

Logarithmic connections on parahoric bundles on wild Riemann surfaces.

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I'll have a go at describing some of the background and motivation leading up to the definition of “good” meromorphic connections on parahoric bundles [4] extending the tame case [2] (tame logahoric connections). In particular I'll try to emphasize that the parahoric weights are needed to define the enriched Riemann-Hilbert correspondence, not just to define stability and parameterise harmonic bundles. The corresponding notion of “nonabelian Hodge space” [4] generalises the definitions in the fantastic work of Simpson [7] in two ways (any pole order and any G), encompassing their hyperkahler upgrade (Biquard, Konno, Nakajima, ... that led to [1]). The (wild) nonabelian Hodge spaces may be viewed as the noncompact, infinite energy, analogues of the spaces considered by Hitchin [6] involving harmonic bundles on compact Riemann surfaces. The full story involves upgrading the topological notion of local system to the notion of Stokes \mathcal{G} local system for a local system of groups \mathcal{G} [5]. If time permits I'll discuss examples of the representation theory of genus zero nonabelian Hodge spaces, for example the G_2 representations of the symmetric Fricke-Klein-Vogt Betti spaces [3].

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