

Abstract approaches to  
regularizing moduli spaces of pseudoholomorphic curves

Approach #1 : "Euler class on Banach orbifolds"  
 [Siebert]

- \* Gromov-Witten invariant
- \* Kuranishi section for
  - nontrivial Deligne-Mumford space
  - neighbourhood of nodal curve

Approach #2 : finite dimensional reductions

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Kuranishi structure (of germs)

———— " —————  $\rightarrow$   $d$ -orbifold

Kuranishi atlas

 stabilized  
gluing

**Theorem 0.1** Let  $(M, \omega)$  be a closed symplectic manifold with a tame almost complex structure  $J$ . Then the space  $\mathcal{C}(M; p)$  of stable parametrized marked complex curves in  $M$  of Sobolev class  $L_1^p$  (Definition 3.1) is a Banach orbifold. Moreover, there is a Banach orbifold  $E$  over  $\mathcal{C}(M; p)$  with fiber  $\tilde{L}^p(C; \varphi^* T_M \otimes \bar{\Omega}_C)$  at  $(C, \mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_k), \varphi: C \rightarrow M)$  with an oriented Kuranishi section  $s$  (Definition 1.15) with  $\hat{s}(C, \mathbf{x}, \varphi) = \bar{\partial}_J \varphi$ . The zero locus of  $s$  is the set  $\mathcal{C}^{\text{hol}}(M, J)$  of stable pseudo holomorphic curves in  $(M, J)$  (Definition 3.5), which is a locally finite dimensional Hausdorff space with compact components.

Let  $\mathcal{M}_{g,k}$  be the moduli space of Deligne-Mumford stable  $k$ -marked algebraic curves of genus  $g$ , with the convention  $\mathcal{M}_{g,k} = \{\text{pt}\}$  whenever  $2g + k < 3$ . The localized Euler class  $GW_{g,k}^{M,J} \in H_*(\mathcal{C}^{\text{hol}}(M, J))$  associated to  $(E, s)$  (Theorem 1.21) gives rise to GW-correspondences (Definition 7.2)

$$GW_{g,k}^{M,J} : H^*(M)^{\otimes k} \xrightarrow{\cong \text{pt}} H_*(\mathcal{M}_{g,k}) \cong \mathbb{Q}$$

that are invariants of the symplectic deformation type of  $(M, \omega)$ . They coincide with the ones defined in [RuTi2] in case  $(M, \omega)$  is semi-positive. (by geometric regularization - eg [McDuff-Solomon])

basic example:  $[\bar{\mathcal{M}}] = \text{Euler} \left( \begin{matrix} \Sigma \\ \downarrow \\ W^{1,p}(P^1, M) \\ \downarrow \\ \text{Aut} \end{matrix} \uparrow s = \bar{\partial}_J \right) \in H_*(\bar{\mathcal{M}} = s^{-1}(0); \mathbb{Q})$

$$\bar{\mathcal{M}} = \{u \in W^{1,p}(P^1, M) \mid \bar{\partial}_J u = 0, u_*[P^1] = A\} / \text{Aut}(P^1, i, \infty) \xrightarrow{\text{ev}} M$$

$$(u) \longmapsto u(\infty)$$

$$\partial \rightarrow GW_{0,1}^{M,J} : H^*(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$$

$$\alpha \longmapsto \langle \text{ev}^* \alpha, [\bar{\mathcal{M}}] \rangle = \langle \alpha, \text{ev}_* [\bar{\mathcal{M}}] \rangle$$

$$H^*(\bar{\mathcal{M}}) \qquad \qquad \qquad H_*(M)$$

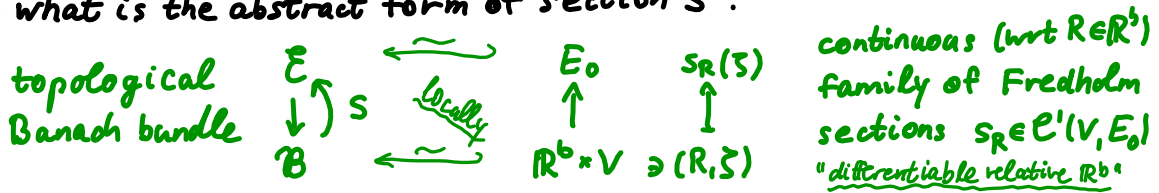
Rmk: semi-positive GW is constructed the same way with

- ideally  $[\bar{\mathcal{M}}] =$  classical fundamental class from  $\bar{\mathcal{M}} = \bar{\partial}_J^{-1}(0) / \text{Aut}_{\text{glue}} \cup \{\text{nodal curves}\}$  for regular  $J$  "being" a compact manifold
- generally, — give "pseudocycle"

Then Euler class axiom ① says  $\text{Euler}(s) = [s^{-1}(0) \cong \bar{\mathcal{M}}]$  since "  $\bar{\partial}_J \uparrow \Sigma$  "  $e_{(M,p)}$  "

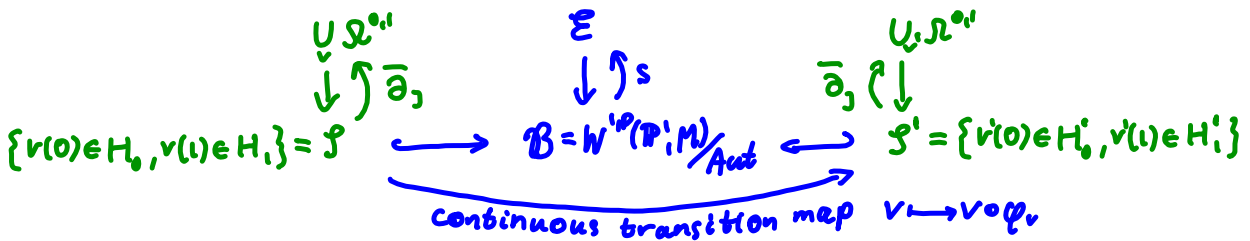
Guiding Questions for studying regularization approaches  
 via abstract perturbations / "virtual" fundamental class  
 $\bar{M} = s^{-1}(0) \quad [(s+r)^{-1}(0)] \mid \text{Euler}(s) = [\bar{M}]$

→ what is the abstract form of section  $s$ ?



→ how is  $s$  constructed for pseudoholomorphic curve moduli spaces?  
 from local Fredholm descriptions:

① near smooth curves as before, where nondifferentiability of reparametrization is no issue since transition maps are only required to be continuous



② for  $M_{g,k} \neq pt$

③ for nodal curves

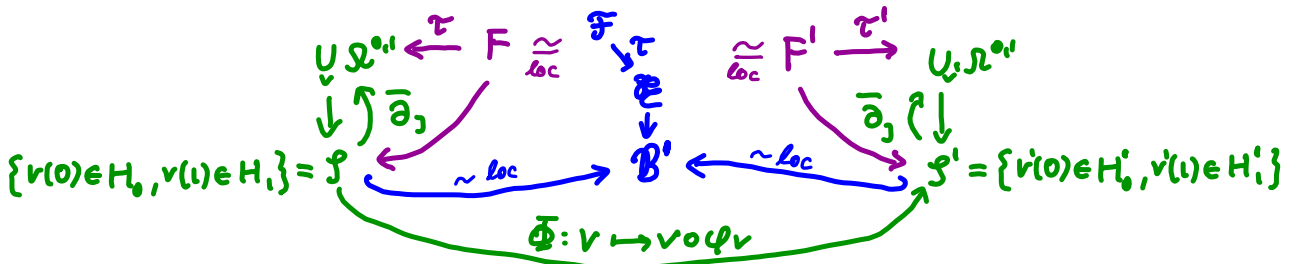
(i) analytic issues appear in construction of Kuranishi structure

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{F} & \xrightarrow{\tau} & \mathcal{E} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \uparrow s \\
 \mathcal{B}' & \hookrightarrow & \mathcal{B} = W^{1,p}(\mathbb{P}^1, M) / \text{Aut} \\
 \cup & & \\
 s^{-1}(0) & & 
 \end{array}$$

since  $\tau$  is required to be "differentiable relative  $\mathbb{R}^b$ " in local differentiable structures

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{E} & \hookrightarrow & \mathbb{R}^b \times V \times E_0 \quad (\text{part of "Fredholm structure" of } s) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \mathcal{B} & \hookrightarrow & \mathbb{R}^b \times V
 \end{array}$$

This requires construction of stabilizations in local slices that "transform as if the transition map was differentiable":



$F' = \hat{\Phi}^* F$  should be a differentiable finite rank bundle  
 i.e. both  $\tau$  and  $\tau \circ \hat{\Phi}$  should be differentiable  
 although  $\hat{\Phi}$  covers nondifferentiable map  $\Phi: \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}'$ .

(This can be achieved by "geometric construction" of  $\mathcal{F}$  - from  $\Omega^{0,1}$  on "universal curve" - which can be reinterpreted as generalized perturbation of  $\mathcal{J}$ .)

② local Fredholm description for  $\bar{M}_{g,k} \neq \text{pt}$  "Deligne-Mumford space"

Ex:  $\bar{M}_{0,1} = \{\text{pt}\} = \{(\mathbb{P}^1, i, \begin{matrix} 0 \\ (0,1) \\ (0,1,\infty) \end{matrix})\}$  "fixed marked points"

general definition for fixed (closed, oriented) surface - of genus  $g$

$$M_{g,k} = \{(\Sigma, j, (z_0, \dots, z_k)) \mid j \text{ complex structure, } z_0 \dots z_k \in \Sigma \text{ distinct}\}$$

$$(\Sigma, \varphi^* j, (\varphi^*(z_0) \dots \varphi^*(z_k))) \quad \forall \varphi \in \text{diffeomorphism}$$

$\bar{M}_{g,k} = M_{g,k} \cup \{\text{nodal Riemann surfaces arising from degeneration of } j \text{ or coincidence of marked points}\}$

Ex: For  $g=0, k=1$  can use uniformization theorem to fix representatives

$\Rightarrow M_{0,1} \cong \{(\mathbb{P}^1, i, (0, 1, \infty, z)) \mid z \in \mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\}\}$

- with  $j=i$  → remaining symmetry  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^1)$
- with  $z_0=0, z_1=1, z_2=\infty$  → no remaining  $\sim$  relation

$\bar{M}_{0,1} = M_{0,1} \cup \left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{two circles} \\ \text{touching at } z \end{matrix} \right\} \cong \mathbb{P}^1$

compactification for  $z \rightarrow 0$  nodal domains

Fredholm description for  $\bar{\partial}_j$  on  $\mathcal{E}(M; p)$

(J) almost cx str on  $M$  fixed

$$\mathcal{E}(M; p) = \{(\Sigma, j, u: \Sigma \xrightarrow{w^p} M, \underline{z}) \mid j \text{ cx. str}\}$$

$\bar{M}_{g,k} \neq \{\text{pt}\}$   $(\Sigma, \varphi^* j, u \circ \varphi, \varphi^*(\underline{z})) \quad \forall \varphi \in \text{Diff}(\Sigma)$

$\bar{\partial}_j: (\Sigma, j, u, \underline{z}) \mapsto \bar{\partial}_{j,i} u = \frac{1}{2}(du + J \circ du \circ j)$

locally on  $\Sigma$  or for  $\Sigma = \mathbb{P}^1$

$(\Sigma, j_0, u \circ \varphi_j, \varphi_j^*(\underline{z})) \mapsto \bar{\partial}_j(u \circ \varphi_j)$

! differentiability fails for  $\bar{M}_{g,k} \times W^{1,p} \rightarrow L^p$  but we have

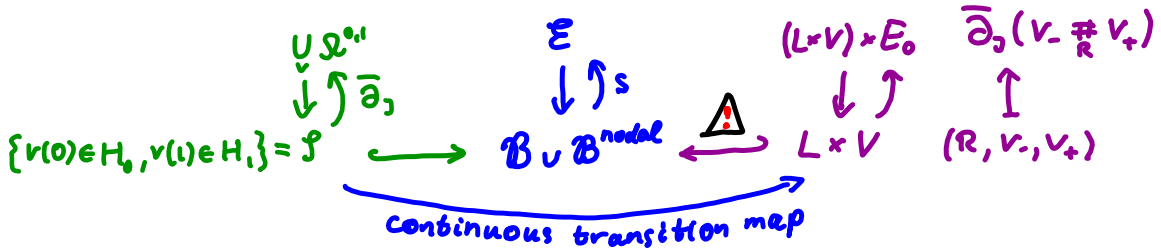
"differentiability relative  $\bar{M}_{g,k}$ "

$\mathcal{E}(M; p) \xrightarrow{\text{locally}} M_{g,k} \times W^{1,p}(\Sigma, M) \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}_j} \mathcal{E} = L^p \text{-}(0,1)\text{-forms}$

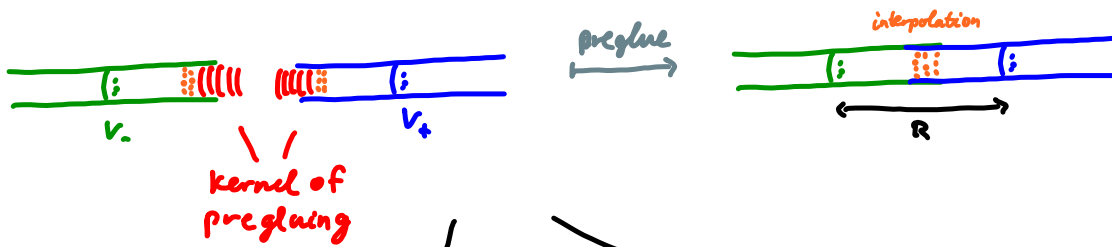
$(j, u) \mapsto s_j(u) = \bar{\partial}_{j,i} u$

- each  $s_j$  is  $C^1$ , Fredholm
- $j \mapsto ds_j$  is continuous wrt  $j$

③ local Fredholm description near nodal curves - naive



$\Delta$  pregluing  $(R, v_-, v_+) \mapsto v_- \#_R v_+$  is not injective



algebraic geometry  $\text{Siebert} \rightarrow ?$

$H_{\mathbb{R}^2}$  polyfold theory  $\rightarrow$  pregluing is a local chart of polyfold  $B \cup B^{\text{nodal}}$

"gluing after stabilization"

$$F_{\pm} \xrightarrow{\tau_{\pm}} E_{\pm}$$

$$\downarrow \bar{\partial}_j = \bar{G}_{\pm}$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{\pm} \longleftrightarrow \bar{\mathcal{B}} \supset \bar{G}_{\pm}^{-1}(0)$$

local stabilizations near  $(v_-, v_+)$

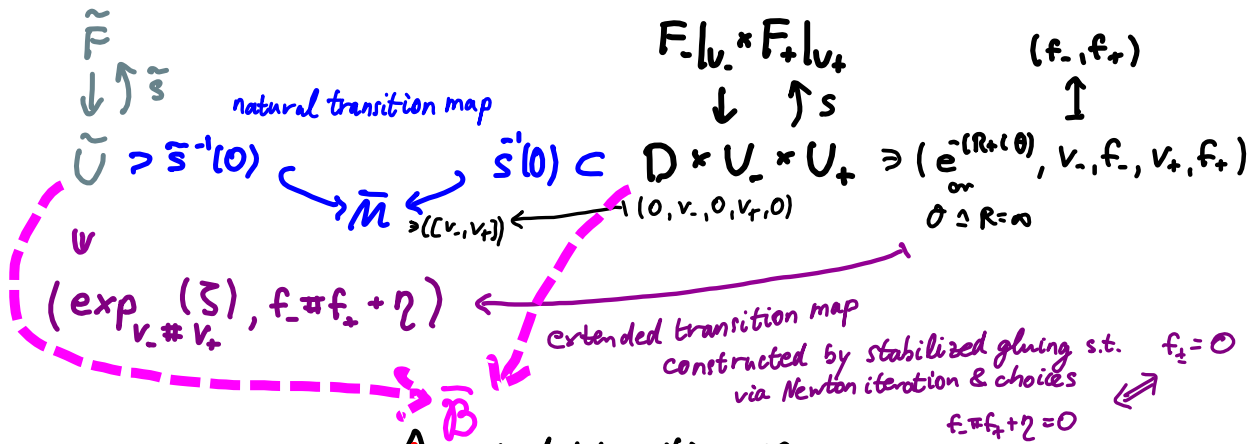
(for simplicity by forgetting to encode matching at node  $v_-(0) = v_+(\infty)$ )

$$\bar{\partial}_j + \tau_{\pm} : F_{\pm} \rightarrow E_{\pm} \quad \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{matrix} F_{\pm}|_{U_{\pm}} & f \\ \downarrow & \uparrow \\ U_{\pm} = \{(u, f) \mid \bar{\partial}_j u = \tau_{\pm}(f)\} & S_{\pm} \end{matrix}$$

local finite dimensional reductions

"glued finite dimensional reduction"



**⚠** extended transition map doesn't naturally arise from an ambient space of "not nec. hol curves"

## #2 Regularization via finite dimensional reductions

Executive summary:

$$\bar{M} = |s^{-1}(0)|$$

$$= \coprod_i s_i^{-1}(0) / \text{Mor}$$

$\mathcal{E}$   
 $\downarrow \uparrow s$   
 $\mathcal{U}$   
 section of etale category bundle

Obj:  $U_i \times F_i$   
 $\downarrow \uparrow s_i$   
 $\coprod_i U_i \xrightarrow{s_i^{-1}(0)} \bar{M}$   
 finite dimensional reductions

Mor:

- $\Gamma_i \hookrightarrow U_i \times F_i$
- isotropy
- transition

regularization theorem:

$$\exists \mathcal{P} \subset \{\text{sections } \gamma: \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}\} :$$

$$\forall \gamma \in \mathcal{P} : |(s+\gamma)^{-1}(0)| \text{ compact manifold}$$

$$\forall \gamma \neq \gamma_i \in \mathcal{P} \exists \text{cobordism } |(s+\gamma)^{-1}(0)| \sim |(s+\gamma_i)^{-1}(0)|$$

$$\Rightarrow [\bar{M}] := [|(s+\gamma)^{-1}(0)|]$$

Rmk: This trades some analytic issues in approach #1 (more  $\infty$  dimensional) for topological issues.

E.g. can make compatible perturbations  $s_i + \gamma_i \not\equiv 0$   
also nontrivial

so that  $\coprod_i (s+\gamma_i)^{-1}(0) / \text{Mor}$  is locally homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$

but need to ensure Hausdorff & compactness property - which is nontrivial for quotient topologies.