

Exploring Stringy Geometries with Double Field Theory

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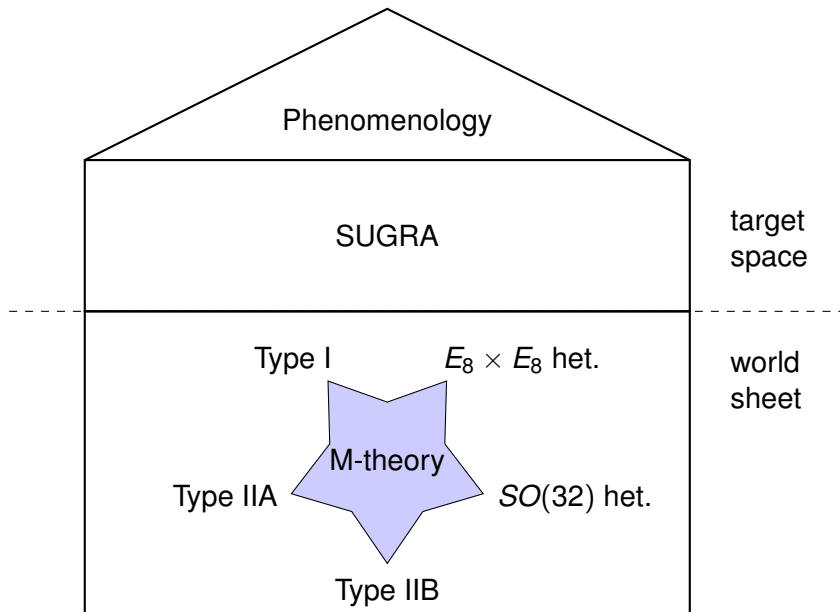
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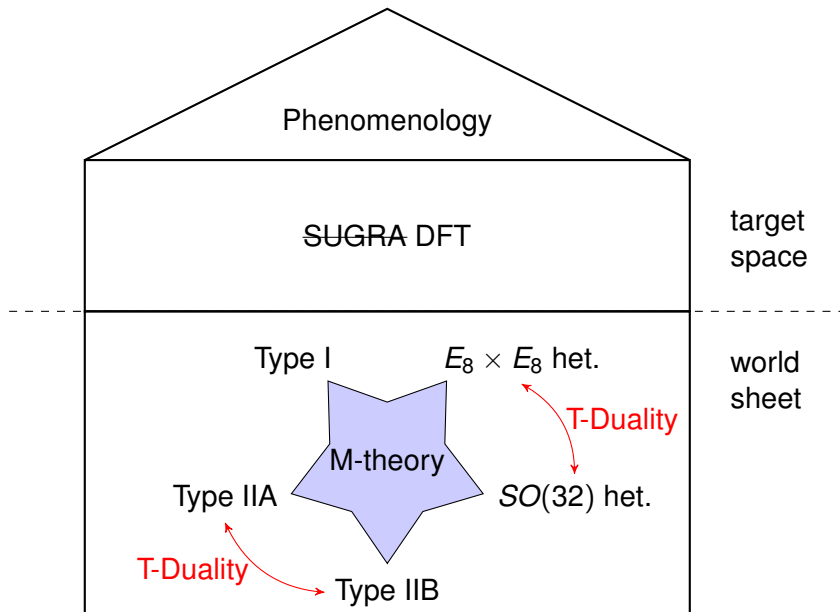
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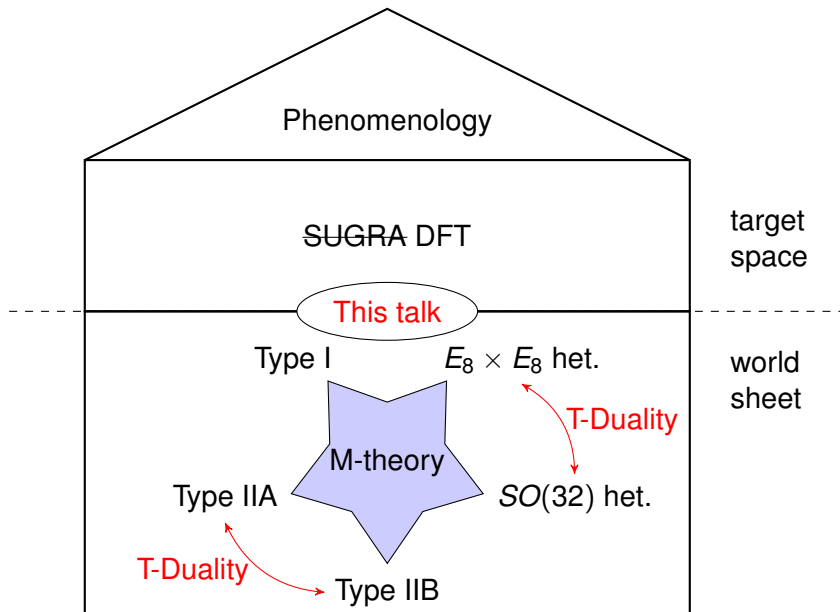
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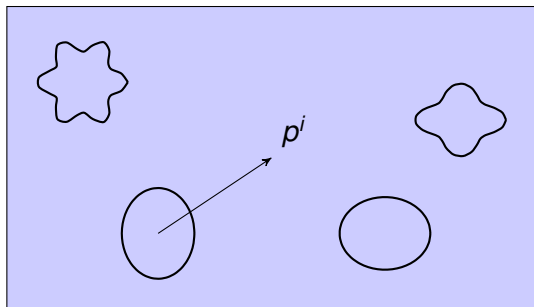
Outline

1. Double Field Theory in a nutshell
2. What is it good for? Current Problems? Solution?
3. Deriving DFT_{WZW} from CSFT
4. Generalized metric formulation
5. Generalized Scherk-Schwarz compactifications
6. Summary and outlook

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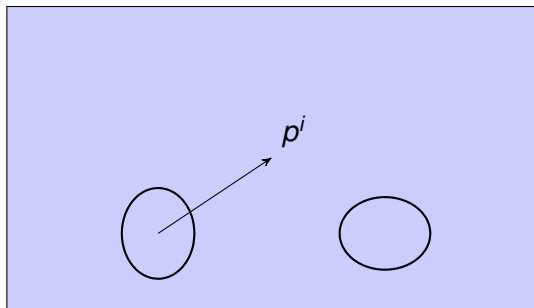
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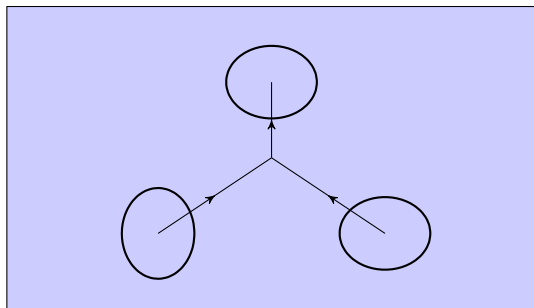
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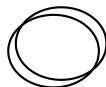
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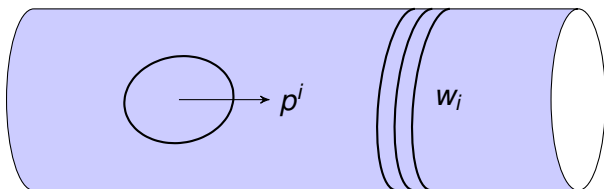
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- ▶ closed strings on a flat torus with momentum p^i and winding w_i
- ▶ combine conjugated variables x_i and \tilde{x}^i into $X^M = (\tilde{x}_i \quad x^i)$
- ▶ repeat steps from SUGRA derivation

$$S_{\text{DFT}} = \int d^{2D} X e^{-2d} \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{H}_{MN}, d)$$


- ▶ fields are constrained by strong constraint

$$\partial_M \partial^M \cdot = 0$$

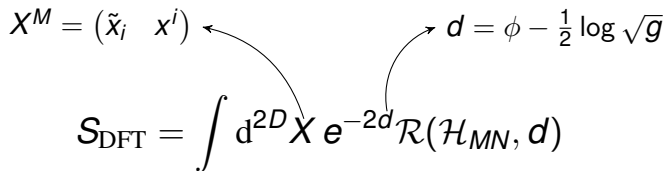


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► generalized Lie derivative combines

1. diffeomorphisms
 2. B -field gauge transformations
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- } available in SUGRA

$$\mathcal{L}_\lambda \mathcal{H}^{MN} = \lambda^P \partial_P \mathcal{H}^{MN} + (\partial^M \lambda_P - \partial_P \lambda^M) \mathcal{H}^{PN} + (\partial^N \lambda_P - \partial_P \lambda^N) \mathcal{H}^{MP}$$

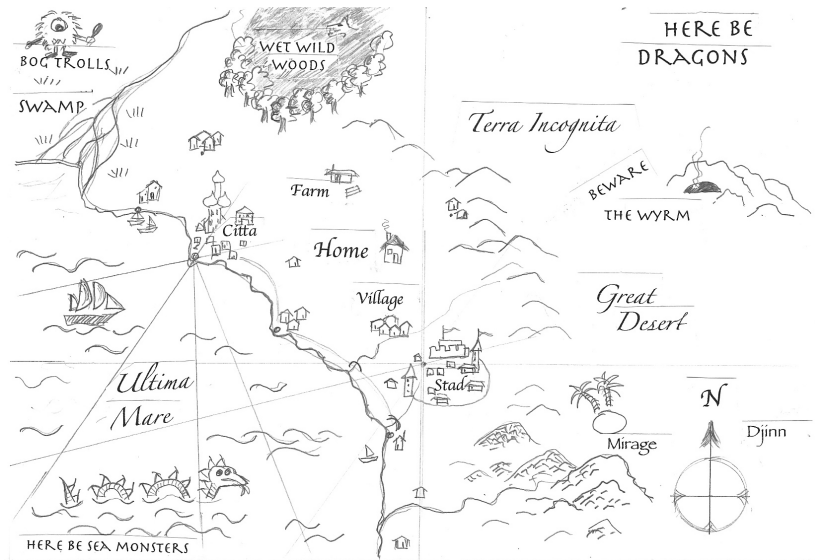
$$\mathcal{L}_\lambda d = \lambda^M \partial_M d + \frac{1}{2} \partial_M \lambda^M$$

► closure of algebra

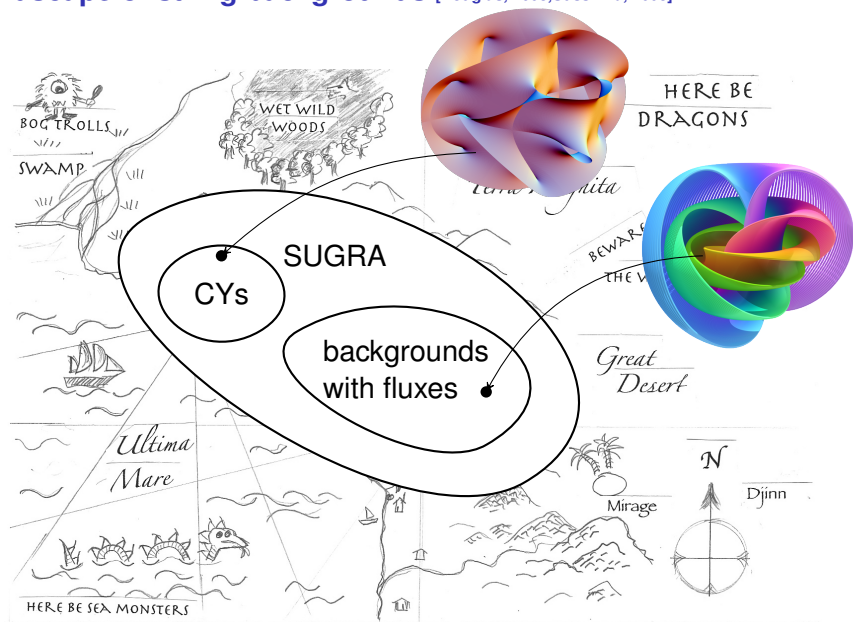
$$\mathcal{L}_{\lambda_1} \mathcal{L}_{\lambda_2} - \mathcal{L}_{\lambda_2} \mathcal{L}_{\lambda_1} = \mathcal{L}_{\lambda_{12}} \quad \text{with} \quad \lambda_{12} = [\lambda_1, \lambda_2]_C$$

► only if strong constraint holds

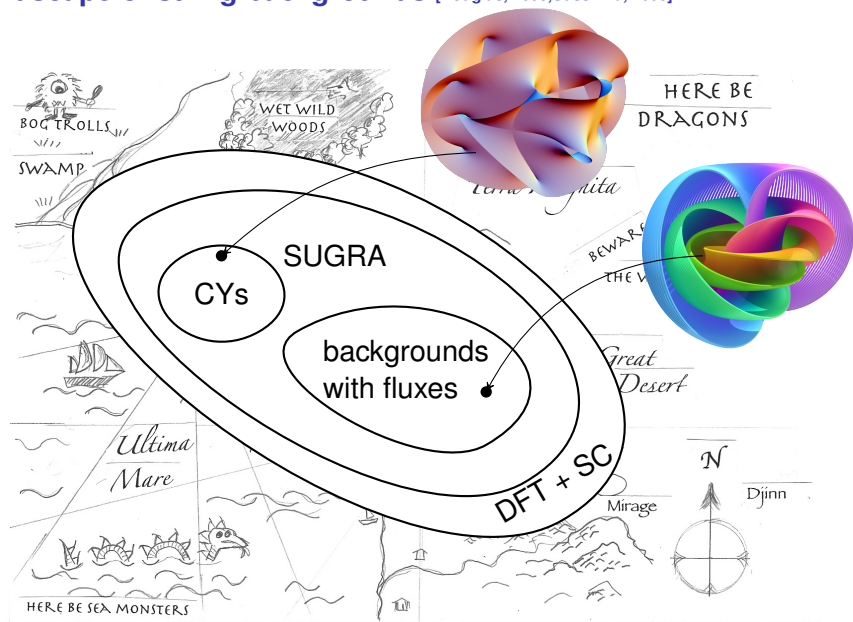
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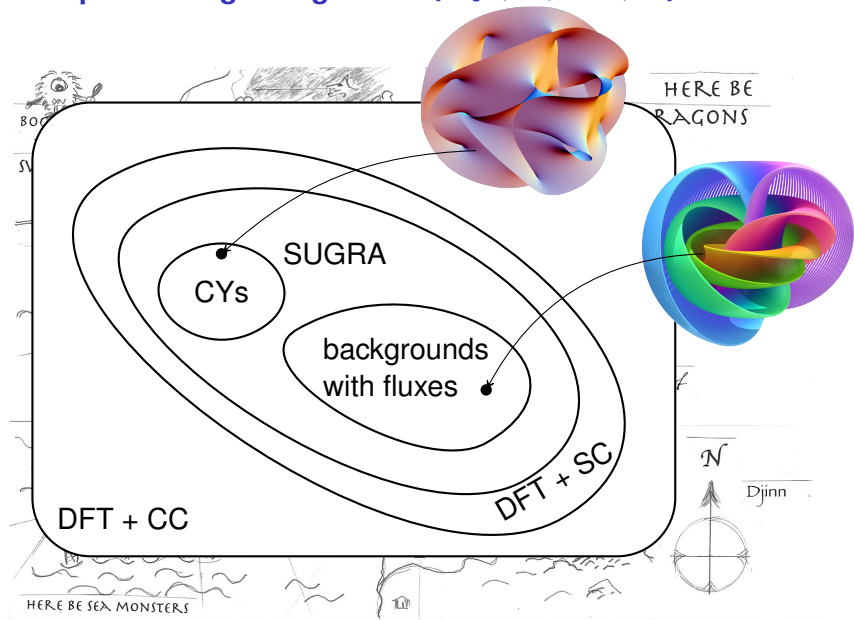
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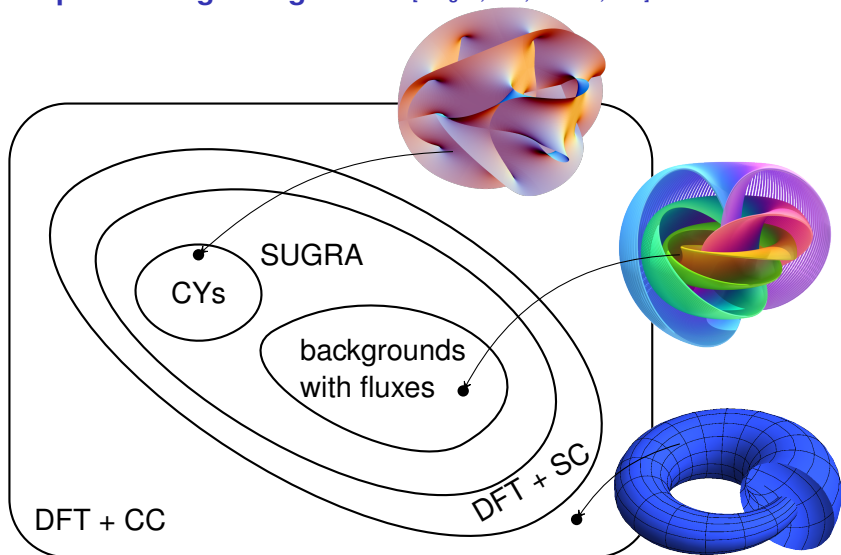
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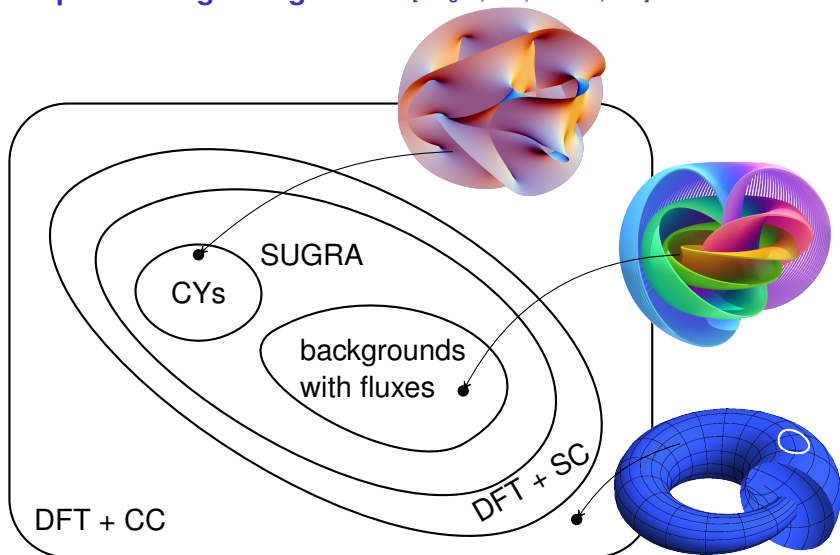


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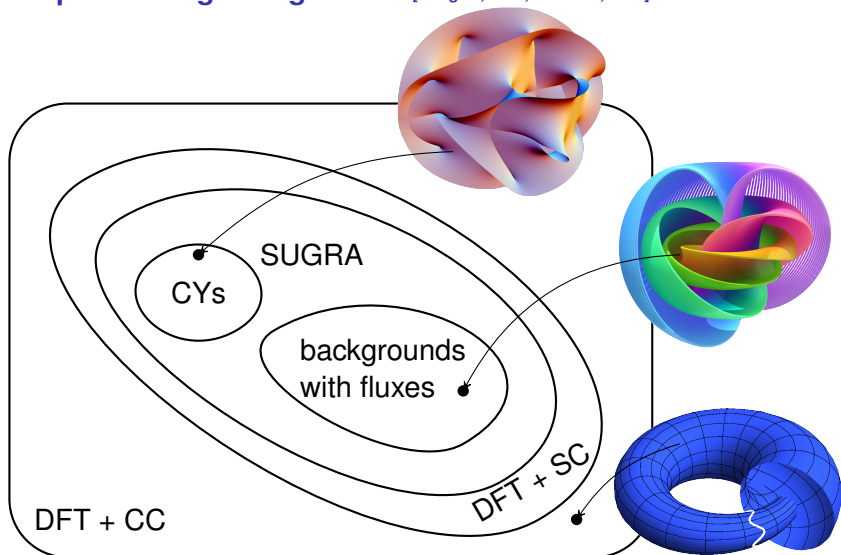
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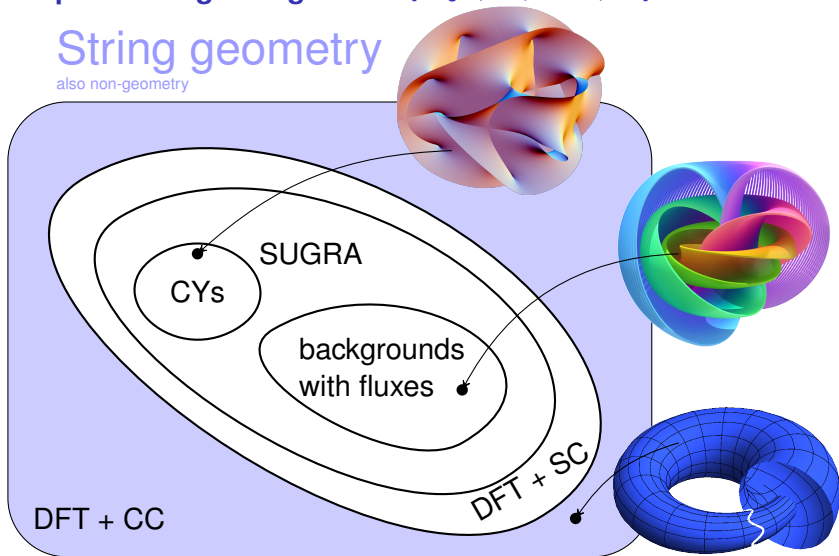


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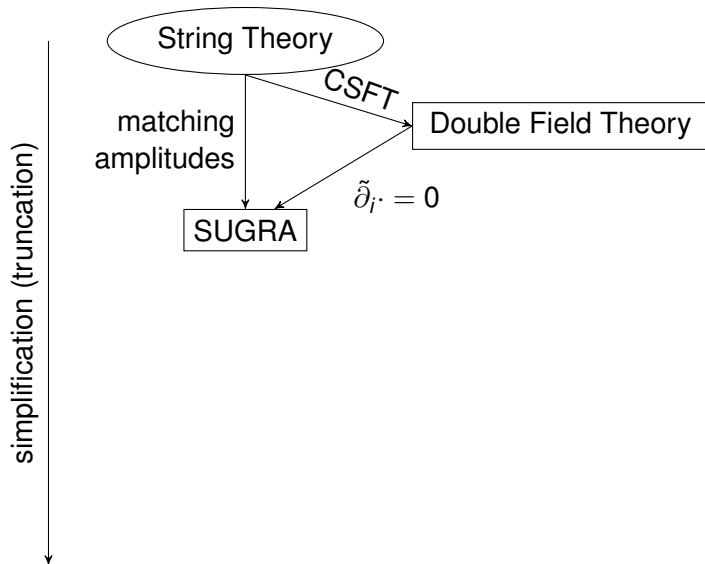
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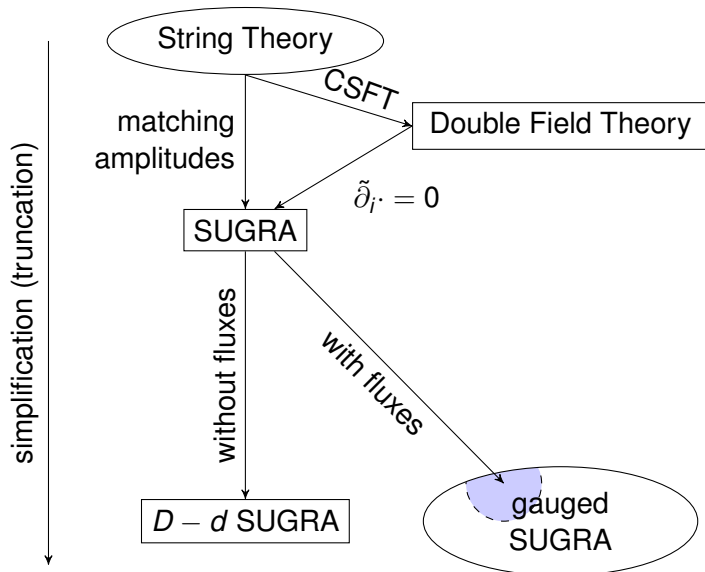
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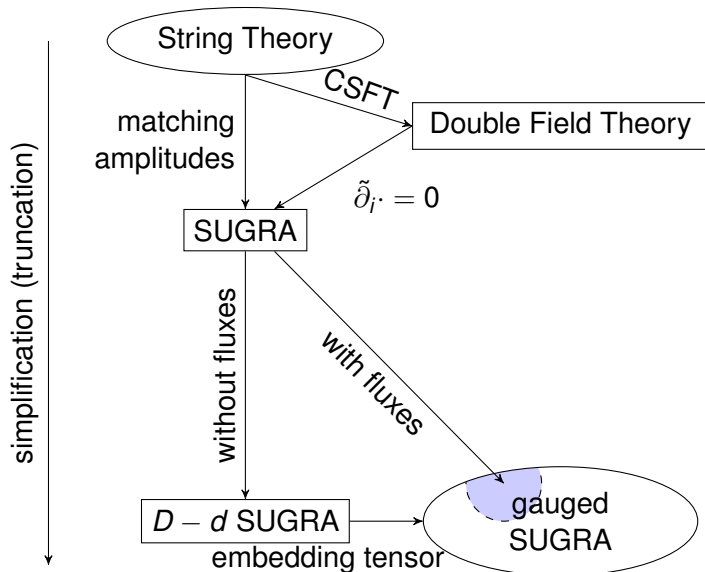
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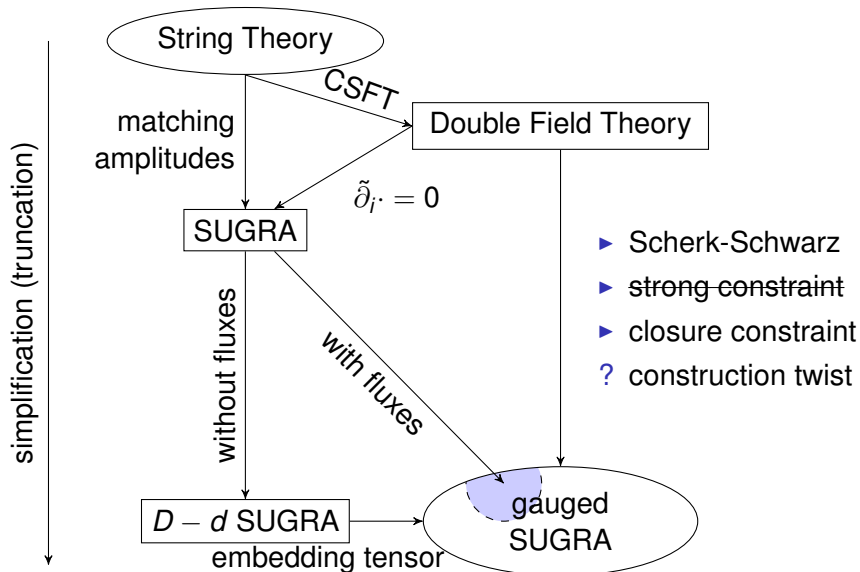
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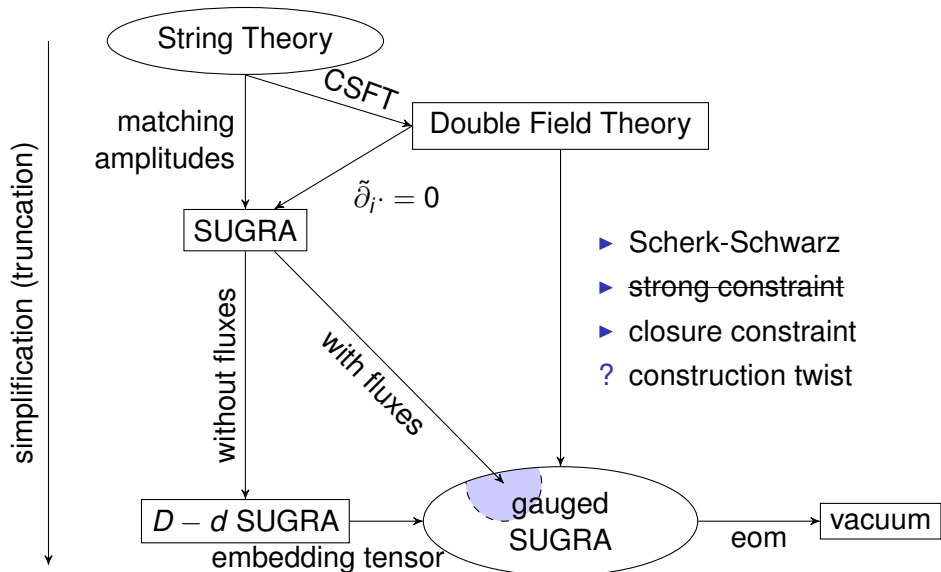
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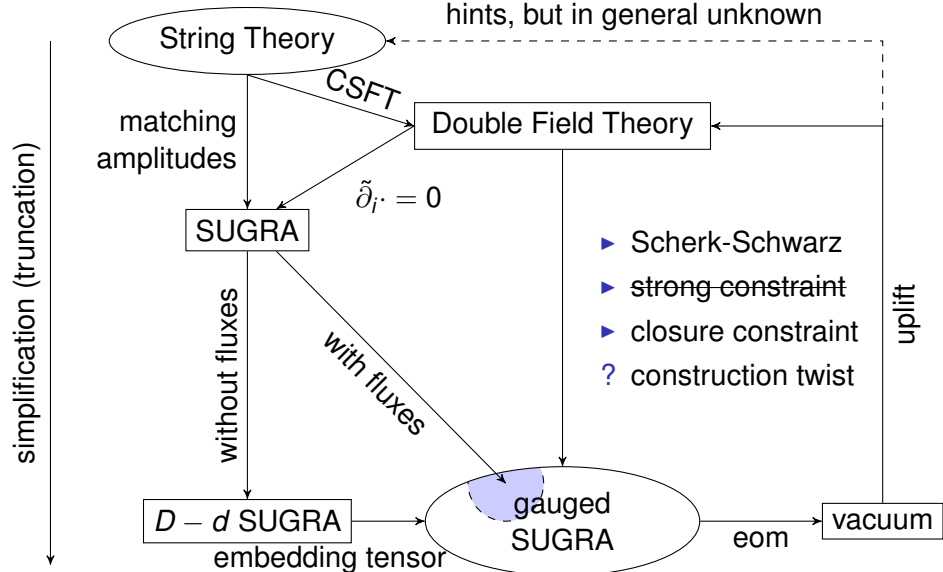
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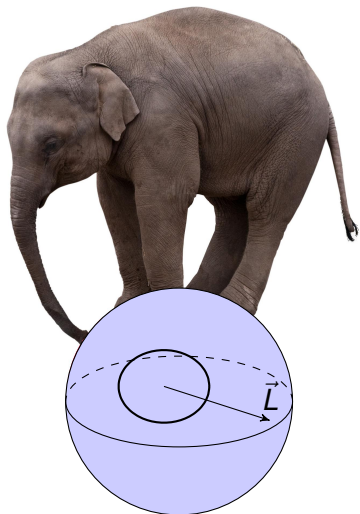


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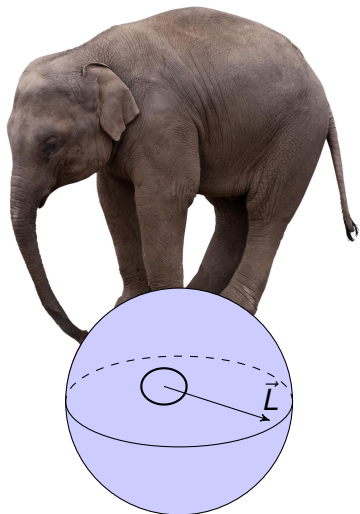


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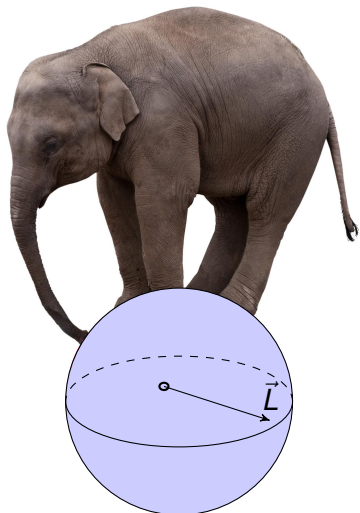
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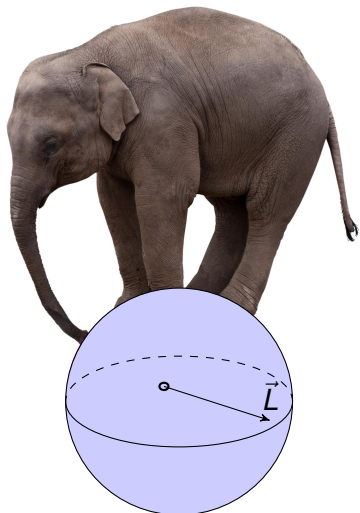
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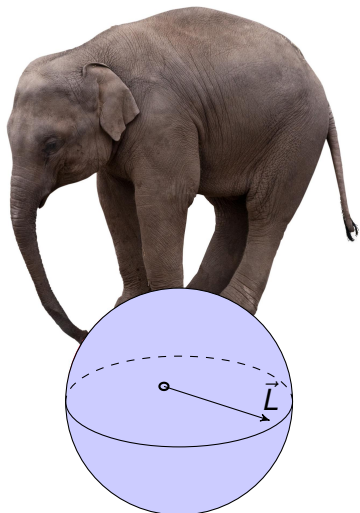
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Questions about DFT_{WZW}

- ▶ What are the covariant objects?
- ▶ How is it connected to DFT?
- ▶ Does it make non-abelian duality manifest?

} not trivial

WZW model & Kač-Moody algebra [Witten, 1983, Walton, 1999]

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- ▶ BRST operator (L_m from Sugawara construction)

$$Q = \sum_m \left(: c_{-m} L_m : + \frac{1}{2} : c_{-m} L_m^{gh} : \right) + \text{anti-chiral}$$

Geometric representation of primary fields ($k \rightarrow \infty$)

► flat derivative

$$D_a = e_a^i \partial_i \quad \text{with} \quad e_a^i = \mathcal{K}(g^{-1} \partial^j g, t_a)$$

operator algebra	geometry ($j_{a0} \rightarrow D_a$)
$L_0 \phi_R\rangle = j_{a0} j_0^a \phi_R\rangle = h_R \phi_R\rangle$	$D_a D^a Y_R(x^i) = h_R Y_R(x^i)$
$[j_{a0}, j_{b0}] = F_{ab}^c j_{c0}$	$[D_a, D_b] = F_{ab}^c D_c$
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Results (leading order k^{-1})

- ▶ calculate quadratic and cubic string functions
- ▶ integrate out auxiliary fields f^a and $f^{\bar{b}}$
- ▶ perform field redefinition

$$(2\kappa^2)S = \int d^{2D}X \sqrt{H} \left[\frac{1}{4} \epsilon_{a\bar{b}} \square \epsilon^{a\bar{b}} + \dots \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{4} \epsilon_{a\bar{b}} (F^{ac}{}_d \bar{D}^{\bar{e}}{}_{c\bar{e}} \epsilon^{d\bar{b}} \epsilon_{c\bar{e}} + F^{\bar{b}\bar{c}}{}_{\bar{d}} D^e{}_{e\bar{d}} \epsilon^{a\bar{d}} \epsilon_{e\bar{c}}) \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{12} F^{ace} F^{\bar{b}\bar{d}\bar{f}} \epsilon_{a\bar{b}} \epsilon_{c\bar{d}} \epsilon_{e\bar{f}} + \dots \right]$$

- ▶  **NEW** terms e.g. potential
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promising results, but bulky



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$$\mathcal{L}_\lambda V^A = \lambda^B \nabla_B V^A + (\nabla^A \lambda_B - \nabla_B \lambda^A) V^B \quad \text{instead of}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\lambda V^I = \lambda^J \partial_J V^I + (\partial^I \lambda_J - \partial_J \lambda^I) V^J \quad \text{in traditional DFT}$$

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- ▶ algebra closes up to a trivial gauge transformation if


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$$F_{E[AB} F^E_{C]D} = 0$$

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Symmetries

- ▶ generalized diffeomorphisms (only under strong constraint)

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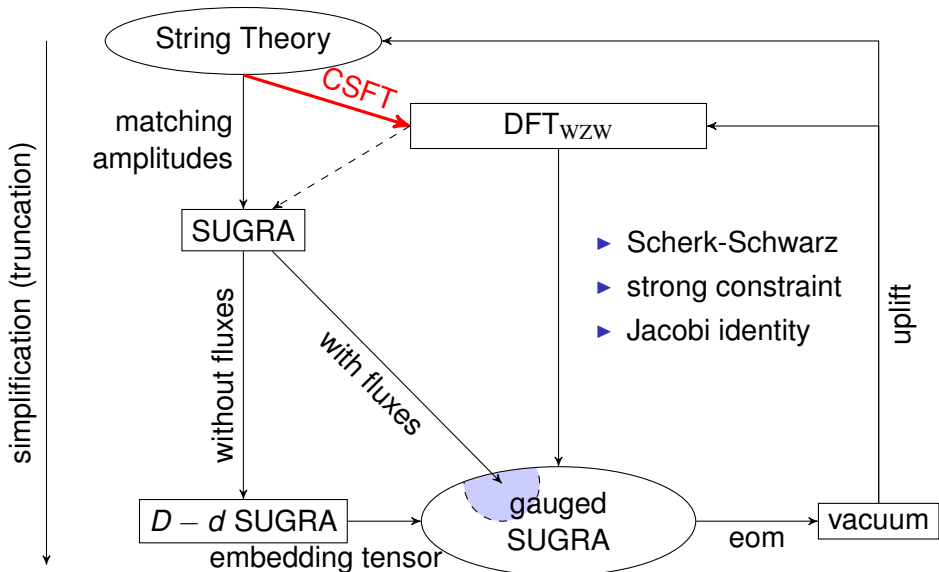
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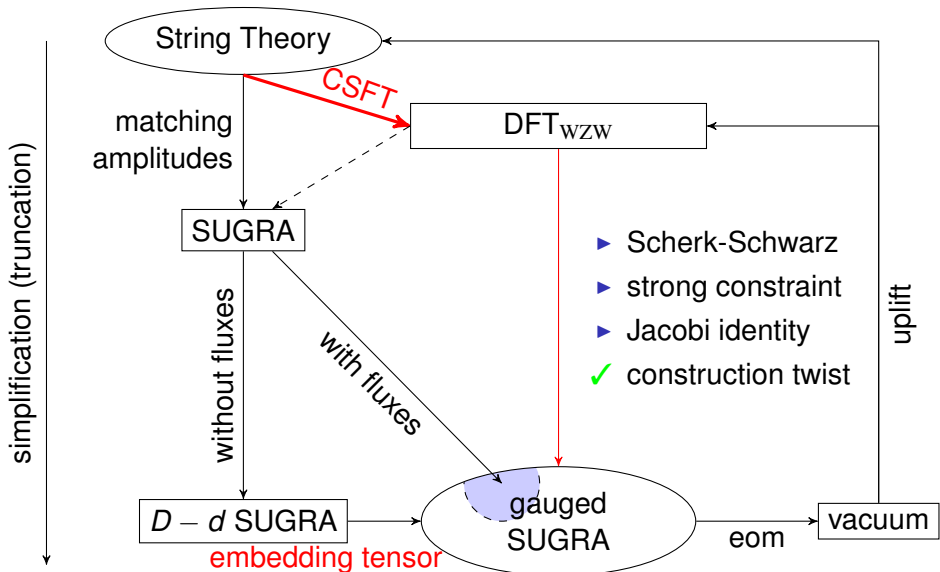
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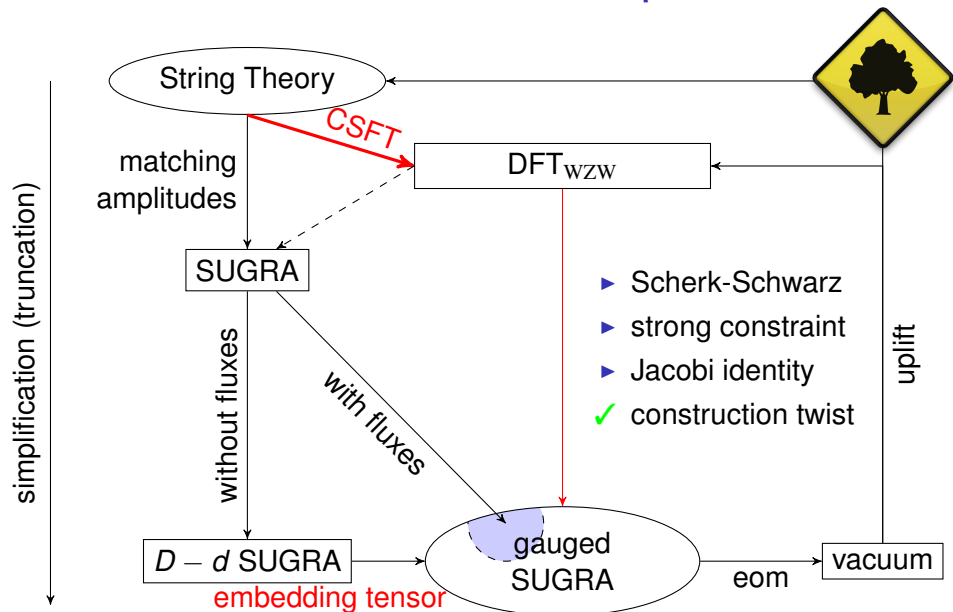
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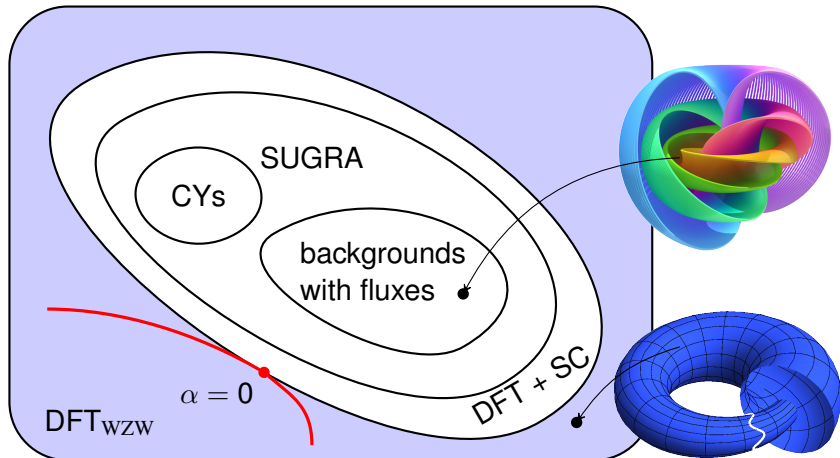
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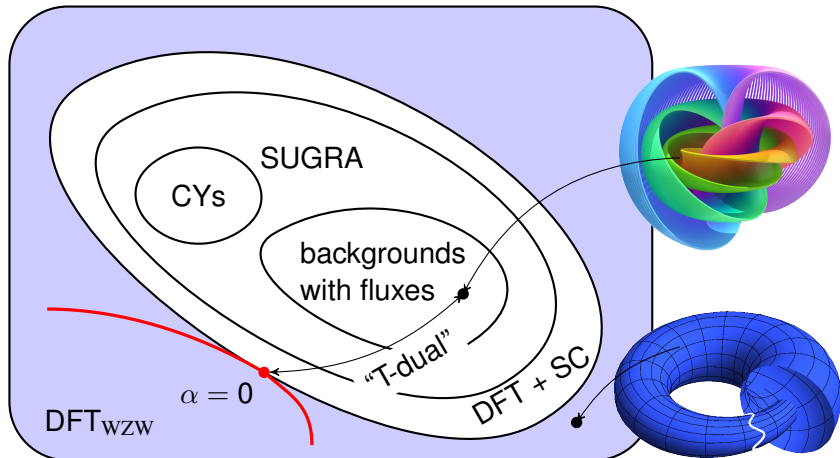
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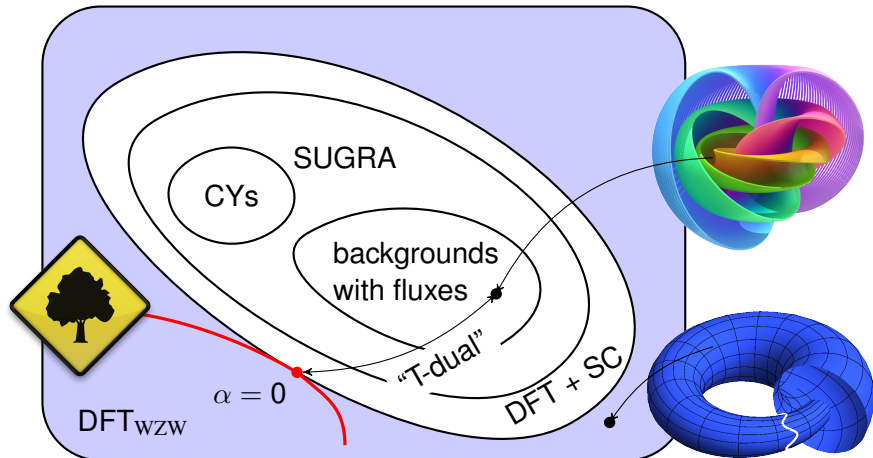
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Thank you for your attention. Are there any questions?

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