

R-flux string sigma model and algebroid duality on Lie 3-algebroids

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- 5 Our goal is to **construct a topological string theory with R-flux** and to **describe the transformation between H and R** and find a complete generalization of topological T-duality incorporating all fluxes

$$\underbrace{H \longrightarrow F}_{\text{Courant Alg.}} \longrightarrow \underbrace{Q \longrightarrow R}_{\text{Poisson C. Alg.}}$$

A sketch of what is known

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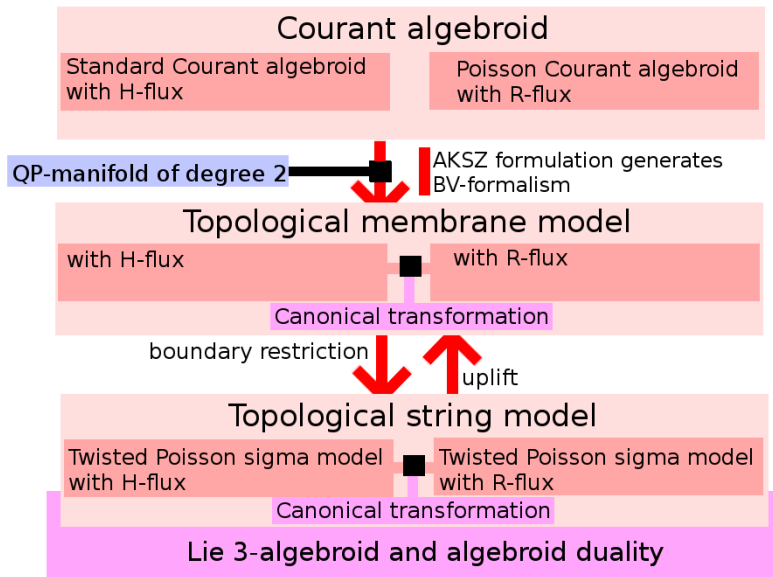


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What we developed



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$$(E = TM \oplus T^*M, \langle -, - \rangle, [-, -]_D, \rho = 0 \oplus \theta^\sharp)$$

Vector bundle $E = TM \oplus T^*M \rightarrow M$

(M, θ) Poisson manifold with Poisson structure $\theta \in \Gamma(\wedge^2 TM)$

$R \in \Gamma(\wedge^3 TM)$ such that $[\theta, R]_S = 0$ (*Schouten bracket* on $\wedge^\bullet TM$)

Bundle map $\rho : TM \oplus T^*M \rightarrow TM$ defined by $\rho(X + \alpha) = \theta^{ij} \alpha_j(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$

Bilinear operation

$$[X + \alpha, Y + \beta]_D^\theta \equiv [\alpha, \beta]_\theta + L_\alpha^\theta Y - \iota_\beta d\theta X - \iota_\alpha \iota_\beta R,$$

where $X + \alpha, Y + \beta \in \Gamma(TM \oplus T^*M)$

Lie bracket on T^*M (Koszul bracket) $[-, -]_\theta : T^*M \times T^*M \rightarrow T^*M$

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Next step: A topological membrane is described by a Courant algebroid.
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Alexandrov-Kontsevich-Schwarz-Zaboronsky
formulation gives QP-structure on $\text{Map}(T[1]X, \mathcal{M})$
(mapping space)

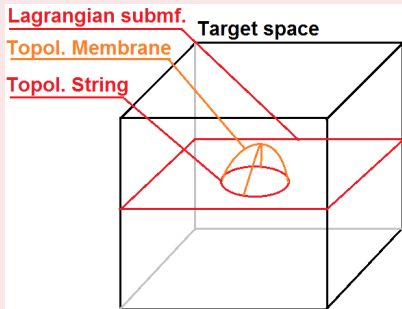
- 1 Graded symplectic structure $\omega = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \mu \text{ev}^* \omega$
- 2 Hamiltonian function S
- 3 Master equation $\{S, S\} = 0$ holds and leads to a
BV-formalism of a topological membrane
- 4 Target space variables \mapsto Superfields.
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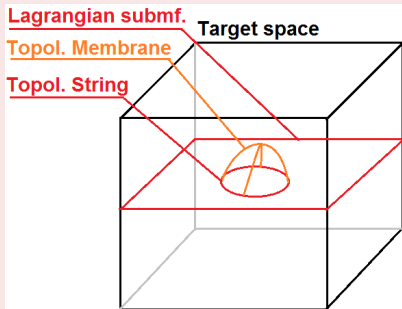
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