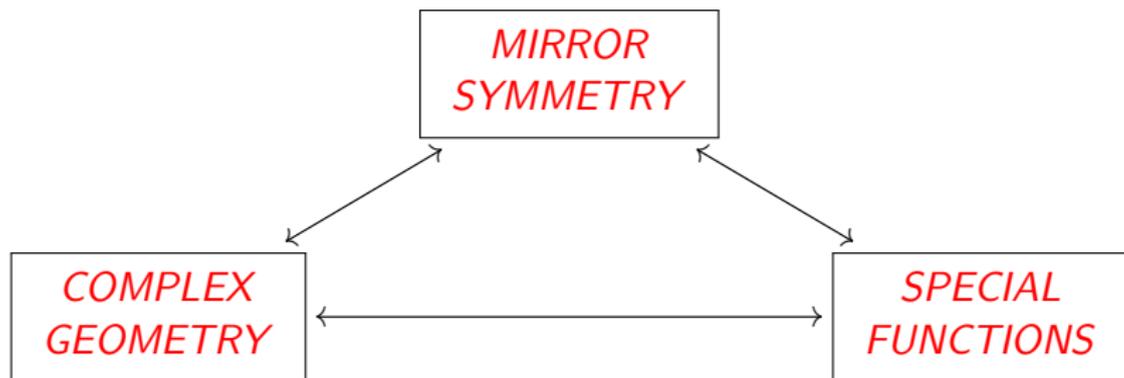


Periods, Residues and Mirror Symmetry

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Study interplay between



2. Applications of mirror symmetry

To use periods of Calabi-Yau manifolds from 'B-models' to prove statements about

- ▶ special functions (e.g. generalized hypergeometric functions), and their associated D-modules
- ▶ cohomological descriptions of the D-modules
- ▶ certain general type and Fano varieties

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3. Lecture plan

- ▶ Riemann-Hilbert problem for period integrals
- ▶ Explicit D-module descriptions of periods and residues
- ▶ Chain integral solutions to GKZ systems
- ▶ LCSL problems
- ▶ Periods of general type and Fano toric hypersurfaces
- ▶ Open questions

4. Period sheaf

- ▶ Consider a family $\pi : \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow B$ of d -dimensional compact complex manifolds, with $Y_b := \pi^{-1}(b)$.
- ▶ Put $E := R^k \pi_* \mathbb{C}$, a local system over B with fibers $H^k(Y_b, \mathbb{C})$.
- ▶ Dual E^\vee has fibers $H_k(Y_b, \mathbb{C})$, with Poincaré pairing:

$$\langle, \rangle : \mathcal{O}(E^\vee) \otimes \mathcal{O}(E) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_B.$$

- ▶ Local parallel sections of the Gauss-Manin connection ∇ on E^\vee :

$$\ker \nabla \simeq H_k(Y_b, \mathbb{C}).$$

5. Period sheaf

- ▶ Fix a space of global section $\Lambda \subset \Gamma(B, E)$. For $\lambda \in \Lambda$, we want to integrate the de Rham class $\lambda(b) \in H^k(Y_b, \mathbb{C})$ on Y_b .
- ▶ The k th period sheaf $\Pi^k(\Lambda)$ (with respect to Λ) of the family \mathcal{Y} is the local system generated by the germs of **period integrals**

$$\langle \gamma, \lambda \rangle_b = \left(\int_{\gamma} \lambda \right)_b \in \mathcal{O}(B)_b, \quad \gamma \in \ker \nabla.$$

Will consider the middle degree $k = d$, and write $\Pi^d \equiv \Pi$.

6. Residue sheaf

- ▶ Now suppose $\pi : \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow B$ is a family of *hypersurfaces* in a fixed projective manifold X^n , parameterized by sections $b \in B$ of a line bundle L on X . The groups $H^n(X - Y_b)$, $b \in B$, form a local system (E', ∇') on B .
- ▶ For $g \in \Gamma(X, K_X + L)$, we define a section $\lambda^g \in \Gamma(B, E')$ by

$$\lambda^g(b) = \frac{g\Omega}{b} \in \Omega^n(\log Y_b)$$

Here Ω is a canonical holomorphic n -form on certain principal H -bundle on X . (See [L-Yau 12'], [Chen-L 15'].)

- ▶ Put

$$\Lambda' := \{\lambda^g \mid g \in \Gamma(X, K_X + L)\} \subset \Gamma(B, E').$$

7. Residue sheaf

- ▶ The residue sheaf $\Pi'(\Lambda')$ of the family \mathcal{Y} is defined to be the sheaf on B generated by the germs of **residue integrals** of the form

$$\left(\int_{\gamma'} \lambda^g \right)_b \in \mathcal{O}(B)_b, \quad \gamma' \in \ker \nabla'.$$

- ▶ Put $\Lambda = \text{Res } \Lambda' := \{ \text{Res } \lambda_g \mid g \in \Gamma(X, K_X + L) \}$, where Res is the Poincaré residue map, so that

$$\Pi(\Lambda) \subset \Pi'(\Lambda'), \quad \left(\int_{\gamma} \text{Res } \lambda^g \right)_b = \left(\int_{\gamma'} \lambda^g \right)_b$$

where γ' = the 'tube' over the cycle $\gamma \in \ker \nabla'$ in $X - Y_b$.

8. Riemann-Hilbert problem

Problem:

Construct a complete differential system for each of the sheaves $\Pi \equiv \Pi(\Lambda)$ and $\Pi' \equiv \Pi'(\Lambda')$ above.

- ▶ Having a good description of such a differential system will give many interesting applications, including mirror symmetry.
- ▶ Until recently, only a few cases were known and they were mostly from physics . Important example: the family of mirror quintic threefolds [Candelas et al '91].
- ▶ Even the case of quintic threefolds (there was a conjectural answer) was not known until two years ago.

9. Hypersurfaces in $X = \mathbb{P}^n$

- ▶ Toy example: $X = \mathbb{P}^1$, $L = \mathcal{O}(2)$. A family of CY hypersurfaces defined by the polynomial

$$f(a, x) := a_0 x_0 x_1 + a_1 x_1^2 + a_2 x_2^2.$$

For $b \in B := \mathbb{C}^3 - \{a_1 a_2 - \frac{1}{4} a_0^2 = 0\}$, $Y_b \equiv \{f(b, x) = 0\}$ is a pair of points in \mathbb{P}^1 .

- ▶ $sl_2 \curvearrowright Sym^2 \mathbb{C}^2 \equiv \sum_i \mathbb{C} a_i$ acts by 1st order differential operators of the form

$$Z(\xi) := \sum_{ij} \xi_{ij} a_i \partial_{a_j}, \quad (\xi \in sl_2).$$

- ▶ Solution to the RH problem for both $\mathbf{\Pi}, \mathbf{\Pi}'$ in this case is the differential system τ :

$$\partial_{a_0}^2 - \partial_{a_1} \partial_{a_2}, \quad \sum_i a_i \partial_{a_i} + 1, \quad Z(\xi) \quad (\xi \in sl_2).$$

10. Hypersurfaces in $X = \mathbb{P}^n$

- ▶ The solution sheaf of the system τ is

$$\mathbb{C}(a_1 a_2 - \frac{1}{4} a_0^2)^{-1/2}.$$

Therefore in this case

$$\mathfrak{n} = \mathfrak{n}' = \mathbb{C}(a_1 a_2 - \frac{1}{4} a_0^2)^{-1/2}.$$

- ▶ If we replace sl_2 in the system τ by its Cartan subalgebra $\mathfrak{t} \simeq \mathbb{C}$, the smaller system is a *GKZ hypergeometric system*.

11. Hypersurfaces in $X = \mathbb{P}^n$

- ▶ $X = \mathbb{P}^n$, $L = \mathcal{O}(n+1)$. The universal family of CY hypersurfaces in X is defined

$$Y_b: f(b, x) := \sum_{\mu} b_{\mu} x^{\mu} = 0$$

$$x^{\mu} := x_0^{\mu_0} \cdots x_n^{\mu_n}, \quad \mu \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{n+1}, \quad \sum_i \mu_i = n+1.$$

- ▶ In this case, there is a canonical section $\frac{\Omega}{f} \in \Gamma(B, E')$, $\Omega = \sum_i (-1)^{i-1} x_i dx_0 \wedge \cdots \wedge \hat{dx}_i \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n$. So we take $\Lambda' = \mathbb{C} \frac{\Omega}{f}$.
- ▶ Again $sl_{n+1} \curvearrowright Sym^{n+1} \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \cong \sum_{\mu} \mathbb{C} a_{\mu}$ acts by 1st order differential operators of the form

$$Z(\xi) := \sum_{\mu, \nu} \xi_{\mu\nu} a_{\mu} \partial_{a_{\nu}}, \quad \xi \in sl_{n+1}.$$

12. Hypersurfaces in $X = \mathbb{P}^n$

Proposition: [Hosono-L-Yau '95] Both the period sheaf and residue sheaf of this family are solutions to the differential system τ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial_{a_\mu} \partial_{a_\nu} - \partial_{a_{\mu'}} \partial_{a_{\nu'}} \quad (\mu + \nu = \mu' + \nu') \\ & Z(\xi) \quad (\xi \in \mathfrak{sl}_{n+1}) \\ & \sum_{\mu} a_{\mu} \partial_{a_{\mu}} + 1. \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ It's known that [Batyrev '93] residues of the family of affine toric hypersurfaces $Y_b \cap T$ are solutions to the GKZ system (with \mathfrak{sl}_{n+1} replaced by its Cartan.) This system, however, is never complete.
- ▶ It was conjectured in the 90's that τ above is complete for both $\mathbf{\Pi}, \mathbf{\Pi}'$.

13. RH for hypersurfaces in $X = \mathbb{P}^n$

- ▶ The completeness property was confirmed recently.
- ▶ **Theorem:** [Bloch-Huang-L-Srinivas-Yau '13] τ above is complete. In other words, it solves the RH problem for both period sheaf and residue sheaf of the family of CY hypersurfaces in $X = \mathbb{P}^n$.
- ▶ This is a consequence of a more general result for an arbitrary projective G -variety, to be discussed next.

14. Tautological systems – set up

Data:

G : complex algebraic group, with Lie algebra \mathfrak{g}

X : a projective G -manifold

L : a G -equivariant very ample line bundle on X

Notations:

$V := \Gamma(X, L)^\vee$

$\mathbb{C}[V]$: ring of polynomial functions on V

$Z : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \text{End } V$, Lie algebra action

$\phi : X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}V$ the corresponding ‘tautological’ embedding

Ingredients:

I_ϕ : the ideal of $X \subset \mathbb{P}V$

$R_X := \mathbb{C}[V]/I_\phi$, the coordinate ring of X

\langle, \rangle : symplectic pairing on $TV^\vee \cong V \times V^\vee$

D_V : the ring of polynomial differential operators on V

D_{V^\vee} : the ring of polynomial differential operators on V^\vee

15. Example to keep in mind

$$G = \mathbb{P}GL_3$$

$$X = \mathbb{P}^2$$

$$L = \mathcal{O}(3)$$

$$V = \text{Sym}^3 \mathbb{C}^3 = \sum_{i=0}^9 \mathbb{C}a_i, \quad V^\vee = \sum_{i=0}^9 \mathbb{C}a_i^\vee$$

$$\mathbb{C}[V] = \mathbb{C}[a_0^\vee, \dots, a_9^\vee] \cong \mathbb{C}[a^\vee]$$

$$Z(\xi) = \sum_i \xi_{ij} a_i \partial_{a_j}, \quad \xi \in \mathfrak{g}$$

$$\phi : X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}V, [z_0, z_1, z_2] \mapsto [z_0^3, z_0^2 z_1, \dots, z_2^3], \text{ Segre embedding}$$

I_ϕ = the quadratic ideal generated by the Veronese binomials

$$R_X \simeq \mathbb{C}[x_0^3, x_0^2 x_1, \dots, x_2^3] \subset \mathbb{C}[x]$$

$$\langle a_i, a_j^\vee \rangle = \delta_{ij}$$

$$D_{V^\vee} = \mathbb{C}[a_0, \dots, a_9, \partial_{a_0}, \dots, \partial_{a_9}], \text{ the Weyl algebra on } V^\vee$$

$$D_V = \mathbb{C}[a_0^\vee, \dots, a_9^\vee, \partial_{a_0^\vee}, \dots, \partial_{a_9^\vee}] \supset \mathbb{C}[V].$$

16. Tautological systems

Consider the **Fourier transform**:

$$D_V \xrightarrow{\sim} D_{V^\vee}, \quad a_i^\vee \mapsto \partial_{a_i}, \quad \partial_{a_i^\vee} \mapsto -a_i.$$

For $p(a^\vee) \in \mathbb{C}[V] \equiv \mathbb{C}[a^\vee]$, $\widetilde{p(a^\vee)} = p(\partial_a) \in \mathbb{C}[\partial_a]$ is a differential operator with constant coefficients.

Definition: Fix $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$. Let $\tau \equiv \tau(X, L, G, \beta)$ be the left ideal in D_{V^\vee} generated by the following differential operators:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\partial_a), \quad p(a^\vee) \in I_\phi & \quad (\text{polynomial operators}) \\ Z(\xi), \quad \xi \in \mathfrak{g} & \quad (\text{symmetry operators}) \\ \sum_i a_i \partial_{a_i} + \beta & \quad (\text{Euler operator}) \end{aligned}$$

We call such a differential system a **tautological system** .

17. Basics about τ

- ▶ τ makes sense if we replace I_ϕ by any G -invariant ideal $I \subset \mathbb{C}[V]$, and β by any Lie algebra character of $\hat{\mathfrak{g}} \equiv \mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathbb{C}$. The more general set-up is needed to deal with Fano and general type varieties.
- ▶ τ is **regular holonomic** if X has only finite number of G orbits. Thus, any formal power series solution is analytic; the sheaf of analytic solutions has finite rank at each point. [L-Song-Yau '11, L-Yau '12].
- ▶ τ has **solution rank** which is bounded above by the degree of $\phi : X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}V$ if the R_X is Cohen-Macaulay [L-Song-Yau '11, L-Yau '12].

18. Special cases of τ

- ▶ τ specializes to a **GKZ system** [GKZ '90] if X is a toric variety and $G = T$ is the dense torus. Basic results above were well-known in this case.
- ▶ τ specializes to a **Kapranov system** [Kapranov '97] if X a certain spherical variety of a semisimple group G .
- ▶ τ has the following explicit description if $X = G/P$: its polynomial operators are precisely given by

$$(C_{\mathfrak{g}} - \lambda) \sum_{ij} \mathbb{C} \partial_{a_i} \partial_{a_j}$$

$C_{\mathfrak{g}}$ =quadratic Casimir of \mathfrak{g} ; λ is certain distinguished eigenvalue of $C_{\mathfrak{g}} \in \text{End } V^{\vee}$. This follows from an old result of Kostant.

- ▶ **Example:** For $X = \mathbb{P}^n$, $L = -K_X$, the polynomial operators recover with the Veronese quadratic operators above.

19. Period sheaf, residue sheaf and τ

Assume X is Fano G -variety, and consider first the universal family of Calabi-Yau hypersurfaces \mathcal{Y} in X .

Theorem: [L-Yau '12] The period sheaf and residue sheaf of \mathcal{Y} are both subsheaves of the solution sheaf of

$$\tau = \tau(X, -K_X, G, 1).$$

- ▶ More generally, we can replace $-K_X$ by a very ample line bundle L such that $K_X + L$ is big with sections, and consider the family of **general type** hypersurfaces in X parameterized by $V^\vee = \Gamma(X, L)$. In this case, an analogous result holds, with τ being a D -module defined on the space

$$W^\vee \times V^\vee \cong \Gamma(X, K_X + L)^\vee \times \Gamma(X, L)^\vee.$$

The ideal $I_\phi \subset \mathbb{C}[V]$ is replaced by certain G -invariant, but non-radical ideal in the ring $\mathbb{C}[W \times V]$.

20. Period sheaf, residue sheaf vs. τ

- ▶ Likewise, we can take L to be very ample such that $-K_X - L$ is ample with section, and consider the family of **Fano** hypersurfaces in X parameterized by $V^\vee = \Gamma(X, L)$. In this case, an analogous result holds, with τ being a D-module defined on

$$W^\vee \times V^\vee \cong \Gamma(X, K_X + pL)^\vee \times \Gamma(X, L)^\vee$$

for some positive $p \in \mathbb{Z}$. The ideal $I_\phi \subset \mathbb{C}[V]$ is replaced by certain G -invariant ideal in $\mathbb{C}[W \times V]$.

- ▶ **Example:** $X = \mathbb{P}^4$, $L = \mathcal{O}(3)$, $p = 2$. In this case, the solution sheaf of the new τ contains the periods of cubic threefolds of the form

$$\int_\gamma \operatorname{Res} \frac{g\Omega}{f^2}.$$

21. Descriptions of τ

- ▶ To discuss two descriptions of τ : one geometric, the other algebraic. To focus on the CY case with $\beta = 1$ — there are analogous results for the general case.
- ▶ Assume the *finite-orbit condition* on the G -variety X .
- ▶ Recall $V^\vee \equiv \Gamma(X, L)$, $\hat{\mathfrak{g}} \equiv \mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathbb{C}$. Put

$$f \equiv \sum a_i a_i^\vee : V^\vee \times X \rightarrow L \quad \text{universal section of } L$$

$$(b, x) \mapsto \sum a_i(b) a_i^\vee(x)$$

$$D_{X, \beta} := (D_X \otimes \mathbb{C}_\beta) \otimes_{\hat{\mathfrak{g}}} \mathbb{C}, \quad \text{character D-module on } X$$

$$U := \{(b, x) \in V^\vee \times X \mid f(b, x) \neq 0\} \quad \text{universal complement}$$

$$U_b := \{(b, x) \in U \mid b(x) \neq 0\} \simeq X - Y_b$$

$$\pi^\vee : U \twoheadrightarrow V^\vee \quad \text{projection (affine)}$$

$$\pi_+^\vee : D_h^b(U) \rightarrow D_h^b(V^\vee) \quad \text{the derived pushforward}$$

$$M \mapsto R\pi_*^\vee(\Omega_{U/V^\vee}^\bullet \otimes M[\dim X]) \quad \text{(GM construction.)}$$

22. A cohomological description of τ

Theorem A: [Huang-L-Zhu '14] There is a canonical isomorphism of D-modules

$$\tau \equiv \tau(X, G, -K_X, \beta) \simeq H^0 \pi_+^\vee(\mathcal{O}_{V^\vee} \boxtimes D_{X,\beta})|_U.$$

Hence at each $b \in V^\vee$

$$\mathrm{Hom}(\tau, \mathcal{O}_{V^\vee})_b \simeq H_c^n(U_b, \mathrm{Sol}(D_{X,\beta})|_{U_b}).$$

- ▶ We have $D_{X,\beta} = D_X/D_X \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow D_X/D_X T_X = \mathcal{O}_X$. So the isomorphism yields

$$\tau \rightarrow H^0 \pi_+^\vee \mathcal{O}_U.$$

This is an isomorphism if G generates T_X .

- ▶ Taking Hom at each $b \in V^\vee$ yields a *canonical injection*

$$H_n(X - Y_b) \simeq \mathrm{Hom}(H^0 \pi_+^\vee \mathcal{O}_U, \mathcal{O}_{V^\vee})_b \hookrightarrow \mathrm{Hom}(\tau, \mathcal{O}_{V^\vee})_b.$$

23. Application: completeness problems

- ▶ The canonical injection factors through the 'cycle-to-residue' map

$$H_n(X - Y_b) \rightarrow \mathbf{\Pi}'_b, \quad \gamma' \mapsto \left(\int_{\gamma'} \frac{\Omega}{f} \right)_b.$$

In particular, this map is injective $\forall b \in V^\vee$, hence gives a sharp lower bound on ranks

$$\dim \text{Hom}(\tau, \mathcal{O}_{V^\vee})_b \geq \text{rk } \mathbf{\Pi}'_b \geq \dim H_n(X - Y_b).$$

- ▶ The canonical injection is isomorphic if G generates T_X . In this case, at generic $b \in V^\vee$, the solution rank

$$\dim \text{Hom}(\tau, \mathcal{O}_{V^\vee})_b = \dim H^n(X)_{\text{prim}} + \dim H^{n-1}(Y_b) - \dim H^{n+1}(X).$$

- ▶ For $X = G/P$, we get $\mathbf{\Pi}' \simeq \text{Hom}(\tau, \mathcal{O}_{V^\vee})$. In particular, $\mathbf{\Pi} \simeq \text{Hom}(\tau, \mathcal{O}_{V^\vee})$ iff $H^n_{\text{prim}}(X) = 0$.

Example: $X = \mathbb{P}^n$, or $\dim X$ is odd. Cf. [BHLSY '13].

24. Application: chain integral solutions

- ▶ Consider now opposite extreme with $G \curvearrowright X$ having fixed points: take X toric variety and $G = T$, so τ is a GKZ system. Then $H_n(X - Y_b) \xrightarrow{\neq} \text{Hom}(\tau, \mathcal{O}_{V^\vee})_b$.

Theorem: [Huang-L-Yau-Zhu '15] Put $D =$ union of T -divisors in X . Then the cycle-to-residue map above factors through the isomorphism

$$H_n(X - Y_b, D - Y_b) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}(\tau, \mathcal{O}_{V^\vee})_b, \quad C \mapsto \left(\int_C \frac{\Omega}{f} \right)_b.$$

In other words, every solution to the GKZ system τ is the integral over a **chain** with boundary on the toric divisor D .

- ▶ The 'extra' chain integral solutions to τ here generalize 'semi-periods' of the mirror quintics [Avram et al '95]. They are also similar to periods in type IIB open string theory [cf. Walcher et al '08], where the boundary of chains are holomorphic curves (D-branes) in a CY threefold.

25. Application: chain integral solutions

- ▶ It's known that solutions to GKZ systems can be represented as 'Euler integrals' [GKZ '90] – formal integrals of multivalued forms on algebraic tori T . They can also be represented as cohomology on complements of hypersurfaces in T with coefficients in a suitable local system. Our chain integral isomorphism can be viewed as a topological/geometric analogue of this.
- ▶ The chain integral isomorphism can also give a purely topological proof of the famous formula [GKZ '90]:

$$\text{rk Hom}(\tau_{\text{GKZ}}, \mathcal{O}_{V^v}) = \text{vol}(P_D)$$

where the right side is the volume of the Newton polytope of the space of sections of the line bundle $[D]$. It is done by first proving a vanishing theorem for the homology of the pair $(X - Y_b, D - Y_b)$ [Fu-Huang-L-Yau '15].

- ▶ The chain integral map holds for general G -variety with $D = \cup(G\text{-divisors})$ in X , but the map need not be surjective in general.

26. Application: rank one fibers

- ▶ **Problem in mirror symmetry:** To find LCSL points b_∞ in moduli space of Calabi-Yau.
- ▶ The MHS near a LCSL implies the period sheaf degenerates to rank 1 at such points. This suggests looking at singular points $b \in V^\vee$ of τ where

$$\dim H_n(X - Y_b) = 1$$

We call such a singular Y_b a 'rank 1 fiber' of the family \mathcal{Y} .

- ▶ **Example:** [Hosono-L-Yau '96] For X a toric variety, the union of T -divisors D in X is rank 1 fiber of the CY family \mathcal{Y} in X . (E.g. $X = \mathbb{P}^n$, $D = \{x_0 x_1 \cdots x_n = 0\}$.)
- ▶ **Example:** [Bloch-Huang-L-Srinivas-Yau '13] For $X = G(k, n)$, $D = \{x_{1\dots k} x_{2\dots k+1} \cdots x_{n1\dots k-1} = 0\}$ is a rank 1 fiber of the CY family \mathcal{Y} in X .

27. Richardson stratification

- ▶ **Example:** [Huang-L-Zhu '14] Next, we construct rank 1 fibers in $X = G/P$. Recall that the flag variety G/B has a canonical stratification [Reitsch '05, Knutson-Lam-Speyer '10]:

$$G/B = \bigsqcup'_{(u,w)} [(B^-uB/B) \cap (BwB/B)].$$

The projection $G/B \twoheadrightarrow X = G/P$ yields a stratification on X .

- ▶ Put $Y_\star :=$ closure of the codimension 1 stratum in X . Lam observed that the Kazhdan-Lusztig conjecture implies

$$\dim H_n(X - Y_\star) = 1.$$

- ▶ Moreover $[Y_\star] = -K_X$, hence Y_\star is a rank 1 fiber of the universal CY family in X .
- ▶ A result of Kostant-Luna implies the point $\star \in V^\vee$ is GIT semistable (its G -orbit is closed), so Y_\star survives as a point in the moduli space of CYs in X .

Conjecture: [Huang-L-Zhu '14]

Y_\star is a LCSL of the CY family \mathcal{Y} in X .

28. Period mappings

- ▶ We can also use the geometric description of τ (Theorem A) to translate our differential system τ for the periods of the family \mathcal{Y} in X , to give an *explicit* PDE system for the each 'step' of the Hodge filtration, hence of the period mapping of the family.
- ▶ In fact, the p th step of the Hodge filtration gives rise to a *tautological system* of the form

$$\tau(X, I_p, G, \beta_p)$$

defined on the G -module $V^\vee \times V^\vee$ ($V^\vee \equiv \Gamma(X, L)$.) Here I_p is certain G -invariant ideal in the ring $\mathbb{C}[V \times V]$, and β_p is suitable $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$ character. Details in [Chen-Huang-L '15].

29. Periods near LCSL

- ▶ Consider the a mirror pair of toric varieties X, X^* [Batyrev '93], and the CY hypersurface family \mathcal{Y} in X . We consider the periods of this family in some neighborhood \mathcal{U}_∞ of the standard LCSL $D \equiv$ union of T -divisors in X .
- ▶ The local solution space of $\tau = \tau(X, -K_X, T, 1)$ at LCSL can be explicitly given by a cohomology-valued function $B_X : \mathcal{U}_\infty \rightarrow H^\bullet(X^*)$ [Hosono-L-Yau '95]

$$B_X(a) := \sum_{d \in M_+(X^*)} \prod_{k=1}^{d \cdot [Y^*]} ([Y^*] + k) O_{X^*}(d) \times \frac{a_0^{-d \cdot [Y^*] - [Y^*] - 1}}{\prod_i a_i^{d \cdot D_i^* + D_i^*}}.$$

Here $M_+(X^*)$ is the lattice points in the Mori cone, the D_i^* are the T -divisors, and $[Y^*]$ the anticanonical divisor of X^* ; $O_{X^*}(d)$ are certain combinatorially defined cohomology class of X^* .

- ▶ This was obtained by 'renormalizing' the formal Γ -series solutions of [GKZ '90].

30. Monodromy

- ▶ By analytic continuation (monodromy), the formula determines a local system $\mathbb{H}^\bullet(X^*)$, with general fiber $H^\bullet(X^*)$. By the chain integral map, we have the canonical isomorphism (over B):

$$H^n(X - Y_b, D - Y_b) \simeq \mathbb{H}^\bullet(X^*)_b.$$

Hyperplane Conjecture: [Hosono-L-Yau '95] The period sheaf $\mathbf{\Pi}$ of \mathcal{Y} is isomorphic to the local system

$$[Y^*] \cup \mathbb{H}^\bullet(X^*) \simeq \mathbb{H}^\bullet(X^*) / \text{Ann}([Y^*]).$$

- ▶ The conjecture is known to hold for $X = \mathbb{P}^n$ [L- M.Zhu '15]. Work on general case is in progress.

31. Monodromy

- ▶ Note that the leading term of $B_X(a)$, namely the $H^0(X^*)$ component, is invariant under *local* monodromy on \mathcal{U}_∞ . This invariant period is the period corresponding to the Lagrangian torus of the SYZ fibration of Y_b near the standard LCSL.
- ▶ A conjecture due to [Kontsevich '96] gives an explicit description of the monodromy of the period sheaf. Namely

$$\pi_1(B) \rightarrow \text{Aut } H^\bullet(X^*)$$

is generated by e^J , $J \in H^2(X^*)/Ann([Y^*])$, together the operator $\mathcal{T}(\gamma) = \gamma - \int_{Y^*} Td(Y^*) \cup \gamma$.

32. Some open questions

- ▶ **Question:** Given X, L, G , for which characters β does $\tau = \tau(X, L, G, \beta)$ have nontrivial solutions?

For $X = G/P$, $L = -K_X$, and the symmetry semisimple group G , it can be shown that τ has no nontrivial solutions unless the $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$ -character has $\beta(e) = 0, 1$ (and $\beta(\mathfrak{g}) = 0$ obviously) [Fu-Huang-L-Yau '15].

- ▶ Contrast this with GKZ system for toric varieties: τ_{GKZ} has same dimension for solution space for generic character β .
- ▶ A more detailed analysis for general a G -variety X suggests that the general answer depends in a subtle way on the geometry of the Whitney stratification given by the G -orbits.

33. Some open questions

- ▶ **Problem:** Construct a natural ring structure on the local system $H_0^{Lie}(\hat{g}, R_X e^f)^\vee \simeq \text{Hom}(\tau, \mathcal{O}_{V^\vee})$. This is expected to agree with QH^\bullet on the A-side.
- ▶ **Question:** Can we describe a finite family of Lagrangian cycles $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots$ in Y_b such that their periods $(\int_{\gamma_i} \text{Res } \Omega/f)_b$ generate $\mathbf{\Pi}_b$? There is an explicit correspondence proposed by Hosono between certain 3-cycles on Y_b , and objects in the derived category of the mirror CY, using the function $B_X(a)$. We expect that this correspondence coincides with the HMS mirror functor in this case.
- ▶ **Problem:** When the symmetry group G of τ is reductive, compute periods in terms of G -invariant polynomials à la Luna-Schwarz theorem invariant theory. E.g. For cubic curves, periods have been computed explicitly in terms of the Aronhold invariants.
- ▶ **Question:** When τ is complete, i.e. determines the periods on the B-side, hence the mirror map and GW invariants on the A-side near LCSL, can we recover τ directly by HMS?