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Abstract We prove the validity over $\mathbb{R}$ of a commutative differential graded algebra model of configuration spaces for simply connected closed smooth manifolds, answering a conjecture of Lambrechts–Stanley. We get as a result that the real homotopy type of such configuration spaces only depends on the real homotopy type of the manifold. We moreover prove, if the dimension of the manifold is at least 4, that our model is compatible with the action of the Fulton–MacPherson operad (weakly equivalent to the little disks operad) when the manifold is framed. We use this more precise result to get a complex computing factorization homology of framed manifolds. Our proofs use the same ideas as Kontsevich's proof of the formality of the little disks operads.

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Introduction

Let M be a closed smooth n-manifold and consider the ordered configuration space of k points in M:

$$\mathrm{Conf}_k(M) := \{(x_1, \dots, x_k) \in M^k \mid x_i \neq x_j \ \forall i \neq j\}.$$

Despite their apparent simplicity, configuration spaces remain intriguing. One of the most basic questions that can be asked about them is the following: if a manifold M' is obtained from M by continuous deformations, then can $\mathrm{Conf}_k(M')$ be obtained from $\mathrm{Conf}_k(M)$ by continuous deformations? That is, does the homotopy type of M determine the homotopy type of $\mathrm{Conf}_k(M)$?

Without any restriction, this is false: the point $\{0\}$ is homotopy equivalent to the line $\mathbb{R}$, but $\mathrm{Conf}_2(\{0\}) = \varnothing$ is not homotopy equivalent to $\mathrm{Conf}_2(\mathbb{R}) \neq \varnothing$. One might wonder if the conjecture becomes true if restricted to closed manifolds. In 2005, Longoni and Salvatore [36] found a counterexample: two closed 3-manifolds, given by lens spaces, which are homotopy equivalent but whose configuration spaces are not. This counterexample is not simply connected however. The question of the homotopy invariance of $\mathrm{Conf}_k(-)$ for simply connected closed manifolds remains open to this day.

Here, we do not work with the full homotopy type. Rather, we restrict ourselves to the *rational* homotopy type. This amounts, in a sense, to forgetting all the torsion. Rational homotopy theory can be studied from an algebraic point of view [48]. The rational homotopy type of a simply connected space X is fully encoded in a "model" of X, i.e. a commutative differential graded algebra (CDGA) A which is quasi-isomorphic to the CDGA of piecewise polynomial forms $A^*_{\mathrm{PL}}(X)$. Due to technical issues, we will in fact work over $\mathbb{R}$. If M is a smooth manifold, then a real model is a CDGA which is quasi-isomorphic to the CDGA of de Rham forms $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{dR}}(M)$. While this is slightly coarser than the rational homotopy type of M, in terms of computations it is often enough.

Thus, our goal is the following: given a model of M, deduce an explicit, small model of $\mathrm{Conf}_k(M)$. This explicit model only depends on the model of M. This shows the (real) homotopy invariance of $\mathrm{Conf}_k(-)$ on the class of manifolds we consider. Moreover, this explicit model can be used to perform computations, e.g. the real cohomology ring of $\mathrm{Conf}_k(M)$, etc.

We focus on simply connected (thus orientable) closed manifolds. They satisfy Poincaré duality. Lambrechts and Stanley [32] showed that any such manifold admits a model A which satisfies itself Poincaré duality, i.e.

there is an "orientation" $A^n \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \mathbb{R}$ which induces non-degenerate pairings $A^k \otimes A^{n-k} \to \mathbb{R}$ for all k. Lambrechts and Stanley [33] built a CDGA $\mathtt{G}_A(k)$ out of such a Poincaré duality model (they denote it $F(A,k)$). If we view $H^*(\mathrm{Conf}_k(\mathbb{R}^n))$ as spanned by graphs modulo Arnold relations, then $\mathtt{G}_A(k)$ consists of similar graphs with connected components labeled by A, and the differential splits edges. Lambrechts and Stanley proved that $\mathtt{G}_A(k)$ is quasi-isomorphic to $A^*_{\mathrm{PL}}(\mathrm{Conf}_k(M))$ as a dg-module. They conjectured that this quasi-isomorphism can be enhanced to give a quasi-isomorphism of CDGAs so that $\mathtt{G}_A(k)$ defines a rational model of $\mathrm{Conf}_k(M)$. We answer this conjecture by the affirmative in the real setting in the following theorem.

Theorem 1 (Corollary 78) *Let M be a simply connected, closed, smooth manifold. Let A be any Poincaré duality model of M. Then for all $k \geq 0$, $\mathtt{G}_A(k)$ is a model for the real homotopy type of* $\mathrm{Conf}_k(M)$.

Corollary 2 (Corollary 79) *For simply connected closed smooth manifolds, the real homotopy type of M determines the real homotopy type of* $\mathrm{Conf}_k(M)$.

Over the past decades, attempts were made to solve the Lambrechts–Stanley conjecture, and results were obtained for special kinds of manifolds, or for low values of k. When M is a smooth complex projective variety, Kriz [30] had previously shown that $\mathtt{G}_{H^*(M)}(k)$ is actually a rational CDGA model for $\mathrm{Conf}_k(M)$. The CDGA $\mathtt{G}_{H^*(M)}(k)$ is the E^2 page of a spectral sequence of Cohen–Taylor [9] that converges to $H^*(\mathrm{Conf}_k(M))$. Totaro [51] has shown that for a smooth complex compact projective variety, the spectral sequence only has one nonzero differential. When $k = 2$, then $\mathtt{G}_A(2)$ was known to be a model of $\mathrm{Conf}_2(M)$ either when M is 2-connected [31] or when $\dim M$ is even [10].

Our approach is different than the ones used in these previous works. We use ideas coming from the theory of operads. In particular, we consider the operad of little n-disks, defined by Boardman–Vogt [4], which consists of configuration spaces of small n-disks (instead of points) embedded inside the unit n-disk. These spaces of little n-disks are equipped with composition products, which are basically defined by inserting a configuration of l little n-disks into the ith little disk of a configuration of k little n-disks, resulting in a configuration of $k + l - 1$ little n-disks. The idea is that a configuration of little n-disks represents an operation acting on n-fold loop spaces, and the operadic composition products of little n-disks reflect the composition of such operations. The configuration spaces of little n-disks are homotopy equivalent to the configurations spaces of points in the Euclidean n-space $\mathbb{R}^n$, but the operadic composition structure does not go through this homotopy equivalence.

In our work, we actually use another model of the little n-disk operads, defined using the Fulton–MacPherson compactifications $\mathtt{FM}_n(k)$ of the con-

figurations spaces $\mathrm{Conf}_k(\mathbb{R}^n)$ [2,19,46]. This compactification allows us to retrieve, on this collection of spaces $\mathtt{FM}_n = \{\mathtt{FM}_n(k)\}$, the operadic composition products which were lost in the configurations spaces $\mathrm{Conf}_k(\mathbb{R}^n)$. We also use the Fulton–MacPherson compactifications $\mathtt{FM}_M(k)$ of the configuration spaces $\mathrm{Conf}_k(M)$ associated to a closed manifold M. When M is framed, these compactifications assemble into an operadic right module $\mathtt{FM}_M$ over the Fulton–MacPherson operad $\mathtt{FM}_n$, which roughly means that we can insert a configuration in $\mathtt{FM}_n$ into a configuration in $\mathtt{FM}_M$. We show that the Lambrechts–Stanley model is compatible with this action of the little disks operad, as we explain now.

The little n-disks operads are formal [18,28,34,43,49]. Kontsevich's proof [28,34] of this theorem uses the spaces $\mathtt{FM}_n$. If we temporarily forget about operads, this formality theorem means in particular that each space $\mathtt{FM}_n(k)$ is "formal", i.e. the cohomology $\mathsf{e}_n^\vee(k) := H^*(\mathtt{FM}_n(k))$ (with a trivial differential) is a model for the real homotopy type of $\mathtt{FM}_n(k)$. To prove Theorem 1, we generalize Kontsevich's approach to prove that $\mathtt{G}_A(k)$ is a model of $\mathtt{FM}_M(k)$.

To establish his result, Kontsevich has to consider fiberwise integrations of forms along a particular class of maps, which are not submersions, but represent the projection map of "semi-algebraic bundles". In order to define such fiberwise integration operations, Kontsevich uses CDGAs of piecewise semi-algebraic (PA) forms $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(-)$ instead of the classical CDGAs of de Rham forms. The theory of PA forms was developed in [23,29]. Any closed smooth manifold M is a semi-algebraic manifold [39,50], and the CDGA $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(M)$ is a model for the real homotopy type of M. For the formality of $\mathtt{FM}_n$, a descent argument [22] is available to show that formality over $\mathbb{R}$ implies formality over $\mathbb{Q}$. However, no such descent argument exists for models with a nontrivial differential such as $\mathtt{G}_A$. Therefore, although we conjecture that our results on real homotopy types descend to $\mathbb{Q}$, we have no general argument ensuring that such a property holds.

The cohomology $\mathsf{e}_n^\vee = H^*(\mathtt{FM}_n)$ inherits a Hopf cooperad structure from $\mathtt{FM}_n$, i.e. it is a cooperad (the dual notion of operad) in the category of CDGAs. The CDGAs of forms $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_n(k))$ also inherit a Hopf cooperad structure (up to homotopy). The formality quasi-isomorphisms between the cohomology algebras $\mathsf{e}_n^\vee(k)$ and the CDGAs of forms on $\mathtt{FM}_n(k)$ are compatible in a suitable sense with this structure. Therefore the Hopf cooperad $\mathsf{e}_n^\vee$ fully encodes the rational homotopy type of the operad $\mathtt{FM}_n$.

In this paper, we also prove that the Lambrechts–Stanley model $\mathtt{G}_A$ determines the real homotopy type of $\mathtt{FM}_M$ as a right module over the operad $\mathtt{FM}_n$ when M is a framed manifold. To be precise, our result reads as follows.

Theorem 3 (Theorem 62) *Let M be a framed smooth simply connected closed manifold with* $\dim M \geq 4$. *Let A be any Poincaré duality model of M. Then the collection $\mathtt{G}_A = \{G_A(k)\}_{k\geq 0}$ forms a Hopf right $\mathsf{e}_n^\vee$-*

comodule. Moreover the Hopf right comodule $(\mathtt{G}_A, \mathtt{e}_n^\vee)$ *is weakly equivalent to* $(\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(FM_M), \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(FM_n))$.

For $\dim M \leq 3$, the proof fails (see Proposition 45). However, in this case, the only examples of simply connected closed manifolds are spheres, thanks to Perelman's proof of the Poincaré conjecture [41,42]. We can then directly prove that $\mathtt{G}_A(k)$ is a model for $\mathrm{Conf}_k(M)$ (see Sect. 4.3).

Our proof of Theorem 3, which is inspired by Kontsevich's proof of the formality of the little disks operads, is radically different from the proofs of [33]. It involves an intermediary Hopf right comodule of labeled graphs $\mathtt{Graphs}_R$. This comodule is similar to a comodule recently studied by Campos–Willwacher [6], which corresponds to the case $R = S(\tilde{H}^*(M))$. Note however that the approach of Campos–Willwacher differs from ours. In comparison to their work, our main contribution is the definition of the quasi-isomorphism between the CDGAs $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M(k))$ and the small, explicit Lambrechts–Stanley model $\mathtt{G}_A(k)$, which has the advantage of being finite-dimensional and much more computable than $\mathtt{Graphs}_{S(\tilde{H}(M))}(k)$.

Applications. Ordered configuration spaces appear in many places in topology and geometry. Therefore, thanks to Theorems 1 and 3, the explicit model $\mathtt{G}_A(k)$ provides an efficient computational tool in many concrete situations.

To illustrate this, we show how to apply our results to compute factorization homology, an invariant of framed n-manifolds defined from an $\mathtt{E}_n$-algebra [3]. Let M be a framed manifold with Poincaré duality model A, and B be an n-Poisson algebras, i.e. an algebra over the operad $H_*(\mathtt{E}_n)$. Our results shows that we can compute the factorization homology of M with coefficients in B just from $\mathtt{G}_A$ and B. As an application, we compute factorization homology with coefficients in a higher enveloping algebra of a Lie algebra (Proposition 81), recovering a theorem of Knudsen [27].

The Taylor tower in the Goodwillie–Weiss calculus of embeddings may be computed in a similar manner [5,21]. It follows from a result of [52, Section 5.1] that $\mathtt{FM}_M$ may be used for this purpose. Therefore our theorem shows that $\mathtt{G}_A$ may also be used for computing this Taylor tower.

Roadmap. In Sect. 1, we lay out our conventions and recall the necessary background. This includes dg-modules and CDGAs, (co)operads and their (co)modules, semi-algebraic sets and PA forms. We also recall basic results on the Fulton–MacPherson compactifications of configuration spaces $\mathtt{FM}_n(k)$ and $\mathtt{FM}_M(k)$, and the main ideas of Kontsevich's proof of the formality of the little disks operads using the CDGAs of PA forms on the spaces $\mathtt{FM}_n(k)$. We use the formalism of operadic twisting, which we recall, to deal with signs more easily. Finally, we recollect the necessary background on Poincaré duality CDGAs and the Lambrechts–Stanley CDGAs. In Sect. 2, we build out of the Lambrechts–Stanley CDGAs a Hopf right $\mathtt{e}_n^\vee$-comodule $\mathtt{G}_A$.

In Sect. 3, we construct the labeled graph complex $\mathtt{Graphs}_R$ which will be used to connect $\mathtt{G}_A$ to $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M)$. The construction is inspired by Kontsevich's construction of the unlabeled graph complex $\mathtt{Graphs}_n$. It is done in several steps. The first step is to consider a graded module of labeled graphs, $\mathtt{Gra}_R$. In order to be able to map $\mathtt{Gra}_R$ into $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M)$, we recall the construction of what is called a "propagator" in the mathematical physics literature. We then "twist" $\mathtt{Gra}_R$ to obtain a new object $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_R$, which consists of graphs with two kinds of vertices: "external" and "internal". Finally we must reduce our graphs to obtain a new object, $\mathtt{Graphs}_R$, by removing all the connected components with only internals vertices in the graphs using a "partition function" (a function which resembles the Chern–Simons invariants).

In Sect. 4, we prove that the zigzag of Hopf right comodule morphisms between $\mathtt{G}_A$ and $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M)$ is a weak equivalence. We first connect our graph complex $\mathtt{Graphs}_R$ to the Lambrechts–Stanley CDGAs $\mathtt{G}_A$. This requires vanishing results about the partition function. Then we end the proof of the theorem by showing that all the morphisms are quasi-isomorphisms. Finally we study the cases S^2 and S^3.

In Sect. 5, we use our model to compute factorization homology of framed manifolds and we compare the result to a complex obtained by Knudsen. In Sect. 6 we work out a variant of our theorem for the only simply connected surface using the formality of the framed little 2-disks operad, and we present a conjecture about higher dimensional oriented manifolds.

For convenience, we provide a glossary of our main notations at the end of this paper.

1 Background and recollections

1.1 DG-modules and CDGAs

We consider differential graded modules (dg-modules) over the base field $\mathbb{R}$. Unless otherwise indicated, (co)homology of spaces is considered with real coefficients. All our dg-modules will have a cohomological grading, $V = \bigoplus_{n\in\mathbb{Z}} V^n$. All the differentials raise degrees by one: $\deg(dx) = \deg(x) + 1$. We say that a dg-module is of finite type if it is finite dimensional in each degree. Let $V[k]$ be the desuspension, defined by $(V[k])^n = V^{n+k}$. For dg-modules V, W and homogeneous elements $v \in V$, $w \in W$, we let $(v \otimes w)^{21} := (-1)^{(\deg v)(\deg w)} w \otimes v$ and we extend this linearly to the tensor product. Moreover, given an element $X \in V \otimes W$, we will often use a variant of Sweedler's notation to express X as a sum of elementary tensors, $X := \sum_{(X)} X' \otimes X'' \in V \otimes W$.

We call *CDGAs* the (graded) commutative unital algebras in dg-modules. In general, for a CDGA A, we let $\mu_A : A^{\otimes 2} \to A$ be its product. For a dg-module V, we let $S(V)$ be the free unital symmetric algebra on V.

We will need a model category structure on the category of CDGAs. We use the model category structure given by the general result of [24] for categories of algebras over operads. The weak equivalences are the quasi-isomorphisms, the fibrations are the surjective morphisms, and the cofibrations are characterized by the left lifting property with respect to acyclic fibrations. A path object for the initial CDGA $\mathbb{R}$ is given by $A^*_{\mathrm{PL}}(\Delta^1) = S(t, dt)$, the CDGA of polynomials forms on the interval. It is equipped with an inclusion $\mathbb{R} \overset{\sim}{\hookrightarrow} A^*_{\mathrm{PL}}(\Delta^1)$, and two projections $\mathrm{ev}_0, \mathrm{ev}_1 : A^*_{\mathrm{PL}}(\Delta^1) \overset{\sim}{\to} \mathbb{R}$ given by setting $t = 0$ or $t = 1$. Two morphisms $f, g : A \to B$ with cofibrant source are *homotopic* if there exists a homotopy $h : A \to B \otimes A^*_{\mathrm{PL}}(\Delta^1)$ such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{tikzcd} & A \arrow[dl, "f"'] \arrow[d, "h"] \arrow[dr, "g"] & \\ B & B \otimes A^*_{\mathrm{PL}}(\Delta^1) \arrow[l, "\sim", "\mathrm{id} \otimes \mathrm{ev}_0"'] \arrow[r, "\sim", "\mathrm{id} \otimes \mathrm{ev}_1"'] & B \end{tikzcd} .$$

Many of the CDGAs that appear in this paper are $\mathbb{Z}$-graded. However, to deserve the name "model of X", a CDGA should be connected to $A^*_{\mathrm{PL}}(X)$ only by $\mathbb{N}$-graded CDGAs. The next proposition shows that considering this larger category does not change our statement.

Proposition 4 *Let A, B be two $\mathbb{N}$-graded CDGAs which are homologically connected, i.e. $H^0(A) = H^0(B) = \mathbb{R}$. If A and B are quasi-isomorphic as $\mathbb{Z}$-graded CDGAs, then they also are as $\mathbb{N}$-graded CDGAs.*

Proof This follows from the results of [17, §II.6.2]. Let us temporarily denote $\mathsf{cdga}_{\mathbb{N}}$ the category of $\mathbb{N}$-graded CDGAs ($dg^*\mathtt{Com}$ in [17]) and $\mathsf{cdga}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ the category of $\mathbb{Z}$-graded CDGAs ($dg\mathtt{Com}$ in [17]). Note that in [17], $\mathbb{Z}$-graded CDGAs are homologically graded, but we can use the usual correspondence $A^i = A_{-i}$ to keep our convention that all dg-modules are cohomologically graded. There is an obvious inclusion $\iota : \mathsf{cdga}_{\mathbb{N}} \to \mathsf{cdga}_{\mathbb{Z}}$, which clearly defines a full functor that preserves and reflects quasi-isomorphisms.

Let $\mathbb{B}^m$ be the dg-module $\mathbb{R}$ concentrated in degree m, let $\mathbb{E}^m$ be the dg-module given by two copies of $\mathbb{R}$ in respective degree $m-1$ and m such that $d_{\mathbb{E}^m}$ is the identity of $\mathbb{R}$ in these degrees (hence $\mathbb{E}^m$ is acyclic), and let $i : \mathbb{B}^m \to \mathbb{E}^m$ be the obvious inclusion. The model category $\mathsf{cdga}_{\mathbb{N}}$ is equipped with a set of generating cofibrations given by the morphisms $S(i) : S(\mathbb{B}^m) \to S(\mathbb{E}^m)$ and of the morphism $\varepsilon : S(\mathbb{B}^0) \to \mathbb{R}$. Recall that a cellular complex of generating cofibrations is a CDGA obtained by a sequential colimit $R = \mathrm{colim}_k R_{\langle k \rangle}$, where $R_{\langle 0 \rangle} = \mathbb{R}$ and $R_{\langle k+1 \rangle}$ is obtained from $R_{\langle k \rangle}$ by a pushout

of generating cofibrations along attaching maps $h : S(\mathbb{B}^m) \to R_{\langle k \rangle}$. In [17, §II.6.2], the expression "connected generating cofibrations" is used for the generating cofibrations of the form $S(i) : S(\mathbb{B}^m) \to S(\mathbb{E}^m)$ with $m > 0$.

In the proof of [17, Proposition II.6.2.8], it is observed that, if A is homologically connected, then the attaching map $h : S(\mathbb{B}^0) \to A$ associated to a generating cofibration $\varepsilon : S(\mathbb{B}^0) \to \mathbb{R}$ necessarily reduces to the augmentation $\varepsilon : S(\mathbb{B}^0) \to \mathbb{R}$ followed by the inclusion as the unit $\mathbb{R} \subset A$. Thus a pushout of the generating cofibration $\varepsilon : S(\mathbb{B}^0) \to \mathbb{R}$ reduces to a neutral operation in this case. In the proof of [17, Proposition II.6.2.8], it is deduced from this observation that any homologically connected algebra admits a resolution $R_A \xrightarrow{\sim} A$ such that R_A is a cellular complex of connected generating cofibrations. Connected generating cofibrations are also cofibrations in $\mathsf{cdga}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ after applying ι. Moreover ι preserves colimits. It follows that ιR_A is cofibrant in $\mathsf{cdga}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ too.

By hypothesis, ιA and ιB are weakly equivalent in $\mathsf{cdga}_{\mathbb{Z}}$, hence ιR_A and ιB are also weakly equivalent (because ι clearly preserves quasi-isomorphisms), through a zigzag $\iota R_A \xleftarrow{\sim} \cdot \xrightarrow{\sim} \iota B$. As ιR_A is cofibrant (and all CDGAs are fibrant), we can find a direct quasi-isomorphism $\iota R_A \xrightarrow{\sim} \iota B$ and therefore a zigzag $\iota A \xleftarrow{\sim} \iota R_A \xrightarrow{\sim} \iota B$ which only involves $\mathbb{N}$-graded CDGAs. □

1.2 (Co)operads and their right (co)modules

We assume basic proficiency with Hopf (co)operads and (co)modules over (co)operads, see e.g. [16,17,35]. We index our (co)operads by finite sets instead of integers to ease the writing of some formulas. If $W \subset U$ is a subset, we write the quotient $U/W = (U \backslash W) \sqcup \{*\}$, where $*$ represents the class of W; note that $U/\varnothing = U \sqcup \{*\}$. An operad in dg-modules, for instance, is given by a functor from the category of finite sets and bijections (a symmetric collection) $\mathtt{P} : U \mapsto \mathtt{P}(U)$ to the category of dg-modules, together with a unit $\Bbbk \to \mathtt{P}(\{*\})$ and composition maps $\circ_W : \mathtt{P}(U/W) \otimes \mathtt{P}(W) \to \mathtt{P}(U)$ for every pair of sets $W \subset U$, satisfying the usual associativity, unity and equivariance conditions. Dually, a cooperad $\mathtt{C}$ is given by a symmetric collection, a counit $\mathtt{C}(\{*\}) \to \Bbbk$, and cocomposition maps $\circ_W^\vee : \mathtt{C}(U) \to \mathtt{C}(U/W) \otimes \mathtt{C}(W)$ for every pair $W \subset U$.

Let $\underline{k} = \{1, \dots, k\}$. We recover the usual notion of a cooperad indexed by the integers by considering the collection $\{\mathtt{C}(\underline{k})\}_{k \geq 0}$, and the cocomposition maps $\circ_i^\vee : \mathtt{C}(\underline{k+l-1}) \to \mathtt{C}(\underline{k}) \otimes \mathtt{C}(\underline{l})$ corresponds to $\circ_{\{i,\dots,i+l-1\}}^\vee$.

Following Fresse [17, §II.9.3.1], a "Hopf cooperad" is a cooperad in the category of CDGAs. We do not assume that (co)operads are trivial in arity zero, but they will satisfy $\mathtt{P}(\varnothing) = \Bbbk$ (resp. $\mathtt{C}(\varnothing) = \Bbbk$). Therefore we get (co)operad structures equivalent to the structure of Λ-(co)operads considered by Fresse

[17, §II.11], which he uses to model rational homotopy types of operads in spaces satisfying $\mathtt{P}(0) = *$ (but we do not use this formalism in the sequel).

The result of Proposition 4 extends to Hopf cooperads (and to Hopf Λ-cooperads). To establish this result, we still use a description of generating cofibrations of N-graded Hopf cooperads, which are given by morphisms of symmetric algebras of cooperads $S(i) : S(\mathtt{C}) \to S(\mathtt{D})$, where $i : \mathtt{C} \to \mathtt{D}$ is a dg-cooperad morphism that is injective in positive degrees (see [17, §II.9.3] for details). In the context of homologically connected cooperads, we can check that the pushout of such a Hopf cooperad morphism along an attaching map reduces to a pushout of a morphism of symmetric algebras of cooperads $S(\mathtt{C}/\ker(i)) \to S(\mathtt{D})$, where we mod out by the kernel of the map $i : \mathtt{C} \to \mathtt{D}$ in degree 0. We deduce from this observation that any homologically connected N-graded Hopf cooperad admits a resolution by a cellular complex of generating cofibrations of the form $S(i) : S(C) \to S(D)$, where the map i is injective in all degrees (we again call such a generating cofibration connected). The category of $\mathbb{Z}$-graded Hopf cooperads inherits a model structure, like the category of $\mathbb{N}$-graded Hopf cooperads considered in [17, §II.9.3]. Cellular complexes of connected generating cofibrations of $\mathbb{N}$-graded Hopf cooperads define cofibrations in the model category of $\mathbb{Z}$-graded Hopf cooperads yet, as in the proof of Proposition 4.

Given an operad $\mathtt{P}$, a right $\mathtt{P}$-module is a symmetric collection $\mathtt{M}$ equipped with composition maps $\circ_W : \mathtt{M}(U/W) \otimes \mathtt{P}(W) \to \mathtt{M}(U)$ satisfying the usual associativity, unity and equivariance conditions. A right comodule over a cooperad is defined dually. If $\mathtt{C}$ is a Hopf cooperad, then a right Hopf $\mathtt{C}$-comodule is a $\mathtt{C}$-comodule $\mathtt{N}$ such that all the $\mathtt{N}(U)$ are CDGAs and all the maps $\circ_W^\vee$ are morphisms of CDGAs.

Definition 5 Let $\mathtt{C}$ (resp. $\mathtt{C}'$) be a Hopf cooperad and $\mathtt{N}$ (resp. $\mathtt{N}'$) be a Hopf right comodule over $\mathtt{C}$ (resp. $\mathtt{C}'$). A *morphism of Hopf right comodules* is a pair $(f_{\mathtt{N}}, f_{\mathtt{C}})$ consisting of a morphism of Hopf cooperads $f_{\mathtt{C}} : \mathtt{C} \to \mathtt{C}'$, and a map of Hopf right $\mathtt{C}'$-comodules $f_{\mathtt{N}} : \mathtt{N} \to \mathtt{N}'$, where $\mathtt{N}$ has the $\mathtt{C}$-comodule structure induced by $f_{\mathtt{C}}$. It is a *quasi-isomorphism* if both $f_{\mathtt{C}}$ and $f_{\mathtt{N}}$ are quasi-isomorphisms in each arity. A Hopf right $\mathtt{C}$-module $\mathtt{N}$ is said to be *weakly equivalent* to a Hopf right $\mathtt{C}'$-module $\mathtt{N}'$ if the pair $(\mathtt{N}, \mathtt{C})$ can be connected to the pair $(\mathtt{N}', \mathtt{C}')$ through a zigzag of quasi-isomorphisms.

The next very general lemma can for example be found in [6, Section 5.2]. Let $\mathtt{C}$ be a cooperad, and see the CDGA A as an operad concentrated in arity 1. Recall that $\mathtt{C} \circ A = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \mathtt{C}(i) \otimes_{\Sigma_i} A^{\otimes i}$ denotes the composition product of operads, where we view A as an operad concentrated in arity 1. Then the commutativity of A implies the existence of a distributive law $t : \mathtt{C} \circ A \to A \circ \mathtt{C}$, given in each arity by the morphism $t : \mathtt{C}(\underline{n}) \otimes A^{\otimes n} \to A \otimes \mathtt{C}(\underline{n})$ given by $x \otimes a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n \mapsto a_1 \ldots a_n \otimes x$.

Lemma 6 *Let $\mathtt{N}$ be a right $\mathtt{C}$-comodule, and see A as an operad concentrated in arity* 1. *Then $\mathtt{N} \circ A$ is a right $\mathtt{C}$-comodule through the map:*

$$N \circ A \xrightarrow{\Delta_N \circ 1} N \circ C \circ A \xrightarrow{1 \circ t} N \circ A \circ C. \qquad \square$$

1.3 Semi-algebraic sets and forms

Kontsevich's proof of the formality of the little disks operads [28] uses the theory of semi-algebraic sets, as developed in [23,29]. A semi-algebraic set is a subset of $\mathbb{R}^N$ defined by finite unions of finite intersections of zero sets of polynomials and polynomial inequalities. By the Nash–Tognoli Theorem [39,50], any closed smooth manifold is algebraic hence semi-algebraic.

There is a functor Ω^*_{PA} of "piecewise semi-algebraic (PA) differential forms", analogous to de Rham forms. If X is a compact semi-algebraic set, then $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(X) \simeq A^*_{\mathrm{PL}}(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{R}$, i.e. the CDGA $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(X)$ models the real homotopy type of X [23, Theorem 6.1].

A key feature of PA forms is that it is possible to compute integrals of "minimal forms" along fibers of "PA bundles", i.e. maps with local semi-algebraic trivializations [23, Section 8]. A minimal form is of the type $f_0 df_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge df_k$ where $f_i : M \to \mathbb{R}$ are semi-algebraic maps. Given such a minimal form λ and a PA bundle $p : M \to B$ with fibers of dimension r, there is a new form (which is not minimal in general), also called the pushforward of λ along p:

$$p_*\lambda := \int_{p:M \to B} \lambda \in \Omega^{k-r}_{\mathrm{PA}}(B).$$

In what follows, we use an extension of the fiberwise integration of minimal forms to the sub-CDGA of "trivial forms" given in [6, Appendix C]. Briefly recall that trivial forms are integrals of minimal forms along fibers of a trivial PA bundle (see [6, Definition 81]). In fact, in Sect. 3.3, we consider a certain form, the "propagator", which is not minimal but trivial in this sense, and we apply the extension of the fiberwise integration to this form.

The functor Ω^*_{PA} is monoidal, but not strongly monoidal, and contravariant. Thus, given an operad $\mathtt{P}$ in semi-algebraic sets, $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{P})$ is an "almost" Hopf cooperad and satisfies a slightly modified version of the cooperad axioms, as explained in [34, Definition 3.1]. Cooperadic structure maps are replaced by zigzags $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{P}(U)) \xrightarrow{\circ^*_W} \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{P}(U/W) \times \mathtt{P}(W)) \xleftarrow{\sim} \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{P}(U/W)) \times \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{P}(W))$ (where the second map is the Künneth morphism). If $\mathtt{C}$ is a Hopf cooperad, an "almost" morphism $f : \mathtt{C} \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{P})$ is a collection of CDGA

morphisms $f_U : \mathtt{C}(U) \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{P}(U))$ for all U, such that the following diagrams commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
\mathtt{C}(U) & & \xrightarrow{\circ_W^\vee} & & \mathtt{C}(U/W)\otimes\mathtt{C}(W) \\
\downarrow f_U & & & & \downarrow f_{U/W}\otimes f_W \\
\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{P}(U)) & \xrightarrow{\circ_W^*} & \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{P}(U/W)\times\mathtt{P}(W)) & \xleftarrow{\sim} & \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{P}(U/W))\otimes\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{P}(W))
\end{array}$$

Similarly, if $\mathtt{M}$ is a $\mathtt{P}$-module, then $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{M})$ is an "almost" Hopf right comodule over $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{P})$. If $\mathtt{N}$ is a Hopf right $\mathtt{C}$-comodule, where $\mathtt{C}$ is a cooperad equipped with an "almost" morphism $f : \mathtt{C} \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{P})$, then an "almost" morphism $g : \mathtt{N} \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{M})$ is a collection of CDGA morphisms $g_U : \mathtt{N}(U) \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{M}(U))$ that make the following diagrams commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
\mathtt{N}(U) & & \xrightarrow{\circ_W^\vee} & & \mathtt{N}(U/W)\otimes\mathtt{C}(W) \\
\downarrow g_U & & & & \downarrow g_{U/W}\otimes f_W \\
\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{M}(U)) & \xrightarrow{\circ_W^*} & \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{M}(U/W)\times\mathtt{P}(W)) & \xleftarrow{\sim} & \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{M}(U/W))\otimes\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{P}(W))
\end{array}$$

We will generally omit the adjective "almost", keeping in mind that some commutative diagrams are a bit more complicated than at first glance.

Remark 7 There is a construction $\Omega^*_\sharp$ that turns a simplicial operad $\mathtt{P}$ into a Hopf cooperad and such that a morphism of Hopf cooperads $\mathtt{C} \to \Omega^*_\sharp(\mathtt{P})$ is the same thing as an "almost" morphism $\mathtt{C} \to A^*_{\mathrm{PL}}(\mathtt{P})$, where A^*_{PL} is the functor of Sullivan forms [17, Section II.10.1]. Moreover there is a canonical collection of maps $(\Omega^*_\sharp(\mathtt{P}))(U) \to A^*_{\mathrm{PL}}(\mathtt{P}(U))$, which are weak equivalences if $\mathtt{P}$ is a cofibrant operad. This functor is built by considering the right adjoint of the functor on operads induced by the Sullivan realization functor, which is monoidal. A similar construction can be extended to Ω^*_{PA} and to modules over operads. This construction allows us to make sure that the cooperads and comodules we consider truly encode the rational or real homotopy type of the initial operad or module (see [17, §II.10.2]).

1.4 Little disks and related objects

The little disks operad $\mathtt{E}_n$ is a topological operad initially introduced by May and Boardman–Vogt [4,37] to study iterated loop spaces. Its homology $\mathsf{e}_n := H_*(\mathtt{E}_n)$ is described by a theorem of Cohen [8]: it is either the operad governing associative algebras for $n = 1$, or n-Poisson algebras for $n \geq 2$. We also consider the linear dual $\mathsf{e}_n^\vee := H^*(\mathtt{E}_n)$, which is a Hopf cooperad.

In fact, we use the Fulton–MacPherson operad $\mathtt{FM}_n$, which is an operad in spaces weakly equivalent to the little disks operad $\mathtt{E}_n$. The components $\mathtt{FM}_n(k)$ are compactifications of the configuration spaces $\mathrm{Conf}_k(\mathbb{R}^n)$, defined

by using a real analogue due to Axelrod–Singer [2] of the Fulton–MacPherson compactifications [19]. The idea of this compactification is to allow configurations where points become "infinitesimally close". Then one uses insertion of such infinitesimal configurations to define operadic composition products on the spaces $\mathtt{FM}_n(k)$. We refer to [46] for a detailed treatment and to [34, Sections 5.1–5.2] for a clear summary. In both references, the name $C[k]$ is used for what we call $\mathtt{FM}_n(k)$.

The first two spaces $\mathtt{FM}_n(\varnothing) = \mathtt{FM}_n(\underline{1}) = *$ are singletons, and $\mathtt{FM}_n(\underline{2}) = S^{n-1}$ is a sphere. We let the volume form of $\mathtt{FM}_n(\underline{2})$ be:

$$\mathrm{vol}_{n-1} \in \Omega^{n-1}_{\mathrm{PA}}(S^{n-1}) = \Omega^{n-1}_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_n(\underline{2})) \tag{1}$$

The space $\mathtt{FM}_n(\underline{k})$ is a semi-algebraic stratified manifold, of dimension $nk - n - 1$ for $k \geq 2$, and of dimension 0 otherwise. For $u \neq v \in U$, we can define the projection maps that forget all but two points in the configuration, $p_{uv} : \mathtt{FM}_n(U) \to \mathtt{FM}_n(\underline{2})$. These projections are semi-algebraic bundles.

If M is a manifold, the configuration space $\mathrm{Conf}_k(M)$ can similarly be compactified to give a space $\mathtt{FM}_M(\underline{k})$. By forgetting points, we again obtain projection maps, for $u, v \in U$:

$$p_u : \mathtt{FM}_M(U) \twoheadrightarrow \mathtt{FM}_M(\underline{1}) = M, \qquad p_{uv} : \mathtt{FM}_M(U) \twoheadrightarrow \mathtt{FM}_M(\underline{2}). \tag{2}$$

The two projections p_1 and p_2 are equal when restricted $\partial\mathtt{FM}_M(\underline{2})$, and they define a sphere bundle of rank $n-1$,

$$p : \partial\mathtt{FM}_M(\underline{2}) \twoheadrightarrow M. \tag{3}$$

When M is framed, the collection of spaces $\mathtt{FM}_M$ assemble to form a topological right module over $\mathtt{FM}_n$, with composition products defined by insertion of infinitesimal configurations. Moreover in this case, the sphere bundle $p : \partial\mathtt{FM}_M(\underline{2}) \to M$ is trivialized by:

$$M \times S^{n-1} \cong \mathtt{FM}_M(\underline{1}) \times \mathtt{FM}_n(\underline{2}) \xrightarrow{\circ_1} \partial\mathtt{FM}_M(\underline{2}). \tag{4}$$

Recall from Sect. 1.3 that we can endow M with a semi-algebraic structure. It is immediate that $\mathtt{FM}_M(\underline{k})$ is a stratified semi-algebraic manifold of dimension nk. Moreover, the proofs of [34, Section 5.9] can be adapted to show that the projections $p_U : \mathtt{FM}_M(U \sqcup V) \to \mathtt{FM}_M(U)$ are PA bundles.

1.5 Operadic twisting

We will make use of the "operadic twisting" procedure in what follows [11]. Let us now recall this procedure, in the case of cooperads.

Let $\mathtt{Lie}_n$ be the operad governing shifted Lie algebras. A $\mathtt{Lie}_n$-algebra is a dg-module $\mathfrak{g}$ equipped with a Lie bracket $[-,-]:\mathfrak{g}^{\otimes 2}\to\mathfrak{g}[1-n]$ of degree $1-n$, i.e. we have $[\mathfrak{g}^i,\mathfrak{g}^j]\subset\mathfrak{g}^{i+j+(1-n)}$.

Remark 8 The degree convention is such that there is an embedding of operads $\mathtt{Lie}_n\to H_*(\mathtt{FM}_n)$, i.e. Poisson n-algebras are $\mathtt{Lie}_n$-algebras. The usual Lie operad is $\mathtt{Lie}_1$. This convention is consistent with [53]. However in [54], the notation is $\mathtt{Lie}^{(n)}=\mathtt{Lie}_{n+1}$. In [11], only the unshifted operad $\mathtt{Lie}=\mathtt{Lie}_1$ is considered.

The operad $\mathtt{Lie}_n$ is quadratic Koszul (see e.g. [35, Section 13.2.6]), and as such admits a cofibrant resolution $\mathtt{hoLie}_n{:=}\Omega(K(\mathtt{Lie}_n))$, where Ω is the cobar construction and $K(\mathtt{Lie}_n)$ is the Koszul dual cooperad of $\mathtt{Lie}$. Algebras over $\mathtt{hoLie}_n$ are (shifted) L_∞-algebras, also known as homotopy Lie algebras, i.e. dg-modules $\mathfrak{g}$ equipped with higher brackets $[-,\dots,-]_k:\mathfrak{g}^{\otimes k}\to\mathfrak{g}[3-k-n]$ (for $k\geq 1$) satisfying the classical L_∞ equations.

Let $\mathtt{C}$ be a cooperad (with finite-type components in each arity) equipped with a map to the dual of $\mathtt{hoLie}_n$. This map can equivalently be seen as a Maurer–Cartan element in the following dg-Lie algebra [35, Section 6.4.2]:

$$\mathrm{Hom}_\Sigma(K(\mathtt{Lie}_n),\mathtt{C}^\vee){:=}\left(\prod_{i\geq 0}\left(\mathtt{C}^\vee(i)\otimes\mathbb{R}[-n]^{\otimes i}\right)^{\Sigma_i}[n],\partial,[-,-]\right),\quad(5)$$

where we used the explicit description of the Koszul dual $K(\mathtt{Lie}_n)$ as a shifted version of the cooperad encoding cocommutative coalgebras. Given $f,g\in\mathrm{Hom}_\Sigma(K(\mathtt{Lie}_n),\mathtt{C}^\vee)$, their bracket is $[f,g]=f\star g\mp g\star f$, where $\star$ is given by:

$$f\star g:K(\mathtt{Lie}_n)\xrightarrow{\text{cooperad}}K(\mathtt{Lie}_n)\circ K(\mathtt{Lie}_n)\xrightarrow{f\circ g}\mathtt{C}^\vee\circ\mathtt{C}^\vee\xrightarrow{\text{operad}}\mathtt{C}^\vee.$$

An element $\mu\in\mathrm{Hom}_\Sigma(K(\mathtt{Lie}_n),\mathtt{C}^\vee)$ is said to satisfy the Maurer–Cartan equation if $\partial\mu+\mu\star\mu=0$. Such an element is called a twisting morphism in [35, Section 6.4.3], and the equivalence with morphisms $\mathtt{hoLie}_n\to\mathtt{C}^\vee$ (or dually $\mathtt{C}\to\mathtt{hoLie}_n^\vee$) is [35, Theorem 6.5.7]. In the sequel, we will alternate between the two points of view, morphisms or Maurer–Cartan elements.

There is an action of the symmetric group Σ_i on $\underline{i}=\{1,\dots,i\}$. As a graded module, the twist of $\mathtt{C}$ with respect to μ is given by:

$$\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{C}(U):=\bigoplus_{i\geq 0}\left(\mathtt{C}(U\sqcup\underline{i})\otimes\mathbb{R}[n]^{\otimes i}\right)_{\Sigma_i}.\quad(6)$$

The symmetric collection $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathsf{C}$ inherits a cooperad structure from C. The differential of $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathsf{C}$ is the sum of the internal differential of C with a differential coming from the action of μ that we now explain. The action of μ is threefold, and the total differential of $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathsf{C}(U)$ can be expressed as:

$$d_{\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathsf{C}} := d_{\mathsf{C}} + (- \cdot \mu) + (- \cdot \mu_1) + (\mu_1 \cdot -). \tag{7}$$

Let us now explain these notations. Let $i \geq 0$ be some fixed integer and let us describe the action of μ on $\mathsf{C}(U \sqcup \underline{i}) \subset \mathrm{Tw}\,\mathsf{C}(U)$ (up to degree shifts). In what follows, for a set $J \subset \underline{i}$, we let $j := \# J$, and $\underline{i}/J \cong \underline{i+j-1}$.

Recall that μ is a formal sum of elements $\mathsf{C}(\underline{j})^\vee$ for $j \geq 0$. The first action $(- \cdot \mu)$ is the sum over all subsets $J \subset \underline{i}$ of the following cocompositions:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{C}(U \sqcup \underline{i}) &\xrightarrow{\circ_J^\vee} \mathsf{C}(U \sqcup \underline{i}/J) \\ \otimes \mathsf{C}(J) &\xrightarrow{\mathrm{id} \otimes \mu} \mathsf{C}(U \sqcup \underline{i}/J) \otimes \mathbb{R} \cong \mathsf{C}(U \sqcup \underline{i+j-1}). \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

For the two other terms, we need the element $\mu_1 \in \prod_{j \geq 0} \mathsf{C}(\underline{j} \sqcup \{*\})^\vee$. It is the sum over all possible ways of distinguishing one input of μ in each arity. (Distinguishing one input does not respect the invariants in the definition of Eq. (5), but taking the sum over all possible ways does.)

The second action $(- \cdot \mu_1)$ is then the sum of the following cocompositions, over all subsets $J \subset \underline{i}$ and over all $* \in U$ (where we use the obvious bijection $U/\{*\} \cong U$):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{C}(U \sqcup \underline{i}) &\xrightarrow{\circ_{\{u\} \sqcup J}^\vee} \mathsf{C}\big((U \sqcup \underline{i})/(\{*\} \sqcup J)\big) \\ \otimes \mathsf{C}(\{*\} \sqcup J) &\xrightarrow{\mathrm{id} \otimes \mu_1} \mathsf{C}(U \sqcup \underline{i+j-1}), \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Finally, the third action $(\mu_1 \cdot -)$ is the sum over all subsets $J \subset \underline{i}$ of the cocompositions (where we use the obvious bijection $(U \sqcup I)/(U \sqcup J) = \{*\} \sqcup I \backslash J$):

$$\mathsf{C}(U \sqcup \underline{i}) \xrightarrow{\circ_{U \sqcup J}^\vee} \mathsf{C}(\{*\} \sqcup \underline{i} \backslash J) \otimes \mathsf{C}(U \sqcup J) \xrightarrow{\mu_1 \otimes \mathrm{id}} \mathsf{C}(U \sqcup J), \tag{10}$$

Lemma 9 *If C is a Hopf cooperad satisfying $\mathsf{C}(\varnothing) = \Bbbk$, then* $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathsf{C}$ *inherits a Hopf cooperad structure.*

Proof To multiply an element of $\mathsf{C}(U \sqcup I) \subset \mathrm{Tw}\,\mathsf{C}(U)$ with an element of $\mathsf{C}(U \sqcup J) \subset \mathrm{Tw}\,\mathsf{C}(U)$, we use the maps $\mathsf{C}(V) \xrightarrow{\circ_\varnothing^\vee} \mathsf{C}(V/\varnothing) \otimes \mathsf{C}(\varnothing) \cong \mathsf{C}(V \sqcup \{*\})$ iterated several times, to obtain elements in $\mathsf{C}(U \sqcup I \sqcup J)$ and the product. □

Moreover, we will need to twist right comodules over cooperads. This construction is found (for operads) in [54, Appendix C.1]. Let us fix a cooperad $\mathtt{C}$ and a twist $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{C}$ with respect to μ as above. Given a right $\mathtt{C}$-comodule $\mathtt{M}$, we can also twist it with respect to μ, as follows. As a graded module, the object $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{M}(U)$ is defined by:

$$\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{M}(U) := \prod_{i\geq 0} \left(\mathtt{M}(U \sqcup \underline{i}) \otimes (\mathbb{R}[n])^{\otimes i}\right)_{\Sigma_i}.$$

The comodule structure is inherited from $\mathtt{M}$. The total differential is the sum:

$$d_{\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{M}} := d_{\mathtt{M}} + (- \cdot \mu) + (- \cdot \mu_1), \tag{11}$$

where $(- \cdot \mu)$ and $(- \cdot \mu_1)$ are as in Eqs. (8) and (9) but using the comodule structure. Note that $\mathtt{M}$ is only a right module, so there can be no term $(\mu_1 \cdot -)$ in this differential. Lemma 9 has an immediate extension:

Lemma 10 *If $\mathtt{C}$ is a Hopf cooperad satisfying $\mathtt{C}(\varnothing) = \Bbbk$ and $\mathtt{M}$ is a Hopf right $\mathtt{C}$-comodule, then* $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{M}$ *inherits a Hopf right* $(\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{C})$*-comodule structure.* □

1.6 Formality of the little disks operad

Kontsevich's proof of the formality of the little disks operads [28, Section 3], can be summarized by the fact that $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_n)$ is weakly equivalent to $\mathtt{e}_n^\vee$ as a Hopf cooperad. For detailed proofs, we refer to [34].

We outline this proof here as we will mimic its pattern for our theorem. The idea of the proof is to construct a Hopf cooperad $\mathtt{Graphs}_n$. The elements of $\mathtt{Graphs}_n$ are formal linear combinations of special kinds of graphs, with two types of vertices, numbered "external" vertices and unnumbered "internal" vertices. The differential is defined combinatorially by edge contraction. It is built in such a way that there exists a zigzag $\mathtt{e}_n^\vee \xleftarrow{\sim} \mathtt{Graphs}_n \xrightarrow{\sim} \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_n)$. The first map is the quotient by the ideal of graphs containing internal vertices. The second map is defined using integrals along fibers of the PA bundles $\mathtt{FM}_n(U \sqcup I) \to \mathtt{FM}_n(U)$ which forget some points in the configuration. An induction argument shows that the first map is a quasi-isomorphism, and the second map is easily seen to be surjective on cohomology.

In order to deal with signs more easily, we use (co)operadic twisting (Sect. 1.5). Thus the Hopf cooperad $\mathtt{Graphs}_n$ is not the same as the Hopf cooperad $\mathcal{D}$ from [34], see Remark 13.

The cohomology of $\mathtt{E}_n$. The cohomology $\mathtt{e}_n^\vee(U) = H^*(\mathtt{E}_n(U))$ has a classical presentation due to Arnold [1] and Cohen [8]. We have

$$\mathtt{e}_n^\vee(U) = S(\omega_{uv})_{u,v\in U}/I, \tag{12}$$

where the generators ω_{uv} have cohomological degree $n-1$, and the ideal I encoding the relations is generated by the polynomials (called Arnold relations):

$$\omega_{uu} = 0;\ \omega_{vu} = (-1)^n \omega_{uv};\ \omega_{uv}^2 = 0;\ \omega_{uv}\omega_{vw} + \omega_{vw}\omega_{wu} + \omega_{wu}\omega_{uv} = 0. \tag{13}$$

The cooperadic structure maps are given by (where $[u], [v] \in U/W$ are the classes of u and v in the quotient):

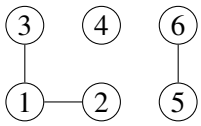
$$\circ_W^\vee : \mathtt{e}_n^\vee(U) \to \mathtt{e}_n^\vee(U/W) \otimes \mathtt{e}_n^\vee(W), \quad \omega_{uv} \mapsto \begin{cases} 1 \otimes \omega_{uv}, & \text{if } u, v \in W; \\ \omega_{[u][v]} \otimes 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \tag{14}$$

Graphs with only external vertices. The intermediary cooperad of graphs, $\mathtt{Graphs}_n$, is built in several steps. In the first step, define a cooperad of graphs with only external vertices, with generators e_{uv} of degree $n-1$:

$$\mathtt{Gra}_n(U) = \big(S(e_{uv})_{u,v\in U}/(e_{uv}^2 = e_{uu} = 0, e_{vu} = (-1)^n e_{uv}), d = 0\big). \tag{15}$$

The definition of $\mathtt{Gra}_n(U)$ is almost identical to the definition of $\mathtt{e}_n^\vee(U)$, except that we do not kill the Arnold relations.

The CDGA $\mathtt{Gra}_n(U)$ is spanned by words of the type $e_{u_1v_1} \dots e_{u_rv_r}$. Such a word can be viewed as a graph with U as the set of vertices, and an edge between u_i and v_i for each factor $e_{u_iv_i}$. For example, e_{uv} is a graph with a single edge from u to v (see Eq. (16) for another example). Edges are oriented, but for even n an edge is identified with its mirror (so we can forget orientations), while for odd n it is identified with the opposite of its mirror. In pictures, we do not draw orientations, keeping in mind that for odd n, they are necessary to get precise signs. Graphs with double edges or edges between a vertex and itself are set to zero. Given such a graph, its set of edges $E_\Gamma \subset \binom{U}{2}$ is well-defined. The vertices of these graphs are called "external", in contrast with the internal vertices that are going to appear in the next part.

$e_{12}e_{13}e_{56} =$ 

$\in \mathtt{Gra}_n(\underline{6})$ (16)

The multiplication of the CDGA $\mathtt{Gra}_n(U)$, from this point of view, consists of gluing two graphs along their vertices. The cooperadic structure map $\circ_W^\vee$: $\mathtt{Gra}_n(U) \to \mathtt{Gra}_n(U/W) \otimes \mathtt{Gra}_n(W)$ maps a graph Γ to $\pm\Gamma_{U/W} \otimes \Gamma_W$

such that Γ_W is the full subgraph of Γ with vertices W and $\Gamma_{U/W}$ collapses this full subgraph to a single vertex. On generators, $\circ_W^\vee$ is defined by a formula which is in fact identical to Eq. (14), replacing ω_{uv} by e_{uv}. This implies that the cooperad $\mathtt{Gra}_n$ maps to $\mathtt{e}_n^\vee$ by sending e_{uv} to ω_{uv}.

There is a morphism $\omega' : \mathtt{Gra}_n \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_n)$ given on generators by:

$$\omega' : \mathtt{Gra}_n(U) \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_n(U)), \qquad \Gamma \mapsto \bigwedge_{(u,v)\in E_\Gamma} p_{uv}^*(\mathrm{vol}_{n-1}), \tag{17}$$

where $p_{uv} : \mathtt{FM}_n(U) \to \mathtt{FM}_n(\underline{2})$ is the projection map defined in Sect. 1.4, and vol_{n-1} is the volume form of $\mathtt{FM}_n(2) \cong S^{n-1}$ from Eq. (1).

Twisting. The second step of the construction is cooperadic twisting, using the procedure outlined in Sect. 1.5. The Hopf cooperad $\mathtt{Gra}_n$ maps into $\mathtt{Lie}_n^\vee$ as follows. The cooperad $\mathtt{Lie}_n^\vee$ is cogenerated by $\mathtt{Lie}_n^\vee(\underline{2})$, and on cogenerators the cooperad map is given by sending $e_{12} \in \mathtt{Gra}_n(\underline{2})$ to the cobracket in $\mathtt{Lie}_n^\vee(\underline{2})$ and all the other graphs to zero. This map to $\mathtt{Lie}_n^\vee$ yields a map to $\mathtt{hoLie}_n^\vee$ by composition with the canonical map $\mathtt{Lie}_n^\vee \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathtt{hoLie}_n^\vee$. In the dual basis, the corresponding Maurer–Cartan element μ is given by:

$$\mu := e_{12}^\vee = \textcircled{1}\!\!-\!\!\!-\!\!\!-\!\!\!-\!\!\textcircled{2} \in \mathtt{Gra}_n^\vee(\underline{2}) \tag{18}$$

The cooperad $\mathtt{Gra}_n$ satisfies $\mathtt{Gra}_n(\varnothing) = \mathbb{R}$. Thus by Lemma 9, $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n$ inherits a Hopf cooperad structure, which we now explicitly describe.

The dg-module $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n(U)$ is spanned by graphs with two types of vertices: external vertices, which correspond to elements of U and that we will picture as circles with the name of the label in U inside, and indistinguishable internal vertices, corresponding to the elements of $\underline{i}$ in Eq. (6) and that we will draw as black points. For example, the graph inside the differential in the left hand side of Fig. 1 represents an element of $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n(U)$ with $U = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $i = 1$. The degree of an edge is still $n-1$, the degree of an external vertex is still 0, and the degree of an internal vertex is $-n$.

The product of $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n(U)$ glues graphs along their external vertices only. Compared to Lemma 9, this coincides with adding isolated internal vertices (by iterating the cooperad structure map $\circ_\varnothing^\vee$) and gluing along all vertices.

Let us now describe the differential adapted from [34, Section 6.4] (see Remark 12 for the differences). We first give the final result, then we explain how it is obtained from the description in Sect. 1.5. An edge is said to be *contractible* if it connects any vertex to an internal vertex, except if it connects a univalent internal vertices to a vertex which is not a univalent internal vertex. The differential of a graph Γ is the sum:

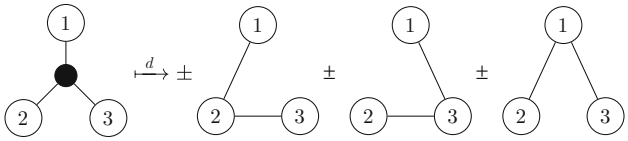


Fig. 1 The differential of $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n$. This particular example shows that the Arnold relation (the RHS) is killed up to homotopy

$$d\Gamma = \sum_{\substack{e \in E_\Gamma \\ \text{contractible}}} \pm \Gamma/e,$$

where Γ/e is Γ with e collapsed, and e ranges over all contractible edges.

Let us now explain how to compare this with the description in Sect. 1.5, see also [53, Appendix I.3] for a detailed description. Recall that the Maurer–Cartan element μ (Eq. (18)) is equal to 1 on the graph with exactly two vertices and one edge, and vanishes on all other graphs. Recall from Eq. (7) that the differential of $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n$ has three terms: $(- \cdot \mu) + (- \cdot \mu_1) + (\mu_1 \cdot -)$, plus the differential of $\mathtt{Gra}_n$ which vanishes. Let Γ be some graph. Then $d\Gamma = \Gamma \cdot \mu + \Gamma \cdot \mu_1 + \mu_1 \cdot \Gamma$ where:

- The element $\Gamma \cdot \mu$ is the sum over all ways of collapsing a subgraph $\Gamma' \subset \Gamma$ with only internal vertices, the result being $\mu(\Gamma')\Gamma/\Gamma'$. This is nonzero only if Γ' has exactly two vertices and one edge. Thus this summand corresponds to contracting all edges between two (possibly univalent) internal vertices in Γ.
- The element $\Gamma \cdot \mu_1$ is the sum over all ways of collapsing a subgraph $\Gamma' \subset \Gamma$ with exactly one external vertex (and any number of internal vertices), with result $\mu(\Gamma')\Gamma/\Gamma'$. This summands corresponds to contracting all edges between one external vertex and one internal (possibly univalent) vertex.
- The element $\mu_1 \cdot \Gamma$ is the sum over all ways of collapsing a subgraph $\Gamma' \subset \Gamma$ containing all the external vertices, with result $\mu_1(\Gamma/\Gamma')\Gamma'$. The coefficient $\mu_1(\Gamma/\Gamma')$ can only be nonzero if Γ is obtained from Γ' by adding a univalent internal vertex. A careful analysis of the signs [53, Appendix I.3] shows that this cancels out with the contraction of edges connected to univalent internal vertices from the other two summands, unless *both* endpoints of the edge are univalent and internal (and hence disconnected from the rest of the graph), in which cases the same term appears three times, and only two cancel out (see [53, Fig. 3] for the dual picture).

Definition 11 A graph is *internally connected* if it remains connected when the external vertices are deleted. It is easily checked that as a commutative algebra, $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n(U)$ is freely generated by such graphs.

The morphisms $\mathtt{e}_n^\vee \leftarrow \mathtt{Gra}_n \xrightarrow{\omega'} \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_n)$ extend along the inclusion $\mathtt{Gra}_n \subset \mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n$ as follows. The extended morphism $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n \to \mathtt{e}_n^\vee$ sim-

ply sends a graph with internal vertices to zero. We need to check that this commutes with the differential. We thus need to determine when a graph with internal vertices (sent to zero) can have a differential with no internal vertices (possibly sent to a nonzero element in $\mathsf{e}_n^\vee$). The differential decreases the number of internal vertices by exactly one. So by looking at generators (internally connected graphs) we can look at the case of graphs with a single internal vertex connected to some external vertices. Either the internal vertex is univalent, but then the edge is not contractible and the differential vanishes. Or the internal vertex is connected to more than one external vertices. In this case, one check that the differential of the graph is zero modulo the Arnold relations, (see [34, Introduction] and Fig. 1 for an example).

The extended morphism $\omega : \mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_n)$ (see [28, Definition 14] and [34, Chapter 9] where the analogous integral is denoted $\widehat{I}$) sends a graph $\Gamma \in \mathtt{Gra}_n(U \sqcup I) \subset \mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n(U)$ to:

$$\omega(\Gamma) := \int_{\mathtt{FM}_n(U\sqcup I) \xrightarrow{p_U} \mathtt{FM}_n(U)} \omega'(\Gamma) = (p_U)_*(\omega'(\Gamma)), \tag{19}$$

where p_U is the projection that forgets the points of the configuration corresponding to I, and the integral is an integral along the fiber of this PA bundle (see Sect. 1.3). Note that the volume form on the sphere is minimal, hence $\omega'(\Gamma)$ is minimal and therefore we can compute this integral.

Remark 12 This Hopf cooperad is different from the module of diagrams $\widehat{\mathcal{D}}$ introduced in [34, Section 6.2]: $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n$ is the quotient of $\widehat{\mathcal{D}}$ by graphs with multiple edges and loops. The analogous integral $\widehat{I} : \widehat{\mathcal{D}} \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_n)$ is from [34, Chapter 9]. It vanishes on graphs with multiple edges and loops by [34, Lemmas 9.3.5, 9.3.6], so ω is well-defined. Moreover the differential is slightly different. In [34] some kind of edges, called "dead ends" [34, Definition 6.1.1], are not contractible. When restricted to graphs without multiple edges or loops, these are edges connected to univalent internal vertices. But in $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n$, edges connecting two internal vertices that are both univalent are contractible (see [53, Fig. 3] for the dual picture). This does not change $\widehat{I}$, which vanishes on graphs with univalent internal vertices anyway [34, Lemma 9.3.8]. Note that $\widehat{\mathcal{D}}$ is *not* a Hopf cooperad [34, Example 7.3.2] due to multiple edges.

Reduction. The cooperad $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n$ does not have the homotopy type of the cooperad $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_n)$. It is reduced by quotienting out all the graphs with connected components consisting exclusively of internal vertices. This is a bi-ideal generated by $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n(\varnothing)$, thus the resulting quotient is a Hopf cooperad:

$$\mathtt{Graphs}_n := \mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n / \big(\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n(\varnothing)\big).$$

Remark 13 This Hopf cooperad is not isomorphic to the Hopf cooperad $\mathcal{D}$ from [34, Section 6.5]. We allow internal vertices of any valence, whereas in $\mathcal{D}$ internal vertices must be at least trivalent. There is a quotient map $\mathtt{Graphs}_n \to \mathcal{D}$, which is a quasi-isomorphism by [53, Proposition 3.8]. The statement of [53, Proposition 3.8] is actually about the dual operads, but as we work over a field and the spaces we consider have finite-type cohomology, this is equivalent. The notation is also different: the couple $(\mathtt{Graphs}_n, \mathtt{fGraphs}_{n,c})$ in [53] denotes $(\mathcal{D}^\vee, \mathtt{Graphs}_n^\vee)$ in [34].

One checks that the two morphisms $\mathtt{e}_n^\vee \leftarrow \mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_n)$ factor through the quotient (the first one because graphs with internal vertices are sent to zero, the second one because ω vanishes on graphs with only internal vertices by [34, Lemma 9.3.7]). The resulting zigzag $\mathtt{e}_n^\vee \leftarrow \mathtt{Graphs}_n \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_n)$ is then a zigzag of weak equivalence of Hopf cooperads thanks to the proof of [28, Theorem 2] (or [34, Theorem 8.1] and the discussion at the beginning of [34, Chapter 10]), combined with the comparison between $\mathcal{D}$ and $\mathtt{Graphs}_n$ from [53, Proposition 3.8] (see Remark 13).

1.7 Poincaré duality CDGA models

The model for $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M)$ relies on a Poincaré duality model of M. We mostly borrow the terminology and notation from [32].

Fix an integer n and let A be a connected CDGA (i.e. $A = \mathbb{R} \oplus A^{\geq 1}$). An *orientation* on A is a linear map $A^n \to \mathbb{R}$ satisfying $\varepsilon \circ d = 0$ (which we often view as a chain map $A \to \mathbb{R}[-n]$) such that the induced pairing

$$\langle -, - \rangle : A^k \otimes A^{n-k} \to \mathbb{R}, \qquad a \otimes b \mapsto \varepsilon(ab) \tag{20}$$

is non-degenerate for all k. This implies that $A = A^{\leq n}$, and that $\varepsilon : A^n \to \mathbb{R}$ is an isomorphism. The pair (A, ε) is called a *Poincaré duality CDGA*. If A is such a Poincaré duality CDGA, then so is its cohomology. The following "converse" has been shown by Lambrechts–Stanley.

Theorem 14 (Direct corollary of Lambrechts–Stanley [32, Theorem 1.1]) *Let M be a simply connected semi-algebraic closed oriented manifold. Then there exists a zigzag of quasi-isomorphisms of CDGAs*

$$A \xleftarrow{\rho} R \xrightarrow{\sigma} \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(M),$$

such that A is a Poincaré duality CDGA of dimension n, R is a quasi-free CDGA generated in degrees ≥ 2, σ factors through the sub-CDGA of trivial forms.

Proof We refer to Sect. 1.3 for a reminder on trivial forms. We pick a minimal model R of the manifold M (over $\mathbb{R}$) and a quasi-isomorphism from R to the

sub-CDGA of trivial forms in $\Omega^*_{PA}(M)$, which exists because the sub-CDGA of trivial forms is quasi-isomorphic to $\Omega^*_{PA}(M)$ (see Sect. 1.3), and hence, is itself a real model for M. We compose this new quasi-isomorphism this the inclusion to eventually get a quasi-isomorphism $\sigma : R \to \Omega^*_{PA}(M)$ which factors through the sub-CDGA of trivial forms, and we set $\varepsilon = \int_M \sigma(-) : R \to \mathbb{R}[-n]$. The CDGA R is of finite type because M is a closed manifold. Hence, we can apply the Lambrechts–Stanley Theorem [32, Theorem 1.1] to the pair (R, ϵ) to get the Poincaré duality algebra A of our statement. □

Let A be a Poincaré duality CDGA of finite type and let $\{a_i\}$ be a homogeneous basis of A. Consider the dual basis $\{a_i^*\}$ with respect to the duality pairing, i.e. $\varepsilon(a_i a_j^*) = \delta_{ij}$ is given by the Kronecker symbol. Then the *diagonal cocycle* is defined by the following formula and is independent of the chosen homogeneous basis (see e.g. [14, Definition 8.16]:

$$\Delta_A := \sum_i (-1)^{|a_i|} a_i \otimes a_i^* \in A \otimes A. \tag{21}$$

The element Δ_A is a cocycle of degree n (this follows from $\varepsilon \circ d = 0$). It satisfies $\Delta_A^{21} = (-1)^n \Delta_A$ (where $(-)^{21}$ is defined in Sect. 1.1). For all $a \in A$ it satisfies the equation $(a \otimes 1)\Delta_A = (1 \otimes a)\Delta_A$. There is a volume form,

$$\mathrm{vol}_A := \varepsilon^{-1}(1_{\mathbb{R}}) \in A^n.$$

The product $\mu_A : A \otimes A \to A$ sends Δ_A to $\chi(A) \cdot \mathrm{vol}_A$, where $\chi(A)$ is the Euler characteristic of A. We will need the following technical result later.

Proposition 15 *One can choose the zigzag of Theorem 14 such there exists a symmetric cocycle $\Delta_R \in R \otimes R$ of degree n satisfying $(\rho \otimes \rho)(\Delta_R) = \Delta_A$. If $\chi(M) = 0$ we can moreover choose it so that $\mu_R(\Delta_R) = 0$.*

Proof We follow closely the proof of [32] to obtain the result. Recall that the proof of [32] has two different cases: $n \leq 6$, where the manifold is automatically formal and hence $A = H^*(M)$, and $n \geq 7$, where the CDGA is built out of an inductive argument. We split our proof along these two cases.

Let us first deal with the case $n \geq 7$. When $n \geq 7$, the proof of Lambrechts and Stanley builds a zigzag of weak equivalences $A \xleftarrow{\rho} R \leftarrow R' \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(M)$, where R' is the minimal model of M, the CDGA R is obtained from R' by successively adjoining generators of degree $\geq n/2+1$, and the Poincaré duality CDGA A is a quotient of R by an ideal of "orphans". We let $\varepsilon : R' \to \mathbb{R}[-n]$ be the composite $R' \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(M) \xrightarrow{\int_M} \mathbb{R}[-n]$.

The minimal model R' is quasi-free, and since M is simply connected it is generated in degrees ≥ 2. The CDGA R is obtained from R' by a cofibrant

cellular extension, adjoining cells of degree greater than 2. It follows that R is cofibrant and quasi-freely generated in degrees ≥ 2. Composing with $R' \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(M)$ yields a morphism $\sigma : R \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(M)$ and we therefore get a zigzag $A \leftarrow R \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(M)$.

The morphism ρ is a quasi-isomorphism, so there exists some cocycle $\tilde{\Delta} \in R \otimes R$ such that $\rho(\tilde{\Delta}) = \Delta_A + d\alpha$ for some α. By surjectivity of ρ (it is a quotient map) there is some β such that $\rho(\beta) = \alpha$; we let $\Delta' = \tilde{\Delta} - d\beta$, and now $\rho(\Delta') = \Delta_A$.

Let us assume for the moment that $\chi(M) = 0$. Then the cocycle $\mu_R(\Delta') \in R$ satisfies $\rho(\mu_R(\Delta')) = \mu_A(\Delta_A) = 0$, i.e. it is in the kernel of ρ. It follows that the cocycle $\Delta'' = \Delta' - \mu_R(\Delta') \otimes 1$ is still mapped to Δ_A by ρ, and satisfies $\mu_R(\Delta'') = 0$. If $\chi(M) \neq 0$ we just let $\Delta'' = \Delta'$. Finally we symmetrize Δ'' to get the Δ_R of the lemma, which satisfies all the requirements.

Let us now deal with the case $n \leq 6$. The CDGA $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(M)$ is formal [40, Proposition 4.6]. We choose $A = (H^*(M), d_A = 0)$, and R to be the minimal model of M, which maps into both A and $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(M)$ by quasi-isomorphisms. The rest of the proof is now identical to the previous case. □

1.8 The Lambrechts–Stanley CDGAs

We now give the definition of the CDGA $\mathsf{G}_A(k)$ from [33, Definition 3.4], where it is called $F(A, k)$.

Let A be a Poincaré duality CDGA of dimension n and let k be an integer. For $1 \leq i \neq j \leq k$, let $\iota_i : A \to A^{\otimes k}$ be defined by $\iota_i(a) = 1^{\otimes i-1} \otimes a \otimes 1^{\otimes k-i-1}$, and let $\iota_{ij} : A \otimes A \to A^{\otimes k}$ be given by $\iota_{ij}(a \otimes b) = \iota_i(a) \cdot \iota_j(b)$. Recalling the description of $\mathsf{e}_n^\vee$ in Eq. (12), the CDGA $\mathsf{G}_A(k)$ is defined by:

$$\mathsf{G}_A(k) := \big(A^{\otimes k} \otimes \mathsf{e}_n^\vee(k) / (\iota_i(a) \cdot \omega_{ij} = \iota_j(a) \cdot \omega_{ij}), d\omega_{ij} = \iota_{ij}(\Delta_A)\big). \quad (22)$$

The fact that this is well-defined is proved in [33, Lemma 3.2]. We will call these CDGAs the Lambrechts–Stanley CDGAs, or *LS CDGAs* for short. For example $\mathsf{G}_A(0) = \mathbb{R}$, $\mathsf{G}_A(1) = A$, and $\mathsf{G}_A(2)$ is isomorphic to:

$$\mathsf{G}_A(2) \cong \big((A \otimes A) \oplus (A \otimes \omega_{12}), d(a \otimes \omega_{12}) = (a \otimes 1) \cdot \Delta_A = (1 \otimes a) \cdot \Delta_A\big).$$

Recall that there always exists a Poincaré duality model of M (Sect. 1.7). When M is a simply connected closed manifold, a theorem of Lambrechts–Stanley [33, Theorem 10.1] implies that for any such A,

$$H^*(\mathsf{G}_A(k); \mathbb{Q}) \cong H^*(\mathsf{FM}_M(k); \mathbb{Q}) \text{ as graded modules.} \quad (23)$$

2 The Hopf right comodule model G_A

In this section we describe the Hopf right $\mathsf{e}_n^\vee$-comodule derived from the LS CDGAs of Sect. 1.8. From now on we fix a simply connected smooth closed manifold M. Following Sect. 1.4, we endow M with a fixed semi-algebraic structure. Note that for now, we do not impose any further conditions on M, but a key argument (Proposition 45) will require $\dim M \geq 4$. We also fix a arbitrary Poincaré duality CDGA model A of M. We then define the right comodule structure of G_A as follows, using the cooperad structure of $\mathsf{e}_n^\vee$ given by Eq. (14):

Proposition 16 *If $\chi(M) = 0$, then the following maps are well-defined on $G_A = \{G_A(k)\}_{k\geq 0}$ and endow it with a Hopf right $\mathsf{e}_n^\vee$-comodule structure:*

$$\begin{aligned} \circ_W^\vee : A^{\otimes U} \otimes \mathsf{e}_n^\vee(U) &\to \left(A^{\otimes(U/W)} \otimes \mathsf{e}_n^\vee(U/W)\right) \otimes \mathsf{e}_n^\vee(W), \\ (a_u)_{u\in U} \otimes \omega &\mapsto \underbrace{((a_u)_{u\in U\setminus W} \otimes \textstyle\prod_{w\in W} a_w)}_{\in A^{\otimes(U/W)}} \otimes \underbrace{\circ_W^\vee(\omega)}_{\in \mathsf{e}_n^\vee(U/W)\otimes \mathsf{e}_n^\vee(W)}. \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

In informal terms, $\circ_W^\vee$ multiplies together all the elements of A indexed by W on the $A^{\otimes U}$ factor and indexes the result by $* \in U/W$, while it applies the cooperadic structure map of $\mathsf{e}_n^\vee$ on the other factor. Note that if $W = \varnothing$, then $\circ_W^\vee$ adds a factor of 1_A (the empty product) indexed by $* \in U/\varnothing = U \sqcup \{*\}$.

Proof We split the proof in three parts: factorization of the maps through the quotient, compatibility with the differential, and compatibility of the maps with the cooperadic structure of $\mathsf{e}_n^\vee$.

Let us first prove that the comodule structure maps we wrote factor through the quotient. Since A is commutative and $\mathsf{e}_n^\vee$ is a Hopf cooperad, the maps of the proposition commute with multiplication. The ideals defining $\mathsf{G}_A(U)$ are multiplicative ideals. Hence it suffices to show that the maps (24) take the generators $(\iota_u(a) - \iota_v(a)) \cdot \omega_{uv}$ of the ideal to elements of the ideal in the target. We simply check each case, using Eqs. (14) and (24):

- If $u, v \in W$, then $\circ_W^\vee(\iota_u(a)\omega_{uv}) = \iota_*(a) \otimes \omega_{uv}$, which is also equal to $\circ_W^\vee(\iota_v(a)\omega_{uv})$.
- Otherwise, we have $\circ_W^\vee(\iota_u(a)\omega_{uv}) = \iota_{[u]}(a)\omega_{[u][v]} \otimes 1$, which is equal to $\iota_{[v]}(a)\omega_{[u][v]} \otimes 1 = \circ_W^\vee(\iota_v(a)\omega_{uv})$ modulo the relations.

Let us now prove that they are compatible with the differential. It is again sufficient to prove this on generators. The equality $\circ_W^\vee(d(\iota_u(a))) = d(\circ_W^\vee(\iota_u(a)))$ is immediate. For ω_{uv} we again check the three cases. Recall that since our manifold has vanishing Euler characteristic, $\mu_A(\Delta_A) = 0$.

- If $u, v \in W$, then $\circ_W^\vee(d\omega_{uv}) = \iota_*(\mu_A(\Delta_A)) = 0$, while by definition $d(\circ_W^\vee(\omega_{uv})) = d(1 \otimes \omega_{uv}) = 0$.

- Otherwise, $\circ_W^\vee(d\omega_{uv}) = \iota_{[u][v]}(\Delta_A) \otimes 1$, which is equal to $d(\circ_W^\vee(\omega_{uv})) = d(\omega_{[u][v]} \otimes 1)$.

We finally prove that the structure maps are compatible with the cooperad structure of $\mathtt{e}_n^\vee$. Let $\mathtt{Com}^\vee$ be the cooperad governing cocommutative coalgebras. It follows from Lemma 6 that $\mathtt{Com}^\vee \circ A = \{A^{\otimes k}\}_{k\geq 0}$ inherits a $\mathtt{Com}^\vee$-comodule structure. Therefore the arity-wise tensor product (see [35, Section 5.1.12], where this operation is called the Hadamard product) $(\mathtt{Com}^\vee \circ A) \boxtimes \mathtt{e}_n^\vee := \{A^{\otimes k} \otimes \mathtt{e}_n^\vee(k)\}_{k\geq 0}$ is a $(\mathtt{Com}^\vee \boxtimes \mathtt{e}_n^\vee)$-comodule. The cooperad $\mathtt{Com}^\vee$ is the unit of $\boxtimes$. Hence the $(\mathtt{Com}^\vee \circ A) \boxtimes \mathtt{e}_n^\vee$ is an $\mathtt{e}_n^\vee$-comodule. It remains to make the easy check that the resulting comodule maps are given by Eq. (24). □

3 Labeled graph complexes

In this section we construct the intermediary comodule, $\mathtt{Graphs}_R$, used to prove our theorem, where R is a suitable cofibrant CDGA quasi-isomorphic to A and $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(M)$ (Theorem 14). We will construct a zigzag of CDGAs of the form:

$$\mathtt{G}_A \leftarrow \mathtt{Graphs}_R \rightarrow \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M).$$

The construction of $\mathtt{Graphs}_R$ follows the same pattern as the construction of $\mathtt{Graphs}_n$ in Sect. 1.6, but with the vertices of the graph labeled by elements of R. The differential moreover mimics the definition of the differential of $\mathtt{G}_A$, together with a differential that mimics the one of $\mathtt{Graphs}_n$.

If $\chi(M) = 0$, then the collections $\mathtt{G}_A$ and $\mathtt{Graphs}_R$ are Hopf right comodules respectively over $\mathtt{e}_n^\vee$ and over $\mathtt{Graphs}_n$, and the left arrow is a morphism of comodules between $(\mathtt{G}_A, \mathtt{e}_n^\vee)$ and $(\mathtt{Graphs}_R, \mathtt{Graphs}_n)$. When M is moreover framed, $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M)$ is a Hopf right comodule over $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_n)$, and the right arrow is then a morphism from $(\mathtt{Graphs}_R, \mathtt{Graphs}_n)$ to $(\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M), \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_n))$.

In order to deal with signs more easily and make sure that the differential squares to zero, we want to use the formalism of operadic twisting, as in the definition of $\mathtt{Graphs}_n$. But when $\chi(M) \neq 0$ there is no comodule structure, so we make a detour through graphs with loops (Sect. 3.1 below), see Remark 31.

3.1 Graphs with loops and multiple edges

We first define a variant $\mathtt{Graphs}_n^{\circlearrowleft}$ of $\mathtt{Graphs}_n$, where graphs are allowed to have "loops" (also sometimes known as "tadpoles") and multiple edges, see [53, Section 3]. For a finite set U, the CDGA $\mathtt{Gra}_n^{\circlearrowleft}(U)$ is presented by (where the generators have degree $n-1$):

$$\mathtt{Gra}_n^{\circlearrowleft}(U) := \big(S(e_{uv})_{u,v\in U}/(e_{vu} = (-1)^n e_{uv}),\, d = 0\big).$$

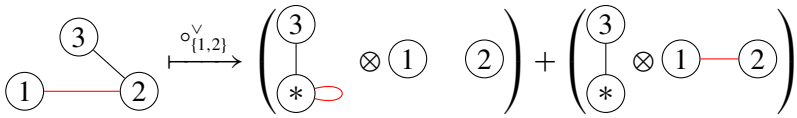
The difference with Eq. (15) is that we no longer set $e_{uu} = e_{uv}^2 = 0$. Note that $\mathtt{Gra}_n^{\circlearrowleft}(U)$ is actually free as a CDGA: given an arbitrary linear order on U, $\mathtt{Gra}_n^{\circlearrowleft}(U)$ is freely generated by the generators $\{e_{uv}\}_{u\leq v\in U}$.

Remark 17 When n is even, $e_{uv}^2 = 0$ since $\deg e_{uv} = n-1$ is odd; and when n is odd, the relation $e_{uu} = (-1)^n e_{uu}$ implies $e_{uu} = 0$. In other words, for even n, there are no multiple edges, and for odd n, there are no loops [53, Remark 3.1].

The dg-modules $\mathtt{Gra}_n^{\circlearrowleft}(U)$ form a Hopf cooperad, like $\mathtt{Gra}_n$, with cocomposition given by a formula similar to the definition of Eq. (14):

$$\begin{aligned} \circ_W^\vee : \mathtt{Gra}_n^{\circlearrowleft}(U) &\to \mathtt{Gra}_n^{\circlearrowleft}(U/W) \otimes \mathtt{Gra}_n^{\circlearrowleft}(W), \\ e_{uv} &\mapsto \begin{cases} e_{**} \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes e_{uv}, & \text{if } u, v \in W; \\ e_{[u][v]} \otimes 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

This new cooperad has a graphical description similar to $\mathtt{Gra}_n$. The cooperad $\mathtt{Gra}_n$ is the quotient of $\mathtt{Gra}_n^{\circlearrowleft}$ by the ideal generated by the loops and the multiple edges. The difference in the cooperad structure is that when we collapse a subgraph, we sum over all ways of choosing whether edges are in the subgraph or not; if they are not, then they yield a loop. For example:



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The element $\mu := e_{12}^\vee \in (\mathtt{Gra}_n^{\circlearrowleft})^\vee(\underline{2})$ still defines a morphism $\mathtt{Gra}_n^{\circlearrowleft} \to \mathtt{hoLie}_n^\vee$, which allows us to define the twisted Hopf cooperad $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n^{\circlearrowleft}$. It has a graphical description similar to $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n$ with internal and external vertices. Finally we can quotient by graphs containing connected component consisting exclusively of internal vertices to get a Hopf cooperad:

$$\mathtt{Graphs}_n^{\circlearrowleft} := \mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n^{\circlearrowleft}/(\text{connected components with only internal vertices}).$$

Remark 18 The Hopf cooperad $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n^{\circlearrowleft}$ is slightly different from $\widehat{\mathcal{D}}$ from [34, Section 6]. First the cocomposition is different, and the first term of the RHS in Eq. (26) would not appear in $\widehat{\mathcal{D}}$. The differential is also slightly different: an edge connected to two univalent internal vertices – hence disconnected from the rest of the graph – is contractible here (see [53, Section 3] and Remark 12). This fixes the failure of $\widehat{\mathcal{D}}$ to be a cooperad [34, Example 7.3.2].

3.2 Labeled graphs with only external vertices: $\mathtt{Gra}_R$

We construct a collection of CDGAs $\mathtt{Gra}_R$, corresponding to the first step in the construction of $\mathtt{Graphs}_n$ of Sect. 1.6. We first apply the formalism of Sect. 1.7 to $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(M)$ in order to obtain a Poincaré duality CDGA out of M, thanks to Theorem 14. We thus fix a zigzag of quasi-isomorphisms $A \xleftarrow{\rho} R \xrightarrow{\sigma} \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(M)$, where A is a Poincaré duality CDGA, R is a cofibrant CDGA, and σ factors through the sub-CDGA of trivial forms (see Sect. 1.3).

Recall the definition of the diagonal cocycle $\Delta_A \in (A \otimes A)^n$ from Eq. (21). Recall also Proposition 15, where we fixed a symmetric cocycle $\Delta_R \in (R \otimes R)^n$ such that $(\rho \otimes \rho)(\Delta_R) = \Delta_A$. Moreover recall that if $\chi(M) = 0$, then $\mu_A(\Delta_A) = 0$, and we choose Δ_R such that $\mu_R(\Delta_R) = 0$ too.

Definition 19 Let CDGA of *labeled graphs with loops* on the set U be:

$$\mathtt{Gra}^{\circlearrowleft}_R(U) := \big(R^{\otimes U} \otimes \mathtt{Gra}^{\circlearrowleft}_n(U), de_{uv} = \iota_{uv}(\Delta_R)\big).$$

This CDGA is well-defined because $\mathtt{Gra}^{\circlearrowleft}_n(U)$ is free as a CDGA, hence $\mathtt{Gra}^{\circlearrowleft}_R(U)$ is a relative Sullivan algebra in the terminology of [13, Section 14].

Remark 20 This definition is valid for any CDGA R and any symmetric cocycle Δ_R. We need R as in Proposition 15 to connect $\mathtt{Gra}^{\circlearrowleft}_R$ with $\mathtt{G}_A$ and $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M)$.

Remark 21 It follows that the differential of a loop is $de_{uu} = \iota_{uu}(\Delta_R) = \iota_u(\mu_R(\Delta_R))$, which is zero when $\chi(M) = 0$.

Proposition 22 *The collection $\mathtt{Gra}^{\circlearrowleft}_R(U)$ forms a Hopf right $\mathtt{Gra}^{\circlearrowleft}_n$-comodule.*

This is true even if $\chi(M) \neq 0$ thanks to the introduction of the loops..

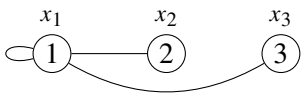
Proof The proof of this proposition is almost identical to the proof of Proposition 16. If we forget the extra differential (keeping only the internal differential of R), then $\mathtt{Gra}^{\circlearrowleft}_R$ is the arity-wise tensor product $(\mathtt{Com}^\vee \circ R) \boxtimes \mathtt{Gra}^{\circlearrowleft}_n$, which is automatically a Hopf $\mathtt{Gra}^{\circlearrowleft}_n$-right comodule. Checking the compatibility with the differential involves almost exactly the same equations as Proposition 16, except that when $u, v \in W$ we have:

$$\circ^\vee_W(d(e_{uv})) = \iota_*(\mu_R(\Delta_R)) \otimes 1 = d(e_{**} \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes e_{uv}) = d(\circ^\vee_W(e_{uv})),$$

where $de_{**} = \iota_*(\mu_R(\Delta_R))$ by Remark 21, and $d(1 \otimes e_{uv}) = 0$ by definition. □

We now give a graphical interpretation of Definition 19, in the spirit of Sect. 3.1. We view $\mathtt{Gra}^{\circlearrowleft}_R(U)$ as spanned by graphs with U as set of vertices, and each vertex has a label which is an element of R. The $\mathtt{Gra}^{\circlearrowleft}_n$-comodule

structure collapses subgraphs as before, and the label of the collapsed vertex is the product of all the labels in the subgraph. An example of graph in $\mathtt{Gra}_R^{\circlearrowleft}(\underline{3})$ is given by (where $x, y, z \in R$):



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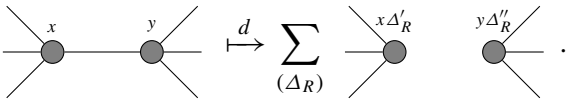
The product glues two graphs along their vertices, multiplying the labels in the process. The differential of Γ, as defined in Definition 19, is the sum of d_R, the internal differential of R acting on each label (one at a time), together with the sum over the edges $e \in E_\Gamma$ of the graph $\Gamma \backslash e$ with that edge removed and the labels of the endpoints multiplied by the factors of $\Delta_R = \sum_{(\Delta_R)} \Delta'_R \otimes \Delta''_R \in R \otimes R$, where we use Sweedler's notation (Sect. 1.1). We will often write d_{split} for this differential, to contrast it with the differential that contracts edges which will occur in the complex $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_R^{\circlearrowleft}$ defined later on. If e is a loop, then in the corresponding term of $d\Gamma$ the vertex incident to e has its label multiplied by $\mu_R(\Delta_R)$, while the loop is removed. For example, we have (gray vertices can be either internal or external and $x, y \in R$):



If $\chi(M) \neq 0$, we cannot directly map $\mathtt{Gra}_R^{\circlearrowleft}$ to $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M)$, as the Euler class in $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(M)$ would need to be the boundary of the image of the loop $e_{11} \in \mathtt{Gra}_R^{\circlearrowleft}(\underline{1})$. We thus define a sub-CDGA which will map to $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M)$ whether $\chi(M)$ vanishes or not.

Definition 23 For a given finite set U, let $\mathtt{Gra}_R(U)$ be the submodule of $\mathtt{Gra}_R^{\circlearrowleft}(U)$ spanned by graphs without loops.

One has to be careful with the notation. While $\mathtt{Gra}_R^{\circlearrowleft}(U) = R^{\otimes U} \otimes \mathtt{Gra}_n^{\circlearrowleft}$, it is not true that $\mathtt{Gra}_R(U) = R^{\otimes U} \otimes \mathtt{Gra}_n(U)$: in $\mathtt{Gra}_n(U)$, multiple edges are forbidden, whereas they are allowed in $\mathtt{Gra}_R(U)$.

Proposition 24 *The space $\mathtt{Gra}_R(U)$ is a sub-CDGA of $\mathtt{Gra}_R^{\circlearrowleft}(U)$. If $\chi(M) = 0$ the collection $\mathtt{Gra}_R$ assembles to form a Hopf right $\mathtt{Gra}_n$-comodule.*

Proof Clearly, neither the splitting part of the differential nor the internal differential coming from R can create new loops, nor can the product of two graphs without loops contain a loop, thus $\mathtt{Gra}_R(U)$ is indeed a sub-CDGA of $\mathtt{Gra}_R^{\circlearrowleft}(U)$. If $\chi(M) = 0$, the proof that $\mathtt{Gra}_R$ is a $\mathtt{Gra}_n$-comodule is almost

identical to the proof of Proposition 22, except that we need to use $\mu_R(\Delta_R) = 0$ to check that $d(\circ_W^\vee(e_{uv})) = \circ_W^\vee(d(e_{uv}))$ when $u, v \in W$. □

3.3 The propagator

To define $\omega' : \mathtt{Gra}_R \to \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M)$, we need a "propagator" $\varphi \in \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}^{n-1}(\mathtt{FM}_M(2))$, for which a reference is [7, Section 4].

Recall from Eq. (2) the projections $p_u : \mathtt{FM}_M(U) \to M$ and $p_{uv} : \mathtt{FM}_M(U) \to \mathtt{FM}_M(\underline{2})$. Recall moreover the sphere bundle $p : \partial\mathtt{FM}_M(\underline{2}) \to M$ defined in Eq. (3), which is trivial when M is framed, with the isomorphism $M \times S^{n-1} \xrightarrow{\circ_1} \partial\mathtt{FM}_M(\underline{2})$ from Eq. (4). We denote by $(p_1, p_2) : \mathtt{FM}_M(\underline{2}) \to M \times M$ the product of the two canonical projections.

Proposition 25 ([6, Propositions 7 and 87]) *There exists a form $\varphi \in \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}^{n-1}(FM_M(\underline{2}))$ such that $\varphi^{21} = (-1)^n\varphi$, $d\varphi = (p_1, p_2)^*((\sigma \otimes \sigma)(\Delta_R))$ and such that the restriction of φ to $\partial FM_M(2)$ is a global angular form, i.e. it is a volume form of S^{n-1} when restricted to each fiber. When M is framed one can moreover choose $\varphi|_{\partial FM_M(2)} = 1 \times \mathrm{vol}_{S^{n-1}} \in \Omega_{PA}^{n-1}(M \times S^{n-1})$. This propagator can moreover be chosen to be a trivial form* (see Sect. 1.3).

The proofs of [6] relies on earlier computations given in [7], where this propagator is studied in detail. One can see from the proofs of [7, Section 4] that $d\varphi$ can in fact be chosen to be any pullback of a form cohomologous to the diagonal class $\Delta_M \in \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}^n(M \times M)$. We will make further adjustments to the propagator φ in Proposition 42. Recall p_u, p_{uv} from Eq. (2).

Proposition 26 *There is a morphism of collections of CDGAs given by:*

$$\omega' : Gra_R \to \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}(FM_M), \quad \begin{cases} \bigotimes_{u\in U} x_u \in R^{\otimes U} & \mapsto \bigwedge_{u\in U} p_u^*(\sigma(x_u)), \\ e_{uv} & \mapsto p_{uv}^*(\varphi). \end{cases}$$

Moreover, if M is framed, then ω' defines a morphism of comodules, where $\omega' : Gra_n \to \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}^*(FM_n)$ was defined in Sect. 1.6:

$$(Gra_R, Gra_n) \xrightarrow{(\omega',\omega')} (\Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}^*(FM_M), \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}^*(FM_n))$$

Proof The property $d\varphi = (p_1, p_2)^*((\sigma \otimes \sigma)(\Delta_R))$ shows that the map ω' preserves the differential. Let us now assume that M is framed to prove that this is a morphism of right comodules. Cocomposition commutes with ω' on the generators coming from $A^{\otimes U}$, since the comodule structure of $\Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}^*(\mathtt{FM}_M)$ multiplies together forms that are pullbacks of forms on M:

$$\circ_W^\vee(p_u^*(x)) = \begin{cases} p_u^*(x) \otimes 1 & \text{if } u \notin W; \\ p_*^*(x) \otimes 1 & \text{if } u \in W. \end{cases}$$

We now check the compatibility of the cocomposition $\circ_W^\vee$ with ω' on the generator ω_{uv}, for some $W \subset U$.

- If one of u, v, or both, is not in W, then the equality $\circ_W^\vee(\omega'(e_{uv})) = (\omega' \otimes \omega')(\circ_W^\vee(e_{uv}))$. is clear.
- Otherwise suppose $\{u, v\} \subset W$. We may assume that $U = W = \underline{2}$ (it suffices to pull back the result along p_{uv} to get the general case), so that we are considering the insertion of an infinitesimal configuration $M \times \mathtt{FM}_n(\underline{2}) \to \mathtt{FM}_M(\underline{2})$. This insertion factors through the boundary $\partial\mathtt{FM}_M(\underline{2})$. We have (see Definition 25):

$$\begin{aligned} \circ_{\underline{2}}^\vee(\varphi) &= 1 \otimes \mathrm{vol}_{S^{n-1}} \in \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}^*(M) \otimes \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}^*(\mathtt{FM}_n(\underline{2})) \\ &= \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}^*(M) \otimes \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}^*(S^{n-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Going back to the general case, we find:

$$\circ_W^\vee(\omega'(e_{uv})) = \circ_W^\vee(p_{uv}^*(\varphi)) = 1 \otimes p_{uv}^*(\mathrm{vol}_{S^{n-1}}),$$

which is indeed the image of $\circ_W^\vee(\omega_{uv}) = 1 \otimes \omega_{uv}$ by $\omega' \otimes \omega'$. □

3.4 Labeled graphs with internal and external vertices: Tw $\mathtt{Gra}_R$

The general framework of operadic twisting, recalled in Sect. 1.5, shows that to twist a right (co)module, one only needs to twist the (co)operad. Since our cooperad is one-dimensional in arity zero, the comodule inherits a Hopf comodule structure too (Lemma 10).

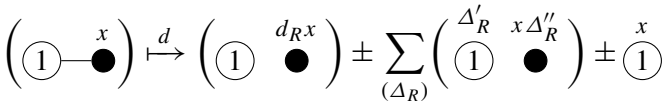
Definition 27 The *twisted labeled graph comodule* $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_R^{\circlearrowleft}$ is a Hopf right $(\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n^{\circlearrowleft})$-comodule obtained from $\mathtt{Gra}_R^{\circlearrowleft}$ by twisting with respect to the Maurer–Cartan element $\mu \in (\mathtt{Gra}_n^{\circlearrowleft})^\vee(\underline{2})$ of Sect. 1.6.

We now explicitly describe this comodule in terms of graphs. The dg-module $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_R^{\circlearrowleft}(U)$ is spanned by graphs with two kinds of vertices, external vertices corresponding to elements of U, and indistinguishable internal vertices (usually drawn in black). The degree of an edge is $n-1$, the degree of an external vertex is 0, while the degree of an internal vertex is $-n$. All the vertices are labeled by elements of R, and their degree is added to the degree of the graph.

The Hopf structure glues two graphs along their external vertices, multiplying labels in the process. The differential is a sum of three terms

$$d = d_R + d_{\mathrm{split}} + d_{\mathrm{contr}}.$$

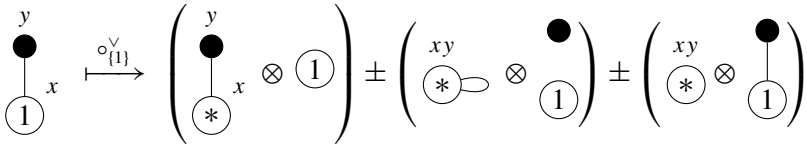
The first part is the internal differential coming from R, acting on each label separately. The second part comes from $\mathtt{Gra}_R^{\circlearrowleft}$ and splits edges, multiplying by Δ_R the labels of the endpoints. The third part is similar to the differential of $\operatorname{Tw}\mathtt{Gra}_n^{\circlearrowleft}$: it contracts all *contractible* edges, i.e. edges connecting an internal vertex to another vertex of either kind. When an edge is contracted, the label of the resulting vertex is the product of the labels of of the endpoints of the former edge (see Fig. 1). This result comes from the twisting construction (see the definition in Eq. (11)). For example, we have:



$$(x \in R). \tag{28}$$

Remark 28 An edge connected to a univalent internal vertex is contractible in $\operatorname{Tw}\mathtt{Gra}_R^{\circlearrowleft}$, though this is not the case in $\operatorname{Tw}\mathtt{Gra}_n^{\circlearrowleft}$. Indeed, if we go back to the definition of the differential in a twisted comodule (Eq. (11)), we see that the Maurer–Cartan element μ (Eq. (18)) only acts on the right of the graph. Therefore, there is no term to cancel out the contraction of such edges, as was the case in $\operatorname{Tw}\mathtt{Gra}_n$ (see the discussion in Sect. 1.6 about the differential). In Eq. (28), the only edge would not be considered as contractible in $\operatorname{Tw}\mathtt{Gra}_n$ if we forgot the labels, but it is in $\operatorname{Tw}\mathtt{Gra}_R$.

Finally, the comodule structure is similar to the cooperad structure of $\operatorname{Tw}\mathtt{Gra}_n^{\circlearrowleft}$: for $\Gamma \in \mathtt{Gra}_R^{\circlearrowleft}(U \sqcup I) \subset \operatorname{Tw}\mathtt{Gra}_R^{\circlearrowleft}(U)$, the cocomposition $\circ_W^{\vee}(\Gamma)$ is the sum over tensors of the type $\pm\Gamma_{U/W} \otimes \Gamma_W$, where $\Gamma_{U/W} \in \mathtt{Gra}_R^{\circlearrowleft}(U/W \sqcup J)$, $\Gamma_W \in \mathtt{Gra}_n(W \sqcup J')$, $J \sqcup J' = I$, and there exists a way of inserting Γ_W in the vertex $*$ of $\Gamma_{U/W}$ and reconnecting edges to get Γ back. See the following example of cocomposition $\circ_{\{1\}}^{\vee} : \operatorname{Tw}\mathtt{Gra}_R(\underline{1}) \to \operatorname{Tw}\mathtt{Gra}_R(\underline{1}) \otimes \operatorname{Tw}\mathtt{Gra}_R(\underline{1})$, where $x, y \in R$:



Lemma 29 *The subspace* $\operatorname{Tw}\mathtt{Gra}_R(U) \subset \operatorname{Tw}\mathtt{Gra}_R^{\circlearrowleft}(U)$ *spanned by graphs with no loops is a sub-CDGA.*

Proof It is clear that this defines a subalgebra. We need to check that it is preserved by the differential, i.e. that the differential cannot create new loops if there are none in a graph. This is clear for the internal differential coming from R and for the splitting part of the differential. The contracting part of the differential could create a loop from a double edge. However for even

n multiple edges are zero for degree reasons, and for odd n loops are zero because of the antisymmetry relation (see Remark 21). □

Note that despite the notation, $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_R$ is a priori not defined as the twisting of the $\mathtt{Gra}_n$-comodule $\mathtt{Gra}_R$: when $\chi(M) \neq 0$, the collection $\mathtt{Gra}_R$ is not even a $\mathtt{Gra}_n$-comodule. However, the following proposition is clear and shows that we can get away with this abuse of notation:

Proposition 30 *If $\chi(M) = 0$, then $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_R$ assembles to a right Hopf $(\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n)$-comodule, isomorphic to the twisting of the right Hopf $\mathtt{Gra}_n$-comodule $\mathtt{Gra}_R$ of Definition 23.* □

Remark 31 We could have defined the algebra $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_R$ explicitly in terms of graphs, and defined the differential d using an ad-hoc formula. The difficult part would have then been to check that $d^2 = 0$ (involving difficult signs), which is a consequence of the general operadic twisting framework.

3.5 The map $\omega : \mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_R \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M)$

This section is dedicated to the proof of the following proposition.

Proposition 32 *There is a morphism of collections of CDGAs $\omega : \mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_R \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(FM_M)$ extending ω', given on a graph $\Gamma \in \mathtt{Gra}_R(U \sqcup I) \subset \mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_R(U)$ by:*

$$\omega(\Gamma) := \int_{p_U : FM_M(U \sqcup I) \to FM_M(U)} \omega'(\Gamma) = (p_U)_*(\omega'(\Gamma)).$$

Moreover, if M is framed, then this defines a morphism of Hopf right comodules:

$$(\omega, \omega) : (\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_R, \mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n) \to (\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(FM_M), \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(FM_n)).$$

Recall that in general, it is not possible to consider integrals along fibers of arbitrary PA forms, see [23, Section 9.4]. However, here, the image of σ is included in the sub-CDGA of trivial forms in $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(M)$, and the propagator is a trivial form (see Proposition 25), therefore the integral $(p_U)_*(\omega'(\Gamma))$ exists.

The proof of the compatibility with the Hopf structure and, in the framed case, the comodule structure, is formally similar to the proof of the same facts about $\omega : \mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_n)$. We refer to [34, Sections 9.2, 9.5]. The proof is exactly the same proof, but writing $\mathtt{FM}_M$ or $\mathtt{FM}_n$ instead of $C[-]$ and φ instead of $\mathrm{vol}_{S^{n-1}}$ in every relevant sentence, and recalling that when M is framed, we choose φ such that $\circ_{\underline{2}}^{\vee}(\varphi) = 1 \otimes \mathrm{vol}_{S^{n-1}}$.

The proof that ω is a chain map is different albeit similar. We recall Stokes' formula for integrals along fibers of semi-algebraic bundles. If $\pi : E \to B$ is a semi-algebraic bundle, the fiberwise boundary $\pi^\partial : E^\partial \to B$ is the bundle with

$$E^\partial := \bigcup_{b \in B} \partial \pi^{-1}(b).$$

Remark 33 The space E^∂ is neither ∂E nor $\bigcup_{b \in B} \pi^{-1}(b) \cap \partial E$ in general. (Consider for example the projection on the first coordinate $[0, 1]^{\times 2} \to [0, 1]$.)

Stokes' formula, in the semi-algebraic context, is [23, Proposition 8.12]:

$$d\left(\int_{\pi : E \to B} \alpha\right) = \int_{\pi : E \to B} d\alpha \pm \int_{\pi^\partial : E^\partial \to B} \alpha_{|E^\partial}.$$

If we apply this formula to compute $d\omega(\Gamma)$, we find that the first term is:

$$\int_{p_U} d\omega'(\Gamma) = \int_{p_U} \omega'(d_R \Gamma + d_{\text{split}} \Gamma) = \omega(d_R \Gamma + d_{\text{split}} \Gamma), \tag{29}$$

since ω' was a chain map. It thus remain to check that the second term satisfies:

$$\int_{p_U^\partial : \mathtt{FM}_M^\partial(U \sqcup I) \to \mathtt{FM}_M(U)} \omega'(\Gamma) = \int_{p_U} \omega'(d_{\text{contr}} \Gamma) = \omega(d_{\text{contr}} \Gamma).$$

The fiberwise boundary of the projection $p_U : \mathtt{FM}_n(U \sqcup I) \to \mathtt{FM}_n(U)$ is rather complex [34, Section 5.7], essentially due to the quotient by the affine group in the definition of $\mathtt{FM}_n$ which lowers dimensions. We will not repeat its explicit decomposition into cells as we do not need it here.

The fiberwise boundary of $p_U : \mathtt{FM}_M(U \sqcup I) \to \mathtt{FM}_M(U)$ is simpler. Our definitions mimick the description of [34, Section 5.7]. Let $V = U \sqcup I$. The interior of $\mathtt{FM}_M(U)$ is the space $\mathrm{Conf}_U(M)$, and thus $\mathtt{FM}_M^\partial(V)$ is the closure of $(\partial \mathtt{FM}_M(V)) \cap \pi^{-1}(\mathrm{Conf}_U(M))$. Let the set of "boundary faces" be given by:

$$\mathcal{BF}_M(V, U) = \{W \subset V \mid \#W \geq 2 \text{ and } \#W \cap U \leq 1\}.$$

This set indexes the strata of the fiberwise boundary of p_U. The idea is that a configuration is in the fiberwise boundary iff it is obtained by an insertion map $\circ_W$ with $W \in \mathcal{BF}_M(V, U)$. In the description of $\mathtt{FM}_n^\partial(V)$, similar boundary faces, denoted $\mathcal{BF}(V, U)$, appear. But there, there was an additional part which corresponds to $U \subset W$. Unlike the case of $\mathtt{FM}_n$, for $\mathtt{FM}_M$ the image of

$p_U(- \circ_W -)$ is always included in the boundary of $\mathtt{FM}_M(U)$ when $U \subset W$. We follow a pattern similar to the one used in the proof of [34, Proposition 5.7.1].

Lemma 34 *The subspace $\mathtt{FM}_M^\partial(V) \subset \mathtt{FM}_M(V)$ is equal to:*

$$\bigcup_{W \in \mathcal{BF}_M(V,U)} \mathrm{im}\big(\circ_W : \mathtt{FM}_M(V/W) \times \mathtt{FM}_n(W) \to \mathtt{FM}_M(V)\big).$$

Proof Let cls denote the closure operator. Since $\mathrm{Conf}_U(M)$ is the interior of $\mathtt{FM}_M(U)$ and $p : \mathtt{FM}_M(V) \to \mathtt{FM}_M(U)$ is a bundle, it follows that the fiberwise boundary $\mathtt{FM}_M^\partial$ is obtained as the closure of the preimage of the interior (see the corresponding statement in the proof of [34, Proposition 5.7.1]), i.e.:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathtt{FM}_M^\partial(V) &= \mathrm{cls}\left(\mathtt{FM}_M^\partial(V) \cap p^{-1}(\mathrm{Conf}_U(M))\right)\\ &= \mathrm{cls}\left(\partial\mathtt{FM}_M(V) \cap p^{-1}(\mathrm{Conf}_U(M))\right).\end{aligned}$$

The boundary $\partial\mathtt{FM}_M(V)$ is the union of the subsets $\mathrm{im}(\circ_W)$ for $\#W \geq 2$ (note that the case $W = V$ is included, unlike for $\mathtt{FM}_n$). If $\#W \cap U \geq 2$, which is equivalent to $W \notin \mathcal{BF}_M(V,U)$, then $\mathrm{im}(p_U(- \circ_W -)) \subset \partial\mathtt{FM}_M(U)$, because if a configuration belongs to this image then at least two points of U are infinitesimally close. Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathrm{cls}\big(\partial\mathtt{FM}_M(V) \cap p^{-1}(\mathrm{Conf}_U(M))\big) &= \mathrm{cls}\Big(\bigcup_{\#W \geq 2} \mathrm{im}(\circ_W) \cap p^{-1}(\mathrm{Conf}_U(M))\Big)\\ &= \mathrm{cls}\Big(\bigcup_{\#W \in \mathcal{BF}_M(V,U)} \mathrm{im}(\circ_W) \cap p^{-1}(\mathrm{Conf}_U(M))\Big)\\ &= \bigcup_{W \in \mathcal{BF}_M(V,U)} \mathrm{cls}\big(\mathrm{im}(\circ_W) \cap p^{-1}(\mathrm{Conf}_U(M))\big)\\ &= \bigcup_{W \in \mathcal{BF}_M(V,U)} \mathrm{im}(\circ_W).\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 35 *For a given graph $\Gamma \in \mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_R(U)$, the integral over the fiberwise boundary is given by:*

$$\int_{p_U^\partial} \omega'(\Gamma)_{|\mathtt{FM}_M^\partial(V)} = \omega(d_{\mathrm{contr}}\Gamma).$$

Proof The maps $\circ_W : \mathtt{FM}_M(V/W) \times \mathtt{FM}_n(W) \to \mathtt{FM}_M(V)$ are smooth injective maps and their domains are compact, thus they are homeomorphisms onto their images. Recall that $\#W \geq 2$ for $W \in \mathcal{BF}_M(V, U)$; hence $\dim \mathtt{FM}_n(W) = n\#W - n - 1$. The dimension of the image of $\circ_W$ is then:

$$\begin{aligned}\dim \operatorname{im}(\circ_W) &= \dim \mathtt{FM}_M(V/W) + \dim \mathtt{FM}_n(W)\\ &= n\#(V/W) + (n\#W - n - 1)\\ &= n\#V - 1,\end{aligned}$$

i.e. the image is of codimension 1 in $\mathtt{FM}_M(V)$. It is also easy to check that if $W \neq W'$, then $\operatorname{im}(\circ_W) \cap \operatorname{im}(\circ_{W'})$ is of codimension strictly bigger than 1.

We now fix $W \in \mathcal{BF}_M(V, U)$. Since $\#W \cap U \leq 1$, the composition $U \subset V \to V/W$ is injective and identifies U with a subset of V/W. There is then a forgetful map $p'_U : \mathtt{FM}_M(V/W) \to \mathtt{FM}_M(U)$. We then have a commutative diagram:

$$\begin{tikzcd} \mathtt{FM}_M(V/W) \times \mathtt{FM}_n(W) \arrow[r, "p_1"] \arrow[d, "\circ_W"] & \mathtt{FM}_M(V/W) \arrow[d, "p'_U"] \\ \mathtt{FM}_M(V) \arrow[r, "p_U"] & \mathtt{FM}_M(U) \end{tikzcd} . \tag{30}$$

It follows that $p_U(- \circ_W -) = p'_U \circ p_1$ is the composite of two semi-algebraic bundles, hence it is a semi-algebraic bundle itself [23, Proposition 8.5]. Combined with the fact about codimensions above, we can therefore apply the summation formula [23, Proposition 8.11]:

$$\int_{p_U^{\partial}} \omega'(\Gamma) = \sum_{W \in \mathcal{BF}_M(V,U)} \int_{p_U(-\circ_W -)} \omega'(\Gamma)_{|\mathtt{FM}_M(V/W)\times \mathtt{FM}_n(W)}. \tag{31}$$

Now we can directly adapt the proof of Lambrechts and Volic. For a fixed W, by [23, Proposition 8.13], the corresponding summand is equal to $\pm\omega(\Gamma_{V/W}) \cdot \int_{\mathtt{FM}_n(W)} \omega'(\Gamma_W)$, where

- $\Gamma_{V/W} \in \operatorname{Tw} \mathtt{Gra}_R(U)$ is the graph with W collapsed to a vertex and $U \hookrightarrow V/W$ is identified with its image;
- $\Gamma_W \in \operatorname{Tw} \mathtt{Gra}_n(W)$ is the full subgraph of Γ with vertices W and the labels removed.

The vanishing lemmas in the proof of Lambrechts and Volic then imply that the integral $\int_{\mathtt{FM}_n(W)} \omega'(\Gamma_W)$ is zero unless Γ_W is the graph with exactly two vertices and one edge, in which case the integral is equal to 1. In this case, $\Gamma_{V/W}$ is the graph Γ with one edge connecting an internal vertex to some other vertex collapsed. The sum runs over all such edges, and dealing with signs carefully we see that Eq. (31) is precisely equal to $\omega(d_{\text{contr}}\Gamma)$. □

We can now finish proving Proposition 32. We combine Eq. (29) and Lemma 35, and apply Stokes' formula to $d\omega(\Gamma)$ to show that it is equal to $\omega(d\Gamma) = \omega(d_R\Gamma + d_{\text{split}}\Gamma) + \omega(d_{\text{contr}}\Gamma)$.

3.6 Reduced labeled graphs: $\mathtt{Graphs}_R$

The last step in the construction of $\mathtt{Graphs}_R$ is the reduction of $\operatorname{Tw}\mathtt{Gra}_R$ so that it has the right cohomology. We borrow the terminology of Campos–Willwacher [6] for the next two definitions.

Definition 36 The *full graph complex* fGC_R is the CDGA $\operatorname{Tw}\mathtt{Gra}_R(\varnothing)$. It consists of labeled graphs with only internal vertices, and the product is disjoint union of graphs.

Remark 37 The adjective "full" refers to the fact that graphs are possibly disconnected and have vertices of any valence in fGC_R.

As an algebra, fGC_R is free and generated by connected graphs. In general we will call *internal components* the connected components of a graph that only contain internal vertices. The full graph complex naturally acts on $\operatorname{Tw}\mathtt{Gra}_R(U)$ by adding extra internal components.

Definition 38 The *partition function* $Z_\varphi : \mathrm{fGC}_R \to \mathbb{R}$ is the restriction of $\omega : \operatorname{Tw}\mathtt{Gra}_R \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M)$ to $\mathrm{fGC}_R = \operatorname{Tw}\mathtt{Gra}_R(\varnothing) \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M(\varnothing)) = \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathrm{pt}) = \mathbb{R}$.

Remark 39 The expression "partition function" comes from the mathematical physics literature, more specifically Chern–Simons invariant theory, where it refers to the partition function of a quantum field theory.

By the double-pushforward formula [23, Proposition 8.13] and Fubini's theorem [23, Proposition 8.15], Z_φ is an algebra morphism and

$$\forall \gamma \in \mathrm{fGC}_R, \forall \Gamma \in \operatorname{Tw}\mathtt{Gra}_R(U),\ \omega(\gamma \cdot \Gamma) = Z_\varphi(\gamma) \cdot \omega(\Gamma). \tag{32}$$

Definition 40 Let $\mathbb{R}_\varphi$ be the fGC_R-module of dimension 1 induced by $Z_\varphi : \mathrm{fGC}_R \to \mathbb{R}$. The *reduced graph comodule* $\mathtt{Graphs}^\varphi_R$ is the tensor product:

$$\mathtt{Graphs}^\varphi_R(U) := \mathbb{R}_\varphi \otimes_{\mathrm{fGC}_R} \operatorname{Tw}\mathtt{Gra}_R(U).$$

In other words, a graph of the type $\Gamma \sqcup \gamma$ containing an internal component $\gamma \in \mathrm{fGC}_R$ is identified with $Z_\varphi(\gamma) \cdot \Gamma$. It is spanned by representative classes of graphs with no internal connected component; we call such graphs *reduced*. The notation is meant to evoke the fact that $\mathtt{Graphs}^\varphi_R$ depends on the choice of the propagator φ, unlike the collection $\mathtt{Graphs}^\varepsilon_R$ that will appear in Sect. 4.1.

Proposition 41 *The map* $\omega : \mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_R(U) \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M(U))$ *defined in Proposition 32 factors through the quotient defining* $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varphi}_R$.

If $\chi(M) = 0$, *then* $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varphi}_R$ *forms a Hopf right* $\mathtt{Graphs}_n$*-comodule. If moreover* M *is framed, then the map* ω *defines a Hopf right comodule morphism.*

Proof Equation (32) immediately implies that ω factors through the quotient.

The vanishing lemmas shows that if $\Gamma \in \mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n(U)$ has internal components, then $\omega(\Gamma)$ vanishes by [34, Lemma 9.3.7], so it is straightforward to check that if $\chi(M) = 0$, then $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varphi}_R$ becomes a Hopf right comodule over $\mathtt{Graphs}_n$. It is also clear that for M framed, the quotient map ω remains a Hopf right comodule morphism. □

Proposition 42 ([7, Lemma 3]) *The propagator* φ *can be chosen such that the following additional property (P4) holds:*

$$\int_{p_1:\mathtt{FM}_M(\underline{2})\to\mathtt{FM}_M(\underline{1})=M} p_2^*(\sigma(x)) \wedge \varphi = 0, \ \forall x \in R. \tag{P4}$$

From now on and until the end, we assume that φ satisfies (P4).

Remark 43 The additional property (P5) of the paper mentioned above would be helpful in order to get a direct morphism $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varphi}_R \to \mathtt{G}_A$, because then the partition function would vanish on all connected graphs with at least two vertices. However we run into difficulties when trying to adapt the proof in the setting of PA forms, mainly due to the lack of an operator d_M acting on $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(M \times N)$ differentiating "only in the first slot".

Corollary 44 *The morphism* ω *vanishes on graphs containing univalent internal vertices.*

Proof Let $\Gamma \in \mathtt{Gra}_R(U \sqcup I) \subset \mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_R(U)$ be a graph with a univalent internal vertex $u \in I$, labeled by x, and let v be the only vertex connected to u. Let $\tilde{\Gamma}$ be the full subgraph of Γ on the set of vertices $U \sqcup I \backslash \{u\}$. Then using [23, Propositions 8.10 and 8.15] (in a way similar to the end of the proof of [34, Lemma 9.3.8]), we find:

$$\begin{aligned}
\omega(\Gamma) &= \int_{\mathtt{FM}_M(U\sqcup I)\to\mathtt{FM}_M(U)} \omega'(\Gamma) \\
&= \int_{\mathtt{FM}_M(U\sqcup I)\to\mathtt{FM}_M(U)} \omega'(\tilde{\Gamma}) p_{uv}^*(\varphi) p_u^*(\sigma(x)) \\
&= \int_{\mathtt{FM}_M(U\sqcup I\backslash\{u\})\to\mathtt{FM}_M(U)} \omega'(\tilde{\Gamma}) \\
&\quad \wedge p_v^* \left(\int_{\mathtt{FM}_M(\{u,v\})\to\mathtt{FM}_M(\{v\})} p_{uv}^*(\varphi) p_u^*(\sigma(x)) \right),
\end{aligned}$$

which vanishes by (P4) in Proposition 42. □

Almost everything we have done so far works in full generality. We now prove a fact which sets a class of manifolds apart.

Proposition 45 *Assume that M is simply connected and that* $\dim M \geq 4$. *Then the partition function Z_φ vanishes on any connected graph with no bivalent vertices labeled by 1_R and containing at least two vertices.*

Remark 46 If $\gamma \in \mathrm{fGC}_R$ has only one vertex, labeled by x, then $Z_\varphi(\gamma) = \int_M \sigma(x)$ which can be nonzero.

Proof Let $\gamma \in \mathrm{fGC}_R$ be a connected graph with at least two vertices and no bivalent vertices labeled by 1_R. By Corollary 44, we can assume that all the vertices of γ are at least bivalent. By hypothesis, if a vertex is bivalent then it is labeled by an element of $R^{>0} = R^{\geq 2}$.

Let $k = i + j$ be the number of vertices of γ, with i vertices that are at least trivalent and j vertices that are bivalent and labeled by $R^{\geq 2}$. It follows that γ has at least $\frac{1}{2}(3i + 2j)$ edges, all of degree $n - 1$. Since bivalent vertices are labeled by $R^{\geq 2}$, their labels contribute by at least $2j$ to the degree of γ. The (internal) vertices contribute by $-kn$ to the degree, and the other labels have a nonnegative contribution. Thus:

$$\begin{aligned}\deg\gamma &\geq \left(\frac{3}{2}i + j\right)(n-1) + 2j - kn = \left(\frac{3}{2}k - \frac{3}{2}j + j\right)(n-1) + 2j - kn \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\big(k(n-3) - j(n-5)\big).\end{aligned}$$

This last number is always positive for $0 \leq j \leq k$: it is an affine function of j, and it is positive when $j = 0$ and $j = k$ (recall that $n \geq 4$). The degree of $\gamma \in \mathrm{fGC}_R$ must be zero for the integral defining $Z_\varphi(\gamma)$ to be the integral of a top form of $\mathtt{FM}_M(\underline{k})$ and hence possibly nonzero. But by the above computation, $\deg\gamma > 0 \implies Z_\varphi(\gamma) = 0$. □

Remark 47 When $n = 3$, the manifold M is the 3-sphere S^3 by Perelman's proof of the Poincaré conjecture [41,42]. The partition function Z_φ is conjectured to be trivial on S^3 for a proper choice of framing, thus bypassing the need for the above degree counting argument. See also Proposition 80.

We will also need the following technical property of fGC_R.

Lemma 48 *The* CDGA fGC_R *is cofibrant.*

Proof We filter fGC_R by the number of edges, defining $F_s\mathrm{fGC}_R$ to be the submodule of fGC_R spanned by graphs of γ such that all the connected components γ have at most s edges. The differential of fGC_R can only decrease (d_{split}

and d_{contr}) or leave constant (d_R) the number of edges. Moreover $F_s\mathrm{fGC}_R$ is clearly stable under products (disjoint unions), hence $F_s\mathrm{fGC}_R$ is a sub-CDGA of fGC_R. It is also clear that $\mathrm{fGC}_R = \operatorname{colim}_s F_s\mathrm{fGC}_R$. We will prove that $F_0\mathrm{fGC}_R$ is cofibrant, and that each $F_s\mathrm{fGC}_R \subset F_{s+1}\mathrm{fGC}_R$ is a cofibration.

The CDGA $F_0\mathrm{fGC}_R$ is the free CDGA on graphs with a single vertex labeled by R. In other words, $F_0\mathrm{fGC}_R = S(R, d_R)$ is the free symmetric algebra on the dg-module R, and any free symmetric algebra on a dg-module is cofibrant.

Let us now show that $F_s\mathrm{fGC}_R \subset F_{s+1}\mathrm{fGC}_R$ is a cofibration for any $s \geq 0$. We will show that it is in fact a "relative Sullivan algebra" [13, Section 14]. As a CDGA, we have $F_{s+1}\mathrm{fGC}_R = (F_s\mathrm{fGC}_R \otimes S(V_{s+1}), d)$, where V_{s+1} is the graded module of connected graphs with exactly $s+1$ edges. Let us now show the Sullivan condition.

Recall that R is obtained from the minimal model of M by a relative Sullivan extension, hence it is itself a Sullivan algebra [13, Section 12]. In other words, $R = (S(W), d)$ where W is increasingly and exhaustively filtered by $W(-1) = 0 \subset \cdots \subset W(t) \subset \cdots \subset W$ such that $d(W(t)) \subset S(W(t-1))$. This induces a filtration on R by defining $R(t) := \bigoplus_{t_1+\cdots+t_r=t} \big(V(t_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes V(t_r)\big)_{\Sigma_r}$.

This in turns induces an increasing and exhaustive filtration on V_{s+1} by submodules $V_{s+1}(t)$ as follows. A connected graph $\gamma \in V_{s+1}$ is in $V_{s+1}(t)$ if each label $x_i \in R$ of a vertex of γ belongs to the filtration $R(t_i)$ such that $\sum t_i = t$. It is then immediate to check that $d(V_{s+1}(t+1)) \subset V_s \otimes S(V_{s+1}(t))$. Indeed, if $\gamma \in V_{s+1}(t+1)$, then $d_{\text{split}}\gamma$ and $d_{\text{contr}}\gamma \in V_s$, because both strictly decrease the number of edges. And $d_R\gamma \in V_{s+1}(t)$ because the internal differential of R decreases the filtration of R. □

4 From the model to forms via graphs

In this section we connect $\mathtt{G}_A$ to $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M)$ and we prove that the connecting morphisms are quasi-isomorphisms. We assume that M is a simply connected closed smooth manifold with $\dim M \geq 4$ (see Proposition 45).

4.1 Construction of the morphism to $\mathtt{G}_A$

Proposition 49 *For each finite set U, there is a CDGA morphism $\rho'_* : \mathtt{Gra}_R(U) \to \mathtt{G}_A(U)$ given by ρ on the $R^{\otimes U}$ factor and sending the generators e_{uv} to ω_{uv} on the $\mathtt{Gra}_n$ factor. When $\chi(M) = 0$, this defines a Hopf right comodule morphism $(\mathtt{Gra}_R, \mathtt{Gra}_n) \to (\mathtt{G}_A, e_n^\vee)$.* □

If we could find a propagator for which property (P5) held (see Remark 43), then we could just send all graphs containing internal vertices to zero and obtain an extension $\mathtt{Graphs}_R^\varphi \to \mathtt{G}_A$. Since we cannot assume that (P5)

holds, the definition of the extension is more complex. However we still have Proposition 45, and homotopically speaking, graphs with bivalent vertices are irrelevant.

Definition 50 Let fGC_R^0 be the quotient of fGC_R defined by identifying a disconnected vertex labeled by x with the number $\varepsilon_A(\rho(x))$.

Lemma 51 *The subspace $I \subset \mathrm{fGC}_R^0$ spanned by graphs with at least one univalent vertex, or at least one bivalent vertex labeled by 1_R, or at least one label in $\ker(\rho : R \to A)$, is a CDGA ideal.*

Proof It is clear that I is an algebra ideal. Let us prove that it is a differential ideal. If one of the labels of Γ is in $\ker \rho$, then so do all the summands of $d\Gamma$, because $\ker \rho$ is a CDGA ideal of R.

If Γ contains a bivalent vertex u labeled by 1_R, then so does $d_R\Gamma$. In $d_{\mathrm{split}}\Gamma$, splitting one of the two edges connected to u produces a univalent vertex and hence vanishes in fGC_R^0 because the label is 1_R. In $d_{\mathrm{contr}}\Gamma$, the contraction of the two edges connected to u cancel each other.

Finally let us prove that if Γ has a univalent vertex u, then $d\Gamma$ lies in I. It is clear that $d_R\Gamma \in I$. Contracting or splitting the only edge connected to the univalent vertex could remove the univalent vertex. Let us prove that these two summands cancel each other up to $\ker \rho$.

It is helpful to consider the case pictured in Eq. (28). Let y be the label of the univalent vertex u, and let x be the label of the only vertex incident to u. Contracting the edge yields a new vertex labeled by xy. Due to the definition of fGC_R^0, splitting the edge yields a new vertex labeled by $\alpha := \sum_{(\Delta_R)} \varepsilon(\rho(x\Delta_R'')) y \Delta_R'$. We thus have $\rho(\alpha) = \rho(x) \cdot \sum_{(\Delta_A)} \pm\varepsilon_A(\rho(y)\Delta_A'')\Delta_A'$.

It is a standard property of the diagonal class that $\sum_{(\Delta_A)} \pm\varepsilon_A(a\Delta_A'')\Delta_A' = a$ for all $a \in A$ (this property is a direct consequence of the definition in Eq. (21)). Applied to $a = \rho(y)$, it follows from the previous equation that $\rho(\alpha) = \pm\rho(xy)$; examining the signs, this summand cancels from the summand that comes from contracting the edge. □

Definition 52 The algebra fGC_R' is the quotient of fGC_R^0 by the ideal I.

Note that fGC_R' is also free as an algebra, with generators given by connected graphs with no isolated vertices, nor univalent vertices, nor bivalent vertices labeled by 1_R, and where the labels lie in $R/\ker(\rho) = A$.

Definition 53 A circular graph is a graph in the shape of a circle and where all vertices are labeled by 1_R, i.e. graphs of the type $e_{12}e_{23}\dots e_{(k-1)k}e_{k1}$. Let $\mathrm{fLoop}_R \subset \mathrm{fGC}_R^0$ be the submodule spanned by graphs whose connected components either have univalent vertices or are equal to a circular graphs.

Lemma 54 *The submodule* fLoop_R *is a sub-CDGA of* fGC^0_R.

Proof The submodule fLoop_R is stable under products (disjoint union) by definition, so we just need to check that it is stable under the differential. Thanks to the proof of Lemma 51, in fGC^0_R, if a graph contains a univalent vertex, then so do all the summands of its differential. On a circular graph, the internal differential of R vanish, because all labels are equal to 1_R. Contracting an edge in a circular graph yields another circular graph, and splitting an edge yields a graph with univalent vertices, which belongs to fLoop_R. □

Proposition 55 *The sequence* $\mathrm{fLoop}_R \to \mathrm{fGC}^0_R \to \mathrm{fGC}'_R$ *is a homotopy cofiber sequence of CDGAs.*

Proof The CDGA fGC^0_R is freely generated by connected labeled graphs with at least two vertices. It is a quasi-free extension of fLoop_R by the algebra generated by graphs that are not circular and that do not contain any univalent vertices. The homotopy cofiber of the inclusion $\mathrm{fLoop}_R \to \mathrm{fGC}^0_R$ is this algebra fGC''_R, generated by graphs that are not circular and do not contain any univalent vertices, together with a differential induced by the quotient $\mathrm{fGC}^0_R/(\mathrm{fLoop}_R)$.

Let us note that the quotient map $\mathrm{fGC}^0_R \to \mathrm{fGC}'_R = \mathrm{fGC}^0_R/I$ vanishes on fLoop_R, because fLoop_R is included in R. Thus we have a diagram:

$$\begin{tikzcd}
0 \arrow[r] & \mathrm{fLoop}_R \arrow[r, hook] \arrow[d, hook] & \mathrm{fGC}^0_R \arrow[r, two heads] \arrow[d, equal] & \mathrm{fGC}''_R := \mathrm{fGC}^0_R/\mathrm{fLoop}_R \arrow[r] \arrow[d, two heads] & 0 \\
0 \arrow[r] & I \arrow[r, hook] & \mathrm{fGC}^0_R \arrow[r, two heads] & \mathrm{fGC}'_R := \mathrm{fGC}^0_R/I \arrow[r] & 0
\end{tikzcd}$$

Let us prove that the morphism $\mathrm{fGC}''_R \to \mathrm{fGC}'_R$ is a quasi-isomorphism. Define an increasing filtration on both algebras by letting $F_s\mathrm{fGC}'_R$ (resp. $F_s\mathrm{fGC}''_R$) be the submodule spanned by graphs Γ such that #edges − #vertices $\leq s$. The splitting part of the differential strictly decreases the filtration, so only d_R and d_{contr} remain on the first page of the associated spectral sequences.

One can then filter by the number of edges. On the first page of the spectral sequence associated to this new filtration, there is only the internal differential d_R. Thus on the second page, the vertices are labeled by $H^*(R) = H^*(M)$. The contracting part of the differential decreases the new filtration by exactly one, and so on the second page we see all of d_{contr}.

We can now adapt the proof of [53, Proposition 3.4] to show that on the part of the complex with bivalent vertices, only the circular graphs contribute to the cohomology (we work dually so we consider a quotient instead of an ideal, but the idea is the same). To adapt the proof, one must see the labels of positive degree as formally adding one to the valence of the vertex, thus "breaking" a line of bivalent vertices. These labels break the symmetry (recall

the coinvariants in the definition of the twisting) that allow cohomology classes to be produced. □

Corollary 56 *The morphism* $Z_\varphi : \mathrm{fGC}_R \to \mathbb{R}$ *factors through* fGC'_R *in the homotopy category of* CDGAs.

Proof Let us show that Z_φ is homotopic to zero when restricted to the ideal defining $\mathrm{fGC}'_R = \mathrm{fGC}^0_R/I$ as a quotient of fGC_R. Up to rescaling ε_A by a real coefficient, we may assume that $\varepsilon_A \rho(-)$ and $\int_M \sigma(-)$ are homotopic, which induces a homotopy (by derivations) on the sub-CDGA of graphs with no edges. Hence Z_φ is homotopic to zero when restricted to the ideal defining fGC^0_R from fGC_R. Moreover the map Z_φ vanishes on graphs with univalent vertices by Corollary 44. The degree of a circular graph with k vertices is $-k < 0$ (recall that all the labels are 1_R in a circular graph), but Z_φ vanishes on graphs of nonzero degree. Hence Z_φ vanishes on the connected graphs appearing in the definition of fLoop_R. Therefore, in the homotopy category of CDGAs, Z_φ factors through the homotopy cofiber of the inclusion $\mathrm{fLoop}_R \to \mathrm{fGC}^0_R$, which is quasi-isomorphic to fGC'_R by Proposition 55. □

The statement of the corollary is not concrete, as the "factorization" could go through a zigzag of maps. However, the CDGAs fGC_R and fGC'_R are both cofibrant (see Lemma 48 for fGC_R, whose proof can easily be adapted to fGC'_R). Recall from Sect. 1.1 the following definition of homotopy. Let $\pi : \mathrm{fGC}_R \to \mathrm{fGC}'_R$ be the quotient map. Recall that $A^*_{\mathrm{PL}}(\Delta^1) = S(t, dt)$ is a path object for the CDGA $\mathbb{R}$, and $\mathrm{ev}_0, \mathrm{ev}_1 : A^*_{\mathrm{PL}}(\Delta^1) \to \mathbb{R}$ are evaluation at $t = 0$ and $t = 1$. There exists some morphism $Z'_\varphi : \mathrm{fGC}'_R \to \mathbb{R}$ and some homotopy $h : \mathrm{fGC}_R \to A^*_{\mathrm{PL}}(\Delta^1)$ such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{tikzcd}
 & \mathrm{fGC}_R \arrow[dl, "Z_\varphi"'] \arrow[d, "h"] \arrow[dr, "Z'_\varphi \pi"] & \\
\mathbb{R} & A^*_{\mathrm{PL}}(\Delta^1) \arrow[l, "\mathrm{ev}_1"', "\sim"] \arrow[r, "\mathrm{ev}_0", "\sim"'] & \mathbb{R}
\end{tikzcd}$$

Definition 57 Let $A^*_{\mathrm{PL}}(\Delta^1)_h$ be the fGC_R-module induced by h, and let

$$\mathtt{Graphs}'_R(U) = A^*_{\mathrm{PL}}(\Delta^1)_h \otimes_{\mathrm{fGC}_R} \mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_R(U).$$

Definition 58 Let $Z_\varepsilon : \mathrm{fGC}_R \to \mathbb{R}$ be the algebra morphism that sends a graph γ with a single vertex labeled by $x \in R$ to $\varepsilon_A(\rho(x))$, and that vanishes on all the other connected graphs. Let $\mathbb{R}_\varepsilon$ be the one-dimensional fGC_R-module induced by Z_ε, and let

$$\mathtt{Graphs}^\varepsilon_R(U) = \mathbb{R}_\varepsilon \otimes_{\mathrm{fGC}_R} \mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_R(U).$$

Explicitly, in $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_R$, all internal components with at least two vertices are identified with zero, whereas an internal component with a single vertex labeled by $x \in R$ is identified with the number $\varepsilon_A(\rho(x))$.

Lemma 59 *The morphism $Z'_\varphi \pi$ is equal to Z_ε.*

Proof This is a rephrasing of Proposition 45. Using the same degree counting argument, all the connected graphs with more than one vertex in fGC'_R are of positive degree. Since $\mathbb{R}$ is concentrated in degree zero, $Z'_\varphi \pi$ must vanish on these graphs, just like Z_ε. Moreover the morphism $\pi : \mathrm{fGC}_R \to \mathrm{fGC}'_R = \mathrm{fGC}^0_R / I$ factors through fGC^0_R, where graphs γ with a single vertex are already identified with the numbers $Z_\varepsilon(\gamma)$. □

Proposition 60 *For each finite set U, we have a zigzag of quasi-isomorphisms of CDGAs:*

$$\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_R(U) \xleftarrow{\sim} \mathtt{Graphs}'_R(U) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathtt{Graphs}^{\varphi}_R(U).$$

If $\chi(M) = 0$, then $\mathtt{Graphs}'_R$ and $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_R$ are right Hopf $\mathtt{Graphs}_n$-comodules, and the zigzag defines a zigzag of Hopf right comodule morphisms.

Proof We have a commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_R(U) & \longleftarrow & \mathtt{Graphs}'_R(U) & \longrightarrow & \mathtt{Graphs}^{\varphi}_R(U) \\
\uparrow= & & \uparrow= & & \uparrow= \\
\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_R(U) \otimes_{\mathrm{fGC}_R} \mathbb{R}_\varepsilon & \xleftarrow{1\otimes \mathrm{ev}_1} & \mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_R(U) \otimes_{\mathrm{fGC}_R} A^*_{\mathrm{PL}}(\Delta^1)_h & \xrightarrow{1\otimes \mathrm{ev}_0} & \mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_R(U) \otimes_{\mathrm{fGC}_R} \mathbb{R}_\varphi
\end{array}$$

The fGC_R-module $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_R(U)$ is cofibrant. Indeed, it is quasi-free, because $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_R(U)$ is freely generated as a graded fGC_R-module by reduced graphs. Moreover, we can adapt the proof of Lemma 48 to filter the space of generators in an appropriate manner and show that $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_R(U)$ is cofibrant.

Therefore the functor $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_R(U) \otimes_{\mathrm{fGC}_R} (-)$ preserves quasi-isomorphisms. The two evaluation maps $\mathrm{ev}_0, \mathrm{ev}_1 : A^*_{\mathrm{PL}}(\Delta^1) \to \mathbb{R}$ are quasi-isomorphisms. It follows that all the maps in the diagram are quasi-isomorphisms.

If $\chi(M) = 0$, the proof that $\mathtt{Graphs}'_R$ and $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_R$ assemble to $\mathtt{Graphs}_n$-comodules is identical to the proof for $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varphi}_R$ (see Proposition 41). It is also clear that the two zigzags define morphisms of comodules: in $\mathtt{Graphs}_n$, as all internal components are identified with zero anyway. □

Proposition 61 *The CDGA morphisms $\rho'_* : \mathtt{Gra}_R(U) \to G_A(U)$ extend to CDGA morphisms $\rho_* : \mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_R(U) \to G_A(U)$ by sending all reduced graphs containing internal vertices to zero. If $\chi(M) = 0$ this extension defines a Hopf right comodule morphism.*

Proof The submodule of reduced graphs containing internal vertices is a multiplicative ideal and a cooperadic coideal, so all we are left to prove is that ρ_* is compatible with differentials. Since ρ'_* was a chain map, we must only prove that if Γ is a reduced graph with internal vertices, then $\rho_*(d\Gamma) = 0$.

If a summand of $d\Gamma$ still contains an internal vertex, then it is mapped to zero by definition of ρ_*. So we need to look for the summands of the differential that can remove all internal vertices at once.

The differential of R leaves the number of internal vertices constant, therefore if Γ already had an internal vertex, so do all the summands of $d_R\Gamma$. The contracting part d_{contr} of the differential decreases the number of internal vertices by exactly one, so let us assume that Γ has exactly one internal vertex. This vertex is at least univalent, as we consider reduced graphs. Then there are several cases to consider, depending of the valence of the internal vertex:

- if it is univalent, then the argument of Lemma 51 shows that contracting the incident edge cancels with the splitting part of the differential;
- if it is bivalent, the contracting part has two summands, and both cancel by the symmetry relation $\iota_u(a)\omega_{uv} = \iota_v(a)\omega_{uv}$ in Eq. (22);
- if it is at least trivalent, then we can use the symmetry relation $\iota_u(a)\omega_{uv} = \iota_v(a)\omega_{uv}$ to push all the labels on a single vertex, and we see that the sum of graphs that appear is obtained by the Arnold relation (see Fig. 1 for an example in the case of $\mathtt{Graphs}_n \to \mathtt{e}_n^\vee$).

Finally, the splitting part of the differential leaves the number of internal vertices constant, unless it splits off a whole connected component with only internal vertices, in which case the component is evaluated using the partition function Z_ε. If that connected component consists of a single internal vertex, then we saw in the previous item that splitting the edge connecting this univalent vertex to the rest of the graph cancels with the contraction of that edge. Otherwise, if the graph has more than one vertex, then by definition Z_ε vanishes on that graph. □

4.2 The morphisms are quasi-isomorphisms

In this section we prove that the morphisms constructed in Proposition 41 and Proposition 61 are quasi-isomorphisms, completing the proof of Theorem 3.

Let us recall our hypotheses and constructions. Let M be a simply connected closed smooth manifold of dimension at least 4. We endow M with a semi-algebraic structure (Sect. 1.3) and we consider the CDGA $\Omega^*_{\text{PA}}(M)$ of PA forms on M, which is a model for the real homotopy type of M. Recall that we fix a zigzag of quasi-isomorphisms of CDGAs $A \xleftarrow{\rho} R \xrightarrow{\sigma} \Omega^*_{\text{PA}}(M)$, where A is a Poincaré duality CDGA (Theorem 14), and σ factors through the quasi-isomorphic sub-CDGA of trivial forms.

Recall that $\varphi \in \Omega^{n-1}_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M(\underline{2}))$ is an (anti-)symmetric trivial form on the compactification of the configuration space of two points in M, whose restriction to the sphere bundle $\partial\mathtt{FM}_M(\underline{2})$ is a global angular form, and whose differential $d\varphi$ is a representative of the diagonal class of M (Proposition 25). Recall that we defined the graph complex $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varphi}_R(U)$ using reduced labeled graphs with internal and external vertices (Definition 40) and a partition function built from φ (Definition 38). We also defined the variants $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_R$ and $\mathtt{Graphs}'_R$ (Definitions 57 and 58).

Theorem 62 (Precise version of Theorem 3) *Let M be a simply connected closed smooth manifold of dimension at least* 4. *Using the notation recalled above, the following zigzag, where the maps were constructed in Proposition* 41, *Proposition* 60, *and Proposition* 61, *is a zigzag of quasi-isomorphisms of $\mathbb{Z}$-graded CDGAs for all finite sets U:*

$$\mathtt{G}_A(U) \xleftarrow{\sim} \mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_R(U) \xleftarrow{\sim} \mathtt{Graphs}'_R(U) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathtt{Graphs}^{\varphi}_R(U) \xrightarrow{\sim} \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M(U)).$$

If $\chi(M) = 0$, then the left-pointing maps form a quasi-isomorphism of Hopf right comodules:

$$(\mathtt{G}_A, e_n^\vee) \xleftarrow{\sim} (\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_R, \mathtt{Graphs}_n) \xleftarrow{\sim} (\mathtt{Graphs}'_R, \mathtt{Graphs}_n).$$

If moreover M is framed, then the right-pointing maps also form a quasi-isomorphism of Hopf right comodules:

$$(\mathtt{Graphs}'_R, \mathtt{Graphs}_n) \xrightarrow{\sim} (\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varphi}_R, \mathtt{Graphs}_n) \xrightarrow{\sim} (\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M), \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_n)).$$

The rest of the section is dedicated to the proof of this theorem. Let us give a roadmap of this proof. We first prove that $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_R(U) \to \mathtt{G}_A(U)$ is a quasi-isomorphism by an inductive argument on $\#U$ (Proposition 64). This involves setting up a spectral sequence so that we can reduce the argument to connected graphs. Then we use explicit homotopies in order to show that both complexes have cohomology of the same dimension, and we show that the morphism is surjective on cohomology by describing a section by explicit arguments. Then we prove that $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varphi}_R(U) \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M(U))$ is surjective on cohomology explicitly (Proposition 76). Since we know that $\mathtt{G}_A(U)$ and $\mathtt{FM}_M(U)$ have the same cohomology by the theorem of Lambrechts–Stanley [33, Theorem 10.1], this completes the proof that all the maps are quasi-isomorphisms. Compatibility with the various comodules structures was already shown in Sect. 3.

Lemma 63 *The morphisms $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_R(U) \to \mathtt{G}_A(U)$ factor through quasi-isomorphisms $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_R(U) \to \mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_A(U)$, where $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_A(U)$ is the CDGA obtained by modding graphs with a label in* $\ker(\rho : R \to A)$ *in $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_R(U)$.*

Proof The morphism $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_{R} \to \mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_{A}$ simply applies the surjective map $\rho : R \to A$ to all the labels. Hence $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_{R} \to \mathtt{G}_A$ factors through the quotient.

We can consider the spectral sequences associated to the filtrations of both $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_{R}$ and $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_{A}$ by the number of edges, and we obtain a morphism $\mathsf{E}^0\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_{R} \to \mathsf{E}^0\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_{A}$. On both E^0 pages, only the internal differentials coming from R and A remain. The chain map $R \to A$ is a quasi-isomorphism; hence we obtain an isomorphism on the E^1 page. By standard spectral sequence arguments, it follows that $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_{R} \to \mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_{A}$ is a quasi-isomorphism. □

The CDGA $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_{A}(U)$ has the same graphical description as the CDGA $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_{R}(U)$, except that now vertices are labeled by elements of A. An internal component with a single vertex labeled by $a \in A$ is identified with $\varepsilon(a)$, and an internal component with more than one vertex is identified with zero.

Proposition 64 *The morphism $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_{A} \to \mathtt{G}_A$ is a quasi-isomorphism.*

Before starting to prove this proposition, let us outline the different steps. We filter our complex in such a way that on the E^0 page, only the contracting part of the differential remains (such a technique was already used in the proof of Proposition 55). Using a splitting result, we can focus on connected graphs. Finally, we use a "trick" (Fig. 2) for moving labels around in a connected component, reducing ourselves to the case where only one vertex is labeled. We then get a chain map $A \otimes \mathtt{Graphs}_n \to A \otimes \mathsf{e}_n^{\vee}(U)$, which is a quasi-isomorphism thanks to the formality theorem.

Let us start with the first part of the outlined program, removing the splitting part of the differential from the picture. We now define an increasing filtration on $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_{A}$. The submodule $F_s\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_{A}$ is spanned by reduced graphs such that #edges − #vertices $\leq s$.

Lemma 65 *The above submodules define a filtration of $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_{A}$ by subcomplexes, satisfying $F_{-\#U-1}\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_{A}(U) = 0$ for each finite set U. The E^0 page of the spectral sequence associated to this filtration is isomorphic as a module to $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_{A}$. Under this isomorphism the differential d^0 is equal to $d_A + d'_{\mathrm{contr}}$, where d_A is the internal differential coming from A and d'_{contr} is the part of the differential that contracts all edges but edges connected to a univalent internal vertex.*

Proof Let Γ be an internally connected (Definition 11) reduced graph. If $\Gamma \in \mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_{A}(U)$ is the graph with no edges and no internal vertices, then it lives in filtration level $-\#U$. Adding edges can only increase the filtration. Since we consider reduced graphs (i.e. no internal components), each time we

add an internal vertex (decreasing the filtration) we must add at least one edge (bringing it back up). By induction on the number of internal vertices, each graph is of filtration at least $-\#U$.

Let us now prove that the differential preserves the filtration and check which parts remain on the associated graded complex. The internal differential d_A does not change either the number of edges nor the number of vertices and so keeps the filtration constant. The contracting part d_{contr} of the differential decreases both by exactly one, and so keeps the filtration constant too.

The splitting part d_{split} of the differential removes one edge. If the resulting graph is still connected, then nothing else changes and the filtration is decreased exactly by 1. If the resulting graph is not connected, then we get an internal component γ which was connected to the rest of the graph by a single edge, and was then split off and identified with a number in the process. If γ has a single vertex labeled by a (i.e. we split an edge connected to a univalent vertex), then this number is $\varepsilon(a)$, and the filtration is kept constant. Otherwise, the summand is zero (and so the filtration is obviously preserved).

In all cases, the differential preserves the filtration, and so we get a filtered chain complex. On the associated graded complex, the only remaining parts of the differential are d_A, d_{contr}, and the part that splits off edges connected to univalent vertices. But by the proof of Proposition 61 this last part cancels out with the part that contracts these edges connected to univalent vertices. □

The symmetric algebra $S(\omega_{uv})_{u\neq v\in U}$ has a weight grading by the word-length on the generators ω_{uv}. This induces a weight grading on $\mathsf{e}_n^\vee(U)$, because the ideal defining the relations is compatible with the weight grading. This grading in turn induces an increasing filtration $F'_s\mathsf{G}_A$ on G_A (the extra differential strictly decreases the weight). Define a shifted filtration on G_A by:

$$F_s\mathsf{G}_A(U) := F'_{s+\#U}\mathsf{G}_A(U).$$

Lemma 66 *The E^0 page of the spectral sequence associated to F_*G_A is isomorphic as a module to G_A. Under this isomorphism the d^0 differential is just the internal differential of A.* □

Lemma 67 *The morphism $\mathtt{Graphs}_A^\varepsilon \to \mathsf{G}_A$ preserves the filtration and induces a chain map $\mathsf{E}^0\mathtt{Graphs}_A^\varepsilon(U) \to \mathsf{E}^0\mathsf{G}_A(U)$, for each U. It maps reduced graphs with internal vertices to zero, an edge e_{uv} between external vertices to ω_{uv}, and a label a of an external vertex u to $\iota_u(a)$.*

Proof The morphism $\mathtt{Graphs}_A^\varepsilon(U) \to \mathsf{G}_A(U)$ preserves the filtration by construction. If a graph has internal vertices, then its image in $\mathsf{G}_A(U)$ is of strictly lower filtration unless the graph is a forest (i.e. a product of trees). But trees have leaves, therefore by Corollary 44 and the formula defining

$\mathtt{Graphs}_A^\varepsilon \to \mathtt{G}_A$ they are mapped to zero in $\mathtt{G}_A(U)$ anyway. It is clear that the rest of the morphism preserves filtrations exactly, and so is given on the associated graded complex as stated in the lemma. □

We now use arguments similar to [34, Lemma 8.3]. For a partition π of U, define the submodule $\mathtt{Graphs}_A^\varepsilon\langle\pi\rangle \subset \mathsf{E}^0\mathtt{Graphs}_A^\varepsilon(U)$ spanned by reduced graphs Γ such that the partition of U induced by the connected components of Γ is exactly π. In particular let $\mathtt{Graphs}_A^\varepsilon\langle\{U\}\rangle$ be the submodule of connected graphs, where $\{U\}$ is the indiscrete partition of U consisting of a single element.

Lemma 68 *For each partition π of U, $\mathtt{Graphs}_A^\varepsilon\langle\pi\rangle$ is a subcomplex of $\mathsf{E}^0\mathtt{Graphs}_A^\varepsilon(U)$, and $\mathsf{E}^0\mathtt{Graphs}_A^\varepsilon(U)$ splits as the sum over all partitions π:*

$$\mathsf{E}^0\mathtt{Graphs}_A^\varepsilon(U) = \bigoplus_\pi \bigotimes_{V\in\pi} \mathtt{Graphs}_A^\varepsilon\langle\{V\}\rangle.$$

Proof Since there is no longer any part of the differential that can split off connected components in $\mathsf{E}^0\mathtt{Graphs}_A^\varepsilon$, it is clear that $\mathtt{Graphs}_A^\varepsilon\langle\{U\}\rangle$ is a subcomplex. The splitting result is immediate. □

The complex $\mathsf{E}^0\mathtt{G}_A(U)$ splits in a similar fashion. For a monomial in $S(\omega_{uv})_{u\neq v\in U}$, say that u and v are "connected" if the term ω_{uv} appears in the monomial. Consider the equivalence relation generated by "u and v are connected". The monomial induces in this way a partition π of U, and this definition factors through the quotient defining $\mathtt{e}_n^\vee(U)$ (draw a picture of the 3-term relation). Finally, for a given monomial in $\mathtt{G}_A(U)$, the induced partition of U is still well-defined.

Thus for a given partition π of U, we can define $\mathtt{e}_n^\vee\langle\pi\rangle$ and $\mathtt{G}_A\langle\pi\rangle$ to be the submodules of $\mathtt{e}_n^\vee(U)$ and $\mathsf{E}^0\mathtt{G}_A(U)$ spanned by monomials inducing the partition π. It is a standard fact that $\mathtt{e}_n^\vee\langle\{U\}\rangle = \mathtt{Lie}_n^\vee(U)$, see [47]. The proof of the following lemma is similar to the proof of the previous lemma:

Lemma 69 *For each partition π of U, $G_A\langle\pi\rangle$ is a subcomplex of $\mathsf{E}^0G_A(U)$, and $\mathsf{E}^0G_A(U)$ splits as the sum over all partitions π of U:*

$$\mathsf{E}^0G_A(U) = \bigoplus_\pi \bigotimes_{V\in\pi} G_A\langle\{V\}\rangle.$$

□

Lemma 70 *The map $\mathsf{E}^0\mathtt{Graphs}_A^\varepsilon(U) \to \mathsf{E}^0G_A(U)$ preserves the splitting.*

We can now focus on connected graphs to prove Proposition 64.

Lemma 71 *The complex $G_A\langle\{U\}\rangle$ is isomorphic to $A \otimes e_n^\vee\langle\{U\}\rangle$.*

Proof We define explicit isomorphisms in both directions.

Define $A^{\otimes U} \otimes \mathsf{e}_n^\vee\langle\{U\}\rangle \to A \otimes \mathsf{e}_n^\vee\langle\{U\}\rangle$ using the multiplication of A. This constructions induces a map on the quotient $\mathsf{E}^0\mathtt{G}_A(U) \to A \otimes \mathsf{e}_n^\vee\langle\{U\}\rangle$, which restricts to a map $\mathtt{G}_A\langle\{U\}\rangle \to \mathsf{e}_n^\vee\langle\{U\}\rangle$. Since d_A is a derivation, this is a chain map.

Conversely, define $A \otimes \mathsf{e}_n^\vee\langle\{U\}\rangle \to A^{\otimes U} \otimes \mathsf{e}_n^\vee\langle\{U\}\rangle$ by $a \otimes x \mapsto \iota_u(a) \otimes x$ for some fixed $u \in U$ (it does not matter which one since $x \in \mathsf{e}_n^\vee\langle\{U\}\rangle$ is "connected"). This construction gives a map $A \otimes \mathsf{e}_n^\vee\langle\{U\}\rangle \to \mathtt{G}_A\langle\{U\}\rangle$, and it is straightforward to check that this map is the inverse isomorphism of the previous map. □

We have a commutative diagram of complexes:

$$\begin{tikzcd}
\mathtt{Graphs}_A^\varepsilon\langle\{U\}\rangle \arrow[r] \arrow[d] & A \otimes \mathtt{Graphs}'_n\langle\{U\}\rangle \arrow[d, "\sim"] \\
\mathtt{G}_A\langle\{U\}\rangle \arrow[r, "\cong"] & A \otimes \mathsf{e}_n^\vee\langle\{U\}\rangle
\end{tikzcd}$$

Here $\mathtt{Graphs}'_n(U)$ is defined similarly to $\mathtt{Graphs}_n(U)$ except that multiple edges are allowed. It is known that the quotient map $\mathtt{Graphs}'_n(U) \to \mathsf{e}_n^\vee(U)$ (which factors through $\mathtt{Graphs}_n(U)$) is a quasi-isomorphism [53, Proposition 3.9]. The subcomplex $\mathtt{Graphs}'_n\langle\{U\}\rangle$ is spanned by connected graphs. The upper horizontal map in the diagram multiplies all the labels of a graph.

The right vertical map is the tensor product of id_A and $\mathtt{Graphs}_n\langle\{U\}\rangle \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathsf{e}_n^\vee\langle\{U\}\rangle$ (see 1.6). The bottom row is the isomorphism of the previous lemma.

It then remains to prove that $\mathtt{Graphs}_A^\varepsilon\langle\{U\}\rangle \to A \otimes \mathtt{Graphs}'_n\langle\{U\}\rangle$ is a quasi-isomorphism to prove Proposition 64. If $U = \varnothing$, then $\mathtt{Graphs}'_A(\varnothing) = \mathbb{R} = \mathtt{G}_A(\varnothing)$ and the morphism is the identity, so there is nothing to do. From now on we assume that $\#U \geq 1$.

Lemma 72 *The morphism $\mathtt{Graphs}_A^\varepsilon\langle\{U\}\rangle \to A \otimes \mathtt{Graphs}'_n\langle\{U\}\rangle$ is surjective on cohomology.*

Proof Choose some $u \in U$. There is an explicit chain-level section of the morphism, sending $x \otimes \Gamma$ to $\Gamma_{u,x}$, the same graph with the vertex u labeled by x and all the other vertices labeled by 1_R. It is a well-defined chain map, which is clearly a section of the morphism in the lemma, hence the morphism of the lemma is surjective on cohomology. □

We now use a proof technique similar to the proof of [34, Lemma 8.3], working by induction. The dimension of $H^*(\mathtt{Graphs}'_n\langle\{U\}\rangle) = \mathsf{e}_n^\vee\langle\{U\}\rangle = \mathtt{Lie}_n^\vee(U)$ is well-known:

$$\dim H^i(\mathtt{Graphs}'_n\langle\{U\}\rangle) = \begin{cases} (\#U-1)!, & \text{if } i=(n-1)(\#U-1); \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \tag{33}$$

Lemma 73 *For all sets U with $\#U \geq 1$, the dimension of $H^i(\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_A\langle\{U\}\rangle)$ is the same as the dimension:*

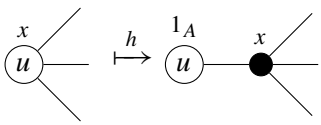
$$\dim H^i(A \otimes \mathtt{Graphs}'_n\langle\{U\}\rangle) = (\#U-1)! \cdot \dim H^{i-(n-1)(\#U-1)}(A).$$

The proof will be by induction on the cardinality of U. Before proving this lemma, we will need two additional sub-lemmas.

Lemma 74 *The complex $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_A\langle\underline{1}\rangle$ has the same cohomology as A.*

Proof Let $\mathcal{I}$ be the subcomplex spanned by graphs with at least one internal vertex. We will show that $\mathcal{I}$ is acyclic; as $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_A\langle\underline{1}\rangle/\mathcal{I} \cong A$, this will prove the lemma.

There is an explicit homotopy h that shows that $\mathcal{I}$ is acyclic. Given a graph Γ with a single external vertex and at least one internal vertex, define $h(\Gamma)$ to be the same graph with the external vertex replaced by an internal vertex, a new external vertex labeled by 1_A, and an edge connecting the external vertex to the new internal vertex:



The differential in $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_A\langle\underline{1}\rangle$ only retains the internal differential of A and the contracting part of the differential. Contracting the new edge in $h(\Gamma)$ gives Γ back, and it is now straightforward to check that $dh(\Gamma) = \Gamma \pm h(d\Gamma)$. □

Now let U be a set with at least two elements, and fix some element $u \in U$. Let $\mathtt{Graphs}^{u}_A\langle\{U\}\rangle \subset \mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_A\langle\{U\}\rangle$ be the subcomplex spanned by graphs Γ such that u has valence 1, is labeled by 1_A, and is connected to another external vertex.

We now get to the core of the proof of Lemma 73. The idea (adapted from [34, Lemma 8.3]) is to "push" the labels of positive degree away from the chosen vertex u through a homotopy. Roughly speaking, we use Fig. 2 to move labels around up to homotopy.

Lemma 75 *The inclusion $\mathtt{Graphs}^{u}_A\langle\{U\}\rangle \subset \mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_A\langle\{U\}\rangle$ is a quasi-isomorphism.*

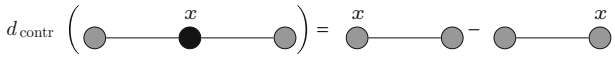


Fig. 2 Trick for moving labels around (gray vertices are either internal or external)

Proof Let $\mathcal{Q}$ be the quotient. We will prove that it is acyclic. The module $\mathcal{Q}$ further decomposes into a direct sum of modules (but the differential does not preserve the direct sum):

- The module $\mathcal{Q}_1$ spanned by graphs where u is of valence 1, labeled by 1_A, and connected to an internal vertex;
- The module $\mathcal{Q}_2$ spanned by graphs where u is of valence ≥ 2 or has a label in $A^{>0}$.

We now filter $\mathcal{Q}$ as follows. For $s \in \mathbb{Z}$, let $F_s\mathcal{Q}_1$ be the submodule of $\mathcal{Q}_1$ spanned by graphs with at most $s+1$ edges, and let $F_s\mathcal{Q}_2$ be the submodule spanned by graphs with at most s edges. This filtration is preserved by the differential of $\mathcal{Q}$.

Consider the E^0 page of the spectral sequence associated to this filtration. Then the differential d^0 is a morphism $\mathsf{E}^0\mathcal{Q}_1 \to \mathsf{E}^0\mathcal{Q}_2$ (count the number of edges and use the crucial fact that edges connected to univalent vertices are not contractible when looking at reduced graphs). This differential contracts the only edge incident to u. It is an isomorphism, with an inverse similar to the homotopy defined in Lemma 74, "blowing up" the point u into a new edge connecting u to a new internal vertex that replaces u.

This shows that $(\mathsf{E}^0\mathcal{Q}, d^0)$ is acyclic, hence $\mathsf{E}^1\mathcal{Q} = 0$. It follows that $\mathcal{Q}$ itself is acyclic. □

Proof of Lemma 73 The case $\#U = 0$ is obvious, and the case $\#U = 1$ of the lemma was covered in Lemma 74. We now work by induction and assume the claim proved for $\#U \leq k$, for some $k \geq 1$.

Let U be of cardinality $k+1$. Choose some $u \in U$ and define $\mathtt{Graphs}_A^u\langle\{U\}\rangle$ as before. By Lemma 75 we only need to show that this complex has the right cohomology. It splits as:

$$\mathtt{Graphs}_A^u\langle\{U\}\rangle \cong \bigoplus_{v\in U\setminus\{u\}} e_{uv} \cdot \mathtt{Graphs}_A^\varepsilon\langle\{U\setminus\{u\}\}\rangle, \tag{34}$$

and therefore using the induction hypothesis:

$$\begin{aligned}\dim H^i(\mathtt{Graphs}_A^u\langle\{U\}\rangle) &= k \cdot \dim H^{i-(n-1)}(\mathtt{Graphs}_A^\varepsilon\langle\{U\setminus\{u\}\}\rangle)\\ &= k! \cdot \dim H^{i-k(n-1)}(A).\end{aligned}$$

□

Proof of Proposition 64 By Lemma 72, the morphism induced by $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_{A} \to \mathtt{G}_A$ on the E^0 page is surjective on cohomology. By Lemma 73 and Eq. (33), both E^0 pages have the same cohomology, and so the induced morphism is a quasi-isomorphism. Standard spectral arguments imply the proposition. □

Proposition 76 *The morphism* $\omega : \mathtt{Graphs}'_R(U) \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M(U))$ *is a quasi-isomorphism.*

Proof By Eq. (23), Proposition 60, Lemma 63, and Proposition 64, both CDGAs have the same cohomology of finite type, so it will suffice to show that the map is surjective on cohomology to prove that it is a quasi-isomorphism.

We work by induction. The case $U = \varnothing$ is immediate, as $\mathtt{Graphs}'_R(\varnothing) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathtt{Graphs}^{\varphi}_R(\varnothing) = \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M(\varnothing)) = \mathbb{R}$ and the last map is the identity.

Suppose that $U = \{u\}$ is a singleton. Since ρ is a quasi-isomorphism, for every cocycle $\alpha \in \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M(U)) = \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(M)$ there is some cocycle $x \in R$ such that $\rho(x)$ is cohomologous to α. Then the graph γ_x with a single (external) vertex labeled by x is a cocycle in $\mathtt{Graphs}'_R(U)$, and $\omega(\gamma_x) = \rho(x)$ is cohomologous to α. This proves that $\mathtt{Graphs}'_R(\{u\}) \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(M)$ is surjective on cohomology, and hence is a quasi-isomorphism.

Now assume that $U = \{u\} \sqcup V$, where $\#V \geq 1$, and assume that the claim is proven for sets of vertices of size at most $\#V = \#U - 1$. By Eq. (23), we may represent any cohomology class of $\mathtt{FM}_M(U)$ by an element $z \in \mathtt{G}_A(U)$ satisfying $dz = 0$. Using the relations defining $\mathtt{G}_A(U)$, we may write z as

$$z = z' + \sum_{v \in V} \omega_{uv} z_v,$$

where $z' \in A \otimes \mathtt{G}_A(V)$ and $z_v \in \mathtt{G}_A(V)$. The relation $dz = 0$ is equivalent to

$$dz' + \sum_{v \in V} (p_u \times p_v)^*(\Delta_A) \cdot z_v = 0, \tag{35}$$

$$\text{and } dz_v = 0 \text{ for all } v. \tag{36}$$

By the induction hypothesis, for all $v \in V$ there exists a cocycle $\gamma_v \in \mathtt{Graphs}'_R(V)$ such that $\omega(\gamma_v)$ represents the cohomology class of the cocycle z_v in $H^*(\mathtt{FM}_M(V))$, and such that $\sigma_*(\gamma_v)$ is equal to z_v up to a coboundary.

By Eq. (35), the cocycle

$$\tilde{\gamma} = \sum_{v \in V} (p_u \times p_v)^*(\Delta_R) \cdot \gamma_v \in R \otimes \mathtt{Graphs}'_R(V)$$

is mapped to a coboundary in $A \otimes \mathtt{G}_A(V)$. The map $\sigma_* : R \otimes \mathtt{Graphs}'_R(V) \to A \otimes \mathtt{G}_A(V)$ is a quasi-isomorphism, hence $\tilde{\gamma} = d\tilde{\gamma}_1$ is a coboundary too.

It follows that $z' - \sigma_*(\tilde{\gamma}_1) \in A \otimes \mathtt{G}_A(V)$ is a cocycle. Thus by the induction hypothesis there exists some $\tilde{\gamma}_2 \in R \otimes \mathtt{Graphs}'_R(V)$ whose cohomology class represents the same cohomology class as $z' - \sigma_*(\tilde{\gamma}_1)$ in $H^*(A \otimes \mathtt{G}_A(V)) = H^*(M \times \mathtt{FM}_M(V))$.

We now let $\gamma' = -\tilde{\gamma}_1 + \tilde{\gamma}_2$, hence $d\gamma' = -\tilde{\gamma} + 0 = -\tilde{\gamma}$ and $\sigma_*(\gamma')$ is equal to z' up to a coboundary. By abuse of notation we still let γ' be the image of γ' under the obvious map $R \otimes \mathtt{Graphs}'_R(V) \to \mathtt{Graphs}'_R(U)$, $x \otimes \Gamma \mapsto \iota_u(x) \cdot \Gamma$. Then

$$\gamma = \gamma' + \sum_{v \in V} e_{uv} \cdot \gamma_v \in \mathtt{Graphs}'_R(U)$$

is a cocycle, and $\omega(\gamma)$ represents the cohomology class of z in $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M(U))$. We have shown that the morphism $\mathtt{Graphs}'_R(U) \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M(U))$ is surjective on cohomology, and hence it is a quasi-isomorphism. □

Proof of Theorem 62 The zigzag of the theorem becomes, after factorizing the first map through $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_A$:

$$\begin{aligned}&\mathtt{G}_A(U) \leftarrow \mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_A(U) \leftarrow \mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_R(U) \leftarrow \\ &\mathtt{Graphs}'_R(U) \to \mathtt{Graphs}^{\varphi}_R(U) \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M(U))\end{aligned}$$

All these maps are quasi-isomorphisms by Lemma 63, Proposition 60, Proposition 64, and Proposition76. Their compatibility with the comodule structures (under the relevant hypotheses) are due to Proposition 41, Proposition 60, and Proposition 61. □

The last thing we need to check is the following proposition, which shows that we can choose any Poincaré duality model.

Proposition 77 *If A and A' are two quasi-isomorphic simply connected Poincaré duality CDGAs, then there is a weak equivalence of symmetric collections $\mathtt{G}_A \simeq \mathtt{G}_{A'}$. If moreover $\chi(A) = 0$ then this weak equivalence is a weak equivalence of right Hopf $e_n^\vee$-comodules.*

Proof The CDGAs A and A' are quasi-isomorphic, hence there exists some cofibrant S and quasi-isomorphisms $f : S \xrightarrow{\sim} A$ and $f' : S \xrightarrow{\sim} A'$. This yields two chain maps $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_A \circ f$, $\varepsilon' = \varepsilon_{A'} \circ f' : S \to \mathbb{R}[-n]$. Mimicking the proof of Proposition 15, we can also find (anti-)symmetric cocycles $\Delta, \Delta' \in S \otimes S$ and such that $(f \otimes f)\Delta = \Delta_A$ and $(f' \otimes f')\Delta' = \Delta_{A'}$.

We can then build symmetric collections $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon,\Delta}_S$ and a quasi-isomorphism $f_* : \mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon,\Delta}_S \to \mathtt{G}_A$ similarly to Sect. 3. The differential of an edge e_{uv} in $\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon,\Delta}_S$ is $\iota_{uv}(\Delta)$, and an isolated internal vertex labeled

by $x \in S$ is identified with $\varepsilon(x)$. In parallel, we can build $f'_* : \mathtt{Graphs}_S^{\varepsilon',\Delta'} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathrm{G}_{A'}$.

If moreover $\chi(A) = 0$, then we can choose Δ, Δ' such that both graph complexes become right Hopf $\mathtt{Graphs}_n$-comodules, and f_*, f'_* are compatible with the comodule structure. It thus suffices to find a quasi-isomorphism $\mathtt{Graphs}_S^{\varepsilon,\Delta} \simeq \mathtt{Graphs}_S^{\varepsilon',\Delta'}$ to prove the proposition.

We first have an isomorphism $\mathtt{Graphs}_S^{\varepsilon',\Delta'} \cong \mathtt{Graphs}_S^{\varepsilon',\Delta}$ (with the obvious notation). Indeed, the two cocycles Δ and Δ' are cohomologous, say $\Delta' - \Delta = d\alpha$ for some $\alpha \in S \otimes S$ of degree $n-1$. If we replace α by $(\alpha + (-1)^n \alpha^{21})/2$, then we can assume that $\alpha^{21} = (-1)^n \alpha$. Moreover if $\chi(A) = 0$, then we can replace α by $\alpha - (\mu_S(\alpha) \otimes 1 + (-1)^n 1 \otimes \mu_S(\alpha))/2$ to get $\mu_S(\alpha) = 0$. We then obtain an isomorphism by mapping an edge e_{uv} to $e_{uv} \pm \iota_{uv}(\alpha)$ (the sign depending on the direction of the isomorphism). This map is compatible with differentials, with products, and with the comodule structures if $\chi(A) = 0$.

The dg-module S is cofibrant and $\mathbb{R}[-n]$ is fibrant (like all dg-modules). We can assume that ε and ε' induce the same map on cohomology (it suffices to rescale one map, say ε', and there is an automorphism of $\mathtt{Graphs}_S^{\varepsilon',\Delta}$ which takes care of this rescaling). Thus the two maps $\varepsilon, \varepsilon' : S \to \mathbb{R}[-n]$ are homotopic, i.e. there exists some $h : S[1] \to \mathbb{R}[-n]$ such that $\varepsilon(x) - \varepsilon'(x) = h(dx)$ for all $x \in S$. This homotopy induces a homotopy between the two morphisms $Z_\varepsilon, Z_{\varepsilon'} : \mathrm{fGC}_S \to \mathbb{R}$. Because $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_S^{\Delta}(U)$ and $\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_S^{\Delta'}(U)$ are cofibrant as modules over fGC_S, we obtain quasi-isomorphisms $\mathtt{Graphs}_S^{\varepsilon,\Delta} \simeq \mathtt{Graphs}_S^{\varepsilon',\Delta}$ (compare with Proposition 60). □

Corollary 78 *Let M be a smooth simply connected closed manifold and A be any Poincaré duality model of M. Then $\mathrm{G}_A(\underline{k})$ is a real model for* $\mathrm{Conf}_k(M)$.

Proof The corollary follows from Theorem 62 in the case where $\dim M \geq 4$ (together with the previous proposition to ensure that we can choose any Poincaré duality model A in our constructions). Note that the graph complexes are, in general, nonzero even in negative degrees, but by Proposition 4 this does not change the result. In dimension at most 3, the only examples of simply connected closed manifolds are S^2 and S^3. We address these examples in Sect. 4.3. □

Corollary 79 *The real homotopy types of the configuration spaces of a smooth simply connected closed manifold only depends on the real homotopy type of the manifold.*

Proof When $\dim M \geq 3$, the Fadell–Neuwirth fibrations [12] $\mathrm{Conf}_{k-1}(M \backslash *) \hookrightarrow \mathrm{Conf}_k(M) \to M$ show by induction that if M is simply connected, then

so is $\mathrm{Conf}_k(M)$ for all $k \geq 1$. Hence the real model $\mathtt{G}_A(\underline{k})$ completely encodes the real homotopy type of $\mathrm{Conf}_k(M)$. □

4.3 Models for configurations on the 2- and 3-spheres

The degree-counting argument of Proposition 45 does not work in dimension less than 4, so we have to use other means to prove that the Lambrechts–Stanley CDGAs are models for the configuration spaces.

There are no simply connected closed manifolds of dimension 1. In dimension 2, the only simply connected closed manifold is the 2-sphere, S^2. This manifold is a complex projective variety: $S^2 = \mathbb{CP}^1$. Hence the result of Kriz [30] shows that $\mathtt{G}_{H^*(S^2)}(\underline{k})$ (denoted $E(k)$ there) is a rational model for $\mathrm{Conf}_k(S^2)$. The 2-sphere S^2 is studied in greater detail in Sect. 6, where we study the action of the framed little 2-disks operad on a framed version of $\mathtt{FM}_{S^2}$.

In dimension 3, the only simply connected smooth closed manifold is the 3-sphere by Perelman's proof of the Poincaré conjecture [41,42]. we also the following partial result, communicated to us by Thomas Willwacher:

Proposition 80 *The CDGA $\mathtt{G}_A(\underline{k})$, where $A = H^*(S^3; \mathbb{Q})$, is a rational model of* $\mathrm{Conf}_k(S^3)$ *for all $k \geq 0$.*

Proof The claim is clear for $k = 0$. Since S^3 is a Lie group, the Fadell–Neuwirth fibration is trivial [12, Theorem 4]:

$$\mathrm{Conf}_k(\mathbb{R}^3) \hookrightarrow \mathrm{Conf}_{k+1}(S^3) \to S^3$$

The space $\mathrm{Conf}_{k+1}(S^3)$ is thus identified with $S^3 \times \mathrm{Conf}_k(\mathbb{R}^3)$, which is rationally formal with cohomology $H^*(S^3) \otimes \mathtt{e}_3^\vee(\underline{k})$. It thus suffices to build a quasi-isomorphism between $\mathtt{G}_A(\underline{k+1})$ and $H^*(S_3) \otimes \mathtt{e}_n^\vee(k)$.

To simplify notation, we consider $\mathtt{G}_A(\underline{k}_+)$ (where $\underline{k}_+ = \{0, \ldots, k\}$), which is obviously isomorphic to $\mathtt{G}_A(\underline{k+1})$. Let us denote by $\upsilon \in H^3(S^3) = A^3$ the volume form of S^3, and recall that the diagonal class Δ_A is given by $1 \otimes \upsilon - \upsilon \otimes 1$. We have an explicit map $f : H^*(S^3) \to \mathtt{e}_3^\vee(\underline{k})$ given on generators by $f(\nu \otimes 1) = \iota_0(\nu)$ and $f(1 \otimes \omega_{ij}) = \omega_{ij} + \omega_{0i} - \omega_{0j}$.

The Arnold relations show that this is a well-defined algebra morphism. Let us prove that $d \circ f = 0$ on the generator ω_{ij} (the vanishing on $\upsilon \otimes 1$ is clear). We may assume that $k = 2$ and $(i, j) = (1, 2)$, and then apply ι_{ij} to get the general case. Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned}(d \circ f)(\omega_{12}) = (1 \otimes 1 \otimes \upsilon - 1 \otimes \upsilon \otimes 1) + (1 \otimes \upsilon \otimes 1 - \upsilon \otimes 1 \otimes 1)\\ -(1 \otimes 1 \otimes \upsilon - \upsilon \otimes 1 \otimes 1) = 0\end{aligned}$$

We know that both CDGAs have the same cohomology, so to check that f is a quasi-isomorphism it suffices to check that it is surjective in cohomology. The cohomology $H^*(\mathsf{G}_A(\underline{k}_+)) \cong H^*(S^3) \otimes \mathsf{e}_3^\vee(\underline{k})$ is generated in degrees 2 (by the ω_{ij}'s) and 3 (by the $\iota_i(\upsilon)$'s), so it suffices to check surjectivity in these degrees.

In degree 3, the cocycle $\upsilon \otimes 1$ is sent to a generator of $H^3(\mathsf{G}_A(\underline{k}_+)) \cong H^3(S^3) = \mathbb{Q}$. Indeed, assume $\iota_0(\upsilon) = d\omega$, where ω is a linear combination of the ω_{ij} for degree reasons. In $d\omega$, the sum of the coefficients of each $\iota_i(\upsilon)$ is zero, because they all come in pairs ($d\omega_{ij} = \iota_j(\upsilon) - \iota_i(\upsilon)$). We want the coefficient of $\iota_0(\upsilon)$ to be 1, so at least one of the other coefficient must be nonzero to compensate, hence $d\omega \neq \iota_0(\upsilon)$.

It remains to prove that $H^2(f)$ is surjective. We consider the quotient map $p : \mathsf{G}_A(\underline{k}_+) \to \mathsf{e}_3^\vee(\underline{k})$ that maps $\iota_i(\upsilon)$ and ω_{0i} to zero for all $1 \leq i \leq k$. We also consider the quotient map $q : H^*(S^3) \otimes \mathsf{e}_3^\vee(\underline{k}) \to \mathsf{e}_3^\vee(\underline{k})$ sending $\upsilon \otimes 1$ to zero. We get a morphism of short exact sequences:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
0 & \to & \ker q & \to & H^*(S^3) \otimes \mathsf{e}_3^\vee(\underline{k}) & \xrightarrow{q} & \mathsf{e}_3^\vee(\underline{k}) & \to & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow f & & \downarrow = & & \\
0 & \to & \ker p & \longrightarrow & \mathsf{G}_A(\underline{k}) & \xrightarrow{p} & \mathsf{e}_3^\vee(\underline{k}) & \to & 0
\end{array}$$

We consider part of the long exact sequence in cohomology induced by these short exact sequences of complexes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
\mathsf{e}_3^\vee(\underline{k})^1 & \to & H^2(\ker q) & \to & H^2(H^*(S^3) \otimes \mathsf{e}_3^\vee(\underline{k})) & = & \mathsf{e}_3^\vee(\underline{k})^2 & \to & \mathsf{e}_3^\vee(\underline{k})^2 \\
\downarrow = & & \downarrow (1) & & \downarrow H^2(f) & & & & \downarrow = \\
\mathsf{e}_3^\vee(\underline{k})^1 & \to & H^2(\ker p) & \longrightarrow & H^2(\mathsf{G}_A(\underline{k}_+)) & & & \longrightarrow & \mathsf{e}_3^\vee(\underline{k})^2
\end{array}$$

For degree reasons, $H^2(\ker q) = 0$ and so the map (1) is injective. By the four lemma, it follows that $H^2(f)$ is injective. Since both domain and codomain have the same finite dimension, it follows that $H^2(f)$ is an isomorphism. □

5 Factorization homology of universal enveloping E_n-algebras

5.1 Factorization homology and formality

The manifold $\mathbb{R}^n$ is framed. Let U be a finite set and consider the space of framed embeddings (i.e. such that the differential at each point preserves the given trivializations of the tangent bundles) of U copies of $\mathbb{R}^n$ in itself, with the compact open topology:

$$\mathtt{Disk}_n^{\mathrm{fr}}(U) := \mathrm{Emb}^{\mathrm{fr}}(\mathbb{R}^n \times U, \mathbb{R}^n) \subset \mathrm{Map}(\mathbb{R}^n \times U, \mathbb{R}^n). \tag{37}$$

Using composition of embeddings, these spaces assemble to form a topological operad $\mathtt{Disk}_n^{\mathrm{fr}}$. This operad is weakly equivalent to the operad of little n-disks [3, Remark 2.10], and the application that takes $f \in \mathtt{Disk}_n^{\mathrm{fr}}(U)$ to $\{f(0 \times u)\}_{u \in U} \in \mathrm{Conf}_U(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is a homotopy equivalence.

Similarly if M is a framed manifold, then the spaces $\mathrm{Emb}^{\mathrm{fr}}(\mathbb{R}^n \times -, M)$ assemble to form a topological right $\mathtt{Disk}_n^{\mathrm{fr}}$-module, again given by composition of embeddings. We call it $\mathtt{Disk}_M^{\mathrm{fr}}$. If B is a $\mathtt{Disk}_n^{\mathrm{fr}}$-algebra, factorization homology is given by a derived composition product [3, Definition 3.2]:

$$\int_M B := \mathtt{Disk}_M^{\mathrm{fr}} \circ^{\mathbb{L}}_{\mathtt{Disk}_n^{\mathrm{fr}}} B := \\ \mathrm{hocoeq}\big(\mathtt{Disk}_M^{\mathrm{fr}} \circ \mathtt{Disk}_n^{\mathrm{fr}} \circ B \rightrightarrows \mathtt{Disk}_M^{\mathrm{fr}} \circ B\big). \tag{38}$$

Using [52, Section 2], the pair $(\mathtt{FM}_M, \mathtt{FM}_n)$ is weakly equivalent to the pair $(\mathtt{Disk}_M^{\mathrm{fr}}, \mathtt{Disk}_n^{\mathrm{fr}})$. So if B is an $\mathtt{FM}_n$-algebra, then its factorization homology is:

$$\int_M B \simeq \mathtt{FM}_M \circ^{\mathbb{L}}_{\mathtt{FM}_n} B := \mathrm{hocoeq}\big(\mathtt{FM}_M \circ \mathtt{FM}_n \circ B \rightrightarrows \mathtt{FM}_M \circ B\big). \tag{39}$$

We now work in the category of chain complexes over $\mathbb{R}$. We use the formality theorem (Sect. 1.6) and the fact that weak equivalences of operads induce Quillen equivalence between categories of right modules (resp. categories of algebras) by [16, Theorems 16.A, 16.B]. Thus, to any homotopy class $[B]$ of E_n-algebras in the category of chain complexes, there corresponds a homotopy class $[\tilde{B}]$ of e_n-algebras (which is generally not easy to describe).

Using Theorem 62, a game of adjunctions [16, Theorems 15.1.A and 15.2.A] shows that:

$$\int_M B \simeq \mathtt{G}_A^\vee \circ^{\mathbb{L}}_{\mathsf{e}_n} \tilde{B}, \tag{40}$$

where A is the Poincaré duality model of M mentioned in the theorem, and $\mathtt{G}_A^\vee$ is the right e_n-module dual to $\mathtt{G}_A$ viewed as a chain complex.

5.2 Higher enveloping algebras

Knudsen [27, Theorem A] considers a higher enveloping algebra functor U_n from homotopy Lie algebras to nonunital E_n-algebras. This functor generalizes the standard enveloping algebra functor from the category of Lie algebras to the category of associative algebras.

Let n be at least 2. We can again use Kontsevich's theorem on the formality of the little disks operads to identity the category of non-unital $\mathtt{E}_n$-algebras with the category of $\mathtt{e}_n$-algebras in homotopy. We also use that a homotopy Lie algebra is equivalent, in homotopy, to an ordinary Lie algebra. Then we get that Knudsen's higher enveloping algebra functor is equivalent to the left adjoint of the obvious forgetful functor $\mathtt{e}_n$-Alg $\to$ $\mathtt{Lie}$-Alg, which maps an n-Poisson algebra B to its underlying shifted Lie algebra $B[1-n]$. This model $\tilde{U}_n : \mathtt{Lie}\text{-Alg} \to \mathtt{e}_n\text{-Alg}$ maps a Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}$ to the n-Poisson algebra given by $\tilde{U}_n(\mathfrak{g}) = S(\mathfrak{g}[n-1])$, with the shifted Lie bracket defined using the Leibniz rule.

Knudsen [26, Theorem 3.16] also gives a way of computing factorization homology of higher enveloping algebras. If $\mathfrak{g}$ is a Lie algebra, then so is $A \otimes \mathfrak{g}$ for any CDGA A. Then the factorization homology of $U_n(\mathfrak{g})$ on M is given by:

$$\int_M U_n(\mathfrak{g}) \simeq \mathrm{C}_*^{\mathrm{CE}}(A_{\mathrm{PL}}^{-*}(M) \otimes \mathfrak{g}) \tag{41}$$

where $\mathrm{C}_*^{\mathrm{CE}}$ is the Chevalley–Eilenberg complex and $A_{\mathrm{PL}}^{-*}(M)$ is the CDGA of rational piecewise polynomial differential forms, with the usual grading reversed.

Proposition 81 *Let A be a Poincaré duality CDGA. Then we have a quasi-isomorphism of chain complexes:*

$$G_A^\vee \circ_{\mathtt{e}_n}^{\mathbb{L}} S(\mathfrak{g}[n-1]) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathrm{C}_*^{\mathrm{CE}}(A^{-*} \otimes \mathfrak{g}).$$

If A is a Poincaré duality model of M, we have $A \simeq \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}^*(M) \simeq A_{\mathrm{PL}}^*(M) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{R}$ [23, Theorem 6.1]. It follows that the Chevalley–Eilenberg complex of the previous proposition is weakly equivalent to the Chevalley–Eilenberg complex of Eq. (41). By Eq. (39), the derived circle product over $\mathtt{e}_n$ computes the factorization homology of $U_n(\mathfrak{g})$ on M, and so we recover Knudsen's theorem (over the reals) for closed framed simply connected manifolds.

Let $\mathtt{I}$ be the unit of the composition product, defined by $\mathtt{I}(\underline{1}) = \mathbb{R}$ and $\mathtt{I}(U) = 0$ for $\#U \neq 1$. Let Λ be the suspension of operads, satisfying

$$\Lambda\mathtt{P} \circ (X[-1]) = (\mathtt{P} \circ X)[-1] = \mathtt{I}[-1] \circ (\mathtt{P} \circ X).$$

As as symmetric collection, $\Lambda\mathtt{P}$ is simply given by $\Lambda\mathtt{P} = \mathtt{I}[-1] \circ \mathtt{P} \circ \mathtt{I}[1]$. Recall that we let $\mathtt{Lie}_n = \Lambda^{1-n}\mathtt{Lie}$. The symmetric collection

$$\mathtt{L}_n := \mathtt{Lie} \circ \mathtt{I}[1-n] = \mathtt{I}[1-n] \circ \mathtt{Lie}_n \tag{42}$$

is a $(\mathtt{Lie}, \mathtt{Lie}_n)$-bimodule, i.e. a $\mathtt{Lie}$-algebra in the category of $\mathtt{Lie}_n$-right modules. We have $\mathtt{L}_n(U) = (\mathtt{Lie}_n(U))[1-n]$. This bimodule satisfies, for any Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}$,

$$\mathtt{L}_n \circ_{\mathtt{Lie}_n} \mathfrak{g}[n-1] \cong \mathfrak{g} \text{ as Lie algebras.} \tag{43}$$

We can view the CDGA A^{-*} as a symmetric collection concentrated in arity 0, and as such it is a commutative algebra in the category of symmetric collections. Thus the tensor product

$$A^{-*} \otimes \mathtt{L}_n = \{A^{-*} \otimes \mathtt{L}_n(k)\}_{k \geq 0}$$

becomes a $\mathtt{Lie}$-algebra in right $\mathtt{Lie}_n$-modules, where the right $\mathtt{Lie}_n$-module structure comes from $\mathtt{L}_n$ and the Lie algebra structure combines the Lie algebra structure of $\mathtt{L}_n$ and the CDGA structure of A^{-*}. Its Chevalley–Eilenberg complex $\mathrm{C}_*^{\mathrm{CE}}(A^{-*} \otimes \mathtt{L}_n)$ is well-defined, and by functoriality of $\mathrm{C}_*^{\mathrm{CE}}$, it is a right $\mathtt{Lie}_n$-module.

The proof of the following lemma is essentially found (in a different language) in [15, Section 2].

Lemma 82 *The right $\mathtt{Lie}_n$-modules $\mathtt{G}_A^\vee$ and $\mathrm{C}_*^{\mathrm{CE}}(A^{-*} \otimes \mathtt{L}_n)$ are isomorphic.*

Proof We will actually define a non-degenerate pairing

$$\langle -, - \rangle : \mathtt{G}_A(U) \otimes \mathrm{C}_*^{\mathrm{CE}}(A^{-*} \otimes \mathtt{L}_n)(U) \to \mathbb{R},$$

for each finite set U, compatible with differentials and the right $\mathtt{Lie}_n$-(co)module structures. As both complexes are finite-dimensional in each degree, this is sufficient to prove that they are isomorphic.

Recall that the Chevalley–Eilenberg complex $\mathrm{C}_*^{\mathrm{CE}}(\mathfrak{g})$ is given by the cofree cocommutative conilpotent coalgebra $S^c(\mathfrak{g}[-1])$, together with a differential induced by the Koszul duality morphism $\Lambda^{-1}\mathtt{Com}^\vee \to \mathtt{Lie}$. It follows that as a module, $\mathrm{C}_*^{\mathrm{CE}}(A^{-*} \otimes \mathtt{L}_n)(U)$ is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathrm{C}_*^{\mathrm{CE}}(A^{-*} \otimes \mathtt{L}_n)(U) \\
&= \bigoplus_{r \geq 0} \left(\bigoplus_{\pi \in \mathrm{Part}_r(U)} A^{-*} \otimes \mathtt{L}_n(U_1)[-1] \otimes \cdots \otimes A^{-*} \otimes \mathtt{L}_n(U_r)[-1] \right)^{\Sigma_r} \\
&= \bigoplus_{r \geq 0} \left(\bigoplus_{\pi \in \mathrm{Part}_r(U)} (A^{n-*})^{\otimes r} \otimes \mathtt{Lie}_n(U_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathtt{Lie}_n(U_r) \right)^{\Sigma_r}
\end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

where the sums run over all partitions $\pi = \{U_1 \sqcup \cdots \sqcup U_r\}$ of U and $A^{n-*} = A^{-*}[-n]$ (which is a CDGA, Poincaré dual to A).

Fix some $r \geq 0$ and some partition $\pi = \{U_1 \sqcup \cdots \sqcup U_r\}$. We define a first pairing:

$$\big(A^{\otimes U} \otimes \mathtt{e}_n^\vee(U)\big) \otimes \big((A^{n-*})^{\otimes r} \otimes \mathtt{Lie}_n(U_1) \otimes \ldots \otimes \mathtt{Lie}_n(U_r)\big) \to \mathbb{R} \tag{45}$$

as follows:

- On the A factors, the pairing uses the Poincaré duality pairing ε_A. It is given by the following formula (where $a_{U_i} = \prod_{u \in U_i} a_u$):

$$(a_u)_{u \in U} \otimes (a'_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a'_r) \mapsto \pm \varepsilon_A(a_{U_1} \cdot a'_1) \ldots \varepsilon_A(a_{U_r} \cdot a'_r),$$

- On the factor $\mathtt{e}_n^\vee(U) \otimes \bigotimes_{i=1}^r \mathtt{Lie}_n(U_i)$, it uses the duality pairing on $\mathtt{e}_n^\vee(U) \otimes \mathtt{e}_n(U)$ (recalling that $\mathtt{e}_n = \mathtt{Com} \circ \mathtt{Lie}_n$ so that we can view $\bigotimes_{i=1}^r \mathtt{Lie}_n(U_i)$ as a submodule of $\mathtt{e}_n(U)$).

The pairing in Eq. (45) is the product of the two pairings we just defined. It is extended linearly on all of $(A^{\otimes U} \otimes \mathtt{e}_n^\vee(U)) \otimes \mathrm{C}_*^{\mathrm{CE}}(A^{-*} \otimes \mathtt{L}_n)(U)$, and it factors through the quotient defining $\mathtt{G}_A(U)$ from $A^{\otimes U} \otimes \mathtt{e}_n^\vee(U)$.

To check the non-degeneracy of this pairing, we use the vector subspaces $\mathtt{G}_A\langle\pi\rangle$ of Lemma 69, which are well-defined even though they are not preserved by the differential if we do not consider the graded space $\mathsf{E}^0\mathtt{G}_A$. Fix some partition $\pi = \{U_1, \ldots, U_r\}$ of U, then we have an isomorphism of vector spaces:

$$\mathtt{G}_A\langle\pi\rangle \cong A^{\otimes r} \otimes \mathtt{Lie}_n^\vee(U_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathtt{Lie}_n^\vee(U_r).$$

It is clear that $\mathtt{G}_A\langle\pi\rangle$ is paired with the factor corresponding to π in Eq. (44), using the Poincaré duality pairing of A and the pairing between $\mathtt{Lie}_n$ and its dual; and if two elements correspond to different partitions, then their pairing is equal to zero. Since both ε_A and the pairing between $\mathtt{Lie}_n$ and its dual are non-degenerate, the total pairing is non-degenerate.

The pairing is compatible with the $\mathtt{Lie}_n$-(co)module structures, i.e. the following diagram commutes (a relatively easy but notationally tedious check):

$$\begin{tikzcd}
\begin{array}{c}\mathtt{G}_A(U) \otimes \mathrm{C}_*^{\mathrm{CE}}(A^{-*} \otimes \mathtt{L}_n)(U/W) \\ \otimes \qquad \mathtt{Lie}_n(W)\end{array} \arrow[r, "1\otimes\circ_W"] \arrow[d, "\circ_W^\vee\otimes 1"] & \mathtt{G}_A(U) \otimes \mathrm{C}_*^{\mathrm{CE}}(A^{-*} \otimes \mathtt{L}_n)(U) \arrow[d, "\langle -,- \rangle"] \\
\begin{array}{c}\mathtt{G}_A(U/W) \otimes \mathrm{C}_*^{\mathrm{CE}}(A^{-*} \otimes \mathtt{L}_n)(U/W) \\ \mathtt{Lie}_n^\vee(W) \otimes \qquad \mathtt{Lie}_n(W)\end{array} \arrow[r, "\langle -,- \rangle \atop \langle -,- \rangle_{\mathtt{Lie}_n}"] & \mathbb{R}
\end{tikzcd}$$

Finally, we easily check, using the identity $\varepsilon_A(aa') = \sum_{(\Delta_A)} \pm\varepsilon_A(a\Delta'_A)\varepsilon_A(a'\Delta''_A)$ (which in turns follows from the definition of Δ_A) that the pairing commutes with differentials (i.e. $\langle d(-), -\rangle = \pm\langle -, d(-)\rangle$). □

Proof of Proposition 81 The operad $\mathtt{e}_n$ is given by the composition product $\mathtt{Com} \circ \mathtt{Lie}_n$ equipped with a distributive law that encodes the Leibniz rule. We get the following isomorphism (natural in $\mathfrak{g}$):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathtt{G}_A^\vee \circ_{\mathtt{e}_n} S(\mathfrak{g}[n-1]) &= \mathtt{G}_A^\vee \circ_{\mathtt{e}_n} (\mathtt{Com} \circ \mathfrak{g}[n-1]) \\ &\cong \mathtt{G}_A^\vee \circ_{\mathtt{e}_n} (\mathtt{e}_n \circ_{\mathtt{Lie}_n} \mathfrak{g}[n-1]) \\ &\cong \mathtt{G}_A^\vee \circ_{\mathtt{Lie}_n} \mathfrak{g}[n-1]. \end{aligned}$$

According to Lemma 82, the right $\mathtt{Lie}_n$-module $\mathtt{G}_A^\vee$ is isomorphic to $\mathrm{C}_*^{\mathrm{CE}}(A^{-*} \otimes \mathtt{L}_n)$. The functoriality of $A^{-*} \otimes -$ and $\mathrm{C}_*^{\mathrm{CE}}(-)$, as well as Eq. (43), imply that we have the following isomorphism (natural in $\mathfrak{g}$):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathtt{G}_A^\vee \circ_{\mathtt{Lie}_n} \mathfrak{g}[n-1] &\cong \mathrm{C}_*^{\mathrm{CE}}(A^{-*} \otimes \mathtt{L}_n) \circ_{\mathtt{Lie}_n} \mathfrak{g}[n-1] \\ &\cong \mathrm{C}_*^{\mathrm{CE}}\big(A^{-*} \otimes ((\mathtt{L}_n) \circ_{\mathtt{Lie}_n} \mathfrak{g}[n-1])\big) \\ &\cong \mathrm{C}_*^{\mathrm{CE}}(A^{-*} \otimes \mathfrak{g}). \end{aligned}$$

The derived circle product is computed by taking a cofibrant resolution of $S(\mathfrak{g}[n-1])$. Let $Q_\mathfrak{g} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathfrak{g}$ be a cofibrant resolution of the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}$. Then $S(Q_\mathfrak{g}[n-1])$ is a cofibrant $\mathtt{e}_n$-algebra, and by Künneth's formula $S(Q_\mathfrak{g}[n-1]) \to S(\mathfrak{g}[n-1])$ is a quasi-isomorphism. It follows that:

$$\mathtt{G}_A^\vee \circ_{\mathtt{e}_n}^{\mathbb{L}} S(\mathfrak{g}[n-1]) = \mathtt{G}_A^\vee \circ_{\mathtt{e}_n} S(Q_\mathfrak{g}[n-1]).$$

We therefore have a commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathtt{G}_A^\vee \circ_{\mathtt{e}_n}^{\mathbb{L}} S(\mathfrak{g}[n-1]) & \to & \mathtt{G}_A^\vee \circ_{\mathtt{e}_n} S(\mathfrak{g}[n-1]) \\ \downarrow\cong & & \downarrow\cong \\ \mathrm{C}_*^{\mathrm{CE}}(A^{-*} \otimes Q_\mathfrak{g}) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{C}_*^{\mathrm{CE}}(A^{-*} \otimes \mathfrak{g}) \end{array}$$

The functor $\mathrm{C}_*^{\mathrm{CE}}$ preserves quasi-isomorphisms of Lie algebras, hence the bottom map is a quasi-isomorphism. The proposition follows. □

6 Outlook: The case of the 2-sphere and oriented manifolds

Up to now, we were considering framed manifolds M in order to define the action of the (unframed) Fulton–MacPherson $\mathtt{FM}_n$ on $\mathtt{FM}_M$. When M is not

framed, it is not possible to coherently define insertion of infinitesimal configurations from $\mathtt{FM}_n$ into the tangent space of M, because we lack a coherent identification of the tangent space at every point with $\mathbb{R}^n$. Instead, for an oriented (but not necessarily framed) manifold M, there exists an action of the *framed* Fulton–MacPherson operad obtained by considering infinitesimal configurations together with rotations of $\mathrm{SO}(n)$ (see below for precise definitions).

In dimension 2, the formality of $\mathtt{FM}_2$ was extended to a proof of the formality of the framed version of $\mathtt{FM}_2$ in [20] (see also [45] for an alternative proof and [25] for a generalization for even n). We now provide a generalization of the previous work for the 2-sphere, and we formulate a conjecture for higher dimensional closed manifolds that are not necessarily framed.

6.1 Framed little disks and framed configurations

Following Salvatore–Wahl [44, Definition 2.1], we describe the framed little disks operad as a semi-direct product. If G is a topological group and $\mathtt{P}$ is an operad in G-spaces, the semi-direct product $\mathtt{P} \rtimes G$ is the topological operad defined by $(\mathtt{P} \rtimes G)(n) = \mathtt{P}(n) \times G^n$ and explicit formulas for the composition. If H is a commutative Hopf algebra and $\mathtt{C}$ is a Hopf cooperad in H-comodules, then the semi-direct product $\mathtt{C} \rtimes H$ is defined by formally dual formulas.

The operad $\mathtt{FM}_n$ is an operad in $\mathrm{SO}(n)$-spaces, the action rotating configurations. Thus we can form an operad $\mathtt{fFM}_n = \mathtt{FM}_n \rtimes \mathrm{SO}(n)$, the framed Fulton–MacPherson operad, weakly equivalent to the standard framed little disks operad.

Given an oriented n-manifold M, there is a corresponding right module over $\mathtt{fFM}_n$, which we call $\mathtt{fFM}_M$ [52, Section 2]. The space $\mathtt{fFM}_M(U)$ is a principal $\mathrm{SO}(n)^{\times U}$-bundle over $\mathtt{FM}_M(U)$. Since $\mathrm{SO}(n)$ is an algebraic group, $\mathtt{fFM}_n$ and $\mathtt{fFM}_M(U)$ are respectively an operad and a module in semi-algebraic spaces.

6.2 Cohomology of $\mathtt{fFM}_n$ and potential model

The cohomology of $\mathrm{SO}(n)$ is classically given by Pontryagin and Euler classes:

$$\begin{aligned} H^*(\mathrm{SO}(2n);\mathbb{Q}) &= S(\beta_1,\dots,\beta_{n-1},\alpha_{2n-1}) && (\deg \alpha_{2n-1} = 2n-1) \\ H^*(\mathrm{SO}(2n+1)) &= S(\beta_1,\dots,\beta_n) && (\deg \beta_i = 4i-1) \end{aligned}$$

By the Künneth formula, $\mathtt{fe}_n^\vee(U) = \mathtt{e}_n^\vee(U) \otimes H^*(\mathrm{SO}(n))^{\otimes U}$. We now provide explicit formulas for the cocomposition [44]. If $x \in H^*(\mathrm{SO}(n))$ and $u \in U$, then denote as before $\iota_u(x) \in H^*(\mathrm{SO}(n))^{\otimes U}$. Let $W \subset U$. If x is either β_i or α_{2n-1} in the even case, then we have:

$$\circ_W^\vee(\iota_u(x)) = \begin{cases} \iota_*(x) \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \iota_u(x), & \text{if } u \in W; \\ \iota_u(x) \otimes 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \tag{46}$$

The formula for $\circ_W^\vee(\omega_{uv})$ depends on the parity of n. If n is odd, then $\circ_W^\vee(\omega_{uv})$ is still given by Eq. (14). Otherwise, in $\mathtt{fe}_{2n}^\vee$ we have:

$$\circ_W^\vee(\omega_{uv}) = \begin{cases} \iota_*(\alpha_{2n-1}) \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \omega_{uv}, & \text{if } u, v \in W; \\ \omega_{[u][v]} \otimes 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \tag{47}$$

From now on, we focus on oriented surfaces. The only simply connected compact surface is $M = S^2$. We can choose $A = H^*(S^2) = S(\upsilon)/(\upsilon^2)$ as its Poincaré duality model. The Euler class of A is $e_A = \chi(S^2)\mathrm{vol}_A = 2\upsilon$, and the diagonal class is $\Delta_A = \upsilon \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \upsilon$. Recall that $\mu_A(\Delta_A) = e_A$.

Definition 83 The *framed LS CDGA* $\mathtt{fG}_A(U)$ is given by:

$$\mathtt{fG}_A(U) = (A^{\otimes U} \otimes \mathtt{fe}_2^\vee(U)/(\iota_u(a) \cdot \omega_{uv} = \iota_v(a) \cdot \omega_{uv}), d),$$

where the differential is given by $d\omega_{uv} = \iota_{uv}(\Delta_A)$ and $d\iota_u(\alpha) = \iota_u(e_A)$.

Proposition 84 *The collection* $\{\mathtt{fG}_A(U)\}_U$ *is a Hopf right* $\mathtt{fe}_2^\vee$*-comodule, with cocomposition given by the same formula as Eq.* (24).

Proof The proofs that the cocomposition is compatible with the cooperad structure of $\mathtt{fe}_2^\vee$, and that this is compatible with the quotient, is the same as in the proof of Proposition 16. It remains to check compatibility with differentials.

We check this compatibility on generators. The internal differential of $A = H^*(S^2)$ is zero, so it is easy to check that $\circ_W^\vee(d(\iota_u(a))) = d(\circ_W^\vee(\iota_u(a))) = 0$. Similarly, by Eq. (46), checking the equality on α is immediate. As before there are several cases to check for ω_{uv}. If $u, v \in W$, then by Eq. (47),

$$\begin{aligned} d(\circ_W^\vee(\omega_{uv})) &= d(\iota_*(\alpha) \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \omega_{uv}) = \iota_*(e_A) \otimes 1 \\ &= \iota_*(\mu_A(\Delta_A)) \otimes 1 = \circ_W^\vee(d\omega_{uv}), \end{aligned}$$

and otherwise the proof is identical to the proof of Proposition 16. □

6.3 Connecting $\mathtt{fG}_A$ to $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{fFM}_{S^2})$

The framed little 2-disks operad is formal [20,45]. We focus on the proof of Giansiracusa–Salvatore [20], which goes along the same line as the proof of Kontsevich of the formality of $\mathtt{FM}_n$. To simplify notations, let $H = H^*(S^1)$, which is a Hopf algebra. The operad $\mathtt{Graphs}_2$ is an operad in H-comodules,

so there is a semi-direct product $\mathtt{Graphs}_2 \rtimes H$. Giansiracusa and Salvatore construct a zigzag:

$$\mathtt{fe}_2^\vee \xleftarrow{\sim} \mathtt{Graphs}_2 \rtimes H \xrightarrow{\sim} \Omega_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{fFM}_2). \tag{48}$$

The first map is the tensor product of $\mathtt{Graphs}_2 \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathtt{e}_2^\vee$ and the identity of H. The second map is given by the Kontsevich integral on $\mathtt{Graphs}_2$ and by sending the generator $\alpha \in H$ to the volume form of $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(S^1)$ (pulled back by the relevant projection). They check that both maps are maps of Hopf (almost) cooperads, and they use the Künneth formula to conclude that these maps are quasi-isomorphisms.

Theorem 85 *The Hopf right comodule* $(\mathtt{f}G_A, \mathtt{fe}_2^\vee)$*, where* $A = H^*(S^2;\mathbb{R})$*, is quasi-isomorphic to the Hopf right comodule* $(\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{f}FM_{S^2}), \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{f}FM_2))$.

Proof It is now straightforward to adapt the proof of Theorem 3 to this setting, reusing the proof of Giansiracusa–Salvatore [20]. We build the zigzag:

$$\mathtt{fG}_A \leftarrow \mathtt{Graphs}_A^\varepsilon \rtimes H \rightarrow \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{fFM}_{S^2}).$$

We simply choose $R = A = H^*(S^2)$, mapping $\upsilon \in H^2(S^2)$ to the volume form of S^2. Note that the propagator can be made completely explicit on S^2, and it can be checked that Z_φ vanishes on all connected graphs with more than one vertex [6, Proposition 80]. The middle term is a Hopf right $(\mathtt{Graphs}_2 \rtimes H)$-comodule built out of $\mathtt{Graphs}_A^\varepsilon$ and H, using formulas similar to the formulas defining $\mathtt{Graphs}_2 \rtimes H$ out of $\mathtt{Graphs}_2$ and H. The first map is given by the tensor product of $\mathtt{Graphs}_R \to \mathtt{G}_A$ and the identity of H.

The second map is given by the morphism of Proposition 41 on the $\mathtt{Graphs}_A^\varepsilon$ factor, composed with the pullback along the projection $\mathtt{fFM}_{S^2} \to \mathtt{FM}_{S^2}$. The generator $\alpha \in H$ is sent to a pullback of a global angular form ψ of the principal SO(2)-bundle $\mathtt{fFM}_{S^2}(\underline{1}) \to \mathtt{FM}_{S^2}(\underline{1}) = S^2$ induced by the orientation of S^2. This form satisfies $d\psi = \chi(S^2)\mathrm{vol}_{S^2}$.

The proof of Giansiracusa–Salvatore [20] then adapts itself to prove that these two maps are maps of Hopf right comodules. The Künneth formula implies that the first map is a quasi-isomorphism, and the second map induces an isomorphism on the E^2-page of the Serre spectral sequence associated to the bundle $\mathtt{fFM}_{S^2} \to \mathtt{FM}_{S^2}$ and hence is itself a quasi-isomorphism. □

Corollary 86 *The* CDGA $\mathtt{f}G_{H^*(S^2)}(\underline{k})$ *of Definition 83 is a real model for* $\mathrm{Conf}_k^{\mathrm{or}}(S^2)$*, the* $\mathrm{SO}(2)^{\times k}$*-principal bundle over* $\mathrm{Conf}_k(S^2)$ *induced by the orientation of* S^2.

If M is an oriented n-manifold with $n > 2$, Definition 83 readily adapts to define $\mathtt{f}G_{H^*(M)}$, by setting $d\alpha$ to be the Euler class of M (when n is even), and

$d\beta_i$ to be the ith Pontryagin class of M. The proof of Proposition 84 adapts easily to this new setting, and $\mathtt{fG}_{H^*(M)}$ becomes a Hopf right $\mathtt{fe}_n^\vee$-comodule.

Conjecture 87 If M is a formal, simply connected, oriented closed n-manifold and if the framed little n-disks operad $\mathtt{fe}_n$ is formal, then the pair $(\mathtt{fG}_{H^*(M)}, \mathtt{fe}_n^\vee)$ is quasi-isomorphic to the pair $(\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{fFM}_M), \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{fFM}_n))$.

To directly adapt our proof for the conjecture, the difficulty would be the same as encountered by Giansiracusa–Salvatore [20], namely finding forms in $\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{fFM}_n)$ corresponding to the generators of $H^*(\mathrm{SO}(n))$ and compatible with the Kontsevich integral. It was recently proved that the framed Fulton–MacPherson is formal for even n and not formal for odd $n \geq 3$ [25,38]. However, the proof that $\mathtt{fFM}_n$ is formal for even $n \geq 4$, due to Khoroshkin and Willwacher [25], is much more involved than the proof of the formality of $\mathtt{fFM}_2$. In particular, the zigzag of maps is not completely explicit and relies on obstruction-theoretical arguments. It would be interesting to try and adapt the conjecture in this setting.

If M itself is not formal then it is also not clear how to define Pontryagin classes in some Poincaré duality model of M (the Euler class is canonically given by $\chi(A)\mathrm{vol}_A$). Nevertheless, for any oriented manifold M we get invariants of $\mathtt{fe}_n$-algebras by considering the functor $\mathtt{fG}^\vee_{H^*(M)} \circ^{\mathbb{L}}_{\mathtt{fe}_n} (-)$. Despite not necessarily computing factorization homology, they could prove interesting.

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Glossary of notation

DG-modules and CDGAs

$V[k] = \bigoplus_{n\in\mathbb{Z}} V^{n+k}$: desuspension of a dg-module (Sect. 1.1)
$(v \otimes w)^{21} := \pm\, w \otimes v$ (Sect. 1.1)
$X = \sum_{(X)} X' \otimes X'' \in V \otimes W$: Sweedler's notation (Sect. 1.1)

Cooperads and comodules

$\underline{k} = \{1, \ldots, k\}$ (Sect. 1.2)
$\circ_W^\vee : \mathtt{C}(U) \to \mathtt{C}(U/W) \otimes \mathtt{C}(W)$: cooperadic cocomposition (Sect. 1.2)
$\circ_W^\vee : \mathtt{N}(U) \to \mathtt{N}(U/W) \otimes \mathtt{C}(W)$: right comodule structure map (Sect. 1.2)

Semi-algebraic sets and PA forms

$\Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(-)$: CDGA of piecewise semi-algebraic (PA) forms (Sect. 1.3)
$p_*(-) = \int_{p:E\to B}(-)$: integral along the fibers of the PA bundle p (Sect. 1.3)

Little disks and related objects

$\mathtt{FM}_n(k)$: Fulton–MacPherson compactification of $\mathrm{Conf}_k(\mathbb{R}^n)$ (Sect. 1.4)
$\mathtt{e}_n := H_*(\mathtt{FM}_n)$, $\mathtt{e}_n^\vee := H^*(\mathtt{FM}_n)$ homology and cohomology of $\mathtt{FM}_n$ (Sect. 1.4)
$\mathrm{vol}_{n-1} \in \Omega^{n-1}_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_n(\underline{2}))$ volume form (Sect. 1.4)
$\mathtt{FM}_M(k)$: Fulton–MacPherson compactification of $\mathrm{Conf}_k(M)$ (Sect. 1.4)
$p : \partial\mathtt{FM}_M(\underline{2}) \to M$ sphere bundle of rank $n-1$ (Sect. 1.4)

Poincaré duality CDGAs

(A, ε_A): Poincaré duality CDGA with its orientation (Sect. 1.7)
$\mathrm{vol}_A \in A^n$: volume form (Sect. 1.7)
$\Delta_A \in (A \otimes A)^n$: diagonal cocycle (Sect. 1.7)
$\mathtt{G}_A(\underline{k})$: Lambrechts–Stanley CDGAs (Sect. 1.8)

Graph complexes for $\mathbb{R}^n$

$\mathtt{Gra}_n$: graphs with only external vertices (Sect. 1.6)
$\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_n$: graphs with external and internal vertices (Sect. 1.6)
$\mathtt{Graphs}_n$: reduced graphs with external and internal vertices (Sect. 1.6)
$\mathtt{Gra}_n^{\circlearrowleft}$, $\mathtt{Graphs}_n^{\circlearrowleft}$: variants with loops and multiple edges (Sect. 3.1)
$\mu = e_{12}^\vee$: Maurer–Cartan element used to twist the graphs cooperad (Sect. 1.6)
$\omega : \mathtt{Graphs}_n \to \Omega^*_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_n)$: Kontsevich's integrals (Sect. 1.6)

Graph complexes for a closed manifold M

$\mathtt{Gra}_R$: labeled graphs with only external vertices (Sect. 3.2)
$\mathtt{Gra}_R^{\circlearrowleft}$: variant with loops and multiple edges (Sect. 3.2)
$\mathrm{Tw}\,\mathtt{Gra}_R$: labeled graphs with internal and external vertices (Sect. 3.4)

$\varphi \in \Omega^{n-1}_{\mathrm{PA}}(\mathtt{FM}_M(\underline{2}))$: propagator (Sect. 3.3)
fGC_R: full labeled graph complex (Definition 36)
$Z_\varphi : \mathrm{fGC}_R \to \mathbb{R}$: partition function (Sect. 3)
$\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varphi}_R$: reduced labeled graphs with internal and external vertices (Sect. 3.6)
$\omega : \mathtt{Graphs}^{\varphi}_R$: integrals (Sect. 3.6)
$Z_\varepsilon : \mathrm{fGC}_R \to \mathbb{R}$: almost trivial partition function (Definition 58)
$\mathtt{Graphs}^{\varepsilon}_R$: reduced labeled graphs with internal and external vertices (Definition 58)

Factorization homology

$\mathtt{Disk}^{\mathrm{fr}}_n$: operad of framed embeddings (Sect. 5)
$\mathtt{Disk}^{\mathrm{fr}}_M$: module of framed embeddings for a framed M (Sect. 5)
$\int_M A := \mathtt{Disk}^{\mathrm{fr}}_M \circ^{\mathbb{L}}_{\mathtt{Disk}^{\mathrm{fr}}_n} A$: factorization homology (Sect. 5)
$\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{CE}}_*$: Chevalley–Eilenberg complex (Sect. 5)

Framed case

$\mathtt{fFM}_n = \mathtt{FM}_n \rtimes \mathrm{SO}(n)$ framed Fulton–MacPherson operad (Sect. 6)
$\mathtt{fFM}_M$: framed Fulton–MacPherson compactification (Sect. 6)
$\mathtt{fG}_A(\underline{k})$: framed Lambrechts–Stanley CDGAs (Sect. 6)

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