

# The Moore–Tachikawa conjecture via shifted symplectic geometry

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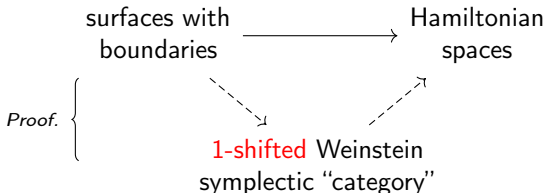
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### Upshot of the talk.

Any not necessarily semisimple **Lie algebra** satisfying (1)–(3), or, more generally, **Poisson affine variety** satisfying analogues of (1)–(3), defines a **Topological Quantum Field Theory** valued in **Hamiltonian spaces**.



The case  $\mathfrak{g}$  **complex semisimple** is part of the **Moore–Tachikawa conjecture**.

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
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$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{Two circles} \cong \text{Circle with dot} & \text{Circle and cylinder} \cong \text{Circle} \\
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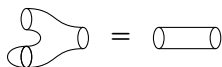
**Conjecture (Moore–Tachikawa 2011).** This extends to a functor (TQFT)

$$\eta_G : \begin{array}{l}
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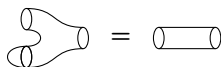
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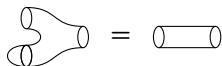


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### Partial solutions.

- Braverman–Finkelberg–Nakajima:  $G = \mathrm{SL}(n, \mathbb{C})$  (Coulomb branches)
- Ginzburg–Kazhdan: scheme version (*ad hoc* construction)

**2-dim cobordisms**  $\longrightarrow$  **Hamiltonian schemes**

- Bielawski : regular version  $(M \xrightarrow{\mu} \mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{reg}}^*)$



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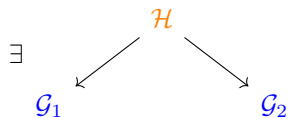


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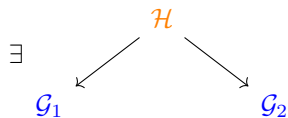


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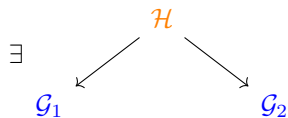
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**Summary.** *We replace singular quotients by equivalence classes of manifolds with Lie group actions, or more generally, Lie groupoids.*

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*Hamiltonian spaces are 1-shifted Lagrangians!*

Theorem (Pantev–Toën–Vaquié–Vezzosi 2012).

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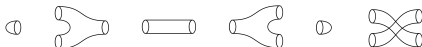
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




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



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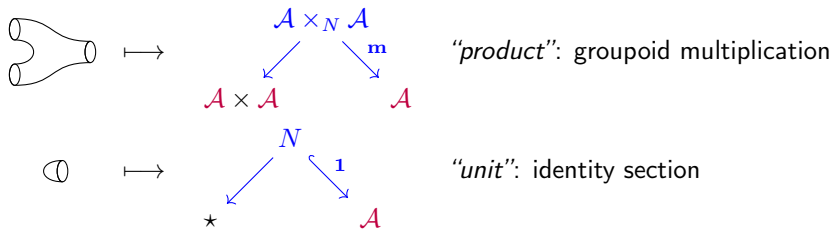
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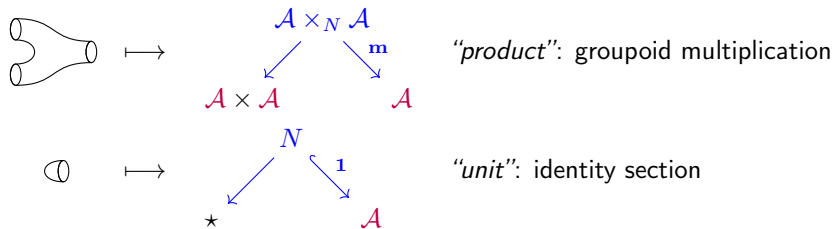
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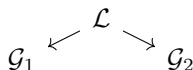
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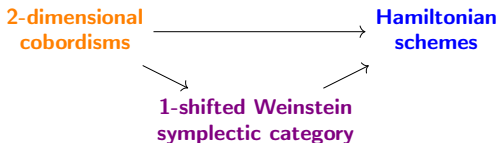
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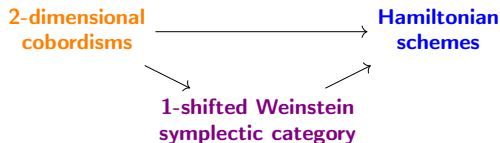
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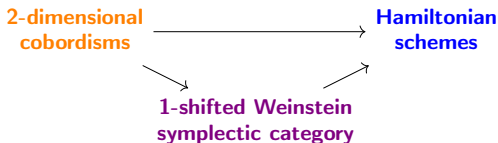
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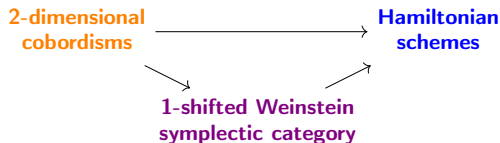
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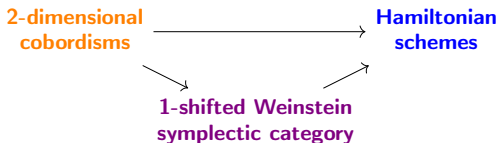
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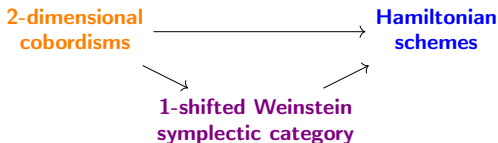
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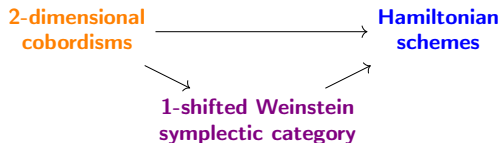
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