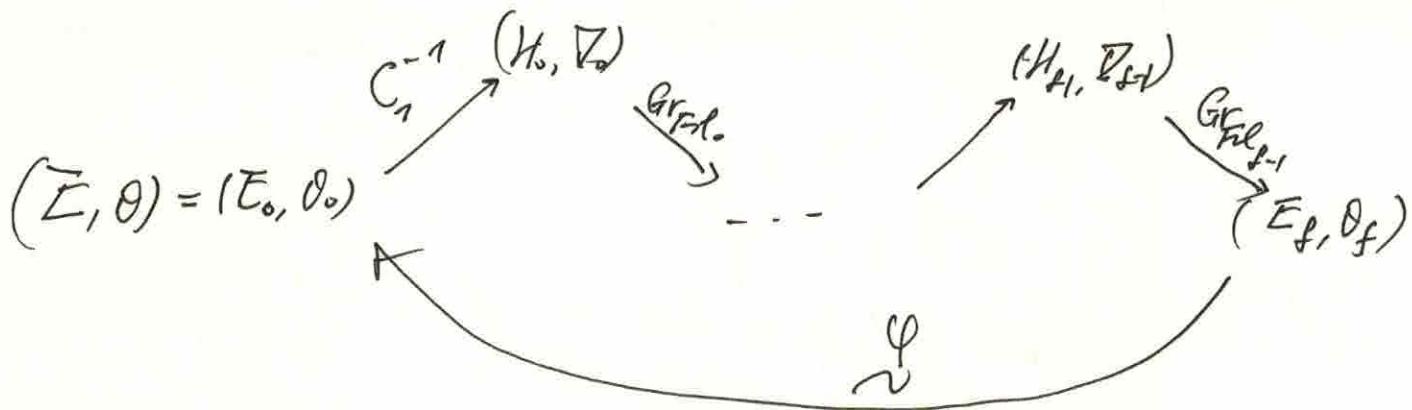
Thm (Lan-S.-Zuo, 13)

X/W : smooth. \exists eqn. of cat ($r \geq 1$, $f \geq 1$)

$$\{ \rho \mid \pi_1(X_{K_0}) \rightarrow GL_r(\overline{F}_{p^f}, \text{crystalline}) \}$$

$$\cong \{ (E, \theta, \bar{\rho}_0, \dots, \bar{\rho}_r, \varphi) / \text{f-periodic Higgs - de Rham flows} \\ \text{on } X_1/k \}$$

$(E, \theta, \text{Fil}_0, \dots, \text{Fil}_f, \varphi)$ means :



Inductively, this generalizes to $\forall n \geq 1$,

$$\left\{ \rho \mid \pi_1(X_{k_n}) \longrightarrow GL_r(W_n(\bar{k}_{f^n})) \text{ crystalline} \right\}$$

$$\cong \left\{ (E, \theta, \text{Fil}_0, \dots, \text{Fil}_{f^n}, \varphi) \mid f\text{-periodic Higgs-de Rham flow on } X_n \right\}$$

Special Case (Assume X/k smooth and W_{n+1} -liftable) :

$\forall n \geq 1, r \geq 1, f \geq 1$,

$$\left\{ \rho \mid \pi_1(X_k) \longrightarrow GL_r(W_n(\bar{k}_{f^n})) \text{ cts} \right\}$$

$$\cong \left\{ (E, \theta, \text{Fil}_{f^n}, \dots, \text{Fil}_f, \varphi) \mid f\text{-periodic Higgs-de Rham flow on } X_n \text{ of level } = 0 \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ (E, \varphi) \mid E: n.B \text{ on } X_n, \right. \\ \left. \varphi: (C_n^{-1})^*(E, 0) \xrightarrow{\sim} (E, 0) \right\}$$

where, for $\exists F_{X_n}: X_n \rightarrow X_n$ fib lifting.

$$(C_n^{-1})(E, 0) = (F_{X_n}^* E, 0).$$

Prop (S.-Tang, 16)

Notation as above. $k = \overline{\mathbb{F}_2}$

Suppose $\rho \longleftrightarrow (\bar{E}, \varphi)$.

Then (i) $\sigma \varphi \sigma \longleftrightarrow \sigma^*(\bar{E}, \varphi)$

(ii) $\bar{\rho} \longleftrightarrow (C_n^{-1}(\bar{E}), C_n^{-1}(\varphi))$

Lau-S.-Zuo, 13 (r=2)
Thm (Lau-S.-Yang-Zuo, 14, A. Langer 14)

$X/\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{F}_2}$: smooth proj, W_2 -liftable.

$(\bar{E}, 0)$: semi-stable Higgs module over X/k .

$$\text{rk}(E) = r \leq p.$$

Then $(\bar{E}, 0)$ initializes a semi-stable Higgs de-Rham flow.

$r=2$. $\mathcal{F}\ell = \text{Harder-Narasimhan filtration}$

r in general; Langer introduced the notion of

Simpson filtration $\mathcal{F}\ell_S$

Thus, fix a W_2 -lifting X_2 of X_1 . get

a stratified self map:

$$\text{Gr}_{\mathcal{F}\ell_S} \circ C_1^{-1} : M_{\text{hol}}(\overline{\mathbb{F}_p}) \hookrightarrow$$

M_{hol} = moduli of S.S Higgs modules over X_2/k

$$C_0 = r \leq p, \quad C_1 = C_2 = 0.$$

(4) Applications.

(A). Algebraic proof of Bogomolov - Gieseker inequality

and Miyaoka - Yau inequality (A. Langer 14)

Remark: The original proof used Yang-Mills-Higgs metric
framed

and Kähler-Einstein metric resp.

This makes the ext. to the quasi-proj case difficult.

However, the alg proof works over this case well

(Langer, 15)

(B) Hitchin-Simpson Uniformization of p-adic hyperbolic curves with good reductions.

(Lan-S-Yang-Zuo, 16)

(C) Algebraic proof of Kodaira-Saito vanishing thm

(Arapura, 16)

Thm (Arapura)

$X/\bar{\mathbb{F}}_p = \text{sm. proj.}, \quad D \subset X \quad \text{reduced NCD}.$

Assume $(X, D) - W_2$ liftable.

Let $(\bar{E}, \theta) = \text{nil. semistable log Higgs bundle of exp } \leq p-1$

$$C_1(\bar{E}) = C_2(\bar{E}) = 0$$

$L = \text{ample line bundle on } X. \quad \text{Then}$

If $\dim_k(X) + rk(E) \leq p-1$, then

$$H^i(X, \mathcal{R}_{\text{Higgs}}^*(\bar{E}, \theta) \otimes (L, 0)) = 0, \quad i \geq d+1$$

$\mathcal{R}_{\text{Higgs}}^* = \text{Higgs complex} \times (\text{Dolbeault complex by Simpson} \\ \text{Koszul complex by Faltings, etc.})$

of Deligne-Illusie-Raynaud.

Pf: (i) Get a semi-stable Higgs de-Rham flow with Higgs terms,

$$(\bar{E}_0, \theta_0) \otimes (L, 0), \quad (\bar{E}_1, \theta_1) \otimes (L^p, 0), \quad \dots$$

$$(\bar{E}_n, \theta_n) \otimes (L^{p^n}, 0), \quad \dots$$

Since $[(\bar{E}_i, \theta_i)] \in \text{Mod}(\bar{\mathbb{F}}_p)$

By boundedness (Langer, 04), $\exists (e, f) \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 0} \times \mathbb{N}$,

s.t $[(\bar{E}_{ef}, \theta_{ef})] = [(\bar{E}_e, \theta_e)] \quad \forall n \geq 1$

(i.e. $\{\bar{E}_i, \theta_i\}$ preperiodic)

$$(2) \quad (\bar{E}_i, \theta_i) \otimes (L^{p^i}, 0) \xrightarrow{C^{-1}} C^*(\bar{E}_i, \theta_i) \otimes (L^{p^{i+1}}, \nabla_{can}) \xrightarrow{Gr_{FH}} (\bar{E}_{i+1}, \theta_{i+1}) \otimes (L^{p^{i+1}}, 0)$$

Ogus-Vologodsky: Higgs coh. of $(\bar{E}_i, \theta_i) \otimes (L^{p^i}, 0)$

\cong de-Rham coh. of F_* of

$$C^*(\bar{E}_i, \theta_i) \otimes (L^{p^{i+1}}, \nabla_{can})$$

$$\Rightarrow h^*((\bar{E}_i, \theta_i) \otimes (L^{p^i}, 0)) \leq h^*((\bar{E}_{i+1}, \theta_{i+1}) \otimes (L^{p^{i+1}}, 0))$$