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Theorem (Bridgeland)

The set of stability conditions $\operatorname{Stab}(\mathcal{D})$ is naturally a complex manifold, and the map $\operatorname{Stab}(\mathcal{D}) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(K_0(\mathcal{D}), \mathbb{C})$ is a local homeomorphism.

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Consider its triangulated Fukaya category $\mathcal{D}^{\pi}(\mathcal{F}(M))$.

Conjecture (Thomas-Yau, Bridgeland, Smith etc.)

There is a stability condition (Z, \mathcal{P}) on $\mathcal{D}^{\pi}(\mathcal{F}(M))$ such that

- Central charge is given by $Z : [L] \mapsto \int_L \Omega$
- Object represented by L is semistable of phase φ if there is a special Lagrangian L' ~ L of phase φ.

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"Toy model": Fukaya categories of marked surfaces

Instead of Fukaya category of Calabi-Yau, look at marked surface (Σ , M). **Solid** = marked, dashed = unmarked



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Morphisms have a degree given by relative grading of curves. At intersection $p \in \gamma_1 \cap \gamma_2$, degrees add up to one $i_p(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) + i_p(\gamma_2, \gamma_1) = 1$. Something like a 1D Calabi-Yau category.

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If Σ has infinite area, the critical leaves cut Σ into horizontal strips.

Finitely many have finite height, with unique geodesics connecting singularities = saddle connections



Figure: Horizontal strip of finite height

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Horizontal strip decomposition: examples



Figure: Horizontal foliation of exponential-type quadratic differential $\exp(z^3)dz^2$ on the complex plane

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Theorem (Haiden-Katzarkov-Kontsevich)

Consider $\mathcal{M}(\Sigma)$ the moduli space of such quadratic differentials. Then the map

 $\mathcal{M}(\Sigma) \to \mathsf{Stab}(\mathcal{F}(\Sigma))$

is a homeomorphism to a union of connected components.

Question: does this cover all the stability conditions on $\mathcal{F}(\Sigma)$? Or are there 'exotic', non-geometric components?

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