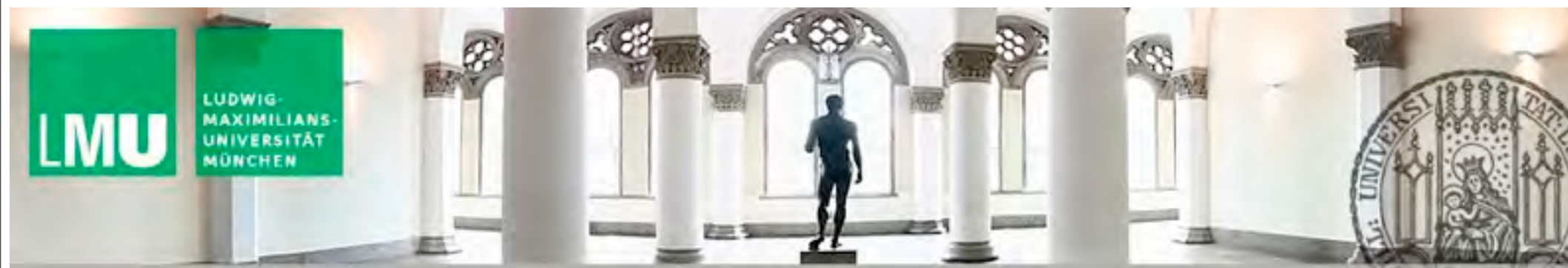
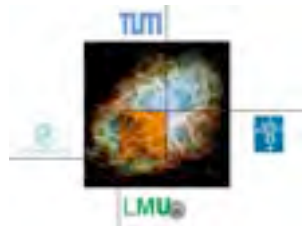
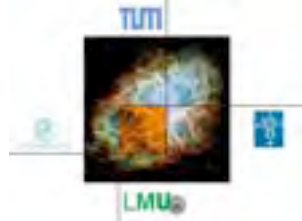


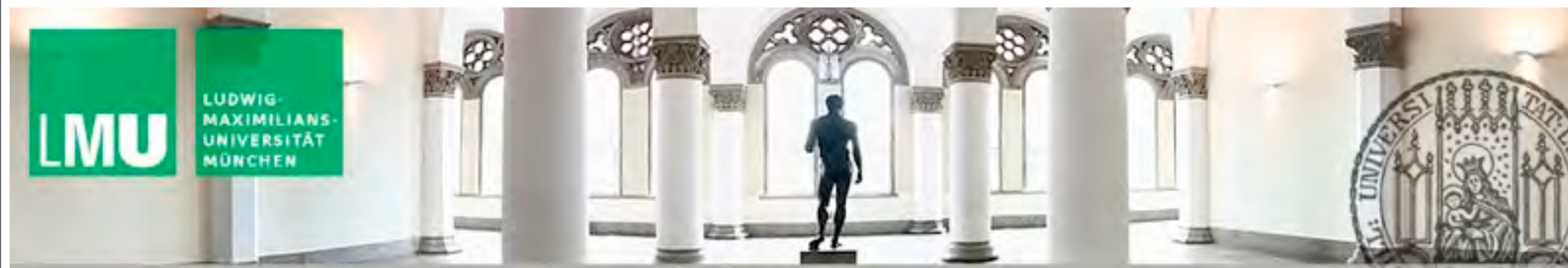
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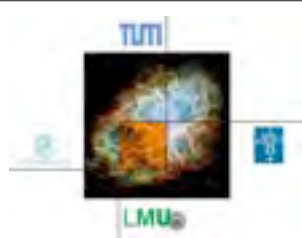
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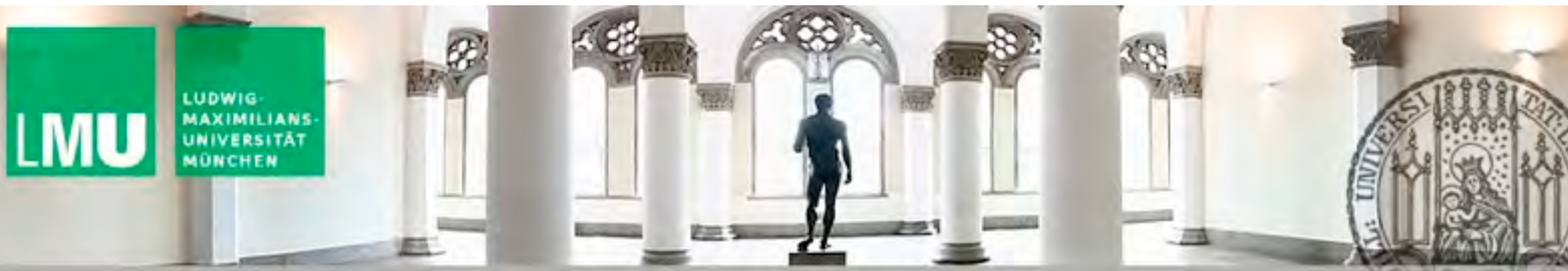
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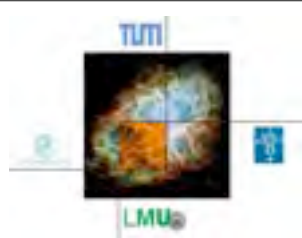
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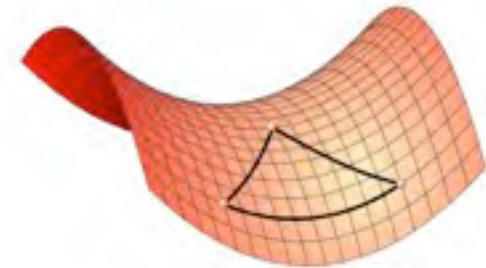
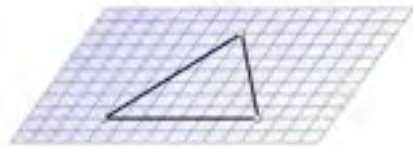
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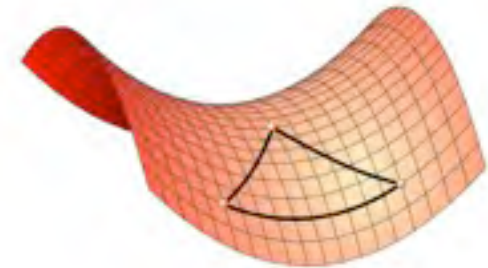
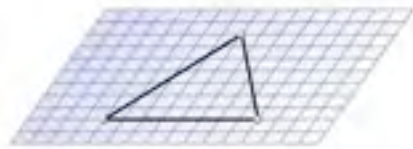
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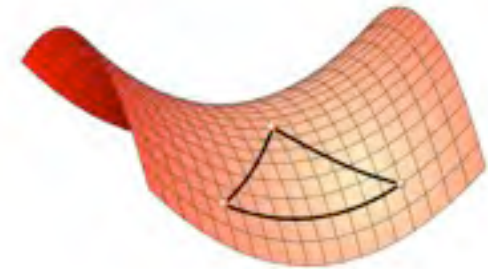
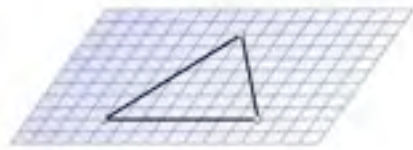


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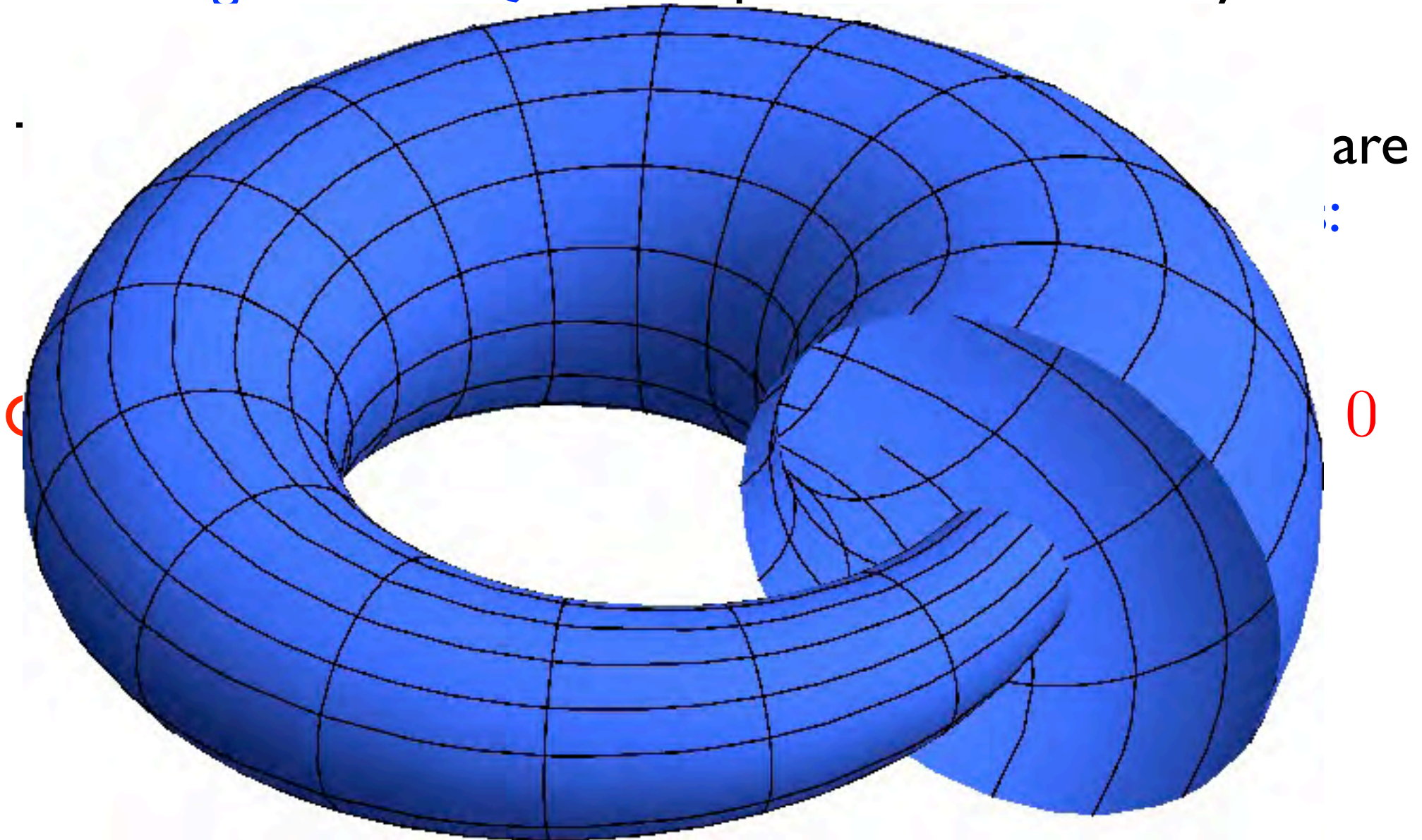
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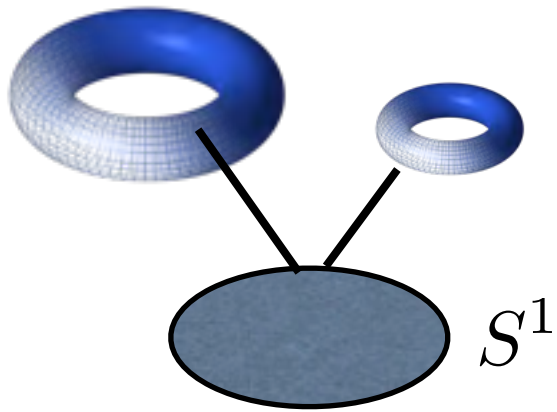
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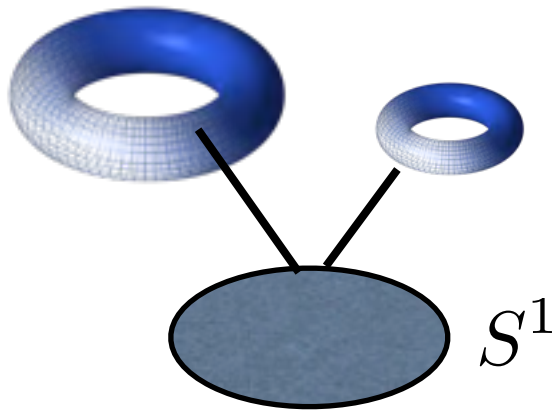
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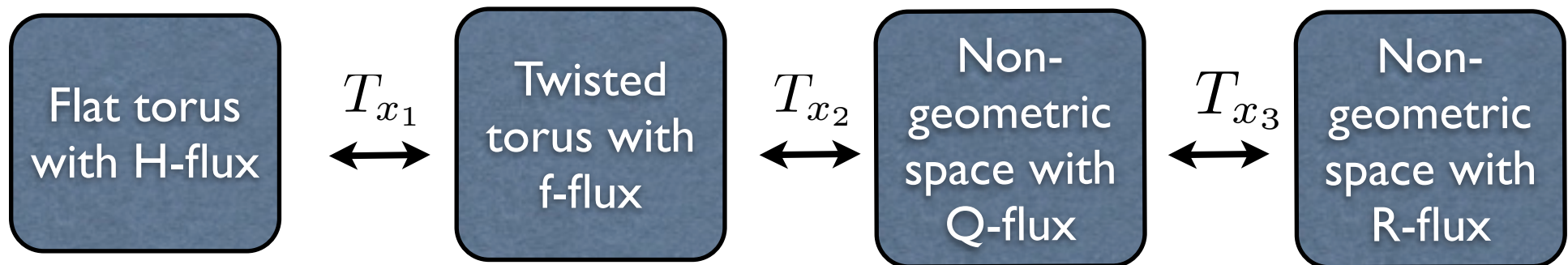
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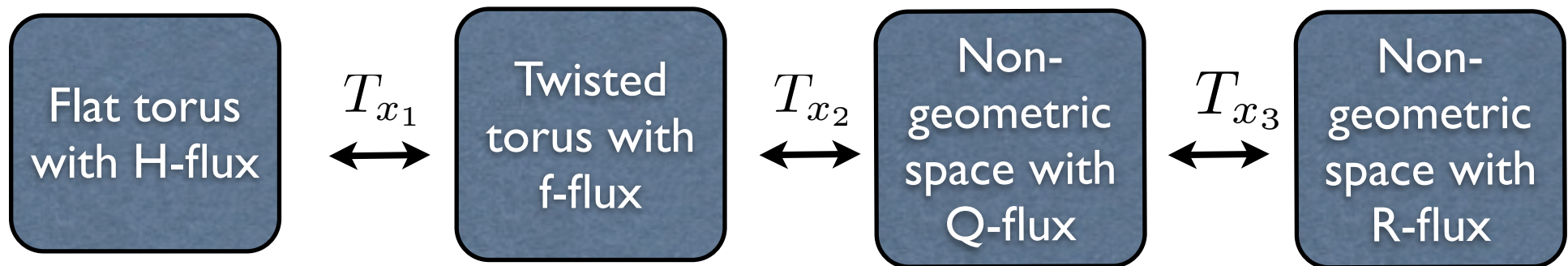
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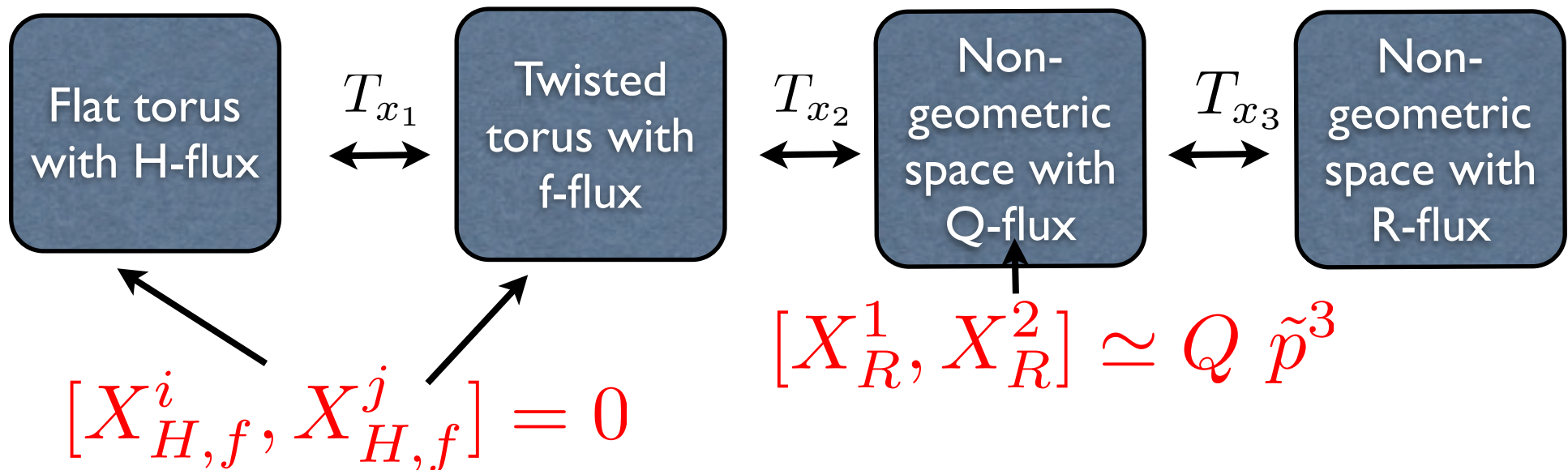
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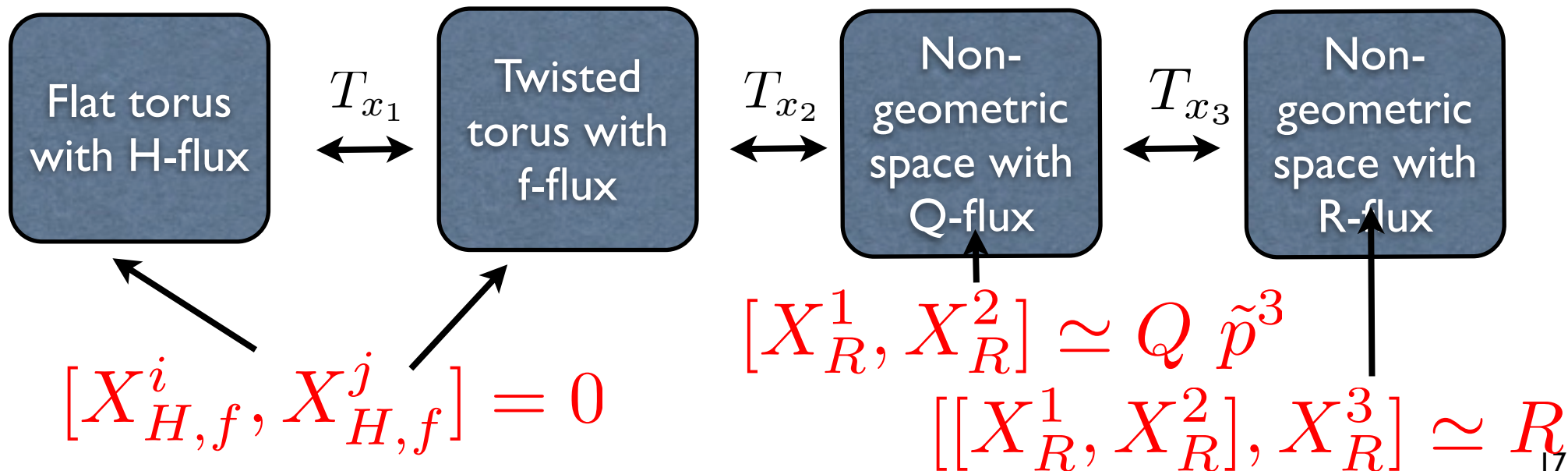
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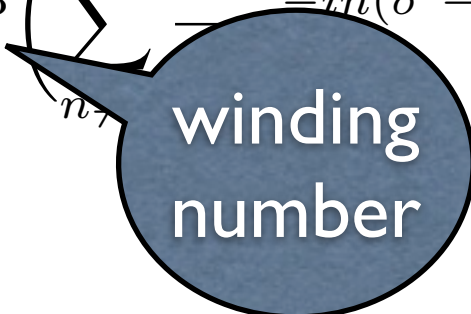
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Corresponding uncertainty relation:

$$(\Delta X_Q^1)^2 (\Delta X_Q^2)^2 \geq L_s^6 Q^2 \langle \tilde{p}^3 \rangle^2$$

The spatial uncertainty in the X_1, X_2 - directions grows with the dual momentum in the third direction: non-local strings with winding in third direction.

R-flux background:

T-duality in x^3 -direction \Rightarrow R-flux

$$\tilde{p}^3 \longleftrightarrow p_3, \quad \tilde{X}_{Q,3} \equiv X_R^3$$

\Rightarrow For the case of non-geometric R-fluxes one gets:

$$[X_R^1, X_R^2] = -i \frac{\pi^2}{6} R p_3 \quad R \equiv Q$$

Use $[X_R^3, p_3] = i \quad \Longrightarrow$

$$[[X_R^1(\tau, \sigma), X_R^2(\tau, \sigma)], X_R^3(\tau, \sigma)] + \text{perm.} = \frac{\pi^2}{6} R$$

Non-associative algebra!

CFT description: I. Bakas, D.L. to appear.

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Action of canonical T-duality on the world-sheet:

$$J^1 \longrightarrow J^1,$$

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(Automorphism of CFT)

Redefined coordinates (agree with previous first order mode expansion):

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E.g. parabolic H,f,Q,R-field background:

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(R. Blumenhagen, A. Deser, D.L., E. Plauschinn, F. Rennecke, 2011)

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This product is non-associative:

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$$f(x) \star_p (g(x) \star_p h(x)) = \exp [-R^{ijk} \partial_i \partial_j \partial_k] f(x) g(x) h(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow [f(x), g(x), h(x)]_{\star_p} = i \sinh [R^{ijk} \partial_i \partial_j \partial_k] f(x) g(x) h(x)$$

Generalization:

(Work in progress with I. Bakas)

Consider 4D-dimensional phase space of doubled geometry:

D + D coordinates X^i, \tilde{X}_i D + D momenta p_i, \tilde{p}^i .

\Rightarrow derive all commutators:

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta^{ij} &= [X^i(\tau, \sigma), X^j(\tau, \sigma)], & \Theta_j^{i'} &= [X^i(\tau, \sigma), P_j(\tau, \sigma)], & \Theta_{ij}'' &= [P_i(\tau, \sigma), P_j(\tau, \sigma)], \\ \Theta_j^i &= [X^i(\tau, \sigma), \tilde{X}_j(\tau, \sigma)], & \Theta^{ij'} &= [X^i(\tau, \sigma), \tilde{P}^j(\tau, \sigma)], & \Theta_i^{j''} &= [P_i(\tau, \sigma), \tilde{P}^j(\tau, \sigma)], \\ \Theta_{ij} &= [\tilde{X}_i(\tau, \sigma), \tilde{X}_j(\tau, \sigma)]. & \Theta'_{ij} &= [\tilde{X}_i(\tau, \sigma), P_j(\tau, \sigma)]. & \Theta^{ij''} &= [\tilde{P}^i(\tau, \sigma), \tilde{P}^j(\tau, \sigma)]. \end{aligned}$$

O(D,D) covariant star product:

$$f_1(x, \tilde{x}, p, \tilde{p}) \star_{p, \tilde{p}} f_2(x, \tilde{x}, p, \tilde{p}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exp\left(\Theta^{IJ}(x, p, \tilde{x}, \tilde{p}) \partial_I \partial_J\right) f_1(x, \tilde{x}, p, \tilde{p}) f_2(x, \tilde{x}, p, \tilde{p})$$

4D-dimensional Poisson tensor:

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They can be described in terms of freely acting symmetric \Leftrightarrow asymmetric \mathbb{Z}_4 orbifold CFTs:

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D.L., JHEP 1012 (2011) 063, arXiv:1010.1361

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IV) Target space effective action

D.Andriot, M. Larfors, D.L., P. Patalong, arXiv:1106.4015

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F. Hassler, O. Hohm, D.L., B. Zwiebach, work in progress

Consider the standard 10-dimensional effective action for the NS background fields G_{ij} , B_{ij} , ϕ : ($H_{ijk} = \partial_{[i}B_{jk]}$)

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This action is in general not well-defined for non-geometric backgrounds.

However a well-defined (10D) effective action for non-geometric backgrounds can be constructed.

Mathematical framework: **Double field theory.**

O(D,D) background:

$$\mathcal{H}^{MN} = \begin{pmatrix} G_{ij} - B_{ik} G^{kl} B_{lj} & B_{ik} G^{kj} \\ -G^{ik} B_{kj} & G^{ij} \end{pmatrix}$$

O(D,D) invariant action:

$$S_{\text{DFT}} = \int dX d\tilde{X} e^{-2d} \left(\frac{1}{8} \mathcal{H}^{MN} \partial_M \mathcal{H}^{KL} \partial_N \mathcal{H}_{KL} - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{H}^{MN} \partial_N \mathcal{H}^{KL} \partial_L \mathcal{H}_{MK} \right. \\ \left. - 2 \partial_M d \partial_N \mathcal{H}^{MN} + 4 \mathcal{H}^{MN} \partial_M d \partial_N d \right).$$

Strong constraint (level matching):

$$\eta^{MN} \partial_M \partial_N = 0, \quad \eta^{MN} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

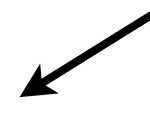
e.g. set all $\tilde{\partial}^i = 0$



Standard NS action.

Now we perform the following field redefinition
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(not a tensor
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R-flux: (tensor):

$$R^{ijk} = 3\tilde{D}^{[i}\beta^{jk]}, \quad \tilde{D}^i \equiv \tilde{\partial}^i - \beta^{ij}\partial_j$$

R-flux needs dual
coordinates!

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$$Q_k^{ij} = \partial_k \beta^{ij}$$

Wilson-line operator: non-local effect due to string winding.

(ii) Non-associativity (3-bracket):

$$[X_R^i(\tau, \sigma), X_R^j(\tau, \sigma), X_R^k(\tau, \sigma)]$$

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Q-flux: $Q_3^{y,y'} = \partial_{y^3} \beta_Q^{y,y'} = -Q$

(iv) T-duality in y^3 -direction \rightarrow R-brane - source of R-flux:

	x^0	x^1	x^2	x^3	y	y'	y''	y^4	y^5	y^6
R	\otimes	\otimes	\otimes		\bullet	\bullet	\bullet	\otimes	\otimes	\otimes

However there does not exist a local metric in terms of the original coordinates.

One has to use a dual coordinate:

$$d\tilde{s}_R^2 = \sum_{\mu=0,1,2} (dx^\mu)^2 + \frac{1}{h(r)} \left(dy^2 + dy'^2 + d\tilde{y}''^2 \right) + h(r)(dx^3)^2 + \sum_{i=4,5,6} (dy^i)^2 ,$$

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This leads to the following closed string commutators:

$$[Y^i(\tau, \sigma), Y^j(\tau, \sigma)] \simeq Q_m^{ij} \tilde{p}^m$$

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KK'	⊗	•		⊗		⊗
KK''	•	⊗		⊗	⊗	
KK'''	•	⊗	⊗			⊗

$$W_f^{IIA} = f_{4,6}^2 S T_1 + f_{3,5}^2 T_1 U_1 + f_{4,5}^1 T_1 U_2 + f_{3,6}^1 T_1 U_3$$

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Q	\otimes	\bullet	\otimes	\bullet	\otimes	
Q'	\otimes	\bullet	\bullet	\otimes		\otimes
Q''	\bullet	\otimes	\bullet	\otimes	\otimes	
Q'''	\bullet	\otimes	\otimes	\bullet		\otimes

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KK'''	\bullet	\otimes	\otimes			\otimes

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