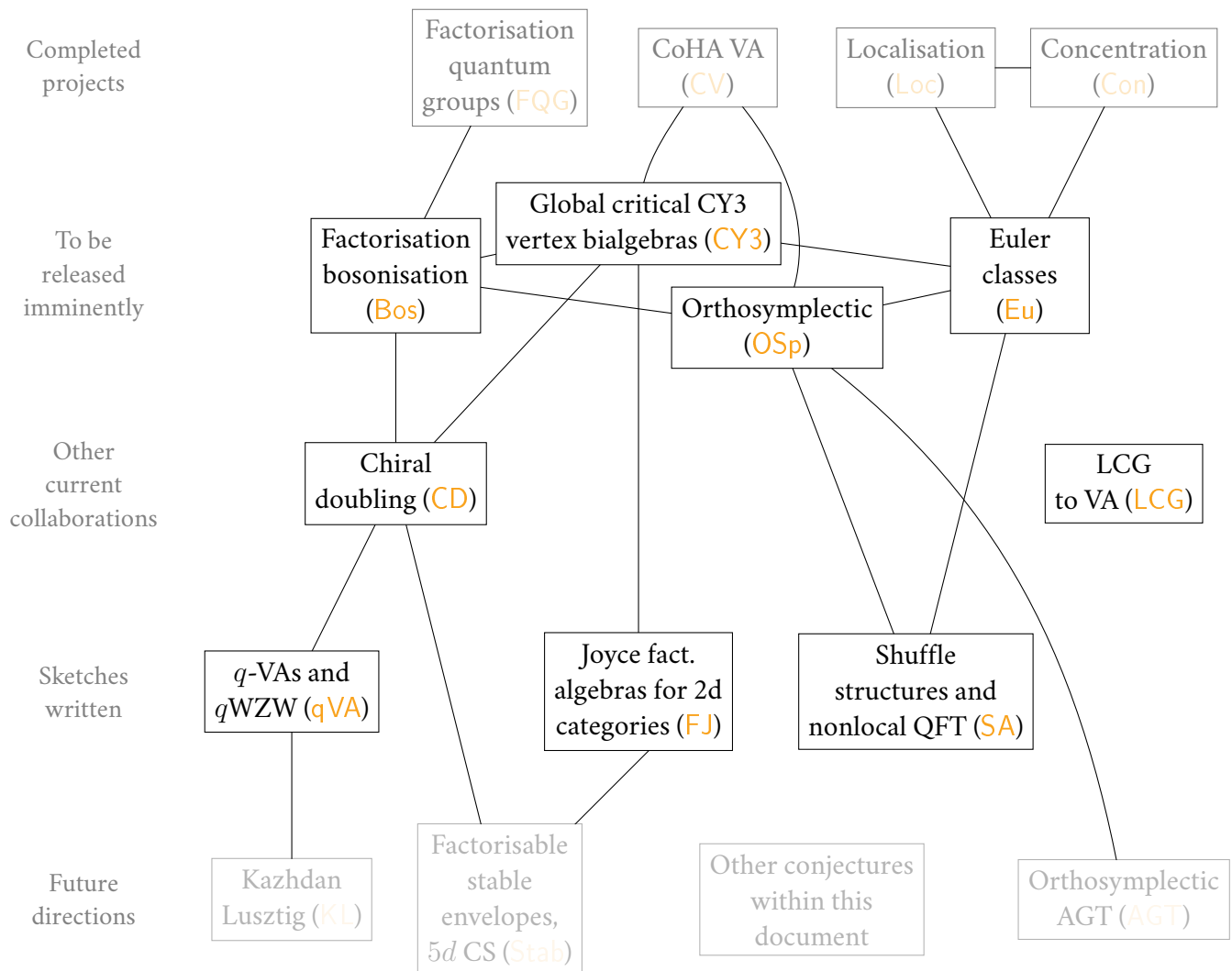


RESEARCH PLANS - ABRIDGED

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1. Research statement

I am a mathematician working in geometric representation theory.

1.1. Algebraic structures attached to CY3s (CV, CY3, FJ, Stab)

Cohomological Hall algebras are associative algebras attached to Calabi-Yau varieties or categories [Daa; KS; KPS]. They relate to DT theory [KS; Sz], algebraic structures previously appearing in representation theory [BD; RSYZ; YZ] (e.g. quantum groups [MO]), hence are a key object in geometric representation theory/enumerative invariants.

Global critical CY3 vertex quantum groups. Let \mathcal{C} be the CY3 category $\text{Rep}(Q, W)$, the representations of a Jacobi algebra of a quiver with potential, or $\text{Coh}_0(K_{T^*C})$, zero dimensional coherent sheaves on a local curve [KK], or more generally a *deformed CY3 completion*.

Theorem A. [CY3] *The critical cohomology¹ of the moduli stack of objects \mathcal{M} has a vertex coproduct*

$$H^\bullet(\mathcal{M}, \varphi) \rightarrow H^\bullet(\mathcal{M}, \varphi) \hat{\otimes} H^\bullet(\mathcal{M}, \varphi)((z^{-1}))$$

compatible with the CoHA: it forms a vertex quantum group (see FQG for a definition).

Theorem B. [CY3] *There is a functor Φ from Q -localised bialgebras [Daa] to vertex bialgebras. The former is equivalent to the category of factorisation bialgebras on the coloured configuration space $\text{Conf}_{Q_0}\mathbf{A}^1$.*

Theorem C. [CY3; CV for $W = 0$] *For any quiver Q , the vertex coproduct on the preprojective CoHA $H_{\mathbf{G}_m}^\bullet(\mathcal{M}_{Q^{(3)}}, \varphi_{W^{(3)}})^{\text{ext}} \stackrel{[\text{BD}]}{\simeq} Y_h(\mathfrak{b}_Q)$ is identified by Φ with the Davison/Yang-Zhao localised coproduct [Daa; YZ], and (when defined) Drinfeld's meromorphic coproduct [Dr; GLW].*

This **generalises** Joyce-Liu's vertex coproduct [Joa; Li], shows that all these well-known coproducts on the Yangian are **equal**, and gives a **geometric** definition using moduli stacks and configuration spaces. Finally, Theorem B points to a new Ran space definition of vertex-vertex bialgebras.

Lift to factorisation algebra and relation to stable envelopes. To move towards arbitrary CY3s, we first interpret the above in terms of factorisation algebras; second, we relate to the \mathcal{W} -algebras for surfaces of [MMSV], thus understanding the structure for K_S . Let Q be a quiver with torus $T = \prod T_d$.

Conjecture D. [FJ] *Given $\mathcal{M}^f = \{(m, \lambda) : \lambda \in \mathfrak{t}, m \in \mathcal{M}^\lambda\} \xrightarrow{\pi} \text{colim}(\mathfrak{t}_d) = \text{Ran}_{Q_0}\mathbf{A}^1$, its relative BM-homology $\mathcal{A} = \pi_*\omega$ is a factorisation algebra over the coloured Ran space. Its restriction to the colour-diagonal recovers the vertex quantum group structure on the nilpotent CoHA [SV].*

Conjecture E. [FJ] *For S a smooth algebraic surface, there is a braided factorisation category $\text{Rep}\mathcal{W}$ over $\text{Ran}_S K_S$ (c.f. FQG). Applying Bos/CD allows us to construct $\mathcal{W}(S)^{\geq 0}$ and $\mathcal{W}(S)$ from [MMSV]'s $\mathcal{W}(S)^{>0}$.*

The definition of \mathcal{M}^f is clearly reminiscent of [MO, §5.1.1]'s stable envelope construction, and suggests a resolution to their question: “we view this definition as provisional; perhaps a better set of axioms will emerge later”. Let \mathbf{w} be a multidimension vector of quiver Q and $M(\mathbf{w})$ the quiver variety.

Conjecture F. [Stab] *There is a factorisation space $\pi_{\mathbf{w}} : M(\mathbf{w})^f \rightarrow \text{Ran}_Q\mathbf{A}^1$ and the factorisation category \mathcal{E} spanned by $\pi_{\mathbf{w},*}\omega$ is acted on by $\mathcal{A} = \pi_*\omega$. Applying chiral Tannakian reconstruction $\mathcal{E} \simeq \text{Rep}\mathbf{D}\mathcal{A}$ gives the double of \mathcal{A} with its (two) coproducts.*

¹i.e. $\mathcal{M} = \text{Crit}(W)$ is a critical locus inside a *smooth* moduli stack; we take the vanishing cycle sheaf $\varphi = \varphi_W$.

The above is a Drinfeld-Kohno Theorem for [MO]’s Yangians $Y_h(\mathfrak{g}_Q)$ (see [qVA](#) for relations to qKZ).

1.2. The structure of factorisation quantum groups (FQG, Bos, CD)

Historically the definitions of (double) affine quantum groups $U_q(\hat{\mathfrak{g}})$, $Y_h(\mathfrak{g})$, $\mathcal{E}_{h,\tau}(\mathfrak{g})$, $Y_h(\hat{\mathfrak{g}})$, $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}(\mathfrak{g})$ were (ingeniously) made very explicitly [Dr; MO], and still much of the modern (e.g. CoHA) literature is based on explicit shuffle computations, e.g. [MMSV; SV; YZ]. This series of projects **axiomatises** (operadically) these structures, allowing us to import techniques from the theory of ordinary **quantum groups**,² to recover the above formulas as a **consequence** of these definition.

Factorisation quantum groups. In [FQG](#) we develop a theory of \mathbf{E}_n -factorisation categories over factorisation spaces X (including ordinary groups G , configuration spaces $\text{Conf}_{Q_0} \mathbf{A}^1$, and algebraic-topological Ran spaces $\text{Ran}(\mathbf{A}^n \times \mathbf{R}^m)$). We first give basic structure results for braided factorisation categories \mathcal{C} :

Theorem G. [[FQG](#)] *Let \mathcal{A} be a factorisation algebra in \mathcal{C} over X , a (braided) factorisation structure on $\mathcal{A}\text{-FactMod}(\mathcal{C})$ induces a factorisation bialgebra structure on \mathcal{A} (and a factorisation R -matrix $R : \mathcal{A} \otimes_{\mathcal{C},X} \mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{A} \otimes_{\mathcal{C},X} \mathcal{A}$).*

Theorem H. [[FQG](#)] *When $X = \text{Ran} \mathbf{A}^1$ (resp. $\text{Conf} \mathbf{A}^1$), Theorem G recovers classical notions [EK; FR] of **quantum vertex algebras** (resp. **localised algebras**) and their R -matrices $R(z)$ satisfying the spectral YBE.*

For instance, the structure [GLW] for **Yangians** (e.g. two (meromorphic) coproducts and R -matrices R^- , $R^{0,\epsilon}$, R^ϵ relating them) are equivalent to: $Y_h(\mathfrak{g})\text{-Mod}$ is a lax braided factorisation category. This makes rigorous the physics claim [CWY] that $Y_h(\mathfrak{g})\text{-Mod}$ from 4d Chern-Simons is a topological-holomorphic factorisation category over $\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{C}$. The above may help understand **affine Yangians** (e.g. [GRZ]; [qVA](#) for relation to q -WZW) and the **new KL equivalences** [BCDN]. Finally, in principle we may get lots of examples from:

Theorem I. [[FQG](#)] *A generalisation of Borchers’ twist construction [Bo] to arbitrary decomposition algebra.*

Factorisation bosonisation. In the CoHA literature, a lot of algebraic effort needs to be expended each time [Daa; RSYZ; YZ], [[CY3](#); [OSp](#)] to *add in the Cartan piece* $H^\bullet(\mathcal{M}, \varphi) \rightsquigarrow H^\bullet(\mathcal{M}, \varphi)^{\text{ext}}$, e.g. to obtain Yangians of Borels $Y_h(\mathfrak{b}_Q)$. In the finite groups case, a clean construction is Tannakian reconstruction

$$U_q(\mathfrak{n}) \rightsquigarrow U_q(\mathfrak{n}) \quad \text{via} \quad U_q(\mathfrak{b})\text{-Mod} \xrightarrow{\sim} U_q(\mathfrak{n})\text{-Mod}(\text{Rep}_q T),$$

c.f. [Ga; Maa; Mab]; in [Bos](#) we apply the same to vertex and factorisation bialgebras:

Theorem J. [[Bos](#), in preparation] *There is a Tannakian reconstruction functor from (braided) factorisation categories \mathcal{C} to (quasitriangular) factorisation quantum groups \mathcal{A} . In the preprojective case of Theorem C,*

$$Y_h(\mathfrak{b}_Q)\text{-Mod} \simeq Y_h(\mathfrak{n}_Q)\text{-Mod}(Y_h(\mathfrak{t}_Q)\text{-Mod})$$

we Tannakian reconstruct $Y_h(\mathfrak{b}_Q) \simeq H^\bullet(\mathcal{M}, \varphi)^{\text{ext}}$ with its localised or vertex bialgebra structure.

Applying this to $H^\bullet(\mathcal{M}, \varphi)\text{-Mod}(H^\bullet(\mathcal{M})\text{-Mod}^\cup)$ **automates** the process of extending CoHAs.

²Namely, when $X = \text{Ran} \mathbf{R}^2$ in the below, via Lurie [Lu].

Factorisation Drinfeld doubling. An active problem is how the structures in [CY3](#) relate to **wall crossing** and stability conditions, see [Br; Job]. As a first attempt, we use [FQG](#) to understand **doubling**, where the CoHA of heart \mathcal{A} and its opposite $\mathcal{A}[1]$ are glued, in a similar way to [Bos](#):

Conjecture K. [\[CD\]](#) *There is a Drinfeld centre construction $Z_{E_1}(\mathcal{C})$ of a chiral factorisation category \mathcal{C} , which carries compatible chiral and ordinary monoidal structures, and Tannakian reconstruction gives*

$$Z_{E_1}^{Y_h(\mathfrak{t}_Q)\text{-Mod}}(Y_h(\mathfrak{b}_Q)\text{-Mod}) \simeq Y_h(\mathfrak{g}_Q)\text{-Mod}$$

and likewise we recover the Takiff algebra double construction of [AN].

1.3. Orthosymplectic structures ([OSp](#), [SA](#), [AGT](#))

Orthosymplectic CoHAs. It should relate to work in ι quantum groups and Finkelberg-Hanany-Nakajima's ongoing work on orthosymplectic Coulomb branches (see [AGT](#))

We give a **rigorous** definition of *boundary 4d Chern-Simons* [BS] on $\mathbf{R} \times (\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{C})/\pm$, produce **Cherednik reflection equations**.

Examples include $\mathbf{Z}/2$ -equivariant quivers with potential,³ or orthosymplectic perverse-coherent sheaves on surfaces $\mathcal{E} \simeq \mathbf{D}\mathcal{E}$, e.g. orthosymplectic ADHM quiver/perverse-coherent sheaves on \mathbf{A}^2 .

Let \mathcal{M} be a global critical moduli stack from [CY3](#), and \mathcal{M}^τ be the fixed locus for an involution τ of the category.

Theorem L. [\[OSp\]](#) *The vertex quantum group $H^\bullet(\mathcal{M}, \varphi)$ acts on $H^\bullet(\mathcal{M}^\tau, \varphi^\tau)$, i.e.*

- (1) *there is a left module action a of the CoHA respecting the involution,⁴ compatible with*
- (2) *a **symplectic vertex algebra** structure (factorisation coalgebra over symplectic Ran space $\text{Ran}_{\text{Sp}}\mathbf{A}^1 = \text{colim}_{\text{Sp}_{2n}} \mathbf{A}^1$, see [SA](#)).*

Theorem M. [\[OSp\]](#) *The R - and K -matrices in the definition of (2) satisfy the **Cherednik reflection equation**.*

Theorem N. [\[OSp\]](#)

*To give examples, we construct an **invariants** functor involving restricting along $\mathfrak{t}_{\text{Sp}_{2n}} \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{t}_{\mathfrak{gl}_{2n}}$*

$$\iota : \text{FactAlg}_{\text{GL}}(\mathbf{A}^2) \rightarrow \text{FactAlg}_{\text{Sp}}(\mathbf{A}^1), \quad (\mathcal{A}, \tau) \mapsto (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}^\tau)$$

where \mathcal{A} is a factorisation algebra with involution τ

The data (1) and (2) is equivalent to a topological and holomorphic factorisation algebra over \mathbf{R}/\pm and \mathbf{C}/\pm , respectively. We give an equivalent vertex algebra style definition of the latter in terms of fields $A \otimes M \rightarrow M((z))$.

; we expect Theorem L may also be proved by applying ι to the factorisable moduli stack \mathcal{M}^f from [FJ](#). See also the link to stable envelopes [Stab](#), and:

³n.b. we can view any quiver with involution, as orbifold-valued quiver with vertices $Q_0/\mathbf{Z}/2$ and edges $Q_1/\mathbf{Z}/2$; it is natural to ask if we can generalise away from global quotients.

⁴i.e. the left action a and the right action $a \cdot (\text{id} \otimes \tau)$ commute, where τ is the involution.

Conjecture O. The **boundary KZ equations** may be derived by applying ι to the BD Grassmannian, taking distributions supported at the identity, and taking conformal blocks over $\text{Ran}_{\text{Sp}}\mathbf{A}^1$.

Theorem P. [OSp] In the quiver with potential case, an explicit shuffle formula for the CoHA action and vertex coaction on $H^\bullet(\mathcal{M}^{\text{OSp}}, \varphi^{\text{OSp}})$.

Using techniques from **Eu**, we can give a geometric interpretation of this. We end with a conjecture:

Conjecture Q. The orthosymplectic CoHA for the “folded” linear quiver A_{2n}^5 is isomorphic to the twisted Yangian $Y_h(\mathfrak{gl}_n)^{tw}$ of [BR].

Nonlocal QFT and shuffle structures. Project **SA** begun by noticing the following interesting pattern in structures considered project **OSp**.

$$\text{BGL} \rightsquigarrow \text{BSp}, \quad \text{Conf}(\mathbf{A}^1) \rightsquigarrow \text{Conf}(\mathbf{A}^1), \quad \text{VA} \rightsquigarrow \text{OSpVA}, \quad \text{etc.}$$

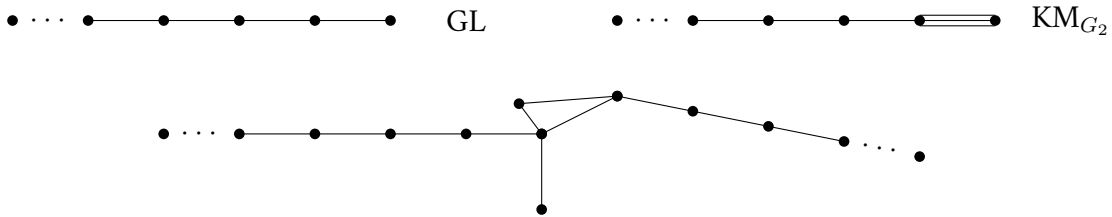
Namely, *all* the structures (moduli stacks, Hall algebras and its realisation as shuffle algebras, vertex coalgebra structure, (conjecturally, see **AGT**) action on Nakajima quiver varieties and the KZ equation, simultaneously generalise - this points towards this being a shadow of a more general theory.

The starting observation is this - the definition [KS; Gr] a shuffle algebra is equivalent to a monoidal functor $A : \text{GL} \rightarrow \text{Vect}$ from the category GL whose objects are finite products of the groups GL_n for $n \geq 0$, and the morphisms are parabolics between them. Indeed, the parabolics

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & P_{n,m}(\sigma) & \\ \swarrow & & \searrow \\ \text{GL}_n \times \text{GL}_m & & \text{GL}_{n+m} \end{array} \xrightarrow{A} A_n \otimes A_m \xrightarrow{m(\sigma)} A_{n+m}$$

are labelled by shuffles $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_{n+m}/\mathfrak{S}_n \times \mathfrak{S}_m = \text{Sh}(n, m)$.

The motivating idea of **SA** is **replace** GL with the category KM of **arbitrary Kac-Moody groups** [Ku, §V]. For convenience we often pass to full subcategories generated by a fixed set of generalised Cartan matrices/Dykin diagrams, e.g.



To summarise, we expect to define KM analogues of the following:

- *Shuffle algebras*, likewise analogues localised and vertex algebras living over new configuration and Ran spaces

$$\text{Conf}_{\text{KM}}(\mathbf{A}^1) = \coprod_G \text{Spec} H^\bullet(\text{BG}), \quad \text{Ran}_{\text{KM}}(\mathbf{A}^1) = \text{colim}_G \mathfrak{t}_G,$$

where \mathfrak{t}_G is the Cartan of Kac-Moody group G . Topological sheaves on $\text{Ran}_{\text{KM}}\mathbf{C}$ gives analogues of \mathbf{E}_2 -algebras/braided monoidal categories.

⁵i.e. with the involution being reflection in the linear direction.

- Generalised quivers and quiver varieties. A quiver representation we can view as being attached to the groups

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{GL}_3 & U_{3,5} & \text{GL}_5 & U_{5,4} & \text{GL}_4 \\ \bigcirc & \longrightarrow & \bigcirc & \longrightarrow & \bigcirc \end{array}$$

where $P_{n,m} \rightarrow U_{n,m}$ is a unipotent. We can define the stack of KM-quiver representations as $\mathcal{M}_Q = \coprod [u_e/G_i]$ the product over all maps $(G_i) : Q_0 \rightarrow \text{KM}$ and U_e is a choice of unipotent for each edge e . Analogue of stable envelope construction [Stab](#), e.g. giving [MO]-analogue construction of [OSp](#) CoHAs.

- Iterated integrals. Chen's [Ch] shuffle structure on cochains $C^\bullet(LX)$ of the loop space may be deduced from a shuffle structure on the spaces $L_n X = \text{Maps}(\Delta^n, X)$, where $\Delta^n = T^n/\mathfrak{S}_n$; in the general case we may replace this with the quotient $\Delta_G = T_G/\mathfrak{W}_G$ by the Weyl group of G . Understand the relation to Dynkin/ q -analogues of multiple zeta values [KMT; Mi].

For instance, the structures in [OSp](#) (e.g. \pm -equivariant factorisation algebras on \mathbb{C}) are obtained from $\text{KM}_{\text{SO}(2n), \text{Sp}(2n), \text{SO}(2n+1)}$; so too let us consider K_{G_2} -factorisation algebras consist of ordinary factorisation algebras but where for any *triple* of points z_1, z_2, z_3 there is in addition equivariance with respect to

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(z_1) &= z_3 + \sqrt{3}(z_1 + z_2 - 2z_3) \\ \tau(z_2) &= z_1 + \sqrt{3}(z_2 + z_3 - 2z_1) \\ \tau(z_3) &= z_2 + \sqrt{3}(z_3 + z_1 - 2z_2), \end{aligned}$$

a square root of (231) generating $W_{G_2} \simeq D_{12} \supseteq \mathfrak{S}_3$. Just as in [OSp](#) we show $K_{\text{Sp}_{2n}}$ -analogues of (factorisation) braided monoidal categories give Cherednik's reflection equation, we expect to obtain the G_2 -reflection equation [Ku]. For another example, considering the groups $\hat{\mathfrak{gl}}_n$ of affine type A gives $\text{Ran}_{\widehat{\text{GL}}} \mathbb{A}^1$, \mathcal{D} -modules on which are related to \mathcal{D} -modules on \mathbb{A}^1/\mathbb{Z} , so we expect this should relate to trigonometric KZ equations.

Just as in [OSp](#) we used that C_n is obtained by *folding* A_{2n} ,⁶ we expect to be able to produce G_2 structures by taking $\mathbb{Z}/3$ -invariants of type D structures.

[A twisted AGT correspondence](#). After [OSp](#), one natural next step (project [AGT](#)) is to construct a boundary version [AGT; BFN]:

Conjecture R. [[AGT](#)] *The equivariant intersection homology of the invariant locus $\mathcal{U}_{\mathfrak{p}^2, \text{GL}_n}^{\mathbb{Z}/2}$ in the Uhlenbeck space is a Verma module for an orthosymplectic analogue of the vertex W -algebra $\mathcal{W}^k(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$.*

Likewise, we expect a version for an arbitrary smooth projective surface S . We expect the proof of the above should proceed in much the same way as in [BFN], but with the parabolic induction data replaced by

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{BP} & \\ \swarrow & & \searrow \\ \text{BGL}_n \times \text{BSp}_{2m} & & \text{BSp}_{2n+2m} \end{array}$$

⁶i.e. the invariants construction discussed in [OSp](#).

as in **OSp**; i.e. we expect a **SA**-type analogue of free field realisations. Likewise, we expect a generalisation of [RSYZ] for instantons on \mathbf{A}^3 :

Conjecture S. [**AGT**] *There is vertex algebra structure on the the orthosymplectic CoHA of the Jordan quiver, which acts on $\mathrm{IH}_T^\bullet(M^{\mathbf{Z}/2})$, the equivariant intersection cohomology of the invariant locus in the quiver variety.*

Just as the CoHA $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}^+$ of the Jordan quiver is by [Dab] the universal enveloping algebra of positive half of differential operators on \mathbf{C}^\times and admits the W-algebras of [BFN] as quotients, we expect the above to be a universal enveloping on differential operators on \mathbf{C}^\times/\pm , and admit the above W-algebras $\mathcal{W}^{k_n}(\mathfrak{gl}_n)^{\mathrm{OSp}}$ as quotients.

1.4. q -vertex algebras (**qVA**, **KL**)

q -vertex algebras. The main goal of project **qVA** is to develop the machinery of q -vertex algebras and define q -affine vertex algebras. In **KL** we hope to use it to produce the q KZ equations and relate to Kazhdan-Lusztig equivalences.

A natural first guess at a definition is to take the usual definition of vertex algebra but using \mathcal{D}_q -modules in place of \mathcal{D} -modules. The first observation is that a q -difference operator ∂_x on \mathbf{A}^1 induces a derivation $y\partial_x$ on the noncommutative plane⁷ \mathbf{A}_q^2 , and indeed the physics heuristic below points towards \mathcal{D} -modules on \mathbf{A}_q^2 (e.g. via [MS]) as the correct setting for q -vertex algebras:

Conjecture T. [**qVA**] *There is a factorisation category over the noncommutative space \mathbf{A}_q^2 , such that any $\mathcal{A} \in \mathrm{FactAlg}^{st}(\mathcal{D}\text{-Mod}_{\mathrm{Ran}\mathbf{A}_q^2})$ defines a q -vertex algebra (generalising e.g. [FR]).*

To construct this category precisely, one needs to develop the theory of \mathcal{D} -modules (e.g. functoriality) over noncommutative spaces. We propose using work [FMW; MS] on jet spaces of noncommutative schemes to give a “ q -crystal/de Rham” definition.

Physics heuristic. Our guiding heuristic from physics is the following: much as $V^k(\mathfrak{g})$ and $U_h(\mathfrak{g})$ have module categories giving line operators for “3d Chern-Simons with boundary” on

$$\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{R}_{\geq 0}$$

or more cleanly, on the suspension $S(\mathbf{CP}^1)$, so then module categories for $V_h^k(\mathfrak{g})$ and $Y_h(\hat{\mathfrak{g}})$ should define line operators for “5d Chern-Simons theory with boundary” on

$$(\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{C})_{nc} \times \mathbf{R}_{\geq 0}$$

where $\mathbf{A}_q^2 = (\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{C})_{nc}$ is the noncommutative plane with ring of functions $\mathbf{C}[x, y]/(xy - qyx)$, see [GRZ] or particularly Costello’s [Co] work.

Examples. The above definition will have been correct if we may answer

Question U. *Is there an analogue of the Beilinson-Drinfeld Grassmannian $\mathrm{Gr}_{G,q} \rightarrow \mathrm{Ran}\mathbf{A}_q^2$?*

Such a factorisation space would for free by Conjecture T define for us a q -vertex algebra $V_q^k(\mathfrak{g})$, by the same construction as for the affine WZW vertex algebra: taking distributions supported at the identity. We expect that $V_q^k(\mathfrak{g})$ should be a q -deformation of the affine vertex algebra and should agree with Etingof-Kazhdan’s RTT construction in [EK] when $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_n$.

⁷Its with ring of functions $\mathbf{C}\langle x, y, q \rangle/(yx - xyq)$ with q central.

Kazhdan-Lusztig. Conditional on having defined a factorisation algebra $V_q^k(\mathfrak{g})$ as in Question U, many interesting questions follow. To begin with, for formal reasons just as for ordinary vertex algebras, given $V_q^k(\mathfrak{g})$ -modules M_1, \dots, M_n we expect to obtain a \mathcal{D}_q -module of *conformal blocks* $C^\bullet(M_1, \dots, M_n)$ on $(\mathbf{A}_q^2)^n$.

Question V. [KL] *Is its restriction to $(\mathbf{A}^1)_\circ^n$ equal to the q KZ connection?*

It has been long expected that one may define an affine analogue of the Kazhdan-Lusztig equivalence, and answering the above question would be a first step in understanding whether the geometric proof [CF] might be generalised to the affine setting.⁸

Orthogonally to this, we can try to understand ordinary Kazhdan-Lusztig better. First, we ask whether there is a lift of the *Zhu algebra* functor to the q -setting, fitting into a commuting square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V_q^k(\mathfrak{g}) & \xrightarrow{q \rightarrow 1} & V^k(\mathfrak{g}) \\ \Downarrow \text{Zhu} & & \Downarrow \text{Zhu} \\ U_q(\mathfrak{g}) & \xrightarrow{q \rightarrow 1} & U(\mathfrak{g}) \end{array}$$

Noting the appearance of both objects $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ and $V^k(\mathfrak{g})$ appearing in the Kazhdan-Lusztig equivalence, having done this we then ask whether these are the special and general fibres of a structure on $\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{R}_{\geq 0}$:

Question W. [KL] *Does $V_q^k(\mathfrak{g})$ induce a topological-holomorphic factorisation algebra \mathcal{A} on $\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{R}_{\geq 0}$, whose restriction to \mathbf{C} is $V^k(\mathfrak{g})$ and whose restriction to $\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{R}_{>0}$ is $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$?*

One would then hope to interpret the fact that [CF]’s RH functor sends $V^k(\mathfrak{g})$ -FactMod to $\text{KD}(U_q(\mathfrak{g}))$ -FactMod as some sort of flatness statement for \mathcal{A} -FactMod over $\mathbf{R}_{\geq 0}$.⁹ This may give a new way to understand the recent Kazhdan-Lusztig equivalences [BCDN] coming from 3d mirror symmetry.

1.5. Sheaf methods (Con, Loc, Eu)

Localisation methods. *Torus localisation* is one of the main methods in enumerative geometry, and projects Con and Loc were concerned with extending these techniques to the Artin moduli stacks appearing in enumerative geometry. Given a closed Artin substack

$$\mathcal{Z} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{X}$$

not necessarily quasicompact,

Theorem X. [Conc] *If \mathcal{L}_i are a collection of line bundles such that at least one of them vanishes on each geometric point $x \in \mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{Z}$, then*

$$C_\bullet^{\text{BM}}(\mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{Z})_{\text{loc}} = 0,$$

so then the cohomology of \mathcal{X} is “concentrated” on \mathcal{Z} : we have $i_ : C_\bullet^{\text{BM}}(\mathcal{Z}) \xrightarrow{\sim} C_\bullet^{\text{BM}}(\mathcal{X})$.*

⁸Specifically, one wants a Riemann-Hilbert type functor “RH : $\text{FactCat}(\mathbf{A}_q^2) \rightarrow \text{FactCat}^{\text{QCoh}}(\mathbf{C}_q^2)$ ”, which sends the category $V_q^k(\mathfrak{g})$ -Mod to $Y_h(\mathfrak{g})$ -Mod^{fd}.

⁹By means of extra evidence, it seems plausible that ordinary Riemann-Hilbert \mathcal{D} -Mod^{rh} $\xrightarrow{\sim}$ Perv may be interpreted this way, where we consider \mathcal{A} a sheaf of algebras generated by $\mathcal{O}_{\Sigma \times \mathbf{R}_{\geq 0}}$ and the Lie algebra $\mathcal{T}_{\Sigma \times \mathbf{R}_{\geq 0}}$ of infinitesimal automorphisms of $\Sigma \times \mathbf{R}_{\geq 0}$ whose restriction to the boundary is antiholomorphic.

Here we have localised with respect to $c_1(\mathcal{L}_i)$, for instance we show the condition holds if $\mathcal{Z}_0/T \hookrightarrow \mathcal{X}_0/T$ is an inclusion of quotient stacks with $\dim \text{Stab}_x(T)$ non-maximal for all $x \in \mathcal{X}_0 \setminus \mathcal{Z}_0$, and we take for $\bigoplus \mathcal{L}_i$ the tautological T -bundle.

Theorem Y. [Loc] If $i : \mathcal{X}^T \hookrightarrow \mathcal{X}$ is the inclusion of the homotopy fixed points of a torus action on quasismooth dg scheme \mathcal{X} , there is a **Gysin pullback** map $i^! : C_{T,\bullet}^{\text{BM}}(\mathcal{X})_{\text{loc}} \rightarrow C_{T,\bullet}^{\text{BM}}(\mathcal{X}^T)_{\text{loc}}$ satisfying Atiyah-Bott and Graber-Pandharipande formulas:

$$\text{id} = i_* \frac{i^!(-)}{e(N_{\text{vir}})}, \quad [\mathcal{X}]^{\text{vir}} = i_* \frac{[\mathcal{X}^T]^{\text{vir}}}{e(N_{\text{vir}})}, \quad (1)$$

relating to pushforward and fundamental classes.

This recovers the usual torus localisation results when $\mathcal{Z} = X^T/T$ and $\mathcal{X} = X/T$ are quotients of smooth finite-type schemes by tori.

Virtual Euler classes and shuffle structures. In Eu, we strengthen the above results in Con and Loc until:

- they give a general geometric method to output *shuffle products* for CoHAs,
- and show CoHAs are compatible with Davison/Yang-Zhao localised/Joyce vertex coproducts.

Specifically, we prove analogues of Theorems X and Y for the *vanishing cycle* (or any sheaf) cohomology of arbitrary closed embeddings $\mathcal{Z} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{X}$ which is quasismooth other a common base, and concentrated with respect to a multiplicative subset $\mathcal{S} \subseteq H^*(\mathcal{X})$. As a result,

Theorem Z. [Eu] For any “split locus” map $\pi : \mathcal{M}^s \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$, we get a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C^\bullet(\mathcal{M}^s \times \mathcal{M}^s, \varphi^s \boxtimes \varphi^s) & \xrightarrow{1/e(N_{i,\text{vir}})} C^\bullet(\mathcal{M}^s \times \mathcal{M}^s, \varphi^s \boxtimes \varphi^s) & \xrightarrow{p_*^s q^{s,*}} C^\bullet(\mathcal{M}^s, \varphi^s) \\ (\pi \times \pi)^* \uparrow & & \uparrow \pi^* \\ C^\bullet(\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M}, \varphi \boxtimes \varphi) & \xrightarrow{p_* q^*} & C^\bullet(\mathcal{M}, \varphi) \end{array} \quad (2)$$

saying that up to an Euler class term, the pullback map intertwines the CoHA and the split locus CoHA.

Here p, p^s (proper) and q, q^s (quasismooth) are

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & \text{SES}^s & & \\ & q^s \swarrow & \downarrow & \searrow p^s & \\ \mathcal{M}^s \times \mathcal{M}^s & & \text{SES} & & \mathcal{M}^s \\ & \downarrow q & \swarrow p & \searrow p & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M} & & & & \mathcal{M} \end{array}$$

for instance \mathcal{M} is *smooth* moduli stack containing as a critical locus $\text{Crit}W$ the deformed CY3 moduli stacks considered in CY3, and $\varphi = \varphi_W$, and we apply localisation to $i : \text{SES}^s \rightarrow \text{SES} \times_{\mathcal{M}^s} \mathcal{M}$.

Two consequences of this are:

- If we take \mathcal{M}^s to be a *shuffle space*¹⁰ given by products of “simple” moduli stacks, e.g. parametrising tuples of rank one quiver representations, then (2) recovers shuffle formulas [Daa; SV; YZ] for CoHAs and localised/vertex coproducts.

¹⁰i.e. shuffle algebra in the category of spaces, see SA.

- If we take $\mathcal{M}^s = \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M}$ together with its direct sum map to \mathcal{M} , (2) recovers the compatibility [CV,CY3,Li] between Davison/Yang-Zhao/Joyce localised/vertex coproducts and the CoHA.

Thus, this turns algebraic properties of stacks (shuffle/bialgebra-type structures) into algebraic properties on their critical cohomology. In **OSp** this explains the OSp-shuffle module structure on $H^\bullet(\mathcal{M}^\tau, \varphi^\tau)$, and plan to generalise this in **SA**.

1.6. Liouville quantum gravity to vertex algebras (**LCG**)

History. In recent years, probabilists have increasingly understood quantum field theory, giving rigorous definitions of Feynman measures for $2d$ CFTs, e.g. [CRV; DS; Sh] whose “holomorphic part” are expected to be W-algebras, Virasoro, and Heisenberg vertex algebras.

This approach is very different to the factorisation/vertex algebra/functorial QFT approach in the above projects, e.g. it can directly study level sets of fields as SLE curves [MS; SS], there is a rigorous connection to combinatorial toy models like the discrete Gaussian Free Field [BPR], and it is able to access the *full* CFT, not just the chiral part as we are in geometric representation theory, e.g. [KRV] proves the *DOZZ* formula for full OPEs in the Liouville CFT.

However, there is currently not much interaction between the two approaches, and this project aims to build a bridge between the two so that techniques/results/heuristics can move between subjects more easily (then give a simple example of this).

Goal. In **LCG** we aim to define a functor from Segal-style $2d$ conformal field theories to vertex algebras

$$\text{CFT} \xrightarrow{(-)^{ch}} \text{CFT}^{hol} \xrightarrow{\text{Res}} \text{FactAlg}(\mathbf{C})_{\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{C} \times}^{hol} \xrightarrow{[\text{CG}]} \text{VertexAlg}, \quad (3)$$

then show that the Gaussian Free Field and Liouville Quantum Gravity Segal CFTs are sent to the Heisenberg and Virasoro vertex algebras, respectively.

Details. We will need to upgrade $\mathcal{Z} \in \text{CFT}$ to a definition that remembers the geometric structure on the category Cob_2 of conformal cobordisms. Namely, consider a complex vector bundle \mathcal{V} with connection over the Teichmuller space $\mathcal{T}_{g,n}$ satisfying a factorisation condition, and with a section ψ . The fibre of this data over Σ is the vector space $\mathcal{Z}(\partial\Sigma)$ and $\mathcal{Z}(\Sigma) : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(\partial\Sigma)$.

The induced factorisation algebra over \mathbf{C} is automatically smoothly translation and rotation equivariant, so if it is *holomorphic* (i.e. $\partial_{\bar{z}}\psi = 0$) then it is by [CG] a vertex algebra; these are the last two maps in (3). The equivariance comes from a G -action on $\mathcal{T}_{0,n}$, since then the Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} acts on \mathcal{V} by the connection, e.g. the vertex algebras in the image of (3) will automatically have an action by vector fields on \mathbf{P}^1 , so we expect they are VOAs.

The main task is to define a chiralisation functor $(-)^{ch}$ to holomorphic CFTs, and prove that [GKRV]’s LQG Segal CFT (upgraded appropriately in the above sense) is sent by (3) to the Virasoro vertex algebra, and relate the DOZZ formula [KRV, (1.12)] to the Virasoro OPE. Having done this, we plan to do the same for the GFF, and finally to give a new example of these methods, construct a probability measure in the domain of (3) recovering the affine vertex algebra, e.g. by using the free field embedding [FB, §11] to a direct sum of Heisenberg algebras.

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