## Higgs Bundles and Hyperbolicities

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Abstract. The theory of period maps has been powerful in the study of higher dimensional Shafarevich program under the assumption of the injectivity of Kodaira-Spencer deformation on Hodge bundles. Viehweg-Zuo constructed a class of Higgs bundles on moduli spaces by combining Kodaira-Spencer deformation and Hodge theory, which is accessible in the most general situation, where period maps fail being locally injective. More explicitly, for a family  $f: X \to Y$  parametrizing n-folds F of semi ample  $\omega_F$  and with the degeneration over a closed subvariety  $D \subset Y$ . Viehweg-Zuo introduced a Higgs bundle  $(G, \tau)$  over Y with singularities over D by extending the Kodaira-Spencer deformation  $\tau$  on the higher order cohomologies of the tangent bundle along F. The central feature of this Higgs bundle is that there exists a natural comparison map  $\rho: (G, \tau) \to (E, \theta)$ , where  $(E, \theta)$  is the graded Higgs bundle of the variation of Hodge structures of the relative middle cohomology on the cyclic cover  $g: Z_s \to X \to Y$  defined by a section from the linear system of the relative pluri-canonical line bundle on X twisting a small anti ample line bundle on Y. The Hodge metric on ker( $\theta$ ) becomes a non-zero (possibly degenerated) negatively curved Finsler metric on  $Y \setminus D =: U$  via the iterated Kodaira-Spencer deformation and if the second graded piece  $\rho^{n-1,1}$  of  $\rho$  is injective on  $T_U$ . This Finsler metric plays a crucial roll in the study of hyperbolicities of U by many people. Indeed  $\rho^{n-1,1}$  holds being injective for two exteme cases  $\kappa(F) = n$  and  $\kappa(F) = 0$  by Bogomolov vanishing theorem and the trivial reason. For the general case  $0 \le \kappa(F) \le n$  Viehweg-Zuo showed that it is generically injective along any algebraic curve in U. Very recently X.Lu, R.R. Sun and K. Zuo showed  $\rho_{T_U}^{n-1,1}$  is injective for  $\kappa(F) = 1$  by investigating Iitaka fibration. Besides Brody, Kobayashi and Viehweg hyperbolicities we rise a conjecture on Borel and topologic hyperbolicities. If time permits I shall outline an approach towards to the conjecture.

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