

# Stokes structure of difference modules

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# Main result

Riemann-Hilbert correspondence for mild difference modules

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# Introduction: Rough Sketch of the main theorem

Riemann-Hilbert correspondence (Deligne-Malgrange)

$$\text{RH} : \text{Mer}(\mathbb{C}, 0) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Stokes}(S^1), \quad (M, \nabla) \mapsto (\mathcal{H}^0 \widetilde{\text{DR}}(M), \mathcal{H}^0 \text{DR}_{\leq \bullet}(M))$$

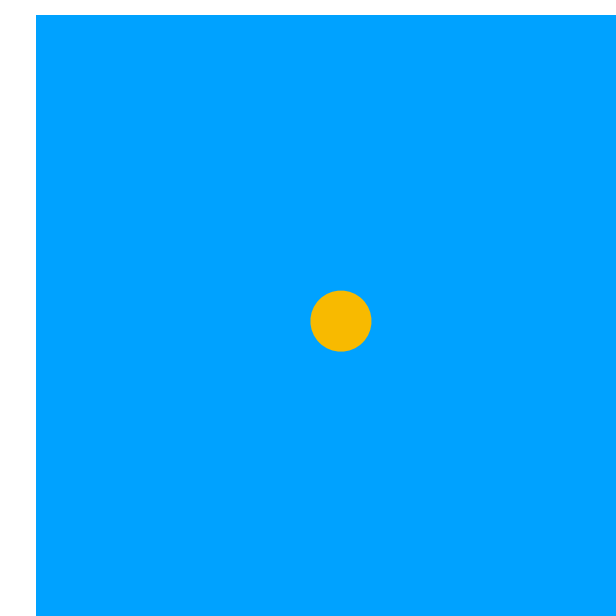
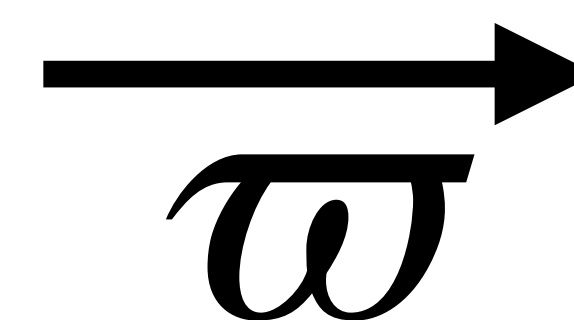
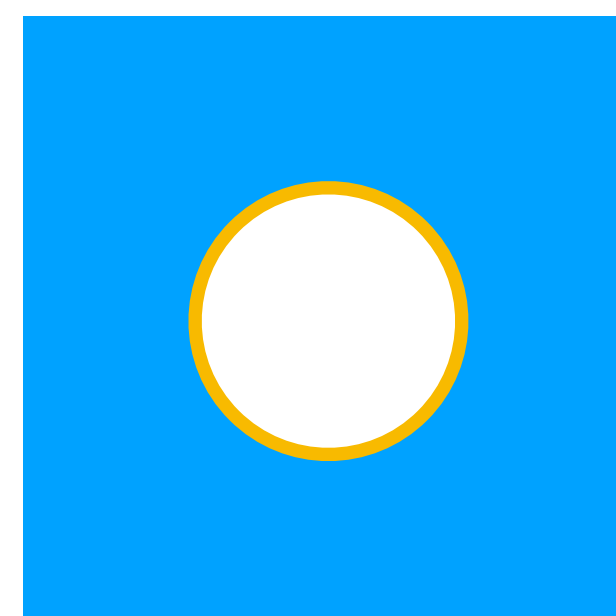
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Stokes filtered  
loc. sys. on  $S^1$

cohomology of  
de Rham complex

Real oriented blow up

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{\mathbb{C}} &:= \{(z, e^{i\theta}) \in \mathbb{C} \times S^1 \mid z = |z|e^{i\theta}\} \\ &\xrightarrow{\varpi} \mathbb{C}, \quad \varpi(z, e^{i\theta}) = z \end{aligned}$$



Main theorem gives a **mild difference analog** of this theorem.

# Difference modules

- $K = \mathbb{C}\{t\}[t^{-1}]$  : Field of convergent Laurent series.
- $\phi: K \rightarrow K$  : Automorphism of fields defined as  $\phi(f)(t) = f\left(\frac{t}{1+t}\right)$ ,  $f \in K$ .

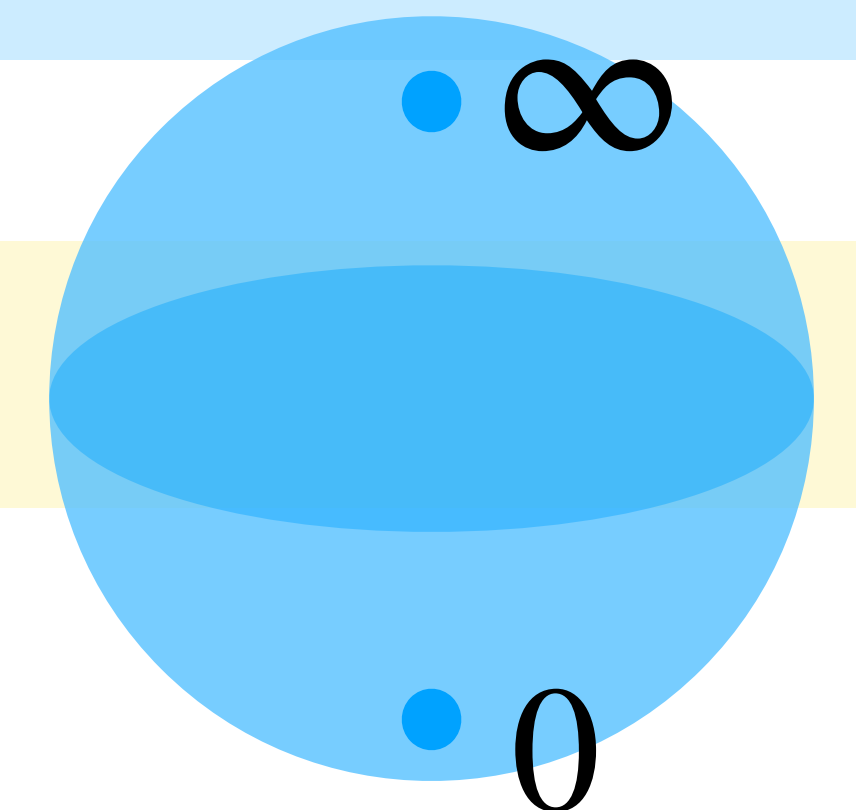
## Definition

A **difference module** (over  $(K, \phi)$ ) is a pair  $\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{M}, \psi)$  of

- a finite dimensional  $K$ -vector space  $\mathcal{M}$ , and
- an automorphism  $\psi: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  such that  $\psi(fv) = \phi(f)\psi(v)$  for  $f \in K, v \in \mathcal{M}$ .

## Remark

Set  $s = t^{-1}$ . Then we have  $\phi(f)(s) = f(s + 1)$ ,  $f \in K$ .



# Examples of difference modules

Regular singular modules

Take a matrix  $G \in \text{End}(\mathbb{C}^r)$  and set

$$\mathcal{R}_G := (K^{\oplus r}, \psi_G), \quad \psi_G := (1+t)^G \phi^{\oplus r}.$$

A difference module **formally** isomorphic to  $\mathcal{R}_G$  is called **regular singular**.

Exponential modules

Take  $d \in \mathbb{Z}, c \in \mathbb{C}$  and set  $\mathfrak{a}(s) = ds \log s + cs$  and

$$\mathcal{E}^{\mathfrak{a}} := (K, \psi_{\mathfrak{a}}), \quad \psi_{\mathfrak{a}} := \exp(\mathfrak{a}(s+1) - \mathfrak{a}(s))\phi.$$

$$s = t^{-1}$$

$$\psi(e^{-\mathfrak{a}(s)})$$

Remark

We have  $\exp(\mathfrak{a}(s+1) - \mathfrak{a}(s)) \in K = \mathbb{C}(\{t\})$ .

$$= e^{\mathfrak{a}(s+1) - \mathfrak{a}(s)} = e^{-\mathfrak{a}(s)}$$

# Mild difference modules

- $\widehat{K}_m := \mathbb{C}((t^{1/m}))$ : Field of formal Laurent series with  $\widehat{\phi}_m(t^{1/m}) = t^{1/m}(1+t)^{-1/m}$ .

Formal decomposition theorem  $\forall$  difference module  $\mathcal{M}$ ,  $\exists m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  such that

$$\mathcal{M} \otimes_K \widehat{K}_m \simeq \bigoplus_{k=1}^{\ell} \widehat{\mathcal{E}}^{\mathbf{a}_k} \otimes_K \mathcal{R}_{G_k}$$

where  $G_k \in \text{End}(\mathbb{C}^{r_k})$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_k = d_k s \log s + \sum_{j=1}^m c_{j,k} s^{\frac{j}{m}}$  ( $d_k \in m^{-1}\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $c_{j,k} \in \mathbb{C}$ ), and

$$\widehat{\mathcal{E}}^{\mathbf{a}_k} = (\widehat{K}_m, \widehat{\psi}_{\mathbf{a}_k}), \quad \widehat{\psi}_{\mathbf{a}_k} = \exp(\mathbf{a}_k(s+1) - \mathbf{a}_k(s)) \widehat{\phi}_m.$$

Definition  $\mathcal{M}$  is called **mild** if we have  $d_k = 0$  for every  $k = 1, \dots, \ell$ .

wild

$d_k \neq 0$

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$k$ .

# Stokes filtered locally free sheaves 1

## Sheaf of rings on a circle

For  $a < b$ , set  $(a, b) := \{e^{i\theta} \in S^1 \mid a < \theta < b\}$ .

**Definition** For a connected open subset  $U \subset S^1$ , we set

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{per}}^{\leq 0}(U) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{C}\{u^{-1}\} & (U \subset (0, \pi)) \\ \mathbb{C}\{u\} & (U \subset (-\pi, 0)) \\ \mathbb{C} & (U \cap \{\pm 1\} \neq \emptyset) \end{cases}, \text{ which defines a sheaf of rings on } S^1.$$

We then set  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{per}} := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} u^n \mathcal{A}_{\text{per}}^{\leq 0} \subset \mathbb{C}[[u, u^{-1}]]_{S^1}$ , which is also a sheaf of rings on  $S^1$ .

**Remark**

We will regard  $u$  as  $\exp(2\pi i s)$ .



# Stokes filtered locally free sheaves 2

## Sheaf of ordered set of indexes

$\tilde{\iota}: S^1 \hookrightarrow \tilde{\mathbb{C}} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}^* : \tilde{j}$  : natural inclusions.  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^*}$ : sheaf of holomorphic functions.

### Definition

For a connected open subset  $U \subset S^1$ , we set

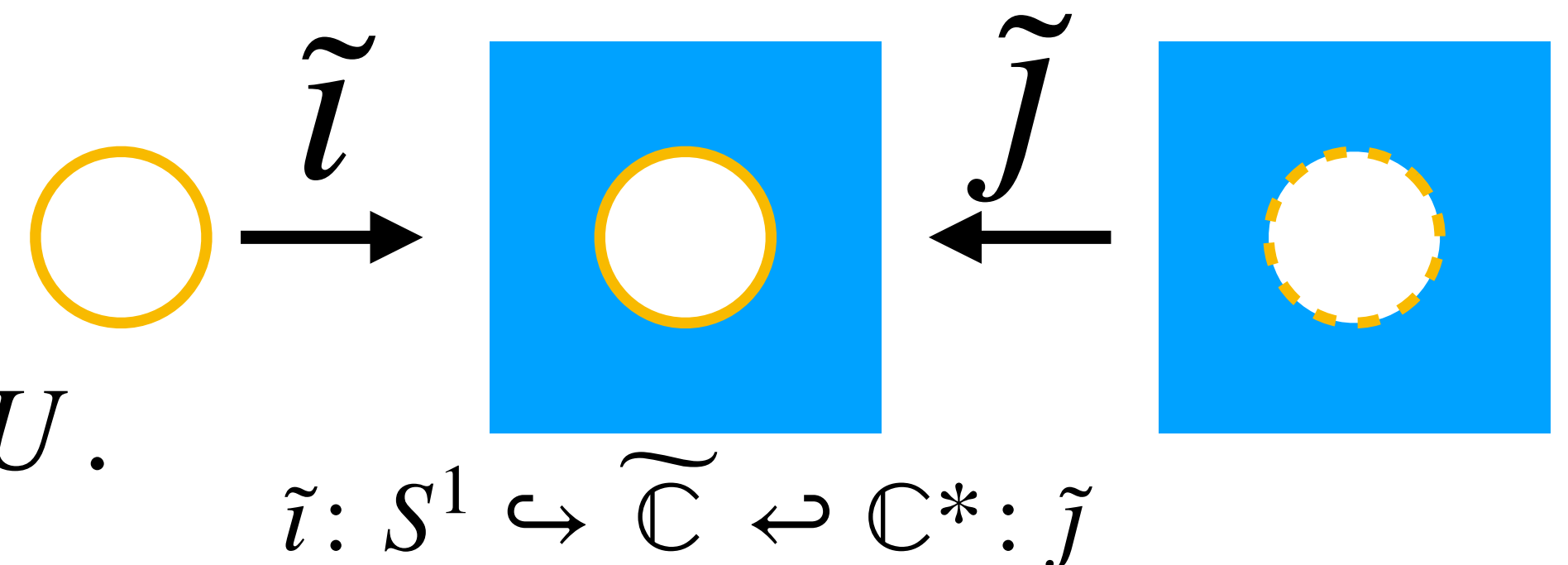
$$\mathcal{F}(U) = \left\{ \mathbf{a} \in \tilde{\iota}^{-1} \tilde{j}_* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^*}(U) \mid \mathbf{a}(s) = \sum_{j=1}^m c_j s^{\frac{j}{m}}, c_j \in \mathbb{C}, m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \right\} \quad \left( e^{\mathbf{a}(s)} \right) = e^{\operatorname{Re}(\mathbf{a}(s))}$$

where we fix a branch of  $\log s$  and hence  $s^{\frac{1}{m}} = \exp(m^{-1} \log s)$ .

We define the order  $<_U$  ( $\leq_U$ ) on  $\mathcal{F}(U)$  by

$$\mathbf{a} <_U \mathbf{b} \quad (\mathbf{a} \leq_U \mathbf{b}) \Leftrightarrow (\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{b} \text{ or } \operatorname{Re}[\mathbf{a}(s)] < \operatorname{Re}[\mathbf{b}(s)] \text{ for } |s| \gg 0, -\arg(s) \in U)$$

$\operatorname{Re}[\mathbf{a}(s)] < \operatorname{Re}[\mathbf{b}(s)]$  for  $|s| \gg 0, -\arg(s) \in U$ .



# Stokes filtered locally free sheaves 3

## Stokes filtrations

**Definition** Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be an  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{per}}$ -module. A **pre-Stokes filtration** on  $\mathcal{L}$  is a family

$\{\mathcal{L}_{\leq \mathfrak{a}} \subset \mathcal{L}|_U \mid U \subset S^1, \mathfrak{a} \in \mathcal{F}(U)\}$  of  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{per}}^{\leq 0}$ -submodules s.t.

- If  $\mathfrak{a}|_V = \mathfrak{b}$  for  $V \subset U$ ,  $\mathfrak{a} \in \mathcal{F}(U)$ , and  $\mathfrak{b} \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $\mathcal{L}_{\leq \mathfrak{a}|_V} = \mathcal{L}_{\leq \mathfrak{b}}$ .
- If  $\mathfrak{a} \leq_U \mathfrak{b}$  for  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b} \in \mathcal{F}(U)$ , then  $\mathcal{L}_{\leq \mathfrak{a}} \subset \mathcal{L}_{\leq \mathfrak{b}}$ .
- For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathfrak{a} \in \mathcal{F}(U)$ , we have the equality  $u^n \mathcal{L}_{\leq \mathfrak{a}} = \mathcal{L}_{\leq \mathfrak{a} + 2\pi i n}$ .

$u = \exp(2\pi i s)$

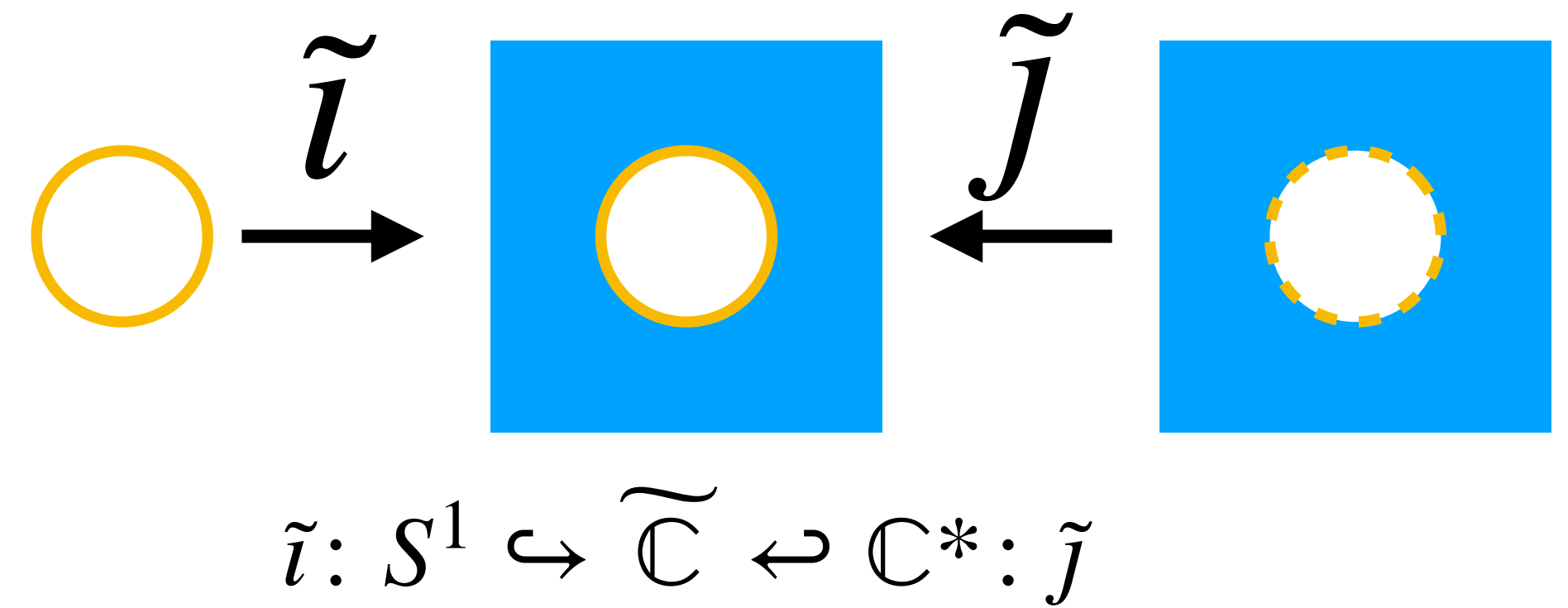
→  $\mathcal{L}_{< \mathfrak{a}} = \sum_{\mathfrak{b} <_U \mathfrak{a}} \mathcal{L}_{\leq \mathfrak{b}}, \quad \text{gr}_{\mathfrak{a}}(\mathcal{L}) = \mathcal{L}_{\leq \mathfrak{a}} / \mathcal{L}_{< \mathfrak{a}}, \quad \text{gr}(\mathcal{L})|_U = \bigoplus_{\mathfrak{a} \in \mathcal{F}(U)} \text{gr}_{\mathfrak{a}}(\mathcal{L}).$

A pre-Stokes filtration on a locally free  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{per}}$ -module is called a **Stokes filtration** if

$\forall x \in S^1, \exists U \subset S^1$  s.t.  $\exists \eta: \text{gr}(\mathcal{L}) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}[u, u^{-1}]} \mathcal{A}_{\text{per}}|_U \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{L}|_U$  with  $\text{gr}(\eta) = \text{id}$ .

# De Rham functors

- $\widetilde{\mathcal{O}} = \tilde{i}^{-1} \tilde{j}_* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^*}$ ,  $\widetilde{\phi}(f)(t) = f(t(1+t)^{-1})$ .
- $\mathcal{A}^{\leq 0} \subset \widetilde{\mathcal{O}}$ : moderate growth functions.
- $\mathcal{A}^{< 0} \subset \widetilde{\mathcal{O}}$ : rapid decay functions.



## Definition

For a **mild** difference module  $\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{M}, \psi)$ , we define complexes

- $\widetilde{\text{DR}}(\mathcal{M}) = [\widetilde{\mathcal{O}} \otimes \mathcal{M}_{S^1} \xrightarrow{\widetilde{\psi} - \text{id}} \widetilde{\mathcal{O}} \otimes \mathcal{M}_{S^1}]$ , degree 0 and 1
- $\text{DR}_{\leq 0}(\mathcal{M}) = [\mathcal{A}^{\leq 0} \otimes \mathcal{M}_{S^1} \xrightarrow{\widetilde{\psi} - \text{id}} \mathcal{A}^{\leq 0} \otimes \mathcal{M}_{S^1}]$ , and  $\text{DR}_{< 0}(\mathcal{M}) = [\mathcal{A}^{< 0} \otimes \mathcal{M}_{S^1} \xrightarrow{\widetilde{\psi} - \text{id}} \mathcal{A}^{< 0} \otimes \mathcal{M}_{S^1}]$ .

## Theorem (S)

If  $\mathcal{M}$  is **mild**,  $\mathcal{H}^i(\text{DR}_{\leq 0}(\mathcal{M})) = \mathcal{H}^i(\text{DR}_{< 0}(\mathcal{M})) = 0 \quad (i \neq 0)$ .

# Main theorem

For  $\mathfrak{a} \in \mathcal{F}(U)$ ,  $U \subset S^1$ : open, we set  $\mathrm{DR}_{\leq \mathfrak{a}}(\mathcal{M}) = [e^{\mathfrak{a}} \mathcal{A}_{|U}^{\leq 0} \otimes \mathcal{M}_U \xrightarrow{\widetilde{\psi} - \mathrm{id}} e^{\mathfrak{a}} \mathcal{A}_{|U}^{\leq 0} \otimes \mathcal{M}_U]$ .

There exists a unique  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{per}}$ -submodule  $\mathrm{Per}(\mathcal{M}) \subset \mathcal{H}^0 \widetilde{\mathrm{DR}}(\mathcal{M})$  such that

$$\mathrm{Per}(\mathcal{M})|_U = \sum_{\mathfrak{a} \in \mathcal{F}(U)} \mathcal{H}^0 \mathrm{DR}_{\leq \mathfrak{a}}(\mathcal{M}). \quad \subsetneq \mathcal{H}^0(\widetilde{\mathrm{DR}}(\mathcal{M}))$$

Theorem (S. arXiv: 2212.10753)

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a mild difference module.

- The pair  $\mathrm{RH}(\mathcal{M}) := (\mathrm{Per}(\mathcal{M}), \mathcal{H}^0 \mathrm{DR}_{\leq \bullet}(\mathcal{M}))$  is a Stokes filtered  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{per}}$ -module.
- The correspondence  $\mathrm{RH} : \mathrm{Diffc}^{\mathrm{mild}} \rightarrow \mathrm{St}(\mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{per}})$  is an equivalence of categories.

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filtered  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{per}}$ -mod.



# Rank one examples and Gamma functions

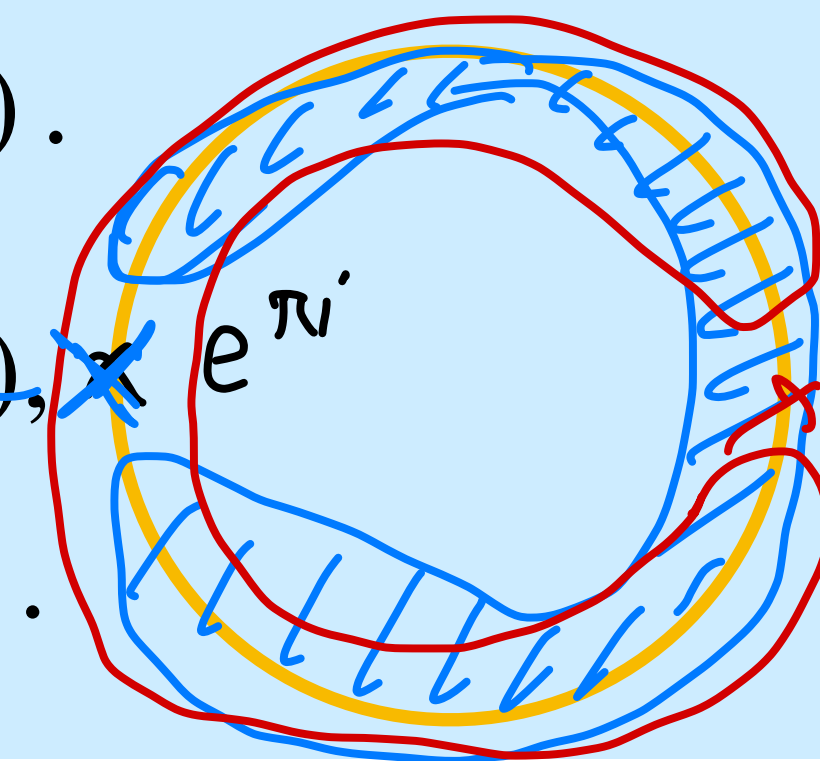
Theorem (S)  $\underline{\text{Per}(K, \phi) = \mathcal{A}_{\text{per}}}$ , where  $K = \mathcal{O}_t(*0) = \mathbb{C}\{t\}[t^{-1}]$ .

Remark Concerning the 'wild Stokes filtration' with ' $\leq_U s \log s$ ' cause a problem.

Regular singular modules

Take  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$  and set  $\mathcal{B}_\alpha := (K, (1 + \alpha t)\phi)$ .

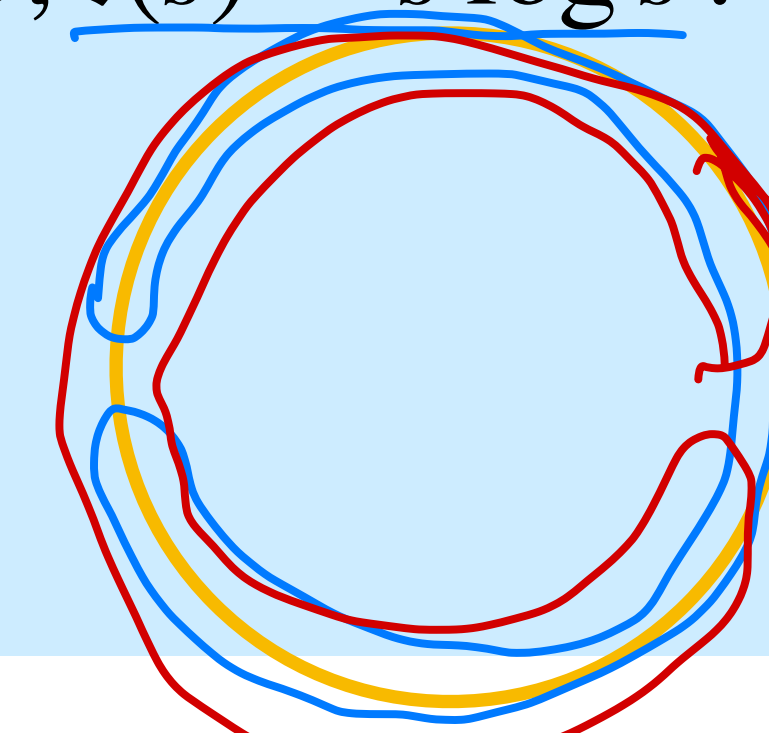
$$\underline{\text{Per}(\mathcal{B}_\alpha)|_U} = \begin{cases} \mathcal{A}_{\text{per}|_U} \Gamma(s)/\Gamma(s + \alpha) & (e^{\pi i} \notin U), \\ \mathcal{A}_{\text{per}|_U} (1 - u)\Gamma(s)/(1 - e^{2\pi i \alpha} u)\Gamma(s + \alpha) & (e^0 \notin U). \end{cases}$$



Twisted Gamma module

Set  $\mathcal{E}_\Gamma = (K, \psi_\Gamma)$ ,  $\psi_\Gamma = \exp(\mathfrak{I}(s + 1) - \mathfrak{I}(s))t\phi$ ,  $\mathfrak{I}(s) = s \log s$ .

$$\text{Per}(\mathcal{E}_\Gamma)|_U = \begin{cases} \mathcal{A}_{\text{per}|_U} s^{-s} \Gamma(s) & (e^{i\pi} \notin U), \\ \mathcal{A}_{\text{per}|_U} (1 - u) s^{-s} \Gamma(s) & (e^0 \notin U). \end{cases}$$



# Riemann-Hilbert correspondence

$$\text{Ker}(\tilde{\varphi}: \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}) = \mathcal{A}_{\text{per}}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{per}} \subset \hat{\mathcal{O}}_{\text{per}} := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n u^n$$

$$\text{Ker}(\tilde{\varphi}: \tilde{\mathcal{O}} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{O}}) \simeq H^0 \hat{\mathcal{D}}_{\mathbb{R}}(\tilde{\mathcal{O}})$$

in **wild** case

Replacing  $\mathcal{F}$  with  $\mathcal{F}^{\text{wild}}$ ,  
We define **wild** version of  
Stokes structure

**Definition** For a connected open subset  $U \subset S^1$ , we set

$$\mathcal{F}^{\text{wild}}(U) = \left\{ \mathbf{a} \in \tilde{\tau}^{-1} \tilde{j}_* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^*}(U) \mid \mathbf{a}(s) = \frac{\ell}{m} s \log s + \sum_{j=1}^m c_j s^{\frac{j}{m}}, c_j \in \mathbb{C}, m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}, \ell \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

where we fix a branch of  $\log s$  and hence  $s^{\frac{1}{m}} = \exp(m^{-1} \log s)$ .

**Conjecture** There exists an equivalence of categories:

$$\text{RH: Diffc} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{St}^{\text{wild}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{per}})$$

cat. of **any**  
difference mod.

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filtered  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{per}}$ -mod.

# Motivation/Expected applications

Mellin transformations

- Main result
- Motivations/Expected applications
  - Mellin transformation

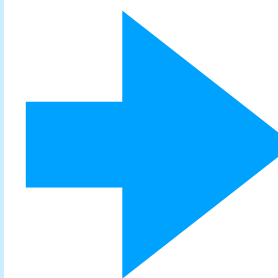
# Algebraic Mellin transformation

Isomorphism of rings:

$$\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{G}_m} = \mathbb{C}[x, x^{-1}] \langle x\partial_x \rangle \simeq \mathfrak{M} = \mathbb{C}[s] \langle \phi, \phi^{-1} \rangle$$

$$x \xleftrightarrow{\quad} \phi$$

$$x\partial_x \xleftrightarrow{\quad} -s$$



For  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{G}_m}$ -module  $\mathcal{N}$ , we set

$$\mathfrak{M}(\mathcal{N}) := \mathfrak{M} \otimes_{\mathcal{D}} \mathcal{N}$$

Theorem (López, arXiv:1804.09776v3) For a **holonomic**  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{G}_m}$ -module  $\mathcal{N}$ , we have

$$\mathfrak{M}(\mathcal{N}) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}[s]} \mathbb{C}((s^{-1})) \simeq \bigoplus_{\star \in \text{Sing}(\mathcal{N}) \cup \{0, \infty\}} \mathfrak{M}_{\star, \infty}(\mathcal{N}).$$

local Mellin trans.

- For a **regular** holonomic  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{G}_m}$ -module  $\mathcal{N}$ ,  $\mathfrak{M}(\mathcal{N})_{\infty} := K \otimes_{\mathbb{C}[s]} \mathfrak{M}(\mathcal{N})$  is **mild**.

Question

Can we describe  $\text{RH}(\mathfrak{M}(\mathcal{N})_{\infty})$  in terms of  $\text{DR}(\mathcal{N})$ ?

*Stokes filtration? Anon?*

perverse sheaf



# Stokes structure of Mellin transformations

**Question** Can we describe  $\text{RH}(\mathfrak{M}(\mathcal{N})_\infty)$  in terms of  $\text{DR}(\mathcal{N})$  or  $\text{Sol}(\mathcal{N})$ ?

Assume  $\mathcal{N} = (E, \nabla)$  is an algebraic connection on  $U = \mathbb{G}_m \setminus S$ ,  $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_\ell\}$ .

Integral presentation of solutions of  $\mathfrak{M}(\mathcal{N})$ :

Notations are taken from Bloch-Vlasenko (last slide)

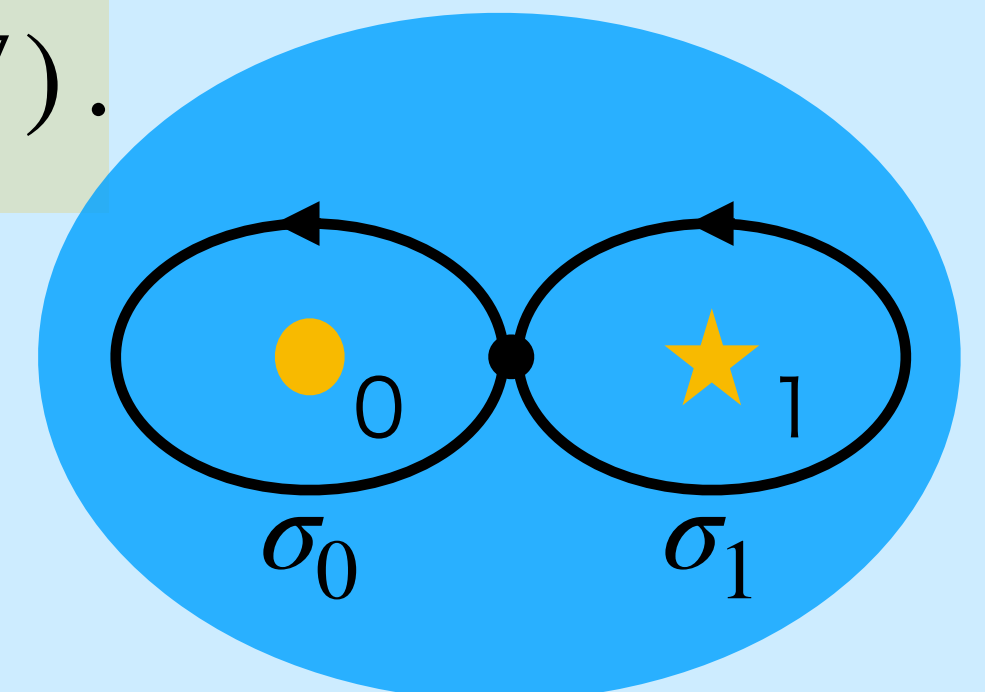
$$\Gamma_\xi(s) = \sum_j e^{2\pi i s n_j} \int_{\sigma_j} \langle v, \varepsilon_j \rangle x^s \frac{dx}{x} \left( \xi \sim \sum_j \sigma_j \otimes \varepsilon_j \otimes e^{2\pi i s n_j} \in H_1(U^{\text{an}}, \mathcal{E}^\vee \otimes x^s), v \otimes \frac{dx}{x} \in E \otimes \Omega_U^1 \right)$$

**Example**  $f: \mathbb{P}_y^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_x^1$ ,  $x = f(y) = 1 - y^2$ .  $f^\circ: C^\circ = \mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{0, 1, -1, \infty\} \rightarrow U = \mathbb{P}_x^1 \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\}$ .

$f_* \mathcal{O}_{C^\circ} = \mathcal{O}_U \oplus \mathcal{O}_U[y] \supset \mathcal{O}_U[y] =: E, \nabla[y] = -2^{-1}(1-x)^{-1}[y]dx, \mathcal{N} = (E, \nabla)$ .

$\longrightarrow \mathfrak{M}(\mathcal{N})_\infty \simeq \mathcal{B}_{3/2}$ .

$$\Gamma_\xi(s) = \int_{\sigma_1 \sigma_0 \sigma_1 \sigma_0^{-1}} (1-x)^{1/2} x^s \frac{dx}{x} = 2(1 - e^{2\pi i s}) \frac{\Gamma(s)\Gamma(3/2)}{\Gamma(s + 3/2)}.$$



# An approach to the question

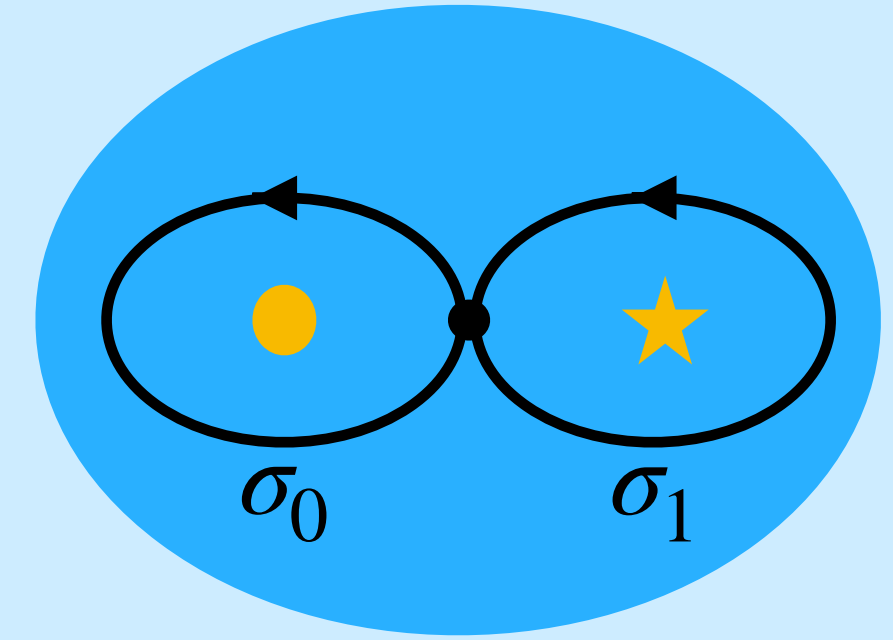
Example

$$\mathcal{O}_U[y] =: E, \nabla[y] = -2^{-1}(1-x)^{-1}[y]dx, \mathcal{N} = (E, \nabla).$$

→

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Regular singular modules

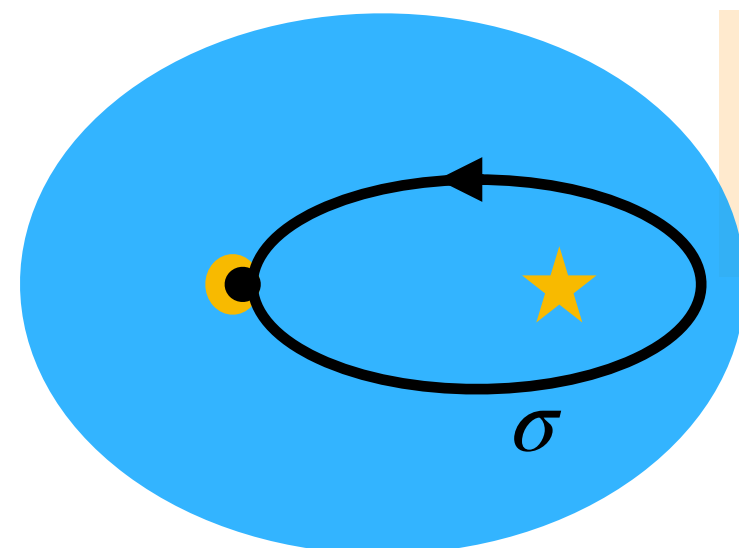
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To give a section with good asymptotic behavior, we take ‘rapid decay’ paths:

$$\Gamma(s)/\Gamma(s + 3/2)$$

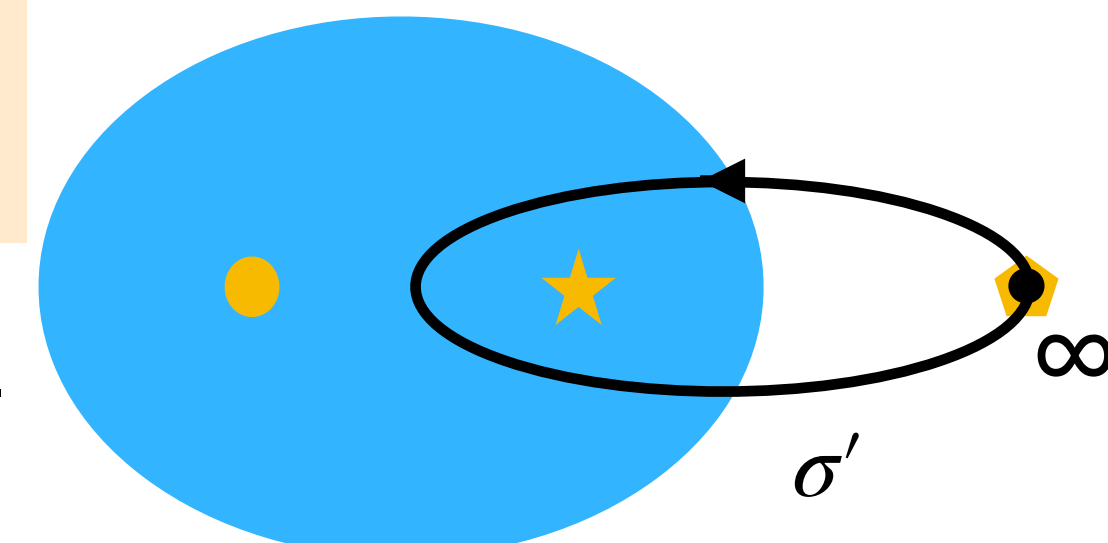
$$= (\text{constant}) \int_\sigma (1-x)^{1/2} x^s \frac{dx}{x}$$



$\text{Re}(s) \gg 0$

$$(1-u)\Gamma(s)/(1+u)\Gamma(s+3/2)$$

$$= (\text{constant}) \int_{\sigma'} (1-x)^{1/2} x^s \frac{dx}{x}$$



$\text{Re}(s) \ll 0$

# Motivic Gamma functions

Recently, there appear interesting studies on Mellin transformations:

Golyshev, Vasily V., and Don Zagier. "Proof of the gamma conjecture for Fano 3-folds of Picard rank 1." *Izvestiya: Mathematics* 80.1 (2016): 24.

§2.4. Higher Frobenius limits: beyond the gamma conjecture.

Spencer Bloch, Masha Vlasenko. "Gamma functions, monodromy and Frobenius constants." *Communications in Number Theory and Physics* 15 (2021), no. 1, 91–147

$$\boxed{f: Y \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_x}$$

$$f_f^\circ \mathcal{O}_Y \quad x^{-1}$$

$$\frac{s^r}{(1 - e^{-2\pi i s})^{r-d}} \Gamma_{\xi_0}(s) = \sum_{n=d}^{\infty} \kappa_n s^n$$

motivic Gamma function

Frobenius constants  
are periods.

etc.