

# Classical superselection sectors, memory and soft symmetries from Hamiltonian reduction

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# Overview

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**Problem:** reduced phase space of gauge theories, with corners  $\mathbf{P}$

- Hamiltonian reduction paradigm becomes reduction **by stages**:  $\mathbf{P}$ 
  1. ‘bulk’ gauge  $\rightsquigarrow$  “constraint reduction”
  2. residual/large gauge  $\rightsquigarrow$  “flux superselection”  $\mathbf{P}$
- Adjusted expectation:
  1. reduced phase space is (singular/stratified) **Poisson manifold**  $\mathbf{P}$
  2. foliated by **symplectic leaves** called *flux superselection sectors*  $\mathbf{P}$
  3. **residual momentum maps** given by *Noether charges*  $\mathbf{P}$
  4. sectors labeled by **Poisson casimirs**, or gauge classes of *fluxes*  $\mathbf{P}$
  5. quantisation decomposes Hilbert space into sectors.  $\mathbf{P}$

**Application to null YM:** allows to recover

1. soft/asymptotic/large gauge transf. - as residual symmetries,
2. “extended” phase space / memory - as residual Hamiltonian data.  $\mathbf{P}$

General relativity is still work in progress. Technical complications.

# Hamiltonian reduction primer

## Hamiltonian reduction primer - Hamiltonian actions

Let  $M = R^{2n}$  with symplectic form  $\omega = dq^i \wedge dp_i$ , i.e.  $\{q^i, p_j\} = \delta_j^i$ . **P**

Lie algebra action:  $\rho: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , with *fundamental vector fields*

$$\hat{\xi}_a \equiv \rho(e_a), \quad \rho([e_a, e_b]_{\mathfrak{g}}) = [\rho(e_a), \rho(e_b)]_{\mathfrak{X}(M)}; \quad [\hat{\xi}_a, \hat{\xi}_b]_{\mathfrak{X}(M)} = f_{ab}^c \hat{\xi}_c. \mathbf{P}$$

$$\text{Hamiltonian action} \iff \iota_{\hat{\xi}_a} \omega = dH_a \iff \hat{\xi}_a = \{H_a, \cdot\}.$$

We talk of a *Hamiltonian  $G$ -space*  $(M, G, \rho)$ . **P**

A Hamiltonian  $G$  space carries a *momentum map* function:

$$H: M \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^* \quad H(x): \xi \rightarrow \langle H(x), \xi \rangle = H_a(x) \xi^a. \mathbf{P}$$

**Equivariance:**  $\langle L_{\hat{\eta}} H, \xi \rangle = \langle H, [\xi, \eta] \rangle + k(\xi, \eta)$  iff *cocycle*  $k$  vanishes.

## Hamiltonian reduction primer - familiar examples

Consider the  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathfrak{so}(n)$  (algebra) actions on  $\mathbb{R}^{2n} = T^*\mathbb{R}^n$  by

$$(q^i, p_i) \rightarrow (q^i + v^i, p_i) \quad \rho(v) = v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial q^i} \quad v \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

$$(q^i, p_i) \rightarrow (O_j^i q^j, -O_i^j p_j) \quad \rho(O) = O_j^i q^j \frac{\partial}{\partial q^i} - O_i^j p_j \frac{\partial}{\partial p_j} \quad O \in \mathfrak{so}(n).$$

**P**

Momentum maps:  $\langle H, \bullet \rangle \doteq \iota_{\rho(\bullet)}(p_i dq^i) \rightsquigarrow \iota_{\rho(\bullet)}(dq^i dp_i) = d\iota_{\rho(\bullet)}(p_i dq^i)$ .

$\langle H(q, p), v \rangle = v^i p_i$ ,      Linear Momentum:  $H(q, p)(\bullet) = \langle p, \bullet \rangle \in (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$

$\langle H(q, p), O \rangle = p_i O_j^i q^j$ ,      Angular Momentum:  $H(q, p)(\bullet) = \langle p, \bullet q \rangle \in \mathfrak{so}(n)^*$

**P** In  $n = 3$  we have  $O \in \mathfrak{so}(3) \simeq \mathbb{R}^3 \ni o$ , given by  $O_j^i \mapsto \delta^{j\ell} \epsilon_{\ell ik} o^k$  and

$$\langle p, Oq \rangle = p_j O_j^i q^i = p_j \delta^{j\ell} \epsilon_{\ell ik} o^k q^i = (q \times p) \cdot o$$

Momentum map identified with the vector  $q \times p$ .

## Hamiltonian reduction primer - co-adjoint orbits

The dual of a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}^*$  is a Poisson manifold with

$$\Pi = x_c f_{ab}^c \frac{\partial}{\partial x_a} \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial x_b}, \quad \{x_a, x_b\} = f_{ab}^c x_c, \mathbf{P}$$

foliated by co-adjoint orbits: for any  $\mu \in \mathfrak{g}^*$

$$\mathcal{O}_\mu = \{\mu' \in \mathfrak{g}^* \mid \exists g \in G, \text{Ad}_g^* \mu = \mu'\} \simeq G/G_\mu, \quad T_{\mu'} \mathcal{O}_\mu \simeq \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{g}_\mu \cdot \mathbf{P}$$

The foliation is symplectic with Kostant–Kirillov–Souriau form on  $\mathcal{O}_\mu$ ,

$$\omega_{\mu'}(\text{ad}_X(\mu'), \text{ad}_Y(\mu')) = \langle \mu', [X, Y] \rangle, \quad \forall X, Y \in \mathfrak{g} \cdot \mathbf{P}$$

Any Poisson manifold foliated by symplectic “leaves”.

Casimir functions  $\{c, f\} = 0$  for all  $f \in C^\infty(M)$ : constant on leaves, labeled by choice of values of a complete set of Casimirs.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Basis of 0th Poisson cohomology.

# Hamiltonian reduction primer - orbit reduction

**Theorem** (Marsden, Weinstein; Meyer; Arms ... ~ '70s – '80s )

Let  $G \curvearrowright M$  be a free and proper Hamiltonian action with equivariant  $m$ . map  $H : M \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$ . **P** For every coadjoint orbit  $\mathcal{O}_\mu \subset \mathfrak{g}^*$  we have a **symplectic manifold**:

$$\underline{C}_{[\mu]} \doteq H^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_\mu)/G \simeq H^{-1}(\mu)/G_\mu, \quad \text{e.g. } \underline{C}_0 = H^{-1}(0)/G. \mathbf{P}$$

Moreover  $M/G$  is **Poisson**, and  $\underline{C}_{[\mu]}$  are its symplectic leaves:

$$M/G = \bigsqcup_{\mathcal{O}_\mu \in \mathfrak{g}^*} \underline{C}_{[\mu]} = \bigsqcup_{\mathcal{O}_\mu \in \mathfrak{g}^*} H^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_\mu)/G \quad \text{symplectic foliation.} \mathbf{P}$$

Reduction of  $T^*G$  yields  $T^*G/G \simeq \mathfrak{g}^*$ , **model for  $M/G$** .

Orbit  $\mathcal{O}_\mu \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$ , **model for symplectic “sector”  $H^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_\mu)/G$** .

## Hamiltonian reduction primer - reduction by stages

Consider a normal subgroup  $G_o \subset G$ , momentum map  $H_o: M \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_o^*$ . **P**

Consider reduction **at zero**  $\underline{C}_o \doteq H_o^{-1}(0)/G_o$  for subgroup. **P**

**Theorem** (Guillemin, Sternberg; Marsden, Ratiu, Weinstein ~ '80s )

*If  $G_o \subset G$  is a normal subgroup, there is a Hamiltonian action*

$$\underline{G} \curvearrowright \underline{C}_o \quad \underline{G} \doteq G/G_o$$

with momentum map  $\underline{h}: \underline{C}_o \rightarrow \underline{\mathfrak{g}}^*$  such that<sup>2</sup>  $\pi_o^* \underline{h} = H|_{H_o^{-1}(0)}$ . **P**

The **first stage reduction**  $\underline{C}_o$  is a symplectic manifold. **P**

The **second stage reduction** yields the Poisson manifold:

$$\underline{M} \doteq \underline{C}_o/\underline{G} = \bigsqcup_{[f]} \underline{\mathcal{S}}_{[f]} \doteq \bigsqcup_{\underline{\mathcal{O}}_f \subset \underline{\mathfrak{g}}^*} \underline{h}^{-1}(\underline{\mathcal{O}}_f)/\underline{G}$$

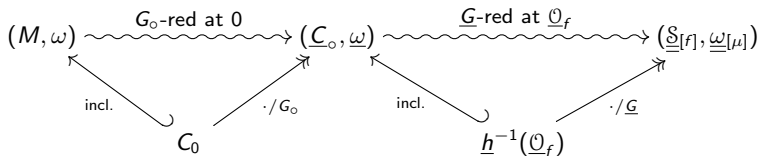
Second stage sees coadjoint orbits  $\underline{\mathcal{O}}_f \subset \underline{\mathfrak{g}}^*$  of  $\underline{G}$ .

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<sup>2</sup>Some details are hidden.



## Hamiltonian reduction primer - important remarks



**P** Traditionally used to reduce by semidirect product actions.

**Our application is to field theory on manifolds with corners. P**

Hamiltonian reduction  $(T^*G)/G \simeq \mathfrak{g}^*$ .

**Prototype corner gauge reduction, realised exactly in 2d BF theory.**

# Gauge Theory

## Local gauge theory with corners I

Lagrangian field theory on  $\Sigma \times \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\dim(\Sigma) \doteq n$ . *Corner* if  $\partial\Sigma \neq \emptyset$ . **P**  
Space of fields  $\mathcal{F}$ . Local Lagrangian  $\mathbf{L} \in \Omega_{\text{loc}}^{0,\text{top}}(\mathcal{F} \times (\Sigma \times \mathbb{R}))$ .

$$d\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{L} + d\theta.\mathbf{P}$$

**Will not** be working on “covariant phase space”  ~~$\mathbf{E}\mathbf{L} = 0$~~ .

On  $\Sigma$ : **Geometric phase space**  $\mathcal{P}$  w. (local) symplectic form<sup>3</sup>  $\omega = d\theta$   
Shell defines constraint submanifold, or “Cauchy data”  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{P}$ . **P**

For *gauge* field theory assume we have

1. A (local) Lie group action on  $\mathcal{F}$
2. An induced (local) Lie group action  $\mathcal{G} \curvearrowright (\mathcal{P}, \omega)$  **P**

**Note:** induced action is not always a group action.

OK for YM, but not for GR: point 2 fails, algebroid/groupoid **on shell**.

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<sup>3</sup>Terms and conditions apply. [Kijowski–Tulczyjew]

## Local gauge theory with corners II

Hamiltonian formulation yields  $(\mathcal{P}, \omega, \mathbf{H}, \mathcal{G})$  locally Hamiltonian  $\mathcal{G}$ -space:

1.  $\mathcal{P} = \Gamma(\Sigma, F)$  sections of a vector bundle (for simplicity), **P**
2.  $\mathcal{G}$  a local Lie group with a local action on  $\mathcal{P}$  with  $\text{Lie}(\mathcal{G}) \doteq \mathfrak{G}$ , **P**
3.  $\omega \in \Omega_{\text{loc}}^{2, \text{top}}(\mathcal{P} \times \Sigma)$  a local symplectic density on  $\mathcal{P}$ , **P**
4.  $\mathbf{H} \in \Omega_{\text{loc}}^{0, \text{top}}(\mathcal{P} \times \Sigma, \mathfrak{G}^*)$  a  $\mathfrak{G}^*$ -valued local form on  $\mathcal{P}$ . **P**

Flow and equivariance now hold pointwise: for  $\xi \in \mathfrak{G}$

$$\iota_{\rho(\xi)}\omega = \langle \mathfrak{d}\mathbf{H}, \xi \rangle$$

local Hamiltonian form

$$\mathbb{L}_{\rho(\xi)}\mathbf{H} = \text{ad}_{\xi}^*\mathbf{H} + d\mathbf{k}(\xi)$$

Equivariance **up to corners**

**P Note 1:** *Local* pairing  $\langle \mathfrak{d}\mathbf{H}, \xi \rangle$ : may depend on derivatives  $\partial\xi$ .

$\rightsquigarrow$  Generally not  $C^\infty(\Sigma)$ -linear! **P**

**Note 2:** Integrate  $\omega \doteq \int_{\Sigma} \omega$  and  $H \doteq \int_{\Sigma} \mathbf{H}$ .

$\rightsquigarrow$  Momentum map. **Weakly** equivariant .

## Running Example I: Spacelike Yang–Mills Theory

Consider Lie group  $G$ , with inner product  $\text{tr}: \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

$G$ -connections  $A \in \mathcal{A} \doteq \text{Conn}(P \rightarrow \Sigma)$  with  $\Sigma$  spacelike.

Generalised electric fields  $E$  are  $\mathfrak{g}$ -valued (top-1)-forms on  $\Sigma$ . **P**

We have the *geometric phase space*:<sup>4</sup>

$$\mathcal{E} \doteq \Omega^{n-1}(\Sigma, \mathfrak{g}), \quad \mathcal{P} \equiv T^*\mathcal{A} \doteq \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{E} \ni (A, E), \quad \omega = \text{tr}(\text{dAd}E) \cdot \mathbf{P}$$

The gauge action of  $\mathcal{G} \doteq G_0^\Sigma \equiv C_0^\infty(\Sigma, G)$  reads

$$(A, E, \xi) \longmapsto \rho(\xi)(A, E) = (d_A \xi, \text{ad}(\xi) \cdot E), \quad \xi \in \mathfrak{G} = \mathfrak{g}^\Sigma.$$

Locally Hamiltonian with (equivariant) momentum map

$$\iota_{\rho(\xi)} \omega = \langle \text{d}\mathbf{H}, \xi \rangle, \quad \langle \mathbf{H}, \xi \rangle = \text{tr}(E d_A \xi) \cdot \mathbf{P}$$

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<sup>4</sup> $A = \tilde{A}|_\Sigma, E = (\star F_A)|_\Sigma$  from YM theory on  $\Sigma \times \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbf{L} = F_{\tilde{A}} \wedge \star F_{\tilde{A}}$ .

## Reduced phase space

Assume for a moment that  $\partial\Sigma = \emptyset$ . Physical configurations on  $\mathcal{P}$  are recovered as the vanishing locus of **Noether's current**  $H$ .  $\mathbf{P}$

**If Noether's current is a locally Hamiltonian equivariant, momentum form**, physical configurations on  $\mathcal{P}$  are characterised by:

$$\text{Noether Thm} \implies H \text{ d-exact on shell} \implies H \doteq \int_{\Sigma} H \approx 0 \cdot \mathbf{P}$$

$H$  is an equivariant momentum map, so Hamiltonian reduction yields the space of physical configurations modulo gauge:

$$\partial\Sigma = \emptyset, \quad \mathcal{C} \doteq H^{-1}(0) \text{ constraint set, } \underline{\mathcal{C}} = H^{-1}(0)/\mathcal{G} \cdot \mathbf{P}$$

This is the **reduced phase space** of the theory.  
In this case, this is a **symplectic manifold**.  $\mathbf{P}$

Complications arise when  $\partial\Sigma \neq \emptyset$ .

## Reduction by Stages

## Reduction with corners via reduction by stages

**Problem:**  $H^{-1}(0)$  is no longer the correct constraint locus!  
“Zero-flux conditions” imposed by  $H = 0$ ! **P**

**Proposition (Constraint / Flux splitting [Riello, MS])**

*There is a natural bulk/boundary splitting:*

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}_o + d\mathbf{h}$$

such that  $\mathcal{C} \doteq \mathbf{H}_o^{-1}(0)$  coincides with the constraint set of the theory.  
We call  $\mathbf{H}_o$  the *constraint form* and  $d\mathbf{h}$  the *flux form*. **P**

**Problem:**  $\mathbf{H}_o$  is NOT a momentum form for  $\mathcal{G}$  anymore!

Noether Thm  $\implies \mathcal{C} = \mathbf{H}_o^{-1}(0)$  first-class constraint set. **P**

**Question:** Is there a subgroup  $\mathcal{G}_o \subset \mathcal{G}$ , for which  $\mathcal{C}$  is zero level set of induced momentum map  $J_o: \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathfrak{G}_o^*$ , so that  $\underline{\mathcal{C}} = \mathcal{C}/\mathcal{G}_o$  symplectic?



# First Stage: Constraint Reduction

**Answer:** Yes! **P**

## Theorem (Constraint reduction [Riello MS])

Let  $h_{\mathcal{C}} \doteq \iota_{\mathcal{C}}^* \int_{\Sigma} d\mathbf{h}$ . Under certain regularity assumptions:

1.  $\mathfrak{G}_{\circ} \doteq \text{AnnIm}(h_{\mathcal{C}}) \subset \mathfrak{G}$  is the maximal Lie ideal whose associated momentum map  $J_{\circ}$  is **constraining**:  $J_{\circ}^{-1}(0) = \mathcal{C}$ . **P**

Normal subgroup  $\mathcal{G}_{\circ} \subset \mathcal{G}$ : **constraint gauge group**.

Quotient group  $\underline{\mathcal{G}} \doteq \mathcal{G}/\mathcal{G}_{\circ}$ : **flux gauge group** **P**

2. There is a **residual Hamiltonian action**  $\underline{\mathcal{G}} \curvearrowright \underline{\mathcal{C}} = \mathcal{C}/\mathcal{G}_{\circ}$ , with momentum map  $\underline{h}: \underline{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow \underline{\mathfrak{G}}^*$ , such that  $h_{\mathcal{C}} = \pi_{\circ}^* \underline{h}$ .

We call  $\underline{h}$  the **flux map** and  $\mathfrak{F} \doteq \text{Im}(\underline{h})$  the **flux space**. **P**

3. Equivariance controlled by the cocycle  $k \doteq \int dk$ .  
[Recall:  $\mathbf{H}$  is equivariant *up to corner*] **P**

We will call  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  the **constraint-reduced** phase space.

## Yang–Mills II: Constraint/flux split

The Hamiltonian momentum form splits as:

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}_\circ + d\mathbf{h}, \quad \langle \mathbf{H}_\circ, \xi \rangle = \text{tr}(d_A E \xi), \quad \langle d\mathbf{h}, \xi \rangle = -d\text{tr}(E \xi),$$

$$\mathcal{C} = \mathbf{H}_\circ^{-1}(0) = \{(A, E) \in \mathcal{P} \mid d_A E = 0\} : \text{Gauss' Constraint } \mathbf{P}$$

**Note:** Imposing  $\mathbf{H} = 0$  forces  $E|_{\partial\Sigma} = 0$ : *zero flux*.

Indeed  $\langle h, \xi \rangle \doteq \int_{\partial\Sigma} \iota_{\partial\Sigma}^* \text{tr}(E \xi)$  is the (smeared) “electric” flux.  $\mathbf{P}$

Denote  $\xi \in \mathfrak{g} \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{G} \iff d\xi = 0$ . The constraint gauge ideal  $\mathfrak{G}_\circ$  reads:

$$\mathfrak{G}_\circ = \text{Ann}(\mathfrak{F}) = \begin{cases} \{\xi \in \mathfrak{G} \mid \xi|_{\partial\Sigma} = 0\} & G \text{ semisimple} \\ \{\xi \in \mathfrak{G} \mid \exists \chi \in \mathfrak{g} : \xi|_{\partial\Sigma} = \chi|_{\partial\Sigma}\} & G \text{ Abelian } \mathbf{P} \end{cases}$$

and thus the flux gauge algebra  $\underline{\mathfrak{G}}$  reads (true also for null case!)

$$\underline{\mathfrak{G}} = \mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{G}_\circ = \begin{cases} C^\infty(\partial\Sigma, \mathfrak{g}) & G \text{ semisimple} \\ C^\infty(\partial\Sigma, \mathfrak{g})/\mathfrak{g} & G \text{ Abelian} \end{cases}$$

## Yang–Mills III: Constraint reduction

[Singer; Narasimhan, Ramadas; Gomes, Hopfmüller, Riello; Riello-MS]

Given  $A$ , radiative electric fields  $\mathcal{H}_A = \{d_A E = 0 = E|_{\partial\Sigma}\}$ .

Radiative/Coulombic (Helmholtz–Hodge) orthogonal decomposition. **P**

$E = E_{\text{rad}} + \star d_A \varphi$ , with  $\varphi \in C^\infty(\Sigma, \mathfrak{g})$  the Coulombic potential

$$\begin{cases} \Delta_A \varphi = \star d_A E \approx 0 & \text{in } \Sigma, \\ \mathbf{n} \cdot d_A \varphi = E_\partial & \text{at } \partial\Sigma \end{cases}$$

parametrised by  $E_\partial \in \mathcal{E}_\partial = \Omega^{\text{top}}(\partial\Sigma, \mathfrak{g})$ . **P** Then

$$\mathcal{C} \simeq_{\text{loc}} \underbrace{\mathcal{H}_A \times \mathcal{A}}_{\mathcal{P}_{\text{rad}}} \times \mathcal{E}_\partial \implies \underline{\mathcal{C}} \simeq_{\text{loc}} \underbrace{\mathcal{P}_{\text{rad}}/\mathcal{G}_o}_{\underline{\mathcal{P}}_{\text{rad}}} \times \mathcal{E}_\partial \mathbf{P}$$

**For  $G$  Abelian**,  $A = A_{\text{rad}} + d\varsigma$ , with  $\varsigma \in C^\infty(\Sigma, \mathfrak{g})$  solution of Neumann–Laplace, **P** one obtains **globally!**

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}} \simeq \underline{\mathcal{P}}_{\text{rad}} \times T^*\mathcal{G} \quad \text{“Edge modes” (?)}$$

$$\underline{\omega} \stackrel{\text{ab}}{=} \int_\Sigma dE_{\text{rad}} \wedge dA_{\text{rad}} + \int_{\partial\Sigma} dE_\partial \wedge d\varsigma_\partial,$$

with  $\underline{\mathcal{P}}_{\text{rad}} \doteq \mathcal{P}_{\text{rad}}/\mathcal{G} \ni (A_{\text{rad}}, E_{\text{rad}})$ .

## Second Stage: Flux Superselection

First stage reduction output:  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}, \underline{\omega}, \underline{h})$  Hamiltonian  $\underline{\mathcal{G}}$ -space. **P**

Consider the coadjoint orbit  $\mathcal{O}_f \in \underline{\mathcal{G}}^*$  of a flux  $f \in \mathfrak{F} \subset \underline{\mathcal{G}}^*$ .

All on-shell configurations whose flux is in  $\mathcal{O}_f$  are acted upon by  $\underline{\mathcal{G}}$ :<sup>5</sup>

$$\underline{\mathcal{S}}_{[f]} = \underline{h}^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_f) \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \underline{\underline{\mathcal{S}}}_{[f]} = \underline{\mathcal{S}}_{[f]}/\underline{\mathcal{G}} \quad \text{Superselection sector (SSS)} \mathbf{P}$$

### Theorem (Flux Superselection [Riello, MS])

The fully-reduced phase space  $\underline{\underline{\mathcal{C}}} = \underline{\mathcal{C}}/\underline{\mathcal{G}} = \mathcal{C}/\mathcal{G}$  is a Poisson manifold whose symplectic leaves are the superselection sectors:  $\underline{\underline{\mathcal{C}}} = \bigsqcup_{\mathcal{O}_f \subset \underline{\mathcal{G}}^*} \underline{\underline{\mathcal{S}}}_{[f]}$ .

**P** The **second-stage, fully-reduced, phase space** is only Poisson!

Fully gauge-invariant symplectic leaves. **P**

Labels are **Casimirs of the Poisson structure**, i.e. central elements of the Poisson algebra  $C^\infty(\underline{\underline{\mathcal{C}}})$ . Hilbert space decomposition into “blocks”. (Think Casimirs of the Noether charge algebra.)

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<sup>5</sup>Ignoring multiple connected components.

# Yang–Mills IV: A closer look to the first stage

## Abelian case

Radiative/Coulombic split leads to constraint reduction:

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}} \simeq \underline{\mathcal{P}}_{\text{rad}} \times \mathcal{E}_{\partial}, \quad \underline{\mathcal{P}}_{\text{rad}} = \mathcal{P}_{\text{rad}}/\mathcal{G}_o = (\mathcal{H}_A \times \mathcal{A})/\mathcal{G}_o. \mathbf{P}$$

$\underline{\mathcal{G}}$  acts freely on  $\underline{\mathcal{P}}_{\text{rad}}$ . Then  $\underline{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{P}}_{\text{rad}} \doteq \underline{\mathcal{P}}_{\text{rad}}/\underline{\mathcal{G}}$  is a fibre bundle

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\mathcal{C}} \simeq_{\text{loc}} T^*\underline{\mathcal{G}} \times \underline{\mathcal{P}}_{\text{rad}} &\simeq \mathcal{E}_{\partial} \times \underline{\mathcal{G}} \times \underline{\mathcal{P}}_{\text{rad}} \overset{ab}{\ni} (E_{\partial}, e^{S_{\partial}}, E_{\text{rad}}, A_{\text{rad}}), \\ \underline{\omega} &\overset{ab}{=} \int_{\Sigma} dE_{\text{rad}} \wedge dA_{\text{rad}} + \int_{\partial\Sigma} dE_{\partial} \wedge d\zeta_{\partial}, \mathbf{P} \end{aligned}$$

**Constraint-reduced phase space**  $\simeq_{\text{loc}}$  **“Extended phase space”**

# Yang–Mills V: A closer look to the second stage

## Abelian Case

Residual momentum map ( $\mathcal{E}_\partial \simeq \mathfrak{G}^*$ ):

$$h: \underbrace{\mathfrak{G}^* \times \mathfrak{G} \times \underline{\mathcal{P}}_{\text{rad}}}_{\underline{\mathcal{C}}} \rightarrow \underbrace{C^\infty(\partial\Sigma, \mathfrak{g})^*}_{\mathfrak{G}^*}, \quad (E_\partial, e^{S_\partial}, E_{\text{rad}}, A_{\text{rad}}) \mapsto \int_{\partial\Sigma} \text{tr}(E_\partial \cdot) \mathbf{P}$$

The prototypical reduction yields

$$T^*\underline{\mathcal{G}}/\underline{\mathcal{G}} \simeq_{\text{loc}} (\mathfrak{G}^* \times \mathfrak{G})/\underline{\mathcal{G}} \simeq \mathfrak{G}^* \mathbf{P}$$

The second stage, fully reduced phase space locally reads:

$$\underline{\underline{\mathcal{C}}} = \underline{\mathcal{C}}/\underline{\mathcal{G}} \simeq_{\text{loc}} \mathfrak{G}^* \times \underline{\mathcal{P}}_{\text{rad}}$$

With the foliation:  $\underline{\mathcal{S}}_{[f]} \simeq_{\text{loc}} \mathcal{O}_f \times \underline{\mathcal{P}}_{\text{rad}} \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{G}^* \times \underline{\mathcal{P}}_{\text{rad}} \simeq_{\text{loc}} \underline{\underline{\mathcal{C}}}. \mathbf{P}$

**Fully reduced phase space  $\simeq_{\text{loc}}$  Radiative  $\times$  (Charge algebra)\***

## A note on quantization

Assume a quantization of  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  is given  $Q : C^\infty(\underline{\mathcal{C}}) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ .

Symplectic manifolds have trivial Poisson center (only constants). **P**

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \underline{\mathcal{C}} & (C^\infty(\underline{\mathcal{C}}), \{\cdot, \cdot\}) \xrightarrow{Q} & (\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}), [\cdot, \cdot]) & \text{irrep} \\
 \downarrow \pi & \uparrow \pi^* & \uparrow & \\
 \underline{\underline{\mathcal{C}}} & (C^\infty(\underline{\underline{\mathcal{C}}}), \{\cdot, \cdot\}) \xrightarrow{Q \circ \pi^*} & (\underline{\mathcal{B}}(\mathcal{H}), [\cdot, \cdot]) & \text{induced rep} \\
 & \uparrow & \uparrow & \\
 & Z(C^\infty(\underline{\underline{\mathcal{C}}})) \longrightarrow & Z(\underline{\mathcal{B}}(\mathcal{H})) & \text{center}
 \end{array}$$

**P** Reducibility of  $\underline{\mathcal{B}}(\mathcal{H})$  induces a decomposition

$$\mathcal{H} = \bigoplus_{\alpha} \mathcal{H}^{\alpha}, \quad \mathcal{H}^{\alpha} \quad C^\infty(\underline{\underline{\mathcal{C}}})\text{-irrep} \mathbf{P}$$

E.g. 2d BF theory for  $G$  compact  $\rightsquigarrow$  Peter–Weyl theorem

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}} \simeq T^*G, \quad \underline{\underline{\mathcal{C}}} \simeq \mathfrak{g}^*, \quad \mathcal{H} = L^2(G) \simeq \bigoplus_{\lambda} (\mathcal{H}^{\lambda})^* \otimes \mathcal{H}^{\lambda}, \quad \mathcal{H}^{\lambda} \quad G\text{-unirrep.}$$

## Null Yang–Mills theory



## Null Yang–Mills theory I - relevant symplectic spaces

Let  $\dim(\Sigma) = 3$  and  $\Sigma = S \times I$  null,  $I = [0, 1]$ .

$\{x^i, u\}$  coord on  $\Sigma$ , morally  $\mathcal{J}$ . **P**

Write gauge fields and “electric fields” as

$$A = A_u du + a \in \mathcal{A}_\ell \times \widehat{\mathcal{A}}, \quad a \in \widehat{\mathcal{A}} \doteq C^\infty(I, \Omega^1(S, \mathfrak{g}))$$

$$E \in \mathcal{E} \doteq C^\infty(I, \Omega^{top}(S, \mathfrak{g})). \mathbf{P}$$

Then, the geometric phase space of null YM theory  $(\mathcal{P}_{\text{nYM}}, \omega_{\text{nYM}})$  is

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The **linearly extended-Ashtekar–Streubel** phase space  $(\mathcal{P}_{\text{eAS}}^{\text{lin}}, \varpi_{\text{eAS}}^{\text{lin}})$  is

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$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{nYM}} \xrightarrow{A_u=0} \mathcal{P}_{\text{AS}}, \quad \mathrm{d}E \mathrm{d}A_u + \mathrm{d}F_u^i \mathrm{d}a_i \xrightarrow{A_u=0} (\partial_u \mathrm{d}a_i) \mathrm{d}a^i \quad \textit{Meaning?}$$

## Null Yang–Mills theory II - Hamiltonian setup

Geometric phase space  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{nYM}}$  with  $\mathcal{G} = C_0^\infty(\Sigma, G) \equiv G_0^\Sigma$  action.<sup>6</sup>

Momentum forms:  $\langle \mathbf{H}(A, E), \xi \rangle = \underbrace{\text{tr}(\mathbf{G} \xi) \text{vol}_\Sigma}_{\langle \mathbf{H}_o, \xi \rangle} - \underbrace{(\partial_u \text{tr}(E \xi) + \partial^j \text{tr}(F_{\ell i} \xi)) \text{vol}_\Sigma}_{d\langle \mathbf{h}, \xi \rangle}$ ,

Gauss constraint:  $\mathcal{C} = \{ \mathbf{G} \equiv \partial_u E + [A_u, E] + \mathcal{D}^i F_{ui} = 0 \} = \mathbf{H}_o^{-1}(0) \cdot \mathbf{P}$

Corner:  $\partial\Sigma = S \times S$ . “Initial and final” values of (vector valued) fields:

$$\varphi^{\text{in}} \doteq \varphi|_{u=-1}, \quad \varphi^{\text{fin}} \doteq \varphi|_{u=1}, \quad \varphi^{\text{diff}} = \varphi^{\text{fin}} - \varphi^{\text{in}} \cdot \mathbf{P}$$

Parametrizing  $\mathfrak{g}^{\partial\Sigma} = \mathfrak{g}^S \times \mathfrak{g}^S$ :  $\xi^\partial = (\xi^{\text{in}}, \xi^{\text{fin}}) \mapsto (\xi^{\text{fin}}, \xi^{\text{diff}})$ :

$$\langle h(A, E), \xi \rangle = - \int_S \text{tr}(E^{\text{fin}} \xi^{\text{fin}} - E^{\text{in}} \xi^{\text{in}}) = - \int_S \text{tr}(E^{\text{diff}} \xi^{\text{fin}} + E^{\text{in}} \xi^{\text{diff}}).$$

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<sup>6</sup> $\mathcal{D} \doteq d + [a, \cdot]$ .



## Theorem (Abelian case - Riello, MS)

The constraint-reduced phase space  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}, \underline{\omega})$  of null **abelian** YM theory is symplectomorphic to the linearly extended Ashtekar-Streubel phase space:

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}} \simeq \mathcal{P}_{eAS}^{\text{lin}} \doteq \widehat{\mathcal{A}} \times T^* \mathfrak{g}^S \ni (a, \lambda, e), \quad ((\mathfrak{g}^S)^* \simeq \mathfrak{g}^S)$$

$$\varpi_{eAS}^{\text{lin}}(a, \lambda, e) = \int_{\Sigma} \sqrt{\gamma} \gamma^{ij} (\partial_u da_j) \wedge da_i + \int_S \sqrt{\gamma} de \wedge d\lambda.$$

**P** It carries the Hamiltonian action of  $\underline{\mathcal{G}} \simeq \mathfrak{g}^S \times \mathfrak{g}^S \ni (\xi_{\text{in}}, \xi_{\text{fin}})$ ,

$$\begin{cases} a \mapsto a + d\xi_{\text{fin}} \\ \lambda \mapsto \lambda + \xi_{\text{fin}} - \xi_{\text{in}} \\ e \mapsto e \end{cases} \quad \langle \underline{h}_{eAS}, (\xi_{\text{in}}, \xi_{\text{fin}}) \rangle = \int_S \sqrt{\gamma} ((\partial^i a_i^{\text{diff}}) \xi_{\text{fin}} - e(\xi_{\text{fin}} - \xi_{\text{in}})). \mathbf{P}$$

The on-shell electromagnetic field  $(E, F)$  at  $(u, x) \in \Sigma \subset \mathcal{J}$  is given by

$$(E, F) = (e + \partial^i a_i^{\text{in}} - \partial^i a_i(u), da) \implies E^{\text{diff}} \equiv E^{\text{fin}}(a, e) - E^{\text{in}}(e) = -\partial^i a_i^{\text{diff}}. \mathbf{P}$$

**Electromagnetic memory [Bieri, Garfinkle; Pasterski] is (a component of) the momentum map  $\underline{h}_{eAS}$  for the action of  $\mathfrak{g}^S \times \mathfrak{g}^S$  on the Linearly Extended Ashtekar Streubel Phase space.**

**Note:**  $\underline{\mathfrak{g}} = G^S \times G^S$  so can (carefully) proceed by stages again! **P**

## Theorem (Decomposing second stage reduction, Riello MS)

The Hamiltonian reduction of  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}, \underline{\omega}, \underline{\mathfrak{g}}) \simeq (\mathcal{P}_{eAS}^{\text{lin}}, \varpi_{eAS}^{\text{lin}}, G_0^{\partial\Sigma}/G)$ , with respect to the Hamiltonian action of the initial copy of  $\mathfrak{g}^S$  at  $e = 0$ , yields the Ashtekar–Streubel symplectic space  $(\widehat{\mathcal{A}}, \varpi_{AS})$ ,

$$(\mathcal{P}_{eAS}^{\text{lin}}, \varpi_{eAS}^{\text{lin}}) //_0 G^{S_{\text{in}}} \simeq (\widehat{\mathcal{A}}, \varpi_{AS}). \mathbf{P}$$

It carries the residual Lie algebra action of (the final copy)  $\mathfrak{g}^S$ :

$$\underline{\rho}_{AS}(\xi_{\text{fin}})_{\mathfrak{a}} = d\xi_{\text{fin}}, \mathbf{P}$$

with momentum map given by the electromagnetic memory

$$\langle \underline{h}_{AS}, \xi_{\text{fin}} \rangle = \int_S \sqrt{\gamma} ((\partial^j a_i^{\text{diff}}) \xi_{\text{fin}}). \mathbf{P}$$

Reproduces relationship soft symmetries  $\leftrightarrow$  memory [Strominger et al] in terms of residual gauge in (partially reduced) AS phase space. **P**

Explains map  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{nYM}} \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{P}_{AS}$ :  $A_u = 0$  gauge fixing for the group of gauge transformations trivial at the “future” celestial sphere (not both!). **P**

**Question:** How far can we generalise this to the non-abelian case?

## Theorem (Non Abelian case - Riello, MS)

The symplectic reduction of  $(\underline{\mathcal{C}}, \underline{\omega}, \underline{\mathfrak{g}}) \simeq (\mathcal{P}_{eAS}, \varpi_{eAS}, G_0^{\partial\Sigma})$ , with respect to the Hamiltonian action of the initial copy of  $\mathfrak{g}^S$  at  $e = 0$  yields the Ashtekar–Streubel symplectic space  $(\widehat{\mathcal{A}}, \varpi_{AS})$ ,

$$(\mathcal{P}_{eAS}, \varpi_{eAS}) // G_0^{S_{in}} \simeq (\widehat{\mathcal{A}}, \varpi_{AS}). \mathbf{P}$$

It carries the residual Lie algebra action of (the final copy)  $\mathfrak{g}_0^S$ :

$$\underline{\rho}_{AS}(\xi_{fin})\mathbf{a} = \mathcal{D}\xi_{fin} \doteq d\xi_{fin} + [\mathbf{a}, \xi_{fin}]. \mathbf{P}$$

with momentum map given by “the non-Abelian memory”:

$$\langle \underline{h}_{AS}, \xi_{fin} \rangle = \int_S \sqrt{\gamma} \operatorname{tr}((\mathcal{D}^i \partial_u \mathbf{a}_i)^f \xi_{fin}), \quad (\mathcal{D}^i \partial_u \mathbf{a}_i)^f \doteq \int_{-1}^1 \mathcal{D}^i \partial_u \mathbf{a}_i du \mathbf{P}$$

**Attention!** this is NOT the “color memory” [Pasterski, Raclariu, Strominger]!  
In a mode-decomposition:

$$(\mathcal{D}^i L_\ell \mathbf{a}_i)^f = \partial^i \mathbf{a}_i^{\text{diff}} + \sum_{k \geq 0} [\Re \epsilon(2\tilde{\mathbf{a}}(k)^i), \Im \epsilon(2\tilde{\mathbf{a}}(k)_i)] \neq \partial^i \mathbf{a}_i^{\text{diff}}$$

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1. In good cases, Noether theorems set us up for Hamiltonian reduction, where the (fully) reduced phase space is  $\underline{\underline{\mathcal{C}}} = \mathcal{C}/\mathcal{G}$ . **P**
2. In the presence of corners, there is a mismatch between  $\mathcal{C}$  and the zero-level set of the FULL Noether current  $\mathbf{H}$ . **P**
3. Reduction fails to output a symplectic manifold, but rather  $\underline{\underline{\mathcal{C}}} = \mathcal{C}/\mathcal{G} = \underline{\underline{\mathcal{C}}}/\underline{\underline{\mathcal{G}}}$  is Poisson. **P**
4. For null, abelian YM theory this yields

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 (\mathcal{P}, \omega) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{G}_0 \text{ red.}} & (\mathcal{P}_{eAS}^{\text{lin}}, \varpi_{eAS}^{\text{lin}}) & \xrightarrow{S^{\text{in}} \text{ red.}} & (\mathcal{P}_{AS}, \varpi_{AS}) & \xrightarrow{S^{\text{fin}} \text{ red.}} & (\underline{\underline{\mathcal{S}}}_\mu, \underline{\underline{\omega}}_\mu) \\
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 \mathcal{C} & & \{e = 0\} & & \{E^{\text{diff}} = \mu\} & & 
 \end{array}$$

with  $\mu$  a fixed value for the Electromagnetic memory. **P**

5. Quantization (at  $e = 0$ ) should yield decomposition in memory eigenvalues, **simply owing to the Hamiltonian structure.**

Thanks!