

Knot Polynomials from Chern-Simons theory & their string theoretic interpretation

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NOTE: The classification of some elements, especially "METALLOID" and "OTHER METAL", is often arbitrary because these elements have characteristics of both metals and nonmetals. As a result, this chart will differ slightly from other tables that are available.

Currently, these elements are officially unnamed

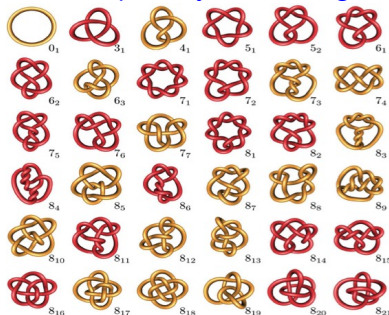
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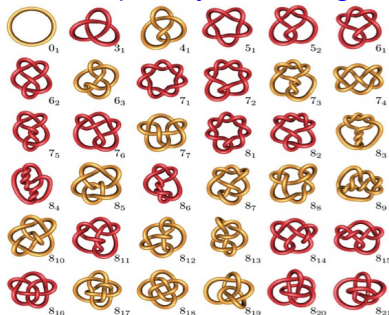
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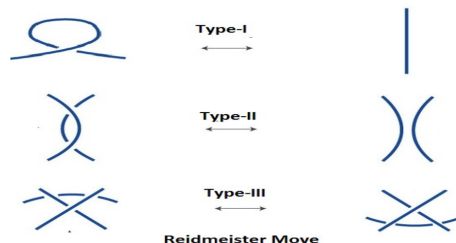
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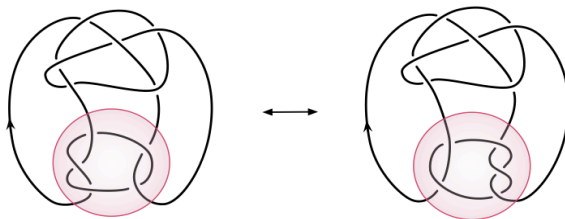
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$$\tilde{P}_R^G[K] = \langle W_R^G[K] \rangle = \frac{1}{Z[M^3]} \int \mathcal{D}A \operatorname{Tr}_R \left(\exp \oint_K A \right) e^{iS}$$

where K is the knot and R is the representation of gauge group G .

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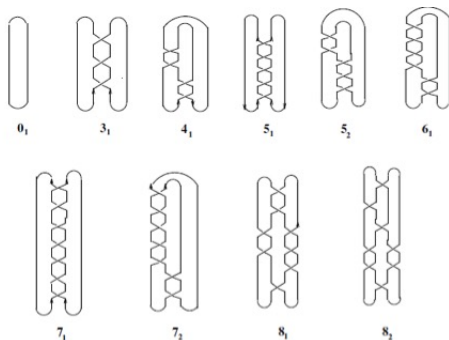
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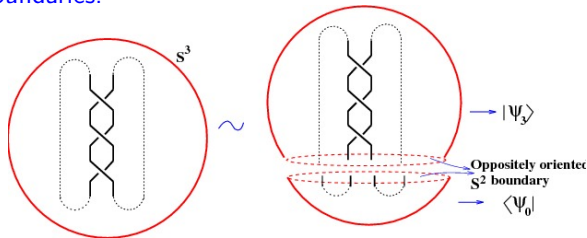
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- Any knot can be obtained as a **closure/plat/quasiplat of braid** (*Alexander, Birman*)



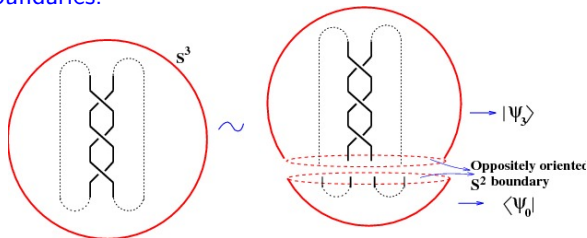
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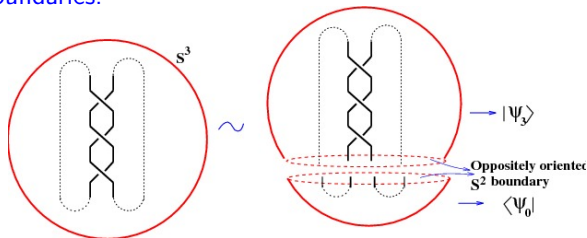
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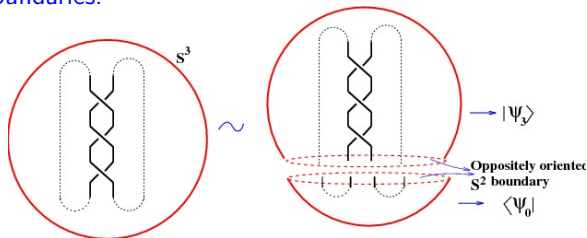


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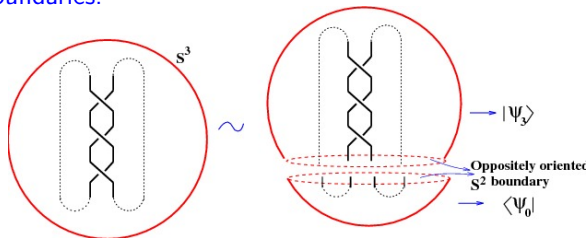


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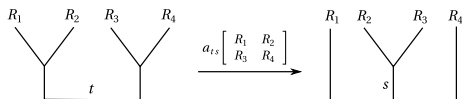
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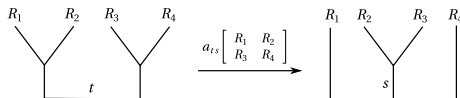
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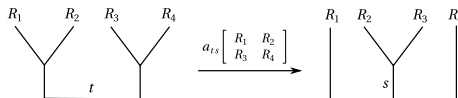


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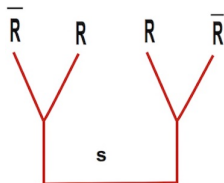


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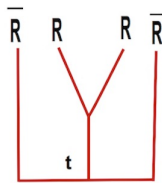
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For knots, two of the R_i 's will be R and the other two will be conjugate \bar{R} depending on the orientation.

Polynomial invariant of trefoil



$$|\phi_s\rangle$$



$$|\hat{\phi}_t\rangle$$

In the braid diagram for trefoil, middle two strands are parallelly oriented and they are braided.

$$|\psi_0\rangle = \sum_{s \in R \otimes R} \mu_s |\hat{\phi}_t(\bar{R}, R, R, \bar{R})\rangle$$

where $\mu_s = \sqrt{S_{0s}/S_{00}} \equiv \sqrt{\dim_q s}$ (**unknot** normalisation)

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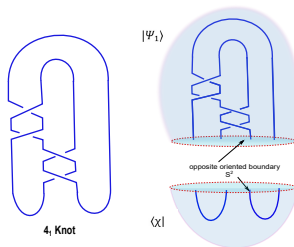
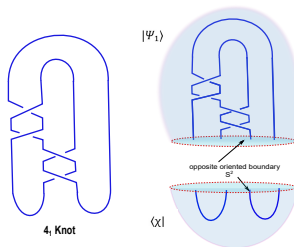
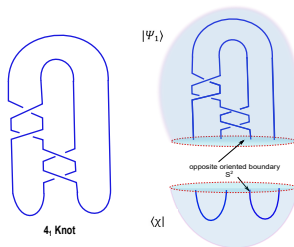


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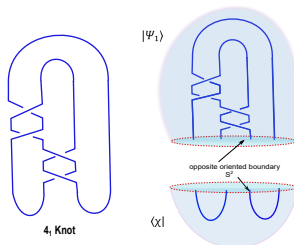
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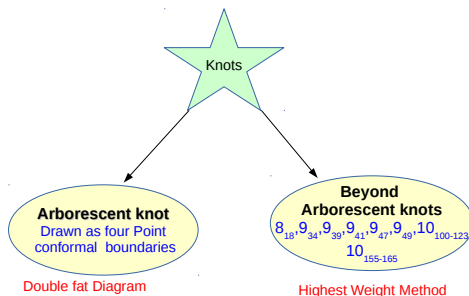


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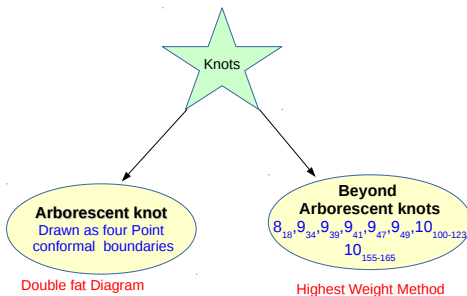
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The method is straightforward to write invariants for knots from n -strand quasi-plat.

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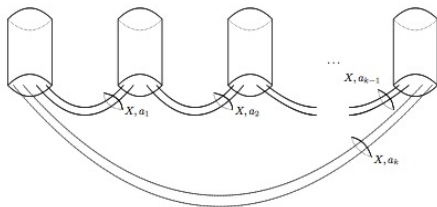
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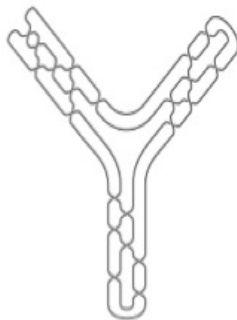
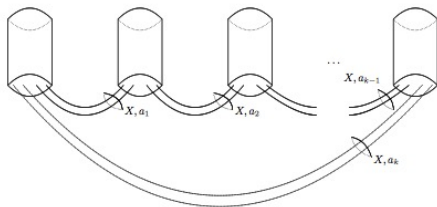
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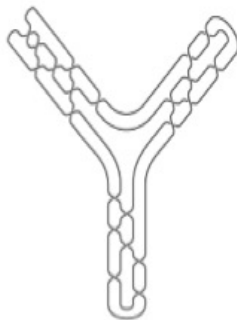
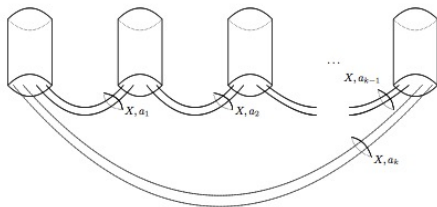
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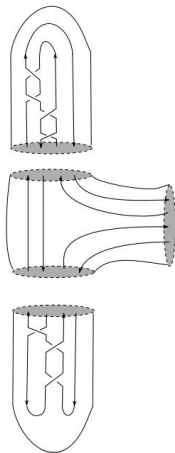
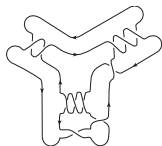
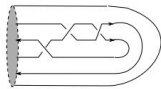
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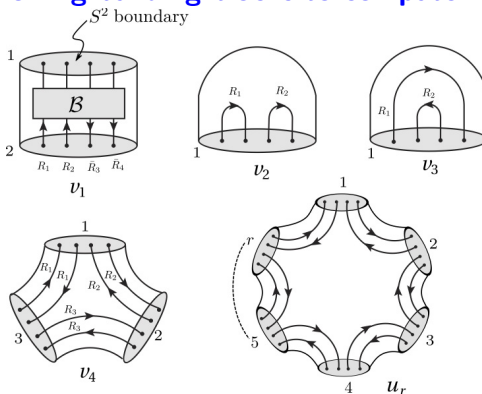
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10_{152} and 10_{71} arborescent knots

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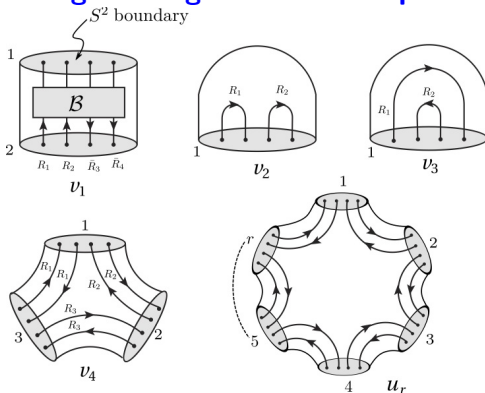
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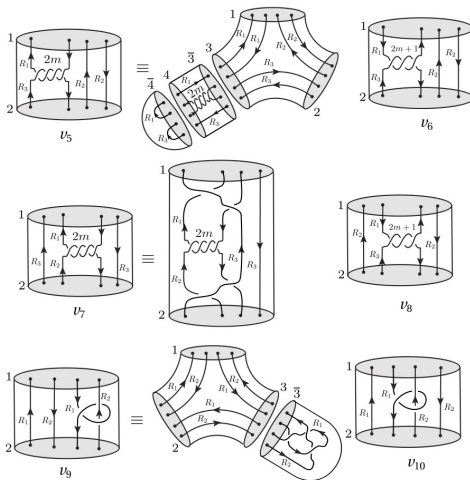
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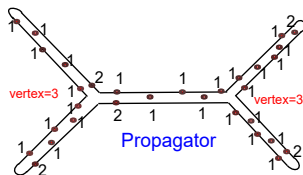
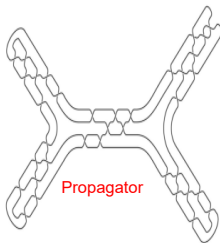
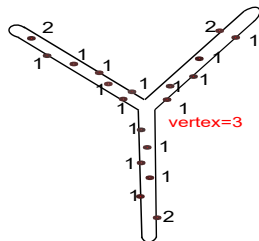
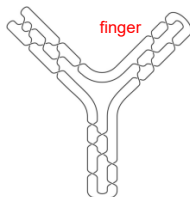
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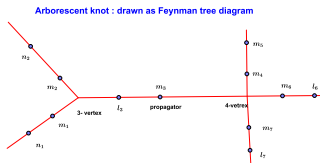
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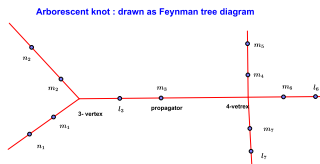
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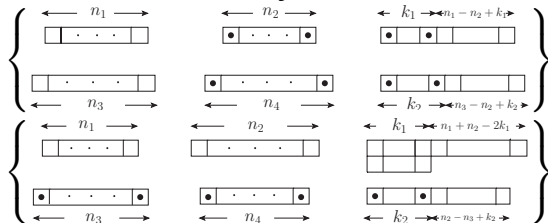
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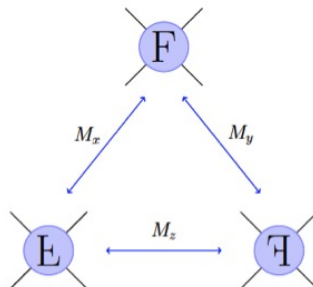
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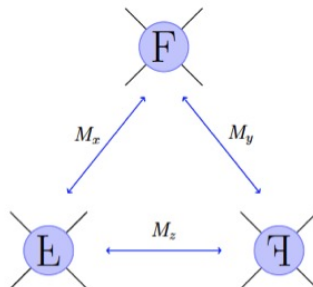
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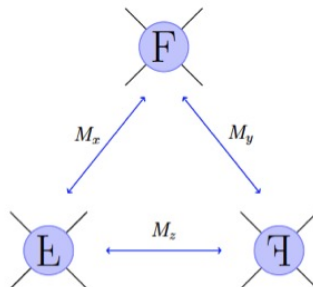
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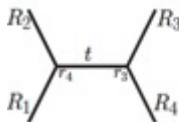
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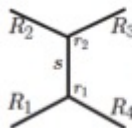
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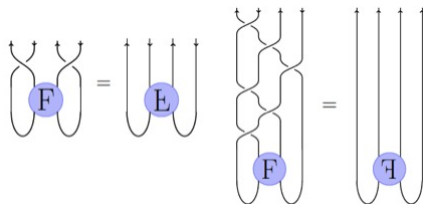


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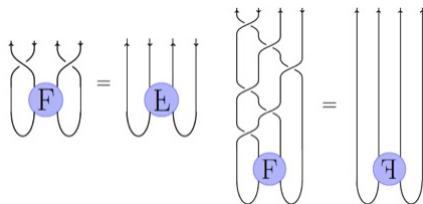
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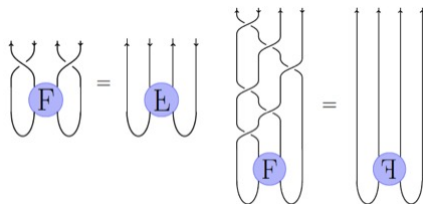
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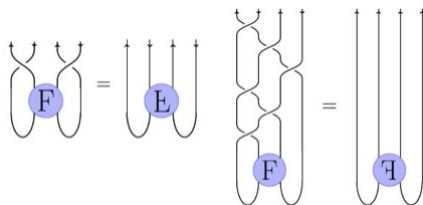
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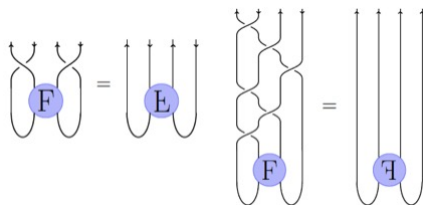
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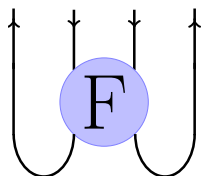


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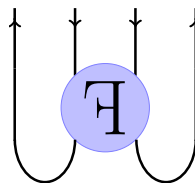
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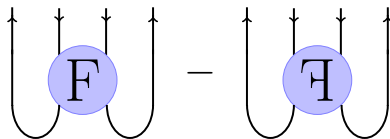


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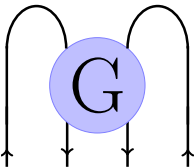
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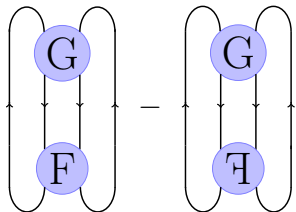
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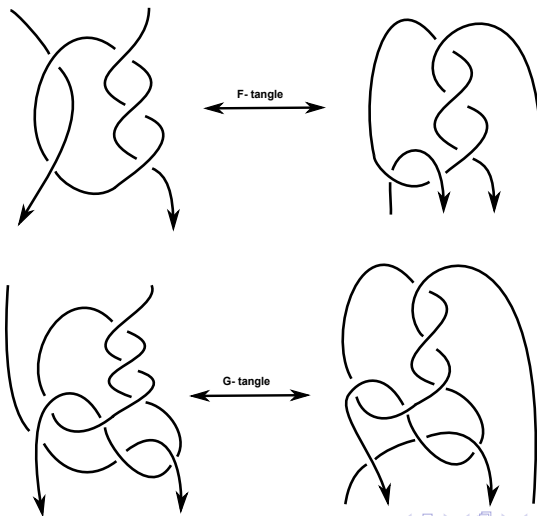
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Kinoshita-Terasaka and Conway mutants

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Knot invariant for the mutant pair

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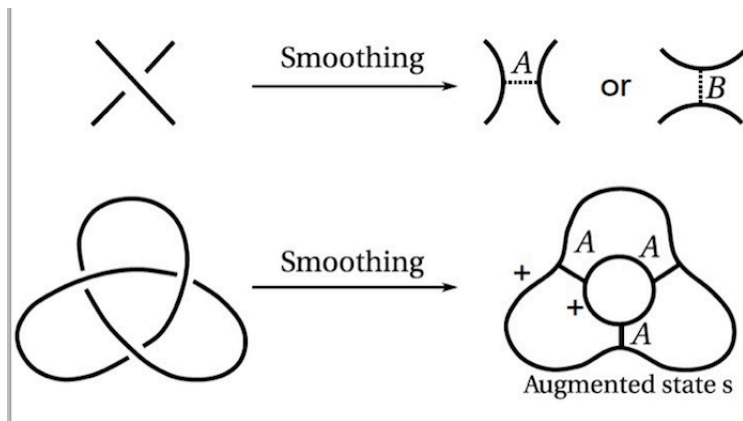
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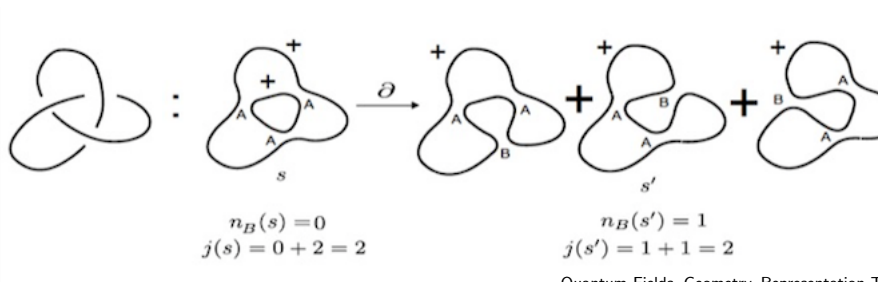
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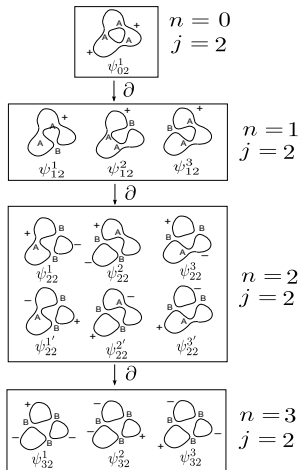
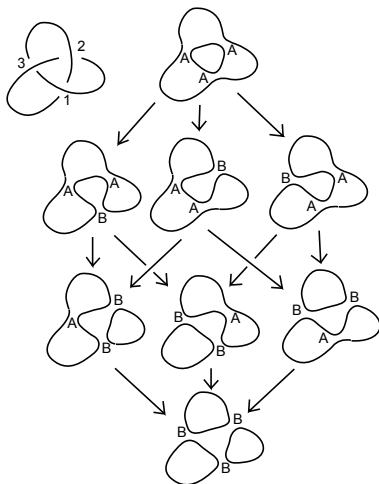
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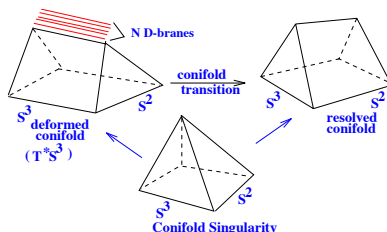
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• **Chern-Simons field theoretic knot polynomials gives D-brane interpretation for the *integer coefficients*- yet to be obtained from string theory!**

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Verified for many knots (work with T. Sarkar (2000))

Extension to Framed Knots and Links

- The topological scalar operator:

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That is

$$\left\langle \prod_{\alpha} \text{Tr}_{R_\alpha}(U_\alpha) \right\rangle = (-1)^{\sum_{\alpha} \ell_{\alpha} p_{\alpha}} V_{R_1 \dots R_r}^{SU(N)}[L] V_{\frac{\ell_1}{\sqrt{N}}, \dots, \frac{\ell_r}{\sqrt{N}}}^{\{U(1)\}}[L]$$

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we get

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RHS can be simplified to resemble A -model topological string partition function

$\ln Z(M)$ contd

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where \hat{N} 's are refined integer invariants obtained from $f_{R_1, \dots, R_r}(q, \lambda)$ and $n_{g, m}$ are the Gopakumar-Vafa invariants.

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Not clear how to separate, we showed LHS (Pravina Borhade and PR)

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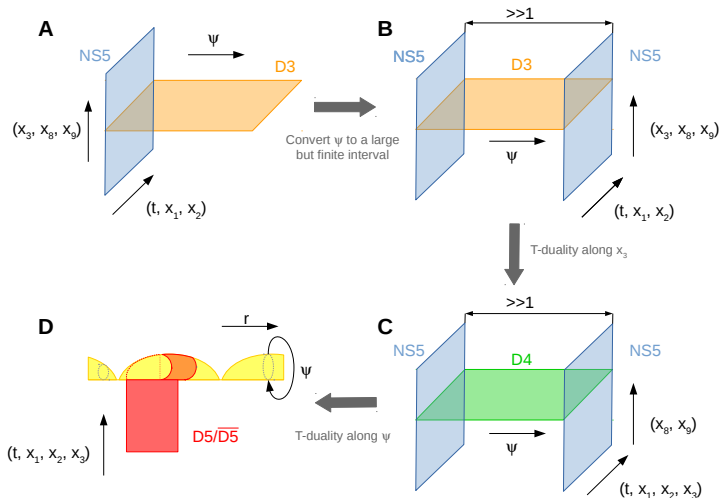
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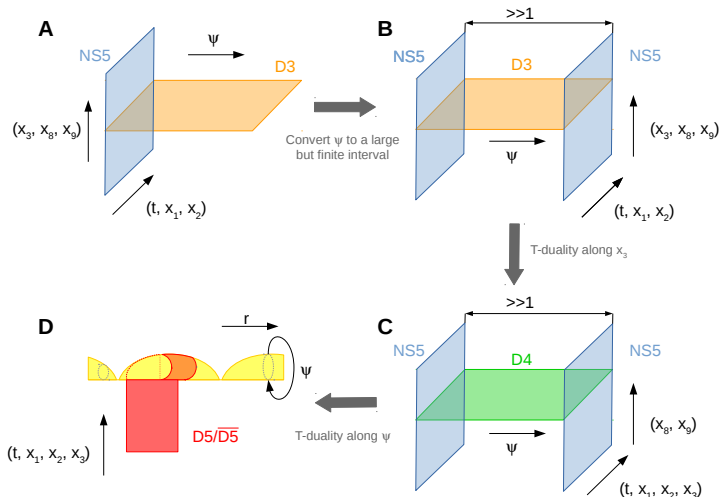
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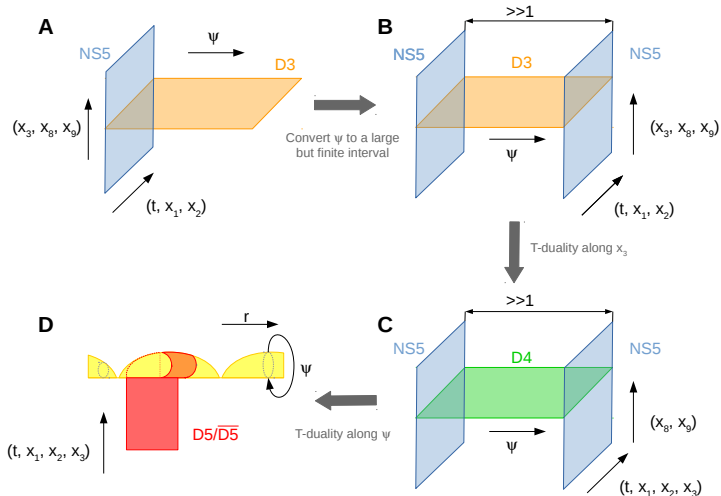


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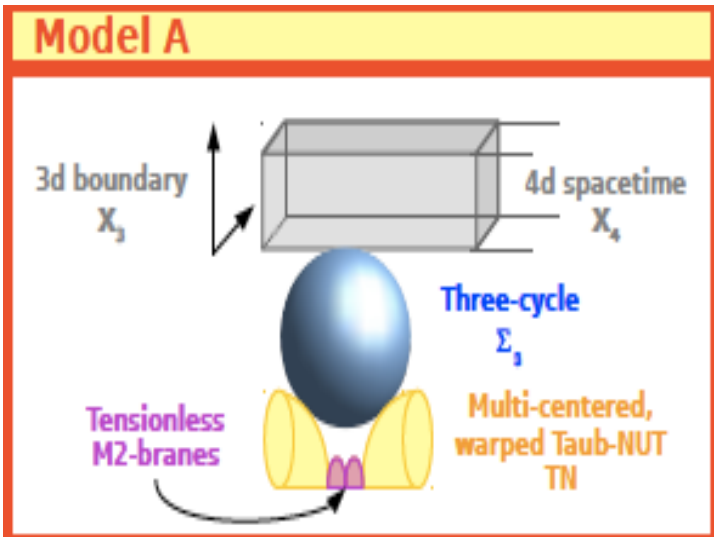
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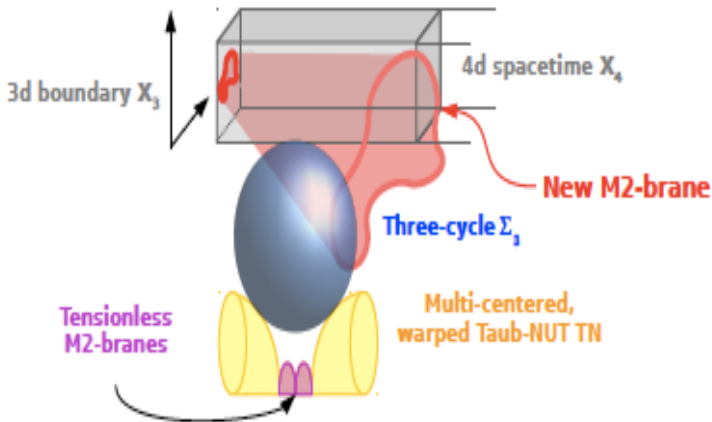
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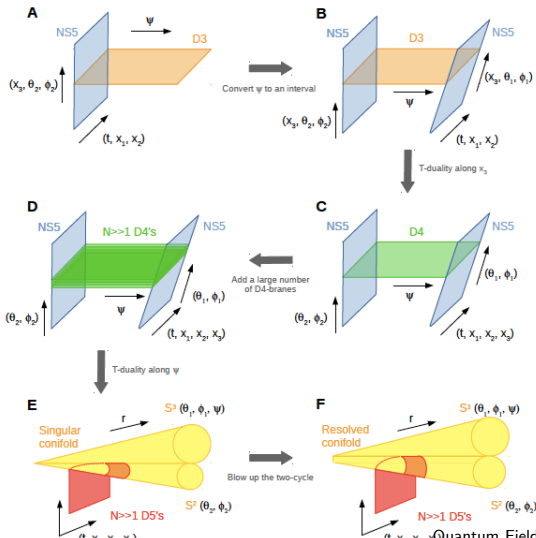


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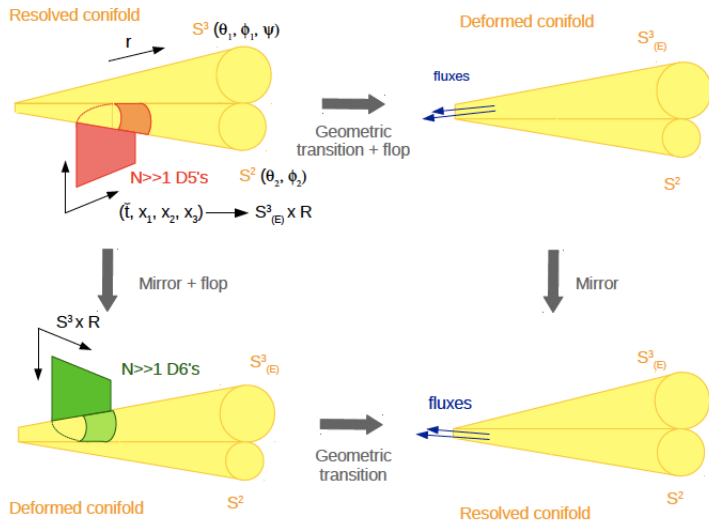
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