

Quantum Geometric Langlands
vs.
Non-perturbative dualities in Sigma Models

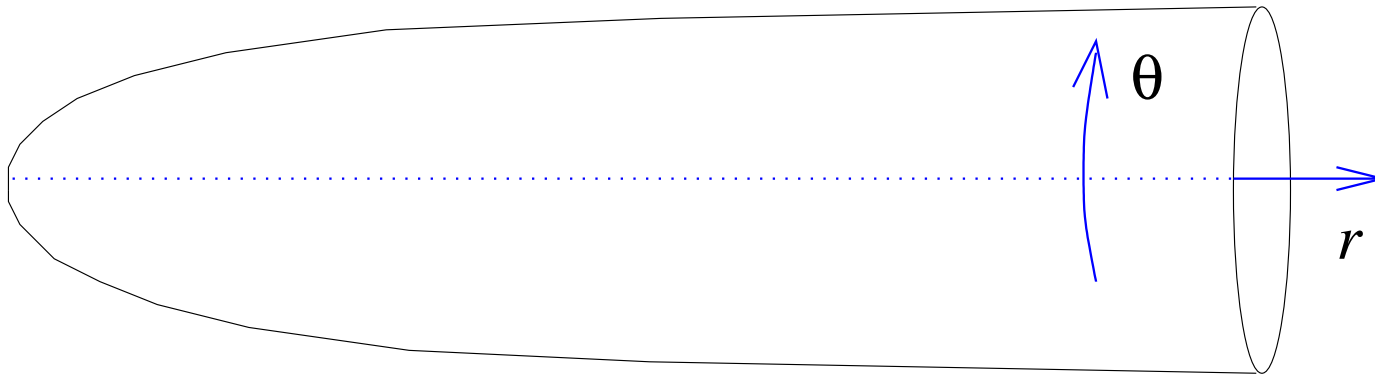
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Motivation: FZZ duality - (Fateev, A.B. and Al.B. Zamolodchikov)

Quantized motion of strings on the "cigar", $ds^2 = dr^2 + \tanh^2(r) d\theta^2$,

$$S = \int_{\Sigma} \frac{d^2z}{4\pi} \left(\partial_z \rho \partial_{\bar{z}} \rho + \tanh^2(b\rho) \partial_z \theta \partial_{\bar{z}} \theta \right) = S_{\text{free}} + \int_{\Sigma} \frac{d^2z}{2\pi} e^{2b\rho} \partial_z \theta \partial_{\bar{z}} \theta + \dots$$



\Leftrightarrow (for large curvature) motion of strings under exponentially growing force field ("tachyon condensate").

$$S = \int_{\Sigma} \frac{d^2z}{4\pi} \left(\partial_z \rho \partial_{\bar{z}} \rho + \partial_z \theta \partial_{\bar{z}} \theta + \lambda e^{\frac{1}{b}\rho} \cos(k\tilde{\theta}) \right) \quad b^2 = \frac{1}{k-2}$$

Note: Exponential interactions $\propto e^{2b\rho}$ vs. $e^{\frac{1}{b}\rho}$!!!

Example: The FZZ duality II

- This duality means that string quantum fluctuations modify **geodesic motion** into **non-geometric propagation** — mirror symmetry.
- **New** type of non-perturbative effect: $\mathcal{O}(\exp(-e^{1/b^2}))$.

Origin of FZZ duality

(Hikida, Schomerus): Combination of two dualities:

- Duality between the Cigar CFT and Liouville theory (Ribault, J.T.) — **Quantum geometric Langlands correspondence**
- Self-duality of Liouville theory (J.T.) — **Modular duality of quantum Teichmüller theory**

Origin of FZZ duality Ia: Duality Cigar - Liouville theory

What is **Liouville theory**?

$$S = \int_{\Sigma} \frac{d^2z}{4\pi} (\partial_z \phi \partial_{\bar{z}} \phi + 4\pi \mu e^{2b\phi}).$$

Basic observables: $V_{\alpha}(z, \bar{z}) = e^{2\alpha\phi(z, \bar{z})}$. Theory fully characterized by correlation functions

$$\langle V_{\alpha_n}(z_n, \bar{z}_n) \dots V_{\alpha_1}(z_1, \bar{z}_1) \rangle$$

Related to **uniformization** of Riemann surfaces:

$ds^2 = e^{2b\phi} dz d\bar{z}$ has constant negative curvature

iff

ϕ satisfies Liouville equation of motion.

\Leftrightarrow

(classical/quantum) Liouville theory \Leftrightarrow (classical/quantum) **Teichmüller theory**.

Origin of FZZ duality Ib: Duality Cigar - Liouville theory

Explicit relation between correlation functions (Ribault, J.T.)

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \Phi_{m_1 \bar{m}_1}^{j_1}(z_1) \cdots \Phi_{m_n \bar{m}_n}^{j_n}(z_n) \right\rangle_{\text{Cigar}} &= \frac{2\pi^3 b}{\pi^{2n} (n-2)!} \delta\left(\sum_{r=1}^n p_r\right) \delta_{\sum_{r=1}^n (m_r - \bar{m}_r)} \prod_{r=1}^n N_{m_r \bar{m}_r}^{j_r} \\ &\times \int_C d^2 y_1 \cdots d^2 y_{n-2} K(z_1, \dots, z_n | y_1, \dots, y_{n-2}) \\ &\times \left\langle V_{\alpha_n}(z_n) \cdots V_{\alpha_1}(z_1) V_{-\frac{1}{2b}}(y_{n-2}) \cdots V_{-\frac{1}{2b}}(y_1) \right\rangle_{\text{Liou}}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} K(z_1, \dots, z_n | y_1, \dots, y_{n-2}) &= \prod_{r < s \leq n} (z_r - z_s)^{m_r + m_s + \frac{k}{2}} (\bar{z}_r - \bar{z}_s)^{\bar{m}_r + \bar{m}_s + \frac{k}{2}} \\ &\prod_{a < b \leq n-2} |y_a - y_b|^k \prod_{r=1}^n \prod_{a=1}^{n-2} (z_r - y_a)^{-m_r - \frac{k}{2}} (\bar{z}_r - \bar{y}_a)^{-\bar{m}_r - \frac{k}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Mathematics behind: **Geometric Langlands correspondence**

Origin of FZZ duality IIa: Self-duality of Liouville theory

Non-perturbative construction (J.T.) shows: **Liouville theory is self-dual:**

$$\langle V_{\alpha_n}(z_n, \bar{z}_n) \dots V_{\alpha_1}(z_1, \bar{z}_1) \rangle_{b, \mu} = \langle V_{\alpha_n}(z_n, \bar{z}_n) \dots V_{\alpha_1}(z_1, \bar{z}_1) \rangle_{\frac{1}{b}, \tilde{\mu}},$$

where

$$\pi \frac{\Gamma(b^{-2})}{\Gamma(1 - b^{-2})} \tilde{\mu} = \left(\pi \frac{\Gamma(b^2)}{\Gamma(1 - b^2)} \mu \right)^{\frac{1}{b^2}}.$$

Origin of self-duality of Liouville theory — **Necessity**

Renormalization of exponential interactions

$$S = \int_{\Sigma} \frac{d^2z}{4\pi} (\partial_z \phi \partial_{\bar{z}} \phi + 4\pi \mu e^{2b\phi}).$$

Consider term of n-th order in the perturbative expansion of Liouville theory,

$$\mu^n \int d^2u_1 \dots \int d^2u_n e^{2b\phi(u_1, \bar{u}_1)} \dots e^{2b\phi(u_n, \bar{u}_n)},$$

use OPE $e^{2b\phi(z, \bar{z})} e^{2b\phi(w, \bar{w})} \sim |z - w|^{-4b^2} e^{4b\phi(w, \bar{w})}$. Singular behavior comes from "clustering" of integration variables, similar to Dyson's integral:

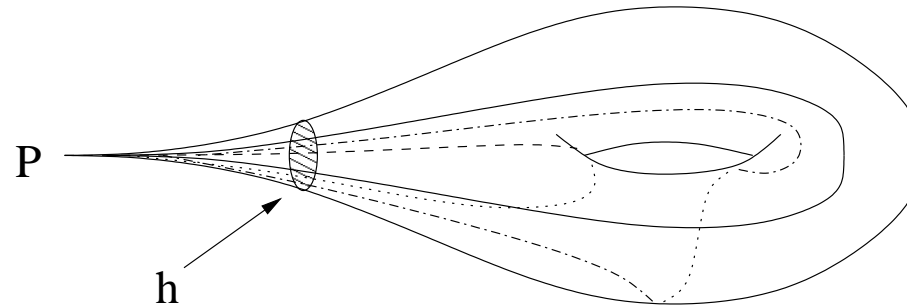
$$\int_{S_1} dt_1 \dots dt_n \prod_{r < s} |t_r - t_s|^{-2b^2} = \left(\frac{2\pi}{\Gamma(1 - b^2)} \right)^n \Gamma(1 - nb^2),$$

i.e. Poles for rational b^2 , **small denominator problem** for irrational b^2 .

Note: Dual interaction $e^{2\frac{1}{b}\phi}$ produces similar singularities which might solve the problem — need **nonperturbative** construction of Liouville theory (J.T.).

Non-perturbative construction of Liouville theory – – quantum Teichmüller theory

What is quantum Teichmüller theory? (Fock; Checkov/Fock; Kashaev)
Use uniformization to introduce coordinates on Teichmüller spaces,



One length variable l_e for each edge of triangulation Δ . Form cross-ratio $z_e = l_a + l_c - l_b - l_d$. Natural Poisson bracket from Teichmüller theory (Weil-Petersson):

$$\{z_e, z_f\} = n_{ef}, \quad \text{where } n_{ef} \in \{\pm 2, \pm 1, 0\} \text{ determined by triangulation.}$$

Quantization: Straightforward, operators z_e , $e \in \{\text{edges of } \Delta\}$, relations

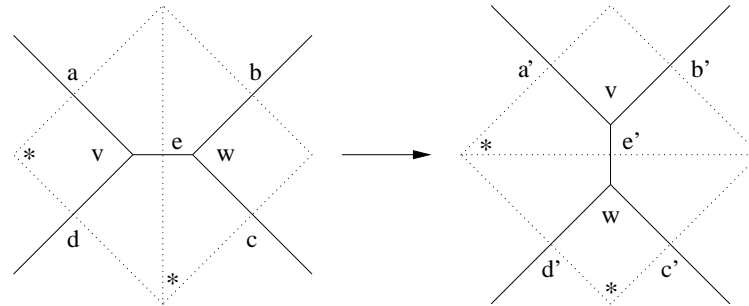
$$[z_e, z_f] = n_{ef},$$

realized on $\mathcal{H}(\Sigma) = L^2(\mathbb{R}^{3g-3+n})$.

Modular duality of quantum Liouville – Teichmüller theory

Key issue: Change of coordinate system \Leftrightarrow Change of triangulation.

Generated from flips:



$$\begin{aligned}
 u_{a'} &= (1 + qu_e)u_a & u_{e'} &= u_e^{-1} & u_{b'} &= (1 + qu_e^{-1})^{-1}u_b \\
 u_{d'} &= (1 + qu_e^{-1})^{-1}u_d & & & u_{c'} &= (1 + qu_e)u_c
 \end{aligned}$$

Need operator W_e on $\mathcal{H}(\Sigma)$ such that

$$W_e^{-1} \cdot u_a \cdot W_e = (1 + qu_e)u_a \quad \text{etc..}$$

Such an operator can be constructed as $W = W(u_e)$ if $W(x)$ solves the functional equation

$$W(q^2x) = (1 + qx)W(x).$$

Mathematical root of self-duality

We need to solve a simple quantum mechanics exercise. Given operators p, q , $[p, q] = (2\pi i)^{-1}$, construct representation of Weyl-algebra $uv = q^2vu$, $q = e^{i\pi b^2}$, as $u = e^{2\pi b q}$, $v = e^{2\pi b p}$. Does there exist a unitary operator W on $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ such that

$$W^{-1} \cdot u \cdot W = u + v^{\frac{1}{2}} u v^{\frac{1}{2}} = (1 + qv)u \quad ?$$

Try ansatz $W = W(v)$. Rewrite $(W(v))^{-1} \cdot u \cdot W(v) = \frac{W(q^2v)}{W(v)}u$. The ansatz would solve the problem if function W would satisfy the functional equation

$$W(q^2x) = (1 + qx)W(x).$$

This is solved formally by the power series

$$W_q(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1 - q^2)(1 - q^4) \cdots (1 - q^{2n})} (-qx)^n.$$

This series does not converge, **small denominator problem !!!**

Fortunately there is a better solution to the functional equation

$$W(q^2x) = (1 + qx)W(x),$$

namely $W(e^{2\pi by}) = e_b(y)$, $e_b(y)$: **self-dual quantum dilogarithm**, defined by

$$\begin{aligned} e_b(y) &= \exp\left(-\int_{\mathbb{R}_{+i0}} \frac{dt}{4t} \frac{e^{-2ity}}{\sinh bt \sinh b^{-1}t}\right) \\ &= \frac{W_q(x)}{W_{\tilde{q}}(x^{1/b^2})} \quad \text{for } |q| < 1, \text{ where } \tilde{q} = e^{\pi i b^{-2}}, \end{aligned}$$

Observation: **Self-duality** solves **small denominator problem** !

Main point:

Self-duality solves **small denominator problem** of Liouville theory !

Equivalence between Liouville theory and **Teichmüller theory**

Consider $\mathcal{T}_{g,n}$: Teichmüller space of Riemann surfaces with genus g and n conical singularities, deficit angles $\eta_k = b\alpha_k$. Teichmüller space has a Kähler structure. Let $\mathbf{m} = (m_1, \dots, m_{3g-3+n})$ be complex analytic coordinates for $\mathcal{T}_{g,n}$.

Claim (J.T.):

There exists a canonical Kähler quantization of $\mathcal{T}_{g,n}$, characterized by the deformed **Bergmann kernel** $B_{\Sigma}(\bar{\mathbf{n}}, \mathbf{m})$ (Karabegov \Rightarrow star product etc.). We then have

$$B_{\Sigma}(\bar{\mathbf{m}}, \mathbf{m}) = \left\langle V_{\alpha_n}(z_n, \bar{z}_n) \cdots V_{\alpha_1}(z_1, \bar{z}_1) \right\rangle_{\Sigma_{\mathbf{m}}}$$

Bear in mind:

- Quantum Liouville theory build from quantum dilogarithm: **self-dual**
- Duality: Solution of **small denominator problems** coming from exponential interactions.

The duality Liouville-Cigar: \mathfrak{q} -Geometric Langlands I

Cigar comes from $\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2$ -WZNW model via coset construction.

$\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2$ -WZNW model: Conformal field theory with current algebra symmetry $\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_{2,k} \times \widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_{2,k}$,

- **Observables:** $\Phi^j(\mu|z)$,
- **Correlation functions:** $\langle \Phi^{j_n}(\mu_n|z_n) \cdots \Phi^{j_1}(\mu_1|z_1) \rangle$

$$\left\langle \Phi^{j_n}(\mu_n|z_n) \cdots \Phi^{j_1}(\mu_1|z_1) \right\rangle_{\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2} = \frac{\pi b}{2(-\pi)^n} \delta^{(2)}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i\right) |\Theta_n|^2 \left\langle V_{\alpha_n}(z_n) \cdots V_{\alpha_1}(z_1) V_{-\frac{1}{2b}}(y_{n-2}) \cdots V_{-\frac{1}{2b}}(y_1) \right\rangle_{\text{Liou}}$$

- Function Θ_n : explicitly known, simple.

- Variables μ_r related to y_1, \dots, y_{n-2}, u via
$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\mu_i}{t - z_i} = u \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n-2} (t - y_j)}{\prod_{i=1}^n (t - z_i)}.$$

- Identification of parameters: $b^2 = (k - 2)^{-1}$, $\alpha_i = b(j_i + 1) + 1/b$.

The duality Liouville - $\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2$ -WZNW: q -Geometric Langlands II

Similar relation holds for the holomorphic/antiholomorphic building blocks of correlation functions on a Riemann surface X — the **conformal blocks**.

Liouville conformal blocks parameterized by monodromy representation of additional **degenerate** field $V_{-1/2b}(z)$ inserted into the conformal blocks: **Local system** λ .

The Liouville- $\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2$ -WZNW correspondence assigns to each Liouville conformal block a solution Ψ_λ to the KZ-equations:

$$(k - 2)\partial_{m_r}\Psi_\lambda = \mathcal{D}_r\Psi_\lambda, \quad \mathcal{D}_r : \text{Differential operator on } \text{Bun}_G.$$

For $k \rightarrow 2$: Degeneration into eigenvalue equation $\mathcal{D}_r\Psi_\lambda = E_r(\lambda)\Psi_\lambda$ for quantized **Hitchin Hamiltonians** \mathcal{D}_r . System of these eigenvalue equations \Leftrightarrow **\mathcal{D} -module** \mathcal{E}_λ .

So the Liouville- $\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2$ -correspondence gives $G = SL(2)$ -case of correspondence:

$$\boxed{\text{Local systems } \lambda \text{ in } {}^L G} \leftrightarrow \boxed{\mathcal{D}\text{-modules } \mathcal{E}_\lambda \text{ on } \text{Bun}_G}$$

That's the **geometric Langlands correspondence** (Beilinson, Drinfeld...) !

The duality Liouville - $\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2$ -WZNW: q -Geometric Langlands III

The Liouville- $\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2$ -WZNW correspondence is rich enough to reproduce geometric Langlands duality in the limit $k \rightarrow 2$:

Consider left hand side – **Liouville conformal block**

$$\left\langle \Psi_{\alpha_n}(z_n) \cdots \Psi_{\alpha_1}(z_1) \Psi_{-\frac{1}{2b}}(y_{n-2}) \cdots \Psi_{-\frac{1}{2b}}(y_1) \right\rangle_{\text{Liou}}$$

Insert extra degenerate field to probe intermediate representations:

$$\psi(t) \equiv \left\langle \Psi_{-\frac{1}{2b}}(t) \Psi_{\alpha_n}(z_n) \cdots \Psi_{\alpha_1}(z_1) \Psi_{-\frac{1}{2b}}(y_{n-2}) \cdots \Psi_{-\frac{1}{2b}}(y_1) \right\rangle_{\text{Liou}}$$

It satisfies

$$(\partial_t^2 - \langle\langle T(t) \rangle\rangle) \psi(t) = 0, \quad \langle\langle T(t) \rangle\rangle \equiv \langle T(t) \Psi_{-\frac{1}{2b}}(t) \cdots \rangle / \langle \Psi_{-\frac{1}{2b}}(t) \cdots \rangle$$

Limit $k \rightarrow 2 \Rightarrow$ **oper**, differential operator of the form $\partial_t^2 + \sum_{m=1}^n \left(\frac{\delta_m}{(t-z_m)^2} + \frac{c_m}{t-z_m} \right)$.

For $g \geq 0$: Conf. blocks parameterized by $3g - 3 + n$ parameters:

Same as for space of **opers** !

The duality Liouville - $\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2$ -WZNW: q -Geometric Langlands IV

Generalize left hand side to

$$\left\langle \Psi_{\alpha_n}(z_n) \cdots \Psi_{\alpha_1}(z_1) \Psi_{-\frac{b}{2}}(q_n) \cdots \Psi_{-\frac{b}{2}}(q_1) \Psi_{-\frac{1}{2b}}(y_{n-2}) \cdots \Psi_{-\frac{1}{2b}}(y_1) \right\rangle_{\text{Liou}}$$

This is mapped to

$$\left\langle \Phi^{j_n}(\mu_n|z_n) \cdots \Phi^{j_1}(\mu_1|z_1) \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}}(\nu_n|x_n) \cdots \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}}(\nu_1|x_1) \right\rangle_{\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2}$$

For $k \rightarrow 2$ we now get family of differential operators, for $g = 0$:

$$\partial_t^2 + \sum_{m=1}^n \left(\frac{\delta_m}{(t - z_m)^2} + \frac{H_m}{t - z_m} \right) + \sum_{m=1}^n \left(\frac{3}{4(t - q_m)^2} + \frac{p_m}{t - q_m} \right),$$

where $H_m = H_m(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p})$ (Garnier system).

In general ($g \geq 0$) we get $6g - 6 + 2n$ complex parameters, as many parameters as **space of local systems** has!

The duality Liouville - $\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2$ -WZNW: **q-Geometric Langlands V**

Electric Hecke operators:

Insertion of $\Psi_{-\frac{1}{2b}}(t)$ in $\langle \dots \rangle_{\text{Liou}}$

\Leftrightarrow

Insertions of $\int d\mu \Phi^{-\frac{k}{2}}(\mu|t)$ in $\langle \dots \rangle_{\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2}$

- Compatible with Hecke-action in terms of **bundle modifications**.
- Relates conformal blocks with different amount of **winding number violation**.
- Reproduces Hecke eigenvalue property for $k \rightarrow 2$ since $\Psi_{-\frac{1}{2b}}(t)$ then factors out.

Magnetic Hecke operators:

Insertion of $\Psi_{-\frac{b}{2}}(t)$ in $\langle \dots \rangle_{\text{Liou}}$

\Leftrightarrow

Insertions of $\Phi^{\frac{1}{2}}(x|t)$ in $\langle \dots \rangle_{\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2}$

How about Hecke eigenvalue property for $k \neq 2$?

The duality Liouville - $\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2$ -WZNW: q -Geometric Langlands VI

Recall: quantum Liouville theory \Leftrightarrow quantum **Teichmüller theory**.

On the level of conformal blocks this means

$$\left[\mathcal{H}_{\text{Liou}}(\Sigma), \pi_{\text{Liou}}(\Sigma) \right] \simeq \left[\mathcal{H}_{\text{Teich}}(\Sigma), \pi_{\text{Teich}}(\Sigma) \right]$$

- $\left[\mathcal{H}_{\text{Liou}}(\Sigma), \pi_{\text{Liou}}(\Sigma) \right]$ Hilbert space of conformal blocks with natural mapping class group representation,
- $\left[\mathcal{H}_{\text{Teich}}(\Sigma), \pi_{\text{Teich}}(\Sigma) \right]$ space of states of quantum Teichmüller theory with natural mapping class group representation,

How is **Hecke** action represented in quantum Teichmüller theory?

The duality Liouville - $\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2$ -WZNW: **q-Geometric Langlands VII**

- Insertion of $\Psi_{-\frac{1}{2b}}(t)$ translates into operator: $\mathbf{H}_t : \mathcal{H}_{\text{Teich}}(\Sigma) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathcal{H}_{\text{Teich}}(\Sigma)$.
- Variation of t generates **quantum local system**, collection of operators $M_\gamma : \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathcal{H}_{\text{Teich}}(\Sigma) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathcal{H}_{\text{Teich}}(\Sigma)$ for all generators γ of the fundamental group.
- The operators $M_\gamma, M_{\gamma'}$ do not commute unless $\gamma \circ \gamma' = 0$.
- Natural bases for $\mathcal{H}_{\text{Teich}}(\Sigma)$ are defined by choosing max. set \mathcal{C} of nonintersecting closed curves (pants decomposition) and requiring that

$$M_\gamma \cdot \Psi_a = (M_a \otimes \text{id}) \Psi_a, \quad \forall \gamma \in \mathcal{C},$$

where M_a is a 2×2 -matrix.

This is mapped to the corresponding property of the $\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2$ -conformal blocks —

quantum Hecke eigenvalue property !

The duality Liouville - $\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2$ -WZNW: **q-Geometric Langlands VIII**

We see that:

quantum Teichmüller theory: proper home for **quantum local systems**
(operators on $\mathcal{H}(\Sigma)$ corresponding to representations of the fundamental group).

So quantum geometric Langlands \leftrightarrow

quantum local systems λ in ${}^L G$ \leftrightarrow Hecke eigen- \mathcal{D} -modules on Bun_G

Concluding remarks

Note that **self-duality** of Liouville theory allows us to continue the q-geometric Langlands correspondence to the left:



$$(k_m - 2) = b^2 = (k_e - 2)^{-1}.$$

On the left we see local systems emerging in the limit $k_e \rightarrow 2 \Leftrightarrow k_m \rightarrow \infty$ very naturally:

$$\partial_A \equiv \partial_t - \langle\langle J(t) \rangle\rangle, \quad \langle\langle J(t) \rangle\rangle \equiv \frac{\langle J(t) \dots \rangle_{\mathfrak{sl}_{2,k_m}}}{\langle \text{id} \dots \rangle_{\mathfrak{sl}_{2,k_m}}},$$

The local system defined by this connection is an operator on the space of conformal blocks in general, but becomes classical for $k_m \rightarrow \infty$.

\Rightarrow **Explanation** of geometric Langlands from

- $\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_2$ -WZNW-Liouville duality
- Modular duality of quantum Teichmüller theory

Higher rank

There exists generalization of (quantum) Teichmüller theory where the role of $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$ is taken by a real reductive group $G_{\mathbb{R}}$ (Fock, Goncharov).

The main result is the construction of an assignment

$$\mathcal{F}_{G,b} : \Sigma \mapsto [\mathcal{H}_{G,b}(\Sigma), \pi_{G,b}(\Sigma)],$$

where b is a (deformation) parameter and $\pi_{G,b}(\Sigma)$ is a representation of the mapping class group of Σ .

Fock and Goncharov show that

$$\mathcal{F}_{G,b} = \mathcal{F}_{L_{G,b^{-1}}}$$

Modular duality and **Langlands duality** are deeply related !!!