# Higher Dirac as Lagrangian Q-submanifolds 

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Q2: Are those the only examples? $T M \leftrightarrow A$ Lie algebroid.
Q3: What are Higher Dirac structures?

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The symplectic form is codified in $\langle\cdot, \cdot\rangle: E_{k-1} \oplus E_{k-1} \rightarrow E_{k-2}$ and the Atiyah alg structure of $\operatorname{Der}(A)$.

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Prop: The $Q$ 's are equivalent iff $\tau \cong \tau^{\prime}$ and $H=H^{\prime}+d_{T M} \beta$.

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In the case when $N=M$ and without the first condition this was defined by Hagiwara under the name of Nambu-Dirac structures. There are other definitions for Higher Dirac Structures: Wade, Zabzine, Zambon, Bi-Sheng, Bursztyn-Martinez-Rubio.

## Applications

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Use the theory of symplectic $Q$-manifolds to study higher Courant and higher Dirac.

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- Path integral: $\langle\mathcal{O}\rangle=\int_{\Phi \in \mathcal{L}_{B V} \subset \mathcal{F}_{B V}} \mathcal{O} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \mathcal{S}(\Phi)}$ " $\mathcal{D} \Phi$ ".
- Gauge fixing: $\mathcal{L}_{B V}$ Lagrangian submanifold of $\left(\mathcal{F}_{B V}, \omega_{B V}\right)$. When $=T^{*}[k] \mathfrak{g}[1]$ we obtain BF theory!!!


## Thanks !!

