

# HIGHER SYMPLECTIC SIGMA MODELS

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

## 2. BOUNDARY CONDITIONS IN BV THEORY

## 3. POISSON SIGMA MODEL

### 3.1. The Boundary Theory.

## 4. COURANT SIGMA MODEL

**4.1. Exact Courant Algebroids and the A-model with H-flux.** Exact Courant algebroids are classified by their Severa class  $H \in \Omega_{cl}^3(X)$ . Twisting the canonical topological boundary condition via this class may give a description of the A-model with H-flux  $H$ . See R. Szabo's work or the JHEP article of Bonechi–Cattaneo–Iraso (RG: they get it as a certain gauged fixing for the Poisson sigma model where the Poisson structure is the inverse of a Kahler form).

**4.2. Dirac Structures.** Claim: For fixed  $E$ , topological boundary conditions (on the target) are given precisely by Dirac structures.

**4.3. Link Invariants.** Let  $E$  be a Courant algebroid and  $R$  a representation up to homotopy of the associated 2-symplectic Lie algebroid. Further, assume that  $R$  is equipped with an invariant trace. Wilson loop observables determine invariants for links in a 3-manifold source manifold (anomalies?).

## 5. HIGHER COURANT SIGMA MODELS

### 5.1. Dimension 4. Relate to R. Szabo's papers....

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5.2. **Generalized Dirac Structures.** Nothing too special...a Dirac structure is just a  $(n - 1)$  Lagrangian in a  $n$  symplectic Lie algebroid  $E$ . Is there a canonical one? Szabo claims there is for  $n = 3$ . Higher Severa classes.

RG: These are different than the  $n$ -plectic people consider...we want non-degeneracy! So not the same as Zambon or Ikeda's QP manifolds.

5.3. **Link Invariants.** Same as in the CSM case....

## 6. TOPOLOGICAL BOUNDARY CONDITIONS AND QUANTUM GROUPOIDS

RG: This could be speculative...

6.1. **Quantizing Lie-bialgebroids.** Let  $E$  be the Courant algebroid determined by the Lie bi-algebroid  $(L, L^\vee)$ . Then  $L$  itself determines a topological boundary condition. The boundary observables of this theory may be related to the quantum groupoid quantizing  $(L, L^\vee)$  as originally described by Ping Xu.

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