Configuration Spaces of Manifolds with Boundary

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We show that for a large class of such manifolds, the real homotopy type of the configuration spaces only depends on the real homotopy type of the pair consisting of the manifold and its boundary. We moreover describe explicit real models of these configuration spaces using three different approaches. We do this by adapting previous constructions for configuration spaces of closed manifolds which relied on Kontsevich's proof of the formality of the little disks operads. We also prove that our models are compatible with the richer structure of configuration spaces, respectively a module over the Swiss-Cheese operad, a module over the associative algebra of configurations in a collar around the boundary of the manifold, and a module over the little disks operad.

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Introduction

Configuration spaces of points on manifolds are classical and yet intriguing objects in topology. The ordered configuration space of k points on a space X is given by

$$Conf_k(X) = \{(x_1, ..., x_k) \in X^k \mid x_i \neq x_j, \text{ for } i \neq j\}.$$

Despite the apparent simplicity of the definition, understanding their homotopy type, or even their rational homotopy type, has been a long-standing endeavor. The first results in this direction were obtained by Arnold [Arn69] (in 2 dimensions) and Cohen [Coh76], who computed the cohomology of the configuration spaces of points in \mathbb{R}^n . More generally, the real homotopy type of configuration spaces of points on smooth projective varieties were independently computed by Kriz [Kří94] and Totaro [Tot96].

For compact simply connected manifolds, a way of computing the Betti numbers of these configuration space has been described by Lambrechts and Stanley [LS08a]. More generally, it has been a long-established conjecture that, for simply connected manifolds, the rational homotopy type of the configuration space depends only on the rational homotopy type of the manifold [FHT01, Problem 8, p. 518]; whereas for non-simply connected manifolds the conjecture is not correct as shown in [LS05].

The aforementioned results mostly focus on the algebro-topological properties of the configuration spaces on their own. It has long been known, however, that configuration spaces carry rich algebraic structures using the operations of gluing spaces, and in particular using the operation of gluing a configuration of points in \mathbb{R}^n "in place of" a point in a configuration on M.

More concretely, a compactified version FM_n of the configurations of points on \mathbb{R}^n can be made into a topological operad, an E_n operad weakly equivalent to the well-known

little n-disks operad. For closed parallelized manifolds M, a compactification FM_M of the configuration space of points on M carries the structure of a right operadic FM_n -module. More generally, for any M one can define an operad FM_n^M in topological spaces over M, built from the fiberwise configuration space. Even if M is not parallelizable, the collection FM_M is endowed by the structure of an operadic right module over FM_n^M .

These various operadic structures on configuration spaces have received growing interest over the decades. In particular, the E_n actions have seen widespread applications. The configuration spaces of points on manifolds with their operadic module structure have recently seen a surge in interest, due to their central appearance in the Goodwillie–Weiss embedding calculus [GW99] and factorization homology [AF15]. These applications in particular require some understanding of the homotopy type of the configuration spaces, with their natural algebraic (operadic) structures.

The first result in this direction was the rational formality of the E_n operads, shown by Tamarkin [Tam03] (for n = 2, over \mathbb{Q}), Kontsevich [Kon99] (for all n, over \mathbb{R}), with further contributions over the years [GNPR05; LV14; FW15].

For closed connected orientable M, the real homotopy type of the configuration space FM_M , with the operadic structure has recently computed by three of the authors [CW16; Idr16], where "workable" combinatorial models were given. This paper is a follow-up to these works, extending the methods and generalizing the results to compact orientable manifolds with boundary.

Summary of results

Let M be a compact orientable manifold with non-empty boundary ∂M . We study configuration spaces of r points in the interior and s points on the boundary:

$$\operatorname{Conf}_{r,s}(M) = \{(x_1, \dots, x_r, y_1, \dots, y_s) \times (\partial M)^r \times \mathring{M}^s \mid x_i \neq x_j, y_i \neq y_j \text{ for } i \neq j\}.$$

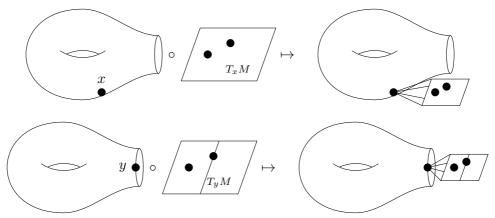
There are essentially two approaches to defining algebraic structures on those spaces: one that has to do with the action of the Swiss-Cheese operad, and one that has to do with how configuration spaces behave when one glues manifolds along their boundaries. We will describe "graphical" models for both approaches. We will also define "small" models for configurations on the interior of M together with its action of the little disks operad.

Graphical models: Swiss-Cheese action

We can compactify $\operatorname{Conf}_{r,s}(M)$ in the spirit of Axelrod–Singer [AS94] to obtain a compact space $\operatorname{\mathsf{SFM}}_M(r,s)$, cf. Section 3 below. These compactified spaces come with a natural operadic right action of the fiberwise Swiss-Cheese operad $\operatorname{\mathsf{SC}}_n^M$ (and the S in SFM stands for "Swiss-Cheese").

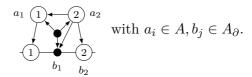
More concretely, in the second color, the fiberwise little disks operad FM_n^M acts on SFM_M by insertion of configurations of points "infinitesimally close to" a given point in the configuration. In the first color, we have a similar operation of insertion of

configurations of points on the upper halfspace, fiberwise over ∂M . The operations are depicted in the following illustration:



Our first main result is the construction of a CDGA model $\mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_{\partial}}$ for the right SFM_n^M -module SFM_M , where (A,A_{∂}) is a CDGA model for $(M,\partial M)$ (see Section 5.2 for what is precisely expected of (A,A_{∂})). The proof mostly follows analogous results and constructions of Kontsevich, a strategy already used in previous works [CW16; Idr16].

Let us briefly describe this model. Elements of $\mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_{\partial}}(r,s)$ are directed graphs with vertices of 4 kinds: aerial external vertices, numbered from $1,\ldots,s$, representing the s points in the interior of M; terrestrial external vertices, numbered $1,\ldots,r$, representing the r points on the boundary; and internal "unidentifiable" vertices, either aerial or terrestrial. In addition, aerial vertices may be decorated by elements of A, and terrestrial vertices are decorated by elements of A_{∂} . Note also that edges may not start at terrestrial vertices. For detailed construction and some more technical conditions we refer the reader to Section 6.



We can define similarly a graphical model $\mathsf{SGraphs}_n^A$ of the fiberwise Swiss-Cheese operad, and there is a coaction of $\mathsf{SGraphs}_n^A$ on $\mathsf{Graphs}_{A,A_\partial}$ by explicit combinatorial formulas on graphs. Furthermore, all graphical models have a natural dg commutative algebra structure, given by gluing diagrams at external vertices.

Our first main result is then that these graphical objects are indeed models for the topological configuration spaces, in the sense that they are quasi-isomorphic to the CDGAs of differential forms on those spaces:

Theorem A (See Theorem 6.23). Let M be an oriented compact manifold with boundary $\partial M \neq \emptyset$. Then there is zigzag of quasi-isomorphisms relating the pairs

$$(\mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_{\partial}}^A,\mathsf{SGraphs}_n^A,\mathsf{Graphs}_n^A) \simeq (\Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathsf{SFM}_M),\Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathsf{SFM}_n^M),\Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathsf{FM}_n^M))$$

compatible with all structures, i.e., with the dg commutative algebra structure and the operadic action of the second member of the pairs on the first.

We note that the graded object $\mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_\partial}$ depends on M only through the homotopy type of M, while that is certainly not true for the real homotopy type of the configuration spaces. The dependence on M in Graphs_M comes from the differential. More concretely, the differential, and hence all dependence on M, is neatly encoded by a Maurer–Cartan element Z_M in a certain graph complex. Physically, this Maurer–Cartan element corresponds to the partition function in the underlying topological field theory, taking values in the complex of vaccuum Feynman diagrams. In this paper we will hence call this special MC element Z_M that governs the real homotopy type of our configuration spaces the "partition function", although we will not discuss any connections to physics in this paper.

The partition function can actually be evaluated under good conditions. In particular, if M and ∂M are simply connected, and $\dim(M) \geq 5$, then the partition function only depends on the real homotopy type of M:

Corollary B (Corollary 6.28). If M and ∂M are simply connected, and $\dim(M) \geq 5$ then the real homotopy type of SFM_M (as space, and as right module under the fiberwise Swiss-Cheese operad) only depends on the real homotopy type of the map $\partial M \to M$.

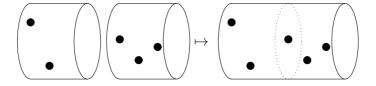
More concretely, the real homotopy type is precisely encoded in the tree piece of the partition function. The above result hence means that there are no "quantum corrections".

Graphical models: gluing at the boundary

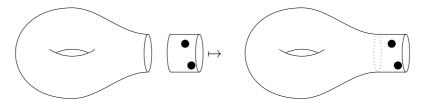
There is an alternative viewpoint on the configuration spaces of points on manifolds with boundary, that both gives rise to simpler models, and to algebraic structure which is not easily extracted from (although contained in) the Swiss-Cheese action above. Let us now only consider configuration spaces

$$\operatorname{Conf}_r(M) := \operatorname{Conf}_{0,r}(M)$$

of points in the interior, with no points on the boundary. Also consider the configuration space of points on $\partial M \times I$, i.e. $\operatorname{Conf}_{r'}(\partial M \times I)$, where $I = (0, +\infty)$. The collection of the latter spaces (for various r') naturally forms an algebra object (more precisely, an E_1 -algebra object), the product being the gluing of the intervals



This E_1 -algebra naturally acts on $Conf_M(r)$ by gluing at the boundary:



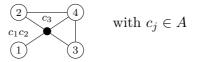
Understanding these gluing operations is of high importance, because they allow the configuration space of points on a glued manifold $X = M \sqcup_{\partial M} N$ to be expressed through the configuration spaces of the pieces, as a "derived tensor product"

$$\operatorname{Conf}(X) \simeq \operatorname{Conf}(M) \otimes_{\operatorname{Conf}(\partial M \times I)}^{\mathbb{L}} \operatorname{Conf}(N).$$

We refer the reader to [AF15] for more explanations.

The algebraic operations above (of algebra and module, by gluing at the boundary) are encoded in our models in the Swiss-Cheese action, but not in an accessible form. We may however describe simpler models in this case that capture those gluing operations more nicely. To this end it is also suitable to define slightly different compactifications mFM_M and $\mathsf{aFM}_{\partial M}$ (where "a" stands for "algebra" and "m" for module see Section 3.7). The algebra and module structures described above are defined on the nose for these models of the configuration spaces.

In this setting we can construct significantly simpler combinatorial models for our configuration spaces $\mathsf{mGraphs}_A$ and $\mathsf{aGraphs}_{A_\partial}$. Concretely, elements of $\mathsf{mGraphs}_A(r)$ are directed graphs with only two types of vertices, external vertices numbered $1\ldots,r$, and internal vertices. All vertices are decorated by an element on A.



The construction of $\mathsf{aGraphs}_{A_\partial}$ is similar.

All the algebraic operations may then be encoded combinatorially on these diagrams. Our second main result is then:

Theorem C (See Section 7). For M a compact oriented manifold with boundary ∂M , we have a zig-zag of quasi-isomorphisms

$$(\mathsf{mGraphs}_A, \mathsf{aGraphs}_A^A, \mathsf{Graphs}_n^A) \simeq (\Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathsf{mFM}_M), \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathsf{aFM}_{\partial M}), \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathsf{FM}_n^M))$$

respecting all algebraic structures, i.e., the CDGA structures, the operadic right actions, and the E_1 -algebra and module structure obtained by gluing at the boundary.

Again the objects here depend on a certain Maurer–Cartan element in a graph complex (the partition function) which can be evaluated under good conditions, slightly weaker than those of Corollary B (see page 76):

Corollary D. If M is simply connected, and $\dim(M) \geq 4$ then the real homotopy type of mFM_M (as space, and as right module over aFM_N) only depends on the real homotopy type of the map $\partial M \to M$.

In Section 8.4, we connect the two models $\mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_{\partial}}(0,-)$ (all the external vertices are in the interior) and $\mathsf{mGraphs}_A$ as comodules over Graphs_n^A .

Small models and coaction of the cohomology

Under some hypotheses about the connectivity and the dimension of M, we will also find some "small" models for $Conf_k(M)$, inspired by the Lambrechts–Stanley models for configuration spaces of closed manifolds (see [Idr16] and [CW16, Appendix A]).

Suppose both M and ∂M are simply connected and that $\dim M \geq 7$, so that the pair $(M,\partial M)$ admits a Poincaré–Lefschetz duality model, a notion we define in Section 2, and let P be the resulting model of M. We may then use the same construction as in [Idr16] to get a CDGA $\mathsf{G}_P(k)$. If $\partial M = \varnothing$, then P is a Poincaré duality model of M and we recover the Lambrechts–Stanley model of $\mathsf{Conf}_k(M)$. We show in Theorem 8.8 that there is an isomorphism of graded vector spaces between $H^*(\mathsf{G}_P(k))$ and $H^*(\mathsf{Conf}_k(M))$ over $\mathbb Q$, which generalizes the result of [LS08a].

However, $\mathsf{G}_P(k)$ is not a CDGA model of $\mathsf{Conf}_k(M)$ in general. Instead we consider a "perturbed" version $\tilde{\mathsf{G}}_P(k)$, which is isomorphic to $\mathsf{G}_P(k)$ as a dg-module but not as an algebra, and we show that $\tilde{\mathsf{G}}_P(k)$ is a CDGA model of $\mathsf{Conf}_k(M)$. Moreover, we prove that $\tilde{\mathsf{G}}_P$ is a right Hopf e_n^\vee -comodule, and that the quasi-isomorphism $\tilde{\mathsf{G}}_P \simeq \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}^*(\mathsf{SFM}_M(\varnothing, -))$ is compatible with the comodule structures (over e_n^\vee and $\Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}^*(\mathsf{FM}_n)$, respectively).

Let us also note that our results hold if M admits a "surjective pretty model", a more rigid version of Poincaré–Lefschetz duality models (see Section 1.4).

Theorem E (See Theorems 8.17–8.18). Let M be a smooth, simply connected connected compact n-manifold with simply connected boundary of dimension at least 5. Assume that either M admits a surjective pretty model, or that $n \geq 7$ so that M admits a Poincaré–Lefschetz duality model. Let P be the model built either out of the surjective pretty model or the Poincaré–Lefschetz duality model.

Then for all $k \geq 0$, the CDGA $\tilde{\mathsf{G}}_P(k)$ is weakly equivalent to $\Omega^*_{PA}(\mathsf{SFM}_M(0,k))$, and the equivalence is compatible with the action of the symmetric group Σ_k ; in particular, it is a model of $\mathrm{Conf}_k(M)$. Moreover, if M is framed, then the right Hopf comodule $(\tilde{\mathsf{G}}_P,\mathsf{e}_n^\vee)$ is weakly equivalent to $(\Omega^*_{PA}(\mathsf{SFM}_M(0,-)),\Omega^*_{PA}(\mathsf{FM}_n))$.

The same result holds with $P = H^*(M)$ for simply connected manifolds with simply connected boundary satisfying dim $M \in \{4, 5, 6\}$.

The advantage of this small model is that it can be used to do some computations, e.g. of factorization homology (see [Idr16, Section 5]) or embedding calculus.

Remark F. All of our models are compatible with the symmetric group actions. Therefore, we obtain models of the unordered configuration spaces $B_k(M) = \operatorname{Conf}_k(M)/\Sigma_k$ by considering the sub-CDGA of elements invariant under the symmetric group action.

Outline

		Closed mfd	Swiss-Cheese	E_1 -algebra	E_1 -module
Compactif.	local fibered global	$\begin{array}{c} FM_n \ \S 3.2 \\ FM_n^M \ \S 3.3 \\ FM_M \ \S 3.4 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} {\sf SFM}_n \ \S 3.5 \\ {\sf SFM}_n^M \ \S 3.5 \\ {\sf SFM}_M \ \S 3.6 \end{array}$	$^{ m n/a}$ $^{ m n/a}$ aFM $_{\partial M}$	$_{ m n/a}^{ m n/a}$ & mFM $_M$ §3.7
Propagator	local global	[Kon99] §4.1	[Wil15] §4.3	n/a §4.4	n/a §4.5
Model	local fibered global	$\begin{array}{l} Graphs_n \ \S 5.1 \\ Graphs_n^A \ \S 5.4 \\ Graphs_A \ \S 5.2 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{l} SGraphs_n \ \S 5.1 \\ SGraphs_n^A \ \S 6.1 \\ SGraphs_{A,A_{\partial}} \ \S 6 \end{array}$	$^{ m n/a}$ $^{ m n/a}$ aGraphs $_{A_{\partial}}$	$^{\mathrm{n/a}}$ $^{\mathrm{n/a}}$ & mGraphs $_A$ §7.1
MC elements	local fibered global	$\mu \in \mathrm{GC}_n^{\vee} \ (5.2)$ $z \in A \ \hat{\otimes} \ \mathrm{GC}_n^{\vee} \ \S 5.6$ $Z \in \mathrm{GC}_A^{\vee}$	$c \in \operatorname{SGC}_{n}^{\vee} (5.7)$ $z^{\partial} \in A_{\partial} \otimes \operatorname{SGC}_{n}^{\vee} \S 6.1$ $Z \in \operatorname{SGC}_{A,A_{\partial}}^{\vee} \S 6.5$	n/a n/a $w \in \mathbf{aGC}_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee}$	m/a m/a $W \in \mathrm{mGC}_A^{\vee} \ \S{7.2}$

- **Section 1** We recall some background on cooperads and comodules over them, operads over spaces, the cohomology of compact manifolds with boundary, and pretty models.
- **Section 2** We define Poincaré–Lefschetz duality models, a generalization of surjective pretty models, and we prove that any simply connected manifold with simply connected boundary of dimension at least 7 admits a Poincaré–Lefschetz duality model.
- **Section 3** We recall and define various compactifications for configuration spaces of Euclidean (half-)spaces and manifolds with and without boundary, inspired by the Axelrod–Singer–Fulton–MacPherson compactifications.
- **Section 4** We explain how to construct the "propagators" which will be used to define integrals on these compactified configuration spaces, using the usual Feynman rules.
- **Section 5** We recall the construction of models for configuration spaces of closed manifolds [CW16; Idr16] that we will generalized for compact manifolds with boundary. We also explain in what sense the graphical models we build are "functorial", which will be used in the rest of the paper.
- **Section 6** We build our first graphical model $\mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_{\partial}}$, and we prove that it is a model of $\mathsf{Conf}_{\bullet,\bullet}(M)$ as an operadic module over the Swiss-Cheese operad.
- **Section 7** We build our second graphical model, $\mathsf{mGraphs}_A$, and we prove that it is a model of $\mathsf{Conf}_{0,\bullet}(M)$ as a module over the E_1 -algebra $\mathsf{Conf}_{\partial M \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}}$.
- **Section 8** We build a first small dg-module $G_P(k)$, and we prove that under some hypotheses, it computes the Betti numbers of $\operatorname{Conf}_k(M)$. We then prove that a "perturbed" variant $\tilde{G}_P(k)$ is a CDGA model for $\operatorname{Conf}_k(M)$ as a module over the

cohomology e_n^{\vee} of the little *n*-disks operad. We also make precise the connection between $\mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_\partial}$ and $\mathsf{mGraphs}_A$.

Appendix A We compute the cohomology of several graph complexes that appear throughout the paper.

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1. Background and recollections

We will generally work in the category of cohomologically graded cochain complexes, with a suspension defined by $(V[k])^n = V^{k+n}$ and appropriate signs. A "CDGA" will then be a (unital) commutative differential graded algebra in this category.

We will typically aim to prove that two N-graded CDGAs are quasi-isomorphic, i.e. connected by a zig-zag of CDGA morphism which induce isomorphisms on cohomology. The intermediary CDGAs will sometimes be Z-graded; recall that if two *connected* N-graded CDGAs are quasi-isomorphic in the category of Z-graded CDGAs, then they are too in the category of N-graded CDGAs (see [Idr16, Remark 1.1]). The same remark will also apply to Hopf cooperads below (see [Idr16, Remark 1.2]).

1.1. Colored (co)operads and (co)modules

We work with (symmetric) operads, which we will generally index by finite sets, rather than by numbers. Thus, for us an operad P is a symmetric collection, i.e. a functor from the category of finite sets and bijections to some symmetric monoidal category (e.g. topological spaces, chain complexes...), equipped with a unit $\eta: 1 \to P(\{*\})$ as well as composition maps, for all pairs $(U, W \subset U)$:

$$\circ_W : \mathsf{P}(U/W) \otimes \mathsf{P}(W) \to \mathsf{P}(U), \tag{1.1}$$

where $U/W = (U-W) \sqcup \{*\}$ is the quotient, satisfying the usual associativity, equivariance, and unitality axioms. If we let $\underline{k} = \{1, \ldots, k\}$ then we recover the classical notion by setting $P(k) := P(\underline{k})$ and the composition maps $\circ_i : P(k) \otimes P(l) \to P(k+l-1)$ are given by $\circ_{\{i,\ldots,i+l-1\}}$.

A right module over an operad P is a symmetric collection M equipped with composition maps

$$\circ_W : \mathsf{M}(U/W) \otimes \mathsf{P}(W) \to \mathsf{M}(U) \tag{1.2}$$

satisfying the usual axioms. Cooperads and comodules are defined dually. We will add the adjective "Hopf" to these dual structures when they are considered in the base category of CDGAs.

We also deal with special types of two-colored operads, called relative operads [Vor99], or Swiss-Cheese type operads.

Definition 1.1. Given an operad P, a **relative operad over** P is an operad in the category of right P-modules. This is equivalent to an operad with two colors (traditionally called the "closed" color $\mathfrak c$ and the "open" color $\mathfrak o$) such that operations with a closed output may only have closed inputs and are given by P.

We can encode the part of the operad with an open output as a bisymmetric collection Q, i.e. as a functor from the category of pairs of sets and pairs of bijections to dg-modules. The first set in the pair corresponds to open inputs, and the second to closed inputs. There is an identity $\eta_0 \in Q(\{*\}, \varnothing)$, and the operadic composition structure maps are given by:

$$\circ_T : \mathsf{Q}(U, V/T) \otimes \mathsf{P}(T) \to \mathsf{Q}(U, V) \qquad \qquad T \subset V; \tag{1.3}$$

$$\circ_{W,T}: \mathsf{Q}(U/W,V) \otimes \mathsf{Q}(W,T) \to \mathsf{Q}(U,V \sqcup T) \qquad W \subset U. \tag{1.4}$$

As mentioned in the definition, we can equivalently view Q as an operad in the category of right P-modules. The P-module in arity U is given by Q(U, -), and one checks that the operad structure maps $\circ_{W,-}: Q(U/W, -) \otimes Q(W, -) \to Q(U, -)$ are morphisms of right P-modules.

Given a (one-colored) cooperad C, a relative cooperad over C is defined dually as a bisymmetric collection D equipped with structure maps:

$$\circ_T^{\vee}: \mathsf{D}(U,V) \to \mathsf{D}(U,V/T) \otimes \mathsf{C}(W) \qquad \qquad T \subset V; \tag{1.5}$$

$$\circ_{W,T}^{\vee}: \mathsf{D}(U,V \sqcup T) \to \mathsf{D}(U/W,V) \otimes \mathsf{D}(W,T) \qquad \qquad I \subset V, \tag{1.5}$$

Finally, a comodule over a relative C-cooperad D is given by a bisymmetric collection N equipped with structure maps:

$$\circ_T^{\vee}: \mathsf{N}(U,V) \to \mathsf{N}(U,V/T) \otimes \mathsf{C}(T) \qquad \qquad T \subset V; \tag{1.7}$$

$$\circ_{W,T}^{\vee}: \mathsf{N}(U,V \sqcup T) \to \mathsf{N}(U/W,V) \otimes \mathsf{D}(W,T) \qquad W \subset U. \tag{1.8}$$

We can also define relative Hopf cooperads as relative cooperads in the category of CDGAs.

1.2. Operads over spaces and right multimodules

Let X be a topological space We will frequently consider operads, operadic right modules and relative operads in the category Top/X of spaces over X, equipped with the symmetric monoidal product the categorical product \times_X . Dually, for A some CDGA, one may consider (relative) Hopf cooperads under A, which are in particular collections in

the under-category of CDGAs under A, equipped with the symmetric monoidal product

Next, let us recall the notion of operadic right multimodule from [CDW17]. To this end fix an operad P in spaces over X. A right operadic P-multimodule is a collection of spaces M equipped with maps

$$\mathsf{M}(U) \to X^U, \tag{1.9}$$

and operadic right actions

$$\circ_T : \mathsf{M}(U/T) \times_X \mathsf{P}(T) \to \mathsf{M}(U) \qquad \qquad T \subset V, \tag{1.10}$$

where the fiber product is taken relative to the map $M(U/T) \to X$ corresponding to T. The maps \circ_T are required to satisfy natural compatibility relations, which are obvious generalizations of the the axioms required from an operadic right action. Operadic right P-modules are trivial special cases of operadic right P-multimodules, for which the map (1.9) takes values in the diagonal $X \subset X^U$.

Next consider a relative operad Q over P, such that the pair (P,Q) generates a twocolored operad in the category of spaces over X. Then we may naturally extend the notion of right operadic multimodule to the colored setting as follows. We say that a (Prelative) right operadic Q-multimodule M is a right operadic Q-multimodule in operadic right P-multimodules. More explicitly, such data consists of a bisymmetric collection M, equipped with maps

$$M(U,V) \to X^U \times X^V$$
,

and with right actions

$$\circ_T: \mathsf{M}(U,V/T) \times_X \mathsf{P}(T) \to \mathsf{M}(U,V) \qquad \qquad T \subset V; \tag{1.11}$$

$$\circ_T : \mathsf{M}(U, V/T) \times_X \mathsf{P}(T) \to \mathsf{M}(U, V) \qquad T \subset V; \tag{1.11}$$

$$\circ_{W,T} : \mathsf{M}(U/W, V) \times_X \mathsf{Q}(W, T) \to \mathsf{M}(U, V \sqcup T) \qquad W \subset U. \tag{1.12}$$

Here the fiber products \times_X are taking relative to the map $M(U, V/T) \to X$ corresponding to T, or respectively to the map $M(U/W, V) \to X$ corresponding to W. The composition morphisms again are required to satisfy natural compatibility relations.

To avoid too clumsy notation, we will call M as above just a right (P,Q)-multimodule for short.

Example 1.2. For the purposes of this paper, the relevant examples of the notions above are as follows. The fiberwise little disks operad FM_n^M defined in Section 3.3 is an operad in spaces over the smooth manifold X = M of dimension n. If M has a non-empty boundary, then the halfspace-configuration spaces of points in the tangent spaces of boundary points may be made into a relative operad SFM_n^M for FM_n^M . (Note here that the maps $\mathsf{SFM}_n^M(U) \to M$ take values in $\partial M \subset M$.) Finally the configuration spaces of points on M can be compactified into a right $(\mathsf{FM}_n^M, \mathsf{SFM}_n^M)$ -multimodule.

The notions above have evident dualizations. Hence, given a CDGA A, a cooperad C in CDGAs under A, and a relative cooperad D over C, we will use the notion of right (P, Q)multicomodules. Such a (P,Q)-multicomodule N is concretely a bisymmetric collection of CDGAs equipped with maps

$$A^{\otimes U} \otimes A^{\otimes V} \to \mathsf{N}(U,V),$$

and furthermore coactions

$$\circ_T^{\vee} : \mathsf{N}(U, V) \to \mathsf{N}(U, V/T) \otimes_A \mathsf{C}(T) \qquad \qquad T \subset V; \tag{1.13}$$

$$\circ_{T}^{\vee}: \mathsf{N}(U, V) \to \mathsf{N}(U, V/T) \otimes_{A} \mathsf{C}(T) \qquad T \subset V; \qquad (1.13)$$

$$\circ_{W,T}^{\vee}: \mathsf{N}(U, V \sqcup T) \to \mathsf{N}(U/W, V) \otimes_{A} \mathsf{D}(W, T) \qquad W \subset U \qquad (1.14)$$

satisfying natural compatibility relations.

1.3. A note on the cohomology of compact orientable manifolds with boundary

Lemma 1.3. Let M be a compact orientable manifold with boundary $\partial M \neq \emptyset$. Then there exist collections of forms $\{\alpha_i\}_{i=1,\ldots,k}$, $\{\beta_i\}_{i=1,\ldots,k}$, $\{\gamma_i\}_{i=1,\ldots,l}$ on M with the following properties.

- The α_i and γ_j together form (i.e., represent) a basis of H(M), and in particular $d\alpha_i = d\gamma_i = 0.$
- The (boundary values of) α_i and β_j together form a basis of $H(\partial M)$, in particular $d\beta_j \mid_{\partial M} = 0.$
- The γ_i and $d\beta_j$ together form a basis of $H(M, \partial M)$.
- We have $\gamma_i \mid_{\partial M} = 0$. Together with the other properties above this means that the maps the long exact sequence

$$\cdots \to H(M, \partial M) \xrightarrow{f} H(M) \xrightarrow{g} H(\partial M) \xrightarrow{h} H(M, \partial M)[-1] \cdots$$

may be expressed in our basis as

$$f(\gamma_i) = \gamma_i \qquad f(d\beta_j) = [d\beta_j] = 0 \qquad (1.15)$$

$$g(\alpha_i) = \alpha_i \qquad g(\gamma_j) = 0 \qquad (1.16)$$

$$g(\alpha_i) = \alpha_i \qquad g(\gamma_j) = 0 \qquad (1.16)$$

$$h(\beta_i) = d\beta_i \qquad h(\alpha_i) = 0. \tag{1.17}$$

• The choices above can be made such that the Poincaré duality pairing on $H(\partial M)$ and the Poincaré-Lefschetz duality pairing between H(M) and $H(M, \partial M)$ satisfy the following.

$$\int_{\partial M} \beta_j \alpha_i = \int_M d\beta_j \alpha_i = \delta_{ij} \tag{1.18}$$

$$\int_{\partial M} \alpha_i \alpha_j = \int_{\partial M} \beta_i \beta_j = 0 \tag{1.19}$$

$$\int_{M} \alpha_{i} \alpha_{j} = \int_{M} \alpha_{i} \gamma_{j} = \int_{M} d\beta_{i} \gamma_{j} = 0.$$
 (1.20)

Proof. We choose the γ_i to be representatives of a basis of the image of f above. We choose (closed extensions of representatives of) a basis α_i of the image of g. Irrespective of the choice of such representatives we have by Stokes theorem

$$\int_{\partial M} \alpha_i \alpha_j = \int_M d(\alpha_i \alpha_j) = 0.$$

We may extend the set $\{\alpha_i\}_{i=1,\dots,k}$ to a basis of $H(\partial M)$ by adding elements represented by some forms $\{\beta_j\}_{j=1,\dots,k'}$. We understand these forms as boundary values of forms β_j defined on M, by picking some (possibly non-closed) continuation to M. By construction of the cohomology long exact sequence above the $d\beta_j$ then span the image of h. We have thus constructed bases of H(M), $H(M,\partial M)$ and $H(\partial M)$ as asserted above. The nondegeneracy of the pairing between H(M) and $H(M,\partial M)$ implies that the two spaces must be of equal dimension in complementary degrees, and hence k'=k. Retrospectively, we may hence have picked the β_j so as to form a dual basis to the α_i , i.e., such that (1.19) and the second equality of (1.18) hold. By Stokes' Theorem we also have that

$$\int_{M} d\beta_i \gamma_j = 0. \tag{1.21}$$

None of the above properties are altered if we add to the α_i arbitrary linear combinations of the γ_j 's and $d\beta_j$'s. By (1.18) we may add suitable linear combinations of the β_j to ensure that

$$\int_{M} \alpha_{i} \alpha_{j} = 0.$$

(Here we denote the modified α_i by α_i again, i.e., we assume that suitable choices had already been taken from the start.) Finally we note that by Poincaré–Lefschetz duality and (1.21) the matrix $(\int_M \gamma_i \wedge \gamma_j)_{i,j}$ must be nondegenerate and hence we may add suitable linear combinations of γ_j 's to the α_i 's to ensure that (1.20) holds.

1.4. Pretty models for compact manifolds with boundary

The cohomology of an oriented closed manifold M (of dimension n) satisfies Poincaré duality, i.e. there exists a non-degenerate pairing $H^k(M)\otimes H^{n-k}(M)\to \mathbb{k}$ given for all $k\in\mathbb{Z}$ by the cup product and evaluation on the fundamental class. Accordingly, a Poincaré duality CDGA is a connected, finite-type CDGA equipped with a chain map $\varepsilon:P\to \mathbb{k}[-n]$ (i.e. a linear map $\varepsilon:P^n\to \mathbb{k}$ satisfying $\varepsilon\circ d=0$) and such that the induced pairing $P^k\otimes P^{n-k}\to \mathbb{k},\ x\otimes y\mapsto \varepsilon(xy)$ is non-degenerate for all $k\in\mathbb{Z}$. Lambrechts and Stanley [LS08b] proved that any simply connected manifold admits a Poincaré duality model.

The cohomology of a compact manifold with boundary does not satisfy Poincaré duality; it satisfies Poincaré—Lefschetz duality instead. Cordova Bulens, Lambrechts, and Stanley [CLS15a; CLS15b] use this idea to define "pretty rational models" for Poincaré duality pairs such as $(M, \partial M)$.

The rough idea is that one can see M as the complement in some closed manifold N of the thickening of some subpolyhedron $K \subset N$. One then takes a Poincaré duality model

 \tilde{P} of N and a model Q of K, and formally "kills" the forms that are dual to homology classes on K to obtain a model of M.

To be explicit, the starting data in the definition of a pretty model is:

- a Poincaré duality CDGA \tilde{P} of formal dimension n (in the rough picture above, it would be a model for N);
- a connected CDGA Q satisfying $Q^{\geq n/2-1} = 0$ (representing a model for $K \subset N$);
- a morphism $\psi: \tilde{P} \to Q$ (representing the restriction $\Omega^*(N) \to \Omega^*(K)$).

The morphism ψ makes Q into a \tilde{P} -module. Moreover, the dual \tilde{P}^{\vee} (resp. Q^{\vee}) is a \tilde{P} -module (resp. Q-module) by letting $(x \cdot f)(y) = \pm f(xy)$, and so is the desuspension $\tilde{P}^{\vee}[-n]$ (resp. $Q^{\vee}[-n]$).

The Poincaré duality structure on \tilde{P} induces an isomorphism of \tilde{P} -modules:

$$\theta_P: \tilde{P} \xrightarrow{\cong} \tilde{P}^{\vee}[-n]$$
 (1.22)

given by $a \mapsto \varepsilon_{\tilde{P}}(a \cdot -)$. The "shriek map" $\psi^!$ is the morphism of \tilde{P} -modules defined by the composite map:

$$\psi^!: Q^{\vee}[-n] \xrightarrow{\psi^{\vee}[-n]} \tilde{P}^{\vee}[-n] \xrightarrow{\theta_{\tilde{P}}^{-1}} \tilde{P}. \tag{1.23}$$

More concretely, given $\alpha \in Q^{\vee}[-n]$, $\psi^{!}(\alpha)$ is uniquely determined by:

$$\forall x \in \tilde{P}, \ \varepsilon_P(\psi^!(\alpha)x) = \alpha(\psi(x)). \tag{1.24}$$

One must further assume that $\psi\psi^!$ is "balanced", i.e. that for all $f,g\in Q^{\vee}[-n]$, one has $\psi\psi^!(f)\cdot g=f\cdot \psi\psi^!(g)$. Note that, under our assumptions, this is automatically the case by degree reasons (in fact, we have $\psi\psi^!=0$ because of the hypothesis that $Q^{\geq n/2-1}=0$).

Definition 1.4. The mapping cone of a chain map $f: X \to Y$, denoted either by cone(f) or $Y \oplus_f X[1]$, is given as a graded vector space by $Y \oplus X[1]$, and the differential is given by $d(y,x) = (d_Y y + f(x), d_X x)$.

Note that $\psi\psi^!=0$ implies that $\operatorname{cone}(\psi\psi^!)=Q\oplus_{\psi\psi^!}Q^\vee[1-n]=Q\oplus Q^\vee[1-n]$ is simply given by the direct sum of Q and $Q^\vee[1-n]$. The balancedness assumption ensures that one can make the mapping cones $\tilde{P}\oplus_{\psi^!}Q^\vee[1-n]$ and $Q\oplus Q^\vee[1-n]$ into CDGAs, using the product of \tilde{P} (resp. Q) and the \tilde{P} -module (resp. Q-module) structure of $Q^\vee[1-n]$, and by letting the product of two elements of $Q^\vee[1-n]$ be zero. In other words, the product is defined by:

$$(x,\alpha)\cdot(y,\beta) := (xy, x\cdot\beta + \alpha\cdot y). \tag{1.25}$$

Definition 1.5. The pretty model associated to (P, Q, ψ) is the CDGA morphism:

$$\lambda := \psi \oplus \mathrm{id} : \tilde{P} \oplus_{\psi!} Q^{\vee}[1-n] \to Q \oplus Q^{\vee}[1-n].$$

The pair $(M, \partial M)$ admits a *surjective* pretty model if there exists a surjective morphism $\psi : \tilde{P} \to Q$ as above such that there is a commutative diagram of CDGAs:

$$B := \tilde{P} \oplus_{\psi^{!}} Q^{\vee}[1-n] \xleftarrow{\sim} R \xrightarrow{\sim} R^{*}(M)$$

$$\downarrow^{\lambda := \psi \oplus \mathrm{id}} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{\rho} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{\mathrm{res}}$$

$$B_{\partial} := Q \oplus Q^{\vee}[1-n] \xleftarrow{\sim} R_{\partial} \xrightarrow{\sim} \Omega^{*}(\partial M)$$

$$(1.26)$$

with each row a zigzag of quasi-isomorphisms.

Theorem 1.6 (Cordova Bulens, Lambrechts, and Stanley [CLS15a; CLS15b]). The pair $(M, \partial M)$ admits a surjective pretty model in the following cases:

- If both M and ∂M are 2-connected and the boundary ∂M retracts rationally on its half-skeleton [CLS15a, Definition 6.1];
- If M (resp. ∂M) is the associated disk bundle (resp. sphere bundle) of a vector bundle of even rank over a simply connected Poincaré duality space;
- If M is obtained by removing a tubular neighborhood of a 2-connected subpolyhedron K from a 2-connected closed manifold N satisfying $2 \dim K + 3 \leq \dim N = \dim M$.

By the results of [LS08b], when M is simply connected and $\partial M = \emptyset$, one can take a Poincaré duality model \tilde{P} of M and Q = 0 to obtain a surjective pretty model of (M, \emptyset) .

The CDGA B_{∂} is a Poincaré duality CDGA of formal dimension n-1, with augmentation $\varepsilon_{B_{\partial}}: B_{\partial} \to \mathbb{k}[1-n]$ given on

$$(Q \oplus Q^{\vee}[1-n])^{n-1} = (Q^0)^{\vee}$$

by evaluation on $1_Q \in Q^0$. In other words the volume form is given by 1_Q^{\vee} . We will also write $\varepsilon_B : B \to \mathbb{k}[-n]$ for the linear map given by $\varepsilon_B(x,y) = \varepsilon_P(x)$.

Remark 1.7. The map ε_B is not a chain map unless Q = 0. Indeed if $Q \neq 0$, then we have $d(1_Q^{\vee}) = \psi^!(1_Q^{\vee}) = \text{vol}_P$, and thus $\varepsilon_B \circ d \neq 0$. Instead, there is a Stokes-like formula:

$$\varepsilon_B(d(x,\alpha)) = \varepsilon_{B_\partial}(\psi(x),\alpha), \quad \forall x \in P, \ \alpha \in Q^{\vee}[1-n],$$
 (1.27)

which means that $\varepsilon = (\varepsilon_B, \varepsilon_{B_{\partial}})$ defines a chain map $\varepsilon : \text{cone}(\psi \oplus \text{id}) \to \mathbb{R}[-n+1]$.

Let $I \subset P$ be the image of $\psi^!$, which is an ideal. Then when ψ is surjective, the projection

$$\tilde{P} \oplus_{\psi!} Q^{\vee}[1-n] \twoheadrightarrow P := \tilde{P}/I$$
 (1.28)

is a quasi-isomorphism. Thus if $(M, \partial M)$ admits a surjective pretty model, then M admits a model which is a quotient of a Poincaré duality CDGA. It is an open conjecture whether this is the case for all compact manifolds with boundary.

There is an interpretation of Poincaré–Lefschetz duality in this case. The kernel $K := \ker \psi \subset \tilde{P}$ is equal to $\ker(\psi \oplus \mathrm{id})$, which is a model for

$$\Omega^*(M, \partial M) := \text{hoker}(\Omega^*(M) \to \Omega^*(\partial M)). \tag{1.29}$$

Recall the isomorphism $\theta_{\tilde{P}}: \tilde{P} \to \tilde{P}^{\vee}[-n]$ from Equation (1.22). It induces dual isomorphisms:

$$\theta_P: P \xrightarrow{\cong} K^{\vee}[-n], \qquad \qquad \theta_P^{\vee}: K \xrightarrow{\cong} P^{\vee}[-n], \qquad (1.30)$$

that are both induced by the non-degenerate pairing $P \otimes (\ker \psi) \to \mathbb{R}[-n]$, $x \otimes y \mapsto \varepsilon_{\tilde{P}}(xy)$. Concretely, we have $\theta_P(x) = \varepsilon_{\tilde{P}}(x\cdot -)$ and $\theta_P^{\vee}(y) = \varepsilon_{\tilde{P}}(-\cdot y)$.

Example 1.8. Consider the manifold $M=D^n$ with boundary $\partial M=S^{n-1}$. Intuitively, we can see M as a sphere with a (thick) point removed. Thus consider the Poincaré duality CDGA $\tilde{P}=H^*(S^n)=S(\mathrm{vol}_n)/(\mathrm{vol}_n^2)$ (with a generator of degree n), and let $Q=H^*(\mathrm{pt})=\mathbb{R}$. Let also $\psi:\tilde{P}\to Q$ be the augmentation.

We get as a model for D^n the mapping cone $B = \tilde{P} \oplus_{\psi^!} Q^{\vee}[1-n]$, which is spanned by three generators $1_{\tilde{P}}$, 1_Q^{\vee} , and vol_n . All the nontrivial products vanish, and $d(1_Q^{\vee}) = \operatorname{vol}_n$. The quotient $P = \tilde{P}/I$ is isomorphic to $H^*(D^n) = \mathbb{R}$, and $B_{\partial} = Q \oplus Q^{\vee}[1-n]$ is isomorphic to $H^*(\partial D^n) = H^*(S^{n-1})$ – both manifolds being formal.

2. Poincaré-Lefschetz duality models

2.1. Motivation

In Section 1.4, we recalled the definition of pretty models. If M admits a surjective pretty model (see Theorem 1.6) induced by $\psi : \tilde{P} \to Q$, then we get a diagram as in Equation (1.26):

Recall that $I \subset \tilde{P}$ is the image of $\psi^! : Q^{\vee}[1-n] \to \tilde{P}$. We consider the diagonal cocycle $\Delta_{\tilde{P}} \in P^{\otimes 2}$, defined as follows. If $\{x_i\}$ is a graded basis of \tilde{P} and $\{x_i^{\vee}\}$ is the dual basis (satisfying $\varepsilon(x_i x_j^{\vee}) = \delta_{ij}$), then

$$\Delta_{\tilde{P}} = \sum_{i} (-1)^{|x_i|} x_i \otimes x_i^{\vee}. \tag{2.2}$$

We implicitly view it as an element of $B^{\otimes 2}$ using the inclusion $B \subset \tilde{P}$. We let $\Delta_P \in P^{\otimes 2}$ be the image of $\Delta_{\tilde{P}}$ under the projection $\pi : B \to P$. Let K be the kernel of ψ , which is also the kernel of $\lambda = \psi \oplus \mathrm{id}$.

While surjective pretty models are quite useful, we do not know whether all manifolds with boundary admit one. We will deal with a more general notion, which we

dub "Poincaré–Lefschetz duality models" (or "PLD models" for short), and which are available as soon as dim $M \geq 7$ and M and ∂M are simply connected. The goal is to obtain a diagram similar to Equation (2.1) without assuming that B (resp. B_{∂}) is of the form $\tilde{P} \oplus_{\psi^!} Q^{\vee}[1-n]$ (resp. $Q \oplus Q^{\vee}[1-n]$).

Let us first motivate our definition. It is always possible to find a surjective model ρ for M:

$$R \xrightarrow{f} \Omega_{PA}^{*}(M)$$

$$\downarrow^{\rho} \qquad \qquad \downarrow_{res}$$

$$R_{\partial} \xrightarrow{f_{\partial}} \Omega_{PA}^{*}(\partial M)$$

$$(2.3)$$

We can still define a chain map $(\varepsilon, \varepsilon_{\partial})$: $\operatorname{cone}(\rho) \to \mathbb{R}[-n+1]$ by $\varepsilon(x) = \int_M f(x)$ and $\varepsilon_{\partial}(y) = \int_{\partial M} f_{\partial}(y)$. If we let $K_R = \ker(\rho)$, this yields dual maps $\theta_R : R \to K_R^{\vee}[-n]$ and $\theta_R^{\vee} : K_R \to R^{\vee}[-n]$, which are quasi-isomorphisms by Poincaré–Lefschetz duality. However, they are not necessarily isomorphisms, contrary to the maps $\theta_B, \theta_B^{\vee}$ defined in the setting of surjective pretty models. This prevents us from carrying out the arguments of Section 8. The idea of this Section is to adapt the proofs of [LS08b] in order to obtain a surjective model of $(M, \partial M)$ for which θ is surjective and θ^{\vee} is injective.

If the morphism θ_R were surjective (which is equivalent to θ_R^{\vee} being injective), then we would obtain an induced isomorphism $R/\ker\theta\cong K^{\vee}[-n]$, and the quotient map $R\to R/\ker\theta_R$ would be a quasi-isomorphism by the 2-out-of-3 property. We would thus get an actual isomorphism between a model of M and a model for the homology of M.

2.2. Definition and existence

Definition 2.1. A Poincaré–Lefschetz duality pair (or "PLD pair" for short) of formal dimension n is a CDGA morphism $\lambda: B \to B_{\partial}$ between two connected CDGAs, equipped with a chain map² $\varepsilon: \text{cone}(\lambda) \to \mathbb{R}[1-n]$, and such that:

- The pair $(B_{\partial}, \varepsilon_{B_{\partial}})$ is a Poincaré duality CDGA of formal dimension n-1;
- Let $K := \ker \lambda$, and let $\theta_B : B \to K^{\vee}[-n]$ be defined by $\theta_B(b)(k) = \varepsilon(bk)$; then we require θ_B to be surjective and to be a quasi-isomorphism.

If $(B \xrightarrow{\lambda} B_{\partial}, \varepsilon)$ is a PLD pair, then

- the CDGA B is quasi-isomorphic to its quotient $P := B/\ker \theta_B$;
- the map $\theta: P \to K^{\vee}[-n]$ induced by θ_B is an isomorphism of $B^{\otimes 2}$ -modules;
- Equivalently, the pairing $P^i \otimes K^{n-i} \to \mathbb{R}$, given by $x \otimes k \mapsto \varepsilon_B(ak)$, is non-degenerate for all $i \in \mathbb{Z}$.

¹We can also assume that the maps f, f_{∂} factor through the sub-CDGAs of trivial forms in order to integrate along the fibers of the canonical projections, see [CW16, Appendix C].

²Recall that this is equivalent to the data of two linear maps $\varepsilon_B : B^n \to \mathbb{R}$ and $\varepsilon_{B_{\partial}} : B_{\partial}^{n-1} \to \mathbb{R}$ satisfying the "Stokes formula" $\varepsilon_B(dx) = \varepsilon_{B_{\partial}}(\lambda(x))$ and $\varepsilon_{B_{\partial}}(dy) = 0$.

Example 2.2. A surjective pretty model is an example of a PLD pair.

Definition 2.3. A Poincaré–Lefschetz duality model of $(M, \partial M)$ is a PLD pair $\lambda : B \to B_{\partial}$ which is a model of the inclusion $\partial M \subset M$, in the sense that we can fill out the following diagram:

Remark 2.4. In that case, $H^*(P) \cong H^*(M)$, $H^*(K) \cong H^*(M, \partial M)$, and the isomorphism θ induces Poincaré–Lefschetz duality $H^*(M) \cong H_{n-*}(M, \partial M)$.

Proposition 2.5. Let M be a simply connected n-manifold with simply connected boundary, and assume that $n \geq 7$. Then $(M, \partial M)$ admits a PLD model.

Proof. We start with some surjective model $\rho: R \to R_{\partial}$ as in Equation (2.3), and we will build a PLD model out of it.

We keep the terminology of [LS08b]. We can find a surjective quasi-isomorphism $g_{\partial}: R_{\partial} \to B_{\partial}$, where B_{∂} is a Poincaré duality CDGA, by [LS08b]. We let K_R be the kernel of $\rho' := g_{\partial} \circ \rho$ and we define the chain map $\varepsilon_R : \operatorname{cone}(\rho') \to \mathbb{R}[-n+1]$ as in the previous section. Let $\mathcal{O} := \ker \theta_R^{\vee} \subset K_R$ be the ideal of "orphans", i.e.

$$\mathcal{O} := \ker \theta_R^{\vee} = \{ y \in K_R \mid \forall x \in R, \ \theta_R^{\vee}(y)(x) = \varepsilon_R(xy) = 0 \}. \tag{2.4}$$

We could consider (for a moment) the new short exact sequence:

$$0 \to (K := K_R/\mathcal{O}) \to (B := R/\mathcal{O}) \xrightarrow{\lambda} B_{\partial} \to 0.$$
 (2.5)

There is an induced chain map ε_B : $\operatorname{cone}(\lambda) \to \mathbb{R}[-n+1]$, and $\theta_B^{\vee}: K \to B^{\vee}[-n]$ is injective because we killed all the orphans. Thus we do obtain an isomorphism $B/\ker\theta_B\cong K^{\vee}[-n]$ induced by θ_B .

The problem is that the ideal \mathcal{O} is not necessarily acyclic, thus λ is not necessarily a model of $(M, \partial M)$ anymore. Indeed, by Poincaré–Lefschetz duality, all we know is that a cycle $o \in \mathcal{O}$ is always the boundary of some element $z \in K$; but one may not always choose $z \in \mathcal{O}$. The idea, just like in [LS08b], is to extend the CDGA R by acyclic cofibrations (over B_{∂}) in order to make the ideal of orphans acyclic.

Thanks to our connectivity assumptions on the manifold and its boundary, we can assume that the model $\rho: R \to R_{\partial}$ of $(M, \partial M)$ and the chain map $\varepsilon_R : \operatorname{cone}(\rho') \to \mathbb{R}[-n+1]$ satisfy:

- ρ is surjective, hence so is $\rho' := g_{\partial} \circ \rho$, and we let $K_R = \ker(\rho')$;
- both R and R_{∂} are of finite type;
- both R and R_{∂} are simply connected, i.e. $R^0 = R^0_{\partial} = \mathbb{R}$ and $R^1 = R^1_{\partial} = 0$;

- we have $R_{\partial}^2 \subset \ker d$ and $K^2 \subset \ker d$;
- the morphisms θ_R , θ_R^{\vee} induced by ε_R are quasi-isomorphisms.

We say that the pair (ρ, ε_R) is a "good" pair if it satisfies all these assumptions. Let us say that its orphans are k-half-acyclic if $H^i(\mathcal{O}) = 0$ for $n/2 + 1 \le i \le k$. This condition is void when k = n/2, and if k = n + 1 then Poincaré–Lefschetz duality implies that \mathcal{O} is acyclic (see [LS08b, Proposition 3.6]).

We will now work by induction (starting at k = n/2) and we assume that we are given a good pair (ρ, ε_R) whose orphans are (k-1)-half-acyclic. We will build an extension:

$$0 \longrightarrow K_R \longrightarrow R \xrightarrow{\rho} R_{\partial} \longrightarrow 0$$

$$\downarrow^{\sim} \qquad \downarrow^{=} \qquad (2.6)$$

$$0 \longrightarrow \hat{K}_R \longrightarrow \hat{R} \xrightarrow{\hat{\rho}} R_{\partial} \longrightarrow 0$$

and an extension $\hat{\varepsilon}_R$: cone $(\hat{\rho}') \to \mathbb{R}[-n+1]$ of ε_R such that $(\hat{\rho}, \hat{\varepsilon})$ is good and its orphans are k-half-acyclic.

We follow closely [LS08b, Sections 4 and 5], adapting the proof where needed. Let $l = \dim(\mathcal{O}^k \cap \ker d) - \dim(d(\mathcal{O}^{k-1}))$ and choose l linearly independent cycles $\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_l \in \mathcal{O}^k$ such that

$$\mathcal{O}^k \cap \ker d = d(\mathcal{O}^{k-1}) \oplus \langle \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l \rangle.$$
 (2.7)

These are the obstructions to \mathcal{O} being k-half acyclic. Because θ_R^{\vee} is a quasi-isomorphism and $\theta_R^{\vee}(\alpha_i) = 0$, there exists $\gamma_i' \in K^{k-1}$ such that $d\gamma_i' = \alpha_i$.

Let $m := \dim H^*(R) = \dim H^*(K_R)$, and choose cycles $h_1, \ldots, h_m \in R$ such that $([h_1], \ldots, [h_m])$ is a basis of $H^*(R)$. By Poincaré–Lefschetz duality there exists cycles h'_1, \ldots, h'_m in K_R such that $\varepsilon(h_i h'_j) = \delta_{ij}$ (and these form a basis for $H^*(K)$). Let

$$\gamma_i := \gamma_i' - \sum_j \varepsilon(\gamma_i' h_j) h_j' \in K^{k-1}, \tag{2.8}$$

and let Γ be the subspace of K^{k-1} generated by the γ_i . Then a proof similar to the proof of [LS08b, Lemma 4.1] shows that $d\gamma_i = \alpha_i$, and if $y \in R$ is a cycle, then $\varepsilon(\gamma_i y) = \theta^{\vee}(\gamma_i)(y) = 0$.

Now let

$$\hat{R} := (R \otimes S(c_1, \dots, c_l, w_1, \dots, w_l), dc_i = \alpha_i, dw_i = c_i - \gamma_i), \tag{2.9}$$

where the c_i and the w_i are new variables of degrees k-1 and k-2.

Extend ρ to $\hat{\rho}: \hat{R} \to R_{\partial}$ by declaring that $\hat{\rho}(c_i) = \hat{\rho}(w_i) = 0$. It follows that

$$\hat{K}_R := \ker \hat{\rho} = (K_R \otimes S(c_i, w_j)_{1 \le i, j \le l}, d). \tag{2.10}$$

³Since we require ρ to be surjective, it is possible that not all elements of R^2 are cycles, because some of the classes from $H^2(\partial M)$ may need to be killed. Check Example 1.8 when $M=D^3$.

It is not hard to see that $R \hookrightarrow \hat{R}$ is an acyclic cofibration (compare with [LS08b, Lemma 4.2]), and so is $K \hookrightarrow \hat{K}$. Finally, since all the γ_i and α_i are in ker $\hat{\rho}$, one can extend ε_R to $\hat{\varepsilon}_R$: cone $(\hat{\rho}) \to \mathbb{R}[-n+1]$ by formulas identical to [LS08b, Equation 4.5], which works because $n \geq 7$. It is clear that $(\hat{\rho}, \hat{\varepsilon}_R)$ is still a good pair. We let $\hat{\theta}_R$, $\hat{\theta}_R^{\vee}$ be the quasi-isomorphisms induced by the pairing, and we finally let $\hat{\mathcal{O}} := \ker \hat{\theta}_R^{\vee}$.

It remains to check that $\hat{\mathcal{O}}$ is k-half-acyclic, knowing that \mathcal{O} is (k-1)-half-acyclic. First, we can reuse the proofs of [LS08b, Lemmas 5.2 and 5.3] to check that if i > n-k+2 then $\mathcal{O}^i \subseteq \hat{\mathcal{O}}^i$, and if $i \in \{k-2, k-1\}$ then $\hat{\mathcal{O}}^i \cap \ker d \subset \mathcal{O}^i \cap \ker d$. The only difference is that instead of the hypothesis $d(R^2) = 0$, we instead have $d(K_R^2) = 0$.

Now, just like [LS08b], we have several cases to check. If we have $k \geq n/2+2$, or if we have n odd and k = (n+1)/2+1, then the proof goes through unchanged up to slight changes of notation. However, if n is even and k = n/2+1, more significant adaptations are needed, even if the idea is the same. We'd like to check that $\hat{\mathcal{O}}^k \cap \ker d \subset d(\hat{\mathcal{O}}^{k-1})$. We already know that

$$\hat{\mathcal{O}}^k \cap \ker d \subset \mathcal{O}^k \cap \ker d = d(\mathcal{O}^{k-1}) \oplus \langle \alpha_i \rangle. \tag{2.11}$$

Since $\mathcal{O}^{k-1} \subset \hat{\mathcal{O}}^{k-1}$ (the proof is identical to [LS08b, Lemma 5.7]), it is sufficient to check that $\hat{\mathcal{O}}^{k-1} \cap \langle \alpha_i \rangle = 0$. Let us write $j: K_R \to R$ for the inclusion, $\bar{R} := R/\mathcal{O}$, $\bar{K}_R := K_R/\mathcal{O}$, n = 2m and k = n/2 + 1 = m + 1. Then we have long exact sequences in cohomology and morphisms between them:

$$0 \longrightarrow H^{m}(R) \xrightarrow{\pi} H^{m}(\bar{R}) \xrightarrow{\delta} H^{m+1}(\mathcal{O}) \longrightarrow 0$$

$$\downarrow \hat{j} \qquad \qquad \downarrow \hat{j} \qquad \qquad = \hat{j} \qquad (2.12)$$

$$0 \longrightarrow H^{m}(K) \xrightarrow{\pi} H^{m}(\bar{K}_{R}) \xrightarrow{\delta} H^{m+1}(\mathcal{O}) \longrightarrow 0$$

The space $H^{m+1}(\mathcal{O})$ is generated by the classes of the α_i . We obtain a Section $\sigma: H^{m+1}(\mathcal{O}) \to H^m(\bar{K}_R)$ of δ by letting $\sigma([\alpha_i]) := [\gamma_i]$.

Suppose that we have some nonzero element $\alpha \in \langle \alpha_i \rangle$; we'd like to show that it is not in $\hat{\mathcal{O}}^k$, i.e. that it is not an orphan in \hat{K}_R . The pairing $H^m(\bar{K}_R) \otimes H^m(\bar{R}) \to \mathbb{R}$ induced by $\bar{\varepsilon}_R$ is non-degenerate, and $\sigma(\alpha) \neq 0$, hence there exists some $\beta \in H^m(\bar{R})$ such that $\varepsilon(\sigma(\alpha)\beta) \neq 0$. But as we saw before, for any $[h] = \sum x_j[h_j] \in H^m(R)$, $\varepsilon_R(\sigma(\alpha)h) = 0$, because $\varepsilon_R(\gamma_i h_j) = 0$. It follows that $\varepsilon_R(\sigma(\alpha)\sigma(\delta(\beta))) = \varepsilon_R(\sigma(\alpha)\beta) \neq 0$. If we write $\delta(\beta) = \sum_j \beta_j \gamma_j \in H^{m+1}(\mathcal{O})$, we can let $w = \sum_j \beta_j w_j \in \hat{R}$, and then by definition $\hat{\varepsilon}_R(\alpha w) = \varepsilon_R(\sigma(\alpha)\sigma(\delta(\beta))) \neq 0$, thus α is not an orphan. This completes the proof that $\hat{\mathcal{O}}^{k-1} \cap \langle \alpha_i \rangle = 0$, and thus that $\hat{\mathcal{O}}^k \cap \ker d \subset d(\hat{\mathcal{O}}^{k-1})$. We have thus covered all the cases to prove that if \mathcal{O} is (k-1)-half-acyclic, then $\hat{\mathcal{O}}$ is k-half-acyclic.

By induction, we obtain a good pair $(\hat{\rho}: \hat{R} \to R_{\partial}, \hat{\varepsilon}_R)$ whose ideal of orphans is (n+1)-half acyclic (and hence actually acyclic), obtained by a sequence of acyclic cofibrations from R. It then remains to define $B := \hat{R}/\hat{\mathcal{O}}$ and ε_B to be the map induced by $\hat{\varepsilon}_R$ on the quotient to prove Proposition 2.5.

Given a PLD model of $(M, \partial M)$, we obtain a diagram (similar to Equation (2.1)):

$$P := B / \ker \theta_{B} \overset{\sim}{\leftarrow} \frac{\sim}{\pi} B \overset{\sim}{\leftarrow} \frac{R}{f} \overset{\sim}{\rightarrow} \Omega_{PA}^{*}(M)$$

$$\downarrow^{\lambda} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{\rho} \qquad \downarrow^{res}$$

$$B_{\partial} \overset{\sim}{\leftarrow} \frac{\sim}{f_{\partial}} R_{\partial} \overset{\sim}{\rightarrow} \Omega_{PA}^{*}(\partial M)$$

$$(2.13)$$

We also see in the proof that ε_B satisfies by construction $\varepsilon_B g = \int_M f(-)$. We also have $\varepsilon_{B_{\partial}} g_{\partial} = \int_{\partial M} f_{\partial}(-)$ by construction (see [Idr16, Section 1.4]).

2.3. Diagonal classes

Let $(B \xrightarrow{\lambda} B_{\partial}, \varepsilon)$ be a Poincaré–Lefschetz duality pair, with $K = \ker \lambda$. Recall that we write $\theta \colon P \to K^{\vee}[-n]$ for the isomorphism of $B^{\otimes 2}$ -modules induced by the surjective $\theta_B \colon B \to K^{\vee}[-n]$, where $A = B/\ker \theta_B$.

The multiplication $\mu_K: K^{\otimes 2} \to K$ can then be dualized into a morphism of $B^{\otimes 2}$ -modules $\delta: P \to P^{\otimes 2}[-n]$, and we let

$$\Delta_P := \delta(1_P) \in (P \otimes P)^n \tag{2.14}$$

be a representative of the diagonal class. Graded commutativity of μ_K implies that $\Delta_P^{(21)} = (-1)^n \Delta_P$. The fact that δ is a morphism of $B^{\otimes 2}$ -modules imply that Δ_P satisfies

$$\forall x \in P, \ \delta(x) = (x \otimes 1)\Delta_P = \Delta_P(1 \otimes x). \tag{2.15}$$

Remark 2.6. If the PLD model comes from a surjective pretty model, then we can easily check that this diagonal class is indeed the image of $\Delta_{\tilde{P}} \in \tilde{P}^{\otimes 2} \subset B^{\otimes 2}$ under the projection $\pi: B \to P$.

The duality between P and K can also be turned into a cocycle $\Delta_{KP} \in K \otimes P$. Let $\{x_i\}$ be some basis of P, and let $\{x_i^*\}$ be the dual basis of K, satisfying $\varepsilon_B(x_ix_i^*) = \delta_{ij}$. Then we define:

$$\Delta_{KP} := \sum \pm x_i^* \otimes x_i \in (K \otimes P)^n. \tag{2.16}$$

It is not hard to check that Δ_P is the image of Δ_{KP} under the composite map $\pi \circ \iota \otimes id$: $K \otimes P \to B \otimes P \to P \otimes P$, and by definition:

$$\forall x \in P, \sum_{(\Delta_{KP})} \varepsilon_B(x\Delta'_{KP})\Delta''_{KP} = x. \tag{2.17}$$

Note also that, under the multiplication map $\mu_P \colon P \otimes P \to P$, we have $\mu_P(\Delta_P) = \sum \pm \pi(x_i x_i^*) = \chi(P)\pi(\text{vol}_K)$ is equal to the Euler characteristic of B multiplied by the volume form $\text{vol}_K \in K$ (the only element of B satisfying $\varepsilon_B(\text{vol}_K) = 1$, representing the fundamental class of $(M, \partial M)$). But by degree reasons, $\text{vol}_K \in K \subset B$ is in the kernel of $\theta_B \colon B \to K^{\vee}[-n]$ when $\partial M \neq \emptyset$, hence $\pi(\text{vol}_K) = 0$ by definition. In other words,

$$\mu_P(\Delta_P) = 0 \text{ if } \partial M \neq \varnothing.$$
 (2.18)

3. Configuration spaces, their compactifications, and algebraic structures

3.1. Semi-algebraic realization

To get a diffeomorphic semi-algebraic realization of M, we can apply Nash–Tognoli to the double $\tilde{M} = M \cup_{\partial M} \bar{M}$, obtaining some algebraic realization in \mathbb{R}^N . We have that M is singled out by the equation f > 0, where f is some smooth function on a neighborhood of \tilde{M} inside \mathbb{R}^N , regular at $\partial M \subset \tilde{M} \subset \mathbb{R}^N$. We then use Stone–Weierstrass to approximate f and its first derivatives "closely enough" by an algebraic function g. Our semi-algebraic realization of M is then given by the defining algebraic equations for our realization of \tilde{M} , together with g > 0.

Alternatively, a C^1 realization as a semi-algebraic set may be defined as follows. First M can be triangulated and is C^1 -diffeomorphic to some simplicial complex in some \mathbb{R}^N . Each simplex is a semi-algebraic set, and there is a finite number of them (because M is compact), hence M itself is semi-algebraic.

3.2. (Axelrod-Singer-)Fulton-MacPherson operad FM_n

The Axelrod–Singer–Fulton–MacPherson operad FM_n introduced by Getzler and Jones [GS94] is an E_n operad defined by compactifying the configuration spaces of points in \mathbb{R}^n . More concretely, one compactifies the quotient space by the group action of scalings and translations

$$\mathsf{FM}_n(r) = \overline{\mathrm{Conf}_{\mathbb{R}^n}(r)/\mathbb{R}_{>0} \ltimes \mathbb{R}^n}. \tag{3.1}$$

The compactification is such that FM_n comes with a natural stratification, the strata being indexed by rooted trees with leaf set $\{1,\ldots,r\}$. Each tree here corresponds to a piece of the boundary in an iterated bordification, see Figure 3.1 for an example.

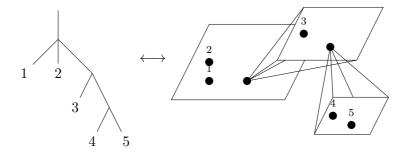


Figure 3.1: Strata for $\mathsf{FM}_n(r)$

For the original definition and more details we refer the reader to [GS94]. More details and a gentler presentation can be found in [Sin04] or [Idr16, Section 1.2].

3.3. Fiberwise little *n*-disks operad

There is a natural SO(n)-action on the operad FM_n . Given any principal SO(n)-bundle $P \to B$, we may consider the fiberwise little n-disks operad

$$\mathsf{FM}_n^P := P \times_{\mathrm{SO}(n)} \mathsf{FM}_n. \tag{3.2}$$

This is an operad in the category of spaces over B. For example, if $B = \{*\}$ is a singleton (thus P = SO(n)), then we obtain $\mathsf{FM}_n^{\{*\}} = \mathsf{FM}_n$.

A particular instance of this situation that will often be considered in this text is the case where P is obtained as the oriented frame bundle $\operatorname{Fr} Y$ of a rank n vector bundle $\mathbb{R}^n \hookrightarrow Y \to B$. In that case, we use the notation $\operatorname{\mathsf{FM}}_n^Y \coloneqq \operatorname{\mathsf{FM}}_n^{\operatorname{Fr} Y}$.

In particular, given an oriented manifold M denote by $F_M := \operatorname{Fr} T_M \to M$ the oriented frame bundle, and define

$$\mathsf{FM}_n^M := \mathsf{FM}_n^{F_M}. \tag{3.3}$$

This is an operad in spaces over M, and can be understood as a version of the fiberwise little disks operad in the tangent space of M. In [CDW17], this operad is an important object to understand in order to model the action of the framed little discs operad on the configuration space of framed points of a closed manifold.

Remark 3.1. Strictly speaking, we assume the vector bundles above to be endowed with a metric so that we can consider the SO(n) principal frame bundle instead of the GL(n) principal frame bundle.

Using such a metric, one can consider the sphere bundle $S_Y \subset Y$ consisting of vectors of norm 1. One observes that this bundle is canonically isomorphic to the space $\mathsf{FM}_n^Y(2)$ constructed above.

Remark 3.2. A this stage it is not essential to require the manifold M to be oriented. In the unoriented case one just considers the full frame bundle F_M^{unor} and the associated operad $\mathsf{FM}_M^M := F_M^{unor} \times_{O(n)} \mathsf{FM}_n$, using the O(n) action on FM_n .

3.4. Compactified configuration space for closed manifolds

Let M be a manifold without boundary. We denote by FM_M the Axelrod–Singer–Fulton–MacPherson type bordification of the configuration space of points on M defined in [AS94]. The space $\mathsf{FM}_M(r)$ is defined by an iterated blowup (or rather, bordification) at the fat diagonal of M^r . If we choose an algebraic realization of M then $\mathsf{FM}_M(r)$ is again a semi-algebraic manifold.

The space $\mathsf{FM}_M(r)$ comes with a natural stratification. Strata correspond to rooted trees with leaves labelled $1,\ldots,r$. The stratum corresponding to a given tree T is given by configuration satisfying the following properties: points i and j are in a subtree if and only if they are infinitesimally close compared to the points outside this subtree. Figure 3.2 should make the correspondence clear.

Recall from [CDW17] that a right operadic multimodule X for an operad P in spaces over some base B is a collection of spaces over powers of the base

$$X(r) \to B^r \tag{3.4}$$

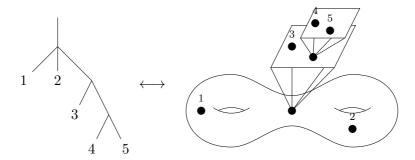


Figure 3.2: Strata for $FM_M(r)$

with a right Σ_r -action and operations

$$X(r) \times_{B^r} P(s_1) \times \cdots P(s_r) \to X(s_1 + \cdots + s_r)$$
 (3.5)

satisfying the usual equivariance, commutativity and associativity conditions for an operadic right action. The notion of operadic right multimodule should be considered as "the correct generalization" of the notion of a right module for an operad over a base B. (The alternative extension as an operadic right module in the category of spaces over B is unnatural, at least in the present context.)

Note that the spaces $\mathsf{FM}_M(r)$ naturally assemble into a right operadic multimodule over the operad FM_n^M . If the manifold M is parallelized, then the fiberwise operad FM_n^M can be identified with $M \times \mathsf{FM}_n$, and the right action gives rise to a right FM_n action on FM_M .

3.5. Swiss Cheese operad and fiberwise Swiss Cheese operad

Given a manifold with boundary $(M, \partial M)$ and finite sets U, V, define the colored configuration spaces:

$$\operatorname{Conf}_{U,V}(M) := \{ c \in \operatorname{Conf}_{U \sqcup V}(M) \mid c(U) \subset \partial M, \ c(V) \subset \mathring{M} \}. \tag{3.6}$$

In particular if $M = \mathsf{H}_n \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is the upper half-space, then $\mathrm{Conf}_{U,V}(M)$, after modding it out by the group of translations preserving H^n and positive dilatations, can be compactified into a space $\mathsf{SFM}_n(U,V)$ [Vor99]. It is a stratified manifold of dimension $n \cdot \#V + (n-1) \cdot \#U - n$ as soon as $\#U + 2\#V \geq 2$, and it is reduced to a point otherwise. One has homeomorphisms $\mathsf{SFM}_n(U,\varnothing) \cong \mathsf{FM}_{n-1}(U)$ and $\mathsf{SFM}_n(\underline{1},\underline{1}) \cong D^{n-1}$, and homotopy equivalences $\mathsf{SFM}_n(\varnothing,V) \simeq \mathsf{FM}_n(V)$.

In this way, one obtains a relative operad SFM_n over FM_n , weakly equivalent to the Swiss-Cheese operad [Vor99] where operations with no open inputs are allowed (see [HL12, Section 3] or [Idr17b, Remark 2.2] for an explanation of the difference). Also note that SFM_n comes equipped with a natural action of the orthogonal group O(n-1), compatible with all structures.

Now for a general oriented manifold with boundary $(M, \partial M)$ of dimension n we may define a relative version of the Swiss Cheese operad, akin to Section 3.3. First, as above,

we define the operad $\mathsf{FM}_n^M = \mathsf{Fr}_M \ltimes_{\mathsf{SO}(n)} \mathsf{FM}_n$ in the category of spaces over M. Then we consider the collection

$$\mathsf{SFM}_n^M := \mathrm{Fr}_{\partial M} \ltimes_{\mathrm{SO}(n-1)} \mathsf{SFM}_n. \tag{3.7}$$

It is naturally equipped with an operadic right action of FM_n^M , i.e., with maps

$$\mathsf{SFM}_n^M(r) \times_{\partial M} \mathsf{FM}_n^M(s) \to \mathsf{SFM}_n^M(r+s-1) \tag{3.8}$$

satisfying natural compatibility relations. Furthermore, it carries a compatible structure of an operad in spaces over M, so that FM_n^M and SFM_n^M together assemble into a two colored operad in spaces over M. (Here the maps $\mathsf{SFM}_n^M(r) \to M^r$ factor through $(\partial M)^r$.) This will be our model for the fiberwise Swiss Cheese operad.

Finally, note that for the present discussion we may go without an orientation on M by just replacing the oriented frame bundle by its unoriented version and replacing SO(n-1) by O(n-1) above.

3.6. Compactified configuration space for manifolds with boundary

Let M now be a compact manifold with boundary ∂M . One may define an Axelrod–Singer–Fulton–MacPherson type compactification $\mathsf{SFM}_M(U,V)$ of the configuration space $\mathsf{Conf}_{U,V}(M)$. This is a stratified manifold of dimension $(n-1) \cdot \#U + n \cdot \#V$.

The quickest way to define it is the following: We consider the double $\tilde{M} = M \sqcup_{\partial M} M^{op}$. The double comes with a natural orientation reversing involution

$$I: \tilde{M} \to \tilde{M}$$
 (3.9)

interchanging M and M^{op} . The operation I induces a similar operation $I: \mathsf{FM}_{\tilde{M}} \to \mathsf{FM}_{\tilde{M}}$ on the compactified configuration spaces of points.

We now define $\mathsf{SFM}_M(r,s) \subset \mathsf{FM}_{\tilde{M}}(2r+s)$ of configurations $c = (x_1,\ldots,x_r,x_1',\ldots,x_r',y_1,\ldots,y_s)$ that satisfy

- $Ic = \operatorname{swap}_r(c) := (x'_1, \dots, x'_r, x_1, \dots, x_r, y_1, \dots, y_s)$
- $\pi_j c \in M \subset \tilde{M}$, where $\pi_j : \mathsf{FM}_{\tilde{M}} \to \tilde{M}$ is the projection onto the position of the j-th point.

One can see that space SFM_M comes again with a natural stratification. The strata are labelled by rooted trees with two kinds of edges, say "bulk edges" (drawn in full) and "boundary edges" (dashed), such that every descendant of a bulk edge is again a bulk edge. Once again, two points are in a subtree iff they are infinitesimally close compared to all the other points. Figure 3.3 provides an example of the correspondence of trees and strata.

The spaces SFM_M come equipped with a natural operadic right action of the relative Swiss Cheese operad using insertion of configurations.

$$\circ_T : \mathsf{SFM}_M(U, V/T) \times_M \mathsf{FM}_n^M(T) \to \mathsf{SFM}_M(U, V) \qquad \qquad T \subset V; \qquad (3.10)$$

$$\circ_{W,T}: \mathsf{SFM}_M(U/W,V) \times_{\partial M} \mathsf{SFM}_n^M(W,T) \to \mathsf{SFM}_M(U,V \sqcup T) \qquad W \subset U. \tag{3.11}$$

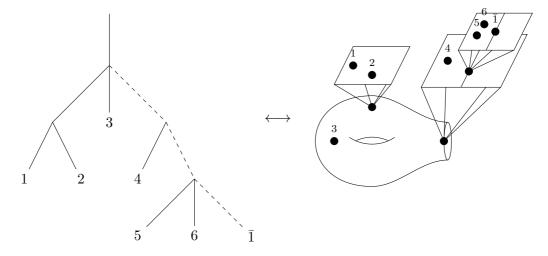


Figure 3.3: Strata for $SFM_M(r)$

If M is framed, then this relative Swiss Cheese action gives rise to a to a right SFM_n -action:

If we assume that we have chosen an algebraic realization of \tilde{M} such that I is (semi-)algebraic, then SFM_M is also a semi-algebraic manifold. We can thus apply the theory of PA forms (see [HLTV11] or [Idr16, Section 1.2]) and obtain relative "almost" cooperads and comodules $\Omega^*_{\mathsf{PA}}(\mathsf{SFM}_n)$ and $\Omega^*_{\mathsf{PA}}(\mathsf{SFM}_M)$.

3.7. Compactified configuration spaces and actions

3.7.1. Compactification of $Conf_r(\partial M \times I)$

We consider $\operatorname{Conf}_r(N \times \mathbb{R}_{>0})$. This space comes with a natural $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$ -action by multiplication on the second factor(s). We define a compactification (recall that the "a" stands for "algebra"):

$$\mathsf{aFM}_N(r) = \overline{\mathrm{Conf}_r(N \times \mathbb{R}_{>0})/\mathbb{R}_{>0}} \tag{3.12}$$

of the quotient as follows. Suppose we are given an embedding of N as a semi-algebraic submanifold of \mathbb{R}^D for some big D. Let us define an embedding of $\mathrm{Conf}_r(N \times \mathbb{R}_{>0})/\mathbb{R}_{>0}$ into

$$(S^{D-2} \times [0, +\infty]/\sim)^{\binom{r}{2}} \times (\mathbb{RP}^1)^{\binom{r}{3}} \times N^k, \tag{3.13}$$

where the space $S^{D-2} \times [0, +\infty]/\sim$ denotes the quotient by the relation identifying on the one hand all points of the form (x, 0) together, and on the other hand all points of the form $(x, +\infty)$ together. Given some configuration $(x_1, h_1, \ldots, x_r, h_r) \in \operatorname{Conf}_r(N \times \mathbb{R}_{>0})$, its image in the space above is given by:

$$\prod_{i < j} \left(\frac{x_i - x_j}{\|x_i - x_j\|}, \|x_i - x_j\| \frac{h_i}{h_j} \right) \times \prod_{i < j < k} \frac{x_i - x_j}{x_i - x_k} \times \prod x_i, \tag{3.14}$$

where we use the convention that $0 \times +\infty = +\infty$ whenever this expression appears. The space $\mathsf{aFM}_{N \times I}(r)$ is then defined to be the closure of the image of this map.

The space $\mathsf{aFM}_N(r)$ is a stratified manifold. Its strata correspond to rooted trees with leaves labeled by $\{1,\ldots,r,*\}$, where * is an extra index representing, roughly speaking, the component $N \times \infty$. As usual, two leaves belong to a subtree if they are infinitesimally close compared to all the points outside this subtree. In particular, if leaf i is in a subtree with *, it means that $h_i/h_j = +\infty$ for all j outside this subtree, in other words that the ith point is "infinitesimally close" to the component $N \times \infty$ compared to the jth point.

We have natural gluing maps

$$\mathsf{aFM}_N(r) \times \mathsf{aFM}_N(s) \to \mathsf{aFM}_N(r+s).$$
 (3.15)

obtained by gluing the boundary component $N \times \infty$ of $\mathsf{aFM}_N(r)$ with the boundary component $N \times 0$ of $\mathsf{aFM}_N(s)$ (see the Introduction for a figure). This gluing is naturally associative and gives the collection aFM the structure of an algebra object in collections, with the unit given by the unique point of $\mathsf{aFM}_N(0) = *$.) On strata, the multiplication map correspond to grafting the second tree on the leaf labeled by * of the first tree.

Furthermore, we have a right operadic (multimodule-)action of the operad $\mathsf{FM}_n^{TN \times \mathbb{R}}$ in spaces over N, compatible with the algebra structure. Hence, overall the collection aFM_N becomes an algebra object in the category of right $\mathsf{FM}_n^{TN \times \mathbb{R}}$ -multimodules.

3.7.2. Compactifications of $Conf_{r,0}(M)$

Similarly we define compactifications mFM_M of $\mathsf{Conf}_{r,0}(M)$ (recall that the "m" stands for "module", i.e. module over the algebra $\mathsf{aFM}_{A_\partial}$). To this end we fix a collar of the boundary $N = \partial M$. We think of the collar as an "infinitely extruded" tube of shape $N \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}$.

$$(3.16)$$

We then define the compactification $\mathsf{mFM}_M(r)$ of $\mathsf{Conf}_{r,0}(M)$ by adding the usual boundary pieces for strata corresponding to points bunching together in the interior of M, and we compactify in a manner similar to $\mathsf{aFM}_{\partial M}$ on the boundary. Formally, this is constructed by considering a collar ∂M and identifying it with $\partial M \times I$ and identifying its complement with M° the bulk of M. This gives us a continuous bijection

$$f \colon \bigsqcup_{k=0}^r \mathsf{FM}_{M^\circ}(k) \times \mathsf{aFM}_{\partial M}(r-k) \to \mathsf{mFM}_M(r).$$

The collection of spaces mFM_M has the following structure:

- A right FM_n^M -action of the fiberwise little *n*-cubes operad.
- An action of the algebra object aFM_N by gluing at the collar naturally compatible with the right operadic FM_n^M -action.

3.8. Comparison of compactifications: configuration spaces of two points

Of particular importance for us will be the spaces $\mathsf{SFM}_M(2,0)$, $\mathsf{aFM}_N(2)$, and $\mathsf{mFM}_M(2)$, because our models will be built from forms pulled back from these spaces via forgetful maps. For this reason, and as an example, we shall discuss these spaces in detail in the present section.

3.8.1. aFM_N

In the simplest case, aFM_N , we have four strata, corresponding to the trees of Table 3.1 (see Section 3.7).

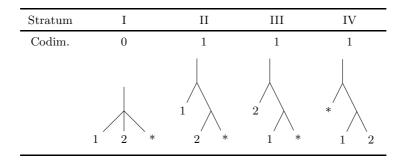


Table 3.1: Boundary strata of aFM_N

Let us quickly recall the notation. The leaves 1 and 2 represent the two points of the configuration, while the leaf labeled by * represents roughly speaking the component $N \times \infty$. Two leaves belong to a subtree if they are infinitesimally close compared to all the points outside this subtree. Thus, stratum I is the interior of aFM_N , with the two points in general position. Stratum II represents (roughly speaking) configurations $((x_1,t_1),(x_2,t_2)) \in (N \times \mathbb{R}_{>0})^2$ where t_2/t_1 is "infinitesimally close" to ∞ and we are thus only left with a configuration in $(N \times \{0\}) \times (N \times \{\infty\})$. Similarly, stratum III represents such configurations with t_2/t_1 infinitesimally close to 0. Finally, stratum IV represents configurations with (x_1,t_1) infinitesimally close to (x_2,t_2) .

The poset structure between the different strata by inclusion is reflected in trees by edge contraction, in the sense that a stratum corresponding to tree T contains that corresponding to tree T' iff T may be obtained from T' by iterated edge contraction. We may draw a schematic picture of $\mathsf{aFM}_N(2)$ which reflects the adjacency correctly, with the notation SN denoting the S^n -sphere bundle in $\mathbb{R} \times TN$, see Figure 3.4. Mind that of course all strata are compact, which is not reflected in the schematic picture.

More generally, strata of $\mathsf{aFM}_N(r)$ are classified by rooted trees with r+1 leaves (one being labeled by * and the others by $\{1,\ldots,r\}$). The algebra structure from Equation (3.15) is given on strata by inserting a tree in the * vertex, while the $\mathsf{FM}_n^{TN\times\mathbb{R}}$ operadic action is given on strata by inserting trees (with no * vertex) in one of the numbered vertices.

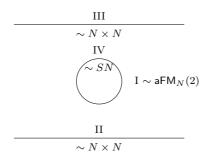


Figure 3.4: Adjacency of boundary strata in $\mathsf{aFM}_N(2)$

3.8.2. $\mathsf{mFM}_M(2)$

Next let us turn to $\mathsf{mFM}_M(2)$. The trees describing the stratification are depicted in Table 3.2. Again the inclusion relation between strata is captured by edge contraction. The numbered leaves correspond to points of the configuration, while * represents (roughly speaking) the component $\partial M \times \{\infty\}$, and the black vertex represents the bulk of M.

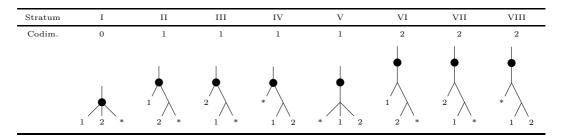


Table 3.2: Boundary strata of $\mathsf{mFM}_M(2)$

We may draw a schematic picture capturing adjacency, where SM denotes the sphere bundle in TM, and $S\partial M$ is the restriction of this bundle to the boundary, see Figure 3.5. We are not representing the interior (boundary stratum I) which touches all the other boundary strata.

3.8.3. SFM $_M(0,2)$

Finally let us turn to the space $\mathsf{SFM}_M(0,2)$, whose boundary strata are in Table 3.3. The inclusion of strata is again determined combinatorially by contracting edges.

We may draw a following schematic picture illustrating the inclusion of strata, see Figure 3.6. The notation HS denotes the "half sphere bundle". Notice that we have not drawn the "big" stratum $I \sim \mathsf{SFM}_M(0,2)$ including all others.

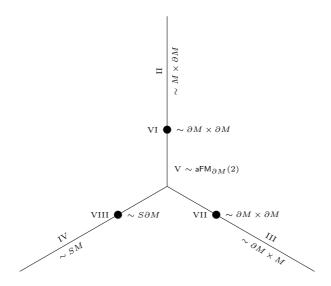


Figure 3.5: Adjacency of boundary strata in $\mathsf{mFM}_M(2)$

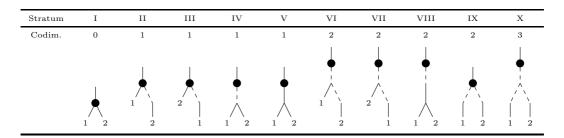


Table 3.3: Boundary strata of $\mathsf{SFM}_M(0,2)$

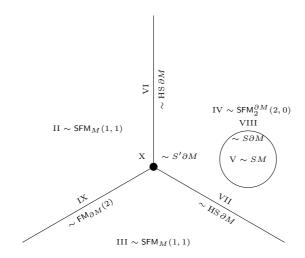


Figure 3.6: Adjacency of boundary strata in $\mathsf{SFM}_M(0,2)$

4. Construction of propagators

4.1. The propagator for closed manifolds

The proof of [Idr16, Theorem A] and the main results of [CW16] in the case of closed compact orientable manifolds M relied on the existence of a "propagator". Let us briefly recall its construction in this case, before going back to the case $\partial M \neq \emptyset$.

The propagator φ is an (n-1)-form on $\mathsf{FM}_M(\underline{2})$ whose differential was the pullback of the diagonal class. Moreover, recall that the projection $\partial \mathsf{FM}_M(\underline{2}) \to M$ is an S^{n-1} -bundle, and the restriction of the propagator to the boundary is a global angular form for this bundle. If M is framed then this bundle is trivial (with $\circ_1: M \times S^{n-1} \to \partial \mathsf{FM}_M(\underline{2})$ being an isomorphism of bundles), and one can further assume that φ is equal to $1 \times \mathsf{vol}_{n-1}$.

This propagator was constructed by considering a global angular form of the previous bundle, pulling it back to a tubular neighborhood of the boundary inside $\mathsf{FM}_n(\underline{2})$, multiplying it by a bump function, and then extending it by zero outside of the tubular neighborhood (see [CW16, Proposition 7]). Moreover, it can be chosen so that it belongs to the subalgebra $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{triv}}(\mathsf{FM}_M(\underline{2})) \subset \Omega^*_{\mathsf{PA}}(\mathsf{FM}_M(\underline{2}))$ of "trivial" PA forms (see [CW16, Appendix C]), which implies that it can be integrated along the fibers of the canonical projections p_V .

In more detail, let us fix representatives of the cohomology, i.e., a quasi-isomorphism $\iota: H(M) \to \Omega_{PA}(M)$. This choice also fixes a representative of the diagonal

$$\Delta(x,y) := \sum_{i} \alpha_i(x) \otimes \alpha_i^*(y), \tag{4.1}$$

where (α_i) are representatives of some some basis in H(M) and the (α_i^*) are the corresponding dual basis. The natural pairing of differential forms then also defines a projection onto cohomology

$$p: \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}(M) \to H(M)$$
$$\beta \mapsto \sum_{i} \alpha_{i} \int_{M} \alpha_{i}^{*} \beta.$$

The propagator constructed in [CW16, Proposition 8] adapting earlier ideas in the literature [BC98] is a form

$$\varphi \in \Omega^{n-1}_{\mathrm{triv}}(\mathsf{FM}_M(2)) \tag{4.2}$$

that satisfies the following properties:

• It is (anti-)symmetric

$$\varphi(y,x) = (-1)^n \varphi(x,y) \tag{4.3}$$

• The differential is the diagonal

$$d\varphi(x,y) = \Delta = \sum_{i} \alpha_{i}(x)\alpha_{i}^{*}(y). \tag{4.4}$$

- The restriction to the "infinitely close" boundary is a fiberwise volume form on the sphere bundle of fiberwise volume 1.
- We have that, for a suitable choice of representatives α_i above and for all i,

$$\int_{y} \varphi(x, y)\alpha_{i}(x) = 0. \tag{4.5}$$

The propagator shall morally be thought of as defining a homotopy h through

$$h\beta = \int_{y} \varphi(x, y)\beta(y), \tag{4.6}$$

that then satisfies $(dh + hd)(\beta) = \beta - \iota p\beta$. Unfortunately, due to technical problems with PA forms the fiber integral occurring here is not defined for all PA forms, but only for $\beta \in \Omega_{\text{triv}}(M)$.

4.2. Diagonal data

We will want to fix the differential of our propagators on SFM_M . To this end, we define a general notion of "diagonal data", of which we will give examples below:

Definition 4.1. We define diagonal data to be the following data:

- Two CDGAs A and A_{∂} ;
- A CDGA morphism $\rho: A \to A_{\partial}$;
- A closed element (the "diagonal") $\Delta_A \in A \otimes A$, such that

$$0 = (\rho \otimes id)(\Delta_A) \in A_{\partial} \otimes A;$$

• An element (the "section") $\sigma_A \in A \otimes A_{\partial}$ such that:

$$d\sigma_A = (\mathrm{id} \otimes \rho)(\Delta_A) \in A \otimes A_{\partial}.$$

Given some diagonal data, we define $\Delta_{A,A_{\partial}} = (\mathrm{id} \otimes \rho)(\Delta_A) = d\sigma_A \in A \otimes A_{\partial}$. We can define morphisms of diagonal data to be morphisms of pairs of CDGAs which commute with the morphism and map the marked elements to the marked elements; in particular, quasi-isomorphisms of diagonal data will be morphisms of diagonal data which are quasi-isomorphisms on the underlying two pairs of CDGAs.

Example 4.2. The reader should thus keep two examples of diagonal data in mind:

• Combinatorial case: $A = S(\tilde{H}(M) \oplus H(M, \partial M))$ and $A_{\partial} = S\tilde{H}(\partial M)$ with the zero differentials. The map ρ is the map induced from the restriction map $H(M) \to H(\partial M)$, with $\rho(H(M, \partial M)) = 0$. The diagonal Δ_A is the diagonal element $\sum_i d\beta_i \otimes \alpha_i + \sum_j \gamma_j \otimes \gamma_j^* \in H(M, \partial M) \otimes H(M)$, considered as an element of $A \otimes A$. The "section" σ_A is given by $\sum_i \alpha_i \otimes \beta_i$.

• Model case: A = R, $A_{\partial} = R_{\partial}$ and $\rho : A \to A_{\partial}$ are the CDGA models for M, ∂M and the inclusion $\partial M \to M$ considered in Section 2, obtained from a PLD model of M. The diagonal Δ_A is then the cocycle Δ_R from Lemma 4.3 below, and σ_A is the element σ_R defined below.

In Section 6.4 we explain the advantages of both approaches.

Fix some PLD model of M as in Equation (2.13). Recall the diagonal class $\Delta_{KP} \in K \otimes P$ from Equation (2.16), which gets sent to $\Delta_P \in P \otimes P$ under $K \subset B \xrightarrow{\pi} P$. Then we have:

Lemma 4.3. There exists an element $\Delta_R \in R \otimes R$ such that $(id \otimes \pi)g^{\otimes 2}(\Delta_R) = \Delta_{KP}$ and $\mu_R(\Delta_R) = 0$.

Proof. The proof is identical to the proof of [Idr16, Proposition 3.3], recalling that $R \to B$ and $B \to P$ are both surjective, and that $\mu_P(\Delta_P) = 0$ when $\partial M \neq \emptyset$ (Equation (2.18)).

Definition 4.4. For convenience, define a cocycle $\Delta_B := g^{\otimes 2}(\Delta_R) \in B^{\otimes 2}$.

Choose a linear Section $s: B_{\partial} \to B$ of $\rho: B \to B_{\partial}$. It does not commute with the differential, in general, however $s(dx) - ds(x) \in K = \ker \rho$ for all $x \in B$. Using the Poincaré duality of B_{∂} , we can make s into an element $\sigma_B \in B \otimes B_{\partial}$, satisfying $d\sigma_B \in K \otimes B_{\partial}$. Using the fact that we have a surjective quasi-isomorphism (thanks to the five lemma):

$$\operatorname{cone}(R_{\partial} \otimes \ker \rho) \to \operatorname{cone}(B \otimes K),$$
 (4.7)

we can find some element $\sigma_R \in R_{\partial} \otimes R$ with $(g_{\partial} \otimes g)(\sigma_R) = \sigma_B$ and $d\sigma_R \in R_{\partial} \otimes \ker \rho$.

Definition 4.5. Let M be a manifold with boundary, and let $(A \xrightarrow{\rho} A_{\partial}, \Delta_A)$ be some diagonal data. We say that this diagonal data **maps into** M if we are given maps $g: A \to \Omega_{\text{triv}}(M)$ and $g_{\partial}: A \to \Omega_{\text{triv}}(\partial M)$ such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
A & \xrightarrow{g} & \Omega_{\text{triv}}(M) \\
\downarrow^{\rho} & & \downarrow \\
A_{\partial} & \xrightarrow{g_{\partial}} & \Omega_{\text{triv}}(\partial M)
\end{array} \tag{4.8}$$

commutes, and such that $g^{\otimes 2}(\Delta_A)$ is a representative of the "diagonal" class in cohomology (defined using Poincaré–Lefschetz duality).

Both of our main examples map into M.

4.3. The propagator on SFM_M

The propagator $\varphi \in \Omega_{PA}(\mathsf{SFM}_M(0,2))$ is constructed "as usual in physics" by the method of mirror charges; compare with the construction of SFM_M itself in Section 3.6.

Concretely, we consider the double $\tilde{M}=M\sqcup_{\partial M}M^{op}$, which is a closed compact oriented manifold. It comes with an orientation reversing involution $X:\tilde{M}\to\tilde{M}$ interchanging the two halves. We consider a propagator $\tilde{\varphi}$ on $\mathsf{FM}_{\tilde{M}}(2)$ as constructed in [CW16, Proposition 8] (see also Section 4.1). In particular $\tilde{\varphi}(x,y)=(-1)^n\tilde{\varphi}(y,x)$ and $d\tilde{\varphi}=\tilde{\Delta}\in\Omega_{\mathsf{PA}}(M)\otimes\Omega_{\mathsf{PA}}(M)$ is a representative of the diagonal class in $\tilde{M}\times\tilde{M}$. We then define

$$\varphi'(x,y) := \tilde{\varphi}(x,y) - \tilde{\varphi}(Xx,y). \tag{4.9}$$

Clearly, if x approaches the boundary ∂M then $\varphi'(x,y) \to 0$.

Lemma 4.6. The form $d\varphi'$ descends to $\Omega_{PA}(M, \partial M) \otimes \Omega_{PA}(M)$ and it is a representative of the "diagonal" element.

Proof. The statement is independent of the choices involved in the construction of φ' , so we are free to make these choices conveniently. To this end we suppose that we have chosen bases of H(M), $H(M, \partial M)$ and $H(\partial M)$ as in Lemma 1.3 above. The cohomology of $H(\tilde{M})$ has then a basis represented by $\gamma_i, X^*\gamma_i, \tilde{\alpha}_i = \alpha_i + X^*\alpha_i, \tilde{\beta}_i = d\beta_i - X^*d\beta_i$. The diagonal in this basis is represented by (schematically)

$$\tilde{\Delta} = \sum \gamma \otimes \gamma + X^* \gamma \otimes X^* \gamma + \tilde{\alpha}_i \otimes \tilde{\beta}_i + \tilde{\beta}_i \otimes \tilde{\alpha}_i. \tag{4.10}$$

Subtracting $(X^* \otimes id)\tilde{\Delta}$ and restricting to $M \times M \subset \tilde{M} \times \tilde{M}$ we obtain

$$2\sum \gamma \otimes \gamma + 2d\beta_i \otimes \alpha_i \tag{4.11}$$

as desired. \Box

We use the Lemma to show the following. Let us fix some diagonal data $(A \xrightarrow{\rho} A_{\partial}, \Delta_A, \sigma_A)$ that maps into M, with $g: A \to \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}^*(M)$ and $g_{\partial}: A_{\partial} \to \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}^*(\partial M)$. Recall the description of the boundary strata of $\mathsf{SFM}_M(0,2)$ from Section 3.8. In particular, we will denote by

$$j: \mathsf{SFM}_M(1,1) \to \mathsf{SFM}_M(0,2) \tag{4.12}$$

the "inclusion" whose image is the boundary stratum of terrestrial, defined using a collar $\partial M \times [0,1) \subset M$ in order to infinitesimally "push" a point of the boundary inside M.

Proposition 4.7. Let M be a compact orientable n-manifold with boundary, for which we fix an algebraic realization as above. Let us also fix some diagonal data which maps into M as above. Then there is a form $\varphi \in \Omega^{n-1}_{\mathrm{triv}}(\mathsf{SFM}_M(0,2))$ (the propagator) with the following properties.

- φ vanishes on the boundary stratum III of $\mathsf{FM}_M(2)$, using the notation of Section 3.8:
- The restriction of φ to the boundary stratum V is fiberwise a volume form, and moreover if M is framed then that restriction is given by $1 \times \text{vol}_{S^{n-1}}$;
- We have $d\varphi = \Delta_A$;

- The restriction $j^*\varphi$ to the boundary stratum II is equal to $(g \otimes g_{\partial})(\sigma_A)$, while restriction to boundary stratum III vanishes;
- We have the following vanishing properties:

$$\forall \alpha \in A, \int_{y} \varphi(y, x) \alpha(y) = 0;$$
 $\forall \beta \in \ker(\rho), \int_{y} \varphi(x, y) \beta(y) = 0.$

Proof. We start with the φ' as in Lemma 4.6, constructed using the method of mirror charges. This form already satisfies the boundary conditions required from our propagator. By Lemma 4.6 we can find some $\psi \in \Omega_{PA}(M, \partial M) \otimes \Omega_{PA}(M)$ such that $d\varphi' + d\psi = \Delta$. We then define $\varphi'' := \varphi' + \psi$. This addition does not alter the desired boundary behavior and satisfies $d\varphi'' = \Delta$. It remains to modify φ'' so as to also satisfy the last property. This can be done with a standard trick for "normalizing" homotopies as in [CM10, Lemma 3]. Concretely, we set

$$\varphi_{12} := \varphi_{12}'' - \int_{3} \varphi_{23}'' \Delta_{13} - \int_{3} \varphi_{23}'' \sigma_{13} - \int_{3} \varphi_{13}'' \Delta_{23} - \int_{3} \varphi_{13}'' \sigma_{23}$$

$$+ \int_{3,4} \Delta_{24} \varphi_{34}'' \Delta_{13} + \int_{3,4} \sigma_{24} \varphi_{23}'' \Delta_{13} + \int_{3,4} \Delta_{24} \varphi_{34}'' \sigma_{13} + \int_{3,4} \sigma_{42} \varphi_{34}'' \sigma_{13}, \quad (4.13)$$

where by $\int_{i,j,...}$ we mean the pushforward (integration along the fibers) along the SA bundle which forgets the listed points, and e.g. Δ_{13} is the pullback $p_{13}^*((g \otimes g)(\Delta_A))$ (and so on).

A careful application of the Stokes formula shows that the differential of the corrective term vanishes, which follows from general properties of the diagonal class and the properties of φ'' that were already proved. We can check on bases of the cohomologies that the difference $j^*\varphi - (f_{\partial} \otimes f)(\sigma_R)$ is an exact form, say $d\xi$ with $\xi \in \Omega^*_{\mathrm{triv}}(\mathsf{SFM}_M(\{2\},\{1\}))$. The application j^* is surjective (because im j is a submanifold with corners of $\mathsf{SFM}_M(\varnothing,\{1,2\})$), hence there exists some $\hat{\xi}$ such that $j^*\hat{\xi} = \xi$. It then suffices to replace φ by $\varphi - d\hat{\xi}$, which still satisfies the first three properties. \square

4.4. The propagator for aFM_N

We suppose that $N = \partial M$ is a closed compacted oriented (PA) manifold bounding a compact orientable manifold M, with dim M = n. Again we fix some diagonal data which maps into M, namely $(A \xrightarrow{\rho} A_{\partial}, \Delta_A, \sigma_A, g, g_{\partial})$. For convenience we let $\sigma_{\partial} := (g_{\partial} \otimes 1)(\sigma_A)$, which is, as we recall, "half" of the diagonal class of A_{∂} (in the sense that symmetrizing σ_{∂} is equal to $\Delta_{A_{\partial}}$).

Proposition 4.8. There is a form, the propagator

$$\varphi \in \Omega^{n-1}_{\mathrm{triv}}(\mathsf{aFM}_N(2))$$

with the following properties:

- We have $d\varphi = 0$;
- The restriction to the infinitesimal boundary (stratum IV in the language of Section 3.8) is a fiberwise volume form of volume one;
- On the two infinite boundary strata (respectively stratum II, where the second point goes to infinity, and III, where the first point does) we have the following behavior:

$$\varphi|_{\text{II}} = \sigma_{\partial}, \qquad \qquad \varphi|_{\text{III}} = 0; \qquad (4.14)$$

• We have that

$$\forall \alpha \in A_{\partial}, \ \int_{y} \varphi(x, y)\alpha(y) = 0.$$
 (4.15)

Proof. Recall that the space $\mathsf{aFM}_N(2)$ has three boundary strata, which we described in Section 3.8. We begin by picking some extension $\psi \in \Omega_{\min}(\mathsf{aFM}_N(2))$ of a fiberwise volume form on the infinitesimal boundary stratum, supported in a neighborhood of that stratum. We have that $d\psi$ is a closed form supported away from that diagonal and the infinite boundary strata, and hence represents a cohomology class in

$$H(M \times M \times I, M \times M \times \{0,1\}) = (H(M) \otimes H(M))[-1]. \tag{4.16}$$

Note that representatives of classes on the right are $\nu_i(x)\nu_j(y)dt$, where t is the coordinate on I. We have a Poincaré–Lefschetz duality pairing with

$$H(M \times M \times I) = H(M) \otimes H(M), \tag{4.17}$$

which is represented by classes $\nu_i(x)\nu_j(x)$. We can hence compute the cohomology class of $d\psi$ by using this pairing and Stokes' Theorem

$$\int_{M\times M\times I} \nu_i(x)\nu_j(y)d\psi(x,y) = \int_{\mathsf{aFM}_N(2)} \nu_i(x)\nu_j(y)d\psi(x,y) = \pm \int_N \nu_i\nu_j, \qquad (4.18)$$

where in the last step we used Stokes' Theorem, that ψ vanishes on the infinite boundary, and that ψ is a fiberwise volume form on the infinitesimal boundary stratum. We hence find that

$$d\psi \pm \Delta_A \wedge d(1-t) \tag{4.19}$$

represents the zero cohomology class in $H(M \times M \times I)$. Hence we may find a $\psi' \in \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}(M \times M \times I, M \times M \times \{0,1\})$ such that

$$\varphi' := \psi - \psi' - \pm \sum_{i} \Delta_A \wedge (1 - t) \tag{4.20}$$

is a cocycle. Moreover, φ' has the desired boundary behavior, as ψ' vanishes on the boundary, the term ψ has the desired behavior at the infinitesimal boundary while vanishing at the infinite boundary, and the remaining terms contribute the desired behavior

at the infinite boundary, while not affecting the fiberwise properties at the infinitesimal boundary.

Finally the last property can be ensured by a slight adaptation of a trick from [CM10]. More concretely, we define:

$$\varphi_{12} := \varphi'_{12} \pm \int_{3} \varphi'_{13}(\sigma_{\partial})_{32} dt \pm \int_{3} \varphi'_{23}(\sigma_{\partial})_{31} dt \mp \int_{3,4} \varphi'_{34}(\sigma_{\partial})_{23}(\sigma_{\partial})_{14}$$
(4.21)

Note that the additions do not alter the boundary behavior due to the presence of the dt-factors.

4.5. The propagator for mFM_M

We consider next our compact connected orientable manifold with non-empty boundary M. We keep the same diagonal data $(A \xrightarrow{\rho} A_{\partial}, \Delta_A, \sigma_A, g, g_{\partial})$.

Proposition 4.9. There is a form, the propagator

$$\varphi \in \Omega^{n-1}_{\text{triv}}(\mathsf{mFM}_M(2)), \tag{4.22}$$

with the following properties:

• We have

$$d\varphi = \Delta_A \tag{4.23}$$

• On the infinite boundary strata II, III and V (see Section 3.8 for this notation) we have the following behavior:

$$\varphi|_{\mathrm{II}} = \sigma_A,\tag{4.24}$$

$$\varphi|_{\text{III}} = 0, \tag{4.25}$$

$$\varphi|_{\mathcal{V}} = \varphi_{\partial},\tag{4.26}$$

where $\varphi_{\partial} \in \Omega^*_{\text{triv}}(\mathsf{aFM}_{\partial M}(2))$ is the propagator constructed in Proposition 4.8;

- The restriction to the infinitesimal boundary IV is a fiberwise volume form of volume one;
- We have that

$$\forall \alpha \in A, \ \int_{y} \varphi(x, y)\alpha(y) = 0.$$
 (4.27)

Proof. We first pick a form $\psi \in \Omega^{n-1}_{triv}(\mathsf{mFM}_M(2))$ that has the desired boundary behavior and continue it to the whole space $\mathsf{mFM}_M(2)$ as usual by considering a neighbourhood isomorphic to the normal bundle and extend it constantly along the fibers. Then $d\psi$ is supported away from diagonal and represents a class in

$$H(M \times M, \partial M \times M \cup M \times \partial M) = H(M, \partial M) \otimes H(M, \partial M). \tag{4.28}$$

We may compute this class by using the Poincaré duality pairing with $H(M) \otimes H(M)$. Recall the notations $\{\alpha_i, \beta_j, \gamma_k\}$ for the base elements of $H^*(M)$, $H^*(M, \partial M)$, and $H^*(\partial M)$ from Lemma 1.3; we will use these to compute the cohomology class of $d\psi$. Using Stokes' Theorem, we find that

$$\begin{split} \int_{M\times M} \alpha_i(x)\alpha_j(y)d\psi(x,y) &= \int_{\mathsf{mFM}_M(2)} \alpha_i(x)\alpha_j(y)d\psi(x,y) = \pm \int_{\partial\mathsf{mFM}_M(2)} \alpha_i(x)\alpha_j(y)\psi(x,y) \\ &= \int_M \alpha_i\alpha_j + \int_{\partial M} \alpha_i\beta_k \int_M \alpha_k\alpha_j + \int_{\partial M} \alpha_i\beta_k \int_M \alpha_k\alpha_j \\ &+ \int_{\mathsf{aFM}_N(2)} \alpha_i(x)\alpha_j(y)\psi(x,y) \\ &= 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 0. \end{split}$$

Here we use the known boundary behavior of ψ , and for the vanishing in the last line the properties (1.19) and (4.15). Similarly one computes

$$\int_{M\times M} \alpha_i(x)\gamma_j(y)d\psi(x,y) = \int_{M\times M} \gamma_i(x)\alpha_j(y)d\psi(x,y) = 0$$

and

$$\int_{M\times M} \gamma_i(x)\gamma_j(y)d\psi(x,y) = \int_{M} \gamma_i\gamma_j = g_{ij}.$$

where g_{ij} is matrix of the (non-degenerate) natural pairing on the image of $H(M, \partial M) \to H(M)$. As above we hence find that there is a ψ' vanishing on the boundary such that

$$\varphi' = \psi - \psi' \tag{4.29}$$

satisfies our boundary requirements and (4.23). We finally define φ by the same formula as Equation (4.13). It is then clear that the propagator φ satisfies (4.27). Also, at the infinitesimal boundary the additional terms are basic (independent of the fiber coordinate) and hence φ is still a fiberwise volume form at that boundary, as φ' is. Finally, a short computation shows that all the terms added to φ' are closed and vanish at the infinite boundary, so that (4.23) and the infinite boundary conditions continue to hold.

5. Graphical models - recollections

5.1. Models for the little disks and Swiss-Cheese operads

Recall briefly the graphs Hopf cooperad Graphs_n constructed by Kontsevich [Kon99] to prove the formality of the little n-disks operad (see also [Idr16, Section 1.3] for notations that match our conventions). The untwisted graphs Hopf cooperad Gra_n is defined by (where the generators have degree n-1):

$$\mathsf{Gra}_n(V) := \left(S(e_{vv'}) / (e_{vv'} - (-1)^n e_{v'v}), d = 0 \right). \tag{5.1}$$

This definition admits a graphical interpretation: a monomial in $\mathsf{Gra}_n(V)$ can be seen as a graph with vertices in bijection with V, and an edge between v and v' iff $e_{vv'}$ appears in the monomial. The cocomposition $\circ_T^\vee(e_{vv'})$ (for $T \subset V$) is given by $1 \otimes e_{vv'}$ if $v, v' \in W$ and by $e_{[v][v']} \otimes 1$ otherwise. The element

$$\mu = e_{12}^{\vee}$$
 (5.2)

dual to the generator $e_{12} \in \mathsf{Gra}_n(\underline{2})$ is a Maurer-Cartan element in the deformation complex $\mathsf{Def}(\mathsf{hoLie}_n,\mathsf{Gra}_n)$. This allows us to produce a new Hopf cooperad $\mathsf{Tw}\,\mathsf{Gra}_n$ through a procedure called "operadic twisting" [Wil14; DW15]. Elements of $\mathsf{Tw}\,\mathsf{Gra}_n(V)$ can be seen as graphs with "external" vertices, which are in bijection with V, and indistinguishable "internal" vertices of degree -n (typically drawn in black). The cocomposition is induced by the cocomposition of Gra_n , and the product glues graphs along external vertices. Finally, one mods out by the bi-ideal of graphs with connected component consisting exclusively of internal vertices (a.k.a. internal components) to obtain a Hopf cooperad Graphs_n .

Theorem 5.1 (Kontsevich [Kon99], Lambrechts and Volić [LV14]). There is a zigzag of quasi-isomorphisms of Hopf cooperads:

$$H^*(\mathsf{FM}_n) \overset{\sim}{\leftarrow} \mathsf{Graphs}_n \overset{\sim}{\underset{\omega}{\longrightarrow}} \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathsf{FM}_n).$$

The first map is given by the quotient by graphs containing internal vertices, and the second map is given by an integral along the fibers of the canonical projections $\mathsf{FM}_n(V \sqcup J) \to \mathsf{FM}_n(V)$ of explicit minimal forms.

Remark 5.2. It is usual to kill tadpoles (i.e. edges between a vertex and itself) and double edges (i.e. two edges with the same endpoints) in Graphs_n , in other words to mod out by $(e_{vv}, e_{vv'}^2)$ in the definition of Gra_n . If we denote by Graphs'_n the quotient, then the quotient map $\mathsf{Graphs}_n \to \mathsf{Graphs}'_n$ is a quasi-isomorphism [Wil14, Proposition 3.8]. We keep the tadpoles and double edges to remain consistent with the other graph complexes appearing in this paper. Note however that by symmetry, tadpoles vanish for even n, and double edges vanish for odd n.

The Swiss-Cheese operad is not formal [Liv15; Wil17], thus there can be no quasi-isomorphism between $H^*(\mathsf{SFM}_n)$ and $\Omega^*_{\mathsf{PA}}(\mathsf{SFM}_n)$. Nevertheless, there is a model $\mathsf{SGraphs}_n$ established in [Wil15], which is similar in spirit to the cooperad Graphs_n . The cohomology $H^*(\mathsf{SFM}_n) \cong H^*(\mathsf{FM}_n) \otimes H^*(\mathsf{FM}_{n-1})$ splits as a Voronov product (see [Vor99] and [Idr17b, Section 4.3]). The construction of $\mathsf{SGraphs}_n$ contains Graphs_n (as "aerial" graphs) and Graphs_{n-1} (as "terrestrial" graphs), and "intertwines" the two in a way that corrects the lack of formality. Let us now describe it.

Remark 5.3. While the model $\mathsf{SGraphs}_n$ is inspired by Kontsevich's proof of the formality of the little n-disks operad over \mathbb{R} , there is also a different model over \mathbb{Q} of the 2-Swiss-Cheese operad inspired by Tamarkin's proof [Tam03] of the formality of the little 2-disks operad [Idr17b].

Remark 5.4. Our notations differ slightly from the notations of [Wil15]. We call $\mathsf{SGraphs}_n$ what is called Graphs_n^1 there, i.e. the space of operations with output of "type 1" (which corresponds to "open"). This is a relative Hopf cooperad over Graphs_n (which would be Graphs_n^2 in [Wil15], the space of operations with output of "type 2", i.e. closed).

Let us assume from the start that $n \geq 3$ to avoid some difficulties that arise when n = 2.

The idea is to construct a relative Hopf cooperad $SGra_n$ over Gra_n , with two types of vertices: aerial ones, corresponding to closed inputs, and terrestrial ones, corresponding to open inputs. Edges are oriented, and the source of an edge may only be an aerial vertex. More concretely, one defines:

$$\mathsf{SGra}_n(U,V) := S(e_{vu})_{u \in U, v \in V} \otimes S(e_{vv'})_{v,v' \in V} \tag{5.3}$$

where the generators all have degree n-1, and the cooperad structure maps are given by:

$$\circ_{T}^{\vee}: \mathsf{SGra}_{n}(U, V) \to \mathsf{SGra}_{n}(U, V/T) \otimes \mathsf{Gra}_{n}(T)
e_{vv'} \mapsto \begin{cases}
1 \otimes e_{vv'} & \text{if } v, v' \in T; \\
e_{[v][v']} \otimes 1 & \text{otherwise.}
\end{cases}
e_{vu} \mapsto e_{[v]u} \otimes 1.$$
(5.4)

A monomial in $\mathsf{SGra}_n(U,V)$ can be seen as a directed graph with two kinds of vertices: aerial and terrestrial. The set U is the set of terrestrial vertices, and the set V is the set of aerial vertices.

This allows us to produce a first morphism $\omega' : \mathsf{SGra}_n \to \Omega^*_{\mathsf{PA}}(\mathsf{SFM}_n)$. One can define, for $v, v' \in V$, $\omega'(e_{vv'}) \coloneqq p^*_{vv'}(\mathsf{vol}_{n-1})$, where

$$vol_{n-1} \in \Omega_{PA}^{n-1}(\mathsf{SFM}_n(\varnothing, \{v, v'\})) \simeq \Omega_{PA}^{n-1}(\mathsf{FM}_n(\{v, v''\})) \simeq \Omega_{PA}^{n-1}(S^{n-1}). \tag{5.6}$$

Recall that $\mathsf{SFM}_n(\{u\}, \{v\})$ is homeomorphic to D^{n-1} , and we write vol_{n-1}^h for the (n-1)-form on $\mathsf{SFM}_n(\{u\}, \{v\})$ obtained by pulling back the volume form of S^{n-1} along the map $D^{n-1} \to S^{n-1}$ given by the hyperbolic geodesic (see [Wil15, Equation (8)]). Then for $u \in U$ and $v \in V$, define $\omega'(e_{vu}) \coloneqq p_{vu}^*(\mathsf{vol}_{n-1}^h)$.

If $\Gamma \in \mathsf{SGra}_n(U,V)$ is a graph, let

$$c(\Gamma) := \int_{\mathsf{SFM}_{\mathcal{D}}(U,V)} \omega'(\Gamma). \tag{5.7}$$

Note that these are analogous to the coefficients that appear in Kontsevich's [Kon03] universal L_{∞} formality morphism $T_{\text{poly}} \to D_{\text{poly}}$, defined for n=2.

The cooperad SGra_n is then twisted with respect to the sum of the Maurer-Cartan element $\mu \in \mathsf{Def}(\mathsf{hoLie}_n \to \mathsf{Gra}_n)$ with the Maurer-Cartan element defined by c, to obtain a relative Hopf cooperad $\mathsf{Tw}\,\mathsf{SGra}_n$ over $\mathsf{Tw}\,\mathsf{Gra}_n$.

Concretely, $\operatorname{Tw} \operatorname{\mathsf{SGra}}_n(U,V)$ is spanned by graphs with $2 \times 2 = 4$ types of vertices: they can be either aerial or terrestrial, and either internal or external. Internal terrestrial vertices are of degree 1-n and indistinguishable among themselves, and internal aerial vertices are of degree -n and indistinguishable among themselves. Edges remain oriented and of degree n-1. External terrestrial vertices are in bijection with U, and external aerial vertices are in bijection with V. The cooperad structure maps collapse subgraphs, and the product glues graphs along external vertices.

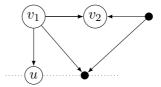


Figure 5.1: A colored graph in $\operatorname{Tw} \mathsf{SGra}_n(\{u\}, \{v_1, v_2\})$. Terrestrial vertices are drawn on a dotted line to distinguish them, even though they are not ordered. This graph is of degree 5(n-1)-n-(n-1).

The differential has several summands:

- A first summand (corresponding to μ) contracts edges between two aerial vertices, with at least one being internal.
- A second summand is given by contracting subgraphs $\Gamma' \subset \Gamma$ with at most one external vertex, which must be terrestrial, to obtain Γ/Γ' , with coefficient $c(\Gamma')$. One should note that in Γ/Γ' , the new vertex representing the collapsed subgraph is terrestrial, even if Γ' is fully aerial.
- Finally, a third summand is given by forgetting some internal vertices and keeping a subgraph $\Gamma' \subset \Gamma$, with coefficient $c(\Gamma/\Gamma')$.

In the second and third cases, if the graph Γ/Γ' contains an edge whose source is terrestrial, then the summand is defined to be zero (see [Kon03, §6.4.2.2]).

One then checks that there is an extension $\omega : \operatorname{Tw} \mathsf{SGra}_n \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathsf{SFM}_n)$. Given a graph $\Gamma \in \mathsf{SGra}_n(U \sqcup I, V \sqcup J) \subset \operatorname{Tw} \mathsf{SGra}_n(U, V)$, then $\omega(\Gamma)$ is given by:

$$\omega(\Gamma) = \int_{\mathsf{SFM}_n(U \sqcup I, V \sqcup J) \to \mathsf{SFM}_n(U,V)} \omega'(\Gamma) = (p_{U,V})_*(\omega'(\Gamma)).$$

It remains to mod out by the bi-ideal of graphs with internal components to obtain a Hopf cooperad $\mathsf{SGraphs}_n$, and to check that ω factors through the quotient.

Theorem 5.5 ([Wil15]). The morphism ω : SGraphs_n $\to \Omega^*_{PA}(SFM_n)$ is a quasi-isomorphism of relative Hopf cooperads.

5.2. Model for configuration space of closed manifolds

Let us recall the construction from [Idr16; CW16] for configuration spaces of closed oriented manifold M. Our aim, in this work, will be to generalize these two constructions for manifolds with boundary, in a framework that encompasses the two approaches.

In [CW16], one defines a sequence of CDGAs Graphs_M that model the real homotopy type of the configuration spaces of points M:

$$\operatorname{\mathsf{Graphs}}_M(n) \xrightarrow{\sim} \Omega_{\operatorname{PA}}(\operatorname{\mathsf{FM}}_M(n)).$$
 (5.8)

Remark 5.6. In [CW16], the notation Graphs_M was used for the dual of what we call Graphs_M , and $\mathsf{*Graphs}_M$ was used for what we call Graphs_M . We exchanged the notations to be coherent with the rest of the paper, where cooperads/comodules appear far more often than their duals.

As a vector space, $\mathsf{Graphs}_M(n)$ is spanned by graphs with n labeled external vertices and an unspecified number of indistinguishable internal vertices such that every vertex is decorated by an element of the unital symmetric algebra of the reduced cohomology of M, $S(\tilde{H}(M))$, under the condition that there are no connected components without external vertices.

$$\omega_{2} \qquad \omega_{3} \qquad \omega_{3} \qquad \in \mathsf{Graphs}_{M}(4) \tag{5.9}$$

The degree of a graph is (m-1)#edges -m#int. vertices + deg. of decorations and the commutative product is given by the union of graphs with superposition of external vertices.

The differential δ splits as $\delta = \delta_{contr} + \delta_{cut}$, where δ_{contr} contracts edges adjacent to at least one internal vertex and δ_{cut} splits any edge into two decorations given by the diagonal class of M. Notice that due to the constraint of not allowing connected components without external vertices, δ_{cut} might create forbidden graphs and in those cases such connected components are replaced by their image under the partition function $Z_M: \mathsf{GC}_{H(M)} \to \mathbb{R}$.

The restriction of the map $\mathsf{Graphs}_M(n) \to \Omega_{\mathsf{PA}}(\mathsf{FM}_M(n))$ to graphs with no internal vertices is given by the unique map of commutative algebras sending an edge connecting vertices i and j to $\varphi_{ij} = p^*_{ij}\varphi$, the pullback of the propagator φ from Section 4.1 by the projection $p_{ij} \colon \mathsf{FM}_M(n) \to \mathsf{FM}_M(2)$ and sending a cohomology class in $\tilde{H}(M) \subset S(\tilde{H}(M))$ to a chosen representative attached to the point corresponding to the respective vertex.

The extension of this map to the whole space $\mathsf{Graphs}_M(n)$ is given by the usual Feynman rules: One replaces the k internal vertices by external ones, uses the rules above to associate to such graph a form in $\Omega_{\mathsf{PA}}(\mathsf{FM}_M(n+k))$ and then integrates along the map

 $\mathsf{FM}_M(n+k) \to \mathsf{FM}_M(n)$ that forgets the additional k points.

$$\Gamma \mapsto \omega_{\Gamma} = \int_{\text{fiber}} \bigwedge_{(i,i)} \pi_{ij}^* \varphi \tag{5.10}$$

Theorem 5.7 ([CW16]). The prescription above defines a quasi-isomorphism of differential graded commutative algebras

$$\mathsf{Graphs}_M(n) \to \Omega_{\mathsf{PA}}(\mathsf{FM}_M(n)).$$

Given a trivialization of the tangent bundle of M, one can consider the right operadic action of FM_m on FM_M . At the level of Graphs_M this can be expressed as a right Graphs_m comodule structure given by collapsing subgraphs containing the desired external vertices.

Theorem 5.8 ([CW16]). For M be a parallelized manifold, the previous map induces a quasi-isomorphism of Hopf comodules

$$(\mathsf{Graphs}_M,\mathsf{Graphs}_m) \longrightarrow (\Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathsf{FM}_M),\Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathsf{FM}_m))\,.$$

Remark 5.9. Let us denote $A = \mathsf{Graphs}_M(1)$ (or, if desired, its genus 0 part), which is a model for M. The previous theorem gives us a model for the right action of the fiberwise little disks operad since for M parallelized $\mathsf{FM}_n^M = M \times \mathsf{FM}_n$. The result above can be restated as a quasi-isomorphism from the A-multicomodule ($\mathsf{Graphs}_M, A \otimes \mathsf{Graphs}_m$) to the $\Omega_{\mathsf{PA}}(M)$ -multicomodule ($\Omega_{\mathsf{PA}}(\mathsf{FM}_M), \Omega_{\mathsf{PA}}(M \times \mathsf{FM}_m)$).

In [Idr16], one must assume that M is simply connected. Then one starts from a Poincaré duality model of M, say P, connected to $\Omega_{PA}^*(M)$ via some CDGA A. This Poincaré duality model A is used to build a "small" model for $Conf_k(M)$, the Lambrechts–Stanley model:

$$\mathsf{G}_{P}(k) := \left(P^{\otimes k} \otimes H^{*}(\mathsf{Conf}_{k}(\mathbb{R}^{n})) / (p_{i}^{*}(x) \cdot \omega_{ij} = p_{j}^{*}(x) \cdot \omega_{ij}), d\omega_{ij} = \Delta_{P}\right), \tag{5.11}$$

where $H^*(\operatorname{Conf}_k(\mathbb{R}^n))$ is generated by the classes $\omega_{ij} \in H^{n-1}(\operatorname{Conf}_k(\mathbb{R}^n))$ satisfying the classical Arnold relations [Arn69; Coh76], $\Delta_P \in (P \otimes P)^n$ is a representative of the diagonal class of M (defined using the Poincaré duality of P) and, for $x \in P$ and $1 \leq i \leq n$, we have $p_i^*(x) = 1 \otimes \ldots \otimes 1 \otimes x \otimes 1 \otimes \ldots \otimes 1 \in P^{\otimes k}$ with x in position i.

One also build a graphical comodule Graphs_A , similar to Graphs_M above, but vertices are decorated by elements of A rather than elements of $S(\tilde{H}^*(M))$. There is a quasi-isomorphism (or really, a zigzag, due to technicalities of PA forms) $\mathsf{Graphs}_A \to \Omega^*_{\mathsf{PA}}(\mathsf{FM}_M)$, and under the assumption that $\dim M \geq 4$ and M simply connected, a quasi-isomorphism $\mathsf{Graphs}_A \to \mathsf{G}_P$. These maps are compatible with the symmetric group actions; moreover, if M is framed, they are compatible with the action of the operad FM_n . Thus:

Theorem 5.10 ([Idr16]). Let M be a smooth, simply connected, closed manifold of dimension at least 4. Then we have a zigzag of quasi-isomorphisms, compatible with the symmetric group actions:

$$\mathsf{G}_P(k) \simeq \Omega_{\mathsf{PA}}^*(\mathsf{FM}_M(k)).$$

Moreover, if M is framed, then G_P is a right Hopf $H^*(\mathsf{FM}_n)$ -comodule, and the zigzag is compatible with the actions of $H^*(\mathsf{FM}_n)$ and $\Omega^*_{PA}(\mathsf{FM}_n)$ using the zigzag between these two Hopf cooperads defined by Kontsevich formality [Kon99].

5.3. Functoriality of the models

The graphical models above depend on several choices: the choice of CDGAs which are models for the base manifold, and the choice of some Maurer–Cartan elements, namely the partition functions and the MC elements used to twist the base cooperads. We now make precise the notion that the models are "functorial" in terms of these data, and that "weak equivalences" (quasi-isomorphisms or gauge equivalences) produce quasi-isomorphic objects.

We will make extensive use of this functoriality in the rest of this paper and will not repeat the arguments. In our notation for our different models ($\mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_{\partial}}$, $\mathsf{mGraphs}_{A}$, etc.) we will not write down the Maurer–Cartan elements, with the understanding that the object still depends on them – it will be clear from the context what the (gauge equivalence classes) of the Maurer–Cartan elements are.

Let us first deal with the Maurer-Cartan elements. Two kinds of Maurer-Cartan elements appear in the discussions above:

- a first kind is used to twist (co)operads and comodules over them in the sense of [Wil14; DW15];
- a second kind of used to remove "vacuum type" components (connected components with only internal vertices).

We will write our arguments in a general setting which will then be applicable to our graphical models.

Suppose first we are given a cooperad C equipped with a morphism to the cooperad of shifted homotopy Lie algebras hoLie_k^\vee . Using the general framework of [Wil14; DW15], this morphism correspond to a Maurer–Cartan element μ in the deformation complex $\mathfrak{g} := \mathrm{Def}(\mathsf{C},\mathsf{hoLie}_k^\vee)$. It can be used to produce a "twisted" cooperad $\mathrm{Tw}_\mu\,\mathsf{C}$, whose coalgebras are of the form (A,d+[x,-]), where A is a C-coalgebra and x is a Maurer–Cartan element in A (one must take special care of duals in order to make sense of this). Moreover, if M is a cooperadic right comodule over C , then it can be twisted into a right comodule $\mathrm{Tw}_\mu\,\mathsf{M}$ over $\mathrm{Tw}_\mu\,\mathsf{C}$.

We now reuse the arguments of [CW16, Section 7.2] in order to show that two gauge equivalent Maurer–Cartan elements $\mu \sim \mu'$ produce quasi-isomorphic twists. By definition, μ and μ' are gauge equivalent if there exists a Maurer–Cartan element

$$\hat{\mu} \in \mathfrak{g}[t, dt] := \mathfrak{g} \otimes \Omega^*(\Delta^1), \tag{5.12}$$

where $\Omega^*(\Delta^1) = \mathbb{k}[t, dt]$ is a path object for \mathbb{k} in the model category of CDGAs, such that $\hat{\mu}|_{t=0} = \mu$ and $\hat{\mu}|_{t=1} = \mu'$. This is equivalent to the existence of an element $\gamma \in \exp \mathfrak{g}$ in the exponential group (equal to \mathfrak{g}^0 with product given by the Baker–Campbell–Hausdorff formula) and such that the flow of γ sends μ to μ' , i.e.

$$\mu' = \gamma \cdot \mu := \exp(\operatorname{ad}_{\gamma})(\mu) = \mu + \operatorname{ad}_{\gamma}(\mu) + \frac{1}{2}\operatorname{ad}_{\gamma}^{2}(\mu) + (\ldots). \tag{5.13}$$

This flows induces an isomorphism of twisted Lie algebras $\mathfrak{g}^{\mu} \cong \mathfrak{g}^{\mu'}$. One then checks, as is done in [CW16, Section 7.2], that this induces an isomorphism of twisted cooperads and comodules:

$$\operatorname{Tw}_{\mu} \mathsf{C} \cong \operatorname{Tw}_{\mu'} \mathsf{C}, \qquad \operatorname{Tw}_{\mu} \mathsf{M} \cong \operatorname{Tw}_{\mu'} \mathsf{M}.$$
 (5.14)

This can be applied to $C = \mathsf{Graphs}_n$, $\mathsf{M} = \mathsf{Graphs}_M$, for example, and takes care of the first kind of Maurer-Cartan elements.

Let us now deal with the second kind of Maurer–Cartan elements. Let us assume that we are given

- a Hopf cooperad C and a Hopf right comodule M;
- a Lie algebra V^{\vee} , which can be seen as a quasi-free CDGA $fV = (S(V[1]), \delta)$ such that $\delta(V) \subset V \oplus S^2(V)$;
- an fV-module structure on each $\mathsf{M}(k)$ such that the comodule structure maps $\circ_W^\vee : \mathsf{M}(U) \to \mathsf{M}(U/W) \otimes \mathsf{C}(W)$ preserve this module structure;
- a Maurer–Cartan element $Z \in \mathrm{MC}(V^{\vee})$, or equivalently a CDGA morphism $Z: fV \to \mathbb{k}$; this makes \mathbb{k} into a left fV-module.

Then we can define the "reduced" C-comodule M_Z , given in each arity by:

$$\mathsf{M}_{Z}(k) := \mathsf{M}(k) \otimes_{fV} \Bbbk. \tag{5.15}$$

Now let us assume that Z is gauge equivalent to some other Maurer-Cartan Z'. Suppose moreover that M(k) is cofibrant as an fV module. This is for example the case if M(k) is quasi-free as an fV-module and is equipped with a good filtration.

We then use a proof technique similar to what is done in [Idr17a, Section 2.4] to show that M_Z is quasi-isomorphic to $M_{Z'}$. The gauge equivalence $Z \sim Z'$ can be seen as a homotopy between the two CDGAs morphism Z and Z':

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
Z & fV & Z' \\
\downarrow \exists h & & \ddots & \\
\mathbb{k} & \stackrel{\text{ev}_0}{\sim} \Omega^*(\Delta^1) = \mathbb{k}[t, dt] & \stackrel{\text{ev}_1}{\sim} \mathbb{k}
\end{array} (5.16)$$

⁴This description is a concrete corollary of the Koszul duality between the operad governing Lie algebra and the one governing commutative algebras. The linear part of δ encodes the differential of the Lie algebra, while the quadratic part encodes the Lie bracket.

We can thus define a third Hopf right C-comodule $\hat{\mathsf{M}}$ by $\hat{\mathsf{M}}(k) \coloneqq \mathsf{M}(k) \otimes_{fV} \Omega^*(\Delta^1)$, where the action of fV on $\Omega^*(\Delta^1)$ is induced by h. We also have morphisms of comodule $\mathsf{M}_Z \leftarrow \hat{\mathsf{M}} \to \mathsf{M}_{Z'}$, induced by evaluation at t=0 and t=1. Because we have assumed that eack $\mathsf{M}(k)$ is cofibrant as a right fV-module, the functor $\mathsf{M}(k) \otimes_{fV} -$ preserves quasi-isomorphisms, hence both morphisms of comodules are quasi-isomorphisms in each arity.

It then remains to show that the models are functorial in terms of the CDGA models for the base manifold. The following general method will work for all of the graphical models we build. Let $f:A\to A'$ be a quasi-isomorphism of CDGAs which sends the MC element in A to the MC element in A'. It induces a morphism between the corresponding graphical models, by applying f to the labels of all the vertices. We can filter the graphical model by the total number of vertices, as the differential always decreases it. The morphism f being a quasi-isomorphism, we obtain an isomorphism on the E^1 pages of the associated spectral sequences. Standard arguments (the filtration is bounded in each degree for a fixed number of external vertices) then show that f induces a quasi-isomorphism on the graphical models.

We must also deal with the choice of MC elements corresponding to the partition function for this case. If we are given an MC element z with values in A, then we can simply apply f to it to obtain an MC element z' = f(z) with values in A'. Conversely, if we are given an MC element z' with values in A', then we apply the Goldman–Millson theorem to show that z' is gauge equivalent to f(z) for some MC element with values in A. As we have already proved that gauge equivalent elements yield quasi-isomorphic objects, we then obtain a zigzag (and not necessarily a direct map) of quasi-isomorphism between the model defined by (A, z) and the one defined by (A', z').

5.4. Model for the fiberwise little n-disks operad

Recall from [CDW17] the construction of a model of the action of the fiberwise little disks operad on FM_M for non-parallelized manifolds (see Section 3.3 for the definition of FM_m^M).

For $m = \dim M$, and a CDGA A one defines a symmetric sequence of graded commutative algebras

$$\operatorname{Gra}_m^A(r) := A \otimes \operatorname{Gra}_m(r).$$
 (5.17)

Suppose we are given a CDGA map $f: A \to \Omega_{PA}(M)$ and a fiberwise volume form $\varphi \in \Omega_{triv}(\mathsf{FM}_m^M(2))$ on the sphere bundle of M, which we assume to be (anti-)symmetric and such that $d\varphi = f(E)$, with $E \in A$. Note that for m even we can assume E = 0. Then, using the usual Feynman rules, we can define a map of Hopf symmetric sequences

$$(\mathsf{Gra}_{m}^{A}, d_{A} + d + ET \cdot) \to \Omega_{\mathsf{PA}}(\mathsf{FM}_{M})$$

$$a \otimes \Gamma \mapsto a \wedge \bigwedge_{(ij) \in E_{\Gamma}} p_{ij}^{*} \varphi, \tag{5.18}$$

where the operation T is the action of the tadpole

$$T := \mathbf{G} \subset \mathrm{GC}_A^{\vee},$$
 (5.19)

removing one edge from the graph.

Remark 5.11. Here we do not allow tadpoles in graphs in Gra_m . We could however extend the formula to graphs with tadpoles as follows. Note that the action T· does not remove tadpole edges, so that the "differential of a tadpole edge" is zero. Hence we may consistently understand $p_{ii}^*\varphi := 0$ in the above formula, to extend it to the tadpole case.

Also note that the map (5.18) is compatible with the cooperad structures on both sides. (I.e., the structure of a cooperad in CDGAs under A is intertwined with the structure of almost cooperad in CDGAs under $\Omega_{PA}(M)$, using the map f from A to $\Omega_{PA}(M)$.)

We may now (try to) twist the map (5.18). This is done by formally introducing an additional arity-zero cogenerator to Gra_m^A producing the collection of CDGAs $A \otimes \operatorname{Tw} \operatorname{Gra}_m(r)$ built from graphs with numbered external and unnumbered "internal" vertices. The map to $\Omega_{\operatorname{PA}}(\mathsf{FM}_M)$ is extended by taking a fiber integral over the positions of the points corresponding to internal vertices

$$A \otimes \operatorname{Tw} \operatorname{\mathsf{Gra}}_m \to \Omega_{\operatorname{PA}}(\operatorname{\mathsf{FM}}_M)$$

$$a \otimes \Gamma \mapsto a \wedge \int_{\operatorname{fiber}} \bigwedge_{(ij) \in E_{\Gamma}} p_{ij}^* \varphi. \tag{5.20}$$

We mind that this map is a priori not compatible with the differential as is, due to boundary terms resulting from applying the fiberwise Stokes' formula. More concretely, for $A = \Omega_{\rm PA}(M)$, the arity zero piece produces a Maurer–Cartan element

$$z_{\Omega} := ET + \sum_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\text{fiber}} \bigwedge_{(ij) \in E\Gamma} p_{ij}^* \varphi \right) \otimes \gamma \in \Omega_{\text{PA}}(M) \, \hat{\otimes} \, \text{GC}_m^{\vee}. \tag{5.21}$$

such that (only) twisting with this MC element makes the above map compatible with the differential. Fortunately, there is the vanishing Lemma:

Lemma 5.12. In the situation above, $z_{\Omega} = ET$.

Sketch of proof, recollected from [CW16]. This vanishing result is shown in the following way (see [CW16] for details): If the graph γ has a vertex of valence 1 (or 0), then a simple degree counting argument asserts that the integral is zero. If the graph has a vertex of valence 2, then using the symmetry property (4.3) one can show that the integral vanishes by a reflection argument due to Kontsevich. Hence we may assume that γ has no vertices of valence ≤ 2 . But then if $n \geq 3$ the integral vanishes again by a simple degree counting argument. If n = 2 one needs to use a more sophisticated vanishing Theorem of Kontsevich.

We finally pass to the quotients:

$$\mathsf{Graphs}_m^A(r) \coloneqq A \otimes \mathsf{Graphs}_m(r)$$
 (5.22)

and equip it with the differential

$$d_A + d + ET \cdot (-). \tag{5.23}$$

One can show in particular:

Proposition 5.13. If $f: A \to \Omega_{PA}(M)$ is a quasi-isomorphism of CDGAs, then the map $\mathsf{Graphs}_m^A \to \Omega_{PA}(\mathsf{FM}_m^M)$ is a quasi-isomorphism of collections of CDGAs, compatible with the (almost) cooperad structures.

One can furthermore show that the action of the fiberwise little disks operad FM_m^M on FM_M naturally intertwines with the right coaction of Graphs_m^A on Graphs_M

$$\Delta_{i} \colon \mathsf{Graphs}_{A}^{\mathfrak{g}} \to \mathsf{Graphs}_{A} \otimes_{A} (\mathsf{Graphs}_{m}^{A})$$

$$\Gamma \mapsto \sum_{\Gamma' \text{ subgraph at } i} \Gamma/\Gamma' \otimes_{A} (\omega_{\Gamma'} \otimes \Gamma') \tag{5.24}$$

where $\omega_{\Gamma'}$ represents the cohomological decorations of Γ' . Here we assume that one makes choices so that Graphs_A supports an A-action.

Proposition 5.14 ([CDW17]). Let M be a closed oriented manifold. There exists a quasi-isomorphisms of right comultimodules

$$(\mathsf{Graphs}_A, \mathsf{Graphs}_m^A) \longrightarrow (\Omega_{\mathsf{PA}}(\mathsf{FM}_M), \Omega_{\mathsf{PA}}(\mathsf{FM}_n^M))$$

extending the map from Theorem 5.7.

5.5. Graph complexes GC_n and SGC_n

There is a dg-module of particular interested appearing in Kontsevich's proof of the formality of FM_n . Define

$$fGC_n := Tw \operatorname{Gra}_n(\emptyset)[-n] \tag{5.25}$$

to be the full graph complex. It is spanned by graphs containing only internal vertices, with a degree shift: if $\gamma \in \mathrm{fGC}_n$ is a graph with k edges and l vertices, then its degree k(n-1)-ln+n. The differential is given by contracting edges. Its suspension $\mathrm{fGC}_n[n]$ is a CDGA, and the product is the disjoint union of graphs. Since the differential cannot create new connected components, this a free CDGA, and we have:

$$fGC_n = S(GC_n[n])[-n]$$
(5.26)

where GC_n is the submodule of connected graph. This submodule is a (pre)Lie algebra using insertion of graphs. The variants GC_n^2 (where bivalent vertices are allowed but univalent vertices forbidden) and GC_n° (where loops are allowed) are defined similarly.

Remark 5.15. Our notations are slightly nonstandard. It is often the dual complex GC_n^{\vee} which is called the graph complex, with a differential that is dually given by creating internal vertices. This dual is a Lie algebra using insertion of graphs.

The homology of this dg-module is particularly hard to compute. It is known that $H^0(GC_2^{\vee})$ is isomorphic to the Grothendieck–Teichmüller Lie algebra \mathfrak{grt}_1 and that $H^{<0}(GC_2^{\vee}) = 0$ [Wil14]; it is a conjecture that $H^1(GC_2) = 0$. The vanishing of $H^*(GC_n^{2,\vee})$ in some degrees shows that the operad of little n-disks is intrinsically formal

as a Hopf cooperad [FW15]. And this homology computes the homotopy groups of the space of rational automorphisms of the little *n*-disks operad [FTW17].

There is also a Swiss-Cheese version of that graph complex appearing in the description of the model for the Swiss-Cheese operad from [Wil15]:

$$fSGC_n := Tw \, \mathsf{SGra}_n(\varnothing, \varnothing)[1-n] = S(SGC_n[n-1])[1-n] \tag{5.27}$$

is the full Swiss-Cheese graph complex, a symmetric algebra on its subcomplex of connected graphs. Its dual

$$KGC_n := SGC_n^{\vee}$$
 (5.28)

is a (pre)Lie algebra, using insertion of graphs, as well as a module over the Lie algebra GC_n^{\vee} . The Kontsevich integrals $c \in KGC_n$ (see Equation (5.7)) define a Maurer–Cartan element in this Lie algebra.

5.6. The local Maurer-Cartan element I

We want to highlight one particular aspect of the constructions recalled above, and slightly generalize the setting. To this end, suppose more generally that $\mathbb{R}^n \hookrightarrow Y \to B$ is a bundle of n-dimensional oriented vector spaces over a connected base B. The example to keep in mind should be B = M and Y = TM.

We may form the associated sphere bundle $S^{n-1} \to S_Y \xrightarrow{\pi} B$. We choose a fiberwise volume form on S_Y , that is, an element $\omega \in \Omega^{n-1}(S_Y)$ such that $\int_{\text{fiber}} \omega = 1$ and $d\omega = \pi^* E$ for some $E \in \Omega^n(B)$. By definition E is the Euler class of Y. Also, ω is unique up to addition of exact elements and basic forms, i.e., pullbacks under π of closed forms representing elements in $H^{n-1}(B)$.

For simplicity (though this is not strictly necessary) we furthermore assume that ω is (anti-)symmetric under the involution I of the spheres:

$$I^*\omega = (-1)^n \omega. \tag{5.29}$$

This can always be achieved by symmetrization $\omega \mapsto (\omega + (-1)^n I^* \omega)/2$. (If we did not ask for (5.29), then we would just replace GC_n by the quasi-isomorphic complex of directed graphs.)

Using the usual configuration space formulas, we create an element

$$z_{\Omega} := E \otimes {}^{\circ} + \sum_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\text{fiber}} \bigwedge_{ij} \pi_{ij}^* \omega \right) \otimes \gamma \in \Omega_{\text{PA}}(B) \, \hat{\otimes} \, \text{GC}_n^{\vee}, \tag{5.30}$$

where we integrate over the fiber in FM_n^Y , the fiberwise configuration space of points on Y modulo scaling as defined in Section 3.3. Notice that there is an identification of B-bundles $\mathsf{FM}_n^Y(2) = S_Y$. By the Stokes formula, z_Ω is a Maurer-Cartan element.

We may now essentially repeat the constructions of Section 5.4. Suppose a $f: A \to \Omega_{PA}(B)$ is a CDGA quasi-isomorphism, and suppose further that $z \in A \otimes GC_n^{\vee}$ is a Maurer-Cartan element satisfying $f(z) = z_{\Omega}$. Then, as above, we may construct a quasi-isomorphism of collections of CDGAs

$$\mathsf{Graphs}_m^A \coloneqq (A \otimes \mathsf{Graphs}_m)^z \to \Omega_{\mathsf{PA}}(\mathsf{FM}_m^B) \tag{5.31}$$

compatible with the cooperadic cocompositions. It is also clear that in this form the construction is naturally functorial in (A, z). Furthermore, changing the MC element z by gauge transformations produces quasi-isomorphic collections of CDGAs. Hence we are interested in determining the gauge equivalence class of z or z_{Ω} . Unfortunately, the simple argument of Lemma 5.12 fails in general, if the dimension of the base is greater than m.

Let us nevertheless note:

Lemma 5.16. The gauge equivalence class of z_{Ω} is independent of the choice of ω .

Proof. Changing the propagator by some exact form β , we may just apply the construction to the propagator $\omega + d(t\beta)$ for the bundle $Y \times I \to B \times I$ (with I = [0,1] the interval) to find an explicit gauge equivalence. Changing the propagator by $\pi^*\alpha$, with α a closed basic form, changes m by gauge transformation with α . (Attention: Here it is important that we include the tadpole in our complex.)

The above construction is furthermore functorial in the bundle Y. Hence we immediately arrive at:

Proposition 5.17. Let $\tau \colon M \to BSO(n)$ be the classifying map of the frame bundle. We have that z_{Ω} as above is gauge equivalent to τ^*z_u , where

$$z_u \in H^*(BSO(n)) \otimes GC_n$$

is the universal Maurer-Cartan element constructed in [KW17], or equivalently by the above construction for $(Y = ESO(n)) \rightarrow (B = BSO(n))$, governing the SO(n)-action on the little n-disks operad.

Remark 5.18. The careful reader might object that in the universal case we apply the construction to the infinite dimensional base BSO(n), then we pull back forms. However, all constructions here can be conducted in finite dimensions effectively, using the standard "Chern–Weil"-type map from the equivariant forms on a space to the forms on the associated bundle.

Concretely, for the equivariant forms (i.e., forms on the universal sphere bundle) we may take the Cartan model $A_{\text{Cartan}} = (S(\mathfrak{g}^*[-2]) \otimes \Omega(S^{n-1}))^G$. An explicit formula for the propagator there has been given in [KW17, Appendix A].

Choose some \mathfrak{g} -valued connection $A \in \Omega^1(FY)$ on the frame bundle Y, i.e., $\iota_x A = x$ for all $x \in \mathfrak{g}$ and A is G-invariant. Then we have a map

$$A_{\text{Cartan}} \to \Omega(FY \times S^{n-1})$$

 $\alpha \mapsto \exp(\pm iA)\alpha(F),$ (5.32)

where F = dA + [A, A]/2 is the curvature, to be "inserted" in the factors \mathfrak{g}^* . One checks that the resulting form is G-basic and hence descends to a form on the quotient S_Y . This is the desired propagator. As in [KW17, Section 6] one checks that the resulting MC element is precisely the pullback of the universal one as stated.

By the above, it suffices to understand the universal MC element m_u . This has been done in [KW17, Theorem 7.1] with the following result.

Theorem 5.19 ([KW17]). The element z_u is gauge equivalent to

$$\begin{cases} E & \text{for } n \text{ even,} \\ \sum_{j\geq 1} \frac{p_{2n-2}^j}{4^j} \frac{1}{2(2j+1)!} & \text{odd,} \end{cases}$$

where $p_{2n-2} \in H^{8n-8}(BSO(n))$ is the top Pontryagin class.

From this we can immediately (re)derive a weaker version of Lemma 5.12:

Corollary 5.20. If $\dim(B) = n$, then z_{Ω} is gauge equivalent to E $^{\bigcirc}$.

For later purposes let us give yet another proof of the result, that generalizes well.

Elementary independent proof of Corollary 5.20. For our purposes it in fact suffices to record that, using the $O(n) \supset SO(n)$ -action on S^{n-1} , the element m_u is $\mathbb{Z}_2 = \pi_0(O(n)) = O(n)/SO(n)$ -invariant, with \mathbb{Z}_2 acting on GC_n by multiplication by $(\pm)^{\text{loop number}}$. This invariance statement is shown by a simple and elementary reflection argument, cf. [KW17, Lemma D.1]: One merely notes that ω can be taken reflection anti-invariant, and hence the integrals inherit that property. Recall also that the \mathbb{Z}_2 on H(BSO(n)) is trivial on all Pontryagin classes and by sign on the Euler class. Finally it is known that the k-loop part (with $k \geq 2$) of $H(GC_n)$ satisfies the following degree bounds (cf. Lemma A.10)

$$H_{k\text{-loop}}^{>-(k+2)(n-3)-3}(GC_n) = 0$$
 (5.33)

In particular, if $\dim(B) = n \geq 3$, then only 1-loop classes can occur in the MC element m by degree reasons. By the above parity argument the coefficient of such 1-loop classes must involve one copy of the Euler class at least (since all Pontryagin classes are even) and hence by degree reasons there are no further possible corrections on top of the leading term, and we hence arrive at the conclusion that

$$z \sim E \ \, \bigcirc \ \, .$$

Remark 5.21. [A remark on tadpoles] We note that using the definitions of [CW16] tadpoles, i.e., edges connecting a vertex to itself are not allowed in graphs in $Graphs_M$. We use different conventions, tadpoles are generally allowed in all graphs and graph complexes. We extend the Feynman rules (5.10) by assigning to a tadpole the zero form, so that eventually the construction of [CW16] is recovered. However, this rule might seem inconsistent at first sight, because the piece δ_{cut} of the differential of a tadpole edge should formally map a tadpole to a representative of the Euler class, which is generally not exact. But note that this piece of the differential is precisely cancelled by the action of the Maurer-Cartan element z above, which removes a tadpole and replaces it by (a representative of) the Euler class, making all formulas formally consistent.

6. A model for SFM_M

6.1. The local Maurer–Cartan element II and models for the fiberwise Swiss-Cheese operad

We can repeat the discussion of Section 5.6 in the local case "with boundary". More precisely, we now consider an oriented vector bundle

$$\mathbb{R}^{n-1} \hookrightarrow Y \to B. \tag{6.1}$$

The most notable example for us will be $B = \partial M$ and $Y = TM|_{\partial M}$. Let H_n be the upper halfspace of \mathbb{R}^n , which we consider with its natural G = SO(n-1)-action. To Y we may then associated the halfspace bundle

$$\operatorname{Fr} Y \times_G \mathsf{H}_n.$$
 (6.2)

By analogy with Section 5.6, we may consider compactified fiberwise configuration spaces of points

$$\mathsf{SFM}_n^Y(r,s) := \operatorname{Fr} Y \times_{SO(n-1)} \mathsf{SFM}_n(r,s) \tag{6.3}$$

in these halfspaces, which form a colored operad in spaces over B.

Proposition 6.1. There exists a "propagator"

$$\tilde{\omega} \in \Omega^{n-1}(\mathsf{SFM}_n^Y(2,0))$$

satisfying the following properties:

- restricted to each fiber (a "Kontsevich's eye") the propagator becomes a volume form at the iris, and zero on the lower lid.
- at the iris, the volume form is (anti-)symmetric.
- $d\tilde{\omega} = 0$.

Proof. The first property is achieved by the local construction of the propagator [Wil15] which is given as a pullback of the volume form on S^{n-1} and is therefore closed. One can then follow the usual globalization argument using the Čech—de Rham complex of a good cover on B and we get that the obstruction to globalize the propagator to a closed form is the Euler class of $Y \times \mathbb{R} \to B$. This class clearly vanishes since the latter bundle has a nonzero global section.

The boundary value at the iris of a propagator $\tilde{\omega}$ is a "non-boundary-case"-propagator $\omega \in \Omega^{n-1}(S_Y)$ in the sense of Section 5.6. Therefore it gives rise to a MC element

$$z_{\Omega} \in \Omega(B) \,\hat{\otimes} \, \mathrm{GC}_{n}^{\vee}. \tag{6.4}$$

We may extend this to Maurer-Cartan element in the semi-direct product:

$$z_{\Omega} + z_{\Omega}^{\partial} \in \Omega^{*}(B) \, \hat{\otimes} \, GC_{n}^{\vee} \ltimes \Omega^{*}(\partial B) \, \hat{\otimes} \, SGC_{n}^{\vee}, \tag{6.5}$$

where

$$z_{\Omega}^{\partial} = \sum_{\Gamma} \left(\int_{\text{fiber}} \bigwedge_{ij} \pi_{ij} \tilde{\omega} \right) \otimes \Gamma \in \Omega^*(B) \, \hat{\otimes} \, \text{SGC}_n^{\vee}. \tag{6.6}$$

Remark 6.2. Applied to the trivial bundle over $B = \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$, this yields the Kontsevich coefficients $c \in SGC_n^{\vee}$ of Equation (5.7).

We also note that clearly, since $\mathsf{SFM}_n(2,0)/(\text{lower lid}) \simeq S^{n-1}$ picking a propagator in the boundary case is topologically "the same" as picking a propagator in the previous subsection, and we have the result analogous to Lemma 5.16.

Lemma 6.3. The gauge equivalence class of the Maurer-Cartan element $z_{\Omega} + z_{\Omega}^{\partial}$ is independent of the choice of $\tilde{\omega}$.

Also, the construction is functorial in Y, and we have the analogous result to Proposition 5.17:

Proposition 6.4. Let $\tau \colon M \to BSO(n)$ be the classifying map of the frame bundle. We have that the Maurer-Cartan element $z_{\Omega} + z_{\Omega}^{\partial}$ above is gauge equivalent to $\tau^*(z_u + z_u^{\partial})$, where

$$z_u + z_u^{\partial} \in H^*(BSO(n-1)) \otimes (GC_n^{\vee} \ltimes SGC_n^{\vee})$$

is the universal Maurer-Cartan element constructed as above for $(Y = ESO(n)) \rightarrow (B = BSO(n))$, governing the SO(n)-action on the little n-disks operad.

Remark 6.5. The universal propagator $\tilde{\omega}_u$ in the boundary case can be constructed by the method of "mirror charges" from the "no boundary" universal propagator ω_u whose explicit formula is given in [KW17], (restricted to $SO(n-1) \subset SO(n)$). Concretely, (with slightly imprecise notation)

$$\tilde{\omega}_u(x,y) = (\omega_u(x,y) - \omega_u(Xx,y))|_{\mathfrak{so}_{n-1}},$$

where X is the reflection of \mathbb{R}^n at the boundary.

We would now like to proceed as in Section 5.6 to evaluate $z_u + z_u^{\partial}$. Unfortunately, a result analogous to Theorem 5.19 is currently not available (although it could be done if necessary). Fortunately, however, the short independent proof of Corollary 5.20 still can be transcribed to the "boundary"-situation.

Proposition 6.6. In the case that dim B = n - 1 and $n \ge 4$, we have that

$$z_{\Omega} + z_{\Omega}^{\partial} \sim 0 + z_{0}^{\partial} + z_{1}^{\partial}$$

with

$$z_0^{\partial} \coloneqq \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{1}{n!} \underbrace{\qquad \qquad }, \qquad z_1^{\partial} \coloneqq E \cdot \left(\sum_{n \geq 0} \underbrace{\qquad \qquad } \pm \sum_{n \geq 0} \underbrace{\qquad \qquad } \right),$$

and $E \in \Omega^{n-1}(B)$ is (a representative of) the Euler class of Y.

Before we give the proof, let us check:

Lemma 6.7. The element above is indeed a Maurer-Cartan element.

Proof. We have $E^2=0$ by degree reasons, hence we just have to check that $\delta z_0^\partial+\frac{1}{2}[z_0^\partial,z_0^\partial]=0$ and that z_1^∂ is z_0^∂ -closed, i.e., $\delta z_1^\partial+[z_0^\partial,z_1^\partial]=0$. Both facts are easy explicit computations.

Proof of Proposition 6.6. We will first consider the universal MC element z_u+Z_u from [KW17] (see Proposition 5.17; the piece z_u may in fact be evaluated by using Theorem 5.19, but we shall not need to use it here.) As has been shown in Proposition A.11, we have that

$$H^*(\mathrm{SGC}_n^{\vee, z_0^{\partial}}) = H(\mathrm{GC}_n)[-1] \oplus H(\mathrm{GC}_{n-1}).$$
 (6.7)

By the same reflection argument as in the elementary proof of Corollary 5.20 we see that any odd-loop-order graph must have a coefficient divisible by the Euler class (of degree n-1). In particular, pulling back via $H(BSO(n-1)) \to \Omega(B)$, by degree counting we see that the 1-loop graphs do not contribute to the MC element except possibly for the 1-loop graph in GC_{n-1} with one vertex, which corresponds to the term z_1^{∂} above.

By the degree bounds (5.33) we however find that higher loop classes can also not contribute non-trivially, using that $n \geq 4$, and hence $n-1 \geq 3$. This shows that the loop order zero piece $0 + z_0^{\partial}$ is deformable in at most one direction (namely z_1^{∂}). One then shows by an explicit integral computation (which we leave to the reader) that the pieces z_0^{∂} and z_1^{∂} indeed occur with the weights shown.

We can now mimick the constructions of Sections 5.4 and 5.6 and build models of the fiberwise Swiss Cheese operad $(\mathsf{FM}_m^M, \mathsf{SFM}_m^M)$. To this end we consider the collection of CDGAs $A_\partial \otimes \mathsf{SGra}_n$, fitting into a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
A & \longrightarrow & \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}(M) \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
A_{\partial} & \longrightarrow & \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}(\partial M).
\end{array} (6.8)$$

The collection $A_{\partial} \otimes \mathsf{SGra}_n$ comes equipped with a map of CDGAs

$$(A_{\partial} \otimes \mathsf{SGra}_n, d_{A_{\partial}} + d) \to \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathsf{SFM}_n^M).$$

It is compatible with the cooperad structures and the right coaction of $A \otimes \mathsf{Gra}_n$ (respectively $\Omega_{\mathsf{PA}}(\mathsf{FM}_n^M)$).

Again we may twist the map, extending the twist discussed in Section 5.4. We assume that were are given MC element $(z, z^{\partial}) \in A \otimes GC_n \ltimes A_{\partial} \otimes KGC_n$ mapping to $(z_{\Omega}, z_{\Omega}^{\partial})$ above under the given maps $A \to \Omega_{PA}(M)$, $A_{\partial} \to \Omega_{PA}(\partial M)$. Then we obtain a map of collection of CDGAs

$$\mathsf{SGraphs}_n^{A_\partial} := (A_\partial \otimes \mathsf{SGraphs}_n)^{z,z^\partial} \to \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathsf{SFM}_n^M) \tag{6.9}$$

compatible with the cooperadic structure and with the right action of $\mathsf{SGraphs}_n^A$. If the horizontal arrows in (6.8) are quasi-isomorphisms, then we obtain accordingly a quasi-isomorphism of colored Hopf (almost) cooperads

$$(\mathsf{Graphs}_n^A, \mathsf{SGraphs}_n^{A_\partial}) \to (\Omega_{\mathsf{PA}}(\mathsf{FM}_M), \Omega_{\mathsf{PA}}(\mathsf{SFM}_n^M)),$$
 (6.10)

which provides our desired combinatorial model for the fiberwise Swiss Cheese operad. Furthermore the construction is functorial in the pair $A \to A_{\partial}$, and changing the MC element (z, z^{∂}) to a gauge equivalent one produces a quasi-isomorphic colored Hopf cooperad, see Section 5.3. We may hence assume that the MC element has the simple form discussed above.

6.2. Colored labeled graphs

We now introduce a colored version of the graph comodules from Section 5.2.

Definition 6.8. Given diagonal data $(A, A_{\partial}, \rho, \Delta_A, \sigma_A)$ (see Section 4.2), we define the CDGA of (A, A_{∂}) -labeled graphs on the finite sets U, V as:

$$\mathsf{SGra}_{A,A_{\partial}}(U,V) \coloneqq \left((A_{\partial})^{\otimes U} \otimes A^{\otimes V} \otimes \mathsf{SGra}_{n}(U,V), d \right) \tag{6.11}$$

with differential defined by

$$de_{vv'} = \begin{cases} \iota_{vv'}(\Delta_A) & v \neq v' \in V, \\ 0 & v = v' \in V. \end{cases}$$

$$(6.12)$$

$$de_{vu} = \iota_{vu}(\Delta_{A,A_{\partial}}), \ u \in U, v \in V.$$

$$(6.13)$$

Remark 6.9. The fact that the differential of tadpole edges is zero should be understood as due to the action of the MC element ET. More precisely, the above definition is reasonable if we assume below that the distinguished element $E \in A$ of Section 5.4 is equal to the image (say E') of $\Delta_A \in A \otimes A$ under the multiplication map $A \otimes A \to A$. More generally, we define the differential of the tadpole edge to be E - E'. In either case, we can show the following result.

Proposition 6.10. The bisymmetric collection $\mathsf{SGra}_{A,A_{\partial}}$ is a Hopf right $(\mathsf{Gra}_n^A, \mathsf{SGra}_n^{A_{\partial}})$ -comodule.

Proof. The proof is similar to the proof of [Idr16, Proposition 3.8]. General considerations imply that if we forget the differential d, then the collection $\{(A_{\partial})^{\otimes U} \otimes A^{\otimes V} \otimes \mathsf{SGra}_n(U,V)\}_{U,V}$ is a Hopf right $(\mathsf{Gra}_n^A,\mathsf{SGra}_n^{A_{\partial}})$ -comodule. Thus it is sufficient to check that the comodule structure maps are compatible with the differential on all the generators. This is clear on the generators coming from A and A_{∂} , and we have defined the differential on the edges precisely so that it is compatible with the structure maps. \square

This comodule has a graphical description similar to SGra_n . The difference is that aerial points (corresponding to the interior of M) are labeled by A, while terrestrial points (corresponding to the boundary) are labeled by A_{∂} .

Given a graph Γ , the differential $d\Gamma$ is a sum over the set of edges of Γ . For each summand, one removes the edge from the graph and multiplies the endpoints of the edge by either Δ_A (if both endpoints are aerial) or $\Delta_{A,\partial A}$ (if one endpoint is aerial and the other terrestrial). We call this "splitting" the edge, see Figure 6.1. Recall that we write $\Delta_A = \sum_{(\Delta_A)} \Delta'_A \otimes \Delta''_A \in A^{\otimes 2}$.

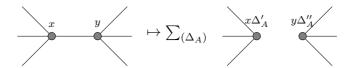


Figure 6.1: The splitting differential of $\mathsf{SGra}_{A,A_{\partial}}$ (a gray vertex can be of any kind).

The product glues graphs along their vertices (multiplying the labels), and the comodule structure collapses subgraphs, multiplying the labels and applying ρ to them if necessary.

We also note that the construction of $\mathsf{Graphs}_{A,\partial A}$ is evidently functorial in the data $(A,A_\partial,\rho,\Delta_A)$.

Definition 6.11. Let M be a compact oriented semi-algebraic manifold with boundary ∂M . We define M-realized diagonal data to be diagonal data $(A \xrightarrow{\rho} A_{\partial}, \Delta_A, \sigma_A)$ mapping into M through (g, g_{∂}) (see the end of Section 4.2), together with a propagator $\varphi \in \Omega^*_{\text{triv}}(\mathsf{SFM}_M(0,2))$ as built in Proposition 4.7. In particular, $d\varphi = (g \otimes g)(\Delta_A)$.

Proposition 6.12. Given M-realized diagonal data $(A \xrightarrow{\rho} A_{\partial}, \Delta_A, \sigma_A, g, g_{\partial}, \varphi)$, there is a morphism of bisymmetric collections $\omega' : \mathsf{SGra}_{A,A_{\partial}} \to \Omega^*_{\mathsf{PA}}(\mathsf{SFM}_M)$ characterized by

$$\omega'(\iota_{v}(x)) = p_{v}^{*}(g(x)) \qquad v \in V, \ x \in A$$

$$\omega'(\iota_{u}(x)) = p_{u}^{*}(g_{\partial}(x)) \qquad u \in U, \ x \in A_{\partial}$$

$$\omega'(e_{vv'}) = p_{vv'}^{*}(\varphi) \qquad v, v' \in V$$

$$\omega'(e_{vu}) = p_{vu}^{*}(j^{*}(\varphi)) \qquad u \in U, \ v \in V$$

where $j: \mathsf{SFM}_M(\underline{1},\underline{1}) \to \mathsf{SFM}_M(\varnothing,\underline{2})$ is the inclusion.⁵ The morphism ω' is naturally compatible with the action of the fiberwise Swiss-Cheese operad, and we can extend ω' by the maps of Section 6.1 to a Hopf (relative) comodule map

$$\omega': (\mathsf{SGra}_{A,A_{\partial}},\mathsf{Gra}_n^A,\mathsf{SGra}_n^{A_{\partial}}) \to (\Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}^*(\mathsf{SFM}_M),\Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}^*(\mathsf{FM}_n^M),\Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}^*(\mathsf{SFM}_n^M))$$

Proof. Due to the description of $\mathsf{SGra}_{A,A_\partial}$, it is clear that we can get an algebra map with the prescribed behavior on the generators. The properties of φ (see Proposition 4.7, most notably the fact that $d\varphi = \Delta_A$) and the fact that g, g_∂ are CDGA maps also show that this map is compatible with the differentials on both side.

It remains to check that this is a morphism of comodules. This is clear on the generators coming from A and A_{∂} . For edges, we use again the properties of the propagator.

⁵Recall that one must choose a collar $\partial M \times [0,1) \subset M$ in order to define this inclusion.

Note that for odd n, when we apply the comodule structure map to the propagator $\varphi \in \Omega^{n-1}_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathsf{SFM}_M(0,2))$, we get a sum of the local propagator $\varphi \in \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathsf{FM}_n(2))$ plus the Euler class of ∂M , which is consistent with the fact that applying the comodule structure map $\circ_{\varnothing,\underline{2}}^{\vee}$ to the edge $e_{12} \in \mathsf{SGra}_{A,A_{\partial}}(\varnothing,\underline{2})$ produces a sum $1 \otimes e_{12} + e_{**} \otimes 1 \in \mathsf{SGra}_{A,A_{\partial}}(\{*\},\varnothing) \otimes \mathsf{Gra}_n(\underline{2})$ and that tadpoles are sent to the Euler class of ∂M . For even n there is no such difficulty (and tadpoles are mapped to zero).

Next we want to extend the operadic twist from $(\mathsf{Gra}_n^A, \mathsf{SGra}_n^{A_\partial})$ to $(\mathsf{Graphs}_n^A, \mathsf{SGraphs}_n^{A_\partial})$ discussed above to also include $\mathsf{SGra}_{A,A_\partial}$. Again we may proceed by passing to a collection of CDGAs Tw $\mathsf{SGra}_{A,A_\partial}$ obtained by formally adding a zero-ary cogenerator. Recall that M-realized diagonal data produces Maurer–Cartan elements

$$z_{\Omega} + z_{\Omega}^{\partial} \in \Omega_{\text{triv}}^{*}(M) \, \hat{\otimes} \, GC_{n}^{\vee} \ltimes \Omega_{\text{triv}}^{*}(\partial M) \, \hat{\otimes} \, SGC_{n}^{\vee}, \tag{6.14}$$

see Sections 5.6 and 6.1. We assume that we are given MC elements

$$z + z^{\partial} \in A \,\hat{\otimes} \, \mathrm{GC}_{n}^{\vee} \ltimes A_{\partial} \,\hat{\otimes} \, \mathrm{SGC}_{n}^{\vee} \tag{6.15}$$

mapping to $z_{\Omega} + z_{\Omega}^{\partial}$ under the given map $A \to \Omega^*_{\text{triv}}(M)$, $A_{\partial} \to \Omega^*_{\text{triv}}(\partial M)$. The following definition will depend on this choice, although we will suppress it from the notation.

Definition 6.13. The twisted colored labeled graph comodule $\operatorname{Tw} \operatorname{\mathsf{SGra}}_{A,A_{\partial}}$ is the Hopf right $\operatorname{Tw}(A \otimes \operatorname{\mathsf{Gra}}_n, A_{\partial} \otimes \operatorname{\mathsf{SGra}}_n)$ -comodule obtained by twisting $\operatorname{\mathsf{SGra}}_{A,A_{\partial}}$ with respect to the Maurer–Cartan element (z, z_{∂}) .

Let us give a graphical description of the module Tw $\mathsf{SGra}_{A,A_{\partial}}(U,V)$. It is spanned by graphs with four types of vertices: on the one hand, either aerial or terrestrial, and on the other hand either external or internal. Recall that aerial vertices are labeled by A while terrestrial ones are labeled by A_{∂} . External aerial vertices are in bijection with V, while external terrestrial vertices are in bijection with U. Internal aerial vertices are of degree -n, while internal terrestrial vertices are of degree -(n-1). Both kinds of internal vertices are indistinguishable among themselves. Finally, edges are of degree n-1, and the source of an edge may only be aerial.

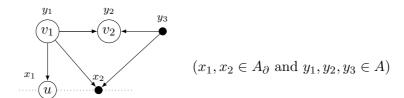


Figure 6.2: A colored labeled graph in Tw $\mathsf{SGra}_{A,A_{\partial}}(\{u\},\{v_1,v_2\})$.

The product glues graphs along external vertices (multiplying the labels). The comodule structure maps collapse subgraphs, and the label of the collapsed subgraph is the product of all the labels inside that subgraph (applying $\rho: A \to A_{\partial}$ as needed). Finally, the differential has several parts (in addition to the internal differentials of A and A_{∂}):

- A first part comes from $\mathsf{SGra}_{A,A_{\partial}}$: it splits edges between vertices of any type, and then multiplies the endpoints of the removed edge by either Δ_A or $\Delta_{A,\partial}$.
- A second part contracts a subgraph Γ' with only aerial vertices, at most one of them being external. The result of that contraction is an aerial vertex (external if Γ' contained one, internal otherwise). The label of that vertex by the products of all the labels in Γ' , multiplied by $z(\bar{\Gamma}')$, where $\bar{\Gamma}' \in GC_n$ is Γ' with all the labels removed. See Figure 6.3 for an example.
- A third part contracts a subgraph Γ'' with at most one external vertex. The label of the contracted subgraph is the product of all the labels inside it, multiplied by $z^{\partial}(\bar{\Gamma}'')$, where $\bar{\Gamma}'' \in SGC_n$ is the subgraph with the labels removed. If the result contains a "bad edge" (whose source is terrestrial), then the summand vanishes. Again, see Figure 6.3.

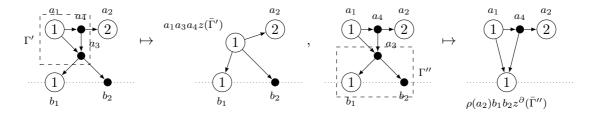


Figure 6.3: Second and third part of the differential in Tw $\mathsf{SGra}_{A,A_{\partial}}$

Remark 6.14. The second part of the differential has often a simpler description. Assume that $z \in \Omega^*(M) \otimes GC_n^{\vee}$ is simply the Maurer–Cartan element given by $1 \otimes \mu$, where $\mu \in GC_n^{\vee}$ is the graph with two vertices and one edge as usual (see Equation (5.2)). Then that second part of the differential simply contracts an edge between an (aerial) internal vertex and an aerial vertex of any kind, multiplying the labels. Note that this includes dead ends (i.e. edges connected to a univalent internal vertex), unlike the differential in SGraphs_n.

Remark 6.15. Note that there are several differences compared to the description of the differential from Section 5.1: dead ends are contractible, and the last part of the differential which forgets some internal vertices is not present. This comes from the fact that in the definition of the twisting of a right comodule over a cooperad, the Maurer-Cartan element of the deformation complex can only act "from the right" on the comodule.

Dead ends aren't contractible in $\operatorname{Tw} \operatorname{\mathsf{SGra}}_n$ because the contraction of a dead end appears twice in the differential, one "from the left" and one "from the right", and they cancel each other (see [Wil14, Appendix I.3]). This cancellation does not occur in $\operatorname{Tw} \operatorname{\mathsf{SGra}}_{A,A_{\partial}}$. The last part of the differential on $\operatorname{Tw} \operatorname{\mathsf{SGra}}_n$ came exclusively from the left action of the deformation complex on $\operatorname{\mathsf{SGra}}_n$, and so cannot appear in $\operatorname{\mathsf{Tw}} \operatorname{\mathsf{SGra}}_{A,A_{\partial}}$.

Remark 6.16. One should not forget that when a subgraph $\Gamma' \subset \Gamma$ with only internal vertices is contracted (the third part), the result may be a terrestrial vertex even though the subgraph contains only aerial vertices, see Figure 6.4.



Figure 6.4: Collapsing an aerial vertex into a terrestrial vertex

Proposition 6.17. The morphism $\omega' : \mathsf{SGra}_{A,A_{\partial}} \to \Omega^*_{\mathsf{PA}}(\mathsf{SFM}_M)$ of Proposition 6.12 extends to a morphism of bisymmetric collections $\omega : \mathsf{Tw}\,\mathsf{SGra}_{A,A_{\partial}} \to \Omega^*_{\mathsf{PA}}(\mathsf{SFM}_M)$, given on a graph $\Gamma \in \mathsf{SGra}_{A,A_{\partial}}(U \sqcup I, V \sqcup J) \subset \mathsf{Tw}\,\mathsf{SGra}_{A,A_{\partial}}(U, V)$ by:

$$\omega(\Gamma) := (p_{U,V})_*(\omega'(\Gamma)) = \int_{\mathsf{SFM}_M(U \sqcup I, V \sqcup J) \to \mathsf{SFM}_M(U,V)} \omega'(\Gamma).$$

This morphism is compatible with the fiberwise Swiss Cheese action, i.e., we have a map of relative right Hopf multimodules

$$\omega: (\operatorname{Tw} \operatorname{\mathsf{SGra}}\nolimits_{A,A_{\partial}}^A), \operatorname{Tw} \operatorname{\mathsf{Gra}}\nolimits_n^A, \operatorname{Tw} \operatorname{\mathsf{SGra}}\nolimits_n^{A_{\partial}}) \to (\Omega_{\operatorname{PA}}^*(\operatorname{\mathsf{SFM}}\nolimits_M), \Omega_{\operatorname{PA}}(\operatorname{\mathsf{FM}}\nolimits_n^M), \Omega_{\operatorname{PA}}^*(\operatorname{\mathsf{SFM}}\nolimits_n^M)).$$

Proof. First note that we have chosen the propagator φ so that it is a trivial form, and we have assumed that the morphisms $A \to \Omega^*_{PA}(M)$ and $A_{\partial} \to \Omega^*_{PA}(\partial M)$ factor through the sub-CDGAs of trivial forms. Hence for any graph Γ , $\omega'(\Gamma)$ is a trivial form and can be integrated along the fiber of $p_{U,V}$.

We can now reuse the proof of [Idr16, Proposition 3.14]. The difference is the description of the decomposition of the fiberwise boundary of $p_{U,V}$ used to show that ω is a chain map through the application of Stokes' formula. This description is similar to the one implicitly used by [Wil15] (see also [Kon03, Section 5.2.1]) with some variations accounting from the fact that no normalization is done to compactify M (see the discussion before the proof of [Idr16, Lemma 3.18]). More concretely, the boundary of $\mathsf{SFM}_M(U,V)$ is given by:

$$\partial \mathsf{SFM}_M(U,V) = \bigcup_{T \in \mathcal{BF}'(V)} \operatorname{im}(\circ_T) \cup \bigcup_{(W,T) \in \mathcal{BF}''(U;V)} \operatorname{im}(\circ_{W,T}),$$

where:

$$\mathcal{BF}'(V) := \{ T \subset V \mid \#T \ge 2 \}, \mathcal{BF}''(U; V) := \{ (W, T) \mid W \subset U, \ T \subset V, \ 2 \cdot \#T + \#W \ge 2 \}.$$
 (6.16)

Note that in the description of $\partial \mathsf{SFM}_n(U,V)$, there is an additional condition $W \cup T \subsetneq U \cup V$. Indeed in SFM_n the normalization by the affine group prevents the points from becoming infinitesimally close all at once; in SFM_M , no such normalization occurs.

Then the fiberwise boundary of the canonical projection $p_{U,V}$ is given by:

$$\mathsf{SFM}_{M}^{\partial}(U,V) = \bigcup_{T \in \mathcal{BF}'(V,J)} \operatorname{im}(\circ_{W,T}) \subset \mathsf{SFM}_{M}(U \sqcup I, V \sqcup J), \tag{6.17}$$

where the subsets $\mathcal{BF}'(V,J) \subset \mathcal{BF}'(V \sqcup J)$ and $\mathcal{BF}''(U,I;V,J) \subset \mathcal{BF}''(U \sqcup I;V \sqcup J)$ are defined by:

$$T \in \mathcal{BF}'(V,J) \iff \#(T \cap J) \le 1,$$

$$(W,T) \in \mathcal{BF}''(U,I;V,J) \iff V \cap T = \varnothing, \#(U \cap W) \le 1.$$
(6.18)

One can then check that the boundary faces of that decomposition correspond to the summands of the differential. \Box

Definition 6.18. Define the full colored graph complex to be:

$$fSGC_{A,A_{\partial}} := Tw SGra_{A,A_{\partial}}(\varnothing,\varnothing).$$

This is the CDGA of colored, labeled graphs with only internal vertices. The product is the disjoint union of graphs, thus $\mathrm{fSGC}_{A,A_\partial}$ is free as an algebra, generated by the graded module $\mathrm{SGC}_{A,A_\partial}$ of connected graphs. Each $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathsf{SGra}_{A,A_\partial}(U,V)$ is a module over the CDGA $\mathrm{fSGC}_{A,A_\partial}$ by adding connected components.

Remark 6.19. Since $fSGC_{A,A_{\partial}}$ is a CDGA, the dual module $SGC_{A,A_{\partial}}^{\vee}$ is naturally an hoLie₁-algebra. The differential of $fSGC_{A,A_{\partial}}$ cannot create more than two connected components, thus $SGC_{A,A_{\partial}}^{\vee}$ is actually a Lie₁-algebra. The differential blows up vertices (like in GC_n^{\vee}) and joins pairs of vertices by an edge, while the Lie bracket joins two graphs by an edge.

We may consider the differential graded Lie algebra

$$\mathfrak{g}_{A,\partial A} := \mathrm{SGC}_{A,A_{\partial}} \times \mathrm{SGC}_{n}^{A_{\partial}} \times \mathrm{GC}_{n}^{A}.$$
 (6.19)

A CDGA morphism

$$fSGC_{A,A_{\partial}}(\varnothing,\varnothing) \to \mathbb{k}$$
 (6.20)

may be interpreted as an extension of the Maurer–Cartan element $z^{\partial}+z$ to a Maurer–Cartan element

$$Z + z^{\partial} + z \in \mathfrak{g}_{A,\partial A}. \tag{6.21}$$

The universal example of such a MC element, in some sense, is given by the following definition.

Definition 6.20. The colored partition function $Z_{\Omega}: \mathrm{fSGC}_{\Omega^*_{\mathrm{triv}}(M), \Omega^*_{\mathrm{triv}(\partial M)}} \to \mathbb{R}$ is the CDGA morphism given by the restriction in empty arity

$$Z_{\Omega} \coloneqq \omega|_{(\varnothing,\varnothing)} : \mathrm{Tw}\,\mathsf{SGra}_{\Omega_{\mathrm{triv}}(M),\Omega^*_{\mathrm{triv}}(\partial M)}(\varnothing,\varnothing) \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathsf{SFM}_M(\varnothing,\varnothing)) = \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\{*\}) = \mathbb{R}.$$

We will next assume that we are given a Maurer–Cartan element (the partition function) $Z + z^{\partial} + z \in \mathfrak{g}_{A,\partial A}$ that maps to $Z_{\Omega} + z_{\Omega}^{\partial} + z_{\Omega}$ under the given maps $A \to \Omega_{\mathrm{triv}}(M)$, $A_{\partial} \to \Omega_{\mathrm{triv}}(\partial M)$.

Definition 6.21. The reduced colored labeled graph comodule $\mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_{\partial}}$ is the bisymmetric collection given in each arity by:

$$\mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_{\partial}}(U,V) \coloneqq \mathbb{R} \otimes_{\mathsf{fSGC}_{A,A_{\partial}}} \mathsf{Tw}\,\mathsf{SGra}_{A,A_{\partial}}(U,V),$$

where we understand \mathbb{R} as an fSGC_{A,A ∂}-module via the given partition function Z.

Proposition 6.22. The bisymmetric collection $\mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_{\partial}}$ forms a Hopf right multimodule over $(\mathsf{SGraphs}_n^{A_{\partial}},\mathsf{Graphs}_n^A)$, and the map $\omega: \mathsf{Tw}\,\mathsf{SGra}_{A,A_{\partial}} \to \Omega^*_{\mathsf{PA}}(\mathsf{SFM})$ factors through a Hopf right comodule morphism:

$$\omega: (\mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_{\partial}}^{A}, \mathsf{SGraphs}_{n}^{A_{\partial}}, \mathsf{Graphs}_{n}^{A}) \rightarrow (\Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}^{*}(\mathsf{SFM}_{M}), \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}^{*}(\mathsf{SFM}_{n}^{M}), \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}^{*}(\mathsf{FM}_{n}^{M})).$$

Proof. This is identical to the proof of [Idr16, Proposition 3.23] and follows from the general properties of integration along fibers, most prominently the double-pushforward formula of [HLTV11, Proposition 8.13].

6.3. Cohomology and quasi-isomorphism theorem

One of the main results of this paper is the following, more precise version of Theorem A:

Theorem 6.23. Suppose we are given realized diagonal data $(A \xrightarrow{\rho} A_{\partial}, \Delta_A, \sigma_A, g, g_{\partial}, \varphi)$ fitting into a commutative diagram (4.8), as well as a Maurer-Cartan element $Z + z^{\partial} + z \in \mathfrak{g}_{A,A_{\partial}}$ mapping to the canonical Maurer-Cartan element from Definition 6.20. Suppose that the horizontal maps in (4.8) are quasi-isomorphisms. Then the map

$$\omega: (\mathsf{SGraphs}_{A.A_{\exists}}^{A}, \mathsf{SGraphs}_{n}^{A\partial}, \mathsf{Graphs}_{n}^{A}) \to (\Omega_{\mathsf{PA}}^{*}(\mathsf{SFM}_{M}), \Omega_{\mathsf{PA}}^{*}(\mathsf{SFM}_{n}^{M}), \Omega_{\mathsf{PA}}^{*}(\mathsf{FM}_{n}^{M})).$$

of Proposition 6.22 is a quasi-isomorphism. The same result holds in the "combinatorial" case $A = S(\tilde{H}^*(M) \oplus H^*(M, \partial M)), \ A_{\partial} = S(\tilde{H}^*(\partial M))$ from Example 4.2.

The construction of $(\mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_{\partial}}, \mathsf{SGraphs}_n^{A_{\partial}}, \mathsf{Graphs}_n^A)$ is functorial in $A \to A_{\partial}$, see Section 5.3. Hence it sufficient to consider the universal case with $A = \Omega_{\mathrm{triv}}(M)$, $A_{\partial} = \Omega_{\mathrm{triv}}(\partial M)$ and the Maurer–Cartan element equal to the universal one.

We will need the following technical result:

Proposition 6.24. Suppose we have a commutative diagram of CDGAs

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
A & \xrightarrow{\sim} & A' \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
B & \xrightarrow{f} & B'.
\end{array}$$

Suppose that in addition the induced map between the derived tensor products

$$B\otimes_A^{\mathbb{L}} \Bbbk \to B'\otimes_A^{\mathbb{L}} \Bbbk$$

is a quasi-isomorphism. Suppose further that A is cohomologically connected and of finite cohomological type. Then f is a quasi-isomorphism.

Proof. The proof is essentially done by using the Serre spectral sequence. We may pick a resolution $C \to A$ which is connected. It suffices to show that the middle arrow in the following zigzag is a quasi-isomorphism:

$$B \stackrel{\sim}{\leftarrow} B \otimes_C^{\mathbb{L}} C \to B' \otimes_C^{\mathbb{L}} C \stackrel{\sim}{\to} B'. \tag{6.22}$$

To this end we realize the derived tensor products by using normalized bar resolutions

$$M \otimes_C^{\mathbb{L}} M' := \mathcal{B}_*(M, C, M') = \left(\bigoplus_{n \ge 0} M \otimes (\bar{C}[1])^{\otimes n} \otimes M', d\right),$$
 (6.23)

where $\bar{C} = \ker(C \to \mathbb{k})$.

We filter $B \otimes_C^{\mathbb{L}} C$ and $B' \otimes_C^{\mathbb{L}} C$ by the cohomological degree of the last factor C. The associated graded is identified with $(B \otimes_C^{\mathbb{L}} \mathbb{k}) \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} C$ and $(B' \otimes_C^{\mathbb{L}} \mathbb{k}) \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} C$ respectively. By our assumption, the map is an isomorphism on the E^1 -page, and moreover our filtration is exhaustive and bounded below, whence the claim follows.

Proof of Theorem 6.23. We only need to show that the map $\mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_{\partial}} \to \Omega_{\mathsf{PA}}(\mathsf{SFM}_M)$ of the theorem is a quasi-isomorphism. We use a proof technique by induction similar to [LV14, Chapter 8], with some extra work to "push" the decorations away from a given external vertex (similar to [Idr16, Lemmas 4.27–28]), adapted to the Swiss-Cheese case.

More concretely, we proceed by an induction on the arities r (in the boundary) and s (in the interior). Say we begin with s. For the induction step, we apply the Proposition 6.24 to the diagram

$$\begin{split} \mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_{\partial}}(r,s) & \stackrel{\sim}{-\!\!\!\!-\!\!\!\!-\!\!\!\!-\!\!\!\!-} \Omega_{\mathsf{PA}}(\mathsf{SFM}_{M}(r,s)) \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_{\partial}}(r,s+1) & \longrightarrow \Omega_{\mathsf{PA}}(\mathsf{SFM}_{M}(r,s+1)). \end{split} \tag{6.24}$$

Note that

$$\Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathsf{SFM}_M(r,s+1)) \otimes^{\mathbb{L}}_{\Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathsf{SFM}_M(r,s))} \mathbb{k}$$
 (6.25)

is a model for the homotopy fiber $\mathsf{SFM}_M(r,s+1) \to \mathsf{SFM}_M(r,s)$, and since this map is a fibration, we obtain a model for the fiber. This fiber is homotopy equivalent to $M \setminus \underline{s}$, i.e., the manifold M with s points removed from the interior.

Using the Mayer–Vietoris exact sequence inductively on the number of removed points one computes

$$H^*(M \setminus \underline{s}) = H^*(M) \oplus (\mathbb{R}[1-n])^s. \tag{6.26}$$

On the other hand let us compute

$$V := \mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_{\partial}}(r,s+1) \otimes^{\mathbb{L}}_{\mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_{\partial}}(r,s)} \, \Bbbk. \tag{6.27}$$

The module $\mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_{\partial}}(r,s+1)$ is free over the algebra $\mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_{\partial}}(r,s)$, therefore the derived tensor product agrees with the ordinary one. As a graded vector space, this tensor product can be represented by graphs in which the (external aerial) vertex labeled by 1 is ≥ 1 valent, together with a copy of $\mathbb R$ in degree zero accounting for the remaining graphs using the evaluation map $\mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_{\partial}}(r,s) \to \mathbb R$. As a chain complex, whenever the differential produces a "forbidden" (0-valent on vertex 1) graph, one replaces it by its evaluation.

To compute the cohomology of V, we split the complex into pieces

$$V = V_0 \bigoplus_{H} V_H \bigoplus_{H} V_{in} \bigoplus_{H} V_{\geq 1} . \tag{6.28}$$

The splitting depends on whether we are in the model-theoretic case or the combinatorial case $A = S(\tilde{H}^*(M) \oplus H^*(M, \partial M))$. We have:

- V_0 is the piece where vertex 1 has valence zero and is decorated by the unit $1 \in A^0$;
- V_H is the piece where vertex 1 has valence zero and is either decorated by an element of $A^{>0}$ (in the model case), or by a single element of $\tilde{H}^*(M)$ and not $H^*(M, \partial M)$ (in the combinatorial case);
- V_{in} is the piece where vertex 1 has valence one, the edge is incoming, and it is decorated by the unit in A^0 ;
- $V_{>1}$ consists of all other graphs.

Clearly $V_0 = A^0 = \mathbb{R}$ and V_H is either $A^{>0}$ or $\tilde{H}^*(M)$. There are various pieces of the differential between the summands as shown by arrows above.

We may take a spectral sequence such that the first differential is the one pointing furthest right in (6.28), i.e., the map from $V_{in} \to V_{\geq 1}$ given by the contraction of the edge at vertex 1.

This map is surjective. Its kernel is composed of graphs where either (i) the edge is connected to another external vertex, necessarily aerial; (ii) the edge is connected to an internal vertex, decorated by an element of $H^*(M)$ in the combinatorial case; (iii) the edge is connected to an internal vertex of valence 2, with one incoming and 1 outgoing edge.

The next page's differential comes from the piece of the differential in (6.28) mapping the summands to themselves, and is only non-trivial on the V_{in} factor. One can check that this differential kills all remaining terms in the V_{in} except for the graphs where vertex 1 is connected to one external vertex. The spectral sequence converges here to (6.26), so we have finished the induction step on r.

We are thus reduced to the case s = 0, i.e. all the (external) vertices are on the boundary. Next we proceed with the induction on r. We proceed in the same manner as above, starting with the diagram

$$\begin{split} \mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_{\partial}}(r,0) & \stackrel{\sim}{-\!\!\!\!-\!\!\!\!-\!\!\!\!-\!\!\!\!-} \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathsf{SFM}_{M}(r,0)) \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_{\partial}}(r+1,0) & \longrightarrow \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathsf{SFM}_{M}(r+1,0)). \end{split} \tag{6.29}$$

The fiber of $\mathsf{FM}_M(r+1,0) \to \mathsf{FM}_M(r,0)$ is homotopy equivalent to ∂M minus r points, with cohomology

$$H^{< n-1}(\partial M) \oplus (\mathbb{R}[1-n])^{r-1}.$$
 (6.30)

We have to compare this to the cohomology of

$$\mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_{\partial}}(r+1,0) \otimes^{\mathbb{L}}_{\mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_{\partial}}(r,0)} \Bbbk = \mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_{\partial}}(r+1,0) \otimes_{\mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_{\partial}}(r,0)} \Bbbk. \quad (6.31)$$

The latter space can again be identified with graphs "modulo" internally connected components not connected to external vertex 1 (note that it is now terrestrial).

We want to compute the cohomology of that space by splitting it as above. First let us define "wedges", which are bivalent aerial internal vertices, decorated by the unit of A and connected to two terrestrial vertices; and stubs, which are univalent aerial internal vertices, decorated by an element of $\ker(A \to A_{\partial})$ and connected to a terrestrial vertex. See Figure 6.5 for examples.



Figure 6.5: Wedges and stubs

We may now split our complex as:

$$W := W_0 \oplus W_A \oplus W_w \oplus W_{\geq 1} , \qquad (6.32)$$

where:

- $W_0 = \mathbb{k}$ are graphs for which vertex 1 has valence zero and is decorated by the unit $1 \in A_{\partial}^0$;
- W_A are graphs where vertex 1 has valence zero and is either decorated by an element of $A_{\partial}^{>0}$ (in the model case) or by a single element of $\tilde{H}^*(\partial M)$ (in the combinatorial case);

- W_w is the piece where 1 has valence one, is decorated by the unit $1 \in A_{\partial}^0$, and is either connected by a wedge to some other terrestrial vertex or to a stub;
- $W_{\geq 1}$ are all remaining graphs.

Again we take a spectral sequence such that the leading differential is the piece "pointing the most right" in (6.32), i.e., the piece $W_w \to W_{\geq 1}$. This is the piece contracting our wedge (unless at the wedge there is another wedge, or an A-decoration, or a stub). The map is surjective, and its kernel consists graphs of the following types:



The next differential consists of the pieces acting on each summand in (6.32) separately. For W_A the piece of the cohomology is $\tilde{H}(\partial M)$. For W_w only the piece remains where vertex 1 is connected to one other external vertex via a wedge. The remaining differentials in the spectral sequence then let one of the wedges to an external vertex kill the piece of $H(W_A) \cong \tilde{H}(M)$ corresponding to the decoration by the top class. Together we reproduce (6.30) and hence we are done.

6.4. Small model and canonical combinatorial model

Note that the models discussed above depend on the following data: (i) a CDGA model $A \to A_{\partial}$ for the map $\partial M \to M$; (ii) a Maurer–Cartan element $z + z^{\partial} + Z \in \mathfrak{g}_{A,A_{\partial}}$ (see Equation (6.19)). We thus obtain two different kinds of similar but different models for $\operatorname{Conf}_{r,s}(M)$, both derived from the two examples of diagonal data in Example 4.2.

In the first case, we assume that $(M, \partial M)$ admits a Poincaré–Lefschetz duality model as in Section 2. We may then take our diagonal data to the the CDGAs (B, B_{∂}) together with their diagonal classes, and we obtain a gauge equivalence class of Maurer–Cartan elements in $z + z^{\partial} + Z \in \mathfrak{g}_{B,B_{\partial}}$. The advantage of this model is that it is rather smaller than the next one, and can be used to obtain the generalization of the Lambrechts–Stanley model of configuration spaces [Idr16] in Section 8. Its disadvantage is its cost in terms of connectivity and dimension assumption on M.

In the second case, we take the diagonal data obtained by setting $A = S(\tilde{H}^*(M) \oplus H^*(M, \partial M))$ and $A_{\partial} = S(\tilde{H}^*(\partial M))$. The construction of $\mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_{\partial}}$ then depends on the choice of the Maurer–Cartan elements $z + z^{\partial} + Z \in \mathfrak{g}_{A,A_{\partial}}$ as before. While this model is much bigger than the previous one $(A \text{ and } A_{\partial} \text{ are infinite dimensional})$, it has advantages for several purposes:

- we only need to assume that M is compact and orientable and that $\dim M \geq 3$ (for $\dim M = 2$ the boundary is a union of circles, which can be handled by the constructions of [CW16]);
- it agrees with spaces of Feynman diagrams of AKSZ theories studied in physics, and thus gives a topological meaning to these objects;

• for the above choices the collection $\mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_\partial}$ is a collection of quasi-free algebras, which is important for example when computing homotopy automorphisms of these objects.

We shall also see that the tree (i.e., 0-loop) piece of the Maurer–Cartan element Z precisely encodes the real homotopy type of the map $\partial M \to M$.

6.5. The global Maurer-Cartan element

We now show that the Maurer–Cartan element $Z \in \mathrm{SGC}_{A,A_{\partial}}^{\vee}$ captures all the information about the real homotopy type of M that goes beyond the cohomology type and the maps $H(B\mathrm{SO}(n)) \to \Omega(M)$ and $H(B\mathrm{SO}(n-1)) \to \Omega(\partial M)$. In this section, we use the "canonical combinatorial" model approach, i.e. we use the diagonal data obtained by setting $A = S(\tilde{H}^*(M) \oplus H^*(M, \partial M))$ and $A_{\partial} = S(\tilde{H}^*(\partial M))$, see Example 4.2.

We generally cannot give an explicit formula for the integrals defining this MC element, except perhaps in simple enough cases. However, one can understand the loop order zero piece of Z, i.e. the "classical piece" in the physics slang. As shown in Corollary 6.27 below, this piece just encodes the real homotopy types of the spaces M and ∂M and the real homotopy type of the inclusion $\partial M \hookrightarrow M$. Furthermore, if M and ∂M are simply connected and $n = \dim M \geq 5$, then we will see that the classical piece is already not deformable and fully determines the MC element Z.

6.5.1. Loop order zero (classical) piece of Z

For ease of notation we will define the Lie algebra (with $A = S(\tilde{H}^*(M) \oplus H^*(M, \partial M))$, $A_{\partial} = S(\tilde{H}^*(\partial M))$ the diagonal data of the canonical combinatorial model):

$$KGC_M := SGC_{A,A_2}^{\vee}.$$
 (6.34)

We first consider its quotient

$$KGC_M^{\text{tree}} := KGC_M/I,$$
 (6.35)

where I is the ideal spanned by all graphs with at least one loop. Our MC element $Z \in \mathrm{KGC}_M$ projects onto an MC element $Z^{\mathrm{tree}} \in \mathrm{KGC}_M^{\mathrm{tree}}$.

Let $\mathsf{Com}_{\infty} = \Omega(\mathsf{Com}^{\mathsf{i}})$ be the operad governing commutative and homotopy associative algebras (also known as C_{∞} -algebras), obtained by Koszul duality from the operad Comcommutative and associative algebras.

Consider the Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} which governs (i.e., whose Maurer–Cartan elements are) the following data: a Com_{∞} -structure on H(M); a Com_{∞} structure on $H(\partial M)$; an ∞ -map $H(M) \to H(\partial M)$ between these Com_{∞} algebras. More concretely,

$$\mathfrak{g} := \operatorname{Harr}(\tilde{H}(M), H(M)) \oplus \operatorname{Harr}(\tilde{H}(M), H(\partial M)) \oplus \operatorname{Harr}(\tilde{H}(\partial M), H(\partial M)),$$

where we work with the normalized Harrison complexes for simplicity (the map from the unnormalized one is a quasi-isomorphism [Lod92, Proposition 1.6.5]). We write \mathfrak{g}_1 , \mathfrak{g}_2 , \mathfrak{g}_3 for the three summands in the definition of \mathfrak{g} .

Using Poincaré duality, \mathfrak{g} may as well be interpreted as a graph complex, whose elements are:

- 1. rooted trees with leaves labelled by elements of $\tilde{H}_{\bullet}(M)$ and root labelled by $H_{\bullet}(M, \partial M)$, governing the Com_{∞} -structure on H(M),
- 2. similar rooted trees, but with root labelled by $H_{\bullet}(\partial M)$, governing the map, and
- 3. rooted trees with leaves labelled by $\tilde{H}_{\bullet}(\partial M)$ and root by $H_{\bullet}(\partial M)$, governing the Com_{∞} -structure on $H(\partial M)$.

Keep in mind that the trees in the Harrison complexes are "Lie trees" in the sense that they are 3-valent and satisfy the IHX relations.

We claim that we have a map

$$MC(KGC_M^{tree}) \to MC(\mathfrak{g}).$$
 (6.36)

Concretely, given a Maurer-Cartan element on the left we may produce a Maurer-Cartan element on the right as follows. First recall that given a contraction data

$$H(M) \stackrel{\iota}{\underset{p}{\longleftarrow}} \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}(M) \stackrel{h}{\longleftarrow} h$$
 (6.37)

we may put a Com_{∞} -structure on H(M) by the homotopy transfer Theorem, and simultaneously extend the morphisms p and ι to Com_{∞} -quasi-isomorphisms, see [LV12, Section 10.3] or [Ber14]. Furthermore, the Com_{∞} structure and the morphisms are given by explicit combinatorial formulas built from ι, p, h only. For example, the Com_{∞} operation associated to a rooted tree is obtained by interpreting the tree as a composition tree, with a map h applied on any edge, and multiplication in $\Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}(M)$ on vertices, see loc. cit. for details.

In particular, given contraction data as above for $\Omega_{PA}(M)$ and $\Omega_{PA}(\partial M)$, we may build a MC element in \mathfrak{g} , such that the Com_{∞} -structures on H(M) and $H(\partial M)$ are those given by transfer, and the Com_{∞} map is the composition of Com_{∞} -morphisms

$$H(M) \to \Omega_{PA}(M) \to \Omega_{PA}(\partial M) \to H(\partial M).$$
 (6.38)

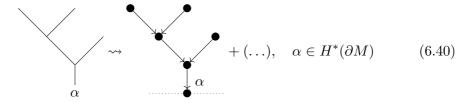
Furthermore, note that we may interpret the homotopy on M as an edge, the homotopy on ∂M as a boundary edge. Hence the Com_∞ map is combinatorially completely determined by the numeric values of tree graphs such as occurring in Z_M^{tree} . This defines the map (6.36). Note that it is given by explicit combinatorial formulas, whose precise form will not be too relevant for us.

Given (6.36) we may use graded polarization as in [FTW17, Section 1.3] to obtain an L_{∞} map

$$KGC_M^{\text{tree}} \to \mathfrak{g}.$$
 (6.39)

We will not need the explicit combinatorial formula for the map (6.39) is not so important. Let us describe the leading order pieces, which will be enough to prove that we have an L_{∞} quasi-isomorphism:

- The coefficient of a rooted tree $T \in \mathfrak{g}_1$ is the same as the coefficient of the identical tree in KGC_M , with all edges oriented towards the root.
- The coefficient of a rooted tree $T \in \mathfrak{g}_3$ is the same as the coefficient of the identical tree in KGC_M , where all vertices are terrestrial and edges are interpreted as wedges in the sense of Figure 6.5.
- The coefficient of a rooted tree $T \in \mathfrak{g}_2$ is a sum of coefficients of various trees in KGC_M , but the piece with fewest terrestrial vertices is the same tree as T, with edges oriented towards the root, and with the root connected to a single terrestrial vertex with the root decoration. For example:



Furthermore, let us consider the MC element $m \in \mathfrak{g}$ which is the image of $Z \in MC(KGC_M)$, and the twisted L_{∞} morphism

$$KGC_M^{\text{tree},Z} \to (\mathfrak{g}^m)',$$
 (6.41)

where $(\mathfrak{g}^m)'$ is the Lie subalgebra in which the products and lowest component of the map are fixed.

Knowing the leading order terms above suffices to show:

Proposition 6.25. The map (6.41) constructed above is a quasi-isomorphism.

For this we consider the following Lemma from [CW16, Section 8].

Lemma 6.26. The quotient map $GC_{\partial M}^{tree} \to Harr(\tilde{H}(\partial M), H(\partial M))$ is a quasi-isomorphism.

Proof. The map can be written as a composition of two quasi-isomorphisms

$$GC_{\partial M}^{\text{tree}} \xrightarrow{q} GC_{\partial M}^{\text{Lie}} \xrightarrow{r} Harr(\tilde{H}(\partial M), H(\partial M)),$$
 (6.42)

where the space of rooted Lie trees $GC_{\partial M}^{\mathsf{Lie}}$ is the quotient of $GC_{\partial M}^{\mathsf{tree}}$ by graphs that are ≥ 4 -valent and by the IHX relations.

To see that the quotient map q is a quasi-isomorphism one first takes a spectral sequence in which the differential increases the number of vertices by exactly one followed by a second spectral sequence by the number of decorations. The map induced by q corresponds to the quasi-isomorphism $\text{Lie}_{\infty} \to \text{Lie}$.

The map r sends a graph to the sum over all possible ways of rooting a decoration in $H(\partial M)$. One sees that this is a quasi-isomorphism by considering a spectral sequence in which the first differential sees only the splitting of a vertex decorated by $\omega \in H(\partial M)$ into a 3-valent vertex decorated by α and β , where $\alpha\beta = \omega$. A second filtration by the number of non-unital decorations gives us the result.

Proof of Proposition 6.25. We start by considering a filtration by the number of aerial vertices. We split $\mathrm{KGC}_M^{\mathrm{tree}} = \mathrm{GC}_{\partial M}^{\mathrm{tree}} \oplus A$, where A is spanned by all other graphs. On the associated spectral sequence, if we restrict to the piece of the map from $\mathrm{GC}_{\partial M}^{\mathrm{tree}} \to \mathrm{Harr}(\tilde{H}(\partial M), H(\partial M))$, we obtain the projection from the previous Lemma which is a quasi-isomorphism.

On the second page it remains

$$H(A, d_0) \to \operatorname{Harr}(\tilde{H}(M), H(M)) \oplus \operatorname{Harr}(\tilde{H}(M), H(\partial M)),$$
 (6.43)

where the differential d_1 that creates a single aerial vertex now acts by producing Lie trees with decorations in H(M).

Next, by the same argument as Lemma 6.26 we obtain (after taking the corresponding spectral sequence) cyclic Lie trees on the left hand side.

Finally, the identification is given by the γ -decorations contributing to the remaining piece of \mathfrak{g}_1 and simultaneously the α -decorations giving the remaining map piece of \mathfrak{g}_2 .

As a consequence, we find that the Maurer–Cartan elements up to gauge equivalence are in 1:1 correspondence and hence arrive at the following corollary:

Corollary 6.27. The tree level part Z^{tree} of the MC element Z encodes precisely the (naive) real homotopy type of the inclusion $\partial M \to M$.

6.5.2. Higher loop orders in high dimensions

Let us assume now that $n = \dim M \ge 5$, and that M and ∂M have no rational homology in degree 1. Then by the Proposition A.20 we see that there is no cohomology in KGC_M in higher loop orders in the relevant degrees, i.e., the map

$$KGC_M \to KGC_M^{\text{tree}}$$
 (6.44)

induces an isomorphism on cohomology in degrees ≥ 0 . We find that in this case the spaces of MC elements modulo gauge in KGC_M^Z and $\mathrm{KGC}_M^{\mathrm{tree},Z}$ are isomorphic. In particular, we obtain Corollary \mathbf{B} :

Corollary 6.28. If $n = \dim M \geq 5$ and $H^1(M) = H^1(\partial M) = 0$ then the (naive) real homotopy type of SFM_M depends only on the real homotopy type of the inclusion $\partial M \to M$.

7. A model for mFM $_M$ and aFM $_{\partial M}$

The goal of this Section is to construct a graphical model for the spaces mFM_M of Section 3.7.2, i.e. for the configuration space of points in the interior of a manifold M with non-empty boundary ∂M . Our model will be compatible with all algebraic structures, in particular with the action of $\mathsf{aFM}_{\partial M}$, a model for which we construct as well. We will not write the constructions in full detail, as they are quite similar to the constructions of Graphs_A and $\mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_\partial}$ we already carried out.

7.1. Graphical models a Graphs_{A_{∂}} and mGraphs_A

Throughout this section, we choose some diagonal data $(A \xrightarrow{\rho} A_{\partial}, \Delta_A, \sigma_A, g, g_{\partial})$ which maps into M (see Section 4.2 for the definition). We also choose some compatible propagators on $\mathsf{aFM}_{\partial M}$ and mFM_{M} as in Sections 4.4 and 4.5. We will also define σ_{∂} to be the image of σ_{A} in $A_{\partial}^{\otimes 2}$, recalling that it is "half" the diagonal class of ∂M (i.e. $\Delta_{A_{\partial}} = \sigma_{\partial} + \sigma_{\partial}^{21}$).

7.1.1. Graphical model for aFM $_{\partial M}$

We define a graph complex $\mathsf{aGraphs}_{A_{\partial}}(r)$ spanned by graphs of the following type:

- there are r numbered ("external") vertices and a finite but arbitrary number of "internal vertices";
- each vertex is decorated by an element of A_{∂} ;
- edges are directed and have degree n-1, internal vertices have degree -n, and we add the degrees of the decorations to the degree of the graph;
- there are no connected components with only internal vertices.

We moreover have the following algebraic structures on $\mathsf{aGraphs}_{A_{\mathsf{a}}}$:

- the right coaction of $\mathsf{Graphs}_n^{A_\partial}$ is given by multiplication and subgraph contraction at an external vertex;
- the coproduct, which corresponds to the algebra structure on configuration spaces (by gluing), is obtained by decomposing the graph in two parts, and then replacing any edge connecting the two parts by σ_{∂} ;
- we obtain a corresponding graph complex $aGC_{A_{\partial}}$ of connected graphs with no external vertices; the coalgebra structure yields a Lie bracket on the dual complex $aGC_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee}$, which acts on on $aGraphs_{A_{\partial}}$.

Finally, the differential is defined as follows. The usual configuration space integral formulas give rise to a Maurer–Cartan element $w \in \mathrm{aGC}_{A_\partial}^\vee$, to be defined precisely in Equation (7.3) below. The differential on $\mathrm{aGraphs}_{A_\partial}$ is given by edge contraction, plus a twist by w (see Figure 6.3 for an idea of how this works). If anything produces a graph containing an internal component (i.e. a connected component with only internal vertices), then this component is replaced by a real coefficient given by w.

Note that this construction is functorial in terms of the diagonal data (see Section 5.3). Using the propagator of Section 4.4, we may build maps

$$\mathrm{aGraphs}_{A_{\partial}} \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathrm{aFM}_{\partial M}) \tag{7.1}$$

which are compatible with the algebraic structures (CDGA, module over the Fulton–MacPherson operad, E_1 -algebra).

7.1.2. Graphical model for mFM_M

We now consider a graph complex $\mathsf{mGraphs}_A(r)$, spanned by graphs of the following type:

- there are r numbered ("external") vertices and an finite but arbitrary number of "internal vertices";
- each vertex is decorated by an element of A;
- edges are directed and have degree n-1, internal vertices have degree -n, and we add the degrees of the decorations to the degree of the graph.
- there are no connected components with only internal vertices.

The following algebraic structures are defined on mGraphs_A:

- a right coaction of Graphs_n^A , given by subgraph contraction at an external vertex using the multiplication from A;
- a coaction of $\mathsf{aGraphs}_{A_\partial}$, corresponding to the module structure on configuration spaces (again, by gluing), obtained by decomposing the graph in two parts, replacing any edge connecting the two parts by either σ_A if the tip of the edge goes to the boundary and zero otherwise, and applying $\rho: A \to A_\partial$ to all the labels in the graph going to the boundary;
- we obtain a corresponding graph complex mGC_A of connected graphs as above with no external vertices; the dual space is a dg Lie algebra $\operatorname{mGC}_A^{\vee}$ which comes with an action of $\operatorname{mGC}_{A_{\partial}}$, i.e. we have a Lie algebra $\operatorname{mGC}_A^{\vee} \rtimes \operatorname{aGC}_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee}$, which acts on $\operatorname{mGraphs}_A$.

Finally we describe the differential. The usual configuration space integral formulas give rise to a Maurer–Cartan element $W \in \mathrm{mGC}_A^\vee$, see Equation (7.8) – more precisely, w+W is a MC element in the semidirect product $\mathrm{mGC}_A^\vee \ltimes \mathrm{aGC}_{A_\partial}^\vee$. The differential on $\mathrm{mGraphs}_A$ is given by edge contraction, plus replacing one edge by Δ_A , plus a twist by w+W.

Remark 7.1. If we consider the combinatorial diagonal data $A = S(\tilde{H}^*(M) \oplus H^*(M, \partial M))$ (see Section 4.2), then we may define an undirected version of the graph complex. In this version, edges are undirected (formally an edge is identified with $(-1)^n$ times its opposite), and decorations may only be in $\tilde{H}^*(M)$, not $H^*(M, \partial M)$. The differential of the edge is Δ_A , and the boundary value of all edges is σ_A , regardless of whether the shaft or the tip of the edge goes to the boundary.

This construction is again functorial in terms of the diagonal data, and using the propagator of Section 4.5, we build maps:

$$\mathsf{mGraphs}_A \to \Omega^*_{\mathsf{PA}}(\mathsf{mFM}_M) \tag{7.2}$$

which are compatible with all the algebraic structures (CDGA, module over the Fulton–MacPherson operad, module over the E_1 -algebra $\mathsf{aFM}_{\partial M}$).

7.2. The Maurer-Cartan element

7.2.1. Boundary

For convenience, we let $N := \partial M$. Using the usual Feynman rules and the propagator, we can define a Maurer–Cartan element:

$$w := \sum_{\gamma} \left(\int_{\mathsf{aFM}_N} \bigwedge_{(ij)} \varphi(x_i, x_j) \right) \cdot \gamma \in \mathbf{aGC}_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee}. \tag{7.3}$$

We have $w = w_0 + (\cdots)$ is a sum of

$$w_0 := \sum_{i} \stackrel{\alpha_i \beta_i}{\bullet} , \qquad (7.4)$$

plus terms with at least one edge or more than two decorations.

Note that the dg Lie algebra $\mathrm{aGC}_{A_\partial}^\vee$ is equipped with a descending complete filtration \mathcal{F}^p by loop order. In particular, we note that the tree part w_{tree} of w determines a Maurer–Cartan element in

$$aGC_{A_a}^{\vee}/\mathcal{F}^1 aGC_{A_a}^{\vee}.$$
 (7.5)

The piece w_{tree} encodes precisely the cyclic Com_{∞} -structure on H(N), i.e., the real homotopy type of N (cf. [CW16, Section 8], where one finds an analogous computation). A priori, there might be higher loop pieces in w. We will next show, however, that they vanish up to gauge equivalence.

We consider first the case $\dim N=1$. Since we assume N to be compact, we have $N=S^1\sqcup\cdots\sqcup S^1$. In fact, it is sufficient to consider $N=S^1$, as the MC element for a union of circles is essentially just a sum of MC elements for each circle separately. For $N=S^1$, we have that aFM_N is homotopy equivalent to the configuration space of points on the cyclinder. The spaces aFM_N and graphical models for them have been constructed in [Wil16]. Among other things, it was shown there that for a suitable choice of propagator

$$w = \stackrel{\omega}{\bullet}, \tag{7.6}$$

where ω is a volume form on S^1 , representing the top cohomology class.

Next consider the case $\dim N \geq 2$. Recall from Proposition A.12 that the dg Lie subalgebra

$$aGC_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee,\geq 3} \subset (aGC_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee}, \delta + [z_0, -]),$$
 (7.7)

spanned by diagrams all of whose vertices have valence at least 3, is quasi-isomorphic to the full dg Lie algebra in degrees ≥ 1 . It follows that, up to gauge equivalence, we may assume that our MC element w takes values in this dg Lie subalgebra. However, by the degree counting result of Lemma A.13, we see that $\mathrm{aGC}_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee}$ has no elements in degree 1 in loop order ≥ 1 . Hence, we find that the tree piece of our MC element already agrees with the MC element.

Let us summarize these findings:

Proposition 7.2. The gauge equivalence class of the MC element w is encoded by and encodes the real homotopy type of N. Furthermore, the MC element w above is gauge equivalent to a Maurer-Cartan element

$$w_0 + w'_{\text{tree}}$$

where $w'_{\text{tree}} \in \mathrm{aGC}_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee, \geq 3} \subset (\mathrm{aGC}_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee}, \delta + [w_0, -])$ contains no graphs of loop order ≥ 1 .

7.2.2. Bulk

We may also define an element:

$$W := \sum_{\Gamma} \left(\int_{\mathsf{mFM}_M} \bigwedge_{(ij)} \varphi(x_i, x_j) \right) \cdot \Gamma \in \mathsf{mGC}_A^{\vee}, \tag{7.8}$$

so that the pair $(w, W) \in \mathrm{aGC}_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee} \ltimes \mathrm{mGC}_{A}^{\vee}$ is a Maurer-Cartan element. Concretely, W has the form $W = W_0 + (\cdots)$, where

$$W_0 := \sum_{i} {{}^{\gamma_i \gamma_i^*}}, \tag{7.9}$$

and (\cdots) are terms with at least one edge or three or more decorations.

Once again the complex mGC_A^{\vee} is equipped with a descending complete filtration \mathcal{F}^p by loop order. The tree piece W_{tree} extends w_{tree} above to encode a Maurer-Cartan element in the complex

$$aGC_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee} \ltimes mGC_A/\mathcal{F}^1 \left(aGC_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee} \ltimes mGC_A^{\vee} \right).$$
 (7.10)

This tree piece can be seen (as in Section 6.5 above) to encode the real homotopy type of the map

$$\partial M \to M.$$
 (7.11)

Furthermore, we have the subcomplex of graphs all of whose vertices are at least trivalent

$$\mathrm{aGC}_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee,\geq 3}\ltimes\mathrm{mGC}_{A}^{\vee,\geq 3}\subset(\mathrm{aGC}_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee}\ltimes\mathrm{mGC}_{A}^{\vee},z_{0}+Z_{0}).\tag{7.12}$$

Proposition A.16 shows that the inclusion is a quasi-isomorphism in degrees ≥ 0 , so that we may in particular gauge change our MC element $w-w_0+W-W_0$ deforming w_0+W_0 to one which is contained in the subcomplex. But then, if $H^1(M)=0$ and dim $M\geq 4$, the degree counting argument of Lemma A.17 shows that there are no elements in that subcomplex of degree 1 and loop orders ≥ 1 . It follows that our gauge changed MC element is in fact equal to the tree piece. We summarize this as:

Proposition 7.3. If dim $M \ge 4$ and $H^1(M) = 0$, then the gauge equivalence class of the Maurer-Cartan element $w + W \in \operatorname{aGC}_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee} \ltimes \operatorname{mGC}_A$ encodes and is encoded by the real homotopy type of the inclusion $\partial M \to M$. We can find representative without terms of loop order ≥ 1 , and all vertices in graphs at least trivalent, with the exception of those occurring in $w_0 + W_0$.

7.3. Cohomology, and proof of quasi-isomorphism property

Proposition 7.4. The map $\operatorname{aGraphs}_{A_{\partial}} \to \Omega_{\operatorname{PA}}(\operatorname{\mathsf{aFM}}_N)$ of the preceding section is a quasi-isomorphism.

Proof. We proceed by an induction on the arity r, using a proof technique similar to the one of Section 6.3. For the induction step, we apply Proposition 6.24 to the diagram

Note that

$$\Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathsf{aFM}_N(r+1)) \otimes^{\mathbb{L}}_{\Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathsf{aFM}_N(r))} \mathbb{k}$$
 (7.14)

is a model for the homotopy fiber, but since $\mathsf{aFM}_N(r+1) \to \mathsf{aFM}_N(r)$ is a fibration it is a model for the fiber. This fiber is just $N \times I \setminus *^{\sqcup r}$, the manifold $N \times I$ with r points removed. As in (6.26), the cohomology is easy to compute by an Mayer–Vietoris inductive argument and agrees with

$$H(N) \oplus (\mathbb{k}[1-n])^{\otimes r}. \tag{7.15}$$

On the other hand we compute

$$\mathsf{aGraphs}_{A_{\partial}}(r+1) \otimes^{\mathbb{L}}_{\mathsf{aGraphs}_{A_{\partial}}(r)} \Bbbk. \tag{7.16}$$

Since the left-hand side is a free module over the algebra, the homotopy tensor product agrees with the ordinary one. This in turn can be identified with graphs, where graphs which have internally connected components not connected to vertex 1 are evaluated using the map $\mathsf{mGraphs}_A(r) \to \Bbbk$.

To compute the cohomology of that complex (say V), we take a filtration by the number of edges. All pieces of the differential reduce that number. The differential on the first page of the spectral sequence is given by the piece of the differential killing exactly one edge. It has two pieces: The contraction of an edge, plus letting a vertex attached to a dingle edge go to infinity.

We next mimick the trick of [LV14]. We impose another filtration by the arity of vertex 1.

$$V = V_0 \oplus V_1 \oplus V_{>1}. \tag{7.17}$$

As in loc. cit. the piece of the differential $V_1 \to V_{\geq 1}$ is surjective, and the kernel consists of graphs such that vertex 1 has valence 1 and is connected to either another external vertex or is decorated by $A_{\partial}^{>0}$. Note also that $V_0 = \mathbb{k}$. The spectral sequence abuts here, so we that H(V) agrees with (7.15). Hence invoking Proposition 6.24 we are done. \square

Remark 7.5. Together with the characterisation of the MC element w in Proposition 7.2 the above result shows in particular that the real homotopy type of the configuration

space of points on $N \times I$ only depends on the real homotopy type of N, without further conditions on N. It is interesting to compare this result to the main result of [RS16], who show that the homotopy type of (a space related to) the configuration space of two points on $M \times X$, for X contractible and not equal to a point, is a homotopy invariant of N. Both results are not true without taking a product with the contractible space I or X [LS05]. Hence both results confirm the picture that thickening our manifold takes away the "interesting information" in the homotopy type of the configuration space.

We now turn our attention to configurations in M.

Proposition 7.6. The map $\mathsf{mGraphs}_A \to \Omega_{\mathsf{PA}}(\mathsf{mFM}_M)$ defined above is a quasi-isomorphism.

Proof. We proceed as in the "boundary-case"-proof of the preceding section, by an induction on the arity r. For the induction step, we now apply the Proposition 6.24 to the diagram

The fiber of the map $\mathsf{mFM}_M(r+1) \to \mathsf{mFM}_M(r)$ agrees with M with r points removed. The cohomology is hence

$$H(M) \oplus (\mathbb{k}[1-n])^{\otimes r}. \tag{7.19}$$

On the other hand let us compute

$$\mathsf{mGraphs}_A(r+1) \otimes^{\mathbb{L}}_{\mathsf{mGraphs}_A(r)} \Bbbk = \mathsf{mGraphs}_A(r+1) \otimes_{\mathsf{mGraphs}_A(r)} \Bbbk. \tag{7.20}$$

Again the right-hand side can be identified with graphs, where graphs which have internally connected components not connected to vertex 1 are evaluated using the map $\mathsf{mGraphs}_A(r) \to \Bbbk$.

To compute the cohomology of that complex, we take a filtration by the number of edges. All pieces of the differential reduce that number. The differential on the first page of the spectral sequence is given by the piece of the differential killing exactly one edge. It has now three pieces: the contraction of an edge; letting a vertex attached to a dingle edge go to the boundary; a term replacing an edge by the section σ_A .

We next mimick again the trick of [LV14]. We impose another filtration by the arity of vertex 1.

$$V = V_0 \oplus V_1 \oplus V_{>1}. \tag{7.21}$$

As above, one can check that H(V) agrees with (7.19). Indeed, if we filter by loop order, then on the first page of the associated spectral sequence we get the same complex but without edge cutting in the differential. Hence invoking Proposition 6.24 we are done.

This ends the proof of Theorem C.

Proof of Corollary D. The idea is the same as the one in Section 6.5. The key point of the proof is given by the vanishing results of Corollaries A.14 and A.18.

8. Relation and small models for "good" spaces

From now on, let us assume that M is a smooth, simply connected manifold with simply connected boundary. Assume either dim $M \ge 7$, in which case we fix a PLD model of M (see Section 2.2), or assume that M admits a surjective pretty model (see Theorem 1.6), which also produces a PLD model of M.

We will use the notations of Equation (2.13), with $B \xrightarrow{\lambda} B_{\partial}$ the model of $\partial M \hookrightarrow M$, $\varepsilon : \operatorname{cone}(\lambda) \to \mathbb{R}[-n+1]$ induces the Poincaré–Lefschetz pairing, $K = \ker(\lambda)$ is a model for $\Omega^*(M, \partial M)$, $P = B/\ker\theta_B$ is a model for $\Omega^*(M)$, and $\theta : P \cong K^{\vee}[-n]$ is the isomorphism of Poincaré–Lefschetz duality. We also recover diagonal data as in Example 4.2

8.1. The dg-module model of $Conf_k(M)$

Given a finite set V and an element $v \in V$, define the canonical injection $\iota_v : P \to P^{\otimes V}$ by

$$\iota_v(x) := 1 \otimes \ldots \otimes 1 \otimes \underbrace{x}_v \otimes 1 \otimes \ldots \otimes 1.$$
 (8.1)

Definition 8.1. Define a symmetric collection of CDGAs G_P by:

$$\mathsf{G}_P(V) \coloneqq \left(P^{\otimes V} \otimes \mathsf{e}_n^{\vee}(V) / (\iota_v(x) \cdot \omega_{vv''} = \iota_{v'}(x) \cdot \omega_{vv'}), \ d(\omega_{vv'}) = (\iota_v \cdot \iota_{v'})(\Delta_P)\right)$$

with the obvious actions of the symmetric groups.

This definition also makes sense when $\partial M = \emptyset$, and it yields the symmetric collection of CDGAs considered in [Idr16].

When M is a closed manifold, as soon as its Euler characteristic $\chi(M)$ vanishes, then there is a structure of Hopf right e_n^{\vee} -comodule on G_P [Idr16, Proposition 2.1], with cocomposition structure maps characterized by (compare with the definition of Gra_n at the beginning of Section 5.1):

$$\circ_{T}^{\vee}(\omega_{vv'}) = 1 \otimes \omega_{vv'}, \quad \text{if } \{v, v'\} \subset T;
\circ_{T}^{\vee}(\omega_{vv'}) = \omega_{[v][v']} \otimes 1, \quad \text{if } \{v, v'\} \not\subset T;
\circ_{T}^{\vee}(\iota_{v}(x)) = \iota_{[v]}(x) \quad \text{for } x \in A, \ v \in V;$$
(8.2)

where $[v] \in V/T$ is the class of v in the quotient.

Proposition 8.2. If $\partial M \neq \emptyset$, then the symmetric collection of CDGAs G_P forms a right Hopf e_n^{\vee} -comodule, with the same formulas.

Proof. Comparing with the proof of [Idr16, Proposition 2.1], we see that almost all the arguments are the same. The only difficulty is to check that the cocomposition is compatible with the differential, which required that the Euler characteristic vanished in the boundaryless case.

It is immediate to check that $d(\circ_T^{\vee}(\iota_v(x))) = \circ_T^{\vee}(d(\iota_v(x))) = \iota_{[v]}(dx)$, thus it suffices to check that the same equality holds on the generators $\omega_{vv'}$. If either $v \notin T$ or $v' \notin T$, this is again immediate; hence it suffices to check that

$$d(\circ_T^{\vee}(\omega_{vv'})) = \circ_T^{\vee}(d(\omega_{vv'})) \text{ for } v, v' \in T$$

The LHS of that equation always vanishes. On the other hand, the RHS is equal to $\iota_*(\mu_P(\Delta_P))$, where $\mu_P: P \otimes P \to P$ is the product. But by Equation (2.18), $\mu_P(\Delta_P) = 0$.

Example 8.3. Recall from Example 1.8 the model for (D^n, S^{n-1}) , with $P = \mathbb{R}$, and $\Delta_P = 0$. It follows that in this case, G_P is isomorphic to e_n^\vee seen as a Hopf right comodule over itself. This is not surprising, given that FM_n is formal as an operad, and hence as a module over itself, and that $\mathsf{SFM}_{D^n}(\varnothing, -)$ is weakly equivalent to FM_n as a right FM_n -module.

8.2. Computing the homology

We now prove that G_P has the right cohomology, in the spirit of [LS08a] and using the methods of [CLS15b] to deal with manifolds with boundary. From then on and until the end of this section, we fix some integer $k \geq 0$. We can work over \mathbb{Q} in this section.

The general idea goes as follows. If W is a manifold with boundary, and $X \subset W$ is a sub-polyhedron, then by [CLS15b], it suffices to know a CDGA model of the square of inclusions

$$\frac{\partial W}{\int} \qquad \qquad \downarrow \\
\frac{\partial W}{\partial W} := X \cap \partial W \longrightarrow X$$
(8.3)

to obtain a complex computing the cohomology of W-X.

Therefore, to compute the cohomology of $\operatorname{Conf}_k(M)$, we need to find such models for $W = M^k$ and

$$X = \Delta_{(k)} := \bigcup_{1 \le i, j \le k} \Delta_{ij}, \tag{8.4}$$

where $\Delta_{ij} := \{x \in M^k \mid x_i = x_j\}$. Since the sub-polyhedron $\Delta_{(k)}$ can be decomposed into the sub-polyhedra Δ_{ij} , we can use the techniques of [LS08a] to further simplify the description of the dg-module model as a "total cofiber" indexed by graphs, which will be isomorphic to G_A .

Let us now give the details. Let $E = \{(i,j) \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq k\}$ be a set of pairs, and let Γ be the poset of subsets of E ordered by reverse inclusion. We can see an element $\gamma \in \Gamma$ as a graph on k vertices, with an edge between i and j iff $(i,j) \in \gamma$. In particular $\emptyset \in \Gamma$ is the "empty" graph with no edges (but k vertices). Using this point of view, we can define the "zeroth homotopy group" $\pi_0(\gamma)$ of a graph $\gamma \in \Gamma$, which is a partition of $\{1, \ldots, k\}$.

We obtain a functor ∇ from Γ to the category of topological spaces defined by

$$\gamma \mapsto \nabla(\gamma) := \bigcap_{e \in E_{\gamma}} \Delta_e \subset M^k, \tag{8.5}$$

where $\Delta_{(i,j)}$ is simply the small diagonal Δ_{ij} . Note that $\nabla(\varnothing) = M^k$, and that if $\gamma' \supset \gamma$ then there is an inclusion $\nabla(\gamma') \subset \nabla(\gamma)$. The space $\nabla(\gamma)$ is homeomorphic to the product $M^{\pi_0(\gamma)}$, and under these homeomorphisms, the inclusion $\nabla(\gamma') \subset \nabla(\gamma)$ is the cofibration induced by iterations of the diagonal map $M \to M \times M$. We thus obtain that:

$$\Delta_{(k)} = \bigcup_{1 \le i \le j \le k} \Delta_{ij} = \operatorname{colim}_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \nabla(\gamma) = \operatorname{colim}_{\gamma \in \Gamma} M^{\pi_0(\gamma)}, \tag{8.6}$$

and this is in fact a homotopy colimit.

We will first aim to build a CDGA model for the square (8.3) (with $W = M^k$ and $X = \Delta_{(k)}$) out of the diagram (2.1). The previous description of $\Delta_{(k)}$ as a homotopy colimit tells us that a model for $\Delta_{(k)}$ is given by $\lim_{\gamma \in \Gamma^{op}} B^{\otimes \pi_0(\gamma)}$, where the maps in the diagram are induced by iterations the multiplication μ_B of B. The inclusion $\Delta_{(k)}$ is modeled by the canonical map from $B^{\otimes k} = B^{\otimes \pi_0(\varnothing)}$ to the colimit.

It remains to find a model for $\partial_W X = \Delta_{(k)} \cap \partial(M^k)$ and models for the inclusion maps. The morphism $B \to B_{\partial}$ is surjective, hence B_{∂} is isomorphic to B/K where $K := \ker(B \to B_{\partial})$. We get:

Lemma 8.4. For all $i \geq 0$, the left-hand side square is a CDGA model for the right-hand side square, where the horizontal maps are the diagonal maps:

Proof. The idea is the same as in [CLS15b, Proposition 5.1]. We work by induction.

The case i=1 is obvious (as $B_{\partial} \cong B/K$), and they prove the case i=2. Now let use assume that the proposition is true for a given $i \geq 2$. There is a diagram, where all the inclusions are either induced by diagonal maps or induced by $\partial M \subset M$:

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
M \times M^{i} & & & & M \\
\uparrow & & & \uparrow \\
\partial(M \times M^{i}) & \longleftarrow & M \times \partial(M^{i}) & & \uparrow \\
\uparrow & & & \uparrow & & \downarrow \\
(ho. pushout) & \uparrow & & \downarrow \\
(\partial M) \times M^{i} & \longleftarrow & (\partial M) \times (\partial(M^{i})) & \longleftarrow & \partial M
\end{array}$$

$$(8.7)$$

The diagram of the proposition is the "outer" diagram, and the bottom left square is a (homotopy) pushout.

Let P be the (homotopy) pullback in CDGAs of

$$B_{\partial} \otimes B^{\otimes i} \to B_{\partial} \otimes (B^{\otimes i}/K^{\otimes i}) \leftarrow B \otimes (B^{\otimes i}/K^{\otimes i}).$$

Then the induction hypothesis and the fact that homotopy pushouts of spaces become homotopy pullbacks of models imply that the following diagram is a CDGA model of the previous one (where the maps are either induced by $\mu_B: B^{\otimes 2} \to B$ or $\lambda: B \to B_{\partial}$):

Now, as in the proof [CLS15b, Lemma 5.3], it is clear that the natural map $B^{\otimes(i+1)} \to P$ is surjective and that its kernel is $K^{\otimes(i+1)}$, in other words that $P \cong B^{\otimes(i+1)}/K^{\otimes(i+1)}$. The proposition then follows immediately.

The space $\Delta_{(k)} \cap \partial(M^k)$ admits a description as a colimit similar to the one Equation 8.6. Indeed, a point of M^k is in the boundary iff one of the coordinates is in the boundary of M. Now if a point is in both $\nabla(\gamma)$ and $\partial(M^k)$, then at least one of the coordinates (say x_i) is in the boundary, and thus all the points indexed by some j in the same connected component as i in γ is also in the boundary. We then obtain:

$$\Delta_{(k)} \cap \partial(M^k) = \operatorname{colim}_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \operatorname{colim}_{\varnothing \subset S \subset \pi_0(\gamma)} (\partial M)^S \times M^{\pi_0(\gamma) - S}. \tag{8.9}$$

For a fixed γ , the inner colimit is precisely the image of $\partial(M^{\pi_0(\gamma)})$ under the diagonal embedding $M^{\pi_0(\gamma)} \hookrightarrow M^k$. Combining this with the previous lemma, we then obtain:

Proposition 8.5. A model for the square (8.3), with $W = M^k$ and $X = \Delta_{(k)}$, is given by:

$$B^{\otimes k} \xrightarrow{\alpha_k} B^{\otimes k}/K^{\otimes k}$$

$$\downarrow^{\xi_k} \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \square$$

$$\lim_{\gamma \in \Gamma^{\mathrm{op}}} R^{\otimes \pi_0(\gamma)} \xrightarrow{\beta_k} \lim_{\gamma \in \Gamma^{\mathrm{op}}} R^{\otimes \pi_0(\gamma)}/K^{\otimes \pi_0(\gamma)}$$

The map α_k is surjective, thus we have a canonical quasi-isomorphism $\ker \alpha_k = K^{\otimes k} \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{hoker} \alpha_k$. Therefore, by [CLS15b, Proposition 3.1]:

Corollary 8.6. The cohomology of the cone

$$\operatorname{cone}((\operatorname{hoker} \beta_k)^{\vee}[-nk] \xrightarrow{\bar{\xi}_k} (K^{\otimes k})^{\vee}[-nk])$$

of the map induced by ξ_k on the kernels is isomorphic, as a graded vector space, to the cohomology of $\operatorname{Conf}_k(M) = M^k - \Delta_{(k)}$.

Armed with this corollary, we can now define a cubical diagram C_{\bullet} (see [LS08a, Section 7]) whose total cofiber computes the cohomology of $\operatorname{Conf}_k(M)$ as a graded vector space. Given $\gamma \in \Gamma$, we define the chain complex

$$C_{\gamma} := (K^{\otimes \pi_0(\gamma)})^{\vee}. \tag{8.10}$$

Note in particular that $C_{\varnothing} = (K^{\otimes k})^{\vee}$. If $\gamma' \supset \gamma$, then the map $C_{\gamma' \supset \gamma} : C_{\gamma'} \to C_{\gamma}$ is induced by the dual of the multiplication of K.

Recall that the total cofiber of C_{\bullet} is a representative of the homotopy colimit of C, given by the chain complex [LS08a, Definition 7.2]:

$$\operatorname{TotCof} C_{\bullet} := \left(\bigoplus_{\gamma \in \Gamma} C_{\gamma} \cdot y_{\gamma}, \ D \right), \tag{8.11}$$

where y_{γ} is some variable of degree $-\#E_{\gamma}$, $\deg(x \cdot y_{\gamma}) = \deg(x) + \deg(y_{\gamma})$, and

$$D(x \cdot y_{\gamma}) = \pm (dx) \cdot y_{\gamma} + \sum_{e \in E_{\gamma}} \pm (C_{\gamma' \supset \gamma} x) \cdot y_{\gamma - e}. \tag{8.12}$$

Proposition 8.7. The total cofiber of C_{\bullet} computes the cohomology of $\operatorname{Conf}_k(M)$ as a graded vector space, up to suspension by nk.

Proof. The proof is almost identical to the proof of [LS08a, Theorem 9.2]. First define an auxiliary cubical diagram C'_{\bullet} just like C_{\bullet} , except for C_{\varnothing} which we set equal to (hoker β_k) $^{\vee}$. The maps $C'_{\gamma \supset \varnothing}$ are induced by the inclusions $K^{\otimes \pi_0(\gamma)} \to B^{\otimes \pi_0(\gamma)}$, which go through the definition of hoker β_k . By Poincaré–Lefschetz duality, (hoker β_k) $^{\vee}$ is a model for $\Delta_{(k)} = \bigcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \nabla(\gamma)$, each C_{γ} is a model for $\nabla(\gamma)$, and the maps between the C'_{γ} are models for the inclusions by Lemma 8.4. We thus obtain that TotCof C'_{\bullet} is acyclic by [LS08a, Proposition 9.1] and the homotopy invariance of total cofibers.

The morphism $C'_{\gamma} \to C_{\gamma}$ is given by the identity if $\gamma \neq \emptyset$, and it is given by $\bar{\xi}_k^{\vee}$ if $\gamma = \emptyset$. This yields a morphism of cubical diagrams $C'_{\bullet} \to C_{\bullet}$. Define C''_{\bullet} to be the object-wise mapping cone of $C'_{\bullet} \to C_{\bullet}$, so that there is a short exact sequence

$$0 \to C'_{\bullet} \to C_{\bullet} \to C''_{\bullet} \to 0. \tag{8.13}$$

For $\gamma \neq \emptyset$, the map $C'_{\gamma} \to C_{\gamma}$ is the identity, hence C''_{γ} is acyclic. It follows that TotCof C''_{\bullet} is quasi-isomorphic to the cone of $\bar{\xi}_k^{\vee} : C'_{\varnothing} \to C_{\varnothing}$, which computes the cohomology of $\operatorname{Conf}_k(M)$ by Corollary 8.6.

There is a long exact sequence between the homologies of the total cofibers C'_{\bullet} , C_{\bullet} , and C''_{\bullet} : total cofibers commute with mapping cones up to homotopy, because both are types of homotopy colimits. The proposition then follows from the fact that $H_*(\text{TotCof } C'_{\bullet}) = 0$.

Theorem 8.8. Let M be a simply connected manifold with simply connected boundary and which admits a Poincaré–Lefschetz duality model. Let P be the model of M obtained from this PLD model (see Section 2). Then there is an isomorphism of graded vector spaces between $H^*(G_P(k); \mathbb{Q})$ and $H^*(Conf_k(M); \mathbb{Q})$.

Proof. There is in fact an isomorphism of dg-modules

$$\mathsf{G}_P(k) \cong (\operatorname{TotCof} C_{\bullet})[-nk].$$
 (8.14)

For k=1, this is the Poincaré–Lefschetz isomorphism $\theta: P \to K^{\vee}[-n]$, and more generally for $k \geq 2$ it is induced by this isomorphism. We use the crucial fact that the multiplication of K is dual, under this isomorphism, to the map $P \to P^{\otimes 2}$ defined by $x \mapsto (x \otimes 1)\Delta_P = (1 \otimes x)\Delta_P$ (which is true by definition of Δ_P in our setting). The proof is then similar to the proof of [Idr16, Lemma 5.2], and is carried out by comparing the standard bases of the components of the Lie operad and its dual cooperad.

In other words, $G_P(k)$ is a dg-module model of $\operatorname{Conf}_k(M)$. Unfortunately, in general if $\partial M \neq \emptyset$ then $G_P(k)$ is not an actual model of $\operatorname{Conf}_k(M)$: the algebra structure is not the correct one. This is not surprising: $G_P(k)$ only depends on the homotopy type of M, whereas it is known that the homotopy type of $\operatorname{Conf}_k(M)$ should depend on the homotopy type of the map $\partial M \to M$.

8.3. The perturbed model

We define now a "perturbed" version of $G_P(V)$, which will be the actual model for $Conf_k(M)$, and we will prove that it is isomorphic to $G_P(V)$ as a dg-module.

Recall the construction of the element $\sigma_B \in B \otimes B_{\partial}$ from Section 4.2, defined using a Section of $B \to B_{\partial}$ and such that $d\sigma_B = \Delta_{B,B_{\partial}}$. Let

$$\sigma_P = (\pi \otimes 1)(\sigma_B) := \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i' \otimes \sigma_i'' \in P \otimes B_{\partial}. \tag{8.15}$$

We define the perturbed model to be:

$$\tilde{\mathsf{G}}_{P}(V) := \left(P^{\otimes V} \otimes S(\tilde{\omega}_{vv'})_{v,v' \in V} / J, d\tilde{\omega}_{vv'} = (\iota_{v} \cdot \iota_{v'})(\Delta_{P})\right) \tag{8.16}$$

where the ideal of relations is generated by $\tilde{\omega}_{vv'}^2 = 0$ and, for all $b \in B$ and all subsets $T \subset \underline{k}$ of cardinality $\#T \geq 2$:

$$\sum_{v \in T} \pm \left(\iota_v(\pi(b)) \cdot \prod_{v \neq v' \in T} \tilde{\omega}_{vv'}\right) + \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} \pm \varepsilon_{\partial} \left(\rho(b) \prod_{v \in T} \sigma''_{i_v}\right) \prod_{v \in T} \iota_v(\sigma'_{i_v}). \tag{8.17}$$

Note in particular that we have

$$\tilde{\omega}_{12} - (-1)^n \tilde{\omega}_{21} + \sum_{i,j} \pm \varepsilon_{\partial} (\sigma_i'' \sigma_j'') \sigma_i' \otimes \sigma_j' = 0 \in \tilde{\mathsf{G}}_P(\underline{2}), \tag{8.18}$$

with the last summand being a cycle.

The relations for #T=2 are perturbations of the symmetry relation of $\mathsf{G}_P(V)$, and the relations for #T=3 are perturbations of the Arnold relations in $\mathsf{e}_n^\vee(V)$ (where, by "perturbation", we informally mean that the perturbed relation is the sum of the standard relation and terms which have a strictly lower number of generators $\tilde{\omega}_{vv'}$). Note that these relations are precisely the ones obtained by considering the differential of a graph in $\mathsf{aGraphs}_A(k)$ with exactly one internal vertex.

Example 8.9. Let us consider $M = S^1 \times [0,1]$ (even though it doesn't satisfy our assumptions about connectivity). We can find a PLD model for M where:

- $B_{\partial} = H^*(\partial M)$ is four-dimensional, generated by 1, t, $d\varphi$, and $td\varphi$ with t being idempotent;
- $P = H^*(M) = H^*(S^1)$ is two-dimensional, generated by 1 and $d\varphi$;
- $K = H^*(M, \partial M)$ is two-dimensional, generated by dt and $dt \wedge d\varphi$.

Then one of the nontrivial relation in $\tilde{\mathsf{G}}_P(2)$ is given by $(d\varphi \otimes 1)\tilde{\omega}_{21} + (1 \otimes d\varphi)\tilde{\omega}_{12} + (d\varphi \otimes d\varphi) = 0$. To obtain some intuition about this relation, consider that $\mathrm{Conf}_2(M) \simeq \mathrm{Conf}_2(\mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\})$ is homotopy equivalent to $\mathrm{Conf}_3(\mathbb{R}^2)$ (by the Fadell–Neuwirth fibration, which has a contractible base in this case). The element $d\varphi$ correspond to the two points are rotating around the origin. Thus we can identify $\tilde{\omega}_{12}$ with $\omega_{12} \in H^*(\mathrm{Conf}_3(\mathbb{R}^2))$, $d\varphi \otimes 1$ with ω_{13} , and $1 \otimes d\varphi$ with ω_{23} . The perturbed relation in $\tilde{\mathsf{G}}_A(2)$ is then nothing but the usual Arnold relation in $\mathsf{e}_2^\vee(3) = H^*(\mathrm{Conf}_3(\mathbb{R}^2))$.

Proposition 8.10. There is an isomorphism of dg-modules between $G_P(V)$ and $\tilde{G}_P(V)$.

Proof. Let us fix $V = \{1, ..., k\}$ for some $k \geq 0$. Consider the standard basis of $e_n^{\vee}(k)$ given by monomials of the type:

$$\omega_{i_1j_1}\dots\omega_{i_rj_r},\tag{8.19}$$

with $1 \le i_1 < \ldots < i_r \le r$ and $i_l < j_l$ for all l. By choosing some basis $\{x_1, \ldots, x_m\}$ of P, we obtain a basis of $G_P(k)$ by labeling the last element of each connected component of such a monomial by some x_i .

We claim that if we replace all the ω_{ij} by $\tilde{\omega}_{ij}$ in this basis, then we obtain a basis of $\tilde{\mathsf{G}}_P(V)$. Using the perturbed Arnold relations, it's clear that any element of $\tilde{\mathsf{G}}_P(V)$ can be written as a linear combination of these elements. Moreover, using the same argument that proves that there is no nontrivial relation between the elements of the standard basis of $\mathsf{e}_n^{\vee}(k)$, we can prove that there is non nontrivial relation between the elements of our claimed basis.

There is thus a linear isomorphism $G_P(V) \to \tilde{G}_P(V)$ which is defined on the basis by replacing all the ω_{ij} by $\tilde{\omega}_{ij}$. It's then clear that this map preserves the internal differential of P and the part of the differential which splits an $\omega_{i_l j_l}$ (which can be written down explicitly in the basis: it merely splits a connected component into two).

Corollary 8.11. There is an isomorphism of graded vector spaces $H^*(\operatorname{Conf}_k(M)) \cong H^*(\tilde{\mathsf{G}}_P(k))$.

Proof. This follows immediately from the previous proposition and Theorem 8.8

Remark 8.12. It is often the case that G_P and G_P are actually equal. For example, if M is obtained by removing a point from a closed manifold, then $B_{\partial} = H^*(S^{n-1}) = S(v)/(v^2)$, and $\sigma_P = 1 \otimes v$. Then in all the "corrective terms" in the definition of $\mathsf{G}_P(V)$, v appears at least twice, hence the summand vanishes.

In particular:

Example 8.13. If $M = D^n$ and we use the PLD model of Example 1.8, then $\tilde{\mathsf{G}}_P = \mathsf{G}_P$ (see Example 8.3).

8.4. The connection between SGraphs $_{A,A_{\partial}}$ and mGraphs $_A$

We now compare our two graphical models, before going back to the comparison with our small model. We first deal with the "local" case, i.e., $\mathsf{SGraphs}_n$ and Graphs_n .

Let us apply the constructions of Section 6.1 to a trivial bundle over a point: we then obtain the cooperad $\mathsf{SGraphs}_n$ of Section 5.1. The Maurer–Cartan element $z+z^{\partial} \in \mathsf{GC}_n^{\vee} \ltimes \mathsf{SGC}_n^{\vee}$ is then equal to $\mu+c$, where μ is the graph with two vertices from Equation (5.2), and c is given by the Kontsevich coefficients of Equation (5.7). By the arguments of Section 6.1, c is gauge equivalent to $z_0^{\partial}+0\cdot z_1^{\partial}$ (the Euler class of H^n vanishes). For convenience, we will use the notation

$$c_0 \coloneqq z_0^{\partial},\tag{8.20}$$

and we assume in this section that c_0 is used to construct $\mathsf{SGraphs}_n$ instead of c. As usual, since the two elements are gauge equivalent, this produces a quasi-isomorphic Hopf cooperad (see Section 5.3).

By considering graphs with no terrestrial external vertices, we obtain a Graphs_n -comodule $\mathsf{SGraphs}_n(\varnothing, -)$. This comodule is not isomorphic to Graphs_n seen as a comodule over itself, because its graphs can contain internal terrestrial vertices. However, $\mathsf{SFM}_n(\varnothing, \{*\})$ is a point, and there is a weak equivalence of FM_n -modules given by:

$$\mathsf{FM}_n(U) \cong \mathsf{SFM}_n(\varnothing, \{*\}) \times \mathsf{FM}_n(U) \xrightarrow{\circ_U} \mathsf{SFM}_n(\varnothing, U). \tag{8.21}$$

This is modeled by the following proposition. Let us define the map

$$\nu: \mathsf{SGraphs}_n(\varnothing, V) \to \mathsf{Graphs}_n(V)$$
 (8.22)

as follows. Given some $\Gamma \in \mathsf{SGraphs}_n(\varnothing, V)$, if Γ only has univalent terrestrial vertices, then $\nu(\Gamma)$ is the graph with these univalent vertices and their incident edges removed. Otherwise, if Γ has terrestrial vertices of valence greater than one, then $\nu(\Gamma) = 0$. Note that Γ cannot have isolated terrestrial vertices, as they are all internal. See Figure 8.1 for a sketch of the map ν .

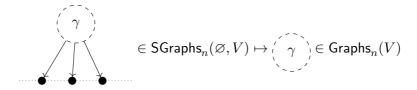


Figure 8.1: Sketch of the map ν

Proposition 8.14. The maps $\nu: \mathsf{SGraphs}_n(\varnothing, V) \to \mathsf{Graphs}_n(V)$ defines a quasi-isomorphism of Hopf right $\mathsf{Graphs}_n\text{-}modules.$

Proof. For a given V, the map is the composite of two quasi-isomorphisms of CDGAs (hence it is itself a CDGA map and a quasi-isomorphism):

• The comodule structure map

$$\circ_{V}^{\vee} : \mathsf{SGraphs}_{n}(\varnothing, V) \to \mathsf{SGraphs}_{n}(\varnothing, \{*\}) \otimes \mathsf{Graphs}_{n}(V), \tag{8.23}$$

which is a quasi-isomorphism because it models the weak equivalence $\mathsf{FM}_n(\varnothing, \{*\}) \times \mathsf{FM}_n(V) \to \mathsf{SFM}_n(\varnothing, V)$;

• The map c_0 : $\mathsf{SGraphs}_n(\varnothing, \{*\}) \to \mathbb{R}$. This is a quasi-isomorphism because $\mathsf{SGraphs}_n(\varnothing, \{*\})$ is a model for $\mathsf{SFM}_n(\varnothing, \{*\})$, which is a point, and c_0 is a nontrivial cocycle.

The fact that $\mathsf{SGraphs}_n$ is a relative operad over Graphs_n also shows that this is a morphism of Graphs_n -comodules.

We now get back to the global case. We still assume that the Maurer–Cartan element $z+z^{\partial}+Z\in \mathfrak{g}_{A,A_{\partial}}$ (see Equation (6.19)) used to define $\mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_{\partial}}$ is equal to the simpler one $\mu+z_0^{\partial}+Ez_1^{\partial}+Z$, in order to have a simpler description for the map described below. We also assume that the Maurer–Cartan element $w+W\in \mathsf{mGC}_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee}\ltimes \mathsf{aGC}_{A}^{\vee}$ used to define $\mathsf{mGraphs}_A$ (see Section 7.2) is also equal to the simple one w_0+W_0 .

For each finite set of external vertices V, there is a map $\nu_A: \mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_\partial}(\varnothing,V) \to \mathsf{mGraphs}_A(V)$ defined as follows. Given some graph $\Gamma \in \mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_\partial}(\varnothing,V)$, we remove all the edges from an aerial vertex to a terrestrial vertex and we multiply their endpoints by $\sigma_A \in A_\partial \otimes A$. We then obtain a graph where all the terrestrial vertices are zero-valent, and we identify those with the real number given by the integral over ∂M of their labels. In this way, we obtain an element of $\mathsf{mGraphs}_A(V)$, and it is not hard to check that this produces a morphism of CDGAs.

Proposition 8.15. The maps

$$\nu_A: \mathsf{SGraphs}_{A,A_a}(\varnothing,-) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathsf{mGraphs}_A$$

define a quasi-isomorphism of Hopf right Graphs_n^A-comodules.

Proof. We use an argument similar to the one of [Idr16, Section 4.2]. Filter both complexes by the number of edges minus the number of vertices. The only part of the differential which remains on the E^0 page is the contraction of aerial edges and the contraction of a subgraph into a terrestrial vertex induced by z_0^{∂} , which is nonzero on trees only (see Proposition 6.6), while the summand induced by Ez_1^{∂} vanishes because it strictly decreases the filtration.

It follows that both complexes split as a direct sum in terms of connected components, just like in [Idr16, Lemma 4.21]. We can now reuse the same "trick" we used for the proof of [Idr16, Lemma 4.28], to show that in cohomology, there is only one label for

each connected component. We thus reduce to the morphism $\nu : \mathsf{SGraphs}_n(\varnothing, V) \to \mathsf{Graphs}_n(V)$ from Proposition 8.14 tensored with the identity of A for each connected component. Since that morphism is a quasi-isomorphism, we obtain that the induced morphism on the E^1 page is an isomorphism. It follows by standard spectral sequence arguments (the filtration is bounded below for a fixed V) that the morphism of the proposition is a quasi-isomorphism.

8.5. Comparison with the perturbed model and proof of Theorem E

We consider the diagonal data $(B \xrightarrow{\lambda} B_{\partial}, \Delta_B, \sigma_B)$ obtained from the Poincaré–Lefschetz duality model of M (see Section 2 for the notations, in particular P is the quasi-isomorphic quotient of B by the orphans). We would now like to connect $\mathsf{mGraphs}_B(V)$ with $\tilde{\mathsf{G}}_P(V)$.

Recall that we can assume that the Maurer-Cartan element w + W used to define $\mathsf{mGraphs}_B$ is the simple one $w_0 + W_0$, see Section 7.2 (note that since we are in the "model-theoretic" case, the pieces w_{tree} , W_{tree} vanish as they encode higher Massey products – they only appear in the "canonical combinatorial" case).

It is not necessarily the case that the two morphisms $\varepsilon, \varepsilon'$: $\operatorname{cone}(\rho) \to \mathbb{R}[-n+1]$, defined respectively by the composites $(\int_M g(-), \int_{\partial M} g_{\partial}(-))$ and $(\varepsilon_B f, \varepsilon_{B_{\partial}} f_{\partial})$, are equal. Nevertheless, up to rescaling ε (which induces an automorphism of $\operatorname{\mathsf{mGraphs}}_B$), they induce the same map up to quasi-isomorphism, $H^{n-1}(\operatorname{cone}(\rho))$ being one-dimensional. Thus we can further assume (using a gauge equivalence, see Section 5.3) that the Maurer–Cartan element is compatible with the Poincaré–Lefschetz duality of (B, B_{∂}) .

Although the pair (P, B_{∂}) is not an example of diagonal data (there is no direct map $P \to B_{\partial}$ in general, much less a surjective one), we can still mod out the graphs in $\mathsf{mGraphs}_B$ which contains vertices labeled by an element of $\ker(B \to P)$, which we check forms a dg-Hopf comodule bi-ideal. We then obtain a graph complex $\mathsf{mGraphs}_P$, similar to $\mathsf{mGraphs}_B$ except that the vertices are labeled by elements of P. The descriptions of the differential and the comodule structure are similar: indeed, we check that the same maps induce maps on the quotient. Moreover, the obvious map $\mathsf{mGraphs}_B \to \mathsf{mGraphs}_P$ is a quasi-isomorphism: we can filter by the total number of vertices both complexes, and thus obtain an isomorphism on the E^1 pages of the associated spectral sequences, following from the fact that $B \to P$ is a quasi-isomorphism. This filtration is bounded in each degree, hence the initial map is a quasi-isomorphism by standard theorems.

We can now define a morphism $\mathsf{Graphs}_P \to \tilde{\mathsf{G}}_P$ which maps all graphs with internal vertices to zero, and which sends an edge $e_{vv'}$ between external vertices to $\tilde{\omega}_{vv'}$.

Proposition 8.16. This defines a quasi-isomorphism of right Hopf comodules:

$$(\mathsf{mGraphs}_P,\mathsf{Graphs}_n) \to (\tilde{\mathsf{G}}_P,\mathsf{e}_n^\vee).$$

Proof. We can mimic the proof of [Idr16, Proposition 4.13] in a straightforward way. Indeed, as soon as we filter by #edges – #vertices, the perturbed relations of $\tilde{\mathsf{G}}_P$ become the usual relations of G_P , and the rest of the argument is identical.

Then the first case of Theorem E follows:

Theorem 8.17. Let M be a simply connected, smooth, compact manifold with boundary of dimension at least 5, and assume either that it admits a surjective pretty model or that $\dim M \geq 7$ so that it admits a PLD. Let P be the CDGA model built from the resulting PLD model.

Then the symmetric collection of CDGAs $\tilde{\mathsf{G}}_P$ is quasi-isomorphic to $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathsf{SFM}_M(\varnothing,-))$. If moreover M is framed, then the Hopf right comodule $(\tilde{\mathsf{G}}_P,\mathsf{e}_n^\vee)$ is quasi-isomorphic to $(\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathsf{SFM}_M(\varnothing,-)),\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathsf{FM}_n))$.

Let us finally deal with simply connected manifolds with simply connected boundary of dimension dim $M \in \{4, 5, 6\}$. It is known that such a manifold is formal (see e.g. [FOT08, Proposition 2.99]), thus as a model for M we may simply take $H^*(M)$. Note however that while ∂M is formal too, the inclusion $\partial M \to M$ is not formal in general (take e.g. $M = S^2 \times S^2 \setminus D^4$), and the restriction map $H^*(M) \to H^*(\partial M)$ is not surjective anyway.

Consider the model $\mathsf{mGraphs}_A$ of $\mathsf{Conf}_{\bullet}(M)$ built in Section 7, where A is some coffbrant model of M part of some diagonal data. As M is formal, there exists a quasi-isomorphism $A \xrightarrow{\sim} H^*(M)$, necessarily surjective. We define $\tilde{\mathsf{G}}_{H^*(M)}(r)$ to be the quotient:

$$\tilde{\mathsf{G}}_{H^*(M)}(r) \coloneqq \mathsf{mGraphs}_A(r)/I, \tag{8.24}$$

where I is the CDGA ideal generated by graphs with internals vertices and graphs containing a label in the kernel of $A \to P$. This CDGA admits a description similar to Equation 8.16: $\tilde{\mathsf{G}}_{H^*(M)}(r)$ can be seen as the subcomplex of $\mathsf{mGraphs}_A(r)$ of graphs with no internal vertices, modded out by differentials of graphs with exactly one internal vertices (as the differential decreases the number of internal vertices by at most one). Note that $\tilde{\mathsf{G}}_{H^*(M)}$ forms an e_n^{\vee} -comodule, and that the quotient map

$$(\mathsf{mGraphs}_A,\mathsf{Graphs}_n) \to (\tilde{\mathsf{G}}_{H^*(M)},\mathsf{e}_n^\vee) \tag{8.25}$$

defines a morphism of comodules.

Theorem 8.18. Let M be a simply connected manifold with simply connected boundary, with dim $M \in \{4,5,6\}$. Let $\tilde{\mathsf{G}}_{H^*(M)}$ be the collection of CDGAs defined above. Then each $\tilde{\mathsf{G}}_{H^*(M)}(r)$ is a CDGA model of $\mathrm{Conf}_r(M)$. If moreover M is framed, then the Hopf right comodule $(\tilde{\mathsf{G}}_{H^*(M)}, \mathsf{e}_n^\vee)$ is a quasi-isomorphic to $(\Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}^*(\mathsf{SFM}_M(\varnothing, -)), \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}^*(\mathsf{FM}_n))$.

Proof. Given that $(\mathsf{mGraphs}_A, \mathsf{Graphs}_n)$ is known to be a model by Section 7, this is a simple matter of checking that the ideal I is acyclic, using the same methods developed above for $\dim M \geq 7$.

Example 8.19. We can apply this to $M=D^n$, using the surjective pretty model from Example 1.8. Recall that in this case, $P=\mathbb{R}$, $\Delta_A=0$, $\sigma_A=0$, and $\tilde{\mathsf{G}}_P$ is isomorphic to e_n^\vee as a Hopf right comodule over itself (see Example 8.13). We then "recover" the already known fact that FM_{D^n} is (Hopf) formal as a right FM_n -module – though that "proof" is of course circular.

The Hopf right $\operatorname{\mathsf{Graphs}}_n$ -comodule $\operatorname{\mathsf{mGraphs}}_P$ is isomorphic to $\operatorname{\mathsf{Graphs}}_n$ seen as a comodule over itself. The augmentation $\varepsilon_B: B \to \mathbb{R}[-n+1]$ yields a Maurer-Cartan element \mathbf{z}_ε in the abelian hoLie_n-algebra $\operatorname{\mathsf{mGC}}_P^\vee$ (see Remark 6.19), given in the dual basis by the graph with a single vertex labeled by $\operatorname{\mathsf{vol}}_n$. The twisted hoLie_n-algebra $\operatorname{\mathsf{mGC}}_P^{\vee,\mathbf{z}_\varepsilon}$ is then isomorphic to a shift of $\operatorname{\mathsf{GC}}_n^\vee$ from Section 5.5 – the twisting ensures that dead ends are not contractible.

A. Cohomology of some graph complexes

In this section, we obtain bounds on the cohomology of the various graph complexes which appear in this paper.

A.1. Directed and undirected graph complexes

We call a stub a univalent vertex with incoming edge:

$$\longrightarrow \bullet$$
 (A.1)

Let us consider three versions of graph complexes GC_n , dGC_n , dGC'_n of undirected graphs, directed graphs, and directed graphs modulo graphs with stubs. We work here with connected graphs, but allow all valences of vertices.

We recall:

Lemma A.1 ([Wil14, Appendix K]). The map $GC_n \to dGC_n$ sending a graph to the sum of all graphs obtained by adding directions is a quasi-isomorphism of complexes.

One may also show the following.

Lemma A.2. The quotient map $dGC_n \to dGC'_n$ is a quasi-isomorphism of complexes up to one class of degree zero represented by a zero-valent vertex, i.e.,

$$H(\mathrm{dGC}_n) \oplus \mathbb{k} \cong \mathrm{dGC}'_n.$$
 (A.2)

Proof. The proof uses essentially the same techniques as the proof of [Wil14, Proposition 3.4]. Concretely, let us abbreviate $U = dGC_n$ and $V = dGC'_n$. These complexes decompose into a direct sum of subcomplexes

$$U = U_{lin} \oplus U_{loop} \oplus U_3 \qquad V = V_{lin} \oplus V_{loop} \oplus V_3, \tag{A.3}$$

which consist of loop order zero graphs with at most bivalent vertices, loop order 1 graphs with only bivalent vertices and graphs with at least one trivalent vertex. The quotient map $U \to V$ clearly maps each subcomplex of U to its counterpart in V. Also note that $U_{loop} = V_{loop}$. The spaces U_{lin} and V_{lin} are spanned by linear, i.e., strings of consecutive edges. We next claim that $H(U_{lin}) = 0$. To shows this, first write

$$U_{lin} = (U'_{lin})^{\mathbb{Z}_2},\tag{A.4}$$

where U'_{lin} is the space of linear graphs with labelled endpoints, and the \mathbb{Z}_2 -action swaps the endpoints. Since we are working over a field of characteristic 0, It suffices to show that $H(U'_{lin}) = 0$. We say that the antenna at the first endpoint are all consecutive edges of like direction starting from that endpoint. For example, the antenna in the following graph has length 2.

antenna (A.5)

We filter by the number of non-antenna vertices and consider the associated spectral sequence. The associated graded complex splits into two subcomplexes of graphs such that (i) the antenna is the whole graph or (ii) the antenna is not the whole graph. In the subcomplex of such full-antenna graphs the differential makes the graph one longer if it has an odd number of vertices, and maps it to zero otherwise. The resulting complex is acyclic. In the other subcomplex the differential maps an antenna of odd length to a one longer antenna, and the graph to zero otherwise. The complex is also acyclic. Using that our filtration is complete and bonded above we are hence done and can conclude that $H(U_{lin}) = 0$.

For V_{lin} we proceed in exactly the same way. Just note that in the graphs the edges at the endpoints must now all be inwards oriented, so that now the subcomplex of full-antenna graphs is one-dimensional, spanned by the graph

$$\bullet$$
. (A.6)

Hence the subcomplex of full-antenna graphs has now 1-dmensional cohomology, so that at the end $H(V) = \mathbb{k}$.

We next claim that the quotient map

$$U_3 \to V_3$$
 (A.7)

is a quasi-isomorphism. We call an outwards antenna a string of consecutive outwards pointing edges starting at a valence one vertex.

Of course, in V_3 all graphs that have such antennas are declared zero. We filter U_3 (and trivially V_3) by the number of vertices not in outwards antennas and consider the associated spectral sequence. The first differential makes some outwards antenna by one longer. By a slight variation of the argument from before (see also the proof of [Wil14, Proposition 3.4]) one shows that the subcomplex of graphs with inwards antennas is acyclic. Hence one concludes that the map $U_3 \to V_3$ is indeed a quasi-isomorphism as desired.

A.2. Decorated graph complex

Consider a finite dimensional graded vector space V. Consider a graph complex $GC_{n,V}$ of undirected graphs, defined just as GC_n , but with graphs whose vertices can be optionally decorated by zero, one or more elements of V (formally, an element of S(V)).

$$v_1 v_2 \quad \text{with } v_j \in V \tag{A.9}$$

The differential splits vertices, and distributes the decorations in all possible ways on the two vertices created (i.e. it uses the cocommutative coproduct on S(V)).

Remark A.3. This complex is not the same as the complex of V-hairy graphs which occur in the rational homotopy theory of string links [ST15]. The difference is that here the differential may create vertices with one decoration and one incident edge – in other words, "hairs" – whereas in the complex from the theory of string links, the hairs and their colors is fixed.

We have:

Proposition A.4. The cohomology of GC_V satisfies:

$$H(GC_{n,V}) = H(GC_n) \oplus V, \tag{A.10}$$

where the first summand is represented by graphs without any decoration, and the second by a graph consisting of a single V-decorated vertex.

Proof. Clearly $GC_{n,V}$ splits into subcomplexes according to the number of decorations by V. The piece with zero such decorations is isomorphic to GC_n , and gives rise to the piece $H(GC_n)$ in the statement of the proposition. We claim that the remaining piece of graphs with at least one decoration has cohomology V, meaning in particular that all subcomplexes with more than one decoration are acyclic. To this end it in fact suffices to consider the case that graphs are decorated by $k \geq 1$ identifiable decorations, say e_1, \ldots, e_n . We say vertex 1 is the one decorated by e_1 . Then one may copy a trick of Lambrechts-Volić [LV14] and decompose our complex as

$$U_1 \oplus U_2 \stackrel{f}{\bigoplus} U_r \supset ,$$
 (A.11)

where U_1 is spanned by graphs where vertex one has valence 1 (i.e., nothing else than e_1 is connected to it, which means that by connectedness the graph has one vertex, no edge and k = 1), U_2 is spanned by graphs where vertex 1 has only one edge incident to it, and U_r is spanned by the remainder of graphs. The arrows indicate the pieces of the differential between the subspaces. By picking a bounded filtration we arrive at a spectral sequence whose first differential is f. The map f is surjective, the kernel is

spanned by graphs such that the vertex at which the unique edge at vertex one ends is incident to exactly one edge (and no decoration) or two edges and no decoration. One easily check that that complex becomes acyclic on the next page, e.g., by filtering on the number of vertices not in a "string" starting at 1. We hence see that U_1 spans the cohomology as claimed.

We will also consider the version of the above graph complex allowing non-connected graphs $fGC_{n,V}$. Clearly, this is just a free shifted symmetric algebra on the connected part:

Corollary A.5. We have the following isomorphism:

$$H(fGC_{n,V}) \cong S^+(H(GC_n)[-n] \oplus V[-n])[n]. \tag{A.12}$$

A.3. Decorated M-relative graph complex

Let again V be some vector space of additional decorations. We want to consider a graph complex similar to GC_M (M closed), but with additional decorations by V.

To this end, we assume we picked some finite dimensional dg vector space A with a degree n non-degenerate pairing. We suppose furthermore that $A = \mathbb{k} \oplus \overline{A}$ has a "unit" (see [CW16] for details). We may build the graph complex GC_A , whose vertices may be A-decorated, and whose differential will have a piece that denoted by ∇ connecting two vertices, using the pairing on A.

Moreover, let us suppose that Z is a Maurer-Cartan element of GC_A . If we twist the Lie algebra GC_A by Z, the differential of a graph will have a new piece "gluing" (the summands of) Z to the graph along decorations via the pairing in A. In the discussion that follows one can assume that GC_A is twisted by a non-trivial Maurer-Cartan element.

Define the graph complex $GC_{A,V}$ to be composed of A-decorated graphs as before, but additionally vertices may again be decorated by elements of V. Bear in mind that decorations in A and V are not on the same footing. For instance, there is a piece in the differential creating a V-decorated stub, but non creating an A-decorated stub.

Note that GC_A is a dg Lie subalgebra of $GC_{A,V}$ trivially. Furthermore, $A \otimes V$ is a subcomplex, understood as graphs with one vertex. In the discussion that follows one can also assume $GC_{A,V}$ to be twisted by $Z \in GC_A \subset GC_{A,V}$. We have the following:

Proposition A.6.

$$H(GC_{A,V}) = H(GC_A) \oplus H(A) \otimes V. \tag{A.13}$$

Proof. The complex $GC_{A,V}$ again splits into subcomplexes according to the number of decorations in V. The subcomplex with zero decorations is isomorphic to GC_A and hence produces the first term in the statement of the Proposition. To compute the cohomology of the remaining complex, we use the complete filtration by the number of loops. The first differential in the associated spectral sequence will not see the part joining two decorations into an edge. It will also not see the non-tree part of Z.

Filtering again by the number of vertices and taking another spectral sequence we can next replace A by H(A) and restrict to the piece of the differential creating exactly

one vertex, by splitting an edge, or joining the one-vertex piece of Z. We can now run an argument similar to that of the proof of Proposition A.4. First we may assume that the decorations in V are, say e_1, \ldots, e_k , each occurring exactly once. We call the vertex decorated by e_1 the first vertex and decompose our complex as

$$U_1 \oplus U_2 \stackrel{f}{\bigoplus} U_r \supset ,$$
 (A.14)

where U_1 consists of graphs with a single vertex decorated by e_1 and an element of H(A) (including 1), U_2 consists of graphs for which the first vertex has valence 2 and precisely one incident edge and u_r consists of all remaining graphs. Again the map f is surjective, a one sided inverse being given by contracting the edge. The kernel consists of graphs for which the first vertex has precisely one incident edge, and the vertex it connects to has valence at most 2, with no V-decorations. Again this complex can easily seen to be acyclic.

We also consider a non-connected version $\mathrm{fGC}_{A,V}$ of the graph complex $\mathrm{GC}_{A,V}$, i.e., we now allow also disconnected diagrams. Note that (-in contrast to the previous section-) this complex is not merely the symmetric product of the connected graph complex, because the term ∇ of the differential can connect two different connected components.

For technical reasons we will also temporarily consider a version $fGC'_{A,V} = \mathbb{k} \oplus fGC_{A,V}[-n]$, where we shift the degree and add an element representing the empty graph, so that, as graded vector spaces

$$fGC'_{A,V} = S(GC_{A,V}). \tag{A.15}$$

Note also that this notation allows us to write the differential on $fGC'_{A,V}$ as

$$\delta = e^{-Z} d_0 e^Z, \tag{A.16}$$

where

$$d_0 = d_{split} + \nabla$$
 with $\nabla = \sum_i \frac{\partial}{\partial a_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial a_i^*} + d_A$ (A.17)

is the untwisted differential. We claim that we have a map of complexes

$$F: S(V \otimes A) \otimes fGC'_A \to fGC'_{AV}. \tag{A.18}$$

To define this map F we consider elements $v \otimes a \in V \otimes A$ as derivations of $fGC'_{A,V}$ which remove one decoration dual to a and replace it with a decoration v, formally

$$v\frac{\partial}{\partial a^*}.\tag{A.19}$$

These derivations all commute, hence we can naturally associate to an element $f \in S(V \otimes A)$ an operator D_f by composing the derivations. We then define the map F above as

$$F(f \otimes x) := e^{-Z} D_f e^Z x. \tag{A.20}$$

We check that this map commutes with the differentials, using (A.16):

$$\delta F(f \otimes x) = \delta e^{-Z} D_f e^Z x = e^{-Z} d_0 D_f e^Z x$$

= $e^{-Z} (D_f d_0 + D_{d_A f}) e^Z x = e^{-Z} D_f e^Z e^{-Z} d_0 e^Z x + e^{-Z} D_{d_A f} e^Z x$
= $F(f \otimes \delta x + d_A f \otimes x)$.

Here we also used that all operators (A.19), and hence also D_f , commute with the operations d_{split} and ∇ in (A.17).

We note that by the quantity

$$\#$$
edges – $\#$ vertices (A.21)

we obtain a descending complete filtration on $fGC'_{A,V}$. We call this filtration the EC (Euler characteristic) filtration. We note that the differential on the associated graded does not "see" the pieces ∇ and the non-tree parts of Z. Below we shall need the following result:

Lemma A.7. The map (A.20) induces a quasi-isomorphism on the associated graded complexes with respect to the EC filtration.

Proof. It follows from the same argument used in the proof of Proposition A.6 above. \Box

Remark A.8. It does not readily follow from the lemma that F is a quasi-isomorphism, as the EC filtration is not exhaustive. However, the map (A.20) cannot increase the number of connected components. It is therefore defined on the non-complete (wrt. the number of connected components) analogs of the complexes, even though on these complexes the expression e^Z is not defined. Lemma A.7 does imply that the map F is a quasi-isomorphism on the non-complete complexes.

A.4. The cohomology of KGC_n

Let $n \geq 3$. Recall the graph complex $KGC_n := SGC_n^{\vee}$ from Equation (5.28) and the Maurer-Cartan element $z_0^{\partial} \in MC(KGC_n)$ from Proposition 6.6. We want to compute here the cohomology of

$$KGC_n^{z_0^{\partial}} := (KGC_n, \delta + [z_0^{\partial}, -])$$
(A.22)

First, note that one has a right action

• :
$$(KGC_n, \delta) \otimes (GC_n, \delta) \to (KGC_n, \delta)$$

by Lie algebra derivations, through the insertion of a graph at aerial vertices (cf. also [Wil16]). It follows that for the (or in fact any) MC element $z_0^{\partial} \in (\mathrm{KGC}_n, \delta)$ we obtain a map of complexes

$$z_0^{\partial} \bullet - : GC_n[-1] \to (KGC_n, \delta + [z_0^{\partial}, -])$$
 (A.23)

Concretely, to see that this map respects the differentials, one just acts with $\bullet \gamma$ (for some $\gamma \in GC_n$) on the MC equation and uses the derivation property to obtain:

$$0 = (\delta z_0^{\partial} + [z_0^{\partial}, z_0^{\partial}]/2) \bullet \gamma = \delta(z_0^{\partial} \bullet \gamma) + z_0^{\partial} \bullet \delta \gamma + [z_0^{\partial}, z_0^{\partial} \bullet \gamma]. \tag{A.24}$$

Next, we define a map of complexes

$$\pi: (\mathrm{KGC}_n, \delta + [z_0^{\partial}, -]) \to (\mathrm{GC}_{n-1}, \delta)$$
 (A.25)

as follows:

• We say that a wedge is an aerial vertex connected to two terrestrial vertices and no other vertices:

(A.26)

- If $\Gamma \in \mathrm{KGC}_n$ contains any aerial vertices which are not wedges, then we set $\pi(\Gamma) = 0$.
- If $\Gamma \in \mathrm{KGC}_n$ contains only wedges, then we set $\pi(\Gamma)$ to the graph in GC_{n-1} with the vertices the same as the terrestrial vertices of Γ , and with every wedge in Γ replaced by an edge in $\pi(\Gamma)$.

The map π respects the differentials: the only terms in the differential that are not mapped to zero by π stem from the bracket with the wedge piece in z_0^{∂} , and those terms precisely reproduce the differential on GC_{n-1} .

Finally, for technical reasons, let us also consider the quasi-isomorphic subcomplex

$$GC_n^{2e} \xrightarrow{\sim} GC_n$$
 (A.27)

spanned by graphs with at least two edges.⁶

The subcomplex is chosen so that the composition of maps

$$\operatorname{GC}_{n}^{2e}[-1] \xrightarrow{z_{0}^{\partial} \bullet -} \operatorname{KGC}_{n} \xrightarrow{\pi} \operatorname{GC}_{n-1}^{\geq 1}$$
 (A.28)

is zero, as is easily verified.

The main result is now the following:

Proposition A.9. The total complex of (A.28) is acyclic.

Proof. Let T be the total complex (i.e., the mapping cone) of $KGC_n \to GC_{n-1}$. We will show equivalently that the induced map

$$H(GC_n) \to H(T)$$
 (A.29)

is an isomorphism. We will filter T by the total number of non-wedge aerial vertices and take the associated spectral sequence. Here we understand graphs in the piece GC_{n-1} as containing no such vertices.

The first differential is composed of the piece of [W, -] creating a wedge, and the map between KGC_n and GC_{n-1} . We note that KGC_n with the first piece has the shape of

⁶Concretely, the subcomplex $GC_n^{2e} \subset GC_n$ has codimension 2, with the two "missing" dimensions spanned by the graphs \bullet and $\bullet - \bullet$.

a decorated graph complex in the sense of Section A.2, where we have (possibly disconnected) graphs of terrestrial vertices, the edges being the wedges, and the decorations the incident edges from the rest of the graph. Using this identification and replicating the proof of Proposition A.4 one sees that the cohomology of KGC_n with that differential is composed of one piece of shape GC_{n-1} and another one which is spanned by "hairy wedgeless graphs", i.e., graphs with only univalent terrestrial vertices and no wedges. Hence we find that H(gr T) is precisely the space of such hairy wedgeless graphs. We filter the next page in the spectral sequence again by the total number of vertices (aerial and terrestrial alike). The differential on the associated graded is [I, -], which makes one hair into a stub. It is more or less obvious that the cohomology of that piece is the same as hairless graphs, modulo stubs. The only caveat is that by removing the graph which is a single wedge from our complex we retain an additional class

$$X = \tag{A.30}$$

We hence find (on the next page of our inner spectral sequence) a complex which is isomorphic to dGC'_n , cf. Section A.1. Using Lemma A.2 we hence see that our cohomology on the subsequent page is

$$H(GC_n) \oplus \mathbb{k}U \oplus \mathbb{k}X,$$
 (A.31)

where

$$U = \underline{\qquad} \tag{A.32}$$

The classes in the piece $H(GC_n)$ stem from the map $GC_n \to KGC_n$, hence have representatives closed in the full complex, and hence all further differentials in our spectral sequences will be zero on them. Finally, one easily checks that on the next page of the outer spectral sequence U kills X, and hence the proposition follows.

One can then consider the long exact sequence associated to (A.28) (see [Wil14, Lemma 5.6])

$$\cdots \to H(GC_n)[-1] \to H(KGC_n) \to H(GC_{n-1}) \to H(GC_n)[-2] \to \cdots$$
(A.33)

Furthermore we see that all maps respect the (complete) grading by loop order, so that we may always consider subcomplexes of fixed loop order g. First consider loop order 1. Suppose n is even. Then the 1-loop classes in $H(GC_n)$ live in degrees 1-n+4j, $j=0,1,2,\ldots$ If n is odd they live in degrees 3-n+4j, $j=0,1,2,\ldots$ This means that the 1-loop classes in $H(GC_{n-1})$ live in degrees 4-n+4j is n is even and 2-n+4j if n is odd. Hence in either case the live in degrees of opposite parity, so that the map $H(GC_{n-1}) \to H(GC_n)[-2]$ must necessarily be trivial in loop order 1.

Lemma A.10. In loop order g > 2 the cohomology of $H(GC_n)$ is concentrated in degrees

$$\{-g(n-2), \dots, -g(n-3) - 3\}$$
 (A.34)

This means that in loop order g > 2 the cohomology of $H(GC_{n-1})$ is concentrated in degrees

$$\{-g(n-3), \dots, -g(n-4) - 3\}$$
 (A.35)

Proof. The upper bound is due to the fact the we may consider at least trivalent vertices, so that, in the extreme case one has

$$e = 3v/2$$
 $g = e - v + 1$ $d = n(v - 1) - (n - 1)e$,

which one easily solves for the degree d to yield the desired bound (see also [FTW17, Section 9.4]).

The lower bound comes from the quasi-isomorphic identification of GC_n with the complex of (Hopf-)biderivations of the homology operad of the little n-disks operad, see [Wil14]. The biderivation complex there has the given lower degree bound, which hence is also valid for $H(GC_n)$.

More concretely, recall from [Wil14, Section 5] the identification between the homology of $\operatorname{Der}(e_n) = \prod_N (e_n(N) \otimes e_n(N) \otimes sgn^{\otimes n}[(1-N)n])^{\mathbb{S}_n}$ and $H(GC_n)$. Under this identification the genus is given by genus of the graph we obtain by drawing a line with N vertices, a graph representing a Gerstenhaber word of arity N above the line (i.e. multiple Lie trees whose leafs form a subset of the N vertices) and a similar below the line.

Then, on a graphical representation Γ of an element of $\operatorname{Der}(e_n)$ and denoting by c its the number of connected components, e its number of edges, v its number of edges and g its genus we obtain

$$\deg \Gamma = (e - v)(1 - n) - n(1 - N) \tag{A.36}$$

$$= (e - v - N)(1 - n) + N(1 - n) - n(1 - N)$$
(A.37)

$$= (g - c)(1 - n) + N - n \tag{A.38}$$

$$= -g(n-2) + \underbrace{(c-1)}_{\geq 0} \underbrace{(n-1)}_{>0} + (N-g-1). \tag{A.39}$$

The conclusion follows from noting that since the graph would have genus zero after deletion of the N middle vertices, then $N \geq g+1$.

We also note that in loop order g = 2 there is cohomology in GC_n only for n even, and only one class spanned by the theta-graph, in degree n - 3(n - 1) = -2n + 3.

Overall we find that the cohomologies of $H(GC_{n-1})$ and $H(GC_n)[-2]$ occupy disjoint degree regions, and hence the map between them in the long exact sequence (A.33) has to be trivial. Hence we conclude from this long exact sequence the following.

Proposition A.11. We have that

$$H(\mathrm{KGC}_n, \delta + [z_0^{\partial}, -]) \cong H(\mathrm{GC}_n)[-1] \oplus H(\mathrm{GC}_{n-1}).$$
 (A.40)

A.5. The cohomology of $aGC_{A_{\partial}}$

We next consider the graph complex (dg Lie algebra) (aGC $_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee}$, $\delta + [w, -]$), where $w = w_0 + \cdots$ is the Maurer–Cartan element constructed in Section 7.2. We will be mostly interested in (aGC $_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee}$, $\delta + [w_0, -]$), of which the above complex is a deformation.

First note that we have an obvious map of complexes

$$GC_n^{\vee}[1-n] \to aGC_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee}$$
 (A.41)

by simply mapping a diagram to itself. We also have a map in the other direction

$$(\mathbf{aGC}_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee}, \delta + [w_0, -]) \to \mathbf{GC}_n^{\vee}[1 - n] \tag{A.42}$$

projecting onto diagrams without decoration.⁷ This shows that we have a direct sum decomposition

$$(\mathbf{aGC}_{A_n}^{\vee}, \delta + [w_0, -]) \cong \mathbf{GC}_n^{\vee}[1 - n] \oplus X \tag{A.43}$$

where X is the subcomplex spanned by graphs with at least one decoration in $\tilde{H}(N)$. This subcomplex X has also been considered previously. It is closely related to the hairy graph complexes with hair decoration in $\tilde{H}(N)$, considered for example in [ST16, Section 2].

We will not try to make this link more precise, but just state some results. Let

$$aGC_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee,\geq k} \subset aGC_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee}$$
 (A.44)

be the subcomplex spanned by graphs all of whose vertices have valence $\geq k$, with k=2,3. (We leave it to the reader to verify that this subspace is indeed closed under the differential.)

Proposition A.12. The inclusion

$$aGC_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee,\geq 2} \subset (aGC_{A_{\partial}}, \delta + [w_0, -])$$
 (A.45)

is a quasi-isomorphism. The inclusion

$$aGC_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee,\geq 3} \subset (aGC_{A_{\partial}}, \delta + [w_0, -])$$
 (A.46)

is a quasi-isomorphism, up to the cohomology of the 1-loop part of $GC_n[1-n]$, living in the cohomology of the right-hand side.

Proof. For the first statement one takes a spectral sequence from the filtration on the number of "non-antenna vertices", similar to the proof of [Wil16], or Lemma A.2 above. For the second statement one similarly filters on the number of non-bivalent vertices. \Box

⁷To see that this is indeed a map of complexes, note that the twist piece of the differential does not have a piece adding two edges joined by an undecorated vertex, owed to the fact that w_0 does not have pieces with two α_i or β_i decorations. Mind however that the ω -term in w_0 can create more than one edge, eventually owed to our conventions regarding decorations by 1.

Finally we want to note that the complex $(aGC_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee}, \delta + [w, -])$ is naturally filtered by loop number. A simple counting argument shows:

Lemma A.13. Graphs in $\operatorname{aGC}_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee,\geq 3}$ of loop number l have degree

$$\leq -(l-1)(n-3).$$
 (A.47)

Proof. For the following argument we ignore symmetries of graphs. Suppose we are given a graph of loop order l of maximal degree. We may assume that all vertices are exactly trivalent, for otherwise splitting higher valent vertices would produce a graph of higher degree. In case there is a vertex with 3 decorations in $\tilde{H}(N)$, this is the whole graph, and l = 0. The degree of such a graph is at most

$$n(\text{# vertices}) - (n-1)(\text{# edges}) - (\text{degree of decorations}) \le n-0-3 = n-3, \text{ (A.48)}$$

in accordance with the formula. Next suppose there is a vertex with exactly 2 decorations. Then performing the substitution

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\end{array}$$

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 & (A.49) \\
\end{array}$$

at most increases the degree. We may hence assume that there are no vertices with exactly two decorations. Next suppose we have a vertex with exactly one decoration. Then the substitution

$$\stackrel{\text{a}}{-\bullet} \mapsto ---- \tag{A.50}$$

can at most increase the degree. Note that this substitution can be performed iff the two edges incident at the vertex on the left are distinct, i.e., if the graph is not equal to the following

$$\stackrel{\text{a}}{\bullet} .$$
(A.51)

In this latter case l=1 and the graph has degree at most n-(n-1)-1=0, in accordance with the claim in the lemma. For higher $l \geq 2$ it hence suffices to consider trivalent graphs without any decorations. Such graphs have degree

$$n(2l-2) - (n-1)(3l-3) = -(l-1)(n-3).$$
(A.52)

Note also that the loop order 1 part of $GC_n[1-n]$ is concentrated in non-positive degrees.

Hence we obtain:

Corollary A.14. If dim $N \geq 2$, then the graded vector space $\mathcal{F}^1 \operatorname{aGC}_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee}$ does not contain elements of positive degrees.

A.6. The cohomology of mGC_A

We may discuss similarly the cohomology of the complex mGC_A , or rather extend the discussion of the complex $\mathrm{aGC}_{A_\partial}$ from the preceding Section to the semi-direct product dg Lie algebra

$$aGC_{A_{\partial}} \ltimes mGC_{A}.$$
 (A.53)

Again we have the descending complete filtration \mathcal{F}^p by loop order. The associated graded space can again be related to (a twisted version of) the hairy graph complexes occurring for example in [ST15]. We have a Maurer-Cartan element $w + W = w_0 + W_0 + (\cdots)$, cf. (7.4), (7.9).

We note that in $(\text{mGC}_A, \delta + [w_0 + W_0, -])$ we have classes represented by the loop graphs

$$L_k = (k \text{ vertices})$$
 (A.54)

with

$$k = \begin{cases} 1, 5, 9, 13, \dots & \text{for } n \text{ even} \\ 3, 7, 11, \dots & \text{for } n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$
 (A.55)

The L_k have cohomological degree k+1. It is easy to check that the L_k are closed, reminding the reader that here we consider only the differential arising by twisting with the leading term $w_0 + W_0$ of the MC element w + W.

Lemma A.15. The L_k , for k as in (A.55), represent non-trivial cohomology classes in $(\text{mGC}_A, \delta + [w_0 + W_0, -])$.

Proof. We filter the complex by loop order and consider the associated spectral sequence. We note that the associated graded differential leaves invariant not only the loop number, but also the number of decorations in $\tilde{H}(M)$.

The cohomology in the associated graded in loop order 0 is a free cyclic Lie algebra generated by $\tilde{H}(M)$, represented by trivalent diagrams with leaves decorated by $\tilde{H}(M)$, modulo IHX relations. In particular all such diagrams with v vertices must have v+2 decorations in $\tilde{H}(M)$. The differential on the next page (increasing the loop order by one) adds one edge, removing one or two decorations. So it is clear that only diagrams with at least one decoration (even per vertex) can be produced in this way. In particular all the L_k must survive in the spectral sequence, and hence give rise to non-trivial cohomology classes.

We will again consider bivalent and trivalent versions, in which graphs are required to contain only vertices of valence at least k, k = 2 or 3:

$$\mathrm{aGC}_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee,\geq k}\ltimes\mathrm{mGC}_{A}^{\geq k}\subset(\mathrm{aGC}_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee}\ltimes\mathrm{mGC}_{A}^{\vee},\delta+[w_{0}+W_{0},-]).\tag{A.56}$$

Note in particular that we condsider the right-hand side as twisted with the leading piece of the MC element, which does not live in our subcomplexes.

Proposition A.16. The inclusion

$$aGC_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee,\geq 2} \ltimes mGC_{A}^{\vee,\geq 2} \subset (aGC_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee} \ltimes mGC_{A}^{\vee}, \delta + [w_0 + W_0, -]). \tag{A.57}$$

is a quasi-isomorphism. The inclusion

$$aGC_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee,\geq 3} \ltimes mGC_{A}^{\vee,\geq 3} \subset (aGC_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee} \ltimes mGC_{A}^{\vee}, \delta + [w_0 + W_0, -]). \tag{A.58}$$

is a quasi-isomorphism up to the 1-loop classes living in $H(aGC_{A_{\partial}})$ as in Proposition A.12, and the 1-loop classes in $H(mGC_A)$ as in Lemma A.15. Both statements continue to hold for the associated graded complexes under the filtration by loop order.

Proof. We first filter both sides by loop order and consider the associated spectral sequence. This removes the term from the differential that creates an edge by joining two γ_i -decorations. Afterwards the proof proceeds as that of Proposition A.12.

We also have an analog of Lemma A.13.

Lemma A.17. If $H^1(M) = 0$ then graphs in $\operatorname{mGC}_A^{\vee, \geq 3}$ of loop order l have degree

$$\leq -(l-1)(n-3) + 1.$$
 (A.59)

Proof. The proof is identical to the one of Lemma A.13, with the caveat that the formula for the degree of a graph has an extra "+1" in the present case, thus accounting for the different degree bound in this case.

Corollary A.18. If $n = \dim M \ge 4$ and if $H^1(M) = 0$, then the graded vector space $\mathcal{F}^1 \mathrm{mGC}_A^{\vee, \ge 3}$ is concentrated in non-positive degrees.

Proof. From Lemma A.17 it follows immediately that \mathcal{F}^1 mGC $_A^{\vee,\geq 3}$ is concentrated in non-positive degrees, even without the condition on $H^1(M)$. In loop order one, the proof of Lemma A.13 shows that the graphs of the highest possible degree 1 have all decorations in $H^1(M)$. Hence if $H^1(M) = 0$, then these graphs are no longer present in the complex and the highest possible degree is (at most) 0.

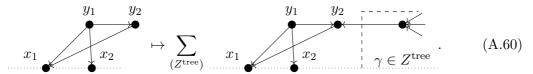
Remark A.19. The discussion in the present and the previous subsection provides a quite satisfying picture of the graph complex $aGC_{A_{\partial}}^{\vee} \ltimes mGC_{A}^{\vee}$, with respect to understanding their cohomology and MC spaces. There is a quasi-isomorphic complex built from at least trivalent diagrams. Under suitable conditions this complex does not have elements of positive degrees in positive loop orders, and hence the Maurer-Cartan space is complete controlled by the tree part. Furthermore, there is a spectral spectral sequence exhibiting those complexes as deformations of known hairy graph complexes.

A.7. The cohomology of KGC_M

Let us next consider the complex $KGC_M := SGC_{A,A_{\partial}}^{\vee}$, or rather the semi-direct product $A \otimes KGC_n \ltimes KGC_M$. We have a Maurer-Cartan element $Z + z^{\partial} = Z^{\text{tree}} + z_0^{\partial} + z_1^{\partial} + \cdots$ as constructed in Section 6.

We will derive degree bounds on the cohomology of the complex KGC_M by considering various spectral sequences. First, note that – as with all complexes in this paper – we have a descending complete filtration by loop order. We consider the associated spectral sequence, whose first differential does not create loops. Note that this "removes" the pieces of the differential coming from the higher loop part of the MC elements Z and z_0 , and also the differential ∇ replacing two decorations by a new edge, either in the bulk or on the boundary.

Secondly, let us filter KGC_M again by the number of aerial vertices. The differential on the associated graded has two terms. The first term connects the tree piece of Z without aerial vertices to our graph:



The second term splits boundary vertices, creating one boundary edge, or joins two boundary decorations by $\tilde{H}(\partial M)$. We filter again by twice the number of boundary edges, plus three times the number of bulk edges. On the associated graded complex we see only the edge splitting piece of the differential. By Proposition A.6 the cohomology of this complex can be identified with the space of graphs all of whose external vertices have exactly one incident edge and at most one decoration by $\tilde{H}(M)$, plus a space of "boundary" graphs without aerial vertices, quasi-isomorphic to $GC_{\partial M}$. On the next page we see the following piece of the differential, which a decoration by $d\beta_j$ upstairs and links it to a boundary vertex.

$$\frac{d\beta_j}{d\beta_j} \mapsto \frac{d\beta_j}{\beta_j} \tag{A.61}$$

The cohomology wrt. this differential can be identified with the space of hairy graphs, whose hairs are not decorated by β_j 's, and whose aerial vertices are not decorated by $d\beta_j$'s. At this stage, our innermost spectral sequence abuts.

The differential on the following page of the next outer spectral sequence increases the number of aerial vertices by one. To compute the cohomology of this second page we filter our complex yet again by the total number of vertices (aerial + terrestrial). The differential on the first page of the resulting spectral sequence removes a terrestrial vertex, making it an aerial vertex. There is only one such piece in the differential contributed by the bracket with the leading term of z_0^{∂} , namely

The bracket with this term lifts a terrestrial vertex decorated by α_j (or nothing) to an aerial vertex:

(It should be noted that there are further terms that do not create vertices, however they raise the loop order, and hence are not seen here.) The cohomology of that differential can be identified with non-hairy graphs, modulo α_j -decorated stubs, i.e., modulo vertices of the form

including undecorated such vertices (i.e., decorations by $\alpha_1 = 1$).

The differential on the next page creates one aerial vertex and increases the number of vertices by one. There are two such terms: One arises from the splitting of vertices, and one arises from the part of z_0^{∂} containing only one vertex, which is of aerial. Also recall that at this stage our complex consists of directed graphs, with only aerial vertices, which may be decorated by α_j , γ_j or $\tilde{\gamma}_j$, modulo α -stubs.

To compute further we filter by the number of vertices of valence ≥ 3 . The first differential on the spectral sequence will create one at most bivalent vertex. As in the proof of Proposition 7.2, one can see that the cohomology of this differential can be identified with a sum of two spaces: (i) 1-loop graphs of undirected bivalent vertices and (ii) undirected graphs all of whose vertices are of valence ≥ 3 , with decorations in $\tilde{H}(M)$. We hence can use the degree counting argument of Lemma A.10 and below to conclude the following.

Proposition A.20. Suppose that dim $M \geq 5$ and $H^1(M) = H^1(\partial M) = 0$. Then the cohomology of the higher loop part

$$\mathcal{F}^1 \text{KGC}_M$$
 (A.65)

is concentrated in non-positive degrees.

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