

Superconformal algebras for  
twisted connected sums and  
 $G_2$  mirror symmetry

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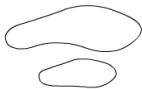
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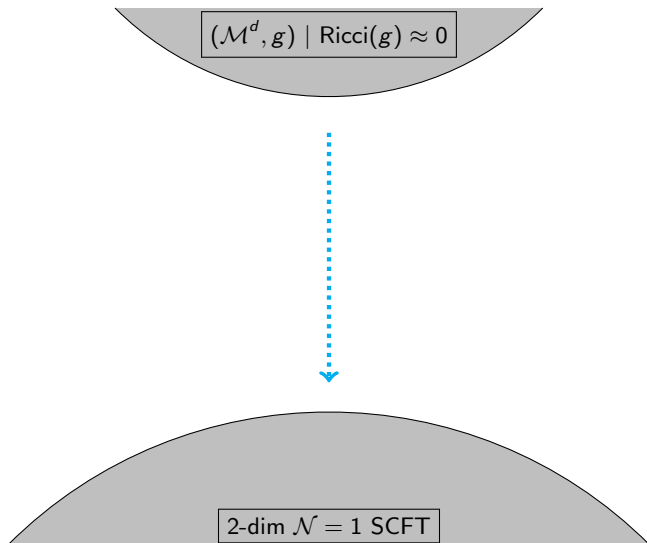
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Mirror symmetry, T-duality

Mirror symmetry for TCS  $G_2$ ?

[Braun, Del Zotto '17; '18]

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“Operator algebra”

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$$T(z)T(z') \sim \frac{c/2}{(z-z')^4} + \frac{2T(z')}{(z-z')^2} + \frac{\partial'_z T(z')}{z-z'}$$

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**Generators**<sub>(weights)</sub>

# Operator algebras: formalism

Assemble your favorite name! (closely related concepts):

Chiral  
(Super-)Conformal  
Vertex  
 $\mathcal{W}$   
Lie conformal /  
 $\Lambda$ -bracket

Operator  
Field  
Current

Algebra

- Vertex Operator Algebra

[Borcherds '86; Frenkel, Lepowsky, Meurman '88; Kac '98; Frenkel, Ben-Zvi '01]

## Operator Algebra [Thielemans '95 hep-th/9506159] Mathematica package

- ① Vector space  $\mathcal{V}$  of *operators* denoted  $\{\mathbb{1}, A, B, \dots\}$ .

We think of elements of  $\mathcal{V}$  as operators acting on the Hilbert space of the QFT.

- ②  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -grading  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}^b \oplus \mathcal{V}^f$  and  $\mathbb{1} \in \mathcal{V}^b$ .
- ③ Even linear map  $\partial : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  (e.g.  $\partial_z$ ).
- ④ Sequence of bilinear pairings  $\boxed{\cdot \cdot}_n : \mathcal{V} \otimes \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , compatible with the grading and s.t. (terms in OPEs)

$$(0) \quad \forall A, B \in \mathcal{V}, \exists n(A, B) \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that } \boxed{AB}_{n \geq n(A, B)} = 0.$$

- (1) (*unity*):

$$\boxed{\mathbb{1}A}_n = \delta_{0, n} A \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{V}$$

- (2) (*commutativity*):

$$\boxed{BA}_n = (-1)^{|A||B|} \sum_{m \geq n} \frac{(-1)^m}{(m-n)!} \partial^{(m-n)} \boxed{AB}_m \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

- (3) (*associativity*):

$$\boxed{A \boxed{BC}_m}_n = (-1)^{|A||B|} \boxed{B \boxed{AC}_n}_m + \sum_{l \geq 1} \binom{n-1}{l-1} \boxed{\boxed{AB}_l C}_{m+n-l}$$

Normal ordering:  $:AB: := \boxed{AB}_0$

Calabi-Yau: Virasoro  $\mathcal{N} = 2$ 

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$$\cap$$

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[Lerche, Vafa, Warner '89; Banks, Dixon, Friedan, Martinec '88, etc.]

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## Parallel tensors and algebra generators

$$\text{Odata}_{c=3n}^{2n} := \left\langle \left( \underbrace{(G_{(\frac{3}{2})}, T_{(2)})}_{\left\{ (CY^{2n}; g, \omega_{(2)}, \Omega_{(n)}) \right\}}, \underbrace{(J_{(1)}, \tilde{G}_{(\frac{3}{2})})}_{\left\{ \right\}}, \underbrace{(A_{(\frac{n}{2})} + iB_{(\frac{n}{2})}, C_{(\frac{n+1}{2})} + iD_{(\frac{n+1}{2})})}_{\left\{ \right\}} \right) \right\rangle$$

Metric $g, \nabla_i g = 0$	$\cdots \rightarrow$	Generators $(G_{(\frac{3}{2})}, T_{(2)})$ of $\text{Vir}^{\mathcal{N}=1}$
$p$ -form $\phi, \nabla_i \phi = 0$	$\cdots \rightarrow$	Generators $(\Phi_{(\frac{p}{2})}, \Phi'_{(\frac{p+1}{2})})$

(Symmetries leading to these currents understood for general  $(1, 0)$  non-linear sigma-models. [Howe, Papadopoulos '93; de la Ossa, Fiset '18] )

## Free

$$\{(\mathbb{R}^1 \text{ or } \mathbb{S}^1 ; g = \text{flat} , dx)\}$$

$$\mathbf{Free}^1 := \left\langle \underbrace{(\psi_{(1/2)}, j_{(1)})}_{\text{blue}} \mid \psi(z)\psi(w) \sim \frac{1}{z-w}, \quad j(z)j(w) \sim \frac{1}{(z-w)^2} \right\rangle$$

$$\cup$$

$$\mathbf{Vir}_{c=3/2}^{\mathcal{N}=1} = \left\langle \underbrace{:j\psi:}_{G^{\text{Free}}}, \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}:\psi\psi: + \frac{1}{2}:j\dot{j}:}_{T^{\text{Free}}} \right\rangle$$

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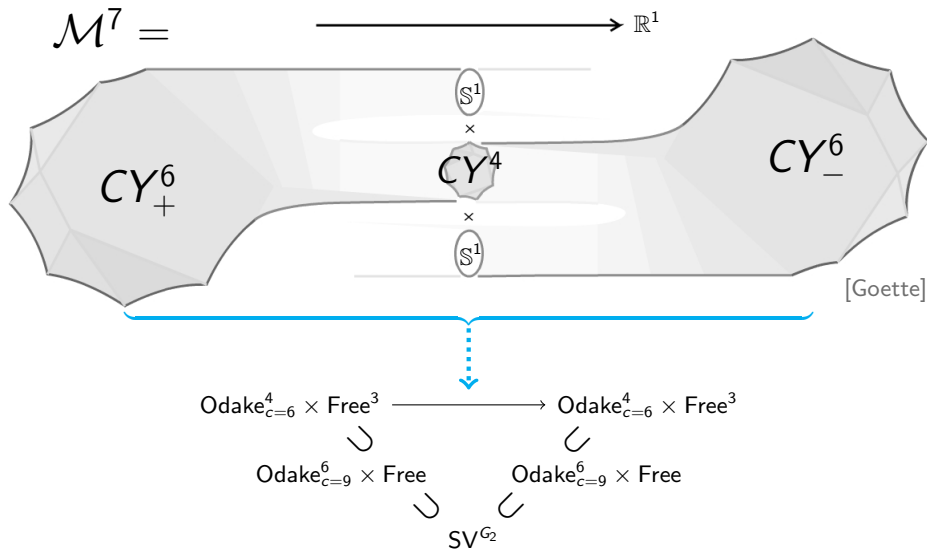
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$$\cup_{\mathcal{N}=1} \text{Vir}_{c=7/10} = \left\langle \underbrace{\frac{i\Phi}{\sqrt{15}}}_{\text{G3-Ising}}, \underbrace{-\frac{X}{5}}_{\text{T3-Ising}} \right\rangle$$

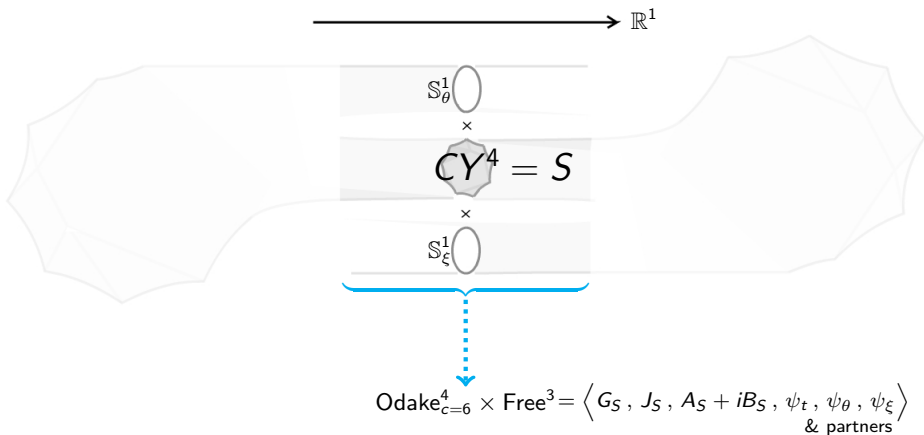
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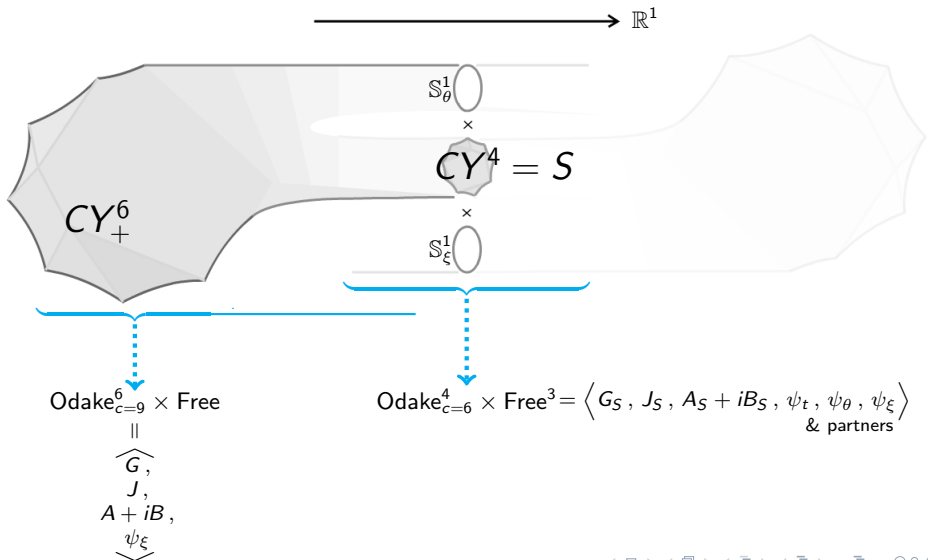
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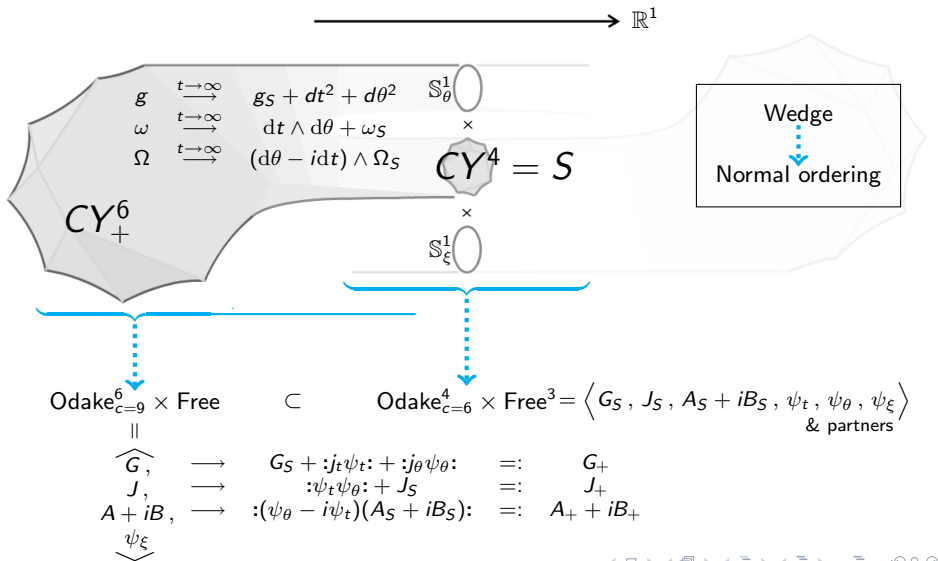
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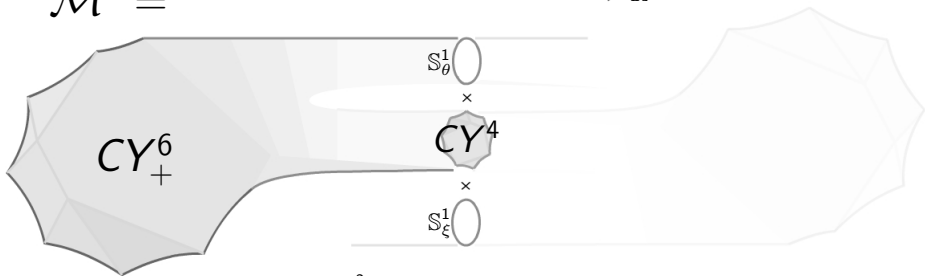
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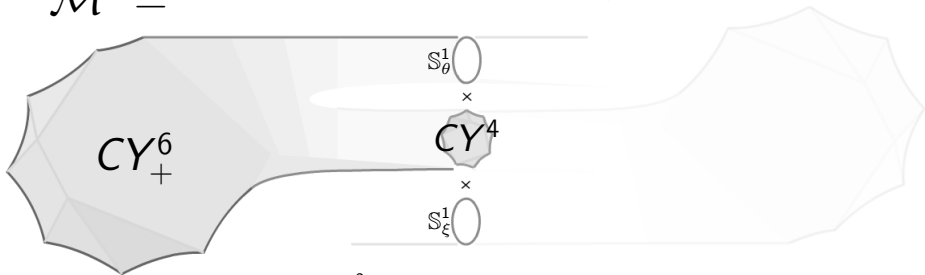
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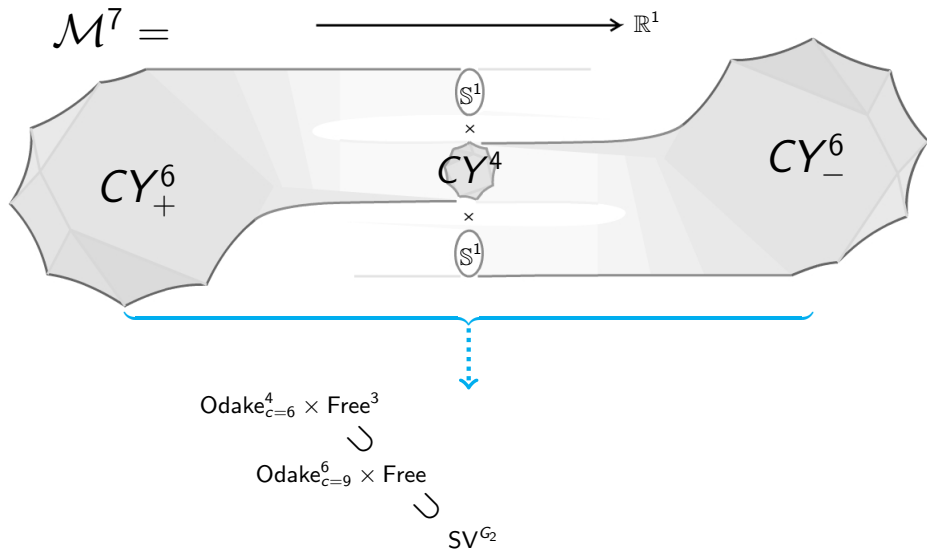


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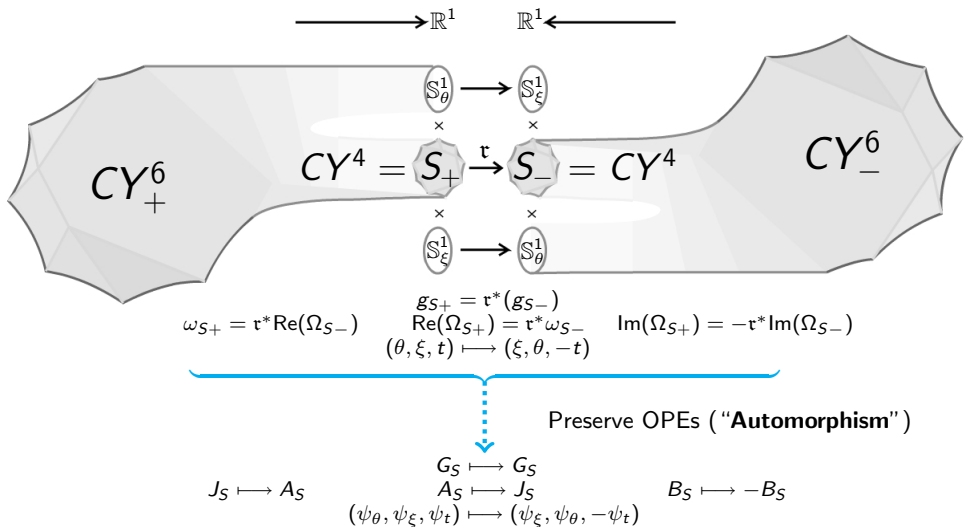
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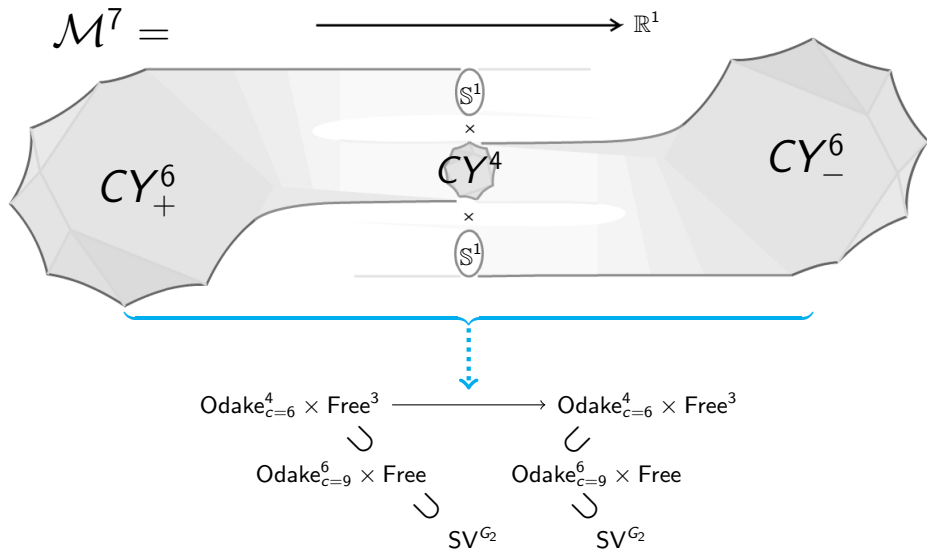
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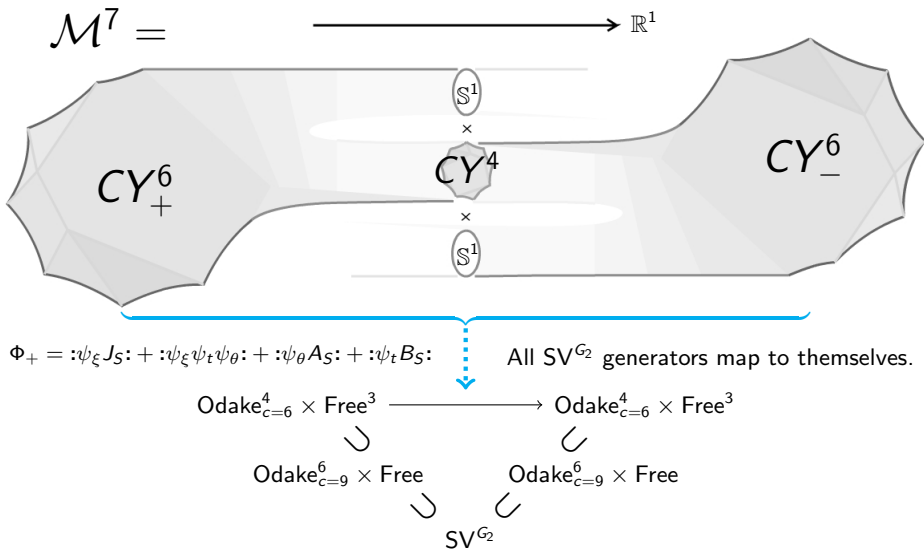
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## Algebra for TCS: a subtlety

- The OPEs of  $SV^{G_2}$  fail to define an associative operator algebra (axiom 3). However associativity is achieved by setting [Figuroa-O'Farrill '97]

$$0 = 4:GX: - 2:\Phi K: - 4\partial_z M - \partial_z^2 G$$

(and the ideal it generates).

- Similarly, Otake<sup>6</sup> is only associative up to the ideal generated by [Otake '89]

$$0 = \partial_z A - :JB: \qquad 0 = \partial_z B + :JA: .$$

- Inclusions above hold up to these ideals.

## Automorphisms

Free:

	$j_\xi$	$\psi_\xi$
<b>T-duality</b> $T_\xi$	-	-

Odake $^{2n}$ :

	$T$	$G$	$\tilde{G}$	$J$	$A$	$B$	$C$	$D$
<b>Mirror symmetry</b> $M$	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-
<b>Phase</b> $Ph^{\phi=\pi}$	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-

$SV^{G_2}$ :

	$T$	$G$	$\Phi$	$X$	$K$	$M$
<b>GK mirror symmetry</b> $\mathcal{M}$	+	+	-	+	-	+

First observed in [Becker, Becker, Morrison, Ooguri, Oz, Yin '96] . Interpreted as mirror symmetry for Joyce orbifolds in [Gaberdiel, Kaste '04] .



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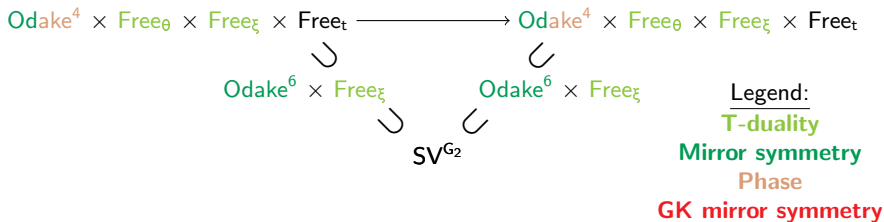
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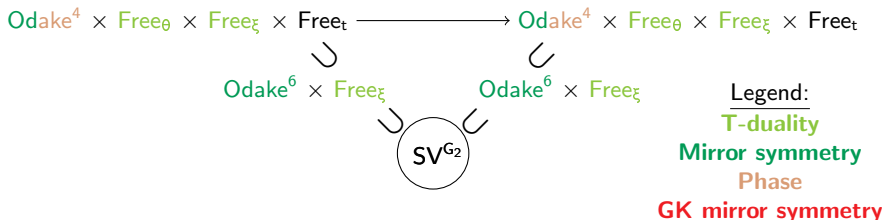
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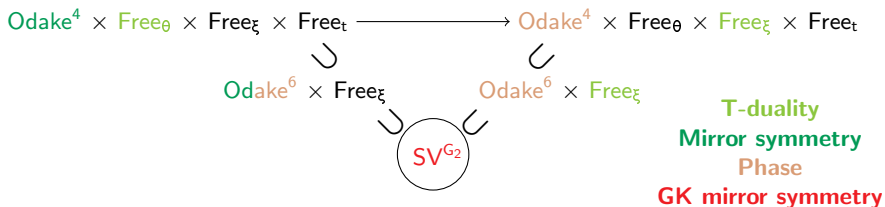
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## Outlook:

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