

by a Ham fcn  $H: \Sigma_{\mathbb{R}} \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  ( $\Leftarrow \varphi_H' = p$ ), then  $\exists$  a global  
trivialization (as a surjective)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{I}_H: \quad X \times S^1(\mathbb{R}) &\longrightarrow Y_H \\ (x, \theta) &\mapsto [(\varphi_H^\theta)_{(x)}, \theta] \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\mathbb{I}_H^* \lambda = \mathbb{I}_H^*(\pi^* d\theta) = (\pi \cdot \mathbb{I}_H)^* d\theta = \pi^* d\theta$

$$\mathbb{I}_H^* \omega_H = \mathbb{I}_H^*(\pi_x^* \omega) = (\pi_x \cdot \mathbb{I}_H)^* \omega = \omega - dH \wedge d\theta.$$

$\Rightarrow (\mathbb{I}_H^* \omega_H, \mathbb{I}_H^* \lambda)$  is a framed Ham str on  $S^1(\mathbb{R}) \times X$ .

One can also check that the Reeb v.f. of  $(\mathbb{I}_H^* \omega_H, \mathbb{I}_H^* \lambda)$  is

$$(\mathbb{I}_H^{-1})_*(R) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + X_H$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{b/c } (\mathbb{I}_H^* \omega_H)((\mathbb{I}_H^{-1})_*(R), -)) &= (\omega - dH \wedge d\theta) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + X_H, - \right) \\ &= \omega(X_H, -) + dH(-) - dH(X_H) \overset{\circ}{d\theta} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  flow of  $(\mathbb{I}_H^{-1})_* R$  is  + Ham fcn of  $H$

$\Rightarrow$   $\begin{matrix} \text{closed "Reeb" orbits. on} \\ \text{surfaces.} \end{matrix} \simeq \begin{matrix} \text{closed Hamiltonian} \\ \text{orbits after} \\ \text{integer time period.} \end{matrix}$  In Ham fcn homology theory,  
one usually considers 1-periodic  
closed Ham orbit.

In this way, one can consider "all" Ham periodic orbits in a  
uniform framework.

Def A framing  $\lambda$  in  $(\omega, \lambda)$  on  $M^{n-1}$  is called stable if

$$d\lambda(R_{(\omega, \lambda)}, \cdot) \equiv 0 \quad (\#)$$

where  $R_{(\omega, \lambda)}$  is the Reeb v.f. of  $(\omega, \lambda)$ .

Note that since  $\omega(R, \cdot) \equiv 0$ , we know  $(\#) \iff d\lambda = f \cdot \omega$  for some function  $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $f$  could be zero, so  $(\#) \iff \ker(\omega) \subset \ker(d\lambda)$ .

Ex Contact mfld  $(\omega, \lambda) = (d\alpha, \alpha) \Rightarrow$  stable

mapping torus  $(\omega_\varphi, \lambda) \Rightarrow$  stable

Rmk Recall that the flow of  $R_{(\omega, \lambda)}$  preserves  $\omega$  (for  $(\omega, \lambda)$ )

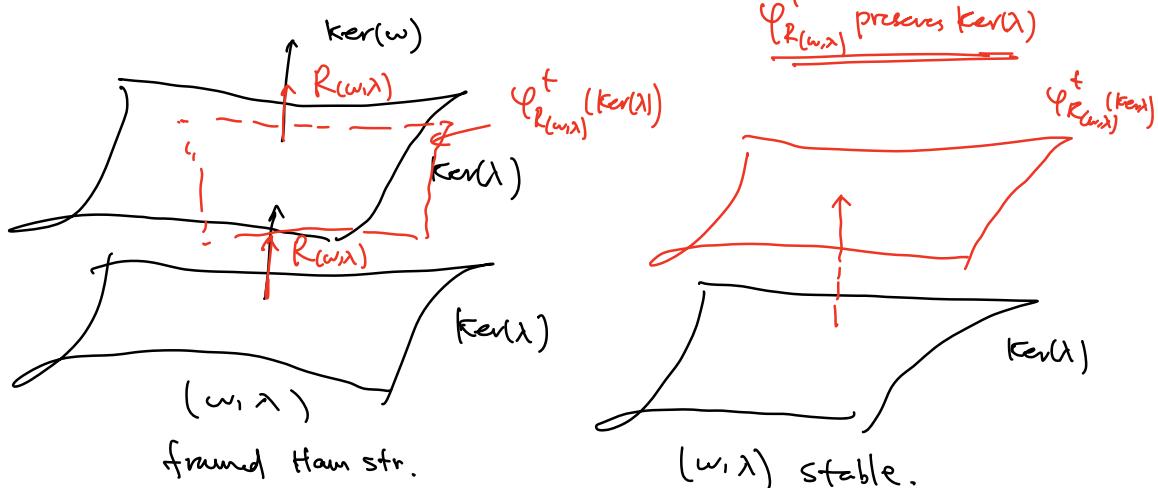
Here, for stable Ham str, we have

$$L_{R_{(\omega, \lambda)}} \lambda = d \underbrace{\iota_{R_{(\omega, \lambda)}}}_{\equiv 1} \lambda + \iota_{R_{(\omega, \lambda)}} d\lambda = 0 + 0 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  the flow of  $R_{(\omega, \lambda)}$  also preserves  $\lambda$ .

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This serves as one benefit of considering stable  $(\omega, \lambda)$ .

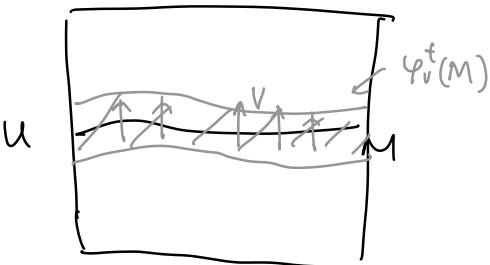
Comparison:



### 3. Symplectic cobordism

Exe.  $(X^{2n}, \omega)$  sympl mfd,  $M^{2n-1} \subset X^{2n}$  <sup>hypersurface</sup><sup>cpt</sup>. Then TFAE,

- (1)  $\omega|_M$  admits a framing  $\lambda$  s.t.  $(\omega|_M, \lambda)$  is stable on  $M$ .  
 $\lambda := \omega(v, -)|_M$
- (2)  $\exists$  a NBH  $U$  of  $M$  in  $X$  that admits a v.f.  $V \pitchfork M$ , its flow  $\varphi_V^t$  satisfies  $\varphi_V^t(M) \xrightarrow{\text{diffeo}} M$  for  $t \in (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$  and some  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and  $(\varphi_V^t)_* : \ker(\omega|_M) \rightarrow$



In other words, NBH  $U$  of  $M$  in  $X$  is foliated by copies of  $M$  (up to diffeo) in an "orthogonal" way.

$\Rightarrow$  via  $\varphi_V^t$ , one can identify this NBH  $U$  of  $M$  with  $(-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \times M$

$$\begin{aligned} (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \times M &\xrightarrow{\cong} U \\ (r, \infty) &\rightarrow \varphi_V^r(x) \quad \text{where } \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \cong V \end{aligned}$$

• Then study the closed 2-form  $\mathbb{I}_V^* \omega$  near  $M$ .

Observe that along  $\partial \mathbb{I}_V^* M$ , we have

$$(\mathbb{I}_V^* \omega)(a, b) = \omega|_M((\varphi_V^r)_*(a), (\varphi_V^r)_*(b)) = \omega|_M(a, b)$$

$$(\mathbb{I}_V^* \omega)(\partial r, -) = \omega|_M(V, -) =: \lambda \leftarrow \text{fixed once } \omega, V \text{ are fixed.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{I}_V^* \omega = \omega|_M + dr \wedge \lambda \text{ on } \{0\} \times M$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{consider } \omega|_M + d(r\lambda) \text{ in a NBH of } M.$$

When  $|t|$  is sufficiently small, it is also a symplectic str.

this should be understood  
as the pullback  $\mathbb{I}_M^* \omega|_M$   
for projection  $\mathbb{I}_M : (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \times M \rightarrow M$

**If  $|t|$  is sufficiently small - since here is an extra term  $r d\lambda$ ,**  
**where  $d\lambda = f \omega$  (by the stability of  $\lambda$ ); therefore**  
**if  $|t|$  is sufficiently small, this new 2-form serves as a small perturbation**  
**of  $\omega + dr \wedge \lambda$ , which is also non-degenerate,**  
**implying a symplectic structure.**

Therefore, shrink  $\varepsilon$  if nec. then we have a symplectic mfd

$$((- \varepsilon, \varepsilon) \times M, \omega|_{TM} + d(r\lambda))$$

cut out from  $M \hookrightarrow (X, \omega)$ . Moreover,  $M$  admits a stable framed  
Ham str  $(\omega, \lambda)$ .  $\parallel$

- Now, let's forget about the ambient sympl mfd  $(X, \omega)$ , and directly consider  $(M, (\omega, \lambda))$  where  $(\omega, \lambda)$  is stable. Then  $\exists \varepsilon > 0$  s.t.

$$((- \varepsilon, \varepsilon) \times M, \omega + d(r\lambda)) \quad \begin{matrix} \text{for this construction} \\ \text{"stable" is not needed.} \end{matrix}$$

is a symplectic mfd.

Rank. Recall that if  $M$  is a contact mfd, then  $\mathbb{R} \times M$  supports a symplectic str called the symplectization of  $M$ .

Fix a smooth map  $\varphi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$  s.t.  $\varphi' > 0$ . It induces a map

$$\mathbb{R} \times M \xrightarrow{\mathbb{I}_\varphi} ((-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \times M, (r, x) \mapsto (\varphi(r), x)).$$

Then  $\mathbb{I}_\varphi^* (\omega + d(r\lambda)) = \omega + d(\varphi(r)\lambda)$ .

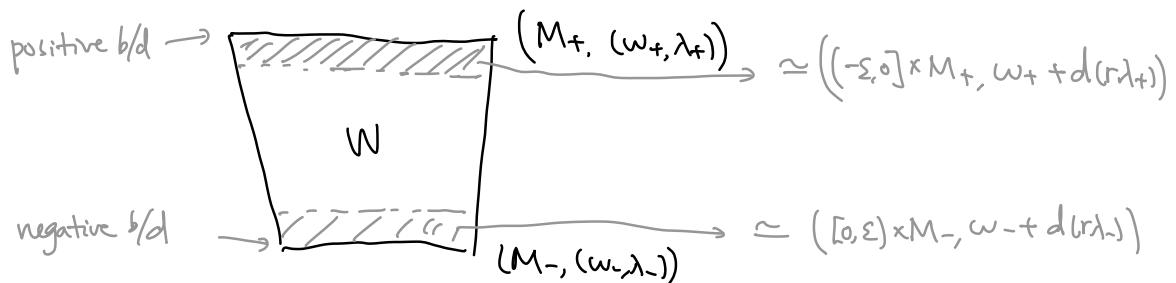
the role of being stable  
will be explained later.

$\Rightarrow$  Prop Given a  $(M, (\omega, \lambda))$  where  $(\omega, \lambda)$  is stable, then one can construct a sympl mfd (called the symplectization of  $(M, (\omega, \lambda))$ ) by  $((\mathbb{R} \times M, \omega + d(\varphi(r)\lambda))$

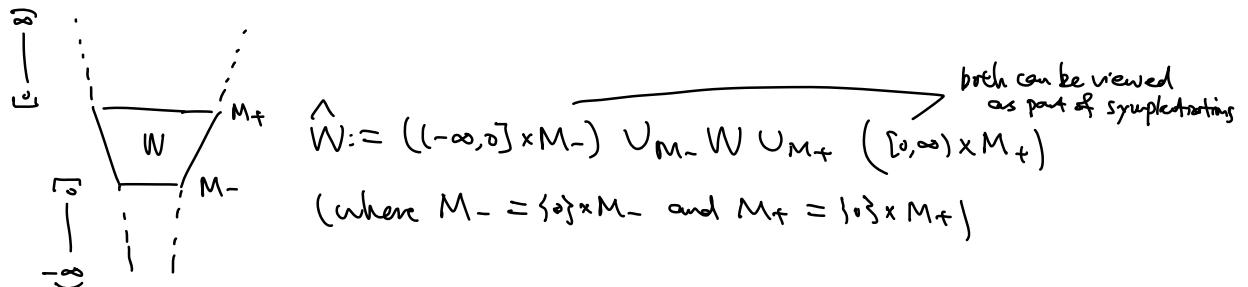
Note that there is no canonical symplectization in this case.

- Similarly in the contact geometry setting, one can generalize symplectization to symplectic cobordisms (Def 6.12<sup>Def 6.17</sup> in [Weu]).

Def Given  $(M_{\pm}^{\mathbb{R}^n}, (\omega_{\pm}, \lambda_{\pm}))$ , a symplectic cobordism with stable boundary from  $(M_{-}, (\omega_{-}, \lambda_{-}))$  to  $(M_{+}, (\omega_{+}, \lambda_{+}))$  is a cpt symplectic  $2n$ -dim mfld  $W$  s.t.  $\partial W \xrightarrow[\text{differs}]{\sim} M_{-} \amalg M_{+}$  and  $\omega|_{\partial W} \simeq \omega_{\pm}$  on  $M_{\pm}$  respectively.



Then one can complete  $W$ :



Equip  $\hat{W}$  the following symplectic structure:

$$\omega_{\varphi} := \begin{cases} \omega_{+} + d(\varphi(r)\lambda_{+}) & \text{on } [0, \infty) \times M_{+} \\ \omega & \text{on } W \\ \omega_{-} + d(\varphi(r)\lambda_{-}) & \text{on } (-\infty, 0] \times M_{-} \end{cases}$$

when  $\varphi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (-\epsilon, \epsilon)$  s.t.  $\varphi' > 0$  and  $\varphi(r) \simeq r$  near 0

$\epsilon$  so that one can glue near  $M_{\pm}$  in a sympl way.

- Given  $(\omega, \lambda)$  where  $R_{(\omega, \lambda)}$  is its associated Reeb v.f., consider an a.c.s  $J$  on  $\mathbb{R} \times M$  satisfying  $\text{then always exists such } J$

- (i)  $J$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -translation invariant.
- (ii)  $J \partial_r = R_{(\omega, \lambda)}$  and  $J R_{(\omega, \lambda)} = -\partial_r$ .
- (iii)  $J: \ker \lambda \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $J|_{\ker \lambda}$  is compatible with  $\omega|_{\ker \lambda}$ .

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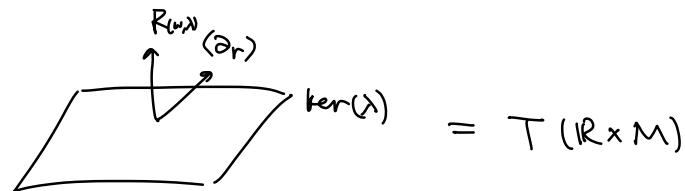
cf. a.c.s  
on symplectic  
in contact  
geo. setting.

We call  $J$  is tamed by  $(\omega, \lambda)$  if  $\exists \Sigma > 0$  s.t. for every  $\varphi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (-\Sigma, \Sigma)$  with  $\varphi' > 0$ , we have  $J$  is tamed by  $\omega + d(\varphi(r)\lambda)$  on  $\mathbb{R} \times M$ .

Prof (Prop 6.19 in [Wein]) Given a framed Ham str on  $M^{2n-1}$ , we have

$J$  satisfying (\*) is tamed by  $(\omega, \lambda) \iff \lambda$  is a stable.

If . "  $\Leftarrow$  "



$$\text{and } \omega_\varphi = \omega + d(\varphi(r)\lambda) = \omega + \varphi(r)d\lambda + \varphi'(r)d\lambda \wedge \lambda$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_\varphi (R_{(\omega, \lambda)}, JR_{(\omega, \lambda)}) &= \omega_\varphi (R_{(\omega, \lambda)}, -\partial_r) \\ &\stackrel{(*)}{=} \varphi'(r)(d\lambda \wedge \lambda)(\partial_r, R_{(\omega, \lambda)}) = \varphi'(r)\lambda (R_{(\omega, \lambda)}) = \varphi'(r) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

The same works for  $\partial_r$

(\*) is the step using  
 $\lambda$  is stable b/c for  
the projection  $T(\ker \lambda): \mathbb{R} \times M \rightarrow \ker \lambda$   
we may have  $T(\ker \lambda)(\partial_r) \neq 0$ .

$d\lambda(v, Jv)$

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_\varphi (v, Jv) &= \underbrace{\omega|_{\ker(\lambda)}(v, J|_{\ker(\lambda)}v)}_{\text{by corollary of } J \text{ in } (*)} + \varphi(r)d\lambda(v, v) > 0 \\ v \in \ker(\lambda) & \uparrow \\ & \text{if } \Sigma > 0 \text{ and sufficiently small,} \\ & \varphi(r)d\lambda(v, v) \text{ is small} \end{aligned}$$

" $\Rightarrow$ " Suppose  $J$  satisfies (a) but  $\lambda$  is not stable. Then  $\exists x \in M$  and  $\stackrel{v \in \text{Ker}(\lambda)}{v} \in \text{Ker}(\lambda)(x)$  s.t.  $d\lambda(R_{(\omega, \lambda)}, v) > 0$ . At  $(0, x) \in \mathbb{R} \times M$ , for constant  $c > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \omega_\varphi(R_{(\omega, \lambda)} + cJv, J(R_{(\omega, \lambda)} + cJv)) &= \omega_\varphi(R_{(\omega, \lambda)} + cJv, -\partial_r - cv) \\
 &= \omega_\varphi(\partial_r, R_{(\omega, \lambda)}) - c\omega_\varphi(R_{(\omega, \lambda)}, v) \\
 &\quad - c\omega_\varphi(Jv, \partial_r) + c^2\omega_\varphi(v, Jv) \\
 &= \varphi'(0) - c\left(\omega + \varphi'(0)d\lambda + \varphi'(0)(d\lambda \wedge \lambda)\right)(R_{(\omega, \lambda)}, v) \\
 &\quad - c(\dots - \dots) (Jv, \partial_r) \\
 &\quad + c^2(\dots - \dots) (v, Jv)
 \end{aligned}$$

better to change this \epsilon by  $\delta$ , in order not to mess up with the range ( $\epsilon$ ,  $\delta$ ) in the range of the reparametrization function  $\varphi$ .

choose  $\varphi'(0) = \Sigma$ , then  $RHS = \varphi'(0) - c \cdot \Sigma \cdot r + c^2(\alpha + \Sigma \beta)$

Then choose  $c = \Sigma \frac{r}{2\alpha}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow -c \cdot \Sigma \cdot r + c^2(\alpha + \Sigma \beta) &= -\Sigma^2 \frac{r^2}{2\alpha} + \Sigma^2 \frac{r^2}{4\alpha} \cdot \alpha + o(\Sigma^2) \\
 &= -\Sigma^2 \left( \frac{r^2}{2\alpha} - \frac{r^2}{4\alpha} \right) + o(\Sigma^2) \\
 &= -\Sigma^2 \cdot \frac{r^2}{4\alpha} + o(\Sigma^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

So when  $\Sigma$  is sufficiently small,  $(\nabla) < 0$ . Note that  $\Sigma$  can be chosen arbitrarily small. Then pick  $\varphi'(0)$  even small, then  $\omega_\varphi(R_{(\omega, \lambda)} + cJv, J(R_{(\omega, \lambda)} + cJv)) < 0$ .

#### 4. Energy revisit

$(M^{2n-1}, (\omega, \lambda))$  stable from str.

$$J((\omega, \lambda)) = \{ \text{a.c.s on } \mathbb{R} \times M \text{ satisfying (**)} \}$$

$$T_\varepsilon = \{ \varphi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \mid \varphi'(0) > 0 \} \text{ for any fixed } \varepsilon > 0.$$

test function

in fact, it should be  $\dot{\Sigma} = \Sigma \setminus \{ \text{pts} \}$

Then for any  $J$ -hol curve  $u: (\Sigma, j) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R} \times M, J)$ , one can define its energy

$$E_\varepsilon(u) := \sup_{\varphi \in T_\varepsilon} \int_{\Sigma} u^* \omega_\varphi \quad \leftarrow \text{so } E(u) \text{ is independent of the test function.}$$

If  $J \in J((\omega, \lambda))$ , then  $E(u) \geq 0$  and  $E(u) = 0$  iff  $u$  is constant.

Rank Def of  $E(u)$  is good since "trivial" cylinder admits small energy (cf. Section 1)

Question What's the relation between  $E_\varepsilon(u)$  and  $E_\delta(u)$ ?

In general, let's consider

$$T_{(a,b)} := \{ \varphi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (a,b) \subset (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \mid \varphi' > 0 \}$$

$$\text{and } E_{(a,b)}(u) := \sup_{\varphi \in T_{(a,b)}} \int_{\Sigma} u^* \omega_\varphi$$

Prop.  $\exists C \subset (a, b \varepsilon)$ , independent of  $u$ , s.t.  $C E_\varepsilon(u) \leq E_{(a,b)}(u) \leq E_\varepsilon(u)$ .

pf. The inequality  $E_{(a,b)}(u) \leq E_\varepsilon(u)$  is trivial b/c  $T_{(a,b)} \subset T_\varepsilon$ .