

Super period map and projectiveness of supermoduli

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- 1980's: Super Riemann surfaces (SRS) are introduced by string theorist as the worldsheets of propagating superstrings. Many important quantities in superstring theory are defined as integrals over the moduli spaces \mathfrak{M}_g of SRSs, called *supermoduli space*, e.g., the g -superstring scattering amplitude,

$$\int_{\mathfrak{M}_g} \mu_g,$$

the μ_g is called the *supermeasure*.

- 2002: D'Hoker + Phong compute $g = 2$ scattering amplitude, writing down μ_2 using an analytic formula for the $g = 2$ super period matrix. Basic idea: Write down super period matrix, observe it defines a projection $\mathfrak{M}_2^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{SM}_2^+$, compose with the forgetting map $\mathcal{SM}_2^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_2$, to get the map

$$\mathfrak{M}_2^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{SM}_2^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_2 (= \mathcal{A}_2)$$

and then integrate the usual string-measure over \mathcal{M}_2 followed by an integration over the fibers.

- 2014: Donagi and Witten prove that \mathfrak{M}_g is not projected for $g \geq 5$. Thus the key fact in D'Hoker and Phong's calculation for $g = 2$ amplitude, namely that \mathfrak{M}_2 is projected does not generalize.
- 2013: Witten generalizes D'Hoker and Phong's analytic formula for the super period matrix to higher genus. His formulas show possible poles in the super period matrix, implying poles in μ_g , along a certain locus \mathcal{B} in \mathfrak{M}_g , now called the bad locus (divisor). He conjectures that poles only appear after genus twelve.
- 2020: Proof that super period matrix is regular for $g \leq 11$, verifying Witten's conjecture.
- Today: Supermoduli space *is* projected away from \mathcal{B} for all genus g . Furthermore, at least for $g = 2$ and $g = 3$ the super period matrix defines a projection from the complement, U_g , of \mathcal{B} onto is bosonic reduction $U_{g,bos} \subset \mathcal{SM}_g$, and using the regularity result above, the projection extends to a projection $\mathfrak{M}_3^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{SM}_3^+$, and similarly for $g = 2$. In particular, we find that \mathfrak{M}_3^+ is projected. This is joint work with Ron Donagi.

- *Super vector space*: A vector space V with a \mathbb{Z}_2 -grading,

$$V = V_0 \oplus V_1.$$

Example: $\mathbb{C}^{1|1}$: Take \mathbb{C}^2 and a basis e_1, e_2 . Then $e_1, \Pi e_2$ is a basis for $\mathbb{C}^{1|1}$. Here Π is the parity-reversing functor: If e_1, \dots, e_n generate \mathbb{C}^n , then $\Pi e_1, \dots, \Pi e_n$ generate $\mathbb{C}^{0|n}$

- *Superalgebra*: A super vector space V with a multiplication, $V \otimes V \rightarrow V$, such that $v \otimes w = (-1)^{|v||w|} w \otimes v$.

Grassmann algebra: Let V be an ordinary k -vector space, and let e_1, \dots, e_n be a basis, and set $\theta_i := \Pi e_i$. Then,

$$G(V) := \wedge^\bullet \Pi V \cong k[\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n]$$

where $\theta_i \theta_j := \theta_i \wedge \theta_j$, and

$$G(V)_0 = \wedge^{2n} \Pi V, \quad G(V)_1 = \wedge^{2n+1} \Pi V$$

- A *superringed space* is a pair $X = (|X|, \mathcal{O}_X)$, a sheaf of superalgebras $\mathcal{O}_X = \mathcal{O}_{X,0} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{X,1}$ on a topological space $|X|$ such that $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$ is a superalgebra for all open subsets $U \subset |X|$.
- $\mathbb{C}^{m|n}$ is the top space $|\mathbb{C}^m|$ with the sheaf

$$\mathcal{O} : U \subset \mathbb{C}^m \mapsto \text{hol}(U) \otimes G_n(U).$$

Here G_n is the Grassmann algebra generated by a global frame for the trivial bundle of rank n on \mathbb{C}^m . The coordinates on $\mathbb{C}^{m|n}$ are for example $(z_1, \dots, z_m, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n)$.

- *Complex supermanifold*: A superring space $X = (|X|, \mathcal{O}_X)$ locally isomorphic to the local model, $\mathbb{C}^{m|n}$.

Reductions

Let $J := \langle \mathcal{O}_{X,1} \rangle \subset \mathcal{O}_X$. Then

- Bosonic truncation: $X_{\text{ev}} = (|X|, \mathcal{O}_{X,0})$, and $\mathcal{O}_{X,0} \subset \mathcal{O}_X$ induces a projection $X \rightarrow X_{\text{ev}}$
- Bosonic reduction: $X_{\text{bos}} = (|X|, \mathcal{O}_X/J)$, and the morphism $\mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X/J$ induces an embedding $X_{\text{bos}} \subset X$.
- X is said to be *projected* if the embedding has a section, i.e., a projection $X \rightarrow X_{\text{bos}}$, and *split* if the projection has linear fibers. Specifically, X is split if it is isomorphic to the normal bundle $N_{X_{\text{bos}}/X}$ to $X_{\text{bos}} \subset X$.

REMARK: The bosonic reduction is an ordinary manifold, and the bosonic truncation is an ordinary scheme. For example, the bosonic reduction of $\mathbb{C}^{1|2}$ is \mathbb{C}^1 , the bosonic truncation is isomorphic to the non-reduced scheme $\text{Spec } \mathbb{C}[z, \theta_1 \theta_2]$.

REMARK: The bosonic reduction and truncation are the same for $m|1$ -dimensional supermanifolds.

Supercurve

A supercurve X is a compact, connected $1|1$ -dimensional complex supermanifold. Properties:

- X is locally isomorphic to $\mathbb{C}^{1|1} \cong \operatorname{Spec} \mathbb{C}[z, \theta]$.
- The bosonic reduction (=bosonic truncation) of X is an ordinary curve (Riemann surface), $C := X_{\text{bos}}$.

Examples:

- $\mathbb{C}^{1|1}$ (not compact)
- $\mathbb{P}^{1|1}$ (genus $g = 0$ supercurve).
- $\mathbb{WP}^{1|1}(1, 1|m)$, weighted superprojective spaces, (genus $g = 0$ supercurve)
- A branched cover of a genus g_0 supercurve is a supercurve with genus g determined by the usual Hurwitz formula, a function of g_0 , and the number of branch and ramification points.

A derivation, or vector field, on a supercurve X is a \mathbb{C} -linear morphism $\delta : \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X$ satisfying the super Leibniz rule,

$$\delta(fg) = \delta(f)g + (-1)^{|\delta||f|} f\delta(g).$$

The tangent bundle T_X on X is of rank $1|1$ and thus locally generated by one even and one odd derivation. For example, in local coordinates (z, θ) ,

① $\partial_z, \partial_\theta$

② $\partial_z, \partial_\theta + \theta\partial_z$

To check the parity is as claimed:

$$\partial_z(z) = 1, \quad \partial_z(\theta) = 0,$$

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The tangent bundle T_X comes has a Lie bracket,

$$[\cdot, \cdot]: T_X \otimes T_X \rightarrow T_X,$$

satisfying $[V, W] = VW - (-1)^{|V||W|} WV$. If $[V, W] \neq 0$, then $|V| = |W| = 1$. For example,

$$[\partial_\theta + \theta \partial_z, \partial_\theta + \theta \partial_z] = \partial_z.$$

Compare this to the Lie bracket on the tangent bundle on an ordinary curve, which is always equal to zero.

This gives rise to a special structure on a supercurve, not seen in the ordinary case, called a *superconformal structure*.

Super Riemann surfaces

A superconformal structure \mathcal{D} on a supercurve X is a rank $0|1$ sub-bundle \mathcal{D} of T_X which is maximally non-integrable in the sense that the supercommutator defines an isomorphism

$$[\cdot, \cdot]: \mathcal{D} \otimes \mathcal{D} \cong T_X/\mathcal{D}.$$

In local coordinates, (z, θ) , \mathcal{D} is generated by the odd vector field, $\partial_\theta + \theta\partial_z$, and

$$[\partial_\theta + \theta\partial_z, \partial_\theta + \theta\partial_z] = \partial_z$$

from which we get the saying that \mathcal{D} is a square-root of the derivative.

A *super Riemann surface* is a pair (X, \mathcal{D}) of a supercurve X and a superconformal structure \mathcal{D} on X .

Super Riemann surface

We can also take the bosonic reduction of the superconformal structure \mathcal{D} by taking quotient with $J = \langle \mathcal{O}_{X,1} \rangle$, the result,

$$\mathcal{D}_{bos} := \mathcal{D}/J\mathcal{D}.$$

is a $\mathcal{O}_C = \mathcal{O}_X/J$ -module, or a rank $0|1$ -vector bundle on C . In particular, the parity-reversal $L_\Pi := \Pi\mathcal{D}_{bos}$ is a line bundle on C .

It is a standard exercise to show that $L := L_\Pi^\vee$ is a *spin structure* on C , i.e., L is a line bundle with an identification

$$L^2 = \Omega_C^1.$$

Furthermore, the super Riemann surface X can be recovered from the *spin curve*, (C, L) , as the total space of ΠL . This gives rise to the well-known one-to-one correspondence

$$\{ \text{spin curves} \} = \{ \text{super Riemann surfaces} \}$$

BUT... this correspondence does not hold for *families of super Riemann surfaces*.

A family of super Riemann surface is a morphism $\pi : X \rightarrow S$ of supercurves, with a superconformal structure \mathcal{D} now a rank $0|1$ subbundle of the relative tangent bundle $T_{X/S}$.

FACT: If S is purely bosonic, then $X \rightarrow S$ is the total space of a spin structure on a family of spin curves, and we recover the one-to-one correspondence in the previous slide, i.e., for an ordinary scheme S ,

$$\{ \text{fams of SRSs over } S \} = \{ \text{fams of spin curves over } S \}.$$

FACT: If S has odd coordinates, then $X \rightarrow S$ is, in general, not a family of spin curves. In general,

$$\{ \text{fams of spin curves} \} \subset \{ \text{fams of SRS} \}$$

The geometric object parameterizing families of genus g super Riemann surfaces is called supermoduli space, \mathfrak{M}_g . We assume that $g \geq 2$, so that we can treat \mathfrak{M}_g as a supermanifold (it is really a smooth Deligne-Mumford superstack, representing the moduli functor

$$\mathfrak{M}_g : \text{sSch} \rightarrow \text{groupoid},$$

. we treat $g = 0, 1$ separately because it is only an Artin superstack).

The one-to-one correspondence between spin curves and super Riemann surfaces over ordinary schemes identifies $(\mathfrak{M}_g)_{\text{bos}} : \text{Sch} \rightarrow \text{groupoid}$ with the moduli space of genus g spin curves, \mathcal{SM}_g ,

$$(\mathfrak{M}_g)_{\text{bos}} = \mathcal{SM}_g.$$

and so $\mathcal{SM}_g \subset \mathfrak{M}_g$. This expresses the inclusion in the previous slide.

There is a forgetting map $\mathcal{SM}_g \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_g$ making \mathcal{SM}_g into a finite, étale cover of \mathcal{M}_g , the ordinary moduli space of genus g curves. With the natural embedding $\mathcal{SM}_g \subset \mathfrak{M}_g$, we get a diagram

\mathfrak{M}_g is *projected* if there exists a projection $\mathfrak{M}_g \rightarrow \mathcal{SM}_g$.

What we know about the projectedness of supermoduli space for $g \geq 2$:

- \mathfrak{M}_g is not projected for $g \geq 5$. In other words, for genus $g \geq 5$, there is *no* projection $\mathfrak{M}_g \rightarrow \mathcal{SM}_g$.
- \mathfrak{M}_2^+ is projected. In other words, there is a projection $\mathfrak{M}_2^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{SM}_2^+$. In fact, this projection comes from the super period matrix which appears in DHP's definition of the supermeasure.
- Theorem (Donagi, O.): \mathfrak{M}_g is projected away from the so-called *bad divisor* $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathfrak{M}_g$ for all genus g .
- Theorem (Donagi, O.): \mathfrak{M}_3^+ is projected.

To define the bad divisor, need to recall some stuff living on supermoduli space:

- The universal curve $\pi : \mathfrak{X}_g \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}_g$ on supermoduli space. Recall that every family $X \rightarrow T$ of SRSs is a pullback of \mathfrak{X}_g by a unique map $T \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}_g$.
- the relative dualizing sheaf $\omega := \text{Ber}(\mathfrak{X}_g/\mathfrak{M}_g)$ on \mathfrak{X}_g , this thing is the super version of the canonical bundle—we mostly care about $\pi_*\omega$.
- The fiber of $\pi_*\omega$ at a point X (a SRS) in \mathfrak{M}_g is isomorphic to $H^0(X, \text{Ber}(X))$.
- and there is an identification

$$H^0(X, \text{Ber}(X)) = H^0(C, \Omega_C^1) \oplus \Pi H^0(C, L)$$

where (C, L) is the spin curve determined by X .

oh no!: $\pi_*\omega$ is not a vector bundle on \mathfrak{M}_g :...

Why is $\pi_*\omega$ not a vector bundle ?

Grauert theorem (in general): A coherent sheaf \mathcal{F} on Y is locally free if and only if the dimension of the fibers $\gamma(y) = \dim \mathcal{F}|_y$ is constant on Y .

Applying to $\pi_*\omega$: the dimension of the fiber $\pi_*\omega|_X$ at a point X in \mathfrak{M}_g is the dimension of the super vector space $H^0(C, \Omega_C^1) \oplus \Pi H^0(C, L)$.

Generically, $H^0(C, L) = 0$, so $\pi_*\omega$ is not locally free over the locus in \mathfrak{M}_g where $h^0(L) > 0$. This locus is a divisor, called the *bad divisor* and denoted by \mathcal{B} .

We let $U_g \subset \mathfrak{M}_g$ denote the complement of the bad divisor \mathcal{B} .

We assume $g \geq 2$.

Theorem (Donagi, O.)

\mathfrak{M}_g is projected away from the so-called bad divisor $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathfrak{M}_g$ for all genus g , i.e., U_g is projected for all genus g .

Proof sketch.

- Main point: every smooth and affine superscheme is projected (and also split). So we will show that U_g is smooth and affine. The only non-trivial part is affineness.
- From AG: The complement of a very ample (positive) divisor is affine. So we will show that \mathcal{B} is very ample. Suffices to show that the bosonic reduction \mathcal{B}_{bos} in \mathcal{SM}_g is very ample.
- Classical geometry: \mathcal{B}_{bos} is the theta-null divisor in \mathcal{SM}_g , and this is known to be very ample (still looking for a reference...)



The measure for the ordinary scattering amplitude is defined in two steps:

- Mumford isomorphism: $\mu_g : \det(\pi_* \omega_{\mathcal{C}_g/\mathcal{M}_g})^{13} \cong \omega_{\mathcal{M}_g}$. Set $\Omega := \pi_* \omega_{\mathcal{C}_g/\mathcal{M}_g}$.
- We make $\mu_g \otimes \bar{\mu}_g$ into a volume form on \mathcal{M}_g by trivializing Ω with the Hermitian metric $\frac{i}{2} \int_C w \wedge \bar{v}$ and then taking determinant and products.
- Side remark: This metric can be expressed as the imaginary part of the period matrix .

Supermeasure: We have a super Mumford isomorphism

$$\mu_g : \text{Ber}(\pi_* \omega)^5 \cong \text{Ber}(\mathfrak{M}_g)$$

where recall $\pi_* \omega = \pi_* \text{Ber}(\mathfrak{X}_g/\mathfrak{M}_g)$.

Problem: (1) $\pi_* \omega$ is not locally free, and (2) there is no analog of $\int_C w \wedge \bar{v}$

Resolution: Work away from the bad divisor, so on U_g where $\pi_* \omega$ is locally free, and then go directly to expressing the hermitian metric in terms of the super period matrix.

Super period map and projectiveness

Next, we will investigate a connection between the super period map and the projectiveness. We will do the following:

- Define periods on super Riemann surfaces, called super period, and define the super period map for a single super Riemann surface, and then extend the definition to families of super Riemann surfaces, and in particular for the universal family $\pi : \mathfrak{X}_g \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}_g$.
- Define the super period map (better would be super Torelli map), from first principles, and find that its domain of definition is U_g .

Our main result is:

Theorem

In genus $g = 2$ and $g = 3$, the super period map defines a projection $U_g \rightarrow U_{g,bos}$.

Ordinary Periods

Let C be a curve (Riemann surface).

For any global section ω of $H^0(C, \Omega_C^1)$, integration along loops determines a map $\pi_1(C) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. Since \mathbb{C} is abelian, this map determines an element in $H^1(C, \mathbb{C})$, and we get a map

$$H^0(C, \Omega_C^1) \rightarrow H^1(C, \mathbb{C})$$

called the period map for C .

From the derived exponential sequence and Serre duality the period map can be defined for families of curves, and, in particular, for the universal family $\pi : \mathcal{C}_g \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_g$ on moduli space,

$$\pi_* \Omega_{\mathcal{C}_g/\mathcal{M}_g}^1 \rightarrow R^1 \pi_* \mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{M}_g}$$

The fiber of this map at a point C in \mathcal{M}_g is the period map for C .

Super periods

Let X be a super Riemann surface. A global section ω of $\text{Ber}(X)$ can be integrated over any smooth submanifold of X of real codimension $1|0$, called *integration cycles*. Every loop α on the ordinary curve C underlying X can be *thickened* into an integration cycle $\tilde{\alpha}$ on X , in a way that is unique up to homology.

By integrating along thickenings of loops, any global section ω of $\text{Ber}(X)$ gives rise to a map $\pi_1(X) = \pi_1(C) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. This map determines an element in $H^1(X, \mathbb{C}) = H^1(C, \mathbb{C})$ since \mathbb{C} is abelian, and so we get a map

$$\Omega(X) : H^0(X, \text{Ber}(X)) \rightarrow H^1(X, \mathbb{C}) \quad (1)$$

called the *super period map* for X .

The super period map for a super Riemann surface X in U_g is equal to the period map for $C = X_{\text{bos}}$.

Super periods cont.

We can define the super period map for a family of super Riemann surface, and, in particular, for the universal curve $\pi : \mathfrak{X}_g \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}_g$ using the derived exponential sequence and super Serre duality,

$$\pi_*\omega \rightarrow R^1\pi_*\mathbb{Z} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{M}_g}$$

where $\omega := \text{Ber}(\mathfrak{X}_g/\mathfrak{M}_g)$.

But this is not a morphism of vector bundles because $\pi_*\omega$ is not locally free, so we restrict to U_g , and let

$$\pi : X_g = \mathfrak{X}_g \times_{\mathfrak{M}_g} U_g \rightarrow U_g$$

so that we get a morphism of vector bundles,

$$\pi_*\omega|_{U_g} \rightarrow R^1\pi_*\mathbb{Z} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{U_g}$$

and $\omega := \omega$

Ordinary Torelli map: a morphism $\mathcal{M}_g \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_g$ sending a curve C to its Jacobian $J(C)$, which is a ppav of dimension equal to the genus of C .

- 1 Recall period map for the universal curve over ordinary moduli space,

$$\pi_*\omega \rightarrow R^1\pi_*\mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{M}_g},$$

- 2 Locally, on \mathcal{M}_g , choose symplectic $\phi : R^1\pi_*\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}^{2g}$, and get a map

$$\pi_*\omega \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^{\oplus 2g}$$

that determines a map $\mathcal{M}_g \rightarrow \text{Grass}(g, 2g)$ depending on ϕ .

- 3 We go to $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_g \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_g$ parameterizing ϕ s, and there get a map

$$\pi_*\tilde{\omega} \rightarrow R^1\pi_*\mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_g}$$

that determines a morphism $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_g \rightarrow \text{Grass}(g, 2g)$.

- 4 the Riemann bilinear relations then tell us that this map factors through \mathcal{H}_g . Furthermore, the action of mapping class group on $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_g$ factors through the action of $\text{Sp}(2g, \mathbb{Z})$ on \mathcal{H}_g to get the period map, $\mathcal{M}_g \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_g / \text{Sp}(2g, \mathbb{Z}) = \mathcal{A}_g$.

Properties of the ordinary Torelli map $\mathcal{M}_g \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_g$:

- is an isomorphism for $g = 2$ and $g = 3$,
- for $g \geq 4$, it is an embedding away from the hyperelliptic locus in \mathcal{M}_g .

The Schottky locus J_g is the image of the period map. It has the following properties,

- $J_g = \mathcal{A}_g$ for $g = 2, 3$.
- In $g = 4$, J_g is a divisor in \mathcal{A}_g , cut out by one equation, a modular form of weight 8.
- Open problem: Find all equations for the Schottky locus in higher genus.

Unlike the ordinary period map, the super Torelli map is only a rational morphism

$$\mathfrak{M}_g \dashrightarrow \mathcal{A}_g,$$

with the following properties:

- Its domain of definition is U_g , the complement of the bad divisor, i.e.,

$$U_g \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_g.$$

The super Schottky locus \mathfrak{J}_g is the image of the super period map:

- $\mathfrak{J}_g \supset J_g$ is a nilpotent thickening of the usual Schottky locus.
- $\mathfrak{J}_g = J_g (= \mathcal{M}_g = \mathcal{A}_g)$ if $g = 2, 3$.
- Theorem(FKP, 2021): If $g \leq 11$, then the super period map extends to a regular morphism $\mathfrak{M}_g^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_g$, i.e., the extension over \mathcal{B}^+ is regular

Super Torelli map:

- 1 Recall super period map for $\pi : X_g \rightarrow U_g$,

$$\pi_*\omega \rightarrow R^1\pi_*\mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{O}_{U_g},$$

- 2 Locally, on U_g , choose symplectic $\phi : R^1\pi_*\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}^{2g}$, and get a map

$$\pi_*\omega \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{U_g}^{\oplus 2g}$$

that determines a map $\mathcal{M}_g \rightarrow \text{Grass}(g, 2g)$ depending on ϕ .

- 3 We go to $\tilde{U}_g \rightarrow U_g$ parameterizing ϕ s, and there get a map

$$\pi_*\tilde{\omega} \rightarrow R^1\pi_*\mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{U}_g}$$

that determines a morphism $\tilde{U}_g \rightarrow \text{Grass}(g, 2g)$.

- 4 Since the super period map restricts on each X in U_g to the ordinary period map, we can again use the Riemann bilinear relations to conclude that this map factors through \mathcal{H}_g . The mapping class group is the same and still factors to get the map,

$$U_g \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_g / \text{Sp}(2g, \mathbb{Z}) = \mathcal{A}_g.$$

Theorem (Donagi, O.)

In genus $g = 2$ and $g = 3$, the super period map is a projection

$$U_g \rightarrow U_{g,bos}$$

Proof.

The ordinary period map is an isomorphism in genus $g = 2$ and $g = 3$, and we can use it to identify $\mathcal{A}_g = J_g = \mathcal{M}_g$, and the Torelli map with $U_g \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_g$, which we can lift to map $U_g \rightarrow U_{g,bos}$ using the fact that the forgetting map is étale. □

Corollary (Donagi, O.)

In genus $g = 2$ and $g = 3$, the projection $U_g \rightarrow U_{g,bos}$ extends to a projection $\mathfrak{M}_g^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{SM}_g^+$. In particular, \mathfrak{M}_3^+ is projected.