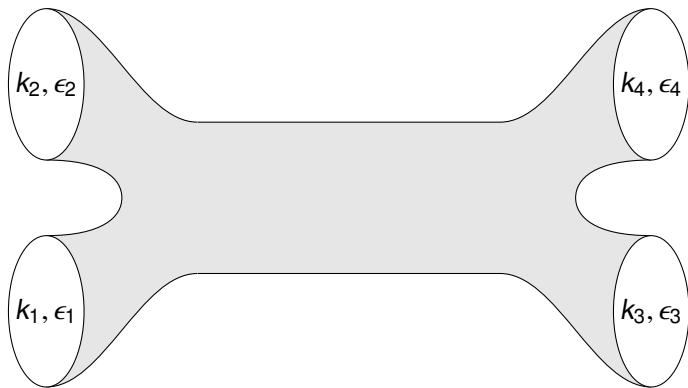


# Strings, Membranes, and a Hidden Symmetry Algebra in Quantum Gravity

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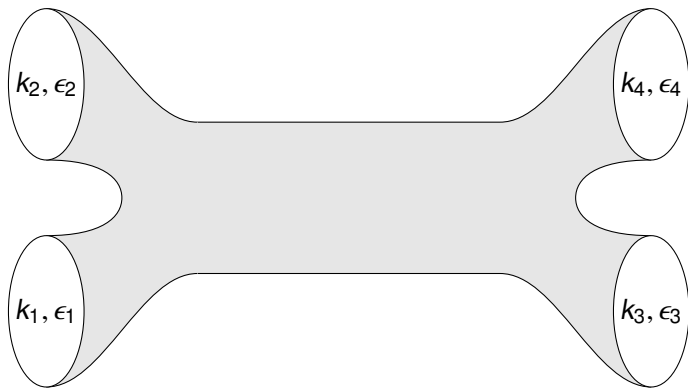
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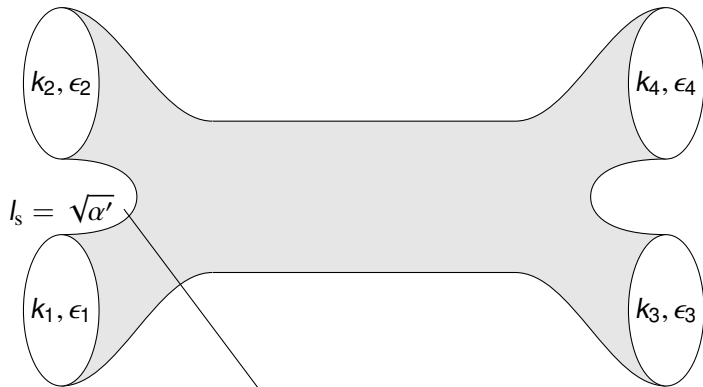
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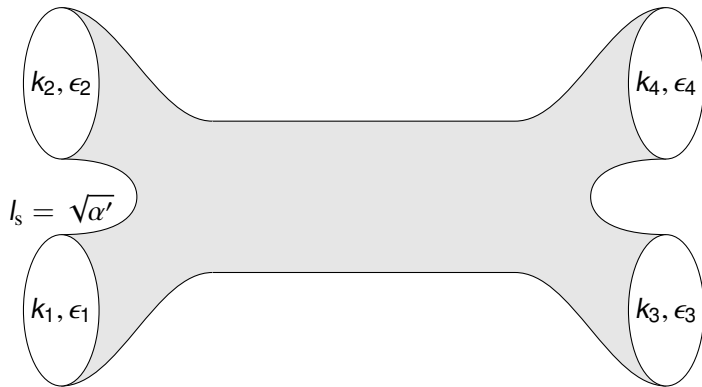


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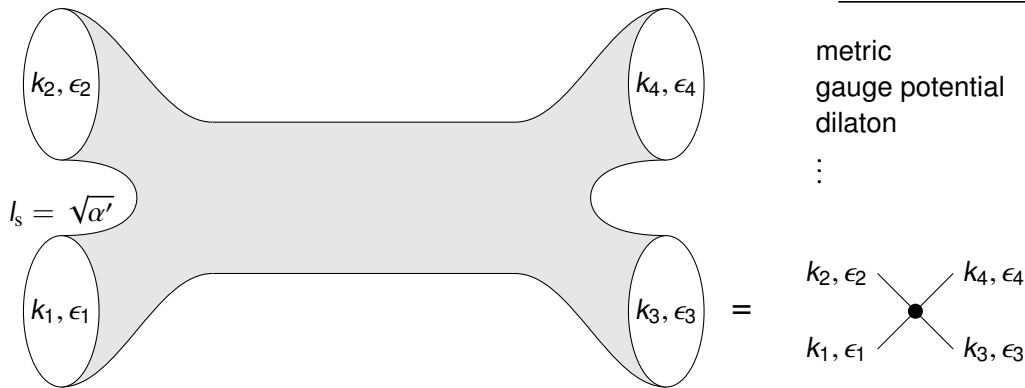


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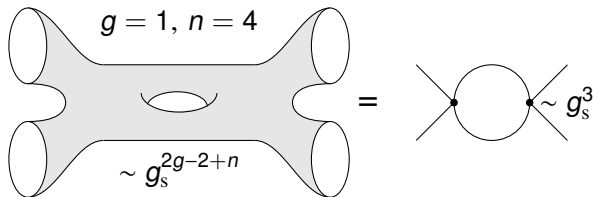
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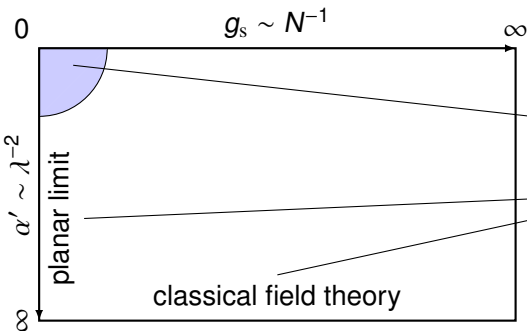
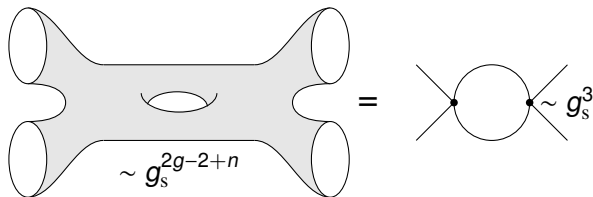


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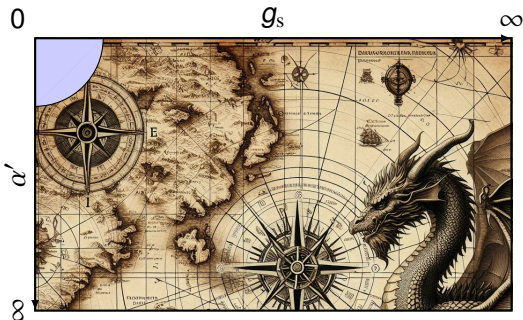
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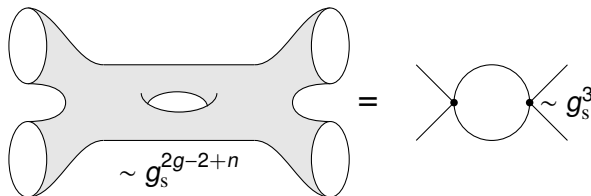
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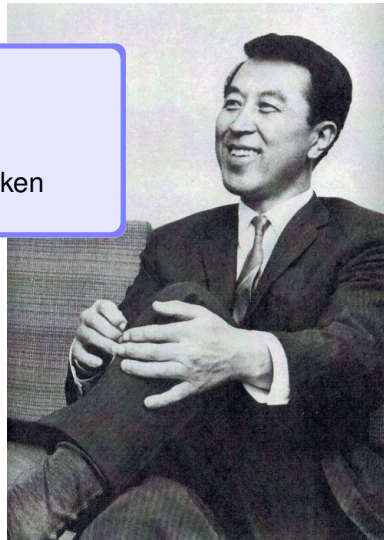


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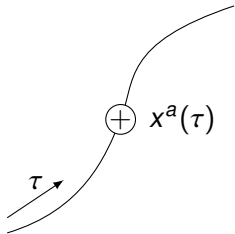
## Coset construction (non-linear realization)

- ▶  $G$  = the full symmetry group
- ▶  $H$  = residual symmetries after spontaneous breaking
- ▶ introduce Maurer-Cartan form  $\Omega = g^{-1}dg$  for  $g \in G/H$
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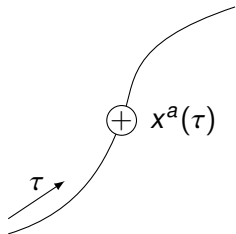
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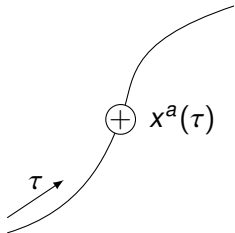
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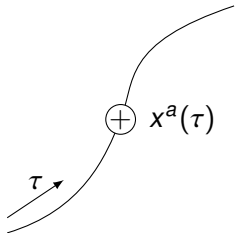
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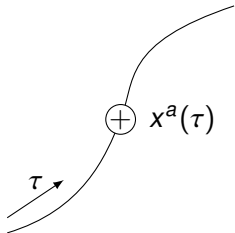
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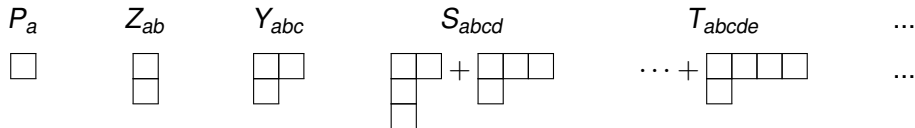
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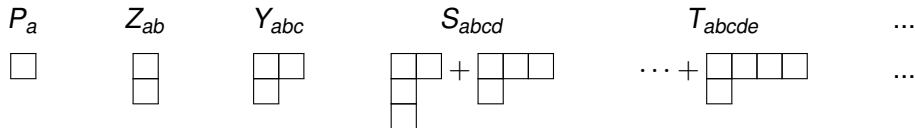
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
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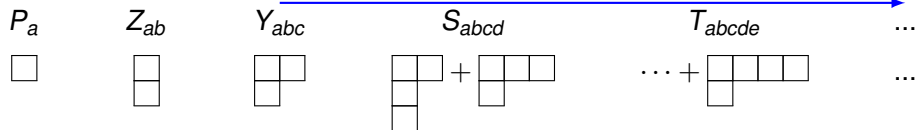
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
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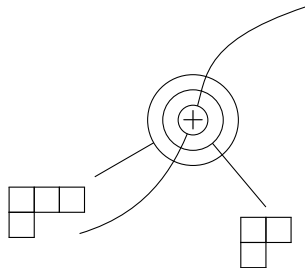
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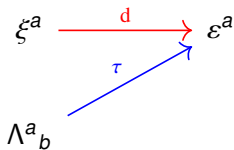
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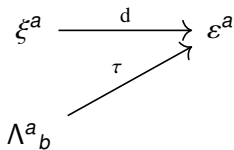
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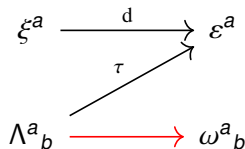
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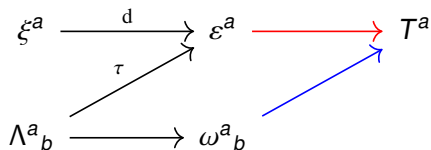
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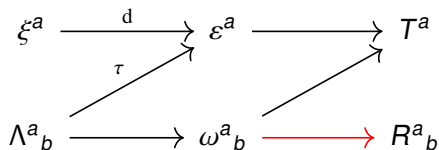
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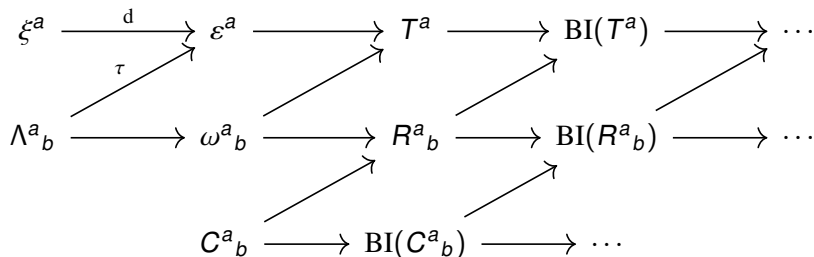
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## Degrees of freedom in linearized gravity. Part I: the complex

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$$e_i^a = \delta_i^a + \varepsilon_i^a$$

► symmetries

$$\delta \varepsilon^a = d\xi^a + \Lambda^a_b dx^b \quad \tau(\Lambda^a_b)$$

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 \end{array}$$

$$d^2 = 0$$

$$\tau^2 = 0$$

$$d \circ \tau + \tau \circ d = 0$$

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*Note: A blue arrow points from  $\Lambda^a_b$  to  $\varepsilon^a$  in the original image.*

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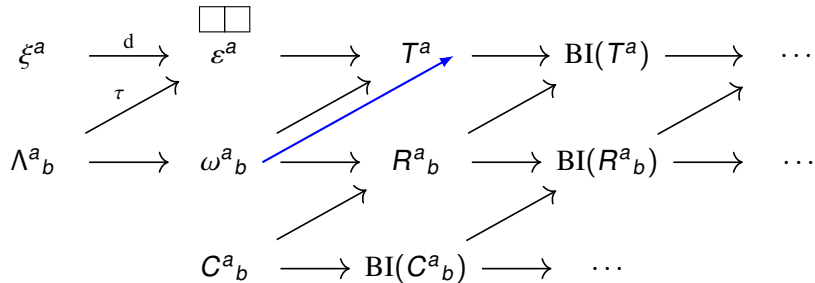
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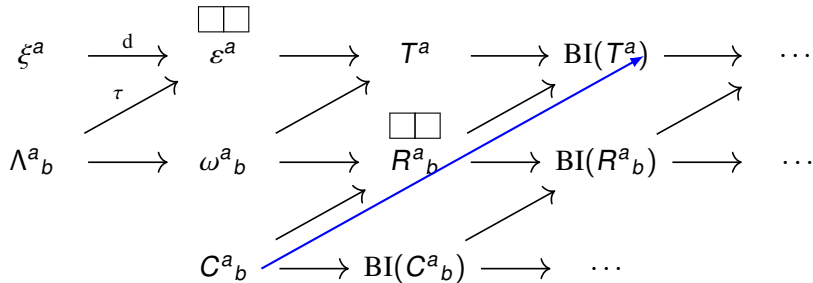
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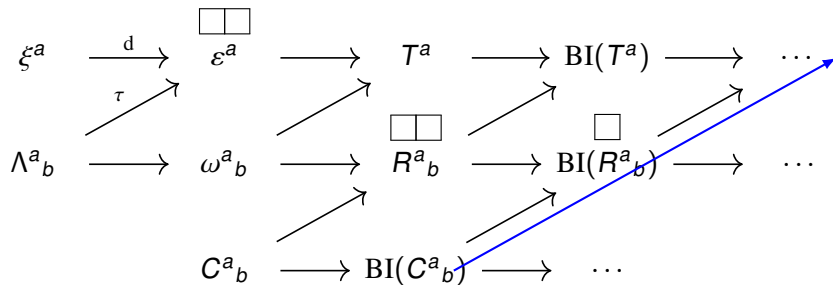


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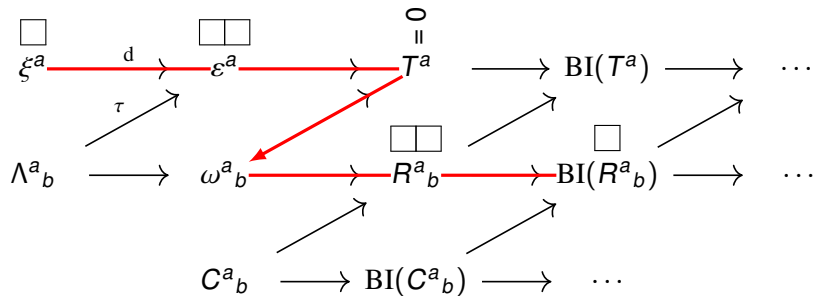
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gauge  $\xrightarrow{\quad}$  dof  $\xrightarrow{\quad}$  eom  $\xrightarrow{\quad}$  Bianchi

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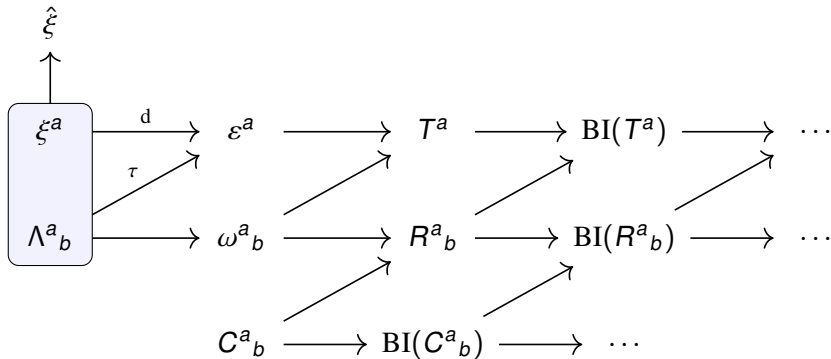
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algebra from point particle

$P_a$  translations

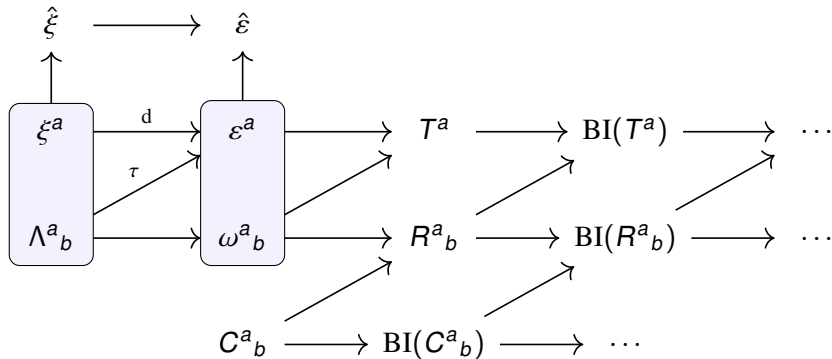
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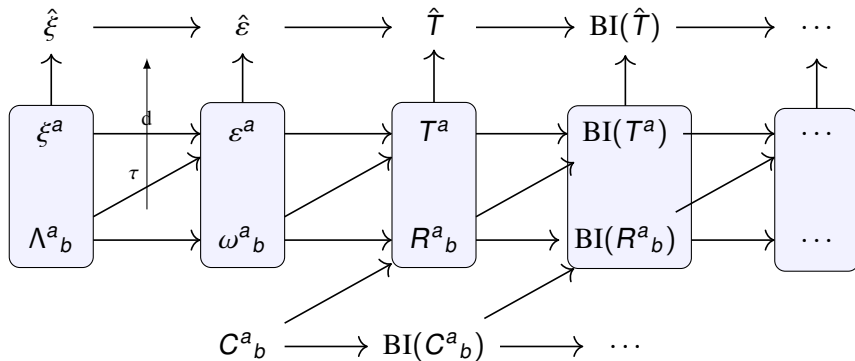
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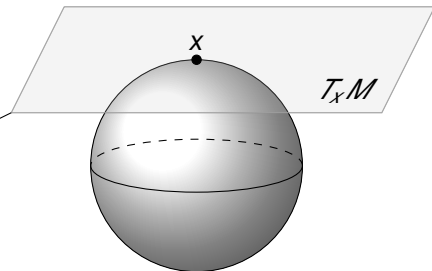
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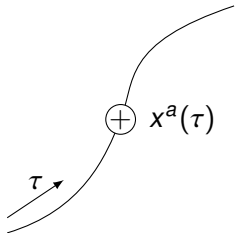
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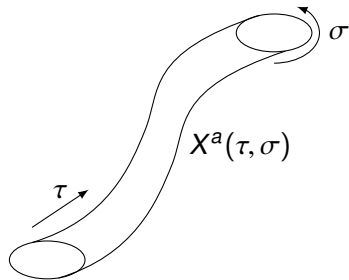
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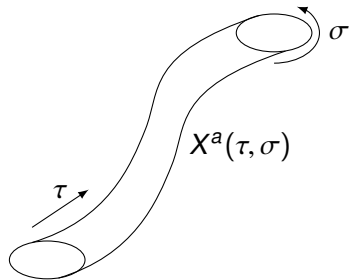
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diffeomorphism

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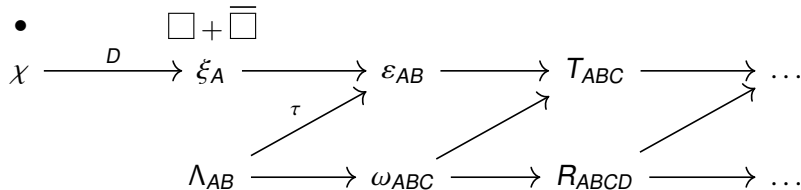
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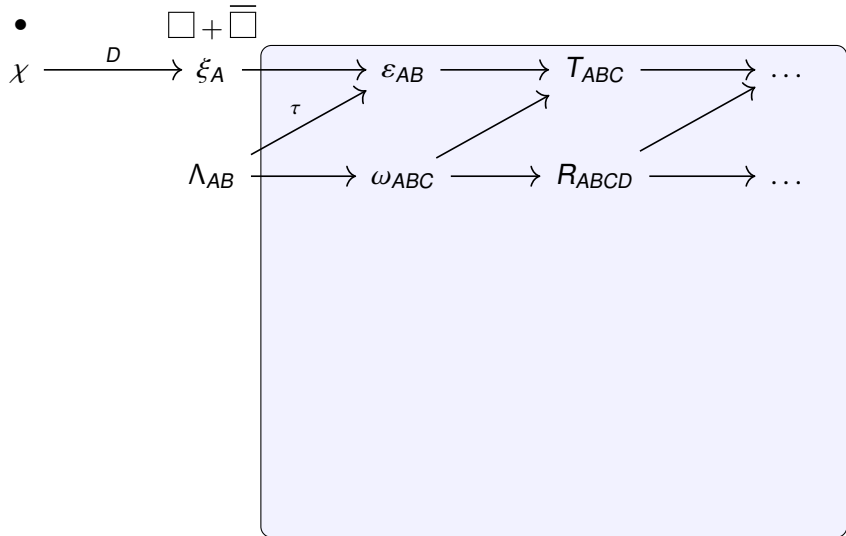
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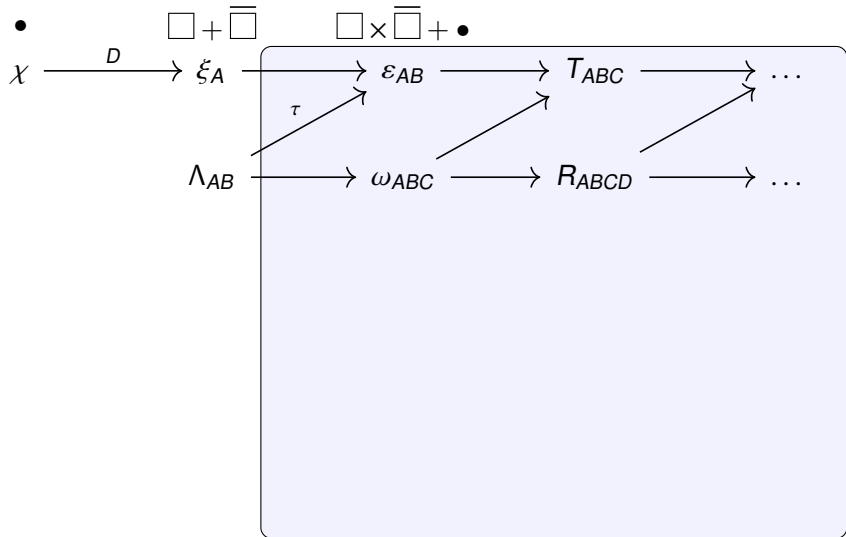


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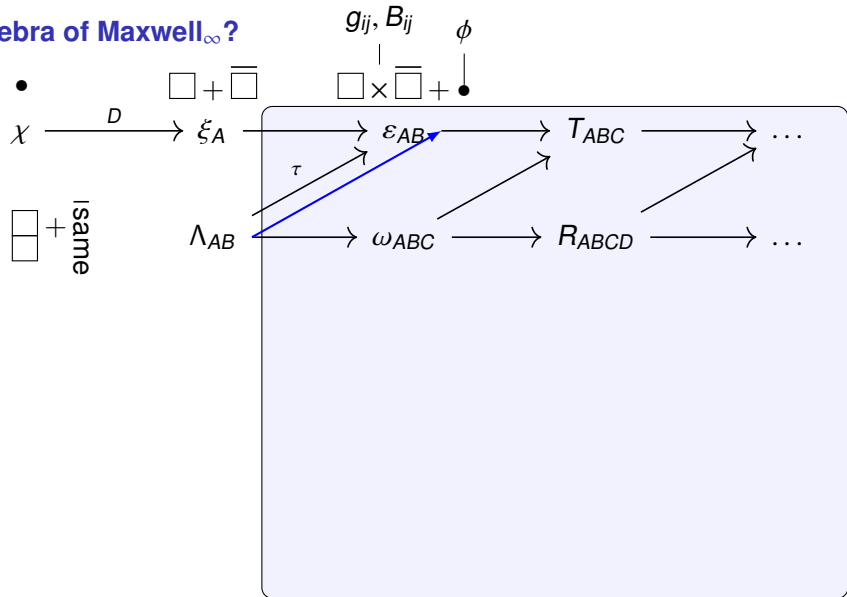
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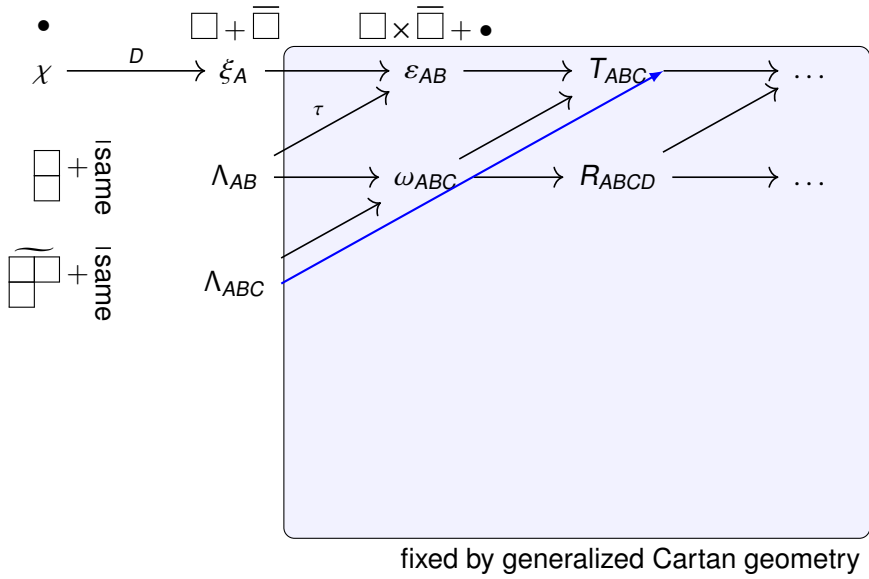
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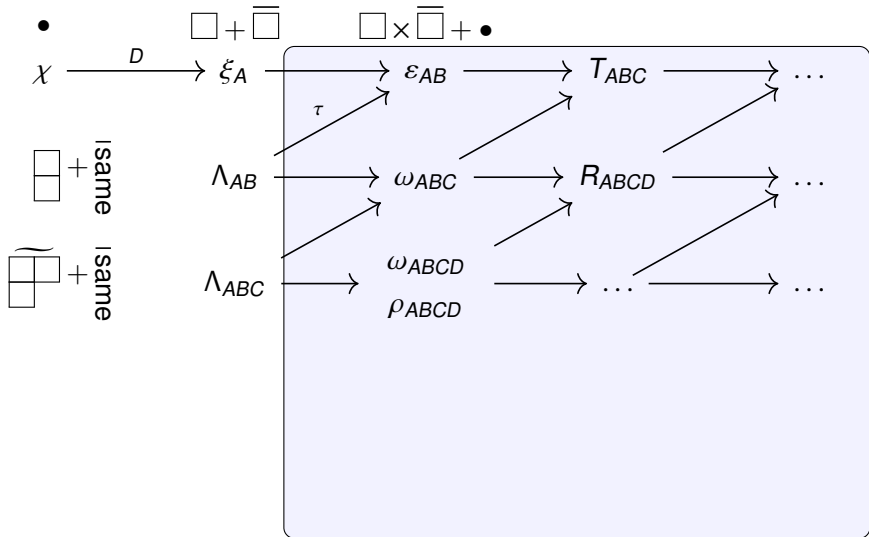


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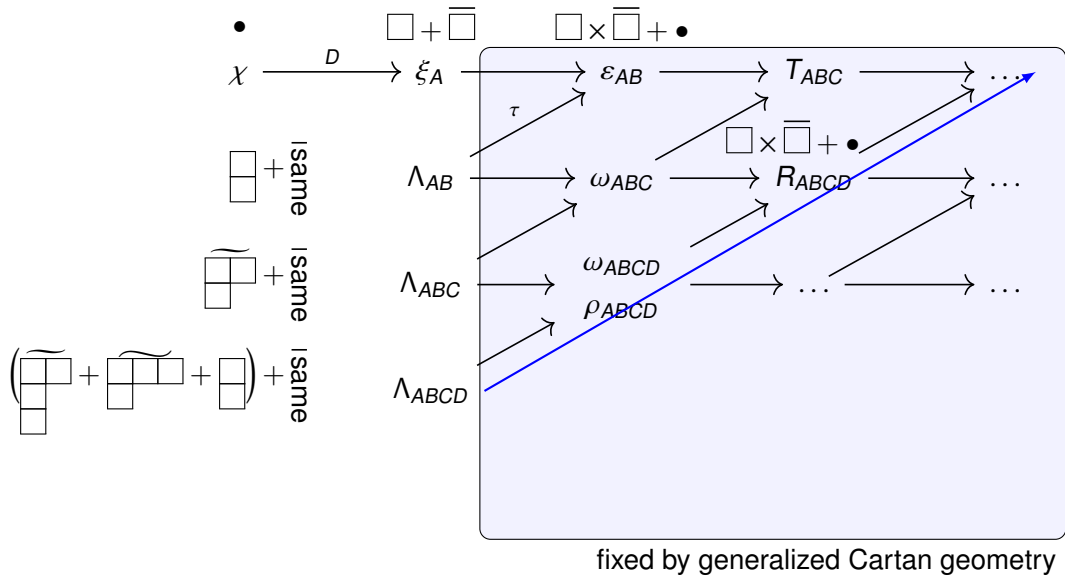


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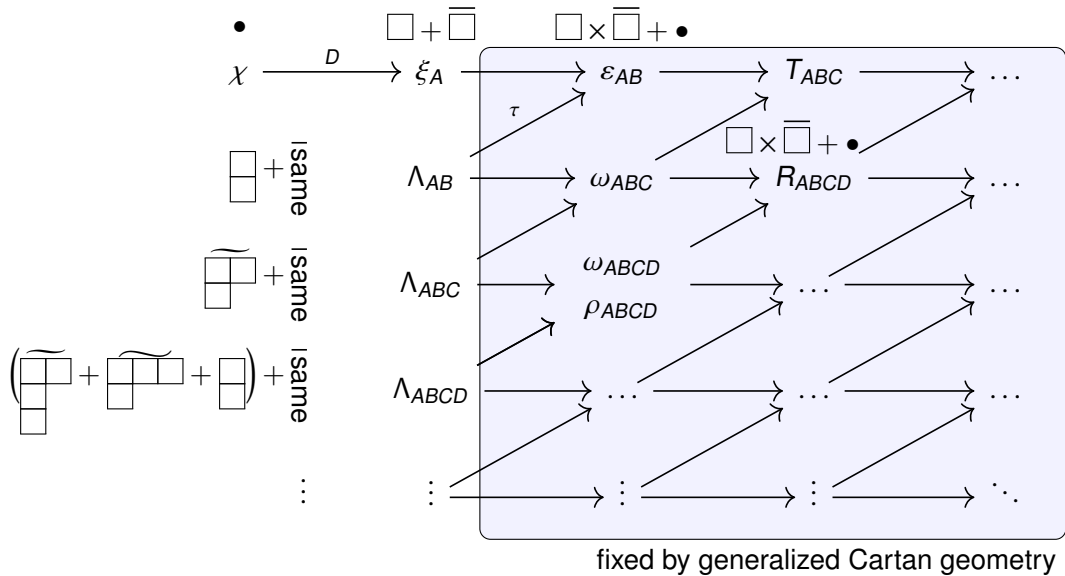


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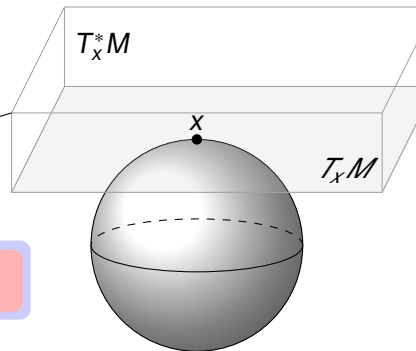
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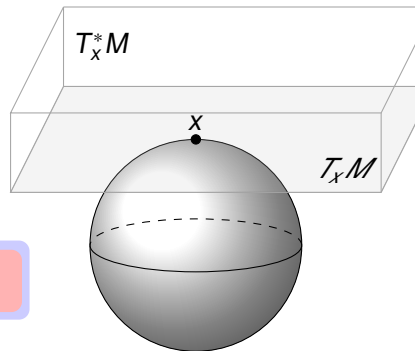
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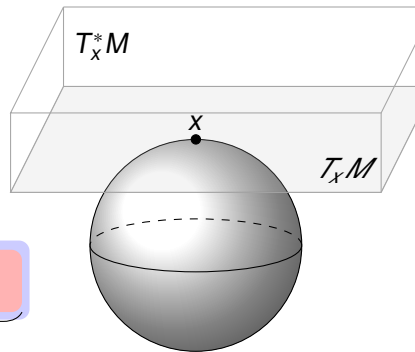
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$\partial_a$



$F_{ab}$



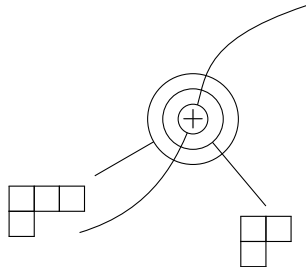
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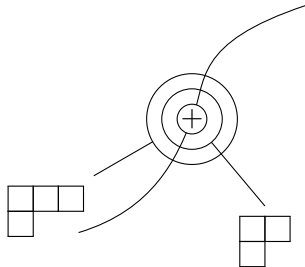
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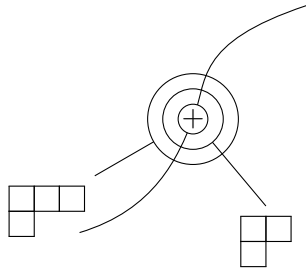
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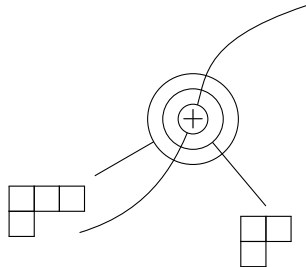
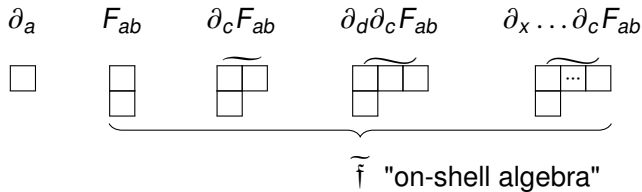


- ▶  $\text{Lie}(\widetilde{H})$  is the free Lie algebra generated by  $\widetilde{\mathfrak{f}}$

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## The point particle on steroids

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- $\text{Lie}(\tilde{H})$  is the free Lie algebra generated by  $\tilde{f}$

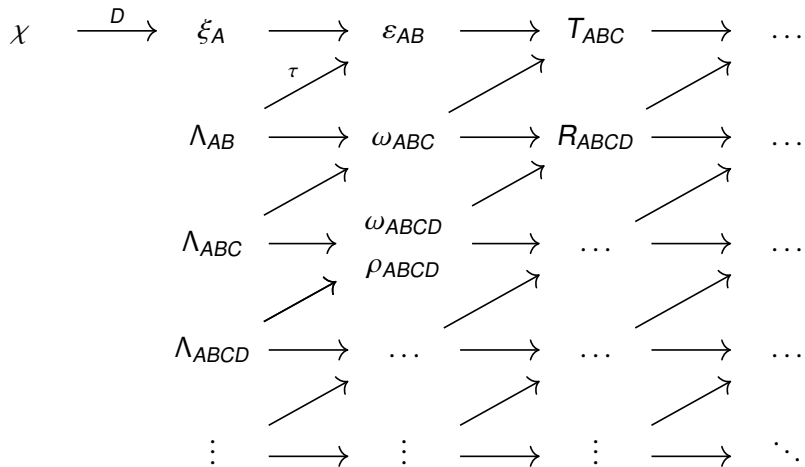
$$\dots \quad \tilde{t}^{ABC} \quad \tilde{t}^{AB} \quad P_A \quad t_{AB} \quad t_{ABC} \quad \dots$$

- introduce  $t_{\hat{A}} = (\tilde{t}^\alpha \quad P_A \quad t_\alpha)$  with  $[t_{\hat{A}}, t_{\hat{B}}] = f_{\hat{A}\hat{B}}^{\hat{C}} t_{\hat{C}}$
- define  $S = \frac{1}{6} f_{\hat{A}\hat{B}\hat{C}} \theta^{\hat{A}} \theta^{\hat{B}} \theta^{\hat{C}}$ , and  $\{\theta^{\hat{A}}, \theta^{\hat{B}}\} = \eta^{\hat{A}\hat{B}}$
- solve  $\{S, S\} = 0$  (linear order by order)

$$\eta_{\hat{A}\hat{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \delta_\beta^\alpha \\ 0 & \eta_{AB} & 0 \\ \delta_\alpha^\beta & 0 & -\kappa_{\alpha\beta} \end{pmatrix}$$

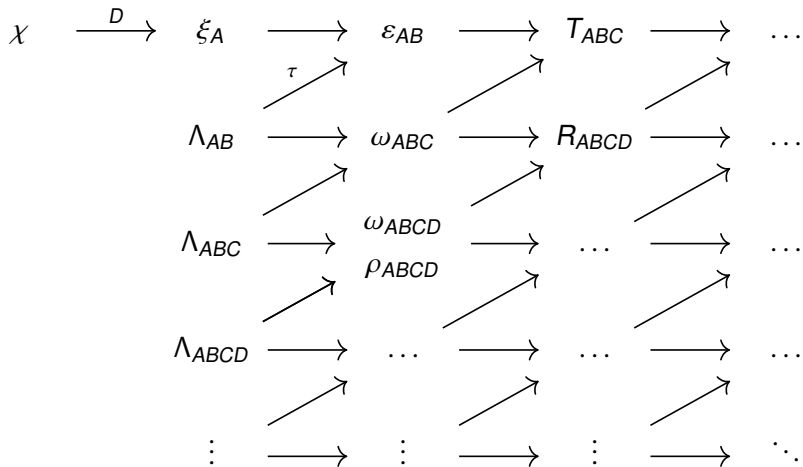
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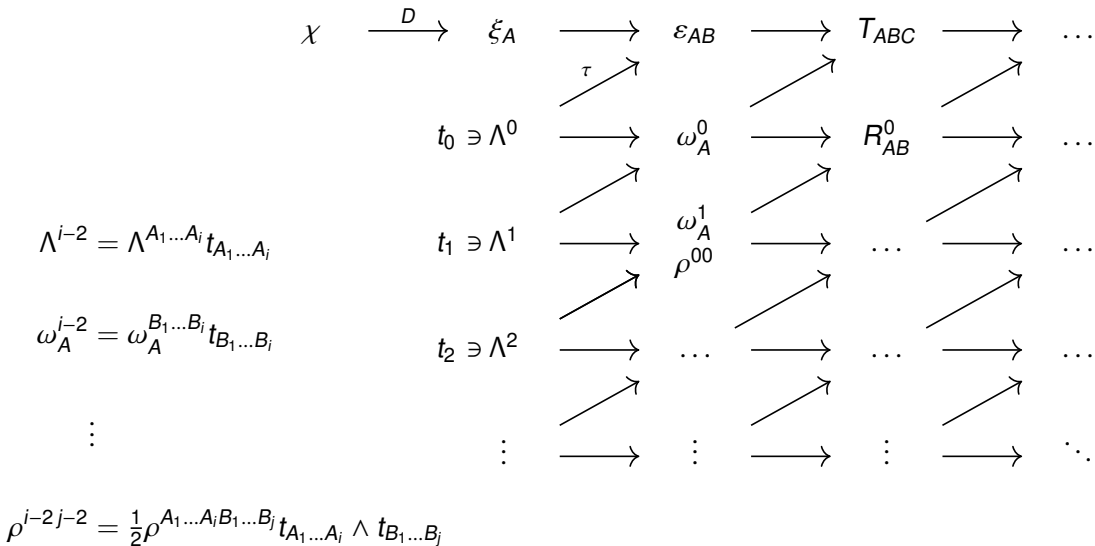
$$\Lambda^{i-2} = \Lambda^{A_1 \dots A_i} t_{A_1 \dots A_i}$$

$$\omega_A^{i-2} = \omega_A^{B_1 \dots B_i} t_{B_1 \dots B_i}$$

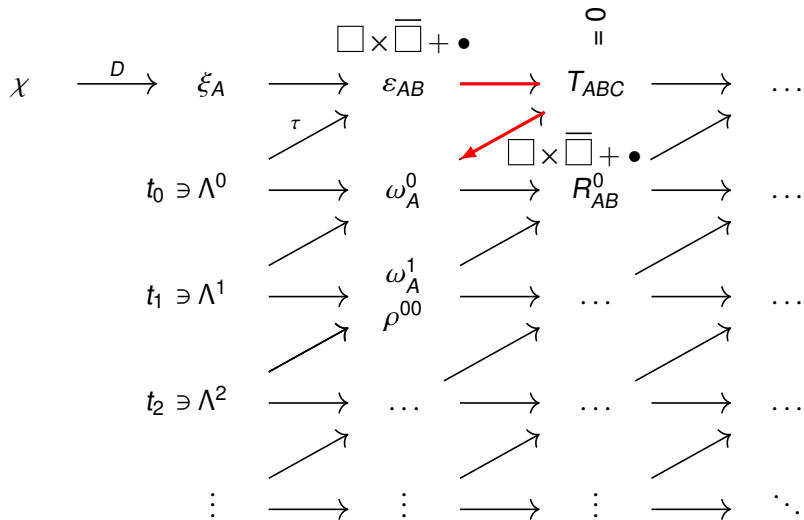
$$\vdots$$

$$\rho^{i-2j-2} = \frac{1}{2} \rho^{A_1 \dots A_i B_1 \dots B_j} t_{A_1 \dots A_i} \wedge t_{B_1 \dots B_j}$$

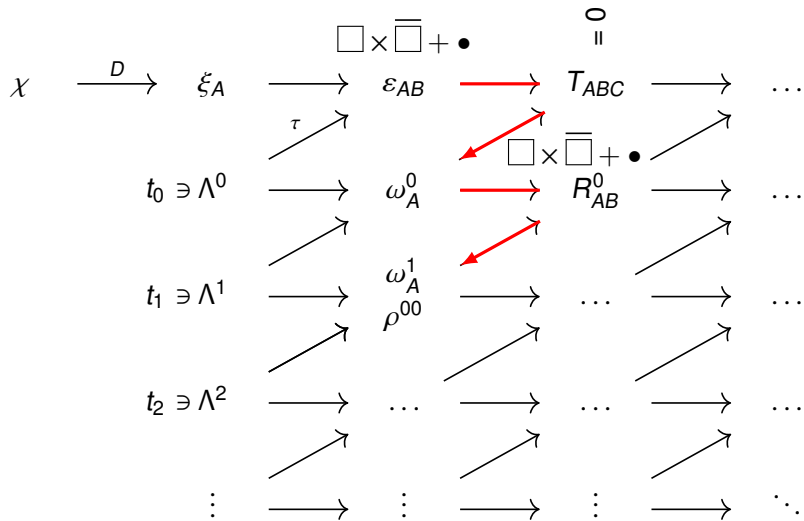
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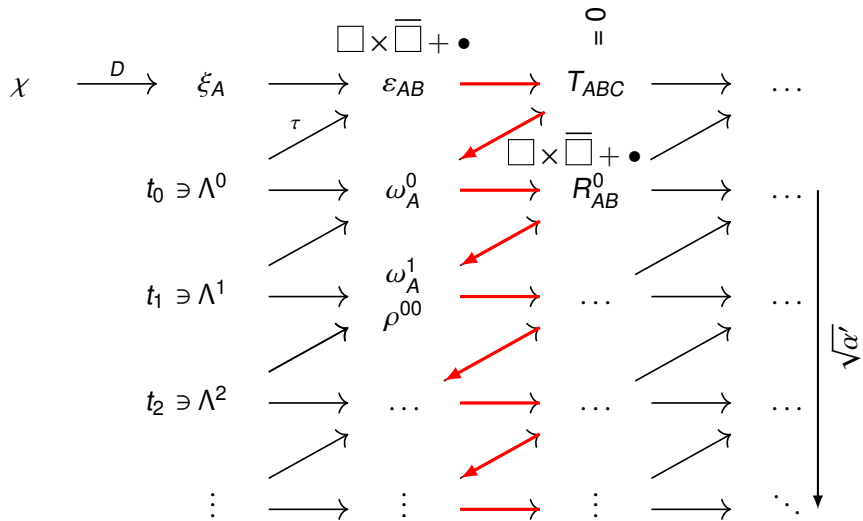
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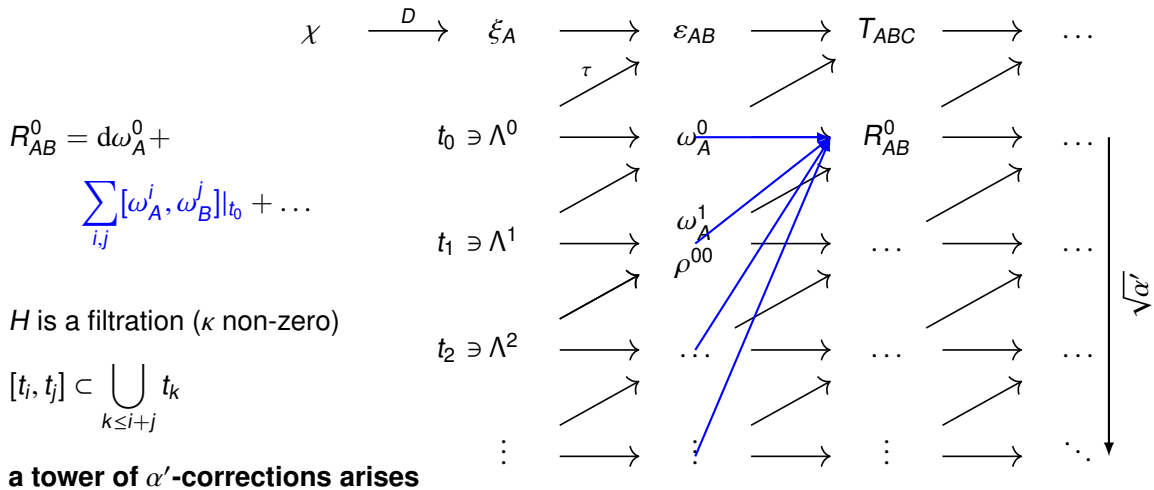


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$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & \chi & \xrightarrow{D} & \xi_A & \longrightarrow & \varepsilon_{AB} & \longrightarrow & T_{ABC} & \longrightarrow & \dots \\
 & & & \nearrow \tau & & & \nearrow & & \nearrow & \\
 R_{AB}^0 = d\omega_A^0 + & t_0 \ni \Lambda^0 & \longrightarrow & \omega_A^0 & \longrightarrow & R_{AB}^0 & \longrightarrow & \dots & & \\
 \underbrace{\sum_{i,j} [\omega_A^i, \omega_B^j]|_{t_0} + \dots}_{\text{non-linear terms from gen. Cartan}} & t_1 \ni \Lambda^1 & \longrightarrow & \omega_A^1 & \longrightarrow & \dots & \longrightarrow & \dots & & \\
 & \nearrow \rho^{00} & & & \nearrow & & \nearrow & & & \\
 & t_2 \ni \Lambda^2 & \longrightarrow & \dots & \longrightarrow & \dots & \longrightarrow & \dots & & \\
 & \nearrow & & & \nearrow & & \nearrow & & & \\
 & \vdots & \longrightarrow & \vdots & \longrightarrow & \vdots & \longrightarrow & \ddots & & \downarrow \sqrt{\alpha'}
 \end{array}$$



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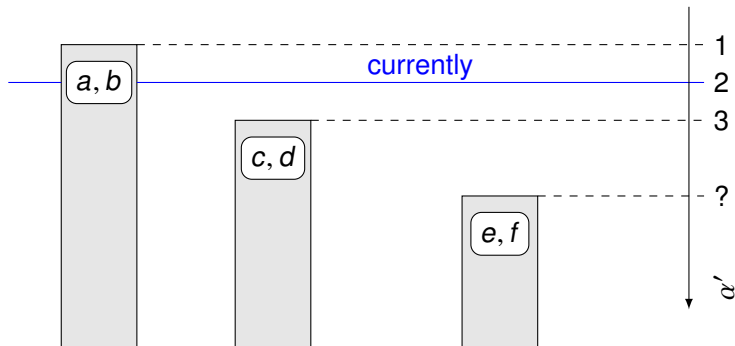
## A skyline and an evaded no-go theorem

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have to be there [Achilleas Gitsis, FH 24]

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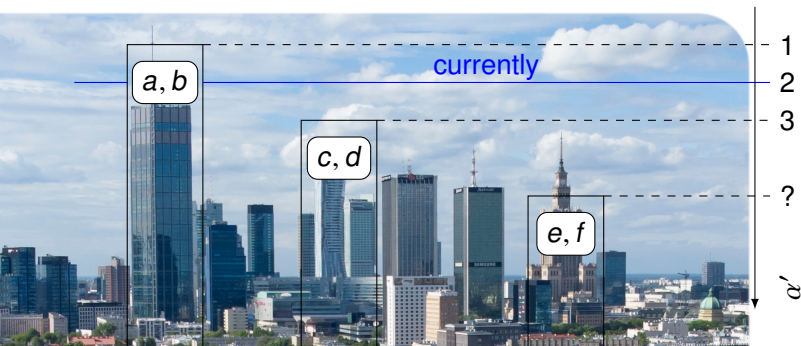


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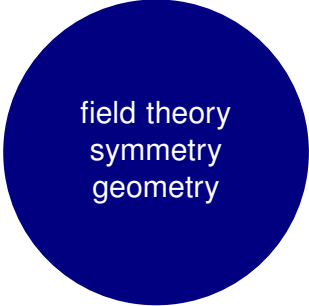
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- ▶ no-go for  $\alpha'^3$ -tower from deformed  $O(d) \times O(d)$  symmetry [Hsia, Kamal, Wulff 24]

No problem, we don't need this symmetry!



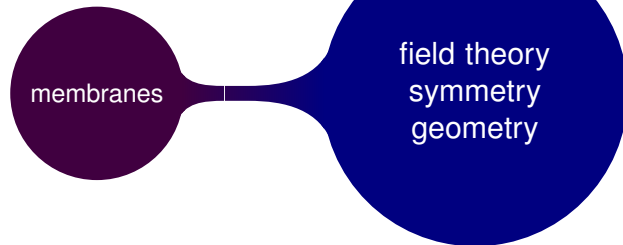
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Where to go from here?



field theory  
symmetry  
geometry

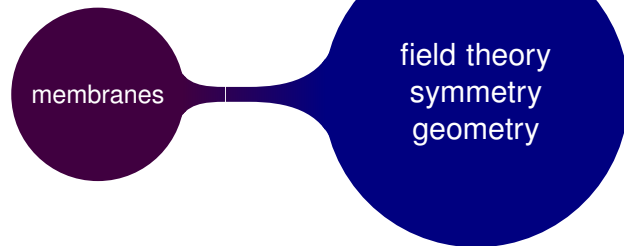
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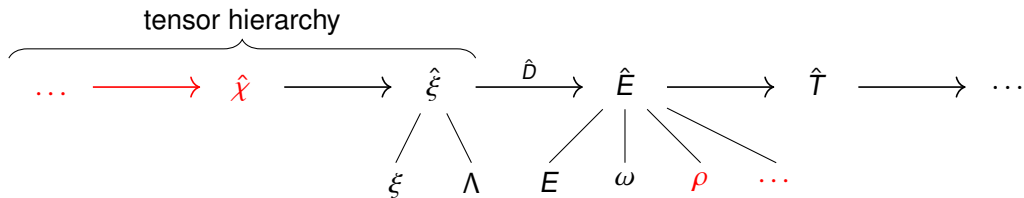
generalized Cartan geometry:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \hat{\chi} & \longrightarrow & \hat{\xi} & \xrightarrow{\hat{D}} & \hat{E} & \longrightarrow & \hat{T} \longrightarrow \dots \\ & & \swarrow \quad \searrow & & \swarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \searrow & & \\ & & \xi \quad \Lambda & & E \quad \omega \quad \rho & & \end{array}$$

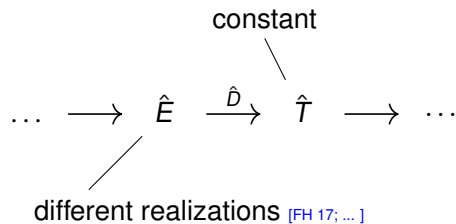
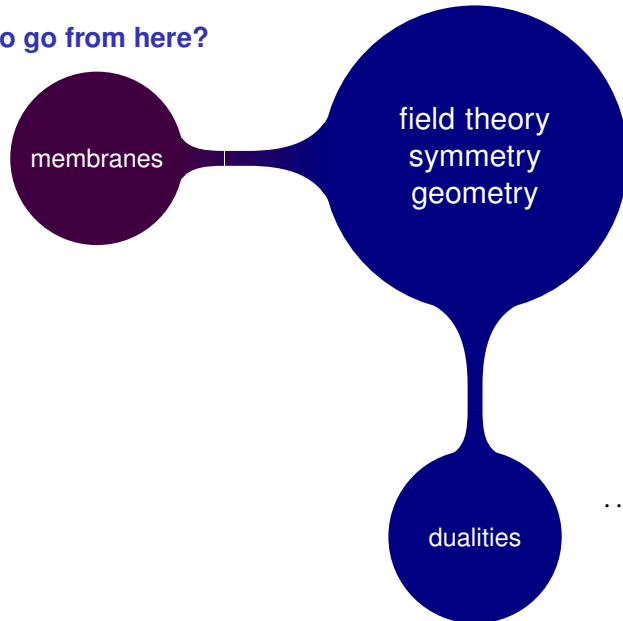
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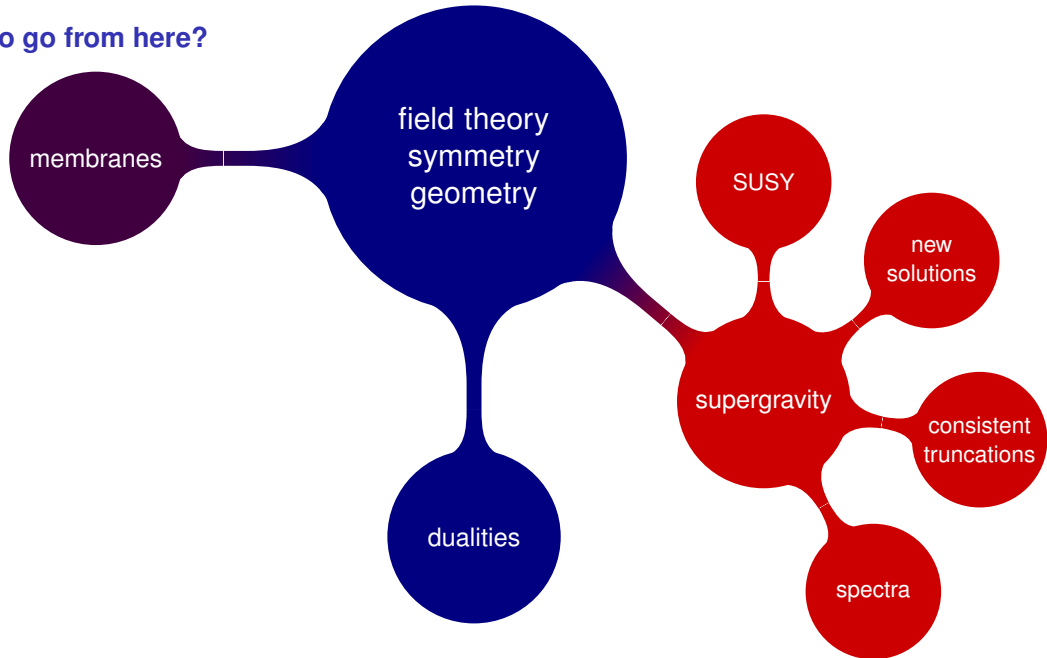
exceptional Cartan geometry: [FH, Yuho Sakatani 23]



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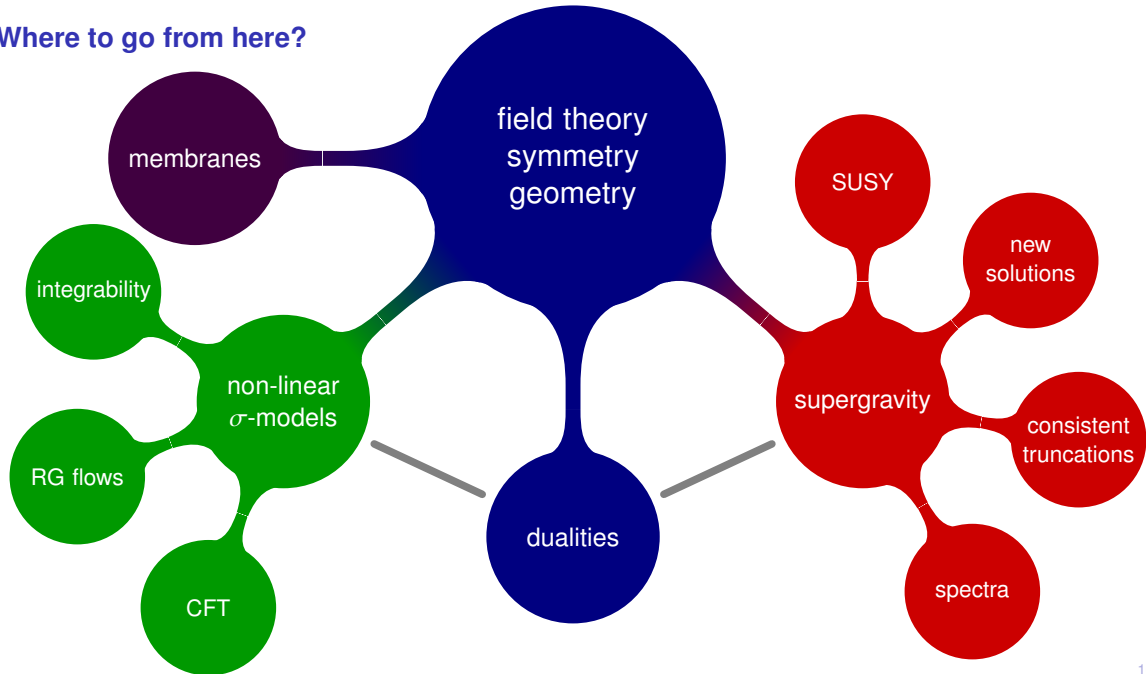


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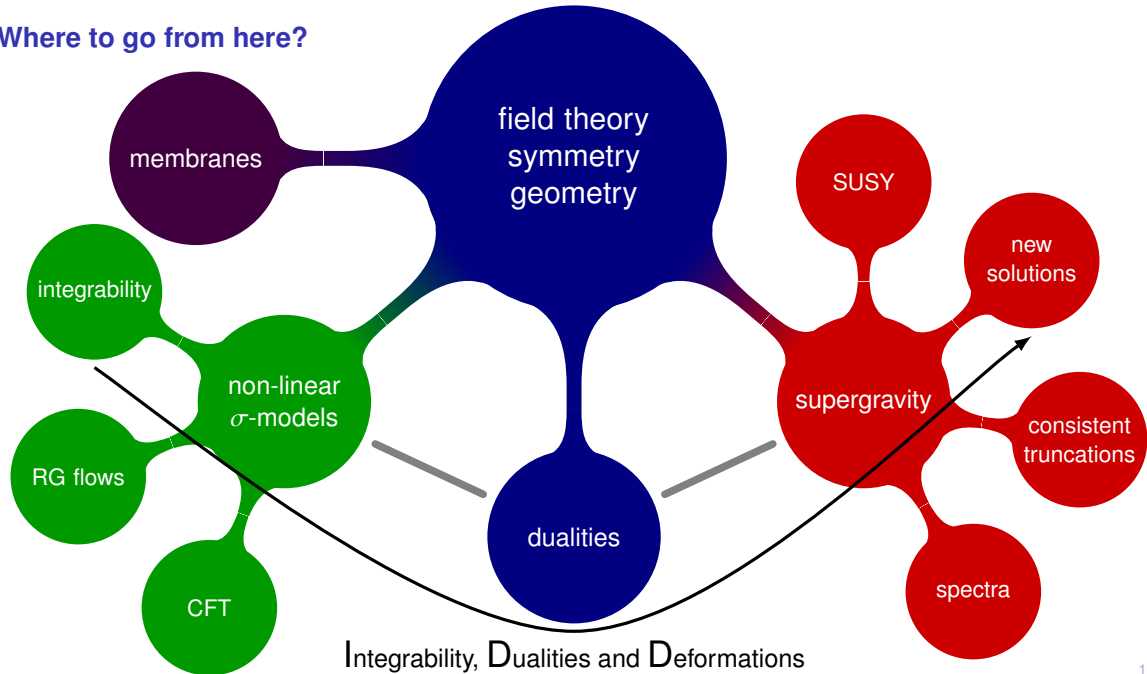




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