

String Theory as an Attempt of PolyMathematics

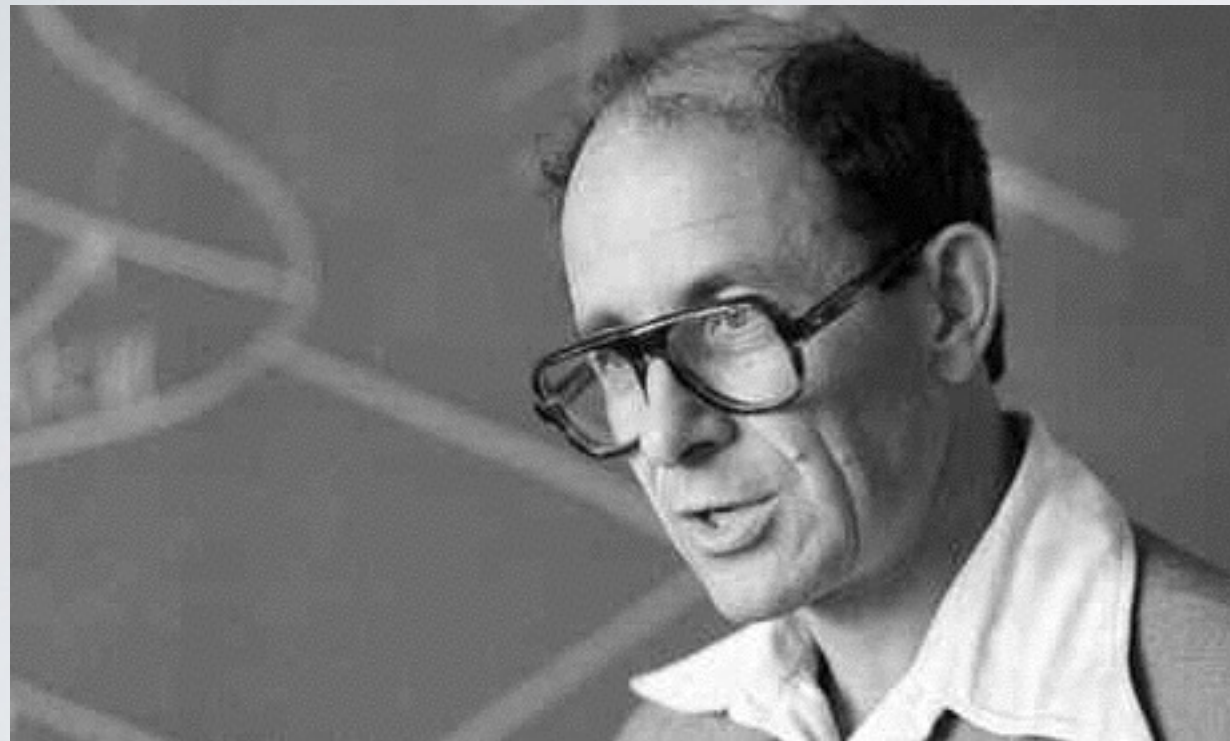
様々な数学の交差点としての弦理論

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Polymathematics



Vladimir Igorevich Arnold
(1937 - 2010)

*“Polymathematics: is mathematics
a single science or a set of arts?”*

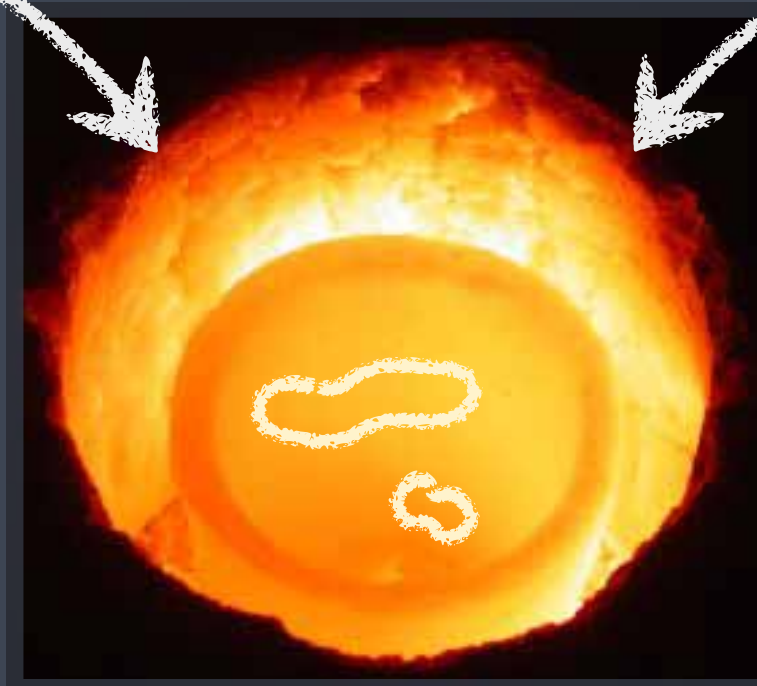
. . . The dream of the polymathematics is to transfer statements from each of these theories to the others, guessing this way new results which might be later checked or modified to become theorems. . . .

string theory: a melting pot of mathematics !?

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Virasoro
symmetry

Calabi-Yau

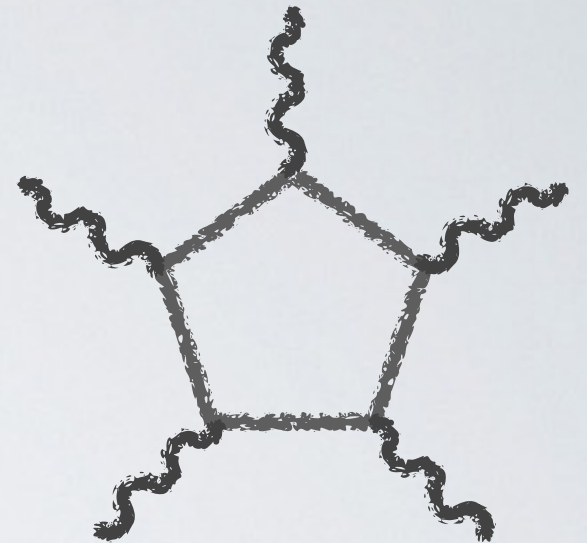


1980's
'the good old days'

Math topics in **string theory** (1980's)

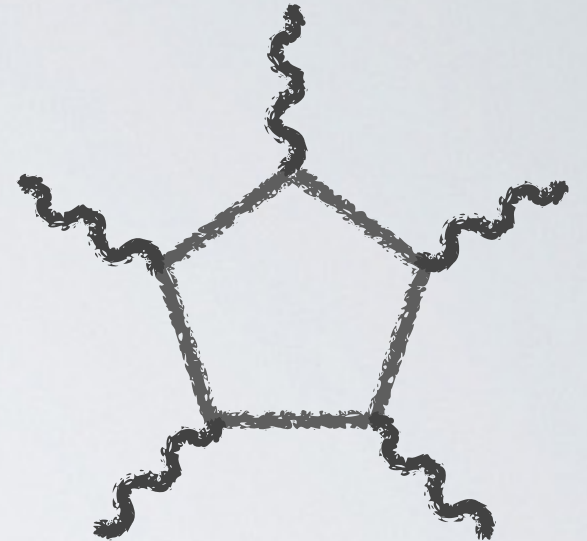
Not so many.

(family's) index theorem
(gravity) anomaly cancelation



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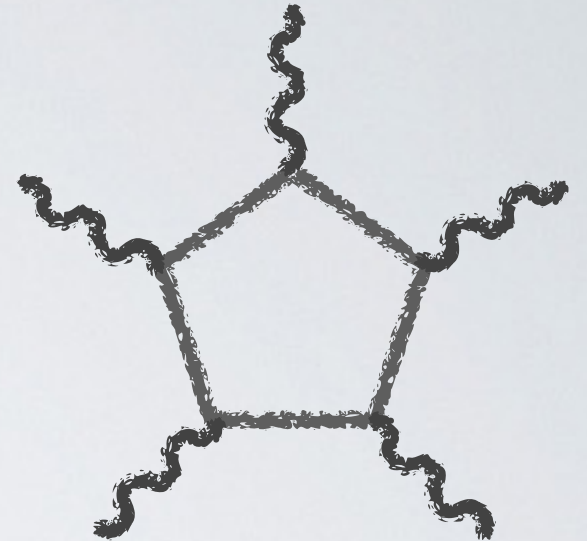


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Teichmüller theory
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moduli theory

orbifold(self-dual lattice), K3, Calabi-Yau, ...
string compactification

1990's

'a whirlwind of change'

Math topics in **string theory** (1990's Part 1)



knot invariants

Chern-Simons thy, branes

Gromov-Witten inv.

**mirror symmetry,
topological strings**

Donaldson-Witten inv./Seiberg-Witten inv.

susy theory on 4-mfd

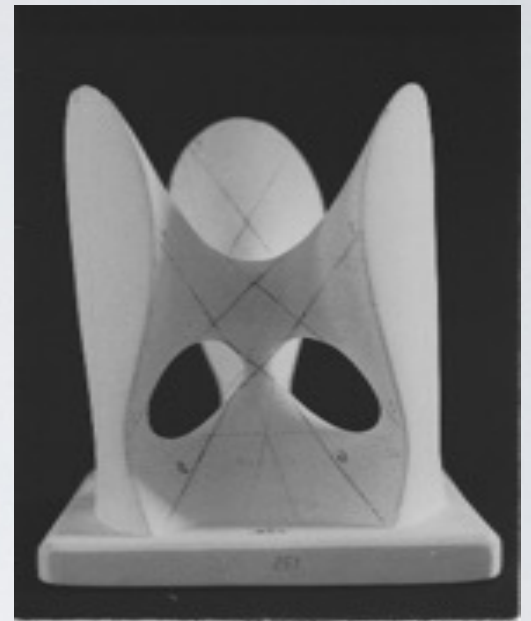
moduli space of stable curves/Gopakumar-Vafa inv.

Hilbert space of D-branes

Math topics in **string theory** (1990's Part 2)

ADE singularity, toric manifold, ...
string compactification

ADHM, quiver variety,
moduli space of stable sheaves,...
instanton



hyper-Kahler, Atiyah-Hitchin, ...
branes, monopoles

integrable system
susy gauge theory

elliptic fibration & singularity
F-theory

2000-
Today

Math topics in **string theory (2000-)**

G2 holonomy
string phenomenology

non-commutative geometry
`Magnetic` B-field

K-theory
brane/anti-brane annihilation

categorification of knot theory
topological string

twister space
amplitudes of gauge theory

symmetric polynomial and integrable system
susy QFTs, topological string

Math topics in **string theory** (2000-)

Langlands program
Hitchin system
electro-magnetic S-duality

Mock theta functions
vertex operator algebra
Monster groups
B.H., string compactification

(motivic) Donaldson-Thomas inv.
Kontsevich-Soibelman theory
wall crossing and B.H.

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Just miscellaneous collection?



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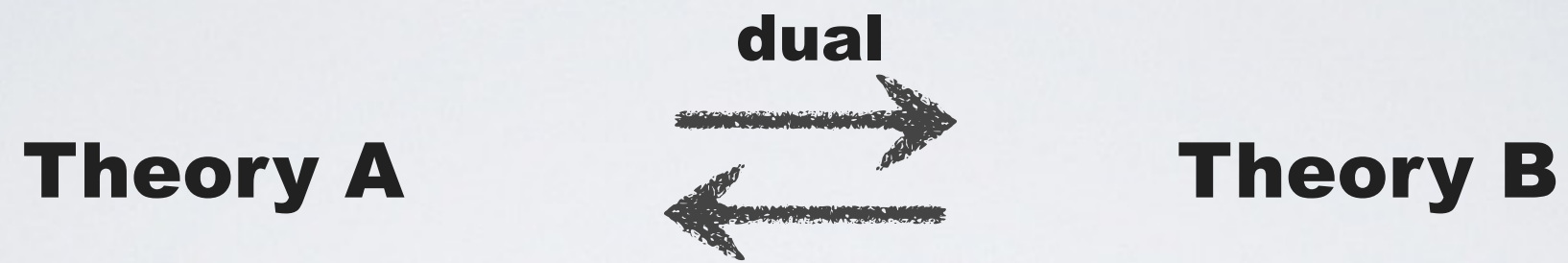
**string theory connects
various mathematical objects**

Duality

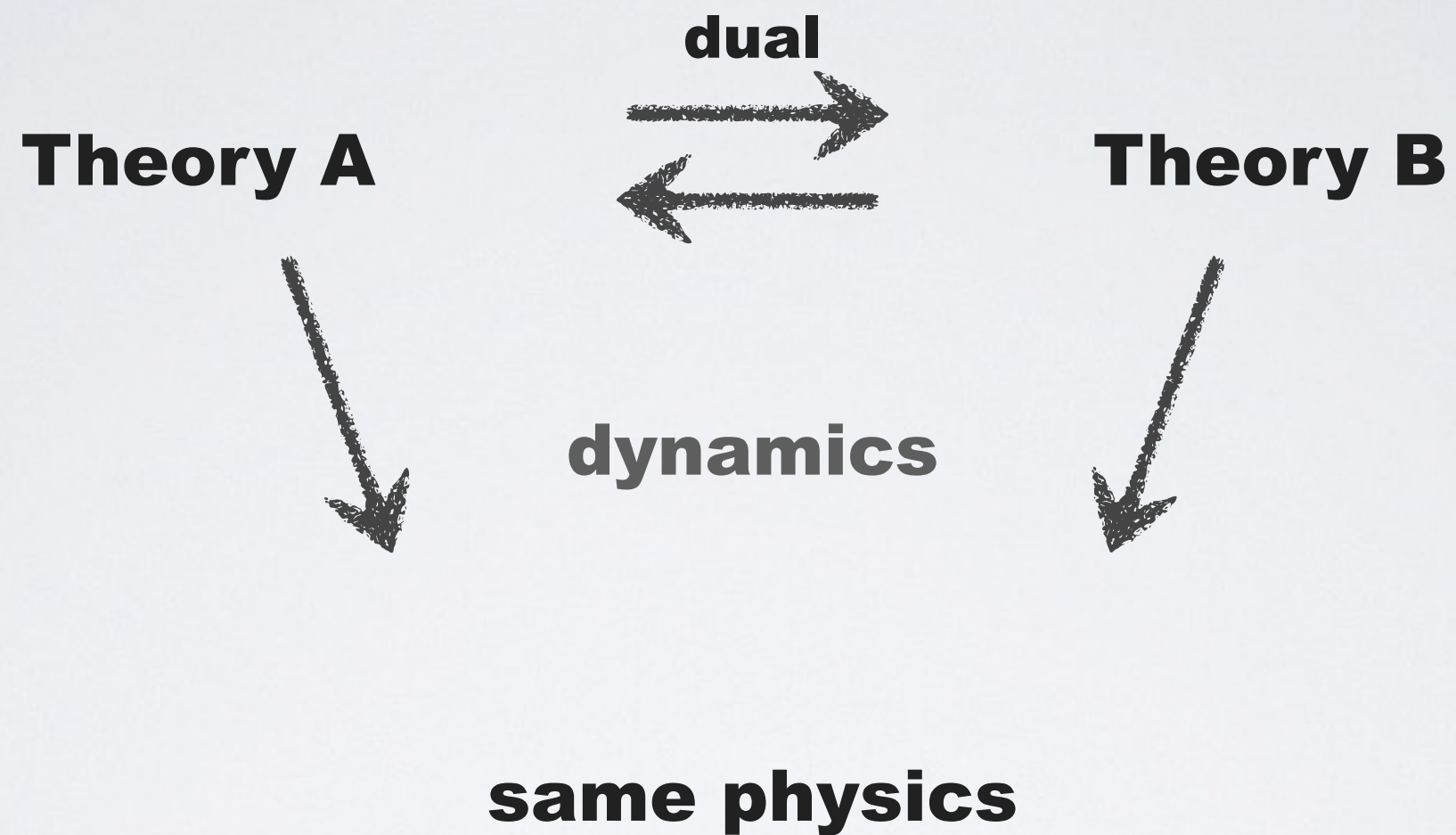
Theory A

Theory B

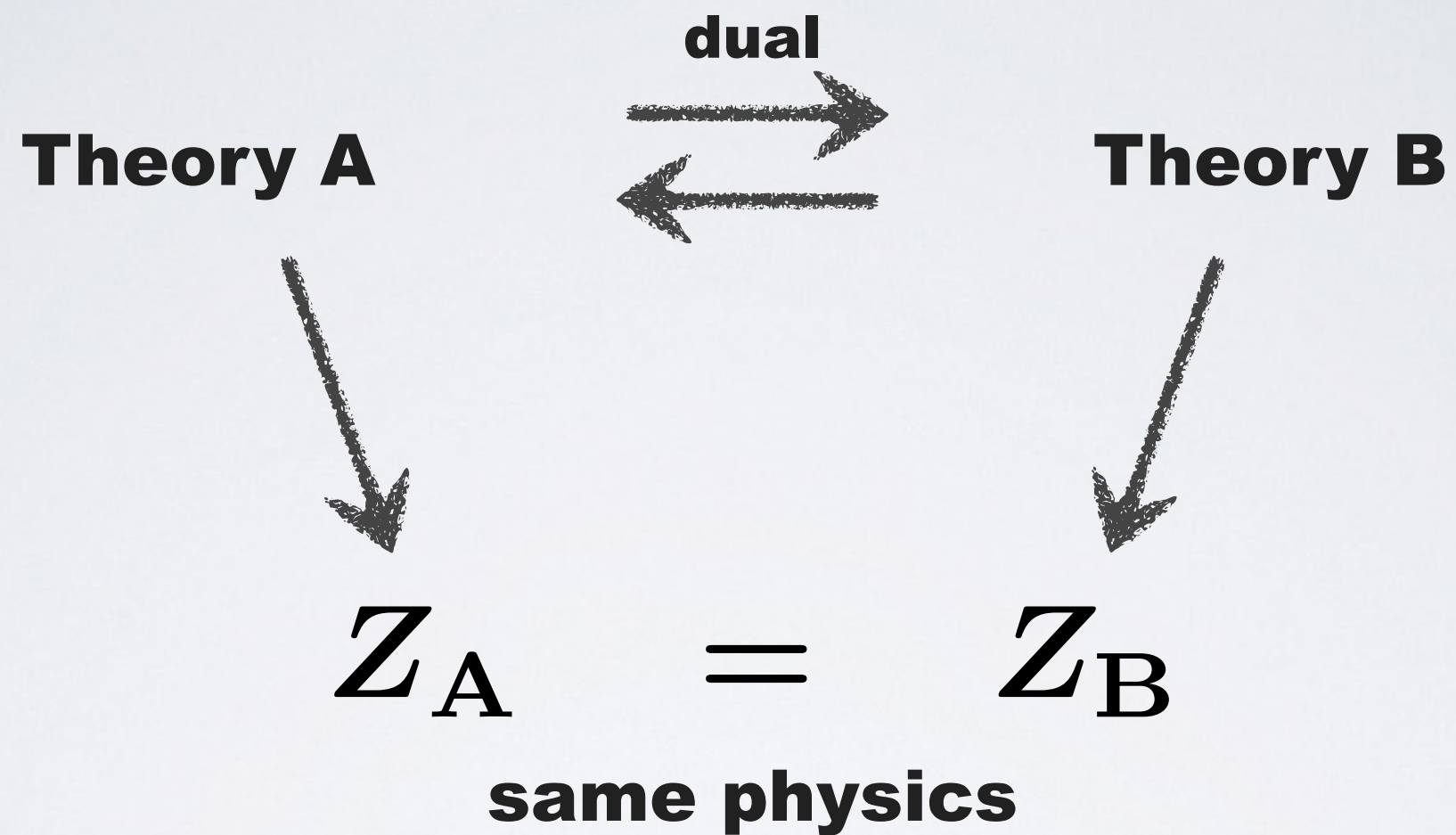
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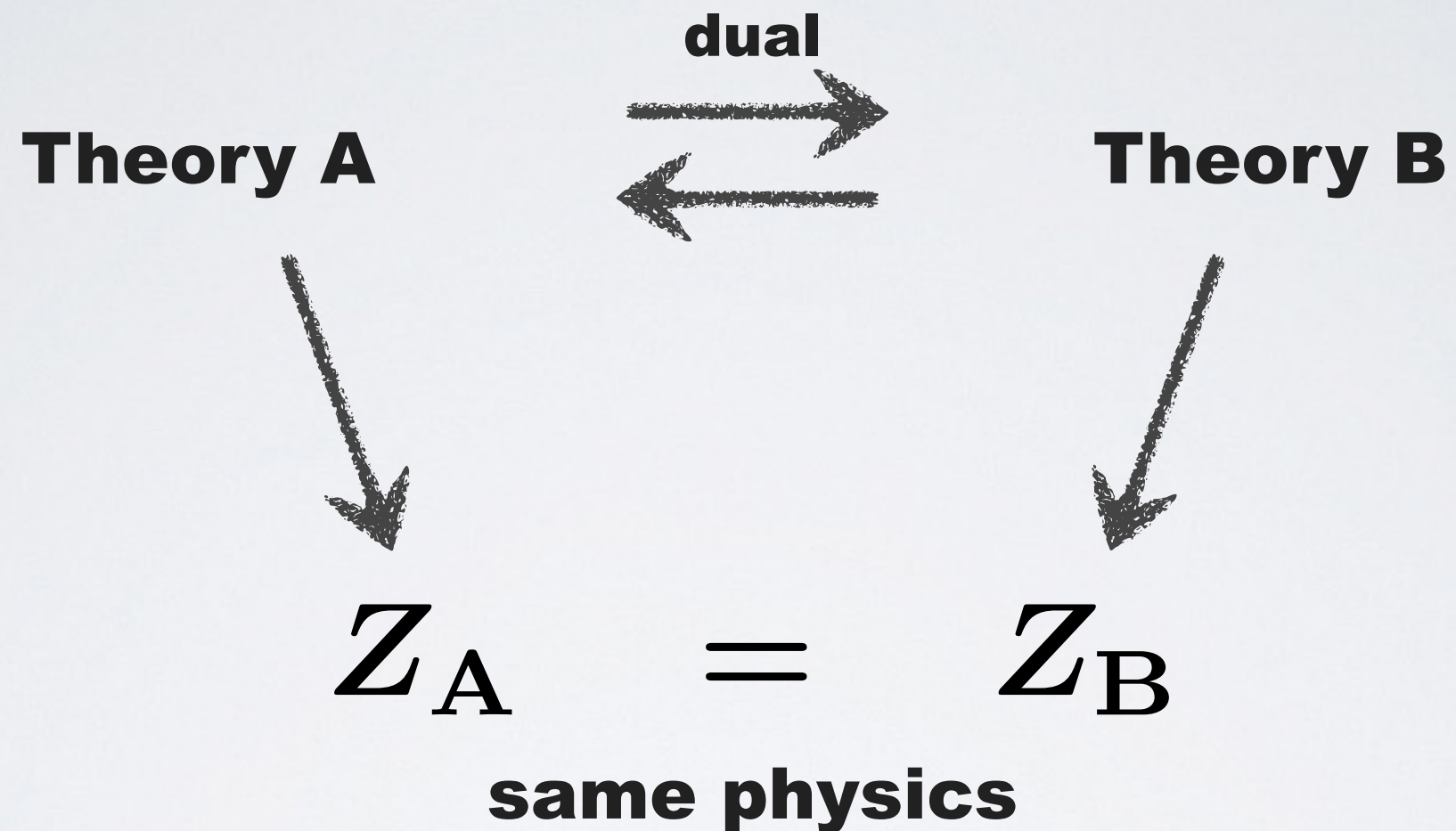
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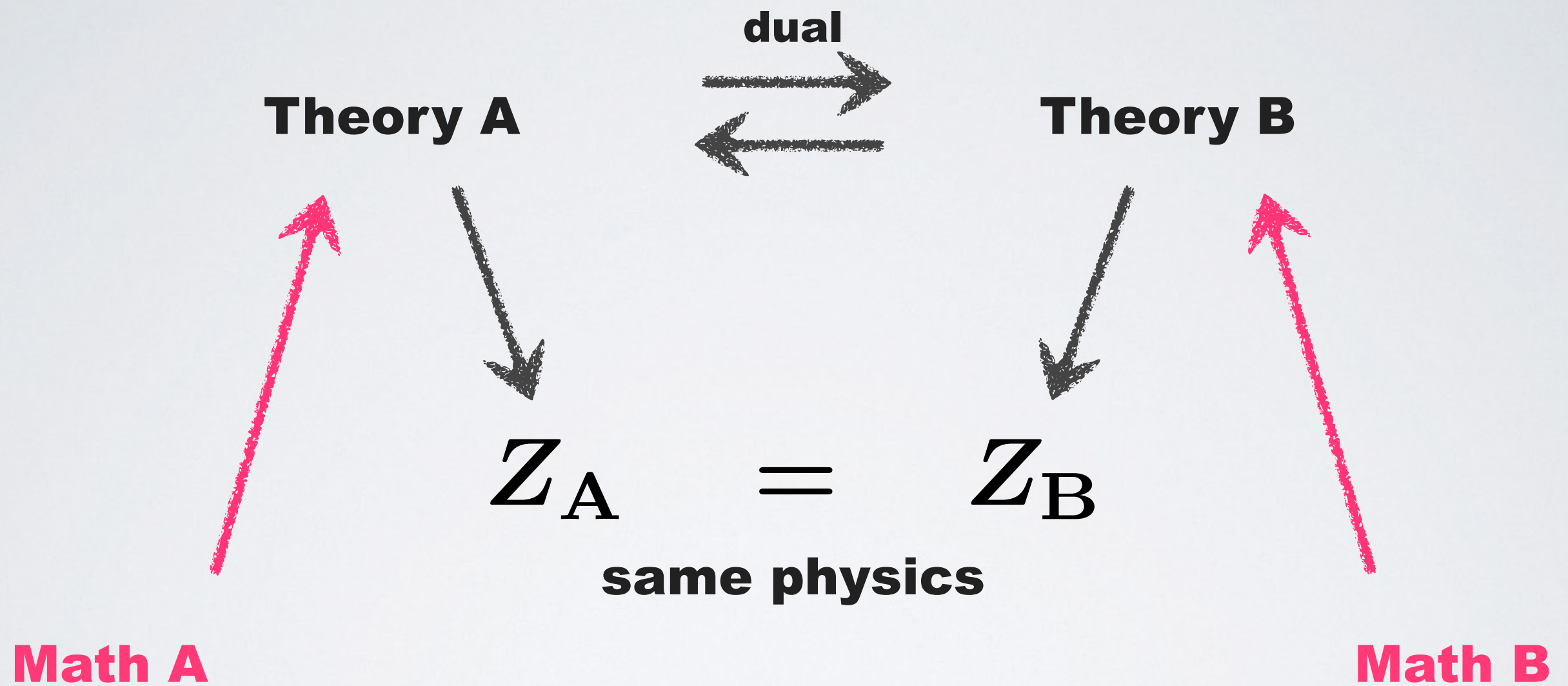


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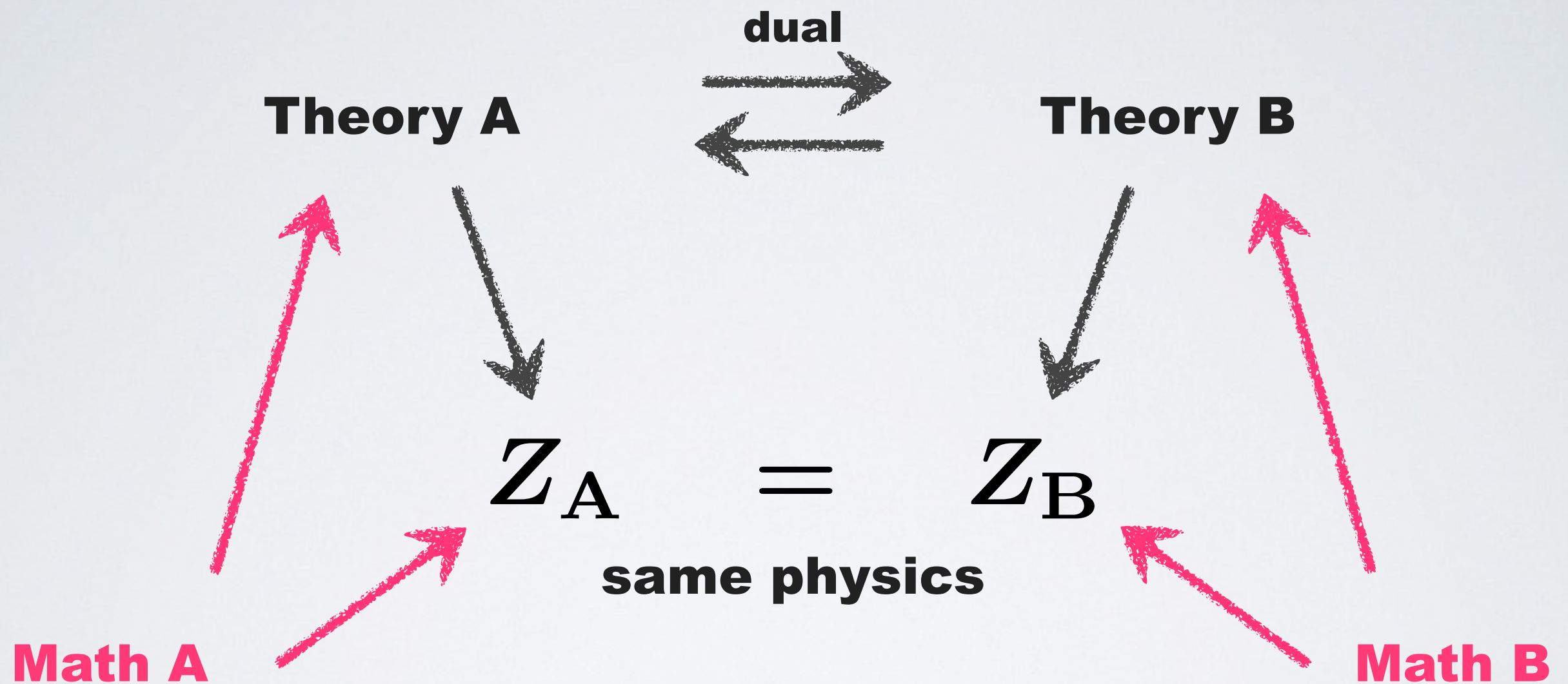


So what?

Duality



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Duality

“dual”

Math A



Math B

handy example :

AGT correspondence (2009)

[Alday-Gaiotto-Tachikawa] [Wyllard]

AGT correspondence

2-dim

representation of 2d

Virasoro/W algebra



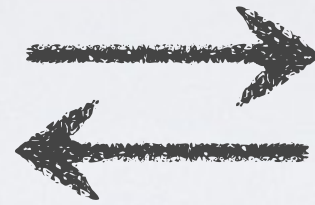
4-dim

instanton moduli space

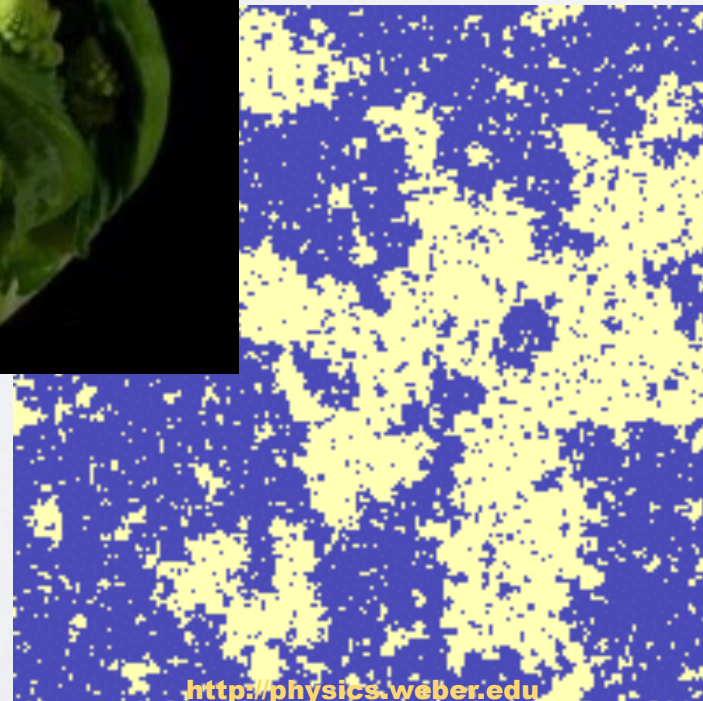
(torsion free sheaves)

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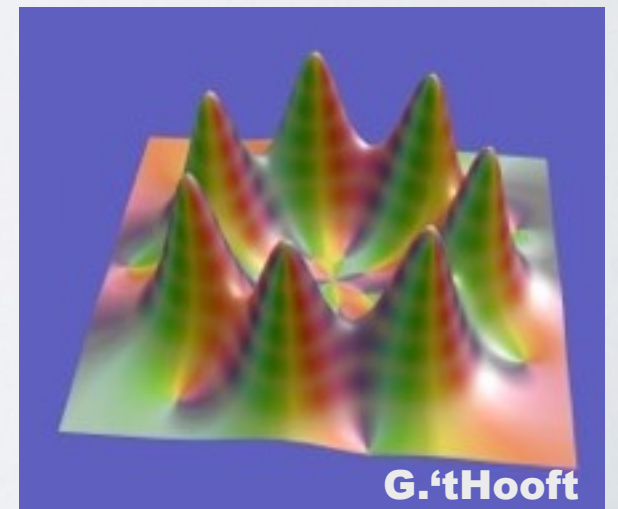
2-dim critical phenomena

**curvature of principal
 $U(N)$ bundle**

$$F = dA + A \wedge A$$



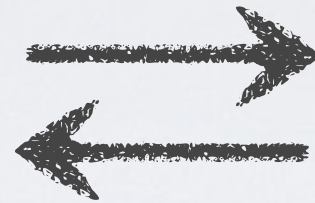
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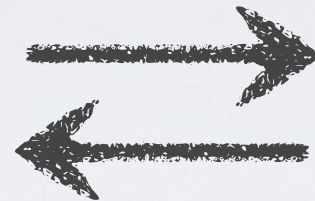
$$B(C_{g,n}; \mathcal{W}_N) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Lambda^{2Nk} \int_{\mathcal{M}(N,k)} 1$$

conformal block **instanton partition function**

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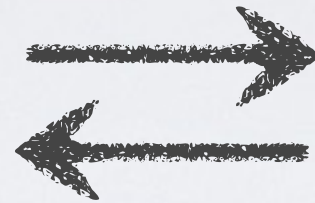
**CFT correlation
function**

**partition function including
contribution from k-instantons
(evaluating path integral)**

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**fixed point th'm of
equivariant cohomology**

$$= \sum_{p \in \mathcal{M}^T(N,k)} \frac{1}{e(T_p \mathcal{M}(N,k))}$$

AGT correspondence: simplified version

[Gaiotto, 09] [MT, 09] ... [Maulik-Okounkov, 2013]

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Highest weight rep. (Verma module)

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‘Chevalley basis’

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highest weight vector (ground state)

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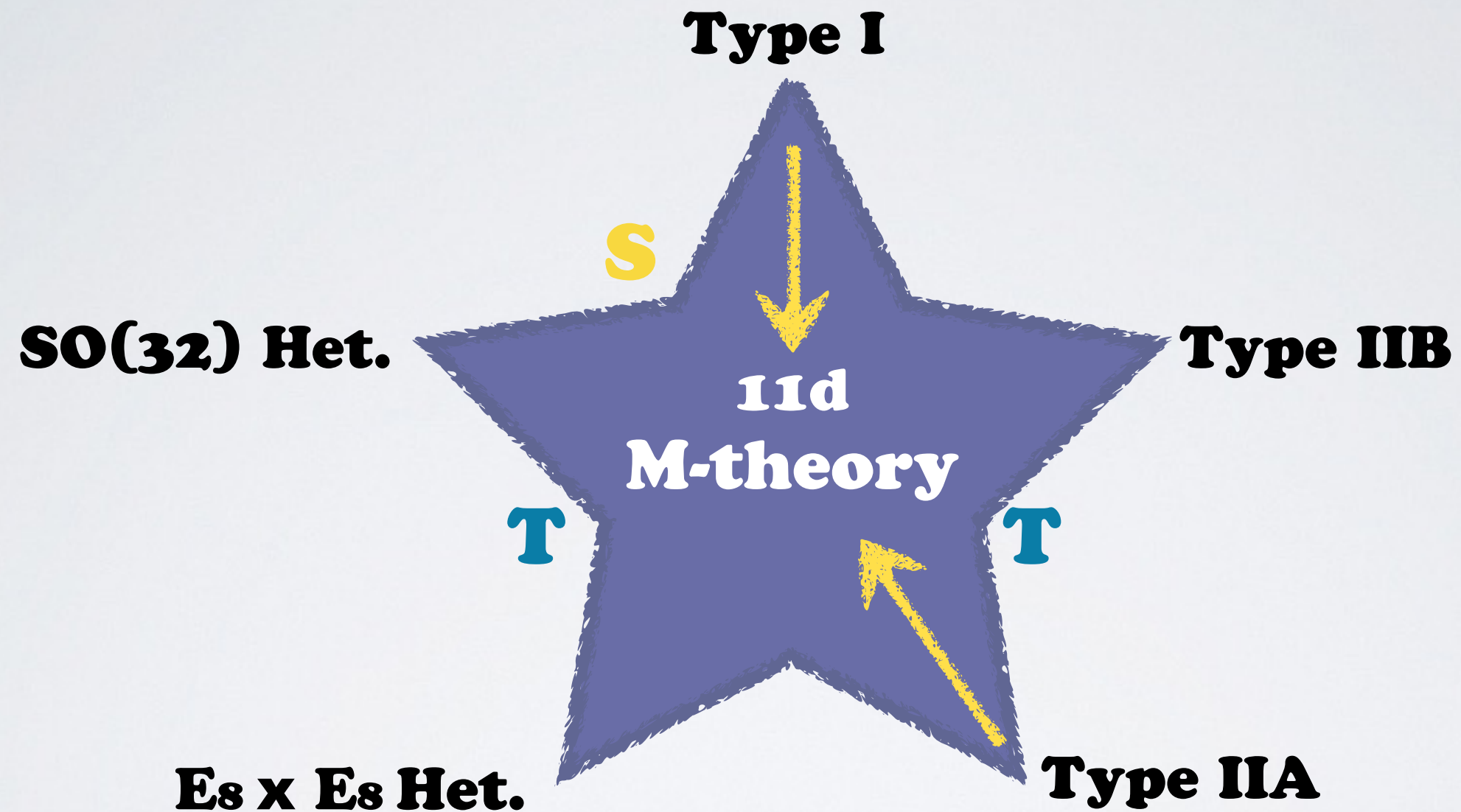
Why does AGT phenomenon happen?

$$\langle \vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle = Z_{SU(2)}^{inst.}$$

- mathematical proof (geometric representation theory)
- ‘clear’ physical origin

The key is M-theory

Unification of string theories: M-theory

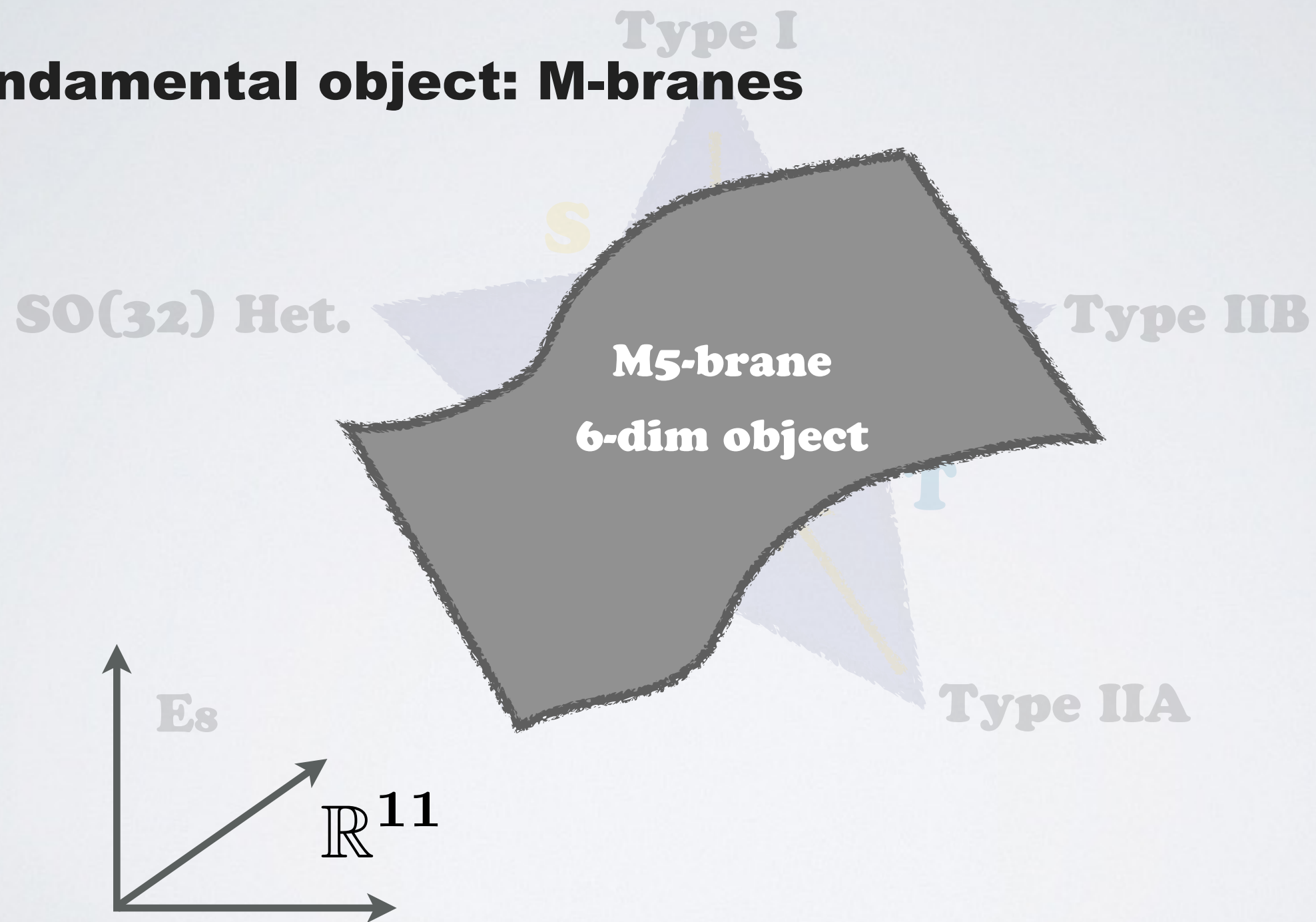


Unification of string theories: M-theory



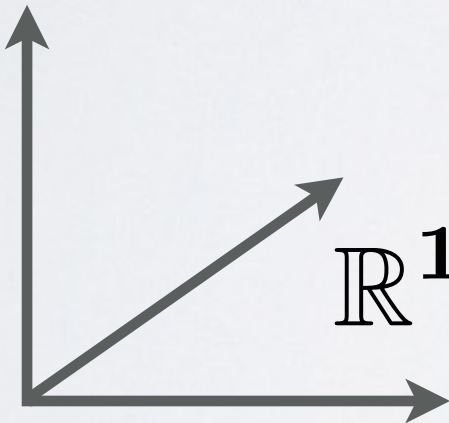
Unification of string theories: M-theory

Fundamental object: M-branes



$$\mathbf{6}=\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{4}$$

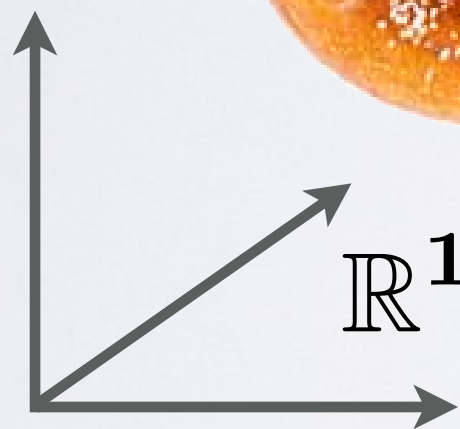
$$C_{g,n} \times S^4$$



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Assumption: M5 physics does not depend their relative size

$$6=2+4$$

 S^4 

**4-dim gauge theory
(instanton)**

$$6=2+4$$

 $C_{g,n}$ \times S^4  \times 

$$6=2+4$$

$$C_{g,n}$$


2-dim CFT
(Virasoro algebra)

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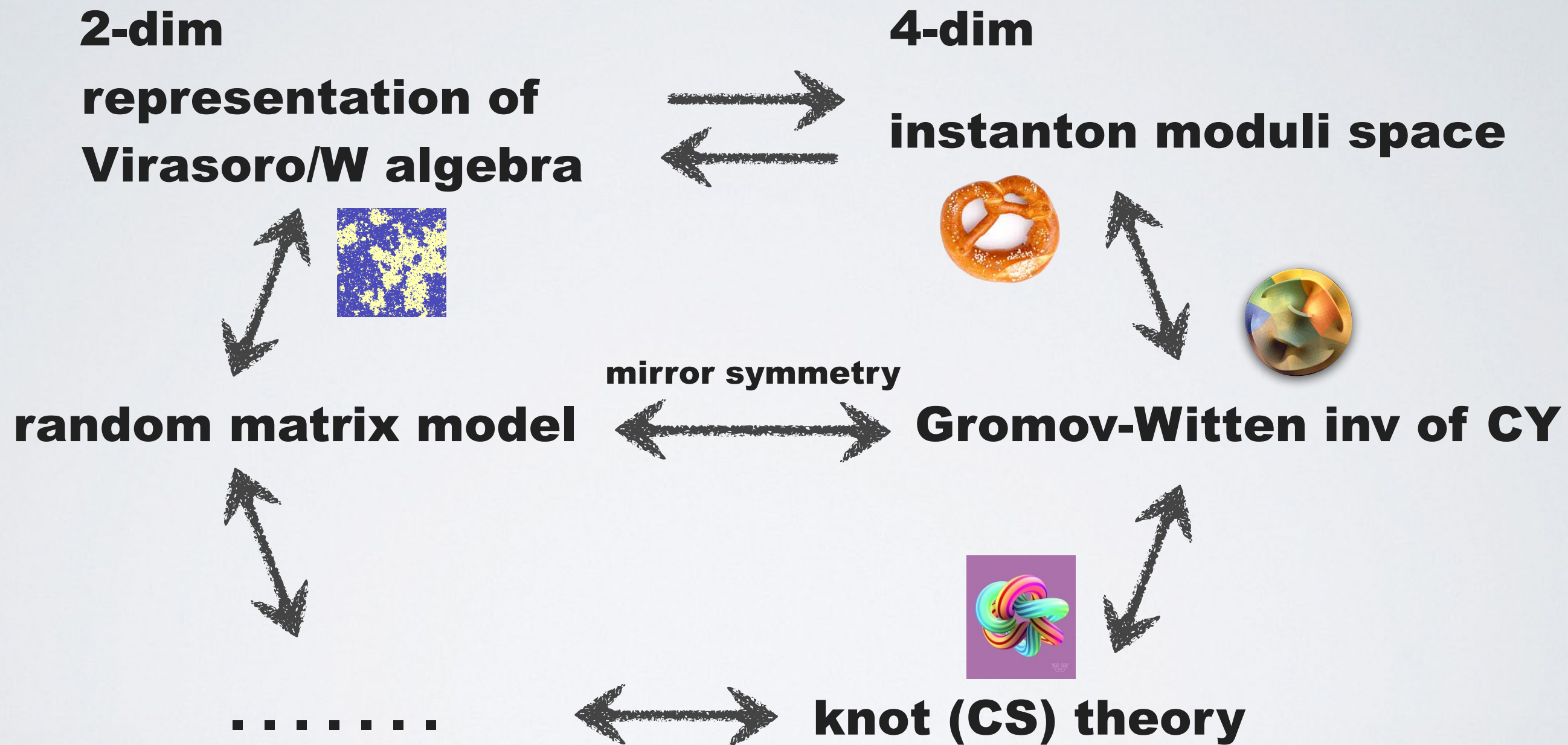
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 S^4 

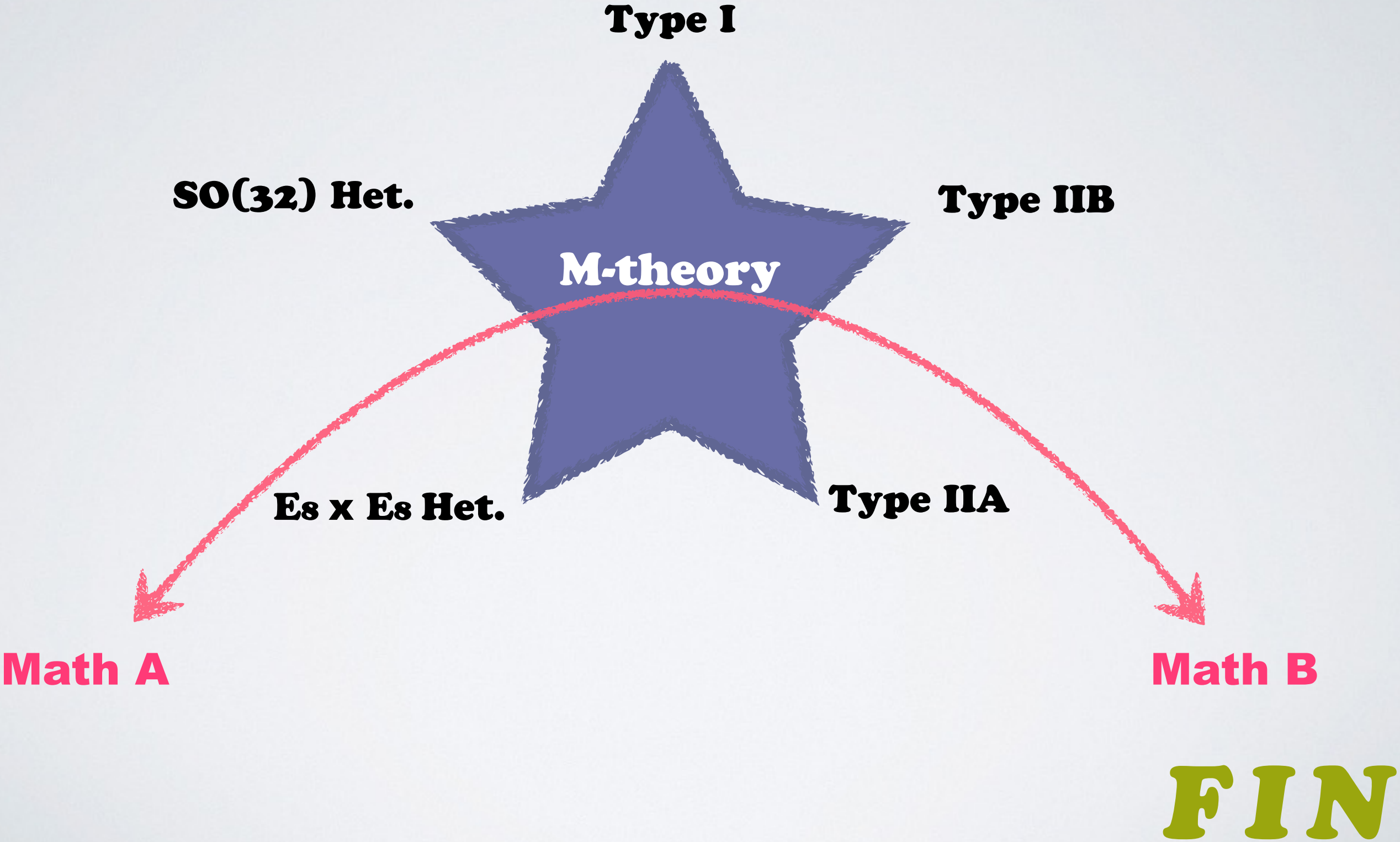
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Landscape of dualities

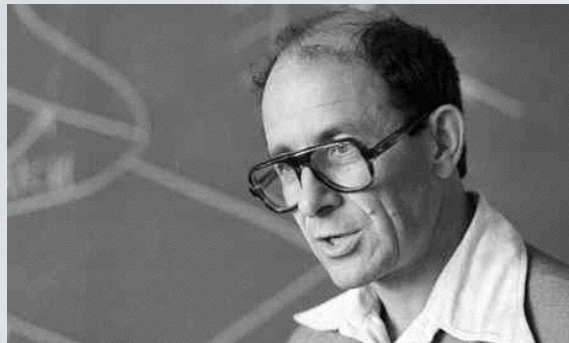


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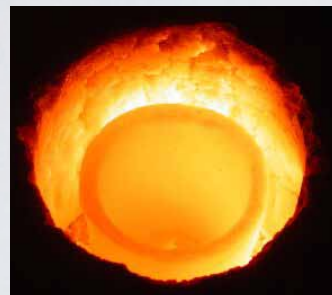
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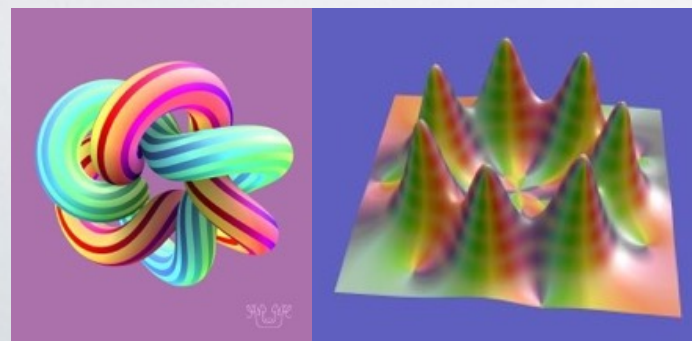
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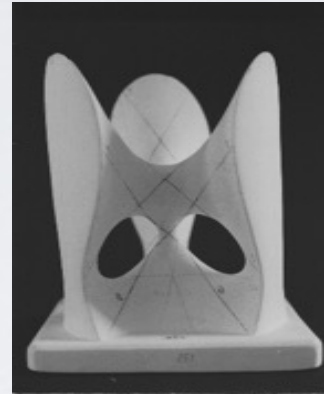
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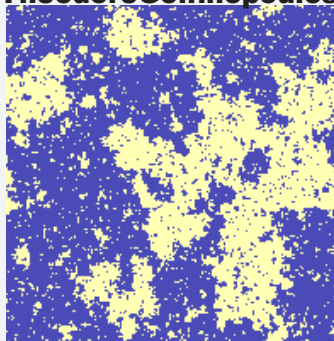
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