

Dehn twist exact sequences  
through  
Lagrangian Cobordisms

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## Background:

1) Seidel's exact sequence & its variants

$$\text{(Seidel)} \quad \mathrm{HF}(S^n, L_1) \otimes \mathrm{HF}(L_0, S^n) \rightarrow \mathrm{HF}(L_0, L_1) \rightarrow \mathrm{HF}(L_0, \tau_{S^n} L_1)$$

$\xleftarrow{[1]}$

(Seidel, fixed pt version)

$$\mathrm{HF}^*(\tau \circ f) \rightarrow \mathrm{HF}^*(f) \rightarrow \mathrm{HF}(f(S^n), S^n)$$

$\xleftarrow{[1]}$

(Wehrheim-Woodward, family version)

$$\mathrm{HF}(\underbrace{C \circ L_0}_{\text{Lag. composition}}, C \circ L_1) \rightarrow \mathrm{HF}(L_0, L_1) \rightarrow \mathrm{HF}(L_0, \tau_C L_1)$$

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Lag. composition,

$C$  = spherical coisotropic.

\* We will provide new proofs of these results.

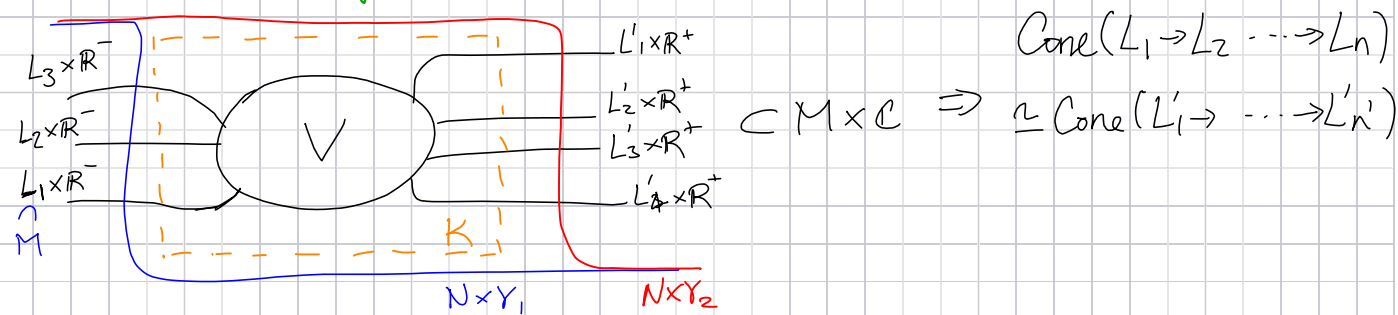
## 2) Lagrangian surgeries & cobordisms (Lalonde-Sikorav, Polterovich) Biran - Cornea

i) (L-S, P): When  $L_1 \cap L_2 = \{p\} \Rightarrow \exists L_1 \#_p L_2 \hookrightarrow M$   
by adding handle in a Darboux chart  $U \ni p$ .

Mak-W: Several approaches to "global surgeries", includes clean intersections.

ii) (B-C) Can construct Lag. cobordisms associated to surgery  $L_1, L_2 \rightsquigarrow L_1 \#_p L_2$

One picture recap for Biran - Cornea:



Mak-W. : Construction & Cobordism formalism works for  
 a) Clean surgeries                      b) immersed Lag.

3) Huybrechts - Thomas conjecture:

Seidel: Lag  $S^n$   $\xleftrightarrow{\text{mirror}}$  spherical object  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Hom}^*(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}) \cong H^*(S^n) \\ \mathcal{E} \otimes \omega \simeq \mathcal{E} \end{array} \right.$

Dehn twist  $\xleftrightarrow{\text{mirror}}$   $\mathcal{F} \mapsto \text{Cone}(\text{hom}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}) \otimes \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{F})$

Huybrechts - Thomas:

Lag  $\mathbb{CP}^n$   $\xleftrightarrow{\text{mirror}}$  projective object  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Hom}^*(\mathcal{E}_p, \mathcal{E}_p) \cong H^*(\mathbb{CP}^n) \\ \mathcal{E} \otimes \omega \simeq \mathcal{E} \end{array} \right.$   
 Dehn twists  $\xleftrightarrow{\text{mirror}}$   $\mathcal{F} \mapsto \text{Cone}(\text{hom}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}) \otimes \mathcal{E}[-2] \rightarrow \text{hom}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}) \otimes \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{F})$

Question: Really ??

Mak-w.: YES !!

Side Remark: i) Spherical object & projective objects are adapted to  
(true)  $SU(n)$ -CY & hyperkähler, resp.

(Bogomolov)  $\Rightarrow$  builds all CY with  $\pi_1 = 0$

} all like bundles  
are s/p-objects,  
etc.

ii) For  $L = S^2 = \mathbb{CP}^1$ ,  $(\tau_{S^2})^2 = (\tau_{\mathbb{CP}^1})$ . Part of how  
the projective twist formula comes.

iii) Works for other projective spaces.

iv) Will determine some connecting maps.

## Basic Idea : A Mirror Proof

Spherical / Projective twist are defined by

Fourier-Mukai transforms, e.g.  $P_E = \text{FMcone}(E \boxtimes E \rightarrow \Delta)$

Philosophy: 1) Symplectic Fourier-Mukai  $\approx$

Lagrangian composition  $L_0 \xrightarrow{\circ L_1} L_1$

2) Cone in Fuk  $\approx$  Lagrangian cobordism/  
Surgery

Upshot:

Cobordism/surgery in prods.  $\xleftrightarrow{\text{Mirror}}$  Cones on FM-Kernels.

$\Downarrow$

Graph of Dehn twists

## Surgeries Through geodesic flows

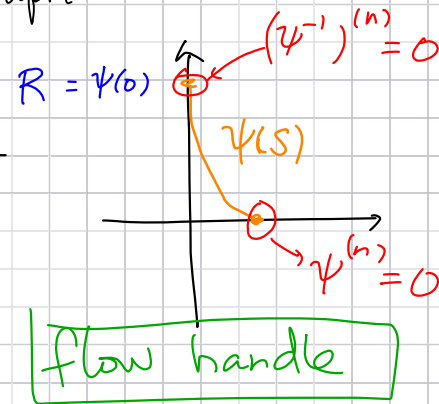
Set-up:

(1) Let  $\psi(s)$  be a function whose graph

"looks like"

(2)  $D \subset L_1 \stackrel{\text{Log}}{\subset} M$ ,  $N_D^*$  conormal bundle

(3)  $\phi_t$  is the Ham. flow gen by  $\|p\|$



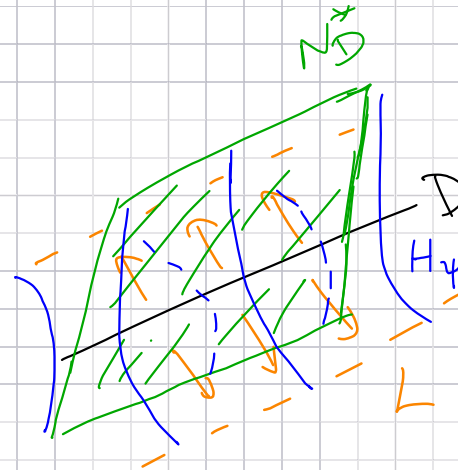
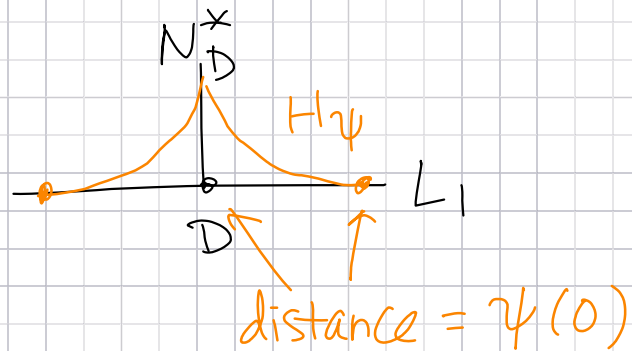
Definition:  $H_\psi := \phi_{\psi(\|p\|)}(N_D^* \setminus D)$

flow handle

Geometric Description of  $\phi_t$ :

- 1) point  $(x, p)$  travels along direction printed by  $p$
- 2)  $\phi_t(p)$  stays the (dual of) tangent vector of geodesic.
- 3)  $\|\phi_t(p)\| = \|p\|$

Picture of  $H_\psi$ :



Lemma: If  $\text{graph}(\psi) = (b(t), a(t))$   
 $\gamma(t) = (a(t), b(t))$ ,

then  $H_\psi = \textcircled{H_\gamma} \rightsquigarrow$  (Lalonde-Sikorav, Potterovich's handle)  
 Flow handles may go beyond inj. radius!



## Motivation for flow handles:

1. Easy to define on clean intersection
  2. Easy to construct Lag. Cobordism
  3. Easy to compare with Dehn twists
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Def: (Model Dehn Twist on  $S \# S^n$ )

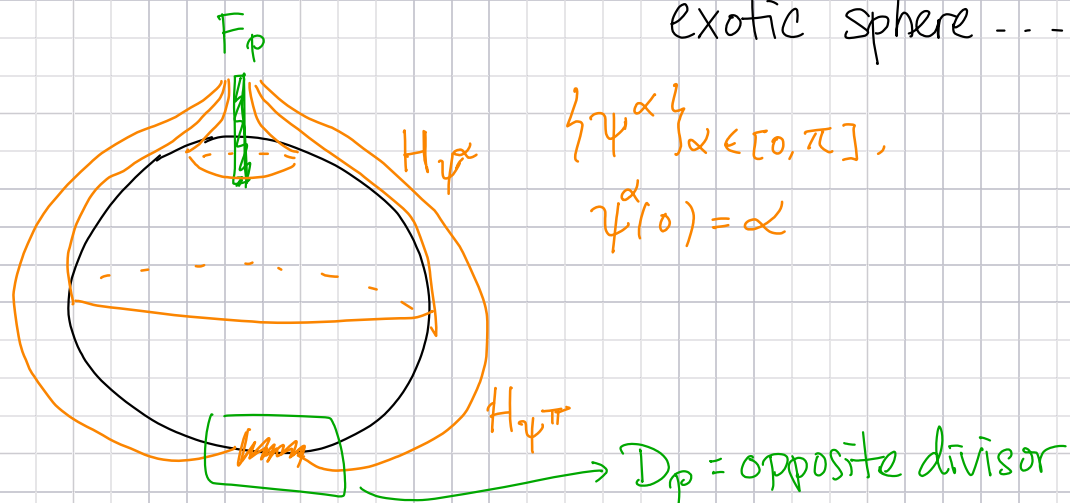
In  $T^*S$ , consider admissible  $\psi(0) = 2\pi$  ( $= \pi$  when  $S = S^n$ )

$\phi_{\psi(0)} \psi$  smoothly extend to zero section ← length of simple geod.

then  $\tau_S$  is the extension.

$\Rightarrow$  flow handle is exactly the image of same flow

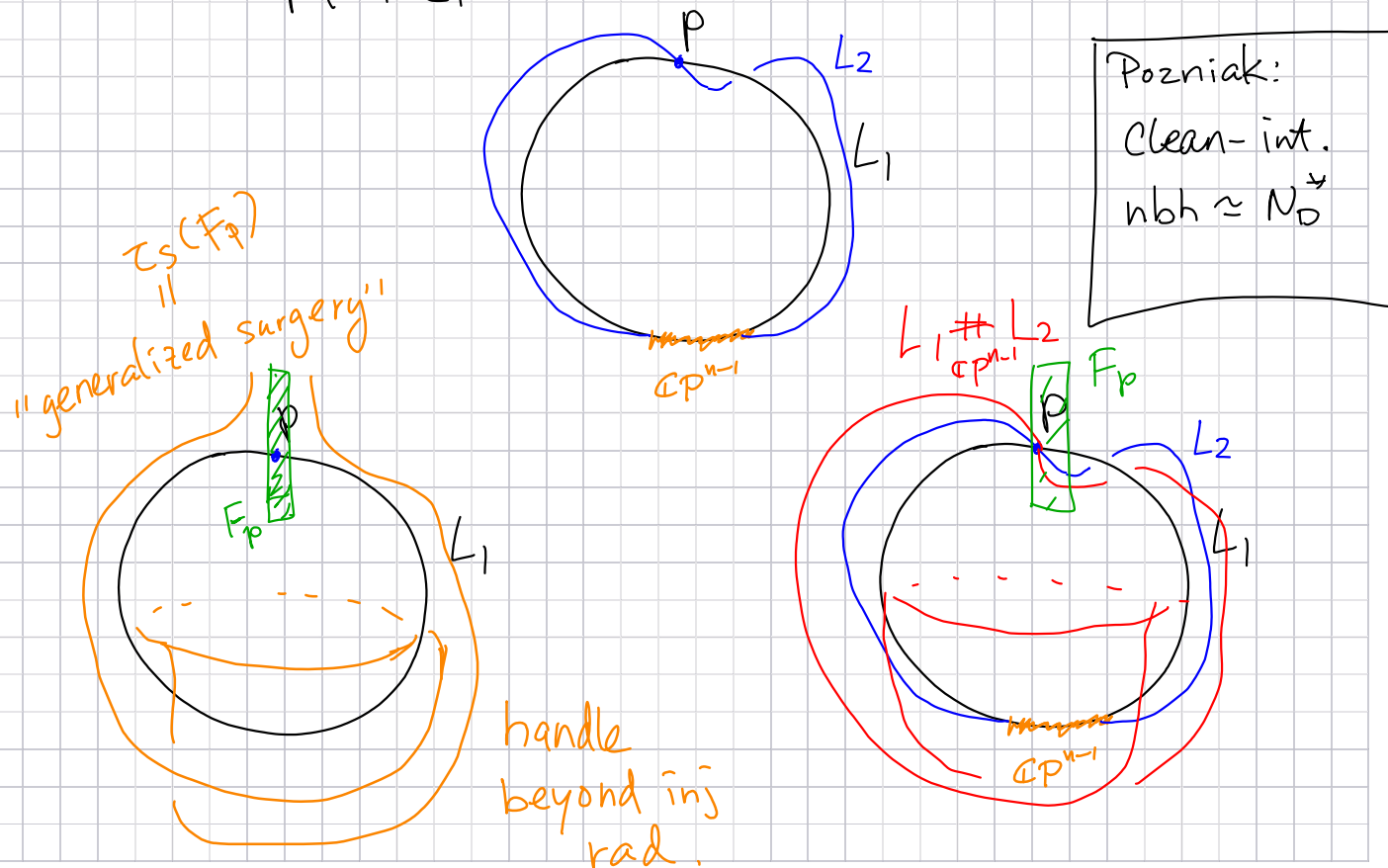
Example:  $L = S \subset T^*S$ ,  $S = S^n, \mathbb{RP}^n, \mathbb{CP}^n$   
 exotic sphere ...



When  $S = S^n$ ,  $H_{\psi^\pi} = \tau_S(F_p) = S^n \#_p F_p$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Dehn. twist is isotopic to a surgery.

When  $S = \mathbb{CP}^n$ ,  $H_{\psi^\pi} = \mathbb{CP}^n \#_p F_p$   
 $H_{\psi^\pi} = (\mathbb{CP}^n \#_{D_p} \mathbb{CP}^n) \#_p F_p = \tau_{\mathbb{CP}^n} F_p$  immersed Lag  $S_2 \rightarrow$

Example:  $L_1 = \mathbb{CP}^n \ni \{p\}$ ,  $L_2 = \text{graph}(d(p, -))$  ← local pert. near  $p$ .  
 $M = T^*\mathbb{CP}^n$ .



## Further Extensions ( $E_2$ -flow surgeries)

$$\mathcal{D}^m \subset L^n \subset M^{2n} \text{ (lag)}, \quad T^*L = E_1^{n-m} \oplus E_2^m \quad (\text{example: } L = \text{product mfd})$$

(implicitly identified with TL)

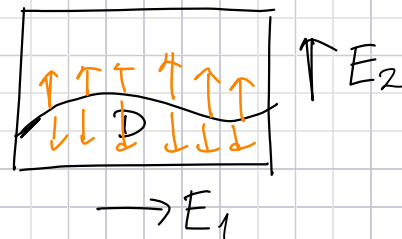
Assume  $E_2|_{\mathcal{D}}$  transverse to  $\mathcal{D}$ .

$\Rightarrow$  flow handle along  $E_2$ .

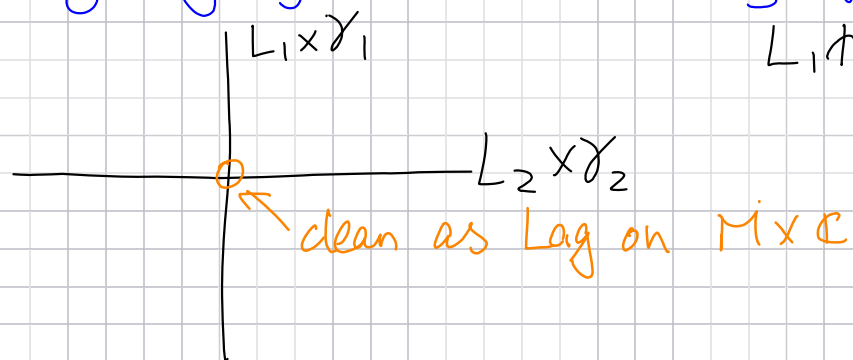
Concretely, assume  $E_1 \perp E_2$ , take Haas function

$$\tilde{\Psi}(x, p) = \Psi(\|\pi_{E_2}(p)\|)$$

$L^n$   $\nearrow$   
 $\nwarrow$   $\in T_x^*L$



# Constructing Lagrangian Cobordisms through flow surgeries



$$L_1 \pitchfork L_2 = \mathbb{D}$$

$\downarrow$  + flow handle,  $\mathbb{R}$ -direction use product metric.



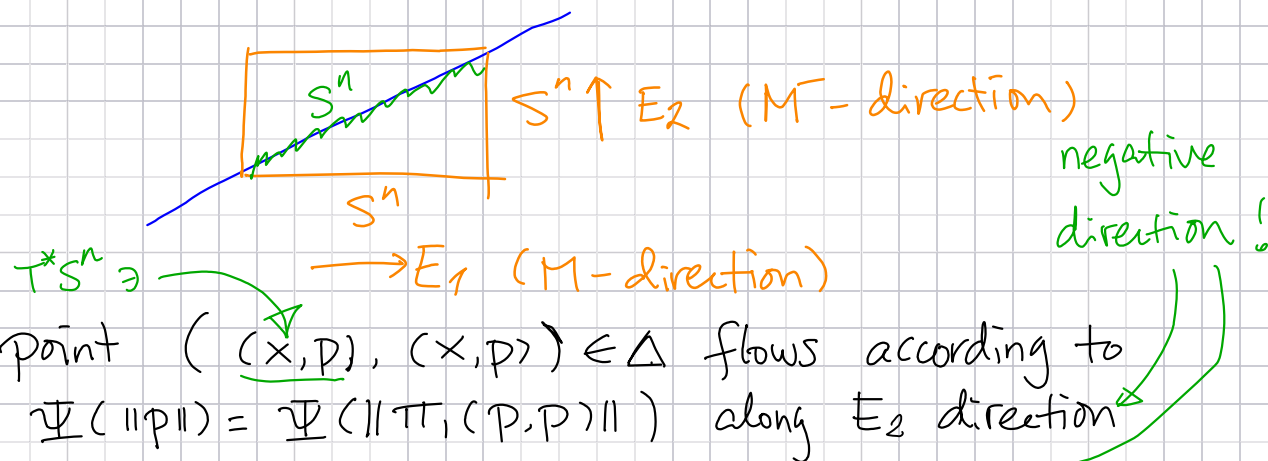
$\downarrow$  take upper half, straighten up



$\downarrow$   
Biran-Cornea's  
trick, very adaptable.

## First Main Example + Punchline

Consider  $M \times \underbrace{M^-}_{(M, -\omega)}$ ,  $L_1 = S^n \times (S^n)^-$ ,  $L_2 = \Delta$

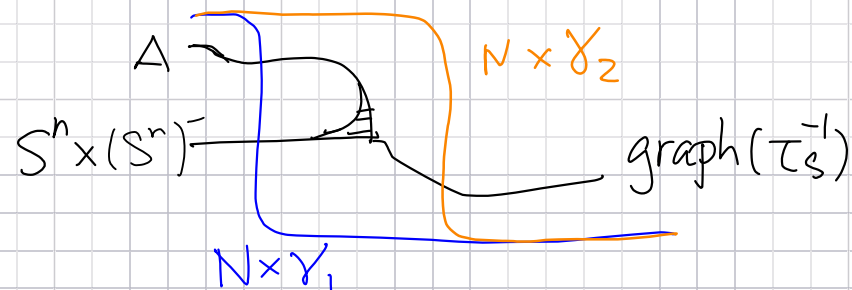


point  $(\underline{(x,p)}, (x,p)) \in \Delta$  flows according to  $\Psi(\|p\|) = \Psi(\|\pi, (p,p)\|)$  along  $E_2$  direction

$\Rightarrow$  Image of flow handle is  $(\underline{(x,p)}, \tau_{S^n}^{-1}(x,p))$

$\Rightarrow (S^n \times S^n) \#_{\Delta_{S^n}} \Delta = \text{graph}(\tau_{S^n}^{-1})$

Conclusion:  $\exists$  Cobordism



(1)  $N = L_0 \times L_1$ ,  $\Rightarrow$  Seidel's exact sequence for Lag.

(2)  $N = \text{graph}(\phi^{-1})$ :  $HF(\Delta, \text{graph}(\phi)) = HF(\phi)$

$\Rightarrow$  fixed point version (Easier to see if apply

$(\text{id} \times \phi \times \text{id})$  to cobordism & set  $N = \Delta$ )

Combine with MWW-functor.

Can be removed when LHS are product / graph of symp

$$\Phi: \text{Fuk}(M \times M) \rightarrow \text{Fun}(\text{Fuk}^{\oplus}(M), \text{Fuk}^{\oplus}(M))$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{functor-level cone} \Rightarrow \text{object cone} \left( \begin{array}{c} S^n \otimes S^n \rightarrow \text{Id} \rightarrow \Phi_{\tau_{S^n}} \\ \downarrow \text{Feed } L \\ \text{hom}(S^n, L) \otimes S^n \rightarrow L \rightarrow \tau_{S^n} L \end{array} \right)$$

Corollary:  $\text{Symp}_c(W)$  is split generated by Dehn twists  
(Mak-W., Keating) along vanishing cycles, when  $W \in \text{ADE}$ .

\* When  $W = A_n$ -Mumford fiber in  $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} W = 4$ ,

$\text{Symp}_c(W)$  is generated (as a group / Ham) by U.C.



### A few remarks:

1) New info: In monotone cases, Seidel's LES holds for coefficients  $\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z}_2$ . Before it is known only for Novikov coefficients.

2) Seidel's exact sequence for general symplectic manifolds:

Ongoing  $\rightarrow$  i) Lag. Cobordism for general symplectic manifolds

FOOO  $\Rightarrow$  ii) Isom.  $HF(\Delta, L_1 \times L_2) = HF(L_1, L_2)$

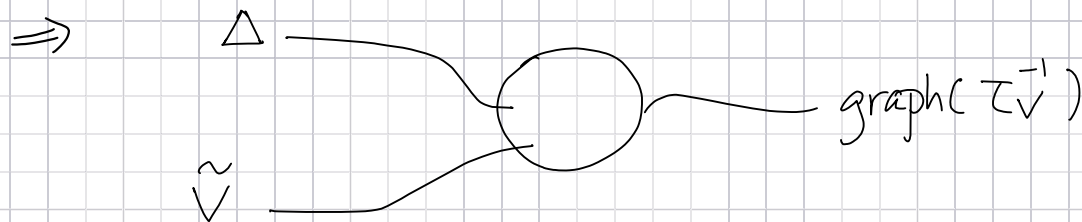
3) Also for spherically fibered coisotropic:

$$S^d \rightarrow V^{2m+d} \xrightarrow{i} M^{2m+2d} \quad i^* \omega_M = \pi^* \omega_B$$

$$\pi \downarrow$$

$$B^{2m}$$

(Think of  $\bigcap_N S^n \times B \subset N \times B$ )



$$\tilde{V} = \{(x, y) \in M \times M : \pi(x) = \pi(y)\}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Wehrheim - Woodward's family version.

Again, with stronger transversality results on quilts & cobordism theories, this yields family version on general symp. mfd's.


4) (General Remarks on Lagrangian Surgeries)

Algebraic "Surgery"  $\approx$  Cone of chain cx / objects:

$$\text{Cone}(A \xrightarrow{\text{deg}=0!} B) = A[1] \oplus B$$

$\xrightarrow{c}$

i) This means the only categorically meaningful Lag Surgeries are @  $\text{deg}=0$  intersections ( $CF^0(L_1, L_2)$ )

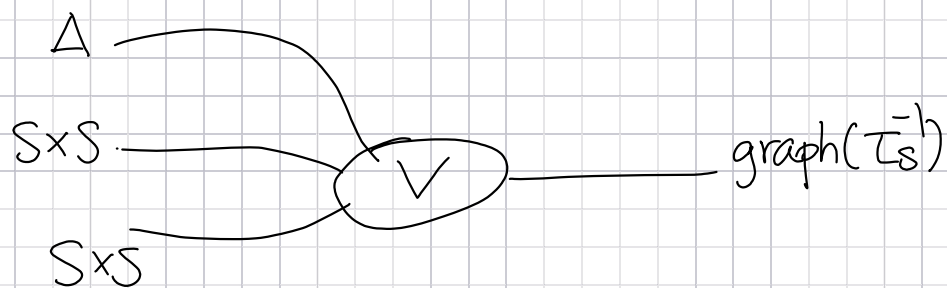
ii) Two Lag. surgeries 

Correspond to  $CF(L_1, L_2)$  and  $CF(L_2, L_1)$ , resp.  
 $\Rightarrow$  to get meaningful objects needs grading shifts

$\Rightarrow$  resolving two intersections of  $\neq$  deg creates problems (obstructions on  $L_1 \# L_2$ )

Theorem: (Mak-W.)

Given  $S = \mathbb{C}P^n$ ,  $\exists$  Lag. cobordism for  $M \times M^{-1} \times \mathbb{C}$



$$\Rightarrow \text{Cone}(S \times S[-2] \rightarrow S \times S \rightarrow \Delta) = \text{graph}(\tau_s^{-1})$$

$\updownarrow$   
 $\mathcal{E}^V \boxtimes \mathcal{E}[-2]$

$\updownarrow$   
 $\mathcal{E}^V \boxtimes \mathcal{E}$

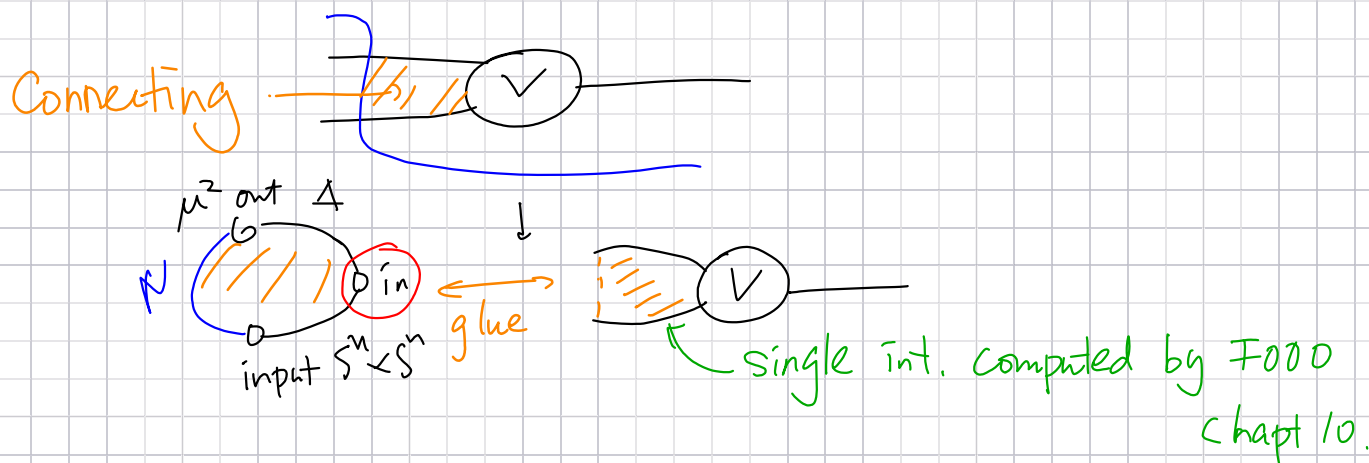
$\updownarrow$   
 $\text{Id}$

$\updownarrow$   
 $P_{\mathcal{E}}$

$\Rightarrow$  matching except for connecting maps

Similar situation for  $S = \mathbb{R}P^n$ ,  $\mathbb{H}P^n$ , and family version.

## Computation of Connecting Maps & Immersed Cobordisms.



★ Fact:  $\text{Cone} ( A \xrightarrow{[C]} B ) \underset{q\text{-iso}}{\simeq} \text{Cone} ( A \xrightarrow{[t \cdot C]} B )$

when  $t$  is invertible.

$\text{rk}(\text{HF}^0(\Delta, S^n \times (S^n)^-)) = 1 \quad ! \Rightarrow \text{only need to verify connecting map} \neq 0.$

Rank-1 trick recovers Foo's surgery exact seq.

Thm: (Foo)  $L_1 \pitchfork L_2 = \{p\}$  + technical conditions, then

$$L_1 \xrightarrow{[p]} L_2 \longrightarrow L_1 \#_p L_2 \xrightarrow{[1]} L_1 \text{ is an exact triangle.}$$

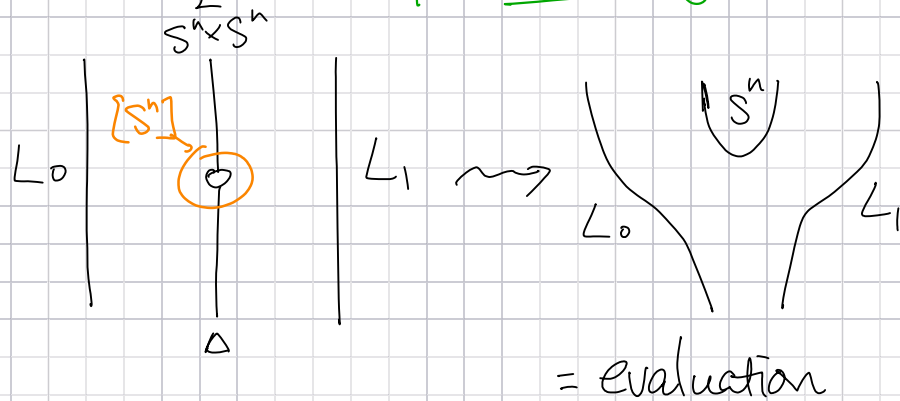
(Also due to Biran - Cornea)

✧ Can be extended to  $L_1 \pitchfork L_2 = D$  a submfld.

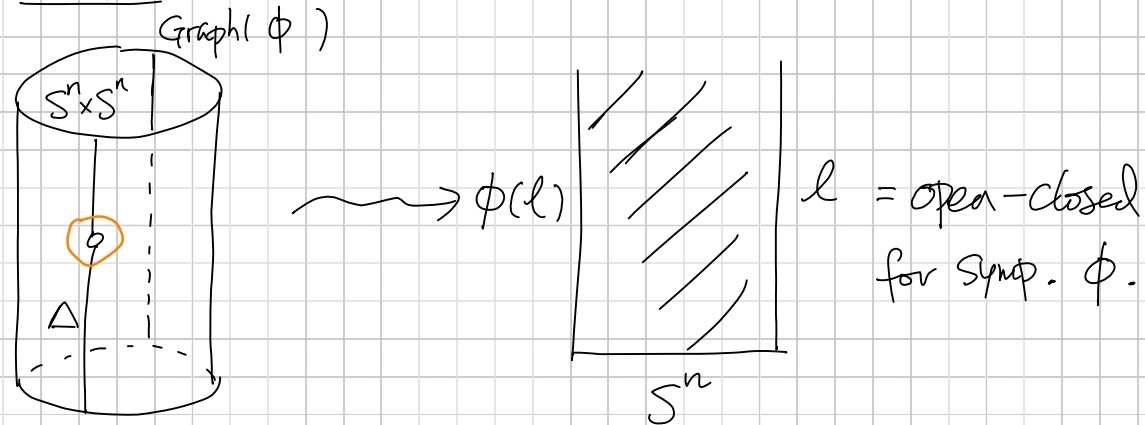
$$L_1 \xrightarrow{[D]} L_2 \longrightarrow L_1 \#_D L_2 \xrightarrow{[1]} L_1 \text{ with extra top. constraint.}$$

For Seidel's exact sequence: quilt unfolding

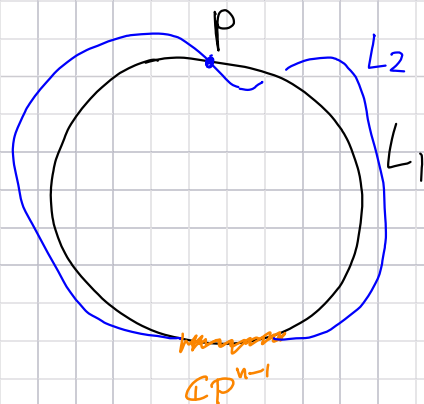
Lag. Case:



fixed point Case..

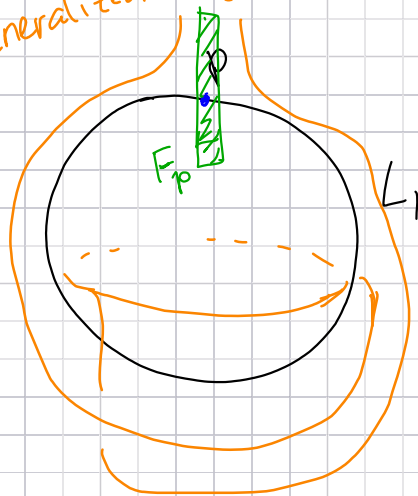


Recall:  $L_1 = \mathbb{CP}^n \ni \{p\}$ ,  $L_2 = \text{graph}(d(p, -))$  ← local pert. near  $p$ .  
 $M = T^*\mathbb{CP}^n$

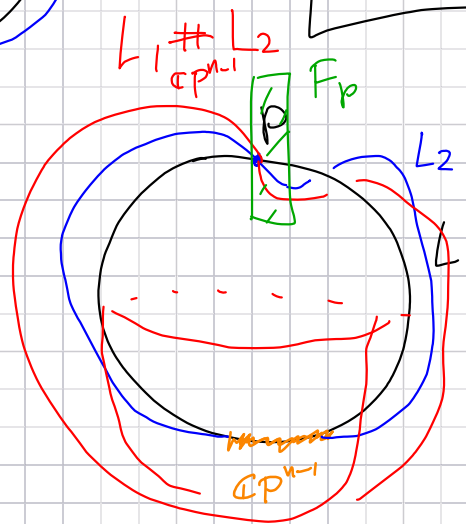


Pozniak:  
 Clean-int.  
 $\text{nbh} \approx N_D^y$

$\tau_S(F_p)$   
 "generalized surgery"



handle  
 beyond inj  
 rad.





Claim:  $F_p \#_p (L_1 \#_{\mathbb{CP}^{n-1}} L_2) = \underbrace{\text{generalized surgery of } F_p}_{\tau_{\mathbb{CP}^n} F_p}$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{S \hookrightarrow}$

Theorem: (Mak-W.) when  $L \uparrow S = \{pt\}$

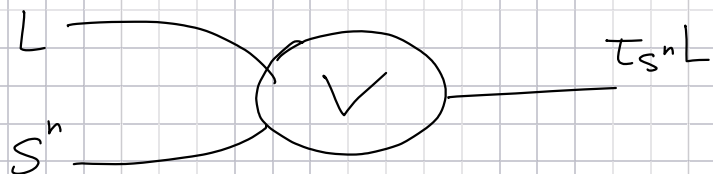
$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 S[-2] & \xrightarrow{[\mathbb{CP}^{n-1}]} & S \\
 & \searrow [1] & \downarrow \\
 & & S \hookrightarrow
 \end{array}
 \quad \cong \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 S \hookrightarrow & \xrightarrow{[pt]} & L \\
 & \nwarrow [1] & \downarrow \\
 & & \tau_S L
 \end{array}$$

\* Works for all  $S = \mathbb{RP}^n, \mathbb{CP}^n \dots$  (different grading shift)

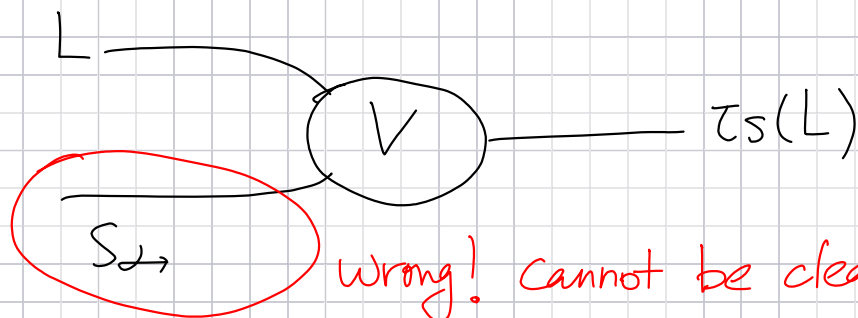
This matches Huybrechts-Thomas also for connecting maps.

Why do we need something new for immersed cobordism?

$S = S^n$ , construction is straightforward:

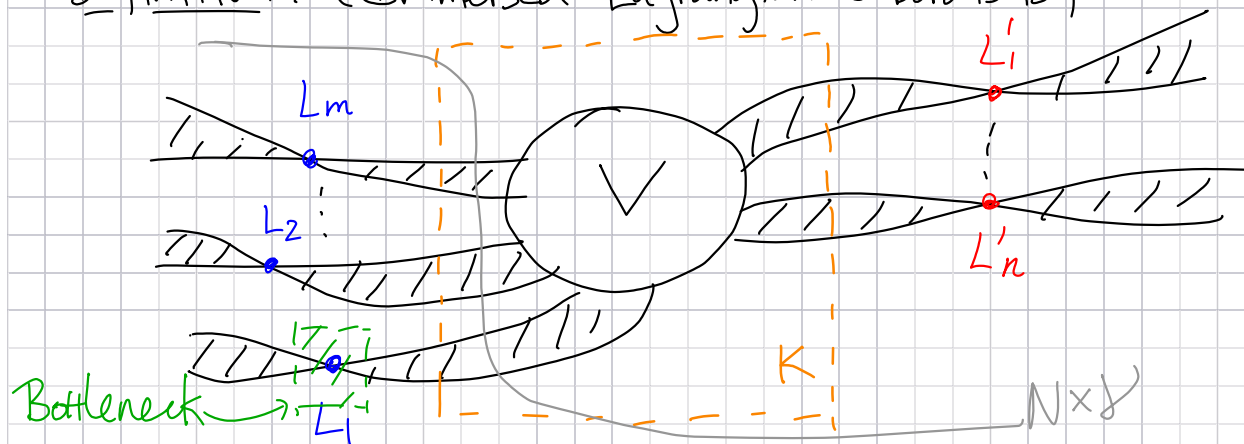


$S \neq S^n$ , construction is harder:



wrong! cannot be clean self-int. !

Definition: (Immersed Lagrangian Cobordisms) <sup>exact!</sup>



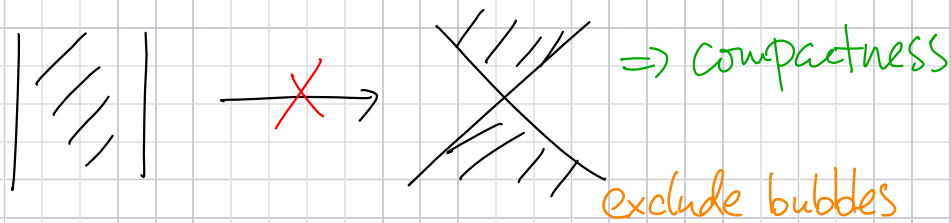
★ Outside compact set  $K$ , each end of  $V$  should look like a bottleneck.

↳ An extension of Biran -  
Comen's trick in embedded case

Lemma:  $HF(N \times V, V)$  is well-defined and invariant under choices if

- 1) Isotopy lies inside bottleneck.
- 2) near bottleneck, take product ca structures.

Key point:



Theorem: (Mak-W.) When  $L_i$  satisfy certain deg. restriction

$$\text{Cone}(L_1 \rightarrow L_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow L_m) \cong \text{Cone}(L'_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow L'_n)$$

## Some Prospects:

1)  $\mathbb{RP}^n$  objects & twists. (Suggested by R. Thomas)

All stories told above holds for  $\text{char} = 2$ ,

**most** hold for  $\text{char} = 0$ , **except**  $\mathbb{RP}^n$ !

When  $\text{char} = 0$ , Lag.  $\mathbb{RP}^n \implies$  spherical object,

**Mystery 1.** How to tell  $\mathbb{RP}^n$  from  $S^n$ -objects?

**Mystery 2.** Will get contradiction when naively  
"upgrade"  $\mathbb{RP}^n$ -twist formula to  $\mathbb{C}$ -coefficient.

Answer: Blindsided by spin structures!

Expected:  $(\mathbb{R}P^n, \Xi_0) \# (\mathbb{R}P^n, \Xi_1) \# L = \mathbb{Z}\mathbb{R}P^n L$ .

Definition: An  $\mathbb{R}P^n$ -pair in the derived cat  $D^b(X)$   
is a pair of spherical objects  $(S_-, S_+)$   
such that  $\text{Hom}(S_-, S_+) = 0$

(+ more axioms)

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^n\text{-twist} \in \text{Aut}(D^b(X))$

(ongoing with C.-Y. Mak)

2) Where to find  $\mathbb{P}^n$ -objects: HyperKähler mflds

ex 1:  $\mathbb{P}^n \subset X^{2n}$ ,  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}$  is  $\mathbb{P}^n$ -object.

ex 2:  $\pi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^n$  Lag. fib. of irreducible hol. symp.  
 $+ H^*(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \cong H^*(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathbb{C})$ .

$$\& \quad \bigoplus \text{Ext}^p(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E} \otimes \Omega^q) = \bigoplus H^p(\mathbb{P}^n, \Omega^q)$$

Then  $\pi^*\mathcal{E}$  is  $\mathbb{P}^n$ -object.

Expectation: Interesting Lag.  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^n$ 's should be found in mirrors of hyperkählers. (SYZ is usually nicely behaved)

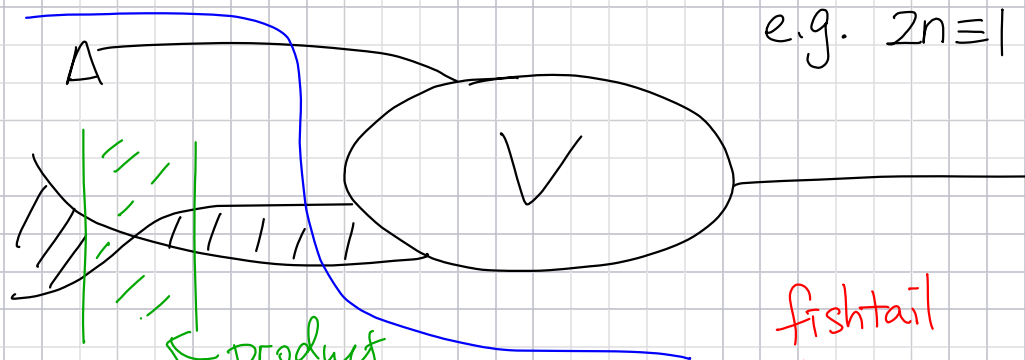
Lag.  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^n$ -section?

(in an early draft)

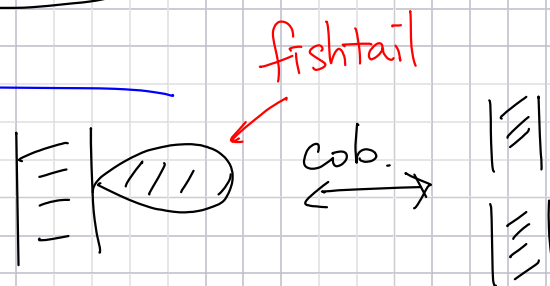
3) Monotone Cases (no grading obstructions to fishtails,

e.g.  $2n \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$ )

min.  
maslov



Potential Problem:



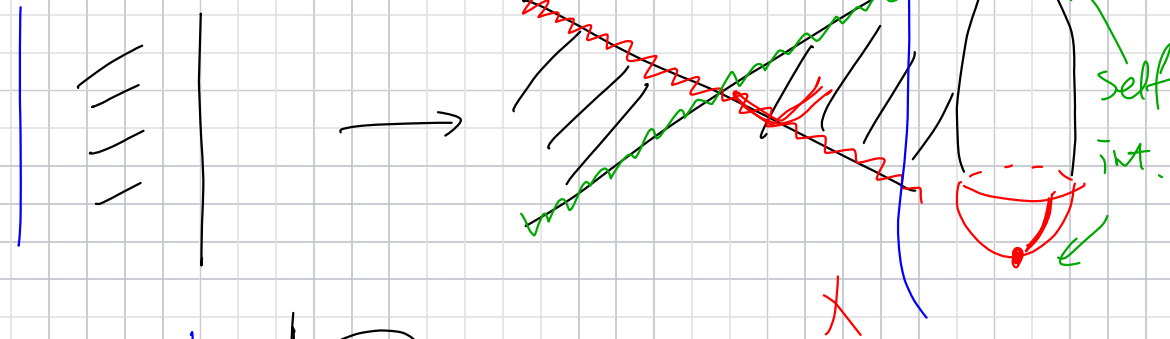
Case 1: Vertical fishtails

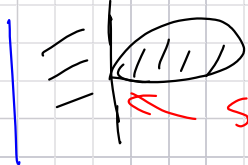
(1) exits  $T^*\mathbb{CP}^n \Rightarrow$  Neck-Stretching  
 $\Rightarrow$  high virtual dim

(2) Inside  $T^*\mathbb{CP}^n \Rightarrow$  absolute index

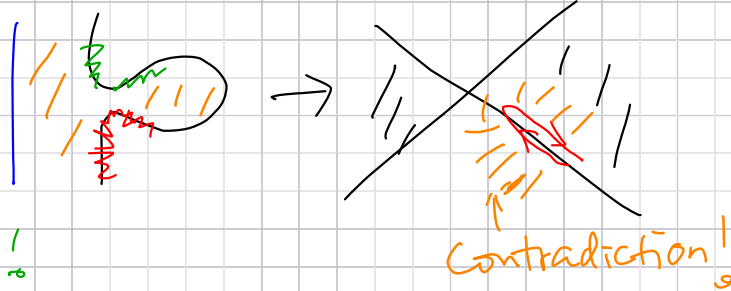


## Case 2: Non-vertical fishtail



Assume  self-int  $\Rightarrow$  Switch branch.

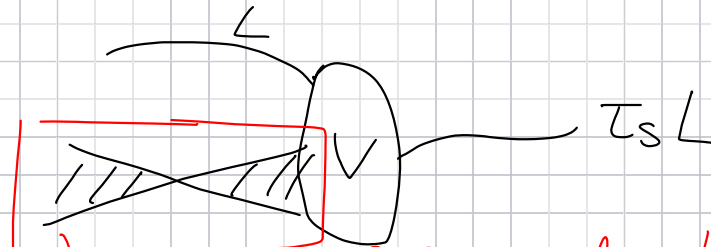
Before bubbling



$\Rightarrow$  No such fishtails !

More difficulties when continuation maps & chain homotopies are involved.  $\Rightarrow$  OK for 1 intersection.

In general,



$\chi_k(CF(L, S))$  - copies of immersed spheres

Extremely difficult Problems:

gap  $\neq 1$  Well-def HF (no fishtail) but NOT

Well-def continuation map  $(\xrightarrow{\quad})$  but NOT

gap  $\neq 2$  Well-def chain homotopy  $(\downarrow)$

Without appropriate grading gaps  $\Rightarrow$  needs explicit counts

Thank You !!