

# Open-string T-duality and applications to non-geometric backgrounds

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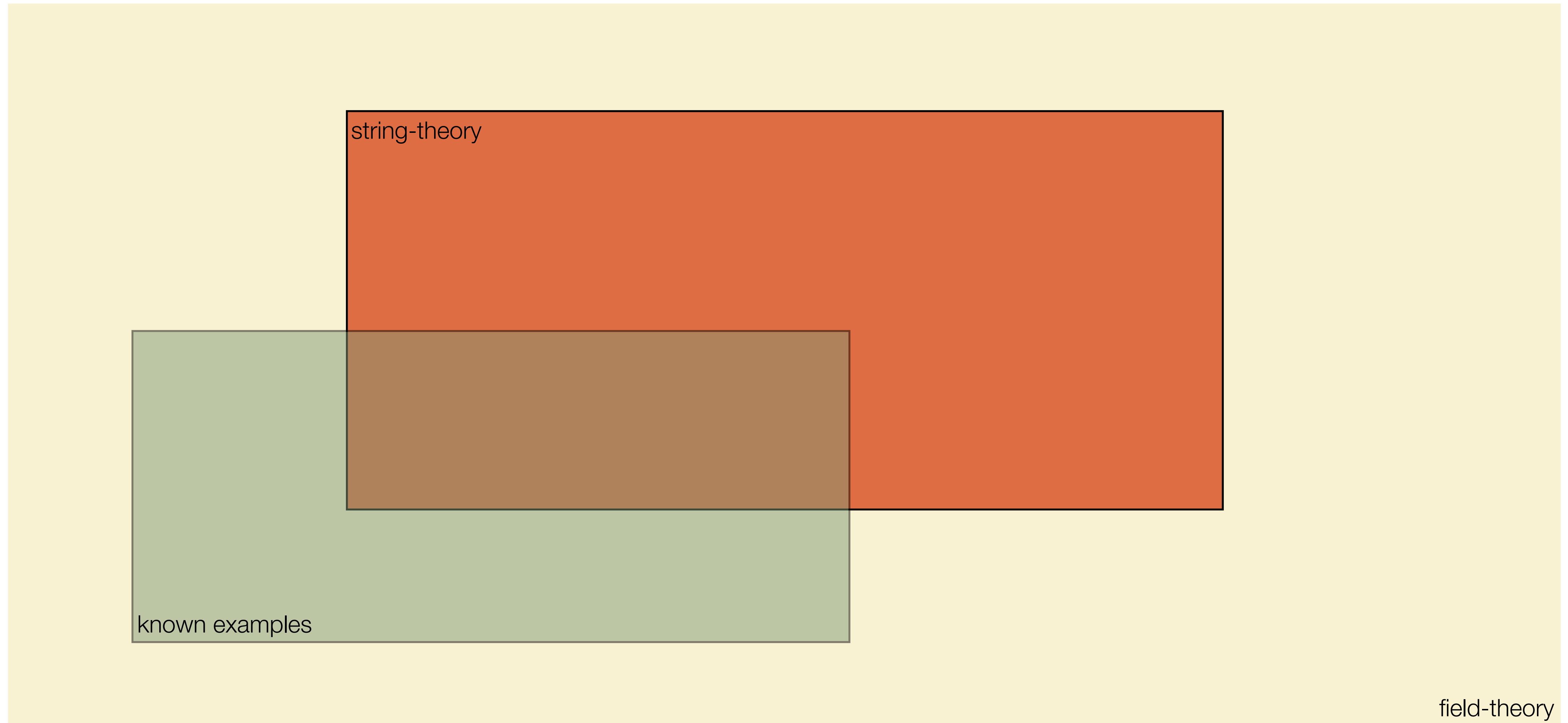
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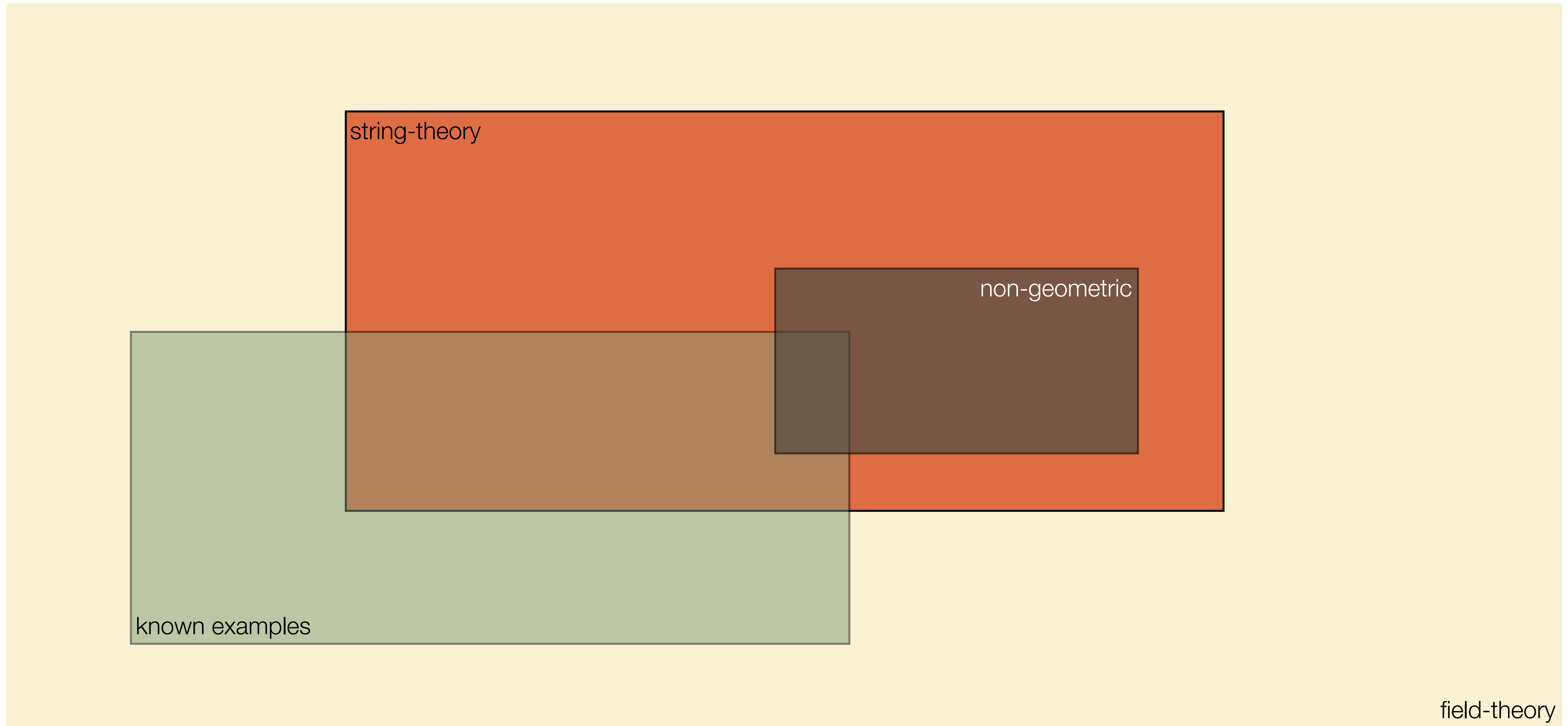
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## Properties ::

- Give rise to non-commutative & non-associative structures.
- Used for moduli stabilization and inflation.
- Provide origin for gauged supergravities.
- Needed for mirror symmetry and heterotic/F-theory duality.

Blumenhagen, Plauschinn - 2010  
Lüst - 2010  
Mylonas, Schupp, Szabo - 2012

Shelton, Taylor, Wecht - 2006

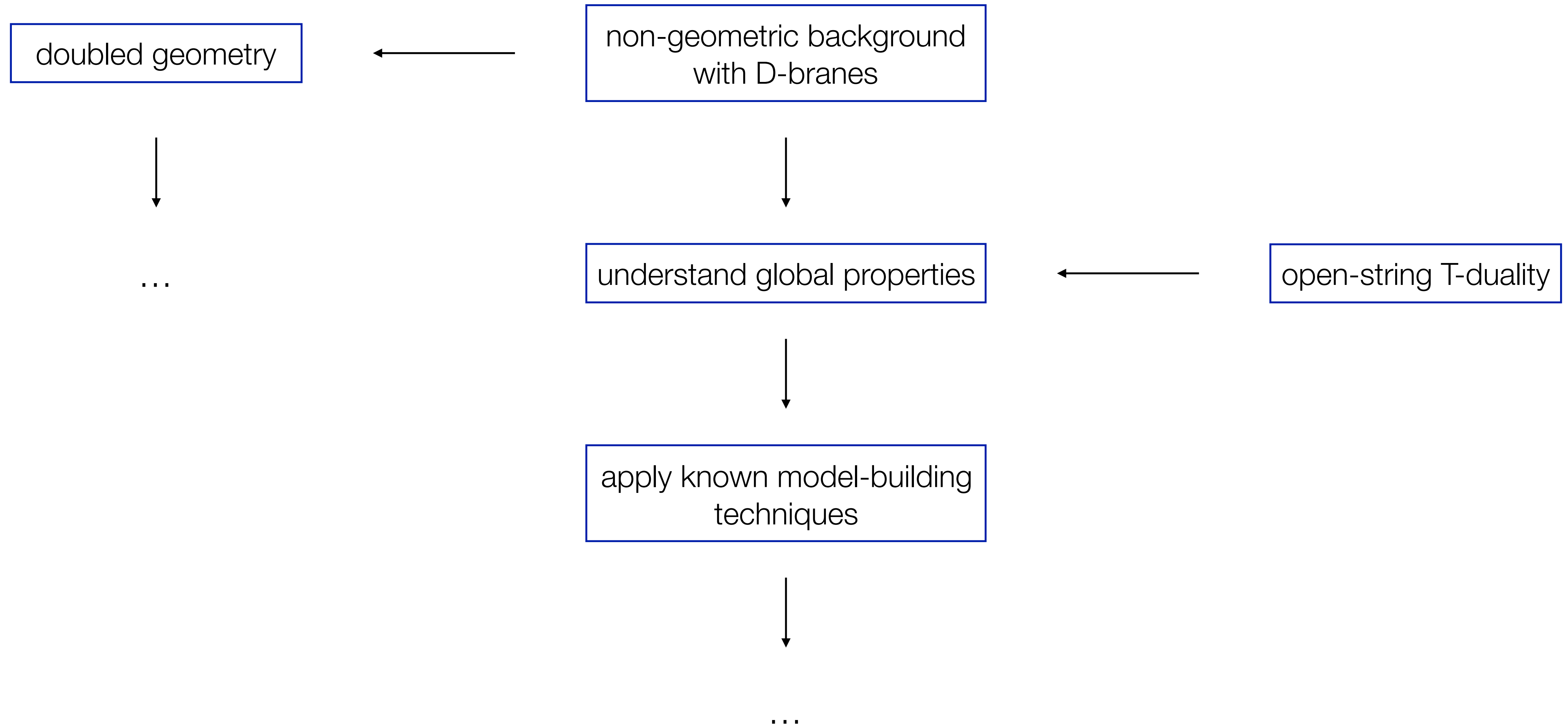
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Grana, Louis, Waldram - 2005  
Cassani - 2008  
Blumenhagen, Font, Plauschinn - 2015

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Malmedier, Morrison - 2014  
Gu, Jockers - 2014

Font, Garcia-Etxebarria, Lüst, Massai, Mayrhofer - 2016

**Objective** :: investigate non-geometric backgrounds from an **open-string** world-sheet perspective.



- This talk ::
- 1) Analyse global properties of D-branes in **non-geometric** T-fold backgrounds.
  - 2) Discuss Buscher's procedure for **open strings** (including technical details).

Alvarez, Barbon, Borlaf - 1996

Dorn, Otto - 1996

Förste, Kehagias, Schwager - 1996

Albertsson, Lindström, Zabzine - 2004



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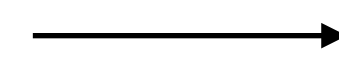
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The **T-duality group** for toroidal compactifications is  $O(D, D; \mathbb{Z})$  — which contains ::

- A-transformations ( $A \in GL(D, \mathbb{Z})$ )

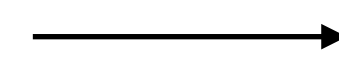
$$\mathcal{O}_A = \begin{pmatrix} A^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & A^T \end{pmatrix}$$



diffeomorphisms

- B-transformations ( $B_{ij}$  an anti-symmetric matrix)

$$\mathcal{O}_B = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{1} & 0 \\ B & \mathbb{1} \end{pmatrix}$$



gauge transformations  $b \rightarrow b + \alpha' B$

- $\beta$ -transformations ( $\beta^{ij}$  an anti-symmetric matrix)

$$\mathcal{O}_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{1} & \beta \\ 0 & \mathbb{1} \end{pmatrix}$$

- factorized duality ( $E_i$  with only non-zero  $E_{ii} = 1$ )

$$\mathcal{O}_{\pm i} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{1} - E_i & \pm E_i \\ \pm E_i & \mathbb{1} - E_i \end{pmatrix}$$

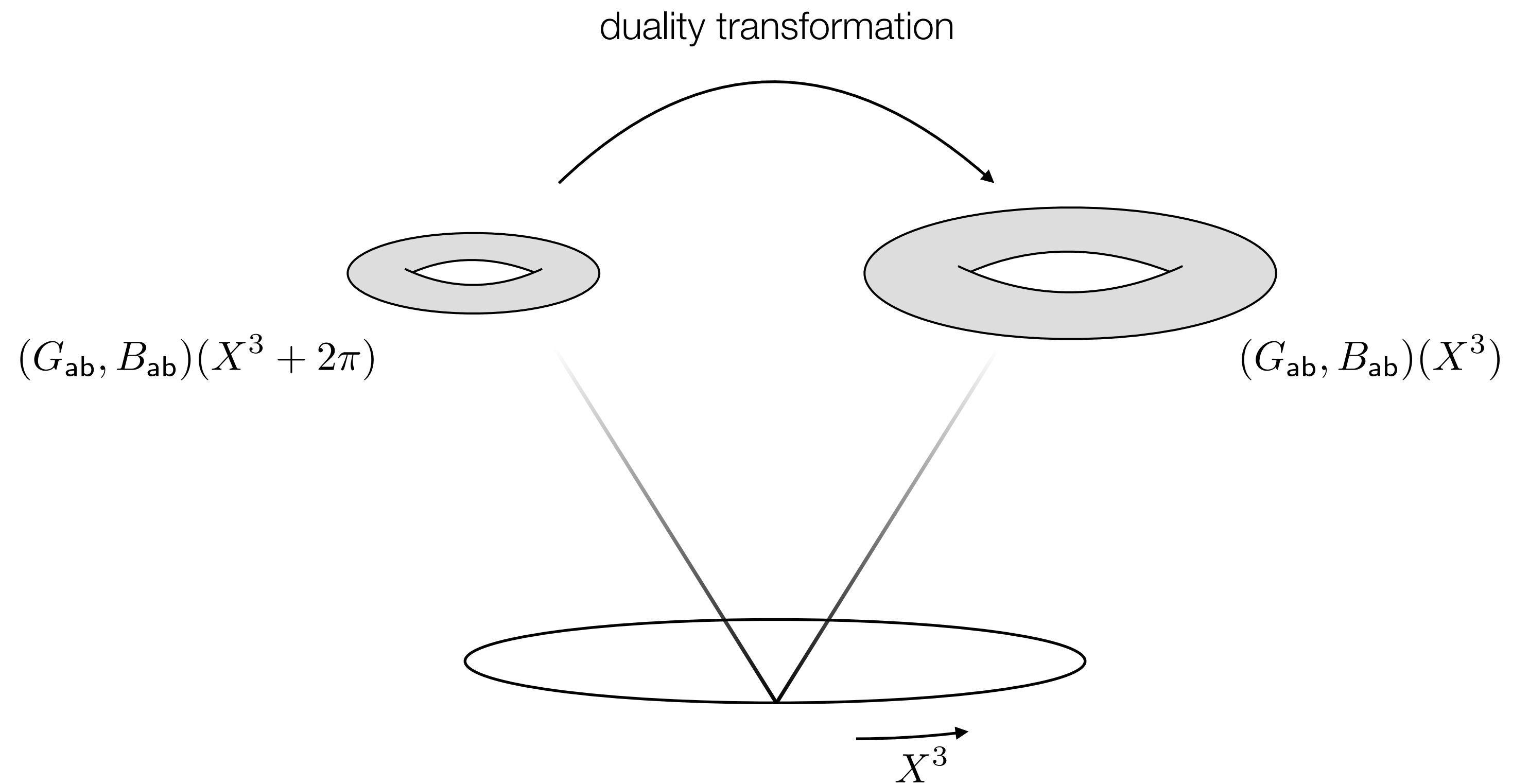


T-duality transformations  $g_{ii} \rightarrow \frac{\alpha'^2}{g_{ii}}$

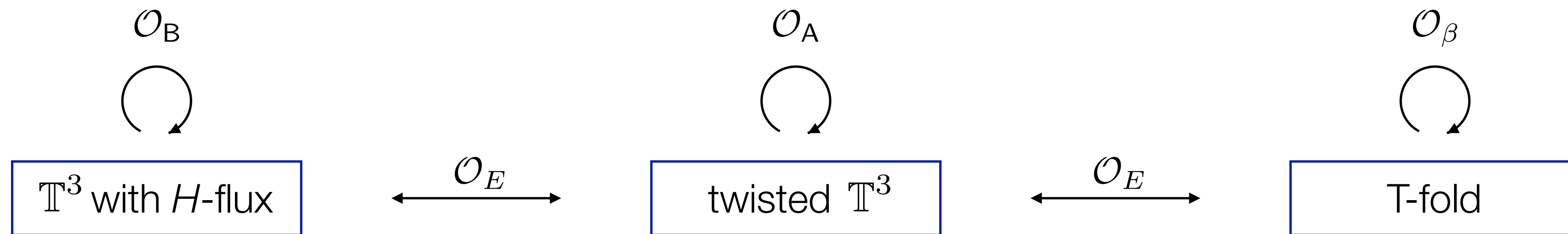
The **standard example** for a non-geometric background is a  $\mathbb{T}^2$ -fibration over a circle.

$$G_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} G_{ab}(X^3) & 0 \\ 0 & R_3^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} B_{ab}(X^3) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



The non-geometric background is part of a **family** of  $\mathbb{T}^2$ -fibrations ::



A **three-torus with  $H$ -flux** is characterized as follows ::

1. Metric and  $B$ -field

$$G_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} R_1^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & R_2^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R_3^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & +\frac{\alpha'}{2\pi} h X^3 & 0 \\ -\frac{\alpha'}{2\pi} h X^3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad h \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

2. The background is well-defined under  $X^3 \rightarrow X^3 + 2\pi$  using a **gauge transformation**.

3. The  $H$ -flux  $H = dB$  can be expressed in a vielbein basis as

$$H = \frac{\alpha'}{2\pi} \frac{h}{R_1 R_2 R_3} e^1 \wedge e^2 \wedge e^3, \quad H_{123} = \frac{\alpha'}{2\pi} \frac{h}{R_1 R_2 R_3}.$$



After a T-duality along  $X^1$  one obtains a **twisted three-torus** ::

1. Metric and  $B$ -field

$$G_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\alpha'^2}{R_1^2} & -\frac{\alpha'^2}{R_1^2} \frac{h}{2\pi} X^3 & 0 \\ -\frac{\alpha'^2}{R_1^2} \frac{h}{2\pi} X^3 & R_2^2 + \frac{\alpha'^2}{R_1^2} \left[ \frac{h}{2\pi} X^3 \right]^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R_3^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad h \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

2. The background is well-defined under  $X^3 \rightarrow X^3 + 2\pi$  using a **diffeomorphism**.

3. A geometric  $f$ -flux is defined via a vielbein basis as

$$de^a = \frac{1}{2} f_{bc}{}^a e^b \wedge e^c,$$

$$f_{23}{}^1 = \frac{\alpha'}{2\pi} \frac{h}{R_1 R_2 R_3}.$$

A second T-duality along  $X^2$  gives the **T-fold** background ::

1. Metric and  $B$ -field

$$G_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{R_2^2}{\rho} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{R_1^2}{\rho} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R_3^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B_{ij} = \frac{1}{\rho} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{\alpha'}{2\pi} h X^3 & 0 \\ +\frac{\alpha'}{2\pi} h X^3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho = \frac{R_1^2 R_2^2}{\alpha'^2} + \left[ \frac{h}{2\pi} X^3 \right]^2,$$

$$h \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

2. The background is well-defined under  $X^3 \rightarrow X^3 + 2\pi$  using a  **$\beta$ -transformation**.

3. A non-geometric Q-flux is defined via a vielbein basis and  $(G - B)^{-1} = g - \beta$  as

$$Q_i{}^{jk} = \partial_i \beta^{jk}, \quad Q_3{}^{12} = \frac{\alpha'}{2\pi} \frac{h}{R_1 R_2 R_3}.$$

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The world-sheet action for the **open string** takes the form (  $\Sigma$  is a 2d manifold with  $\partial\Sigma \neq \emptyset$  )

$$\mathcal{S} = -\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int_{\Sigma} \left[ \frac{1}{2} G_{ij} dX^i \wedge \star dX^j + \frac{i}{2} B_{ij} dX^i \wedge dX^j \right] - \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int_{\partial\Sigma} \left[ 2\pi i \alpha' a_i dX^i \right].$$

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Dirichlet

$$0 = (dX^{\hat{i}})_{\text{tan}},$$

Neumann

$$0 = G_{ai} (dX^i)_{\text{norm}} + 2\pi\alpha' i \mathcal{F}_{ab} (dX^b)_{\text{tan}},$$

$$(dX^i)_{\text{tan}} \equiv t^a \partial_a X^i ds|_{\partial\Sigma},$$

$$(dX^i)_{\text{norm}} \equiv n^a \partial_a X^i ds|_{\partial\Sigma},$$

$$2\pi\alpha' \mathcal{F} = 2\pi\alpha' F + B,$$

$$F = da.$$

The **open-string** boundary conditions can be expressed using (restriction to  $\partial\Sigma$  is understood)

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{D} \\ \mathbf{N} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha' & 0 \\ 2\pi\alpha'\mathcal{F} & G \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} i(dX)_{\text{tan}} \\ (dX)_{\text{norm}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

A particular type of D-brane is selected using a **projection operator**

$$\Pi = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{1} - \Delta \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Delta^2 = \Delta.$$

Question :: are D-branes globally **well-defined** on **non-geometric** backgrounds?

The **coordinate differentials** behave under transformations  $\mathcal{O} \in O(D, D; \mathbb{Z})$  as

$$\begin{pmatrix} i(dX)_{\text{tan}} \\ (dX)_{\text{norm}} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{O}} \begin{pmatrix} i(d\tilde{X})_{\text{tan}} \\ (d\tilde{X})_{\text{norm}} \end{pmatrix} = \Omega \begin{pmatrix} i(dX)_{\text{tan}} \\ (dX)_{\text{norm}} \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$\mathbb{T}^3$ with $H$ -flux	$\Omega_{\text{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{1} & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{1} \end{pmatrix},$
twisted $\mathbb{T}^3$	$\Omega_{\text{A}} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{A}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \text{A}^{-1} \end{pmatrix},$
T-fold	$\Omega_{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{1} + 2\pi\beta\mathcal{F} & \frac{1}{\alpha'}\beta G \\ \frac{1}{\alpha'}\beta G & \mathbb{1} + 2\pi\beta\mathcal{F} \end{pmatrix}.$

**Boundary conditions** for the previous examples are **well-defined** using  $O(D, D; \mathbb{Z})$  transformations

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{pmatrix} \text{D} \\ \text{N} \end{pmatrix}_{X^3 + 2\pi} &= \begin{pmatrix} \alpha' & 0 \\ 2\pi\alpha'\mathcal{F} & G \end{pmatrix}_{X^3 + 2\pi} \begin{pmatrix} i(d\tilde{X})_{\text{tan}} \\ (d\tilde{X})_{\text{norm}} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \mathcal{O}_\star \begin{pmatrix} \alpha' & 0 \\ 2\pi\alpha'\mathcal{F} & G \end{pmatrix}_{X^3} \Omega_\star^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} i(d\tilde{X})_{\text{tan}} \\ (d\tilde{X})_{\text{norm}} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \mathcal{O}_\star \begin{pmatrix} \text{D} \\ \text{N} \end{pmatrix}_{X^3}, \qquad \star = (\text{B}, \text{A}, \beta).
 \end{aligned}$$

The **projection** onto a particular D-brane has to be performed after the transformation

$$\Pi \left[ \begin{pmatrix} \text{D} \\ \text{N} \end{pmatrix}_{X^3 + 2\pi} \right] = \Pi \left[ \mathcal{O}_\star \begin{pmatrix} \text{D} \\ \text{N} \end{pmatrix}_{X^3} \right].$$

- Summary ::
- When applying **T-duality** transformations to geometric  $\mathbb{T}^D$ -fibrations,
  - **non-geometric** backgrounds can be obtained.
  
  - Open-string **boundary conditions** are well-defined for such fibrations.



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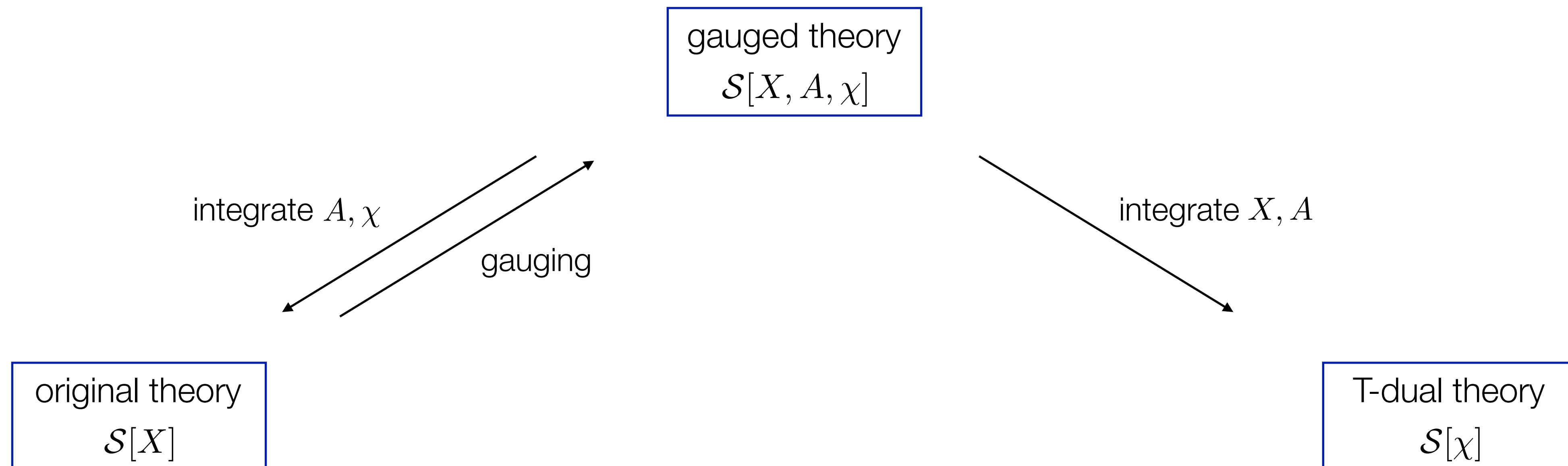
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## t-duality :: buscher's procedure

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T-duality transformations for curved backgrounds are obtained following **Buscher's procedure** ::

- 1) Identify a **global symmetry** (isometry) of the world-sheet action.
- 2) **Gauge** the global symmetry by introducing a gauge field.
- 3) **Integrate-out** the gauge field.



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The **Hodge decomposition** theorem for manifolds with boundaries can be expressed using

- closed forms
- exact forms
- closed & co-closed, vanishing normal part

$$C^p = \{\omega \in \Omega^p : d\omega = 0\},$$

$$E^p = \{\omega \in \Omega^p : \omega = d\eta, \eta \in \Omega^{p-1}\},$$

$$CcC_N^p = \{\omega \in \Omega^p : d\omega = 0, d^\dagger\omega = 0, \omega_{\text{norm}} = 0\}.$$

For **closed forms** one then finds  $C^p = E^p \oplus CcC_N^p$ .

e.g. Capell, DeTurck, Gluck, Miller - 2005

This implies for **Dirichlet** directions  $X^{\hat{i}}$  that  $dX^{\hat{i}}$  is exact.

For Buscher's procedure, one assumes that the action is invariant under a **global** transformation

$$\delta_\epsilon X^i = \epsilon k^i(X), \quad \epsilon = \text{const.} \ll 1.$$

The variation of the action vanishes provided that

$$\mathcal{L}_k G = 0,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_k B = dv,$$

$$2\pi\alpha' \mathcal{L}_k a \Big|_{\partial\Sigma} = (-v + d\omega) \Big|_{\partial\Sigma}.$$

$v$  globally-defined one-form on  $\Sigma$ ,

$\omega$  globally-defined function on  $\partial\Sigma$ ,

The global symmetry can be **gauged** by introducing a gauge field  $A$  (and a Lagrange multiplier  $\chi$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathcal{S}} = & -\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int_{\Sigma} \left[ \frac{1}{2} G_{ij} (dX^i + k^i A) \wedge \star (dX^j + k^j A) \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{i}{2} B_{ij} dX^i \wedge dX^j - i(v - \iota_k B + d\chi) \wedge A \right] \\ & - \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int_{\partial\Sigma} \left[ 2\pi i \alpha' a_a dX^a - i \Omega_{\partial\Sigma} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

The **local** symmetry transformations take the form

$$\hat{\delta}_{\epsilon} X^i = \epsilon k^i, \quad \hat{\delta}_{\epsilon} A = -d\epsilon, \quad \hat{\delta}_{\epsilon} \chi = -\epsilon \iota_k v.$$



The possible **boundary conditions** for the gauge field are

Dirichlet  $0 = A_{\text{tan}} \Big|_{\partial\Sigma} ,$

Neumann  $0 = G_{ai} k^i A_{\text{norm}} + 2\pi\alpha' i \mathcal{F}_{ab} k^b A_{\text{tan}} \Big|_{\partial\Sigma} .$

Albertsson, Lindström, Zabzine - 2004

The boundary term has the following form ::

- For **Dirichlet** boundary conditions the variation parameter satisfies  $\epsilon|_{\partial\Sigma} = 0$  and hence

$$\Omega_{\partial\Sigma} = 0 .$$

- For **Neumann** boundary conditions a second Lagrange multiplier is needed and

$$\Omega_{\partial\Sigma} = (\chi + \phi + \omega - 2\pi\alpha' \iota_k a) A ,$$

$\chi$  globally-defined function on  $\partial\Sigma$  ,

$\phi$  constant function on  $\partial\Sigma$  .

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The original action is obtained from the gauged action using the **Lagrange multipliers** ::

- equation of motion for  $\chi$  (globally-defined on  $\Sigma$ )  $\longrightarrow F = dA = 0,$
- equation of motion for  $\phi$  (globally-defined on  $\partial\Sigma$ )  $\longrightarrow A_{\text{tan}}|_{\partial\Sigma} = 0.$

Using Hodge decomposition for manifolds with boundary the original action is **recovered** via  $(\omega^m \in CcC_N^1)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{dA=0} & A = da_{(0)} + a_{(m)}\omega^m & \xrightarrow{A_{\text{tan}}=0} & a_{(m)} = 0 \\
 & & & \xrightarrow{\hat{\delta}_\epsilon A} & a_{(0)} = 0
 \end{array}$$

Integrating-out the **gauge field** gives the action (with  $k^i = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$  and  $\tilde{B}_{m1} = B_{m1} - v_m$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \check{S} = & -\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int_{\Sigma} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( G_{mn} - \frac{G_{m1}G_{n1} - \tilde{B}_{m1}\tilde{B}_{n1}}{G_{11}} \right) dX^m \wedge \star dX^n + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{G_{11}} d\chi \wedge \star d\chi + \frac{\tilde{B}_{m1}}{G_{11}} d\chi \wedge \star dX^m \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{i}{2} \left( B_{mn} - \frac{\tilde{B}_{m1}G_{n1} - G_{m1}\tilde{B}_{n1}}{G_{11}} \right) dX^m \wedge dX^n - i \frac{G_{m1}}{G_{11}} dX^m \wedge d\chi + i dX^1 \wedge (d\chi + v) \right] \\ & - \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int_{\partial\Sigma} \left[ 2\pi i \alpha' a_a dX^a \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Interpreting  $d\tilde{X}^1 = \pm \frac{1}{\alpha'} d\chi$  as the dual coordinate, the **Buscher rules** can be read-off

$$\check{G}_{11} = \frac{\alpha'^2}{G_{11}},$$

$$\check{G}_{m1} = \pm \alpha' \frac{B_{m1}}{G_{11}},$$

$$\check{G}_{mn} = G_{mn} - \frac{G_{m1}G_{n1} - B_{m1}B_{n1}}{G_{11}},$$

$$\check{B}_{m1} = \pm \alpha' \frac{G_{m1}}{G_{11}},$$

$$\check{B}_{mn} = B_{mn} - \frac{B_{m1}G_{n1} - G_{m1}B_{n1}}{G_{11}}.$$

The variation of  $A$  on the boundary introduces a **constraint**, which is implemented as

$$0 = 2\pi\alpha' \iota_k a - (\chi + \phi + \omega) \Big|_{\partial\Sigma} \xrightarrow{\text{path integral}} \delta(\phi - \tilde{\chi})_{\partial\Sigma},$$
$$\tilde{\chi} = \chi + \omega - 2\pi\alpha' \iota_k a.$$

The Neumann **boundary condition** for  $A$  becomes as Dirichlet condition for  $\tilde{\chi}$

$$0 = d\tilde{\chi} \Big|_{\partial\Sigma}.$$

After integrating-out the gauge field, the **path integral** takes the form

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \frac{[\mathcal{D}X^i][\mathcal{D}\chi]}{\mathcal{V}_{\text{gauge}}} \int [\mathcal{D}\phi] \delta(\phi - \tilde{\chi})_{\partial\Sigma} \exp\left(\check{\mathcal{S}}[X^i, \chi]\right).$$

Integration over  $\phi$  is trivially performed.

## t-duality :: integrating-out the original coordinate

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The terms in the action depending on the **original coordinate** read (with  $k^i = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$ )

$$+\frac{i}{2\pi\alpha'} \int_{\Sigma} (d\chi + v) \wedge dX^1 - \frac{i}{2\pi\alpha'} \int_{\partial\Sigma} 2\pi\alpha' a_1 dX^1 = +\frac{i}{2\pi\alpha'} \int_{\partial\Sigma} \tilde{\chi} dX^1.$$

Expand  $dX^1 = dX^1_{(0)} + X^1_{(m)} \omega^m$ . For  $X^1$  compact and free  $X^1_{(m)} \in 2\pi\mathbb{Z}$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \frac{[\mathcal{D}X^1]}{\mathcal{V}_{\text{gauge}}} \exp \left[ \frac{i}{2\pi\alpha'} \int_{\partial\Sigma} \tilde{\chi} dX^1 \right] \\ &= \int \frac{[\mathcal{D}X^1_{(0)}]}{\mathcal{V}_{\text{gauge}}} \sum_{X^1_{(m)} \in 2\pi\mathbb{Z}} \exp \left[ \frac{i}{2\pi\alpha'} \int_{\partial\Sigma} \tilde{\chi} X^1_{(m)} \omega^{(m)} \right] \\ &= \sum_{m_{(m)} \in \mathbb{Z}} \delta \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \tilde{\chi} - m_{(m)} \right]_{\partial\Sigma} \longrightarrow \tilde{\chi}|_{\partial\Sigma} \in 2\pi\alpha' \mathbb{Z}. \end{aligned}$$

The **dual coordinate**  $\tilde{X}^1 = \pm \frac{1}{\alpha'} \tilde{\chi}$  is quantized on the boundary and thus compact.

Summary ::

- T-duality along a **Neumann** direction results in a T-dual **Dirichlet** direction.
- A Wilson loop along  $X^1$  shifts the dual coordinate as  $\tilde{X}^1 = \pm \frac{1}{\alpha'} (\chi + \omega - 2\pi\alpha' a_1)$ .
- **Momentum** modes of  $X^1$  determine **winding** modes via  $\tilde{X}^1|_{\partial\Sigma} \in 2\pi\mathbb{Z}$ .

- The **dual metric** and **B-field** can be identified as (contain open-string gauge flux)

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$$\check{B}_{mn} = B_{mn} - \frac{\tilde{B}_{m1}G_{n1} - G_{m1}\tilde{B}_{n1}}{G_{11}}.$$

- The dual **gauge field** reads  $\check{a} = a_m dX^m$ .



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The original action is obtained using the **Lagrange multiplier** ::

- Perform a Hodge decomposition ( $\omega^m \in CcC_N^1$ )
- and recall the boundary conditions

$$d\chi = d\chi_{(0)} + \chi_{(m)}\omega^m,$$

$$A_{\text{tan}}|_{\partial\Sigma} = 0.$$

Perform then the following steps to recover the original action ::

- The **equation of motion** for  $\chi_{(0)}$  leads to  $F = dA = 0$
- The boundary conditions imply
- The **equation of motion** for  $\chi_{(m)}$  gives
- The gauge symmetry can be used to set

$$\longrightarrow A = da_{(0)} + a_{(m)}\omega^m.$$

$$a_{(m)} = 0.$$

$$a_{(0)}|_{\partial\Sigma} = 0.$$

$$a_{(0)} = 0.$$

Integrating-out the **gauge field** leads to the **Buscher rules** similarly as before ::

$$\begin{aligned} \check{\mathcal{S}} = & -\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int_{\Sigma} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( G_{mn} - \frac{G_{m1}G_{n1} - \tilde{B}_{m1}\tilde{B}_{n1}}{G_{11}} \right) dX^m \wedge \star dX^n + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{G_{11}} d\chi \wedge \star d\chi + \frac{\tilde{B}_{m1}}{G_{11}} d\chi \wedge \star dX^m \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{i}{2} \left( B_{mn} - \frac{\tilde{B}_{m1}G_{n1} - G_{m1}\tilde{B}_{n1}}{G_{11}} \right) dX^m \wedge dX^n - i \frac{G_{m1}}{G_{11}} dX^m \wedge d\chi + i dX^1 \wedge (d\chi + v) \right] \\ & - \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int_{\partial\Sigma} \left[ 2\pi i \alpha' a_a dX^a \right]. \end{aligned}$$

The Dirichlet **boundary condition** for  $A$  becomes as Neumann condition for  $\tilde{X}^1 = \pm \frac{1}{\alpha'} \chi$

$$0 = \check{G}_{1i} (d\tilde{X}^i)_{\text{norm}} + i \check{B}_{1i} (d\tilde{X}^i)_{\text{tan}}.$$

## t-duality :: integrating-out the original coordinate

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The terms in the action depending on the **original coordinate** read (with  $k^i = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$  and  $v = 0$ )

$$-\frac{i}{2\pi\alpha'} \int_{\Sigma} dX^1 \wedge d\chi = -\frac{i}{2\pi\alpha'} \int_{\partial\Sigma} 2\pi\alpha' \left[ \frac{X^1|_{\partial\Sigma}}{2\pi\alpha'} d\chi \right].$$

Expand  $d\chi = d\chi_{(0)} + \chi_{(m)} \omega^m$ , and for  $X^1$  compact perform the path-integral

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \frac{[\mathcal{D}X^1]}{\mathcal{V}_{\text{gauge}}} \exp \left[ -\frac{i}{2\pi\alpha'} \int_{\partial\Sigma} X^1|_{\partial\Sigma} d\chi \right] \\ &= \int \frac{[\mathcal{D}X_0^1]}{\mathcal{V}_{\text{gauge}}} \sum_{n_{\partial\Sigma} \in \mathbb{Z}} \exp \left[ -\frac{i}{2\pi\alpha'} \int_{\partial\Sigma} (X_0^1|_{\partial\Sigma} + 2\pi n_{\partial\Sigma}) d\chi \right] \\ &= \sum_{m_{(m)} \in \mathbb{Z}} \delta \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \chi_{(m)} - m_{(m)} \right] \exp \left[ -\frac{i}{2\pi\alpha'} \int_{\partial\Sigma} 2\pi\alpha' \frac{X_0^1|_{\partial\Sigma}}{2\pi} \frac{d\chi}{\alpha'} \right] \longrightarrow \chi_{(m)} \in 2\pi\alpha' \mathbb{Z}. \end{aligned}$$

This gives Wilson loop and quantized momenta for the dual coordinate  $\tilde{X}^1 = \pm \frac{1}{\alpha'} \chi$ .

- Summary ::
- T-duality along a **Dirichlet** direction results in a T-dual **Neumann** direction.
  - The position of  $X^1|_{\partial\Sigma}$  determines a Wilson loop for  $\tilde{X}^1$ .
  - **Winding** modes of  $X^1$  determine **momentum** modes of  $\tilde{X}^1$ .

- The **dual metric** and **B-field** can be identified as

$$\check{G}_{11} = \frac{\alpha'^2}{G_{11}},$$

$$\check{G}_{m1} = \pm\alpha' \frac{B_{m1}}{G_{11}},$$

$$\check{G}_{mn} = G_{mn} - \frac{G_{m1}G_{n1} - B_{m1}B_{n1}}{G_{11}},$$

$$\check{B}_{m1} = \pm\alpha' \frac{G_{m1}}{G_{11}},$$

$$\check{B}_{mn} = B_{mn} - \frac{B_{m1}G_{n1} - G_{m1}B_{n1}}{G_{11}}.$$

- The dual **gauge field** reads  $\check{a} = \frac{X_0^1|_{\partial\Sigma}}{2\pi} d\tilde{X}^1 + a_m dX^m$ .

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Summary ::

**Neumann** boundary conditions

- momentum modes
- Wilson loop

T-duality  
←→

**Dirichlet** boundary conditions

- winding modes
- D-brane position

Here ::

- CFT results are reproduced for **curved backgrounds**.
- T-duality along Dirichlet directions.
- Inclusion of non-trivial **world-sheet topologies**.

Paper :: includes the generalization to **collective T-duality** along multiple directions.

$$\begin{aligned}\check{G}_{mn} = & G_{mn} - k_{\alpha m} [(\mathcal{G} + \mathcal{D})^{-1} \mathcal{G} (\mathcal{G} - \mathcal{D})^{-1}]^{\alpha\beta} k_{\beta n} \\ & - k_{\alpha m} [(\mathcal{G} + \mathcal{D})^{-1} \mathcal{D} (\mathcal{G} - \mathcal{D})^{-1}]^{\alpha\beta} \tilde{v}_{\beta n} \\ & + \tilde{v}_{\alpha m} [(\mathcal{G} + \mathcal{D})^{-1} \mathcal{D} (\mathcal{G} - \mathcal{D})^{-1}]^{\alpha\beta} k_{\beta n} \\ & + \tilde{v}_{\alpha m} [(\mathcal{G} + \mathcal{D})^{-1} \mathcal{G} (\mathcal{G} - \mathcal{D})^{-1}]^{\alpha\beta} \tilde{v}_{\beta n}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\check{G}^{\alpha}_n = & + [(\mathcal{G} + \mathcal{D})^{-1} \mathcal{D} (\mathcal{G} - \mathcal{D})^{-1}]^{\alpha\beta} k_{\beta n} \\ & + [(\mathcal{G} + \mathcal{D})^{-1} \mathcal{G} (\mathcal{G} - \mathcal{D})^{-1}]^{\alpha\beta} \tilde{v}_{\beta n}\end{aligned}$$

$$\check{G}^{\alpha\beta} = + [(\mathcal{G} + \mathcal{D})^{-1} \mathcal{G} (\mathcal{G} - \mathcal{D})^{-1}]^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\check{B}_{mn} = & B_{mn} + k_{\alpha m} [(\mathcal{G} + \mathcal{D})^{-1} \mathcal{D} (\mathcal{G} - \mathcal{D})^{-1}]^{\alpha\beta} k_{\beta n} \\ & + k_{\alpha m} [(\mathcal{G} + \mathcal{D})^{-1} \mathcal{G} (\mathcal{G} - \mathcal{D})^{-1}]^{\alpha\beta} \tilde{v}_{\beta n} \\ & - \tilde{v}_{\alpha m} [(\mathcal{G} + \mathcal{D})^{-1} \mathcal{G} (\mathcal{G} - \mathcal{D})^{-1}]^{\alpha\beta} k_{\beta n} \\ & - \tilde{v}_{\alpha m} [(\mathcal{G} + \mathcal{D})^{-1} \mathcal{D} (\mathcal{G} - \mathcal{D})^{-1}]^{\alpha\beta} \tilde{v}_{\beta n}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\check{B}^{\alpha}_n = & - [(\mathcal{G} + \mathcal{D})^{-1} \mathcal{G} (\mathcal{G} - \mathcal{D})^{-1}]^{\alpha\beta} k_{\beta n} \\ & - [(\mathcal{G} + \mathcal{D})^{-1} \mathcal{D} (\mathcal{G} - \mathcal{D})^{-1}]^{\alpha\beta} \tilde{v}_{\beta n}\end{aligned}$$

$$\check{B}^{\alpha\beta} = - [(\mathcal{G} + \mathcal{D})^{-1} \mathcal{D} (\mathcal{G} - \mathcal{D})^{-1}]^{\alpha\beta}$$



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### Summary ::

- Boundary conditions for D-branes on certain flux-backgrounds
- are **well-defined** using  $O(D, D; \mathbb{Z})$  transformations.
  
- **Open-string T-duality** via Buscher's procedure has been discussed,
- taking into account non-trivial **world-sheet topologies**.