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AKSZ sigma-models

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A/B-models and generalized geometry

[1805.11485]

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Topological string theory

- Where does it come from?

$\mathcal{N} = 2$ sigma-model
& coupled to gravity

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& coupled to gravity

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topological string theory

- Procedure to get the topological sigma-model: \rightsquigarrow topological twisting

$\mathcal{N} = 2$ sigma-model $\xrightarrow{\text{twist}}$ topological sigma-model

- Two non-equivalent twists:

\rightsquigarrow A- and B-models

- Where does it appear in 'physical' string theory?

a) IIA or IIB compactifications \rightsquigarrow $\mathcal{N} = 2$ superpotential in 4 dim

b) IIA compactification \rightsquigarrow entropy of BPS black hole

Topological A-model

- A-twist:

$$Q = Q_{++} + Q_{--}$$

is a cohomological charge \rightsquigarrow topological theory.

- **A-model action**

$$S_A = 2t \int_{\Sigma_2} d^2z \left(g_{a\bar{b}} \partial_{\bar{z}} X^a \partial_z X^{\bar{b}} + i g_{a\bar{b}} (\chi_{\bar{z}}^a \nabla_z \psi^{\bar{b}} + \chi_z^{\bar{b}} \nabla_{\bar{z}} \psi^a) \right. \\ \left. - R_{a\bar{b}c\bar{d}} \chi_{\bar{z}}^a \chi_z^{\bar{b}} \psi^c \psi^{\bar{d}} \right) + t \int_{\Sigma_2} d^2z X^*(k)$$

where

$X^a, X^{\bar{a}} : \Sigma_2 \rightarrow X$ Calabi-Yau,

$(\psi^a, \psi^{\bar{a}})$ fermionic scalars with ghost number 1,

$(\chi_{\bar{z}}^a, \chi_z^{\bar{a}})$ fermionic 1-forms with ghost number -1 ,

- Complex structure deformation \rightarrow BRST exact term

\rightsquigarrow Quantities depend only on the **Kähler structure** of X (\leftrightarrow Poisson str.)

Topological B-model

- B-twist:

$$Q = Q_{+-} + Q_{--}$$

is a cohomological charge \rightsquigarrow topological theory.

- **B-model action**

$$S_B = t \int_{\Sigma_2} d^2z \left(g_{a\bar{b}} (\partial_z X^a \partial_{\bar{z}} X^{\bar{b}} + \partial_{\bar{z}} X^a \partial_z X^{\bar{b}}) - g_{a\bar{b}} (\rho_z^a \nabla_{\bar{z}} \eta^{\bar{b}} + \rho_{\bar{z}}^a \nabla_z \eta^{\bar{b}}) \right. \\ \left. + \rho_z^a \nabla_{\bar{z}} \chi_a - \rho_{\bar{z}}^a \nabla_z \chi_a - R^a{}_{b\bar{c}d} \rho_z^b \rho_{\bar{z}}^d \eta^{\bar{c}} \chi_a \right)$$

where

$X^a, X^{\bar{a}} : \Sigma_2 \rightarrow X$ Calabi-Yau,

$(\eta^{\bar{a}}, \chi_a)$ fermionic scalars with ghost number 1,

$(\rho_z^a, \rho_{\bar{z}}^a)$ fermionic 1-forms with ghost number -1 ,

- Holomorphic and antiholomorphic fields are explicitly distinguished

\rightsquigarrow Quantities depend only on the **complex structure** of X

T-duality

- Compactification on a 6 dim torus X

\leadsto 4 dim effective theory on M_4

- In this case there exists a symmetry transformation on the inner space X

$$\text{IIA string theory} \xleftrightarrow{T} \text{IIB string theory}$$

\Rightarrow The closed string spectrum

$$M^2 = (N + \tilde{N} - 2) + p^2 \frac{l_s^2}{R^2} + w^2 \frac{R^2}{l_s^2}$$

is invariant under **T-duality**:

$$R \xleftrightarrow{T} \frac{l_s^2}{R}$$

$$\text{string momenta } (p_\mu) \xleftrightarrow{T} \text{winding numbers } (w_\mu)$$

- Generalized tangent bundle:

$$\begin{pmatrix} p_\mu dx^\mu \\ w^\mu \partial_\mu \end{pmatrix} \in T^*X \oplus TX \implies \text{Generalized geometry}$$

Generalized geometry

- 'Generalization' is based on two premises:

1) TX is replaced by $TX \oplus T^*X$

2) Lie bracket on TX is replaced by the **Courant-bracket**

$$[A + \alpha, B + \beta]_C = [A, B]_{TX} + \mathcal{L}_A\beta - \mathcal{L}_B\alpha - \frac{1}{2} d(\iota_A\beta - \iota_B\alpha)$$

for $A, B \in TX$ and $\alpha, \beta \in T^*X$.

- T-duality is a covariant **$O(d, d)$ symmetry group** ($d = \dim X$), which leaves the symmetric pairing on $TX \oplus T^*X$ invariant

$$\langle A + \alpha, B + \beta \rangle = \frac{1}{2} (\iota_A\beta + \iota_B\alpha)$$

- Unified framework for symplectic geometry and complex geometry:

↷ within **generalized complex geometry**

Different choice of gen. complex str. $\begin{cases} \nearrow & \text{symplectic str.} \\ \searrow & \text{complex str.} \end{cases}$

Fluxes in string theory

- After compactification, the theory is left with massless scalar fields with no potential (called moduli) \rightsquigarrow instability
- Solution: **introducing fluxes** ($H = dB$ or RR-fields)

\Rightarrow stabilizes the moduli & breaks supersymmetry

- We have a **chain of fluxes** acting with T-duality

$$\underbrace{H_{\mu\nu\rho}}_{H=dB} \xleftrightarrow{T} \underbrace{F^{\mu}{}_{\nu\rho}}_{\text{torsion of the metric}} \xleftrightarrow{T} \underbrace{Q^{\mu\nu}{}_{\rho}}_{\text{non-comm. space}} \xleftrightarrow{T} \underbrace{R^{\mu\nu\rho}}_{\text{non-assoc. space}}$$

We need all fluxes to stabilize the moduli!

- The fluxes back-react on the compactified geometry

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{Compact. without fluxes} \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M_4 : \mathcal{N} = 2 \text{ SuSy} \\ X : \text{Calabi-Yau} \end{array} \right. \rightsquigarrow \text{topological strings} \\
 \text{Compact. with fluxes} \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M_4 : \mathcal{N} = 1 \text{ SuSy (!)} \\ X : \text{Generalized Calabi-Yau} \end{array} \right. \rightsquigarrow ?
 \end{array}$$

Courant algebroid

- Algebraic construction to the Courant bracket is called **Courant algebroid**
Vector bundle $E \rightarrow X$ equipped with

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \Gamma(E) \times \Gamma(E) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \text{non-degen. bilin. form}$$

$$\rho : E \rightarrow TX \quad \text{anchor map}$$

$$[[\cdot, \cdot]] : \Gamma(E) \times \Gamma(E) \rightarrow \Gamma(E) \quad \text{Dorfman bracket}$$

which together satisfy

$$[[e_1, [[e_2, e_3]]]] = [[[e_1, e_2]], e_3] + [[e_2, [e_1, e_3]]]$$

$$\rho(e_1)\langle e_2, e_3 \rangle = \langle [[e_1, e_2], e_3 \rangle + \langle e_2, [e_1, e_3] \rangle$$

$$\rho(e_1)\langle e_2, e_3 \rangle = \langle e_1, [[e_2, e_3]] + [[e_3, e_2]] \rangle$$

- Courant bracket is the antisymmetrization of a *particular* Dorfman bracket
- Fluxes appear as **twist deformations** of Courant algebroids

e.g. for H-flux:
$$[[A + \alpha, B + \beta]]_H = [A, B]_{TM} + \mathcal{L}_A \beta - \iota_B d\alpha + \iota_A \iota_B H$$

QP-manifolds

- Theorem by Roytenberg

Courant algebroid \longleftrightarrow QP-manifold of degree 2

- $(\mathcal{M}, Q_\gamma, \omega)$ is a **QP-manifold of degree n** (\mathcal{M} : dg-manifold)

ω : graded symplectic structure of degree $n+2$

$\rightarrow \{., .\}$ graded Poisson bracket of degree $-n$

Q_γ : Hamiltonian cohomological vector field $Q_\gamma = \{\gamma, .\}$

$$Q_\gamma^2 = 0 \iff \{\gamma, \gamma\} = 0 \quad \text{master equation}$$

- Courant algebroid operations ($n=2$) on degree 1 functions e_1, e_2 are

$$[[e_1, e_2]] = \{\{e_1, \gamma\}, e_2\} \quad \langle e_1, e_2 \rangle = \{e_1, e_2\} \quad \rho(e) = \{e, \{\gamma, .\}\}$$

- Standard Courant algebroid ($E = TX \oplus T^*X$, $\mathcal{M} = T^*[2]T[1]X$)

$$\omega = dX_0^i \wedge dF_i + d\chi_i \wedge d\psi_1^i \Rightarrow \{X^i, F_j\} = \delta_j^i \quad \& \quad \{\chi_i, \psi^j\} = \delta_i^j$$

$$\gamma = F_i \psi^i \rightsquigarrow \text{Courant bracket}$$

Courant sigma-models

- General QP-manifold of degree 2

$$\omega = dX_0^i \wedge dF_i + \frac{1}{2} k_{ab} d\zeta_1^a \wedge d\zeta_1^b$$

$$\gamma = \underset{\sim \text{anchor}}{\rho_a^i(X)} F_i \zeta^a + \frac{1}{3!} \underset{\sim \text{Jacobiator}}{T_{abc}(X)} \zeta^a \zeta^b \zeta^c$$

- It corresponds to a 3 dim topological sigma-model: **Courant sigma-model**

A **coordinate** ϕ with degree $|\phi| \rightarrow$ **field** $\phi(\sigma)$ with ghost number $|\phi|$

$$S_C = \int_{\Sigma_3} d^3\sigma \left(F_i \wedge dX^i + \frac{1}{2} k_{ab} \zeta^a \wedge d\zeta^b + \rho_a^i(X) F_i \wedge \zeta^a \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{3!} T_{abc}(X) \zeta^a \wedge \zeta^b \wedge \zeta^c \right)$$

Eq. of motion $\iff \{\gamma, \gamma\} = 0 \iff$ Courant algebroid axioms

- BV-BRST quantization:

\implies **AKSZ construction**

AKSZ sigma-models

- **AKSZ construction:** a geometric method for constructing BV quantized topological sigma-models.

[Alexandrov, Kontsevich, Schwartz, Zaboronsky]

Well known examples are Poisson sigma-model, A/B-models, Chern-Simons theory, Courant sigma-model, etc.

- Construction:

Source manifold: $T[1]\Sigma_d$ graded worldvolume with $\dim \Sigma_d = d$

Target manifold: $(\mathcal{M}, Q_\gamma, \omega)$ QP-manifold of degree $d - 1$

- The **space of fields** is the mapping space

$$\mathcal{M} = \text{Map}(T[1]\Sigma_d, \mathcal{M})$$

\implies An arbitrary coordinate $\phi \in \mathcal{M}$ of degree $|\phi|$ corresponds to a superfield $\phi \in \mathcal{M}$ of ghost number $|\phi|$

$$\phi(\sigma, \theta) = \phi^{(0)}(\sigma) + \phi_\mu^{(1)}(\sigma)\theta^\mu + \dots + \frac{1}{d!}\phi_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_d}^{(d)}\theta^{\mu_1} \dots \theta^{\mu_d}$$

$\hat{z} = (\sigma, \theta) \in T[1]\Sigma_d$ are even and odd coordinates respectively.

AKSZ sigma-models

- $\mathcal{M} = \text{Map}(T[1]\Sigma_d, \mathcal{M})$ is also a QP-manifold with cohomological vector field $Q = Q_0 + Q_\gamma$, which in local 'coordinates' $\phi^{\hat{i}}(\hat{z})$ of \mathcal{M} is

$$Q_0 = \int_{T[1]\Sigma_d} d^d \hat{z} D \phi^{\hat{i}}(\hat{z}) \frac{\delta}{\delta \phi^{\hat{i}}(\hat{z})}, \quad Q_\gamma = \int_{T[1]\Sigma_d} d^d \hat{z} Q_\gamma^{\hat{i}}(\phi(\hat{z})) \frac{\delta}{\delta \phi^{\hat{i}}(\hat{z})}$$

where $D := \theta^\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma^\mu}$, and the BV symplectic form is

$$\omega = \int_{T[1]\Sigma_d} d^d \hat{z} \text{ev}^*(\omega), \quad \text{ev} : (\hat{z}, \phi) \mapsto \phi(\hat{z})$$

- The **AKSZ action** is the Hamiltonian function of $Q = (\mathcal{S}, \cdot)_{\text{BV}}$

$$\mathcal{S} = \underset{\uparrow \vartheta}{\mathcal{S}_{\text{kin}}} + \underset{\uparrow \gamma}{\mathcal{S}_{\text{int}}} \quad (\omega = d\vartheta)$$

It gives a solution to the **master equation**

$$(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{S})_{\text{BV}} = 0 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \{\gamma, \gamma\} = 0$$

and defines the BV-BRST transformation

$$Q = (\mathcal{S}, \cdot)_{\text{BV}}$$

Example: Poisson sigma-model (or A-model)

- Target: $\mathcal{M} = T^*[1]X$ (degree $n = 1$); general Hamiltonian (with $|\gamma| = 2$):

$$\omega = d\chi_i \wedge dX^i_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma = \frac{1}{2} \pi^{ij}(X) \chi_i \chi_j$$

- The master equation makes π^{ij} to define a **Poisson structure**

$$\{\gamma, \gamma\} = 0 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad (\pi^{[i|l} \partial_l \pi^{jk]} = 0)$$

- In general, γ determines a derived bracket:

$$\{\{f, \gamma\}, g\} = -\{f, g\}_\pi = -\pi(df \wedge dg) \quad \text{Poisson bracket on } C^\infty(X)$$

- BV bracket and AKSZ action are

$$(\cdot, \cdot)_{\text{BV}} = \int_{T[1]\Sigma_2} d^2\hat{z} \frac{\overleftarrow{\delta}}{\delta X^i} \wedge \frac{\overrightarrow{\delta}}{\delta \chi_i}$$

$$\mathcal{S}_\pi^{(2)} = \int_{T[1]\Sigma_2} d^2\hat{z} \left(\chi_i \mathbf{D}X^i + \frac{1}{2} \pi^{ij} \chi_i \chi_j \right) \quad \text{on-shell quant.} \quad \int_{\Sigma_2} X^*(B)$$

Gauge fixing

- Gauge fixing:

1) Assign 'fields' ϕ^a and 'antifields' ϕ_a^+ :

$$\text{paired in } \omega = \int_{T[1]\Sigma_d} d^d \hat{z} \delta \phi_a^+(\hat{z}) \delta \phi^a(\hat{z})$$

2) Gauge fix the antifields \iff Choose a Lagrangian submanifold

$$\mathcal{L} \subset \mathcal{M} \quad (\omega|_{\mathcal{L}} = 0)$$

$$\text{e.g. } \phi_a^+(\hat{z}) = (-1)^{|\Phi^a|(d+1)} \frac{\vec{\delta} \Psi}{\delta \phi^a(\hat{z})} \Rightarrow \omega|_{\Psi} = 0$$

- Example: **A-model** from AKSZ Poisson sigma-model ($\pi \rightsquigarrow$ Kähler form)

$$X^{(0)i} \rightarrow X^{a,\bar{a}} \quad \chi_i^{(0)} \rightarrow \psi^{a,\bar{a}} \quad X_{\mu}^{(1)} \rightarrow \chi_{\bar{z}}^a, \chi_{\bar{z}}^{\bar{a}}$$

Choosing an appropriate Ψ gauge fixing fermion

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow S_A = 2t \int_{\Sigma_2} d^2 z \left(g_{a\bar{b}} \partial_{\bar{z}} X^a \partial_z X^{\bar{b}} + i g_{a\bar{b}} (\chi_{\bar{z}}^a \nabla_z \psi^{\bar{b}} + \chi_{\bar{z}}^{\bar{b}} \nabla_{\bar{z}} \psi^a) \right. \\ \left. - R_{a\bar{b}c\bar{d}} \chi_{\bar{z}}^a \chi_z^{\bar{b}} \psi^c \psi^{\bar{d}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Further examples

- **Complex structure sigma-model** or **B-model** ($\mathcal{M} = T^*[1]T^*X$ doubled)

$$\omega = d\chi_i^1 \wedge dX_0^i + d\tilde{\chi}_1^i \wedge d\tilde{X}_0^i \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma = J^j_k \chi_i \tilde{\chi}^j - \partial_j J^i_k \tilde{X}_i \tilde{\chi}^j \tilde{\chi}^k$$

$$\{\gamma, \gamma\} = 0 \quad \iff \quad \text{Integrability cond. for complex str. } J$$

$$\mathcal{S}_J^{(2)} = \int_{T[1]\Sigma_2} (\chi_i DX^i - \tilde{X}_i D\tilde{X}^i + J^j_k \chi_i \tilde{\chi}^j + \partial_j J^i_k \tilde{X}_i \tilde{\chi}^j \tilde{\chi}^k)$$

[Ikeda, Tokunaga]

- **Courant sigma-model**; \mathcal{M} : general QP-manifold of degree 2

$$\omega = dX_0^i \wedge dF_i + \frac{1}{2} k_{ab} d\zeta_1^a \wedge d\zeta_1^b$$

$$\gamma = \underbrace{\rho^i_a(X)}_{\sim \text{anchor}} F_i \zeta^a + \frac{1}{3!} \underbrace{T_{abc}(X)}_{\sim \text{Jacobiator}} \zeta^a \zeta^b \zeta^c$$

$$\{\gamma, \gamma\} = 0 \quad \iff \quad \text{Courant algebroid axioms}$$

$$\mathcal{S}^{(3)} = \int_{\Sigma_3} d^3\hat{z} \left(F_i DX^i + \frac{1}{2} k_{ab} \zeta^a D\zeta^b + \rho^i_a(X) F_i \zeta^a + \frac{1}{3!} T_{abc}(X) \zeta^a \zeta^b \zeta^c \right)$$

Double field theory (DFT)

- In string compactification: Conjugate canonical coordinates (x, \tilde{x}) to momenta (p, \tilde{p}) on $TX \oplus T^*X$:

⇒ Double field theory

- A 'section condition' is needed to reduce a theory to a d dim slice
- Algebraic structure: \rightsquigarrow **DFT algebroid**

[Chatzistavrakidis, Jonke, Khoo, Szabo]

- It reduces to ordinary Courant algebroid after section condition
- Construction:

1) Start with a doubled Courant algebroid $(X \rightsquigarrow T^*X)$

$$\omega = dX_0^i \wedge dF_i + d\chi_1^i \wedge d\psi_1^i$$

2) Halve the degree 1 coordinates with a so called DFT projection:

$$\chi_i, \tilde{\psi}_i \longrightarrow p_i \quad \& \quad \psi_i, \tilde{\chi}^i \longrightarrow q^i \quad \Rightarrow \quad \omega = dq_1^i \wedge dp_1^i + \dots$$

\rightsquigarrow DFT algebroid, C-bracket of DFT

A/B-models and generalized geometry

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Doubled Poisson sigma-model for A/B-models I.

- A/B-models with H-flux background and generalized complex structures:
[Kapustin][Kapustin,Li][Pestun,Witten]
- AKSZ construction of A/B-model and generalized complex structure:
[Zucchini][Pestun][Ikeda,Tokunaga][Stojevic]
- We give a **DFT description** for their AKSZ theory, which leads to a natural AKSZ theory corresponding to a **generalized complex structure**
- Poisson sigma-model on **doubled** targetspace $\mathcal{M} = T^*[1]T^*X$

$$\omega = d\chi_I \wedge dX^I_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma = \frac{1}{2} \Omega^{IJ}(\mathbf{X}) \chi_I \chi_J$$

$$\text{with} \quad X^I = \begin{pmatrix} X^i \\ \tilde{X}_i \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \chi_I = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_i \\ \tilde{\chi}^i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{S}_\Omega^{(2)} = \int_{T[1]\Sigma_2} d^2\hat{z} \left(\chi_I \mathbf{D}X^I + \frac{1}{2} \Omega^{IJ}(\mathbf{X}) \chi_I \chi_J \right).$$

Doubled Poisson sigma-model for A/B-models II.

$$\mathcal{S}_{\Omega}^{(2)} = \int_{T[1]\Sigma_2} d^2\hat{z} \left(\chi_i \mathbf{D}X^i + \frac{1}{2} \Omega^{IJ} \chi_I \chi_J \right).$$

Observation I.:

- It gives the **A-model** with

$$\Omega^{IJ} = \begin{pmatrix} \pi^{ij} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{S}_{\pi}^{(2)} = \int_{T[1]\Sigma_2} d^2\hat{z} \left(\chi_i \mathbf{D}X^i + \tilde{\chi}^i \mathbf{D}\tilde{X}_i \xrightarrow{\text{GF}} + \frac{1}{2} \pi^{ij} \chi_i \chi_j \right)$$

- It also gives the **B-model** with

$$\Omega^{IJ} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & J^j_i \\ -J^j_i & -2\partial_{[i} J^k_{j]} \tilde{X}_k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{S}_J^{(2)} = \int_{T[1]\Sigma_2} d^2\hat{z} \left(\chi_i \mathbf{D}X^i + \tilde{\mathbf{X}}_i \mathbf{D}\tilde{\chi}^i + J^j_i \chi_i \tilde{\chi}^j - \partial_j J^i_k \tilde{\mathbf{X}}_i \tilde{\chi}^j \tilde{\chi}^k \right)$$

Lift up to AKSZ membrane I.

Observation II.:

- Poisson sigma-model can be lifted up to the membrane level as a **contravariant Courant sigma-model**

[Bessho, Heller, Ikeda, Watamura]

- AKSZ construction: $\mathcal{M} = T^*[2]T[1]X$

$$\omega = dF_i \wedge dX_0^i + d\chi_i \wedge d\psi^i$$

$$\gamma = \pi^{ij} F_i \chi_j - \frac{1}{2} \partial_i \pi^{jk} \psi^i \chi^j \chi^k + \frac{1}{3!} R^{ijk} \chi_i \chi_j \chi_k$$

$$\{\gamma, \gamma\} = 0 \quad \iff \quad \begin{cases} \pi \text{ Poisson str.} \\ [\pi, R]_S = 0 \quad \text{Schouten bracket on } \wedge^\bullet TX \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{\pi, R}^{(3)} = \int_{T[1]\Sigma_3} d^3 \hat{z} \left(F_i D X^i - \chi_i D \psi^i + \pi^{ij} F_i \chi_j - \frac{1}{2} \partial_i \pi^{jk} \psi^i \chi_j \chi_k + \frac{1}{3!} R^{ijk} \chi_i \chi_j \chi_k \right)$$

Lift up to AKSZ membrane II.

$$\mathcal{S}_{\pi,R}^{(3)} = \int_{T[1]\Sigma_3} d^3\hat{z} \left(F_i DX^i - \chi_i D\psi^i + \pi^{ij} F_i \chi_j \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{2} \partial_i \pi^{jk} \psi^i \chi_j \chi_k + \frac{1}{3!} R^{ijk} \chi_i \chi_j \chi_k \right)$$

- For $R = 0$ it gives back the Poisson sigma-model on the boundary $T[1]\partial\Sigma_3$:

Partial gauge: $F_i = D\chi_i$ and $\psi^i = -DX^i$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_{\text{gf}} = \oint_{T[1]\partial\Sigma_3} d^2\hat{z} \delta X^i \delta \chi_i \quad \begin{array}{l} \rightsquigarrow \text{full gauge fix on the bulk,} \\ \rightsquigarrow \text{AKSZ theory on the boundary} \end{array}$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{\pi,0}^{(3)} \xrightarrow{\text{gf}} \oint_{T[1]\partial\Sigma_3} d^2\hat{z} \left(\chi_i DX^i + \frac{1}{2} \pi^{ij} \chi_i \chi_j \right)$$

Lift up to AKSZ membrane III.

$$\mathcal{S}_{\pi,R}^{(3)} = \int_{T[1]\Sigma_3} d^3\hat{z} \left(F_i DX^i - \chi_i D\psi^i + \pi^{ij} F_i \chi_j \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{2} \partial_i \pi^{jk} \psi^i \chi_j \chi_k + \frac{1}{3!} R^{ijk} \chi_i \chi_j \chi_k \right)$$

- For $R \neq 0$ but with $\pi = 0$;

Partial gauge: $F_i = D\chi_i$ and $\psi^i = -DX^i$

$$\mathcal{S}_{0,R;\text{gf}}^{(3)} = \oint_{T[1]\partial\Sigma_3} d^2\hat{z} \chi_i DX^i + \frac{1}{3!} \int_{T[1]\Sigma_3} d^3\hat{z} R^{ijk} \chi_i \chi_j \chi_k$$

- It gives back the topological part of the string sigma-model on $T[1]\partial\Sigma_3$ that quantizes the **non-geometric R-flux background**

[Mylonas, Schupp, Szabo]

- Quantization \rightsquigarrow **non-associative star-product**

Lift up to AKSZ membrane IV.

- We lift up our doubled Poisson sigma-model as a **doubled contravariant Courant sigma-model** on $\mathcal{M} = T^*[2]T[1]T^*X$:

$$\mathcal{S}_{\Omega, \mathcal{R}}^{(3)} = \int_{T[1]\Sigma_3} d^3\hat{z} \left(F_I DX^I - \chi_I D\psi^I + \Omega^{IJ} F_I \chi_J \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{2} \partial_I \Omega^{JK} \psi^I \chi_J \chi_K + \frac{1}{3!} \mathcal{R}^{IJK} \chi_I \chi_J \chi_K \right)$$

- On the boundary it gives the AKSZ constructions of both A- and B-models (partial gauge fix)
- It allows the definition of **fluxes for A/B-models**

$$\mathcal{R}^{IJK} \longrightarrow H_{ijk}, F^i_{jk}, Q^{ij}_k, R^{ijk}$$

- The master equation gives them Bianchi identities

$$\{\gamma, \gamma\} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad [\Omega, \mathcal{R}]_S = 0$$

Relation to generalized complex structure I.

- We apply the **DFT projection**

$$\chi_i, \tilde{\psi}_i \longrightarrow p_i \quad \& \quad \psi^i, \tilde{\chi}^i \longrightarrow q^i$$

and set the dual coordinate to $\tilde{X}_i = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \omega = dF_i \wedge dX_0^i + dq_1^i \wedge dp_1^i$$

- The resulting theory is not AKSZ (master equation does not hold)

\rightsquigarrow We impose the master equation on Ω (**section condition**):

$$\Omega^{IJ} = \begin{pmatrix} P^{ij} & J^i_j \\ -J^j_i & Q_{ij} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{master}} \begin{pmatrix} \pi^{ij} & J^i_j \\ -J^j_i & \omega_{ij} \end{pmatrix}$$

- We set $\omega = 0$ (we do not need it in order to describe the A/B-models later)

$$\Rightarrow \quad \gamma_{\pi,J} = \pi^{ij} F_i p_j + J^i_j F_i q^j - \frac{1}{2} \partial_i \pi^{jk} q^i p_j p_k + \partial_i J^k_j q^i q^j p_k$$

Relation to generalized complex structure II.

$$\gamma_{\pi,J} = \pi^{ij} F_i p_j + J^i_j F_i q^j - \frac{1}{2} \partial_i \pi^{jk} q^i p_j p_k + \partial_i J^k_j q^i q^j p_k$$

- The reduced double Poisson str. is

$$\Omega^{IJ} \longrightarrow \mathbb{J}^I_J = \begin{pmatrix} J^I_j & \pi^{ij} \\ 0 & -J^j_I \end{pmatrix}$$

- The master equation gives the integrability conditions

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^{[i|l} \partial_l \pi^{jk]} &= 0 \\ J^I_i \partial_l \pi^{jk} + 2 \pi^{jl} \partial_{[l} J^k_{|I]} + \pi^{kl} \partial_l J^j_i - J^j_I \partial_l \pi^{lk} &= 0 \\ J^I_{[i} \partial_l J^k_{|j]} - J^k_I \partial_{[l} J^j_{|I]} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

for the **generalized complex str.** \mathbb{J}^I_J !

- It defines a novel **Courant algebroid** corresponding a **gen. complex str.** with the Dorfman bracket and anchor

$$\llbracket e_1, e_2 \rrbracket_{\pi,J} = \{ \{ e_1, \gamma_{\pi,J} \}, e_2 \} \quad \text{and} \quad \rho(e) = \{ e, \{ \gamma_{\pi,J}, \cdot \} \}$$

Relation to generalized complex structure III.

- It defines a AKSZ membrane model corresponding to the gen. complex str. \mathbb{J}'_J :

$$\mathcal{S}_{\pi,J}^{(3)} = \int_{T[1]\Sigma_3} d^3\hat{z} \left(F_i DX^i - p_i Dq^i + \pi^{ij} F_i p_j + J^i_j F_i q^j - \frac{1}{2} \partial_i \pi^{jk} q^i p_j p_k + \partial_i J^k_j q^i q^j p_k \right)$$

- It can contain **flux terms** as well (twists of the Courant algebroid)

$$\int_{T[1]\Sigma_3} d^3\hat{z} \left(H_{ijk} q^i q^j q^k + F^i_{jk} p_i q^j q^k + Q^{ij}_k p_i p_j q^k, + R^{ijk} p_i p_j p_k \right)$$

- If $J = 0$ it gives the **A-model** on the boundary (as before)

$$\text{Partial gauge: } F_i = D\chi_i \quad \text{and} \quad \psi^i = -DX^i$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{\pi,J}^{(3)} \xrightarrow{\text{gf}} \oint_{T[1]\partial\Sigma_3} d^2\hat{z} \left(\chi_i DX^i + \frac{1}{2} \pi^{ij} \chi_i \chi_j \right)$$

Relation to generalized complex structure III.

$$\mathcal{S}_{\pi,J}^{(3)} = \int_{T[1]\Sigma_3} d^3\hat{z} \left(F_i DX^i - p_i Dq^i + \pi^{ij} F_i p_j + J^i_j F_i q^j \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{2} \partial_i \pi^{jk} q^i p_j p_k + \partial_i J^k_j q^i q^j p_k \right)$$

For $\pi = 0$ it also gives the B-model on the boundary:

- We cover Σ_3 as

$$\Sigma_3 = U \cup U'$$

where U contains the boundary, but U' does not

$$\Sigma_3|_U = \partial\Sigma_3 \times \mathbb{R}^+ \quad \text{and} \quad U' \subseteq \Sigma_3 \setminus \partial\Sigma_3$$

\rightsquigarrow both ω and $\mathcal{S}_{0,J}^{(3)}$ split to two parts on U and U'

- We use a gauge on U' , which gives $\mathcal{S}_{0,J}^{(3)}|_{U'} = 0$ (partial gauge)
- We will integrate out \mathbb{R}^+ to reduce it to the B-model on the boundary

Relation to generalized complex structure IV.

- We use the notation ($t \in \mathbb{R}^+$)

$$\phi = \widehat{\phi} + \phi_t \theta^t$$

- We use **further gauge fixing**:

$$\mathbf{X}_t^i = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{q}_t^i = 0$$

- We integrate out $\widehat{\mathbf{F}}_i$ and $\widehat{\mathbf{p}}_i \Rightarrow \partial_t \widehat{\mathbf{X}}^i = 0$ and $\partial_t \widehat{\mathbf{q}}^i = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_{0,J|U;\text{gf}}^{(3)} = & \oint_{T[1]\partial\Sigma_3} d^2\hat{z} \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} dt \left(\widehat{\mathbf{F}}_i \partial_t \widehat{\mathbf{X}}^i + \widehat{\mathbf{p}}_i \partial_t \widehat{\mathbf{q}}^i - (F_t)_i \widehat{\mathbf{D}}\widehat{\mathbf{X}}^i \right. \\ & \left. - (\mathbf{p}_t)_i \widehat{\mathbf{D}}\widehat{\mathbf{q}}^i - J^i_j (F_t)_i \widehat{\mathbf{q}}^j + \partial_i J^j_k \widehat{\mathbf{q}}^i \widehat{\mathbf{q}}^j (\mathbf{p}_t)_k \right). \end{aligned}$$

- In the notations

$$\chi_i = - \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} dt (F_t)_i, \quad \mathbf{X}^i = \widehat{\mathbf{X}}^i$$

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{X}}_i = - \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} dt (\mathbf{p}_t)_i, \quad \widetilde{\mathbf{X}}^i = \widehat{\mathbf{q}}^i$$

- We get the **B-model** on the boundary

$$\mathcal{S}_{0,J}^{(3)} \rightarrow \oint_{T[1]\partial\Sigma_3} d^2\hat{z} \left(\chi_i \mathbf{D}\mathbf{X}^i + \widetilde{\mathbf{X}}_i \mathbf{D}\widetilde{\mathbf{X}}^i + J^i_j \chi_i \widetilde{\mathbf{X}}^j - \partial_j J^i_k \widetilde{\mathbf{X}}_i \widetilde{\mathbf{X}}^j \widetilde{\mathbf{X}}^k \right)$$

Topological S-duality from generalized complex structure I.

- Topological S-duality originates from S-duality of type IIB strings
- Exchanges the **weak/strong** coupling sector of A- and B-models

$$g_A = \frac{1}{g_B} \quad \text{and} \quad k_A = \frac{k_B}{g_B}$$

- We take the rescaling transformation ($\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$)

$$p_i \mapsto \lambda p_i \quad \text{and} \quad q^i \mapsto \frac{1}{\lambda} q^i,$$

- It is a canonical transformation on the BV level (i.e. leaves ω invariant)

$$\gamma_{\pi,J}^\lambda = \lambda \pi^{ij} F_i p_j - \frac{\lambda}{2} \partial_i \pi^{jk} q^i p_j p_k + \frac{1}{\lambda} J^i_j F_i q^j + \frac{1}{\lambda} \partial_i J^k_j q^i q^j p_k$$

- **Two limits** give the Poisson or complex str. Courant algebroids:

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} \gamma_{0,J} \xleftarrow{\lambda \ll 1} \gamma_{\pi,J}^\lambda \xrightarrow{\lambda \gg 1} \lambda \gamma_{\pi,0}$$

- Gen. complex str. interpolates between the two Courant algebroids

Topological S-duality from generalized complex structure II.

- It can be lift up to the AKSZ level (Hamiltonian $\lambda\gamma_{\pi,J}$ and we introduce an overall coupling $1/\lambda$ then rescale with λ):

$$\mathcal{S}_{A/B}^{\lambda(3)} = \int_{T[1]\Sigma_3} d^3\hat{z} \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \mathbf{F}_i \mathbf{D}X^i - \frac{1}{\lambda} \mathbf{p}_i \mathbf{D}q^i + \lambda \pi^{ij} \mathbf{F}_i \mathbf{p}_j - \frac{\lambda}{2} \partial_i \pi^{jk} q^i \mathbf{p}_j \mathbf{p}_k + \frac{1}{\lambda} J^i_j \mathbf{F}_i q^j + \frac{1}{\lambda} \partial_i J^k_j q^i q^j \mathbf{p}_k \right)$$

- We get the **A-model** for $\lambda \gg 1$

$$\mathcal{S}_{A/B}^{\lambda(3)} \xrightarrow{\lambda \gg 1} \frac{\lambda}{2} \oint_{T[1]\partial\Sigma_3} d^2\hat{z} \pi^{ij} \mathbf{p}_i \mathbf{p}_j \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lambda = \frac{1}{g_A}$$

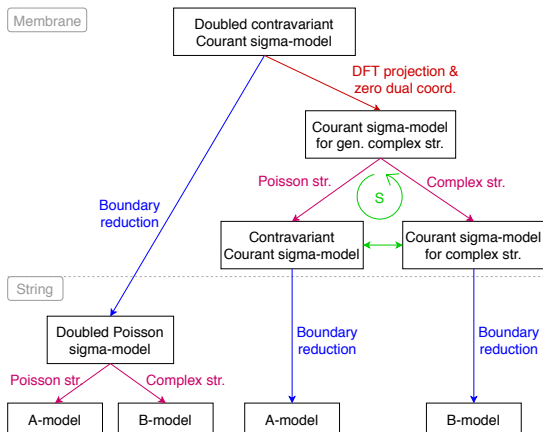
- And the **B-model** for $\lambda \ll 1$

$$\mathcal{S}_{A/B}^{\lambda(3)} \xrightarrow{\lambda \ll 1} \frac{1}{\lambda} \oint_{T[1]\partial\Sigma_3} d^2\hat{z} \left(\chi_i \mathbf{D}X^i + \tilde{X}_i \mathbf{D}\tilde{\chi}^i + J^i_j \chi_i \tilde{\chi}^j - \partial_j J^i_k \tilde{X}_i \tilde{\chi}^j \tilde{\chi}^k \right)$$

$$\lambda = g_B = \frac{1}{g_A} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Topological S-duality!}$$

Summary

Different reductions and connections between AKSZ string and membrane sigma-models related to A- and B-models



Outlook

- What physical quantities does our AKSZ membranes calculate? (In general, it is not easy to compute something in a membrane sigma-model).
- What is the relevance of geometric and non-geometric fluxes in topological string theory?
- Have our constructions any relevance in flux compactifications? (topological strings appear in compactifications without fluxes)
- Has it any relation to topological mirror symmetry?
- Further study of the new classes of Courant algebroid (also their twists).
- Does there exist a Courant algebroid for the general version of generalized complex structure?
- Our S-duality arises from the T-duality inspired generalized complex geometry. Whether there is a physical origin behind this relation or whether it is just a coincidence found in the topological field theories.
- Lift up our approach to topological M-theory and exceptional generalized geometry? (First step: [\[1802.04581\]](#) by ZK, Sinkovics and Szabo)

Thank you for your attention!