

Bulk-Boundary bookkeeping of (Quasi)-Poisson structures:

Chern-Simons and WZNW theories

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I. HOLOGRAPHY IN 3 DIMENSIONS

The idea of **(3 dimensional) holography** in simple words consists of

If T_1 and T_2 are theories defined over M^3 and ∂M^3 , How are $T_1|_{\partial M^3}$ and T_2 related?

It has been effectively used and described at different **settings/levels**:

- **AdS₃/CFT₂ (Asymptotic symmetries):** [1] (J.D.Brown and M.Henneaux 1986).
- **CS(M^3)/WZNW(∂M^3) equivalence:** [2] (S.Elitzur, G.Moore, A.Schwimmer, N.Seiberg 1989)
- **CS(M^3)/WZNW(∂M^3) (BRST) equivalence:** [3] (J.Fjelstad and S.Wang 1999)
- **AdS₃/CFT₂ (Partition functions):** [4] (S.Gukov, E.Martinec, G.W.Moore and A.Strominger 2004)
- **CS(M^3)/WZNW(∂M^3) functoriality:** [5] (D.S.Freed and C.Teleman 2021)

Today: CS(M^3)/WZNW(∂M^3) equivalence at the level of (Quasi)Poisson structures!

II. 3D CHERN-SIMONS THEORY

A. Ingredients

The **Input** of a **3d Chern-Simons theory** consists of:

- Your favourite 3-manifold M^3 (Here we restrict to the $M^3 \cong \Sigma_{g,n}^m \times \mathbb{R}$ case) and Lie group G .
- A non-degenerate ad-invariant bilinear form $\text{Tr} : \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

The **action** of the theory is

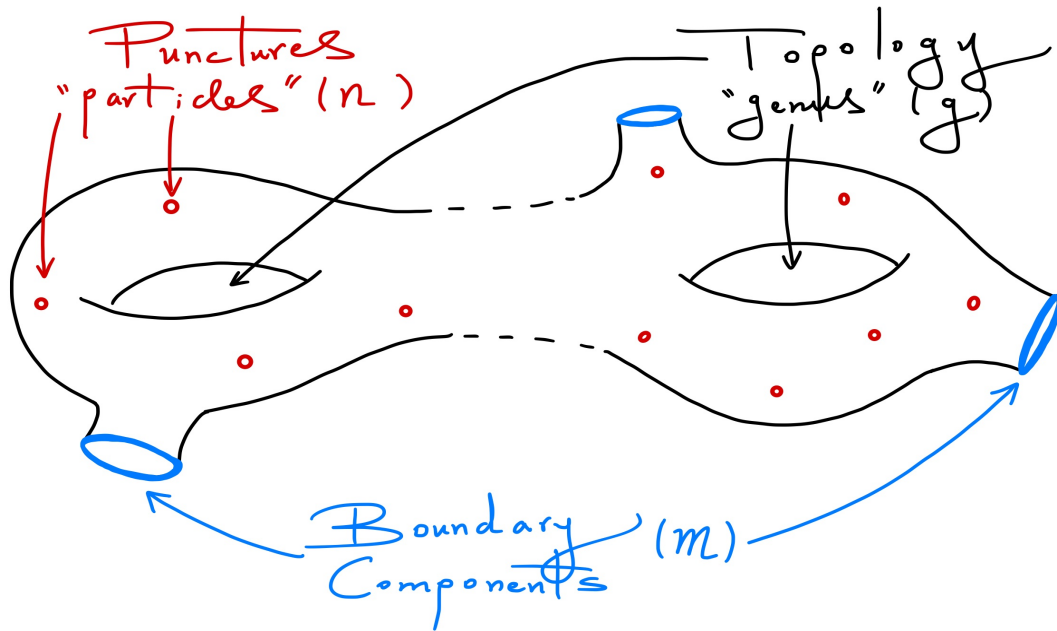
$$S_{CS} = \frac{k}{4\pi} \int_{M^3} \text{Tr} \left(AdA + \frac{2}{3} A^3 \right)$$

The **moduli space** of the theory is **the moduli space of G-flat connections**

$$\mathcal{M}_f(M^3, G) = \left\{ A \in \Omega^1(M^3, \mathfrak{g}) \mid F_A \equiv dA + \frac{1}{2} A^2 = 0 \right\} / \text{Gauge Transformations}$$

II. 3D CHERN-SIMONS THEORY

A. Ingredients: What is $\Sigma_{g,n}^m$?



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B. Moduli space of Chern-Simons theory: Generalities

The **Riemann-Hilbert correspondence** allows us to provide a **topological** description of $\mathcal{M}_f(M^3, G)$

$$\mathcal{M}_f(M^3, G) \cong \text{Hom}(\pi_1(M^3), G)/G = \text{Hom}(\pi_1(\Sigma_{g,n}^m), G)/G$$

More **explicitly** ($\text{LG} \equiv \{g \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}, G) \mid g(x + 2\pi) = Mg(x), M \in G\}$)

$$\mathcal{M}_f(\Sigma_{g,n}^m, G) \cong \{(C_1, \dots, C_n, A_1, B_1, \dots, A_g, B_g, D_1, \dots, D_m) \in G^{n+2g} \times (\text{LG})^m \mid \text{constraints}\}/G$$

with the **constraints**:

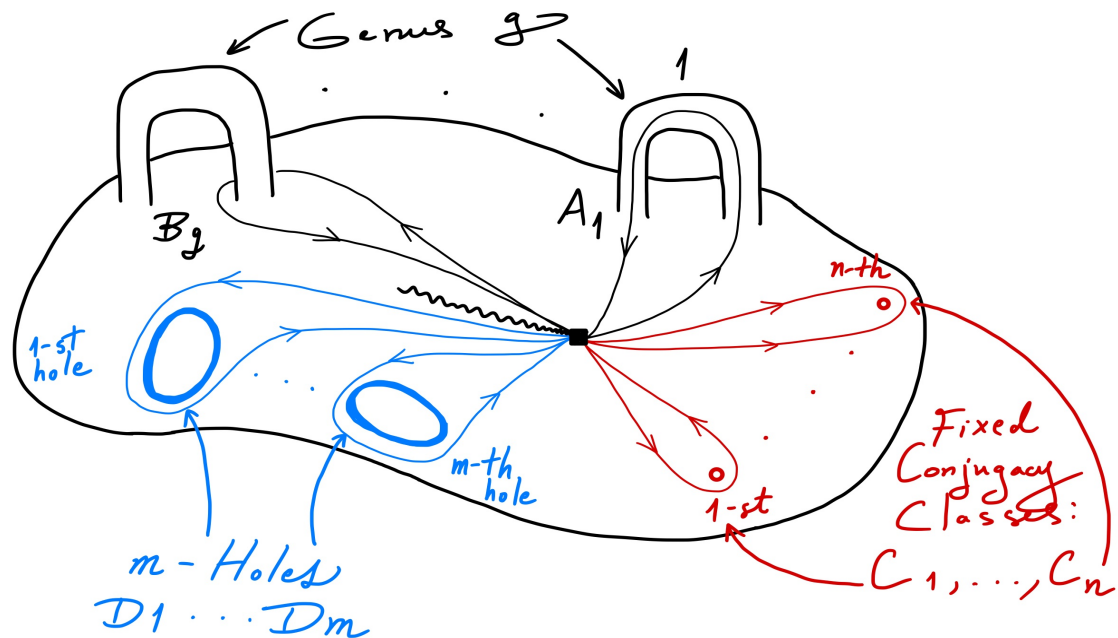
- **Topological:** $[B_g, A_g^{-1}] \cdots [B_1, A_1^{-1}] C_n \cdots C_1 \text{Hol}(D_m) \cdots \text{Hol}(D_1) = 1_G$
- **Wigner:** $C_i \in \mathcal{C}_i$ (fixed conjugacy classes) for $i = 1, \dots, n$.

Theorem [[7] Atiyah-Bott (1983), [8] Fock-Rosly (1992)]: **The space $\mathcal{M}_f(\Sigma_{g,n}^m, G)$ is Poisson!**

[9] M.Audin: Chapter V of *Torus Actions on Symplectic Manifolds* (2004)

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C. Moduli space of Chern-Simons theory: A picture



III. 2D WZNW THEORY

A. Ingredients

The **Input** of a **2d WZNW theory** consists of:

- Your favourite 2-manifold M^2 and Lie group G .
- A non-degenerate ad-invariant bilinear form $\text{Tr} : \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

The **action** of the theory is

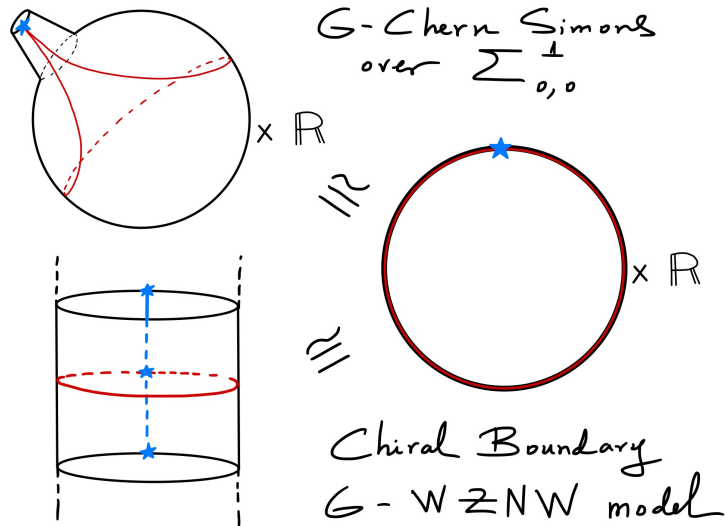
$$S_{WZNW}(g) = -\frac{k}{2\pi} \int_{M^2 \cong \partial M^3} d^2x \text{Tr}(g^{-1} \partial_i g g^{-1} \partial^i g) + \frac{k}{3\pi} \int_{M^3} d^3x \epsilon^{ijk} \text{Tr}(g^{-1} \partial_i g g^{-1} \partial_j g g^{-1} \partial_k g)$$

The **moduli space** of the theory is **the space of maps** $g : M^2 \rightarrow G$ satisfying

$$\partial_+ [g^{-1}(x^+, x^-) \partial_- g(x^+, x^-)] = 0 = \partial_- [\partial_+ g(x^+, x^-) g^{-1}(x^+, x^-)]$$

IV. (QUASI)POISSON EQUIVALENCE OF 3D CS AND 2D WZNW THEORIES [11]

A. The structures



A. Quasi-Poisson structure

$$\{g(x) \otimes g(y)\} = (g(x) \otimes g(y)) \Omega \text{sign}(y - x)$$

[12] (LeBlanc 2007), [13] (Balog et.al 2000) and [14] (Klimčík 2014)

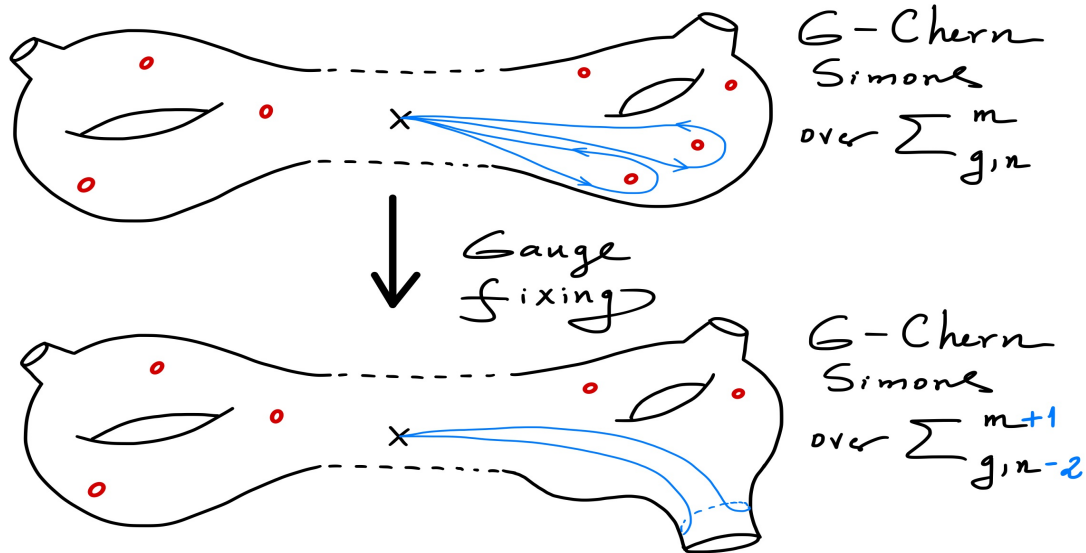
B. Poisson structure

$$\Omega \rightarrow \Omega + \hat{r}(\mathbf{Extra})$$

[15] (Meusburger et.al 2012), [16] (Boalch 2014), [17] (MP et.al 2023) [18] (Feher 2001).

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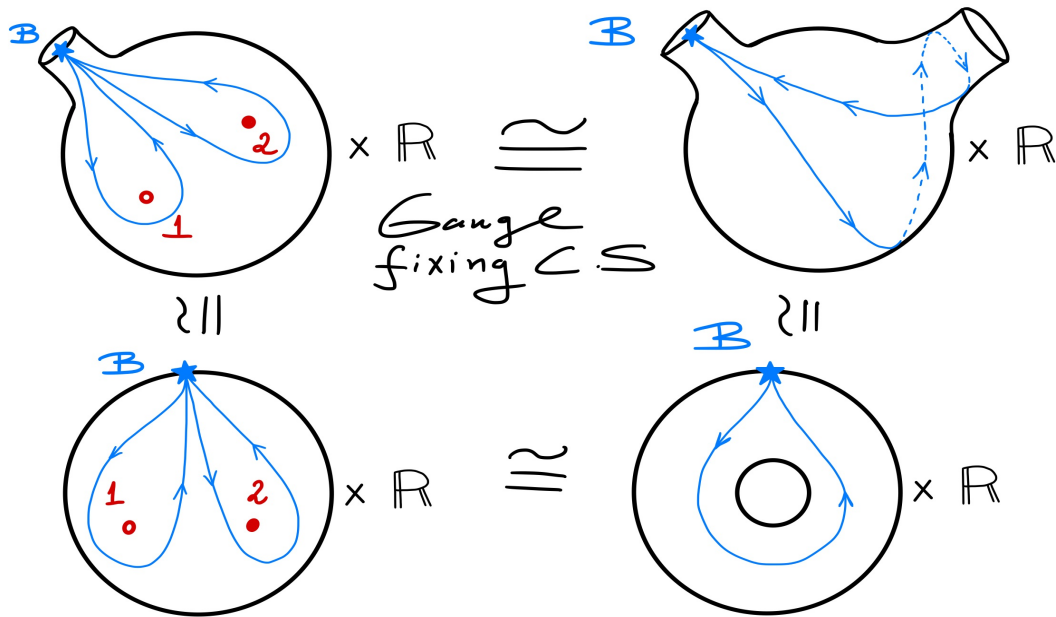
B. Gauge fixing in 3d CS theory



[19] C.Meusburger and T.Schonfeld: *Gauge fixing in (2+1)-gravity (Dirac brackets)* (2011)

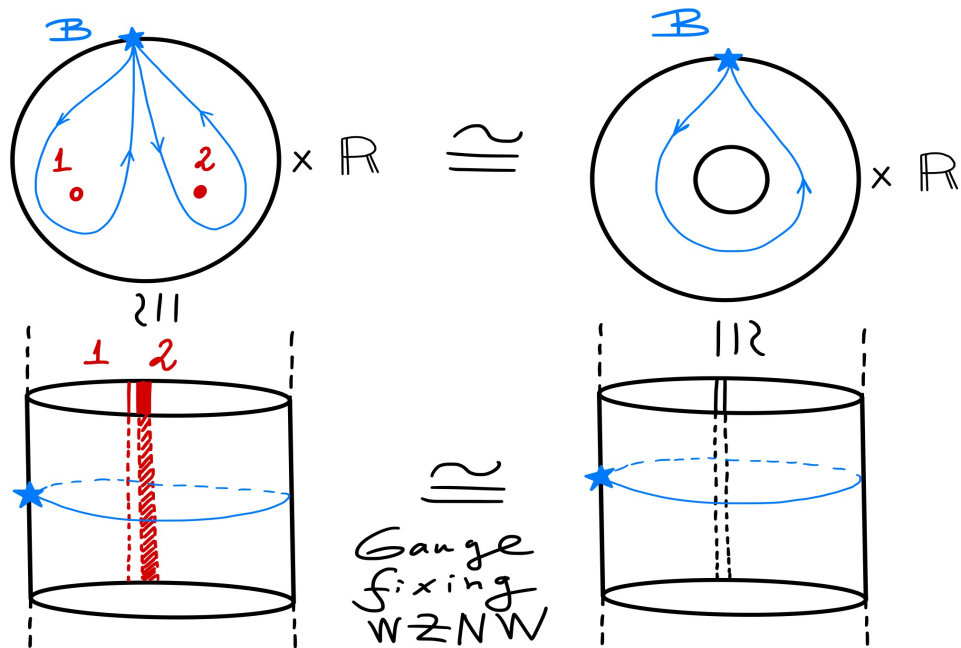
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V. OUTLOOK AND CONCLUSIONS

- Using simple **topological arguments** the **equivalence** between the **(Quasi)Poisson structures** of **3d CS** (a TFT) and **2d WZNW** (a CFT) is straightforward.
- The same **topological arguments** provide understanding about how the **(Dirac) gauge fixing** translates from one theory to the other.
- **Affinization:** Now you consider the **Loop group** of your favourite **Lie group** (**Application:** (1+1)d and 2d Integrable systems).
- **Enhancement to Super groups:** Now you consider your favourite **Super Lie group** (**Application:** 3d Super-gravity Holography).

THANK YOU!

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