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# On LA-Courant algebroids and Poisson Lie 2-algebroids

A geometrisation of [2]-manifolds.

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# Graded manifolds and Lie $n$ -algebroids

# Positively graded manifolds

An  $\mathbb{N}$ -graded manifold  $\mathcal{M}$  of degree  $n$  and dimension  $(p; r_1, \dots, r_n)$  is a smooth  $p$ -dimensional manifold  $M$  endowed with a locally free and finitely generated sheaf  $C^\infty(\mathcal{M})$  of  $\mathbb{N}$ -graded commutative associative unital  $\mathbb{R}$ -algebras, which can locally be written as

$$C^\infty(\mathcal{M})_U = \underbrace{C^\infty(U)}_{\text{smooth manifold}} \underbrace{[\xi_1^1, \dots, \xi_1^{r_1}, \xi_2^1, \dots, \xi_2^{r_2}, \dots, \xi_n^1, \dots, \xi_n^{r_n}]}_{\text{generators}} \quad *$$

with  $r_1 + \dots + r_n$  graded commutative generators  $\xi_i^j$  of degree  $i$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  and  $j \in \{1, \dots, r_i\}$ .

• NB: An  $[n]$ -manifold is always non-canonically split

$$\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{M}} \simeq E_1[1] \oplus \dots \oplus E_n[n] \quad \text{over } M.$$

sections of  $E_1^*$  as gen. of deg 1.  
 $E_2^*$  deg 2

• a  $[1]$ -mfld is always

$$\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{M}} = E[1] \quad \text{i.e.} \quad C^\infty(\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{M}}) = \Gamma(\wedge^* E^*) = \Omega^*(M)$$

# Lie algebroids

A Lie algebroid over a manifold  $M$  is a vector bundle  $A \rightarrow M$  with a Lie algebra bracket  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  on  $\Gamma(A)$  and an anchor  $\rho: A \rightarrow TM$ , such that

$$[a_1, fa_2] = f[a_1, a_2] + \mathcal{L}_{\rho(a_1)}(f)a_2 \quad ]$$

for all  $a_1, a_2 \in \Gamma(A)$  and  $f \in C^\infty(M)$ .

$(A[1], d_A)$

↑  
vector field  
of degree 1  
with  $d_A^2 = 0$

"homological vector field"

$d_A$  "de Rham like"

$$d_A: \Omega^k(A) \rightarrow \Omega^{k+1}(A)$$

$$d_A^2 = 0$$

$$\parallel$$

$$\frac{1}{2}[d_A, d_A]$$

# Example: Lie 1-algebroid

Take an  $\mathbb{N}$ -graded manifold of degree 1, i.e.  $C^\infty(\mathcal{M}) = \Gamma(\wedge^\bullet E)$  for a vector bundle  $E$  over  $M$  and take a trivialising chart  $U \subseteq M$  for  $E$ . Any homological vector field  $Q$  on  $\mathcal{M}$  can locally be written as

$$Q_U = \sum_{ij} \rho(\varepsilon_j)(x_i) e_i \partial_{x_j} - \sum_{ijk} \langle [\varepsilon_i, \varepsilon_j], e_k \rangle e_i e_j \partial_{e_k},$$

defining locally a Lie algebroid structure on  $E^*|_U$ . This structure is in fact global, and Lie 1-algebroids are equivalent to Lie algebroids. (This is due to Arkady Vaintrob.)

Lie algebroids  $\leftrightarrow$   $[1]$ -nfd + hom. VF  
"Lie 1-algebroids".

$\rightarrow$  Lie  $n$ -algebroid :  $(\mathcal{G}, [n]$ -nfd,  $Q$ )  
 $\uparrow$  hom. VF  
degree 1  
 $Q^2 = 0$

# How about Lie 2-algebroids vs Courant algebroids?

# Courant algebroids

A Courant algebroid over a manifold  $M$  is a vector bundle  $E \rightarrow M$  with a fibrewise nondegenerate symmetric bilinear form  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ , a bracket  $[[\cdot, \cdot]]$  on the smooth sections  $\Gamma(E)$ , and an anchor  $\rho: E \rightarrow TM$ , which satisfy the following conditions

1.  $[[e_1, e_2]] + [[e_2, e_1]] = \rho^* \mathbf{d}\langle e_1, e_2 \rangle$ , ←
2.  $[[e_1, [[e_2, e_3]]]] = [[[[e_1, e_2]], e_3]] + [[e_2, [[e_1, e_3]]]]$ , ← Jacobi
3.  $\rho(e_1)\langle e_2, e_3 \rangle = \langle [[e_1, e_2]], e_3 \rangle + \langle e_2, [[e_1, e_3]] \rangle$  ←

for all  $e_1, e_2, e_3 \in \Gamma(E)$ .

problem:  $TM \oplus T^*M \rightarrow M$



# Split Lie 2-algebroids

A split Lie 2-algebroid is a sequence

$$\mathcal{H} \cong E_1[1] \oplus E_2[2]$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B^* & \xrightarrow{l} & Q \xrightarrow{\rho} TM \\ E_2 & & E_1 \end{array}$$

of vector bundles over  $M$  with a skew-symmetric dull bracket

$\rightarrow [\cdot, \cdot]: \Gamma(Q) \times \Gamma(Q) \rightarrow \Gamma(Q)$ , a linear connection

$\nabla: \Gamma(Q) \times \Gamma(B) \rightarrow \Gamma(B)$  and a 3-form  $\omega \in \Omega^3(Q, B^*)$ , such that

(i)  $\nabla_{l(\beta_1)}^* \beta_2 + \nabla_{l(\beta_2)}^* \beta_1 = 0$  for all  $\beta_1, \beta_2 \in \Gamma(B^*)$ ,

(ii)  $[[q, l(\beta)]] = l(\nabla_q^* \beta)$  for  $q \in \Gamma(Q)$  and  $\beta \in \Gamma(B^*)$ ,

(iii)  $\text{Jac}_{[[\cdot, \cdot]]} = l \circ \omega \in \Omega^3(Q, Q)$ ,

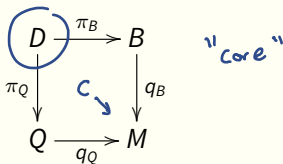
(iv)  $R_{\nabla}(q_1, q_2)b = l^* \langle \mathbf{i}_{q_2} \mathbf{i}_{q_1} \omega, b \rangle$  for  $q_1, q_2 \in \Gamma(Q)$  and  $b \in \Gamma(B)$ ,  
and

(v)  $\mathbf{d}_{\nabla^*} \omega = 0$ .

# Geometrisation of [2]-manifolds

# Double vector bundles

A double vector bundle is a commutative square



of vector bundles such that the structure maps of the vertical bundles define morphisms of the horizontal bundles.

Prototype :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 TE & \xrightarrow{\ast} & TM \\
 \ast \downarrow & E \searrow & \downarrow \\
 \underline{E} & \longrightarrow & M
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \underline{E} \rightarrow M \quad \text{VB}$$

NBI  $D$  is always noncanonically isomorphic to a decomposed

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 q_B^{-1}(\mathbb{0} \oplus C) & \simeq & B \times_M \mathbb{0} \times_M C \longrightarrow B \\
 \downarrow \alpha & & \downarrow c \\
 \underline{E} & \longrightarrow & M
 \end{array}$$

# Metric double vector bundles

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbb{E} & \xrightarrow{\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle} & \mathbb{B} \leftarrow \text{metric} \\
 \downarrow \mathcal{Q} & & \downarrow \mathcal{Q} \\
 \mathcal{Q} & \rightarrow & \mathbb{M}
 \end{array}
 \quad \exists \text{ dec.}$$

$$\mathbb{E} \simeq \mathbb{B} \times_{\mathbb{M}} \mathcal{Q} \times_{\mathbb{M}} \mathcal{Q}^{\oplus 2}$$

s.t.

$$\langle (b, q, z), (b, q', z') \rangle = z'(q) + z(q')$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 b \in \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{B}) : \quad \tilde{b} \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Q}}^{\oplus 2}(\mathbb{E}) \quad \tilde{b}(q_m) = (b(m), q_m, 0_{\mathcal{Q}^{\oplus 2}}) \\
 z \in \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{Q}^{\oplus 2}) : \quad z^+ \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Q}}^c(\mathbb{E}) \quad z^+(q_m) = (0_{\mathcal{Q}^{\oplus 2}}, q_m, z(z))
 \end{array}$$

$$\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{E}) = \left\{ \chi \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Q}}^p(\mathbb{E}) \mid \chi \text{ isotropic} \right\}$$

$$\langle \chi(q), \chi(q') \rangle = 0 \quad (q, q') \in \mathcal{Q} \times_{\mathbb{M}} \mathcal{Q}$$

# Involutive double vector bundles

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{E} \times \mathbb{Q} & \rightarrow & \mathbb{Q} \\ \downarrow & \mathbb{B}^x \rightarrow & \downarrow \\ \mathbb{Q} & \rightarrow & \mathbb{M} \end{array}$$

$$\mathbb{I}: \mathbb{E} \times \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{E} \times \mathbb{Q} \quad \mathbb{I}^2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{id}.$$

$$\exists \text{ dec. } \mathbb{E} \times \mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{Q} \times_n \mathbb{Q} \times_n \mathbb{B}^x$$

$$\text{s.t. } \mathbb{I}(q, q', \beta) = (q', q, \beta).$$

# Metric double vector bundle charts

Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold and  $D$  a set with a map  $\Pi: D \rightarrow M$ . A **metric double vector bundle chart** is a quadruple  $c = (U, \Theta, V_1, V_2)$ , where  $U$  is an open set in  $M$ ,  $V_1, V_2$  are two vector spaces and  $\Theta: \Pi^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U \times V_1 \times V_2 \times V_2^*$  is a bijection such that  $\Pi = \text{pr}_1 \circ \Theta$ .

Two double vector bundle charts  $c$  and  $c'$  are **compatible** if the “change of chart”  $\Theta' \circ \Theta^{-1}$  over  $U \cap U'$  sends  $(x, v_1, v_2, l)$  to

$$(x, \underline{A(x)v_1}, \underline{B(x)v_2}, \underline{(B(x)^{-1})^*l + \omega(x)(v_1)(B(x)v_2)})$$

with  $x \in U \cap U'$ ,  $v_i \in V_i$ ,  $\underline{A} \in C^\infty(U \cap U', \text{Gl}(V_1))$ ,  $\underline{B} \in C^\infty(U \cap U', \text{Gl}(V_2))$  and  $\underline{\omega} \in C^\infty(U \cap U', V_1^* \otimes V_2^* \wedge V_2^*)$ .

Cocycle conditions: the standard ones for  $A$ 's and  $B$ 's, and

$$\left[ \omega^{\gamma\beta}(x)(v_1) = B^{\alpha\gamma}(x)^t \cdot \omega^{\alpha\beta}(x)(v_1) \cdot B^{\alpha\gamma}(x) + \omega^{\gamma\alpha}(x)(A^{\alpha\beta}(x)v_1). \right]$$

# Geometrisation of [2]-manifolds

## Theorem (JL 2018)

The category of positively graded manifolds of degree 2 is equivalent to the category of involutive double vector bundles.

Degree 1:

$$\xi_i^\beta = \sum_{j=1}^{r_1} A_{ji}^{\alpha\beta} \xi_j^\alpha.$$

[2]-mfd's

↓

m DVBS's.

Degree 2:

$$\eta_i^\beta = \sum_{j=1}^{r_2} B_{ji}^{\alpha\beta} \eta_j^\alpha + \sum_{1 \leq k < l \leq r_1} \omega_{kli}^{\alpha\beta} \xi_k^\alpha \wedge \xi_l^\alpha.$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \rightarrow & B \\ \downarrow \alpha & & \downarrow \\ Q & \rightarrow & M \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow C^\infty(\mathcal{JG}(E))$$

$C(E)$  gen. of dg 2  
 $\Gamma(Q^1)$  gen. of dg 2  
 $C^\infty(M)$  gen. of dg 0.

# Geometrisation of $[n]$ -manifolds

(in preparation ; with Mark Heuer)

$[n]$ -manifolds  $\leftrightarrow$   $n$ -fold vector bundles  
with  $S_n$ -action.



# VB- and LA-Courant algebroids

## Theorem (JL 2018)

The category of positively graded Poisson manifolds of degree 2 is equivalent to the category of self-dual VB-algebroids.

$$(\mathcal{M}, \{\cdot, \cdot\})$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{E} & \xrightarrow{\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle} & \mathbb{B} \\ \text{LA} \downarrow & \mathcal{Q}^* \rightsquigarrow & \downarrow \text{LA} \\ \mathcal{Q} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{M} \\ & & \text{VB-algebroid.} \end{array}$$

## Theorem (Li-Bland 2012, JL 2019)

*The category of Lie 2-algebroids is equivalent to the category of VB-Courant algebroids.*

A decomposed VB-Courant algebroid defines the structure objects as on Slide 11:

$$\Theta(\tilde{q}) = \widehat{\nabla}_q \in \mathfrak{X}(B), \quad \llbracket \tilde{q}, \tau^\dagger \rrbracket = (\Delta_q \tau)^\dagger \text{ and} \\ \llbracket \tilde{q}_1, \tilde{q}_2 \rrbracket = \widetilde{\llbracket q_1, q_2 \rrbracket} - R_\omega(q_1, q_2)^\dagger,$$

for all  $q, q_1, q_2 \in \Gamma(Q)$  and  $\tau \in \Gamma(Q^*)$ , where

$\Delta: \Gamma(Q) \times \Gamma(Q^*) \rightarrow \Gamma(Q^*)$  is the “Lie derivative” that is dual to the dull bracket.

## Theorem (Li-Bland 2012, JL 2020)

The category of Poisson Lie 2-algebroids is equivalent to the category of LA-Courant algebroids.

$$(\mathcal{M}, \{ \cdot, \cdot \}, \mathcal{Q})$$

$\mathcal{Q}$  preserves  $\{ \cdot, \cdot \}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{E} & \xrightarrow{\text{C.A.}} & B \\ \text{L.A.} \downarrow & \cong & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{Q} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{M} \end{array}$$

in a split way!

Symplectic Lie 2-algebroids correspond to tangent doubles of Courant algebroids.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TE & \xrightarrow{\text{C.A.}} & TM \\ \downarrow \text{LA} & \begin{array}{c} E \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array} & \downarrow \text{LA} \\ E & \xrightarrow{\text{C.A.}} & M \end{array}$$

# Matched pairs of representations

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$A, B$  Lie algebras  $\subset M$

$A \subset B$     $B \subset A$

$$A \oplus B \rightarrow M$$

lie alg.

$A, B \subseteq A \oplus B$  sub.

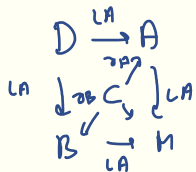
$$[a, b] = (-\nabla_b a, \nabla_a b)$$

bicrossproduct.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \times_{\sigma} B & \xrightarrow{CA} & A \\ CA \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow C \\ B & \xrightarrow{\quad} & M \end{array}$$



# Matched pairs of representations



dec. ↓

$$\begin{array}{l}
 AC \quad C[0] \oplus B[1] \\
 BC \quad C[0] \oplus A[1]
 \end{array}$$

matched pair

→ bicrossprod.

$$(D+A, D+B) \quad \text{VB-Liealg.}$$

$$C^*$$



$$D+A \oplus D+B \rightarrow C^*$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{VB-Col} \\
 A \oplus B & \rightarrow & h
 \end{array}$$



split Lie 2.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 C & \rightarrow & A \oplus B \rightarrow T\mathcal{M} \\
 (-\partial_{A_1}, \partial_B) & & S_{A+B}
 \end{array}$$



# Lie bialgebroids

$(A, A^\vee)$  Lie bialgebroid

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T^*A & \rightarrow & A \\ \downarrow & \tau^* \downarrow & \downarrow \\ A^\vee & \rightarrow & \mathfrak{m} \end{array}$$

double Lie algebroid

↕

VB-Lie bialgebroid  
 $(TA, TA^\vee)$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $TM$

symplectic Lie 2-algebra  $\leftarrow$  bicosse product  
 constant algebroid

$$T^*M \rightarrow A \oplus A^\vee \rightarrow TM$$

↕

↔

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T(A \oplus A^\vee) & \rightarrow & TM \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ LA \ltimes (A \oplus A^\vee) & \rightarrow & M \end{array}$$

LA-constant tangent prolongation

$(\mathfrak{g}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  C.A. over a point  $\mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}^*$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} = T\mathfrak{g} & \xrightarrow{CA} & \mathfrak{g}^* \\ \downarrow CA & \searrow g & \downarrow \\ \mathfrak{g} & \xrightarrow{*} & \mathfrak{g}^* \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T^*\mathfrak{g} & \rightarrow & \mathfrak{g}^* \\ \downarrow & \searrow * & \downarrow \\ \mathfrak{g} & \rightarrow & \mathfrak{g}^* \end{array}$$

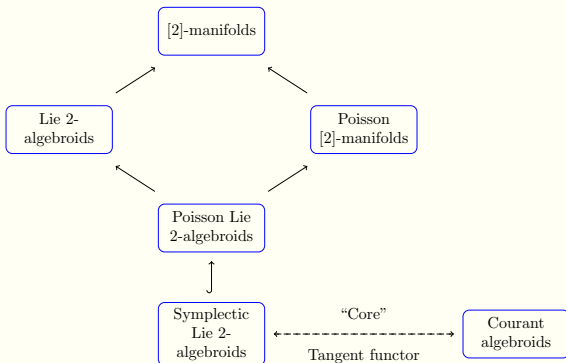
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$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{B} \text{ and } : & \text{Lie 2-alg.} & \iff \text{VB-Courant} \\ & \mathcal{Q} = 0 & \begin{array}{l} \Pi \cdot \Pi = 0 \\ \mathcal{F} = 0 \end{array} \end{array}$$

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# Table of the supergeometric objects.



# Double geometric objects.

