

Geometric Transitions,
CY Integrable Systems,
and Open GW Invariants

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Geometric transitions

$$X_\mu \rightsquigarrow X_0 \longleftarrow \tilde{X}$$

X_μ : family of (complex str. on) CY's

X_0 : a singular CY in the family

\tilde{X} : its small resolution, still CY,
contains some exceptional 2 cycles $\mathbb{P}^1 \approx S^2$.

Large N duality:

closed strings
on X_μ

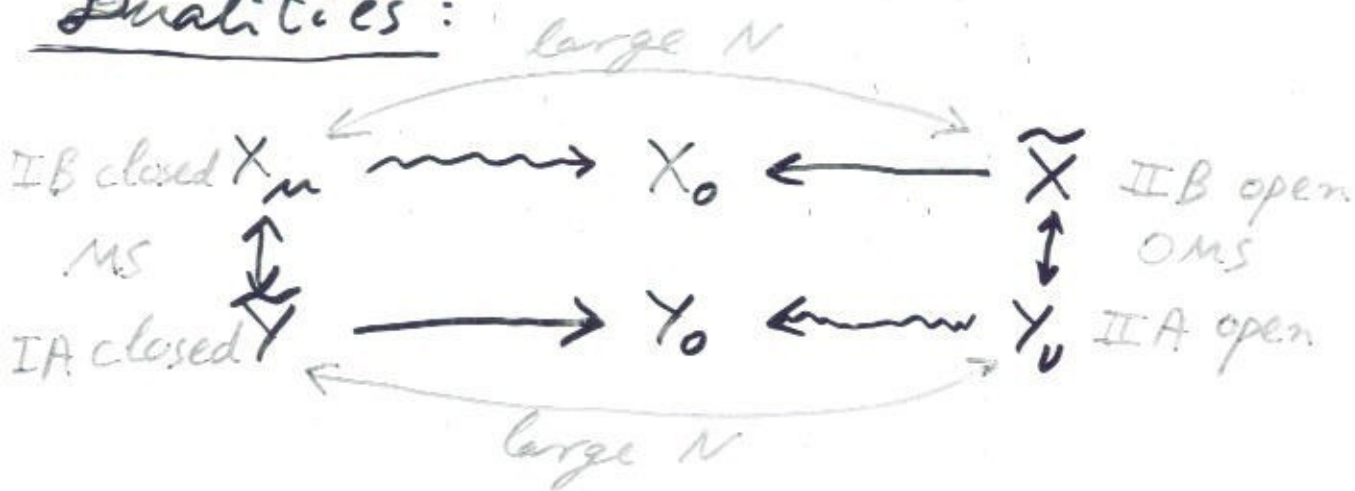
open strings
on \tilde{X}

This involves:

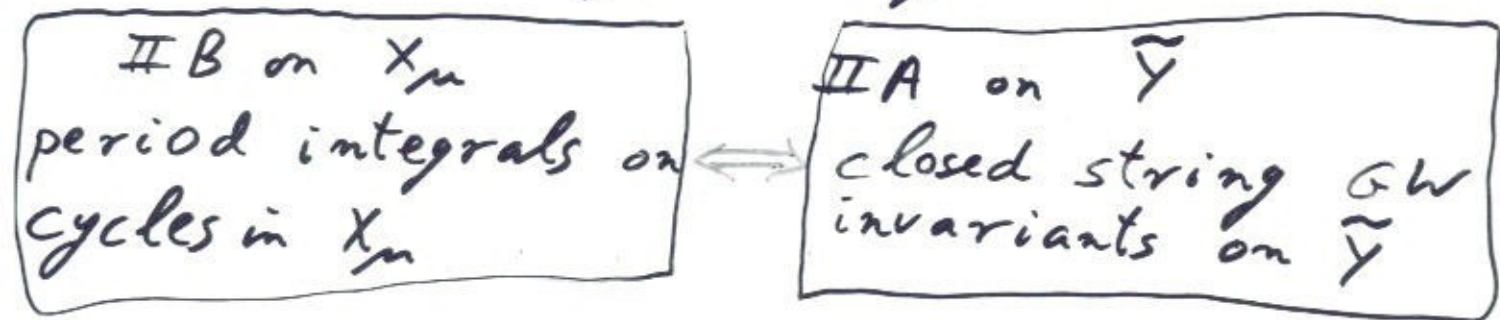
$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{M}_N,$$

where \mathcal{M}_N is a quantum moduli
space of N branes on \tilde{X} .

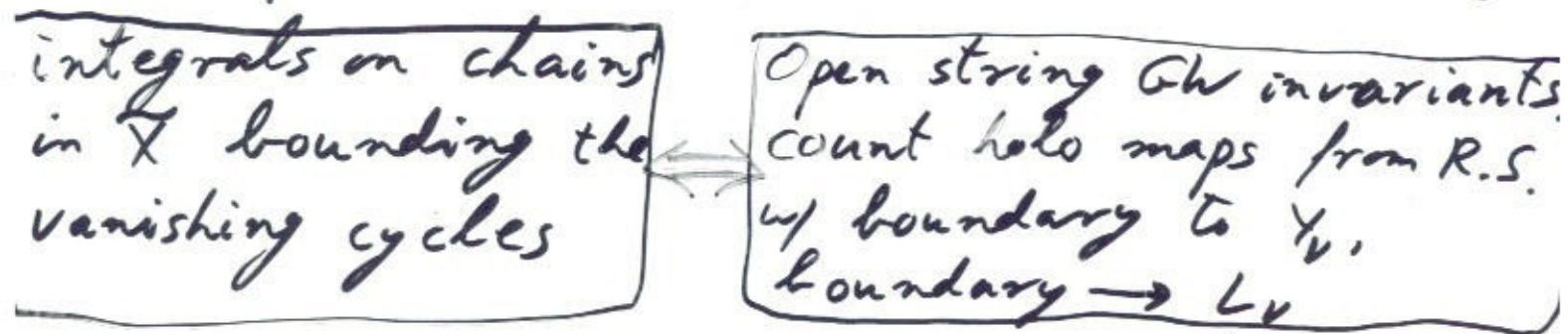
Dualities:



LHS: Mirror symmetry



RHS: Open Mirror Symmetry (MS w/ branes)



Mirror of the exceptional 2-cycles $\mathbb{P}^1 \approx S^2 \subset \tilde{X}$ are SLAG vanishing 3-cycles $L_u \subset Y_u$.

Large N duality interchanges left & right. Sometimes, allows "calculation" of open GW invariants.

[D+V] relate B-model topological strings on local CYs, via large N duality, to matrix models.

Typical picture:

$$X_a = X \longrightarrow Z$$

$$Z \subset \mathbb{C}^4: -y^2 + uv + z^2 = 0$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ \mathbb{C}_x \xrightarrow{w'} \mathbb{C}_z$$

$$X \subset \mathbb{C}^4: -y^2 + uv + w'(x)^2 = 0$$

$$W = W_a(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} a_i x^i = \text{superpotential}$$

$X = \text{CY}_3$, singular at n points $\parallel \begin{cases} u=v=y=0, \\ W'(x)=0. \end{cases}$

$$\Omega_X = \frac{du dx dy}{n} = \dots \text{hole 3-form.}$$

When $a=0$, X is singular along a curve

X has a family of holomorphic spheres $\cong \mathbb{P}^1$.
 When $a \neq 0$, have transversally holomorphic family of (non-holomorphic) S^2 's

Integrate Ω_X on these S^2 's \Rightarrow hole 1-form ω on \mathbb{C}_x .

$$W(x) := \int_{x_0}^x \omega : \text{classical superpotential.}$$

[DV] picture:

Combine superpotential deformations, X_a
with smoothing deformations, X_m :

$$X_{a,m}: -y^2 + uv + w'(x)^2 + f_m(x) = 0$$

$$f_m(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \mu_i x^i$$

From matrix models, they get a
quantized superpotential $W = W_{a,m}(\tilde{x})$

\tilde{x} : coordinate on the hyperelliptic curve

$$\tilde{C}_{a,m}: y^2 = w'(x)^2 + f_m(x)$$

Coefficients of W w.r.t. special coordinates \Rightarrow
open string GW invariants on mirror Y_0 .

Large N duality \Rightarrow expansion in μ
 (actually, in special coordinates equiv't to μ)
 0-th order:

$$\lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \int_{\Gamma_\mu} \Omega_{X_\mu} = \int_{\Gamma} \Omega_X \quad (\text{Clemens-Schmid})$$

Γ : 3-chain in X , $\partial\Gamma = \Sigma$ (exceptional P 's)

Γ_0 : its image in X_0 , a 3-cycle.

Γ_μ : its deformation to 3-cycle in X_μ .

Natural interpretation of W :

it is a "normal function", i.e.

a section of the family of

intermediate jacobians $\mathcal{J}(X_\mu)$.

Want: behavior of $\mathcal{J}(X_\mu)$ near the transition, $\mu \rightarrow 0$.

a la [DK], we'll study this for

$\mathcal{J}(X_{a,\mu})$ near $a = \mu = 0$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \tilde{S} & C & \tilde{m} & & \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ S & C & m & C & L \end{array}$$

A simple compact example: (cf. [KMP])

$$X_{a,m} = \mathbb{Q} \cap \mathbb{R}$$

$$\mathbb{Q} = \text{quadric} \subset \mathbb{P}^5$$

$$\mathbb{R} = \text{quartic} \subset \mathbb{P}^5$$

$$a = m = 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{rank}(\mathbb{Q}) = 3 \Leftrightarrow \text{Sing}(\mathbb{Q}) = \mathbb{P}^2 \subset \mathbb{P}^5$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Sing}(X_{a,m}) = \text{plane quartic} \Rightarrow X \text{ has 1-param family of } \mathbb{P}^1\text{'s}$$

$$g=3 \subset \mathbb{P}^2$$

$$u=0 \Leftrightarrow \text{rank}(\mathbb{Q}) \leq 4 \Leftrightarrow \text{Sing}(\mathbb{Q}) \supset \mathbb{P}^1 \subset \mathbb{P}^5$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Sing}(X_{a,m}) \supset 4 \text{ points} \Leftrightarrow a \in H^0(C, K_C)$$

$$\text{rank}(\mathbb{Q}) = 5, 6 \Rightarrow X \text{ (generically) n.s.}$$

rank(Q)	# param's Q	$h^{2,1}$
3	14	83
4	17	86
6	20	89

$$S \stackrel{a}{\subset} M \stackrel{m}{\subset} L$$

$$83 \quad 86 \quad 89$$

$$\# a\text{-parameters} = 86 - 83 = 17 - 14 = 3$$

$$\# m\text{-parameters} = 89 - 86 = 20 - 17 = 3$$

* Main geometric prediction of large- N duality
special geom. on L can be reconstructed
from sheaf theory on CY's in \tilde{M} .

+ More detailed: L is foliated $\mathbb{P}S$,
spec. geom. on leaf L_x through $x \in S$ is
determined by a moduli problem in $D^b(\tilde{X})$.

+ Linearization: $\Gamma \in SL_2(\mathbb{C})$ corresponds to
the singularity type. V : rank 2, Γ -equiv't
 VB on C , $\det V = K_C$.

Linearized $X := \text{Tot}(V)/\Gamma$.

\tilde{X} = blowup contains ruled surface F .

+ Linearized foliation: \tilde{M} is a VB of
rank = rank (G) over S , L is a VB
of rank = $(g-1) \cdot \dim G$ over S , $M = \tilde{M}/W$
is singular along S .

Integrable systems:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T & \longrightarrow & X \\ & & \downarrow \pi \\ & & B \end{array}$$

everything is algebraic (or analytic),

T : complex tori.

(X, σ) : holo. symplectic variety.

$\pi: X \rightarrow B$ holomorphic Lagrangian fibration.

$$\sigma|_T \equiv 0$$

$$\dim T = \dim B = \frac{1}{2} \dim X.$$

Example 1:

X compact Riemann surface

Hodge: $H^1(X, \mathbb{C}) = H^{1,0} \oplus H^{0,1}$

\Rightarrow Jacobian $J(X) = H^1(X, \mathbb{C}) / (H^{1,0} + H^1(X, \mathbb{Z}))$
is an algebraic torus.

Example 2:

X compact Kähler 3-fold

Hodge: $H^3(X, \mathbb{C}) = H^{3,0} \oplus H^{2,1} \oplus H^{1,2} \oplus H^{0,3}$

Intermediate Jacobian:

$J(X) = H^3(X, \mathbb{C}) / (H^{3,0} + H^{2,1} + H^3(X, \mathbb{Z}))$

is a polarized, non-algebraic torus.

E.g. $X =$ Calabi-Yau 3-fold,

(i.e. $\Omega_X^3 \approx \mathbb{C}$, $H^1(X, \mathbb{C}) = 0$)

\Rightarrow signature of period is $(1, h^{2,1})$.

Q: When is a family of complex tori Lagrangian?

$$B \subset V^*, \quad V \approx \mathbb{C}^g.$$

B open

$\pi: X \rightarrow B$ family of complex tori, with period map:

$$p: B \rightarrow (\text{Sym}^2 V)_{\text{n.d.}}$$

The cubic condition [D, Markman]

TFAE:

① \exists complex symplectic σ on X s.t.

$\pi: (X, \sigma) \rightarrow B$ is Lagrangian

σ induces identity: $T_{X/B} \rightarrow \pi^* T_B^*$
 $\parallel \quad \parallel$
 $\pi^* V \quad \pi^* V$

② $p: B \rightarrow \text{Sym}^2 V$ is (locally in B) the Hessian of a holomorphic function on B : "prepotential".

③ $dp_{\mathbb{R}} \in \text{Hom}(T_B, \text{Sym}^2 V) \approx V \oplus \text{Sym}^2 V$
actually lives in: $\text{Sym}^3 V$.

Calabi-Yan integrable system:

$$X: CY3, \quad \Omega_X^3 = 0$$

$m \cong$ moduli space = {complex structures on X } / isom

$$T_{[X]} m = H^1(T_X) \cong H^1(\Omega_X^2) = H^3$$

(Bogomolov, Tian, Todorov: unobstructed)

$\tilde{m} \rightarrow m$: natural \mathbb{C}^* -bundle

(choose: holo. volume form ω)

$f \rightarrow m$: universal int. Jacobian

$\tilde{f} \rightarrow \tilde{m}$: pullback.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{f}' & \rightarrow & f \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \tilde{m}' & \rightarrow & m \end{array}$$

[DM, '94]: $\tilde{f} \rightarrow \tilde{m}$ is an analytically integrable system.

* fibers $\mathcal{Z}(X)$ are Lagrangian

* the image of any Abel-Jacobi map is isotropic.

The cubic \cong Yukawa's:

$$\otimes^3 H^1(T_X) \rightarrow H^3(\Lambda^3 T_X) = H^3(\Omega_X^{-3}) \xrightarrow{\cdot \omega^2} H^3(\Omega_X^3) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$X \rightarrow B$ family of CY3's

$t \in B, C_t = C_t^+ - C_t^- : a 1\text{-cycle in } X_t,$
homologous to 0.

\Rightarrow Abel-Jacobi map = "normal function"

$$AJ: B \rightarrow J(X/B)$$

$$t \mapsto \int_{\Gamma_t} \in H^3(X_t, \mathbb{C}) / \dots = \mathcal{O}(X_t)$$

where Γ_t is a 3-chain in $X_t, \partial \Gamma_t = C_t.$

* Independent of choices.

Various extensions:

* \mathbb{C} not null-homologous: replace $J(X)$
by Deligne cohomology group.

* Special case $X = X \times B$:

$$AJ: \text{Hilb}^3(X) \rightarrow J(X)$$

* \exists "transversally holomorphic" version:

C is a real surface (non holomorphic)
but it "varies holomorphically".

Other examples (from algebraic geom.)

S : complex symplectic surface

$C \in S$: a holo. curve

\Rightarrow short exact sequence

$$(*) \quad 0 \rightarrow T_C \rightarrow T_S|_C \rightarrow N_{C/S} \rightarrow 0$$

S symplectic $\Rightarrow N_C = \omega_C =$ canonical bundle

The SES (*) determines an extension class:

$$\text{Ext}^1(N_{C/S}, T_C) = H^1(N_{C/S}^{-1} \otimes T_C)$$

$$= H^1(T_C \otimes 2)$$

$$= H^0(\omega_C^{\otimes 3})^* \rightarrow \text{Sym}^3 H^0(C, \omega_C)^*$$

\Rightarrow A.I.S.

Base $= H^0(C, \omega_C) = H^0(C, N_{C/S}) \sim$ deformations of C in S
Fiber over C is $\partial(C)$.

E.g. $S = K3$ (or T^4): Mukai's I.S.

Related to: symplectic structure on moduli spaces of vector bundles or coherent sheaves on $K3$.

Another example:

$B = \text{curve}$ (= compact R.S.)

$S := T^*B$, holomorphically symplectic

$T^*B \supset C = \text{"spectral curve"}$

\downarrow
 $B \leftarrow$ (n -sheeted branched cover)

\Rightarrow Hitchin's I.S.

Base $\cong \langle C \rangle = H^0(S, \mathcal{O}(C)) \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^n H^0(B, K_B^{\otimes i})$

Fiber over $C \cong \mathcal{O}(C)$.

Total space = Higgs bundles (V, φ) on B

V : rank n vector bundle on B

$\varphi: V \rightarrow V \otimes \omega_B$: Higgs field

Variants:

* meromorphic Higgs bundles \rightsquigarrow Markman's Poisson I.S.

($\varphi: V \rightarrow V \otimes \omega_B(D)$ for fixed D)

€ Replace the LB by a C^* -bundle \Rightarrow Selvanin's.

€ Replace the LB by an elliptic fibration \Rightarrow moduli spaces of bundles on elliptic fibr'n.

* Replace vector bundles by principal G -bundles

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Hitchin system: (for group G)

B : a curve

G : a reductive group

Total space: $\{ \text{Higgs bundles } (V, \varphi) \}$
 V : G -bundle on B
 $\varphi \in \Gamma(B, \text{ad } V \otimes K_B)$

Base = $\{ C \rightarrow B \text{ spectral cover} \}$
 $= \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \Gamma(B, K_B^{\otimes d_i})$

$\{d_i\}$ = degrees of invariant polynomials for G .

Fiber over $[C]$ is a Prym variety

Prym (C/B) ,

roughly $\mathcal{D}(C) / \mathcal{D}(B)$.

Relevant cases for A_1 singularities:

$$G = \begin{cases} SL_2(\mathbb{C}) \\ PGL_2 = SL_2 / (\pm 1) \end{cases}$$

Spectral curves: $W^2 = \beta$

β : quadratic differential
 w : multi-valued

Our setup:

$X_{0,0}$: CY3 with curve C of singularities
(say, of type G , e.g. simplest: A_1 .)

$X_{a,0}$: CY3's with finite number n of
singularities which can be resolved:
 $\tilde{X}_{a,0} \rightarrow X_{a,0}$.

$X_{a,m}$: smoothing of $X_{a,0}$.

$$S \xrightarrow{\tilde{m}} m \subset L$$

E.g.:

We want to understand CYIS (L) near
 $a = m = 0$.

Claim: to first order,

$$\boxed{\text{CYIS}(L) \approx \text{CYIS}(S) \times \text{Hitchin}(C, G).$$

In fact: \exists family of IS's parametrized
by $t \in \mathbb{C}$, s.t. for $t \neq 0$ get $\text{CYIS}(L)$,
for $t=0$ get $\text{CYIS}(S) \times \text{Hitchin}(C, G)$.

2D analogue: [D, Ein, Lazarsfeld]

$S = K3$ surface

$C = \text{curve}$, $D \in |nC|$

Mukai's I.S. for line bundles on $D \subset S$
degenerates to:

Hitchin's I.S. for C , group $G = SL(n, \mathbb{C})$.

nilpotent cone in Mukai = sheaves supported
on original C

is an affine twist of:

nilpotent cone in Hitchin = $\{(V, \varphi) \mid \varphi \text{ is nilpotent}\}$

Data for the affine twist \Leftrightarrow extension
class encoded in n -th order neighborhood
of C in S .

Idea: degeneration of S to $N_{C/S} = T^*C$

induces the degeneration of Mukai
to Hitchin.

The deformation to normal cone for CY 3's:

$$X \rightarrow X_{0,0}$$

$$v$$

$$F \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$$

ruled surface

$$N_{F|X} = \text{Tot}(K_F)$$

$$H^0(C, K_C) \cong H^1(F, K_F) \rightarrow H^{2,1}(X).$$

$$H^{1,0}(C) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^{1,0}(F) \rightarrow H^{2,0}(X)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{S} \subset \tilde{m} & & \\ \parallel & \downarrow & \\ S \subset m \subset L & & \end{array}$$

$$N_{S|\tilde{m}} = H^0(\mathbb{E}, K_{\mathbb{E}}) \otimes (\text{weights of } G)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$N_{S|L} = \bigoplus_{i=2}^n H^0(\mathbb{E}, K_{\mathbb{E}}^{\otimes i}) = \text{Hitchin base}$$

The map is non-linear.

Hitchin base \Leftrightarrow spectral covers $\tilde{C} \xrightarrow{m} C$

Image of $N_{S|\tilde{m}} \Leftrightarrow$ completely reducible covers, $\tilde{C} = \bigcup_{i=1}^m C_i$.

Outline: geometric proof

Identify Hitchin base:

$$B = \text{Maps}(C, (\underline{t} \otimes K_C) / W)$$

\underline{t}/W parametrizes deformations of the surface C^2/Γ , $\Gamma \subset SL_2(\mathbb{C})$. This is \mathbb{C}^* -equivariant.

So get family $X \rightarrow B$ of open CYs, each fibered over C with:

fibers = deformations of C^2/Γ .

B also parametrizes the W -Galois cameral covers: $\tilde{C}_\alpha \rightarrow C$, and for each rep of G , corresponding spectral covers: $\tilde{C}_{\alpha, \rho} \rightarrow C$.

$$\begin{array}{c} \tilde{C} \\ \downarrow \\ B \times C \end{array}$$

Everything pulls back from $(\underline{t} \otimes K_C) / W$ and (locally in C) from \underline{t}/W .

- * Hitchin fibers are generalized Pryms, modelled on $H^1(C, \tilde{E}^{\vee} \wedge_{\text{roots}})$.
- * Int. fcs are complex tori modelled on $H^3(X, \mathcal{O})$ (or: H_3)
- * Both cohomologies can be computed by Leray, boils down to two local systems over B , both pull back from \underline{t}/w : $\underline{t} \rightarrow \underline{t}/w$ vs. w -orbits in $(\Lambda \times \underline{t})/w \rightarrow \underline{t}/w$.

Holomorphic CS + twisted Higgs complexes

* wrap N topological B-branes (+ N antibranes) on exceptional curves of \tilde{X}_m

$$Q^+ = \sum_{a=1}^N \mathcal{O}_{F_a} \quad Q^- = \sum_{a=1}^N \mathcal{O}_{F_{9a}}$$

complex: $Q = Q^+ \oplus Q^-[-1]$

gives boundary topological B-model.

* Offshell string states:

$$A = \bigoplus_{k=0}^3 \bigoplus_{m,n \in \mathbb{Z}} \Omega_{\tilde{X}}^{0,k} (E_m \oplus E_n)$$

where $E = E_m \hookrightarrow E_{m+1} \hookrightarrow \dots$ is a locally free resolution of Q .

* \tilde{X} is total space of a LB over $F \Rightarrow$ convert bundles on \tilde{X} to Higgs bundles on F :

$$A = \Omega_F \oplus \text{End}(Q),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_F &= \bigoplus_{p=0}^2 \bigoplus_{q=0}^1 \Omega_F^{0,p} \otimes \wedge^q N_{F/\tilde{X}} \\ &= \bigoplus_{p=0}^2 \bigoplus_{q=0}^1 \Omega_F^{2q,p} \end{aligned}$$

* Holomorphic CS action:

$$\phi = \phi^{0,1} + \phi^{2,0}$$

for ghost number $p+q=1$ fields:

$$\begin{aligned} S_{CS} &= \int_F \text{Tr} \left(\frac{1}{2} \phi \bar{\partial} \phi + \frac{1}{3} \phi^3 \right) \\ &= \int_F \text{Tr} \left(\phi^{2,0} + F^{0,2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$F^{0,2} = (0,2)$ part of curvature of deformed connection $A + \phi^{0,1}$

* Extends to open strings specified by a complex E , via construction of twisted complexes / Bondal-Kapranov / Lazarevic

DG category of VB's on F with \mathbb{A}^1 -valued maps

shift extension

twisted complexes (MC)