

**Super  $p$ -Brane Theory**  
emerging from  
**Super Homotopy Theory**

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*We still have no fundamental formulation of “M-theory” -*

*Work on formulating the fundamental principles underlying M-theory has noticeably waned. [. . .]. If history is a good guide, then we should expect that anything as profound and far-reaching as a fully satisfactory formulation of M-theory is surely going to lead to new and novel mathematics. Regrettably, it is a problem the community seems to have put aside - temporarily. But, ultimately,*

*Physical Mathematics must return to this grand issue.*

G. Moore, *Physical Mathematics and the Future*, at Strings 2014

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What is the full non-perturbative Theory?

What is even its **Principle**?

# Principles

**physics**

**mathematics**

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gauge principle

homotopy theory

& Pauli exclusion

super-geometry

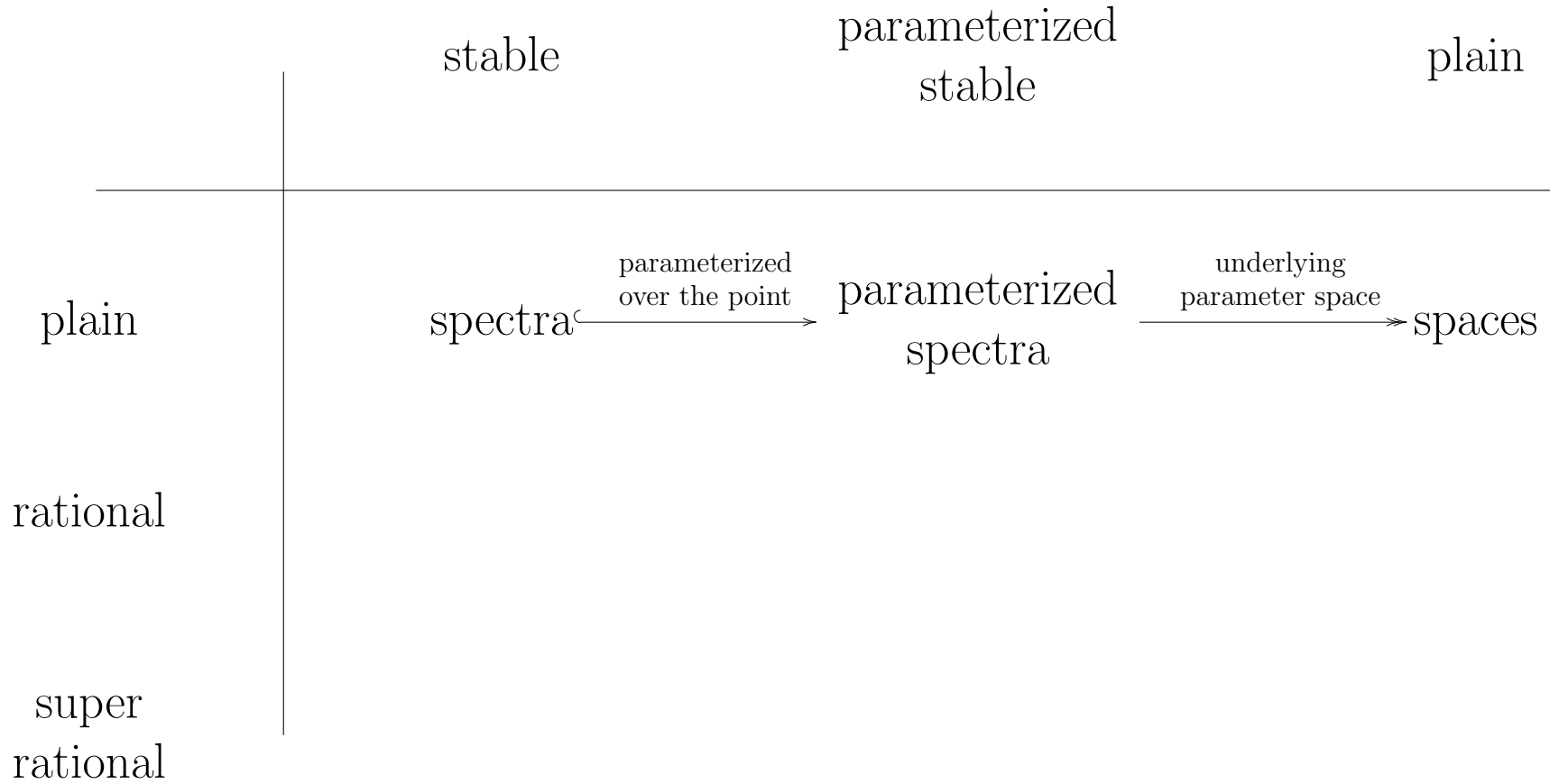
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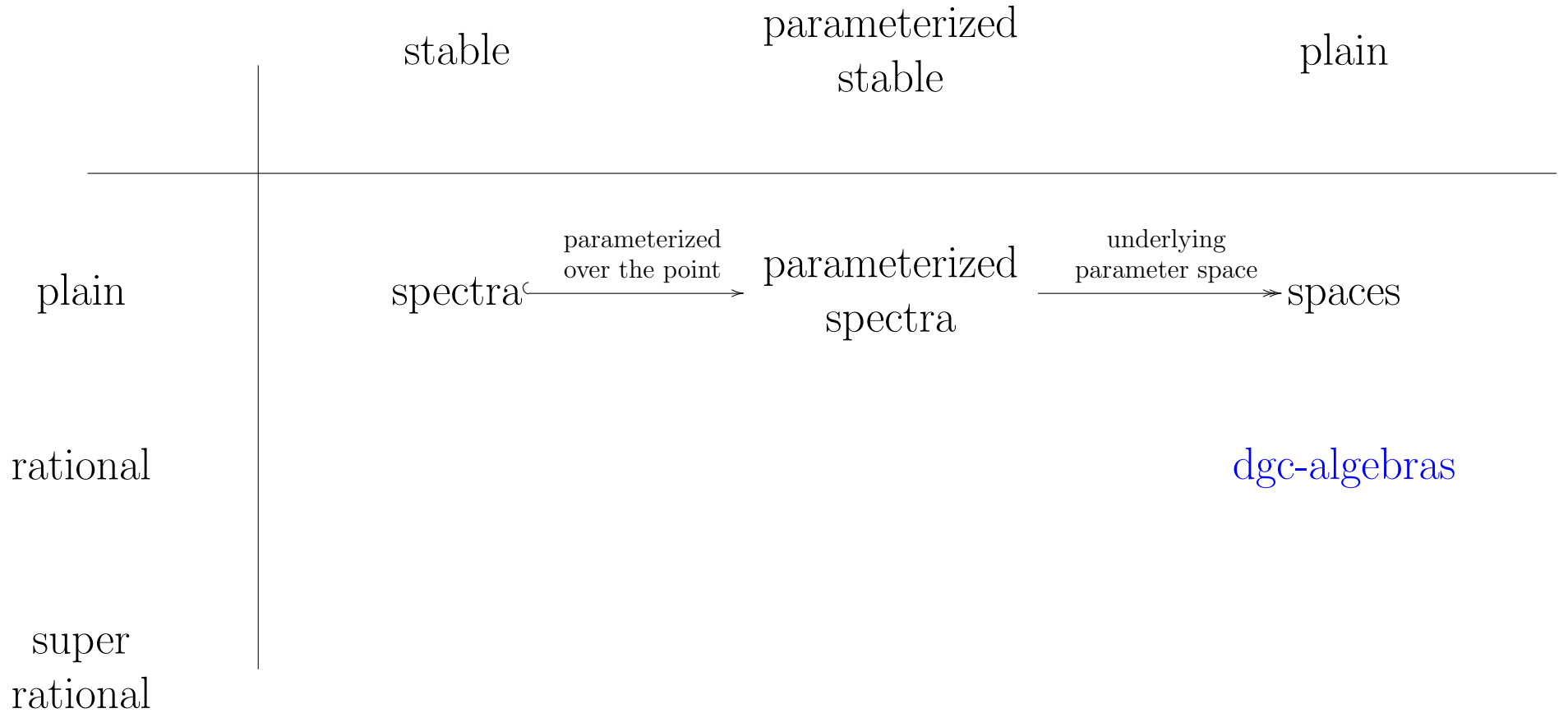
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super-homotopy theory

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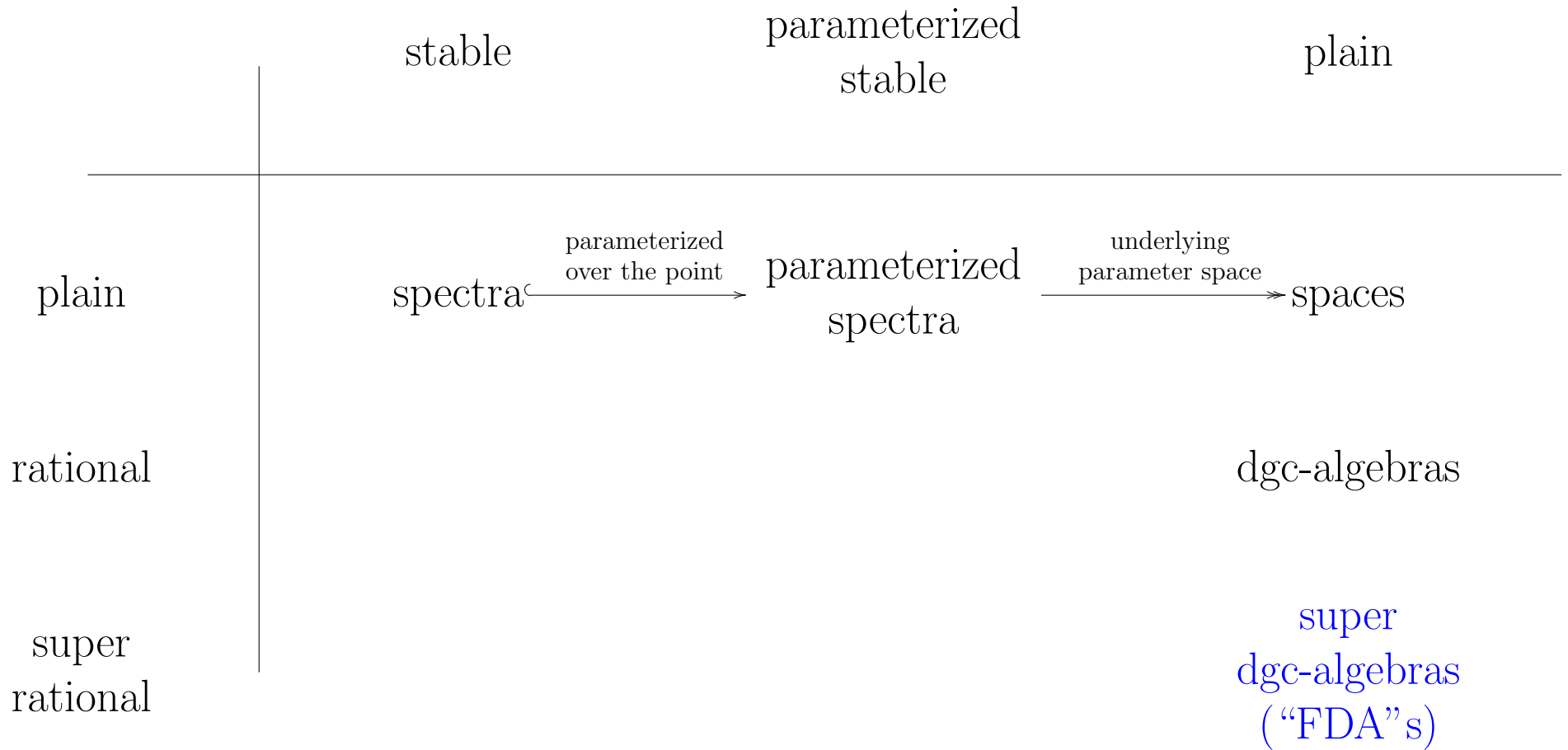


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Quillen 69, Sullivan 77 : infinitesimal methods in homotopy theory

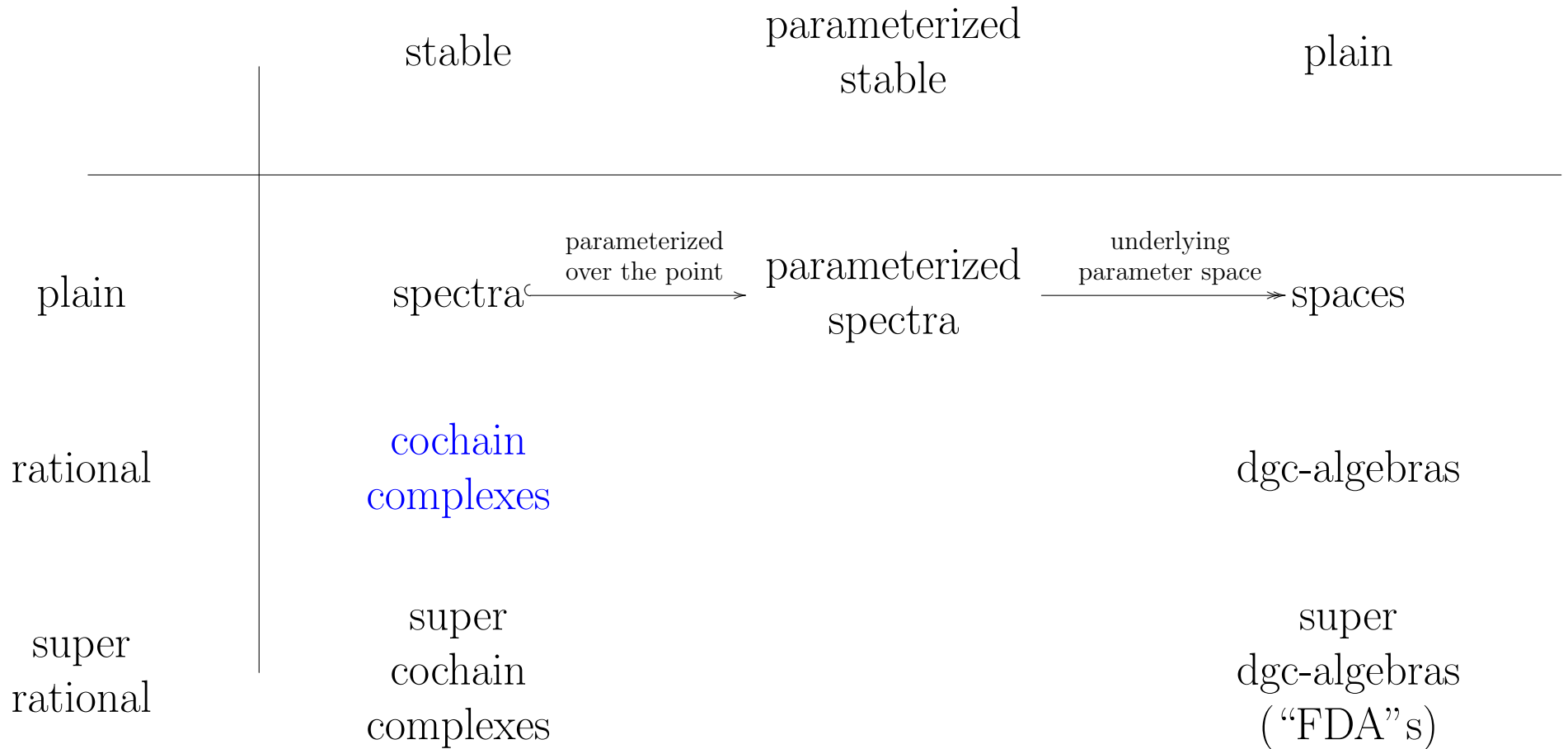
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Nieuwenhuizen 82, D'Auria-Fré 82: FDAs efficiently construct SuGra-s

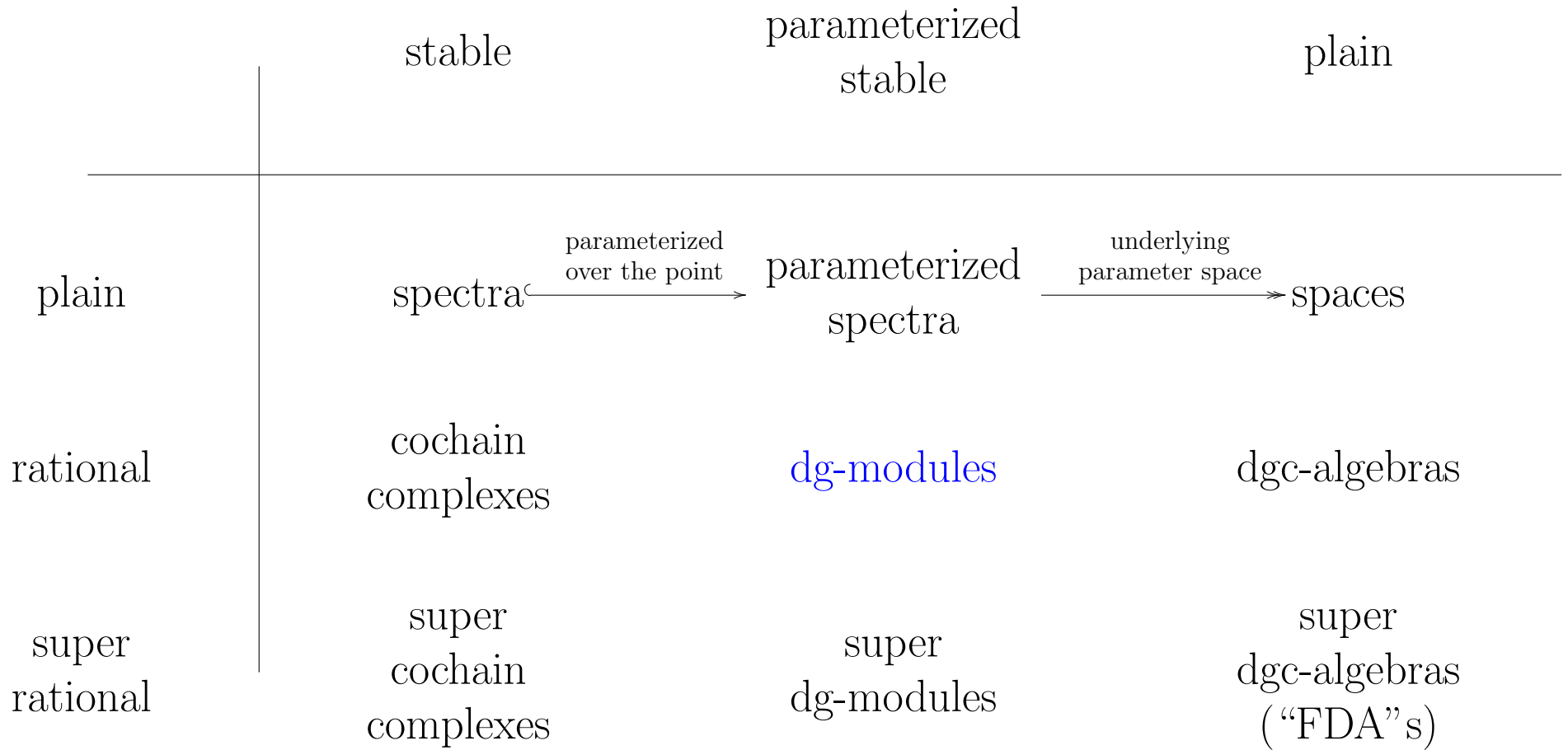


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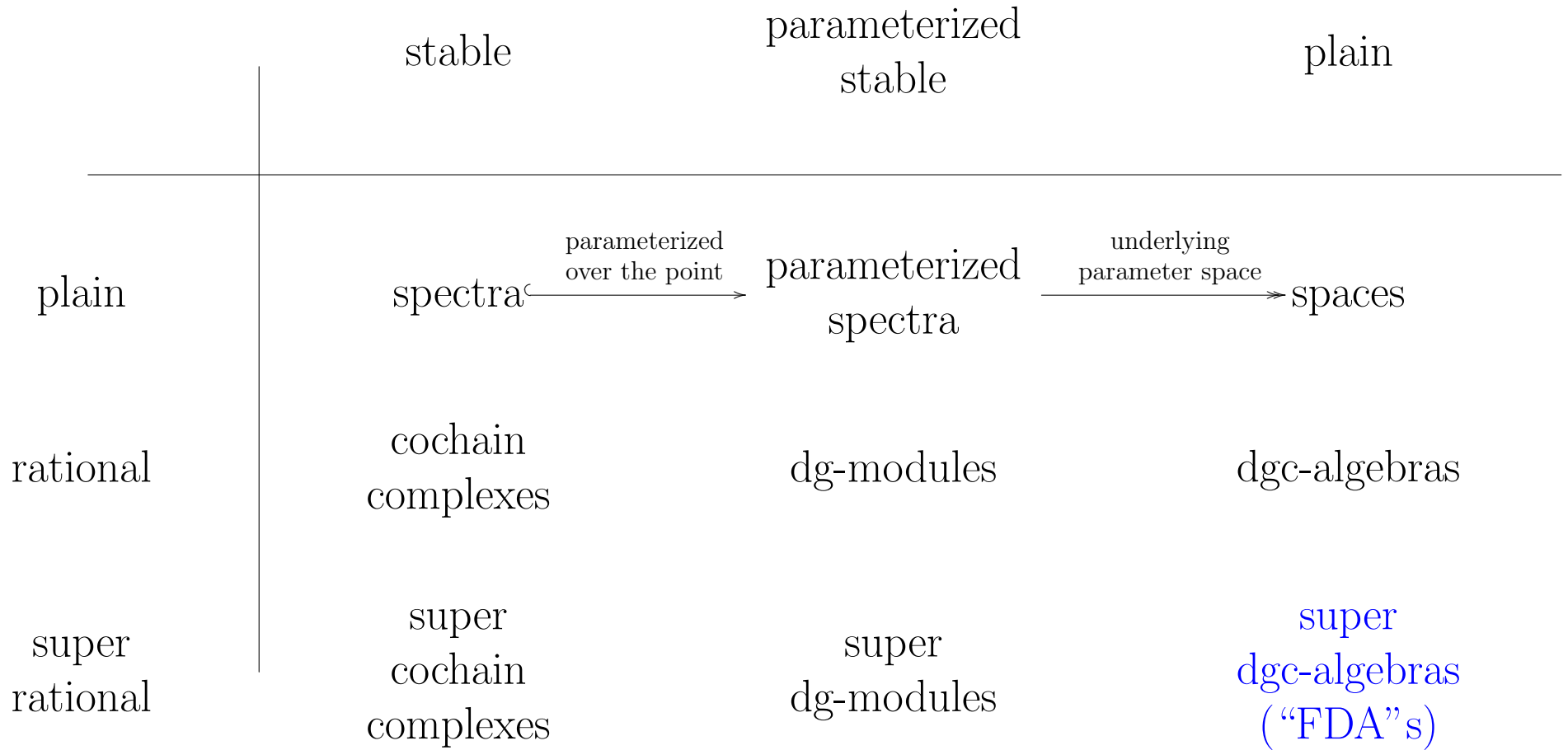
Schwede-Shiplay 03 : stable homotopy theory subsumes homological algebra

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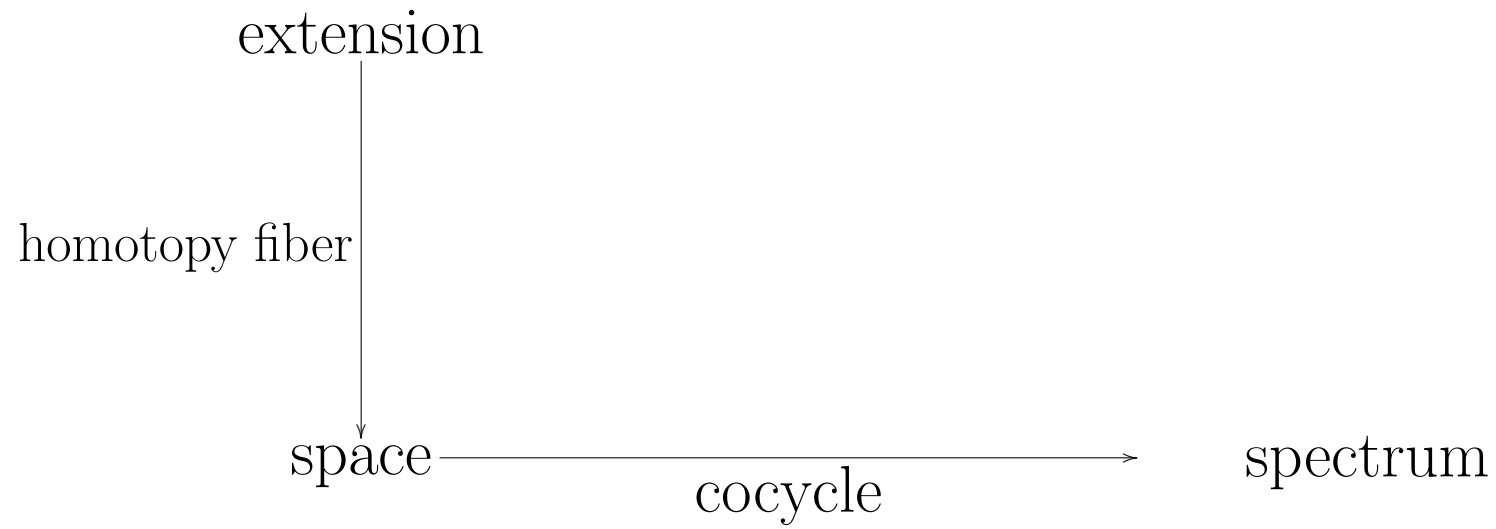


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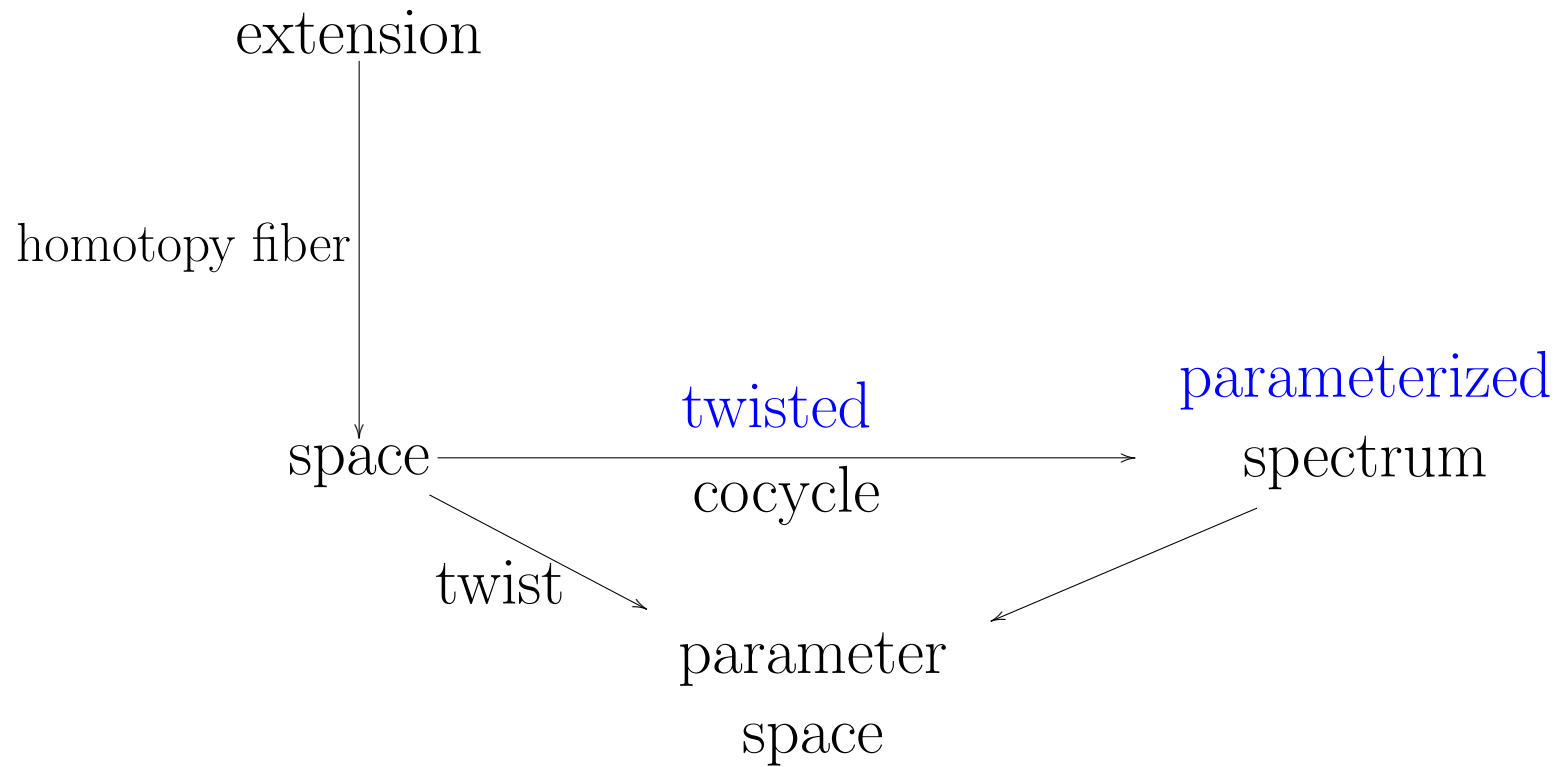
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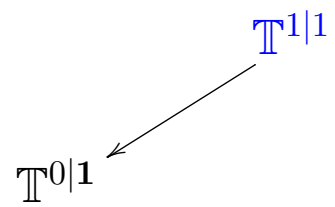
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Beware:  
Everything in the following holds  
in (super-) *rational* homotopy theory.

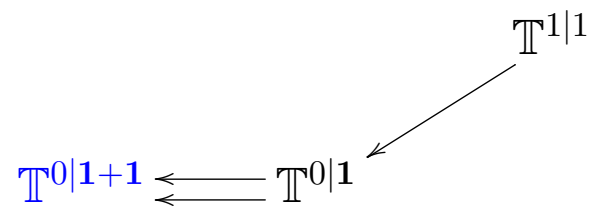
In the beginning  
the atom of space:  
the [superpoint](#)



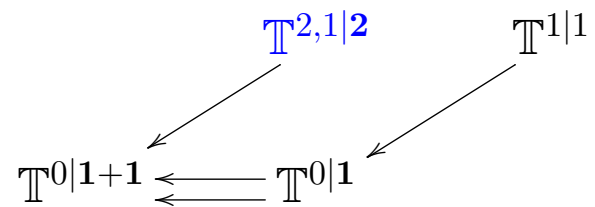
Its maximal torus extension  
is the super-line



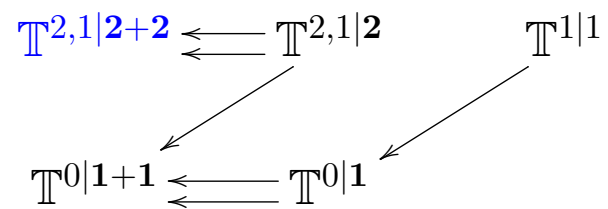
its type II version:  
the  $N = 2$  superpoint



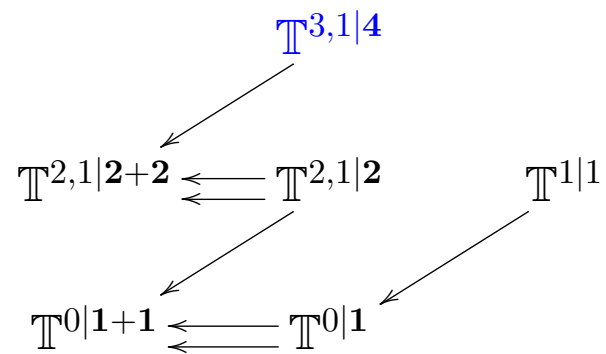
maximal torus extension:  
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super-Minkowski spacetime



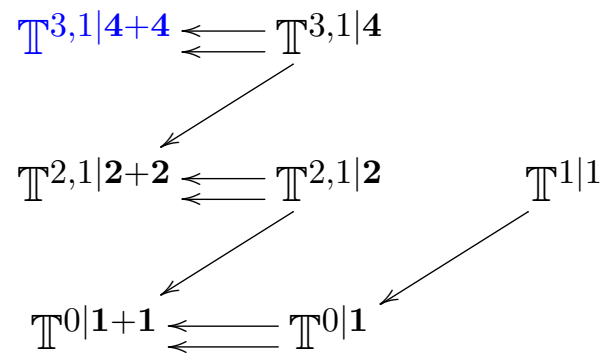
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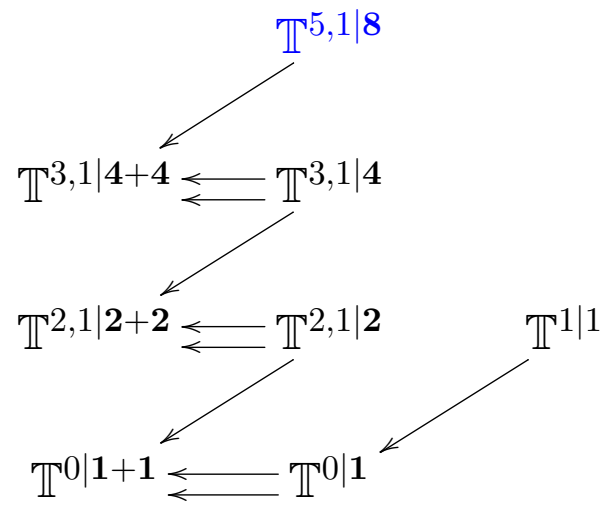


maximal invariant torus extension:  
 $d = 4, N = 1$   
super-Minkowski spacetime

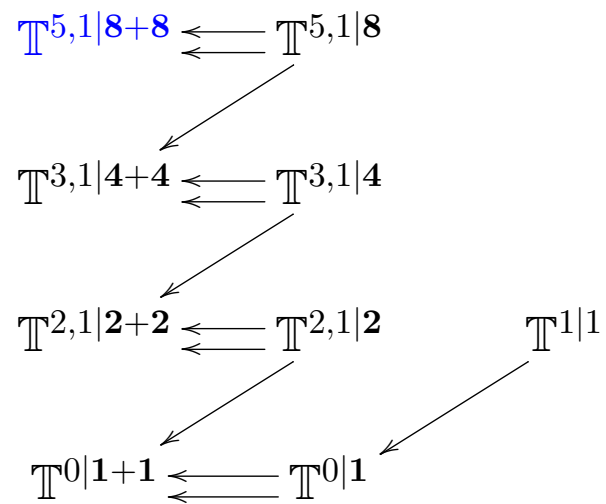


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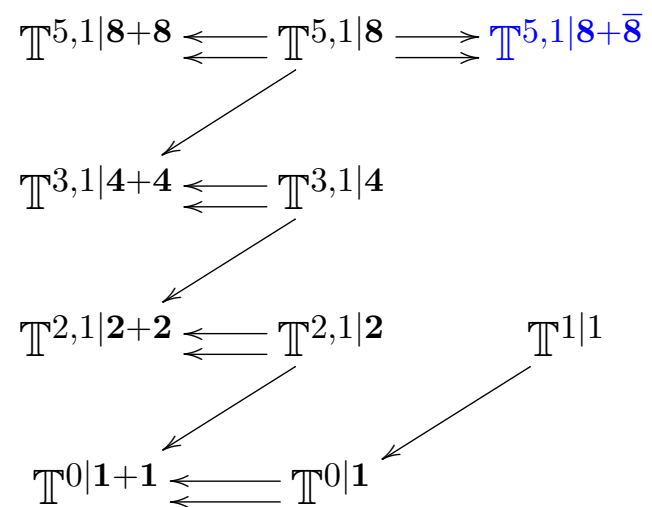


maximal invariant torus extension:  
 $d = 6, N = 1$   
 super-Minkowski spacetime

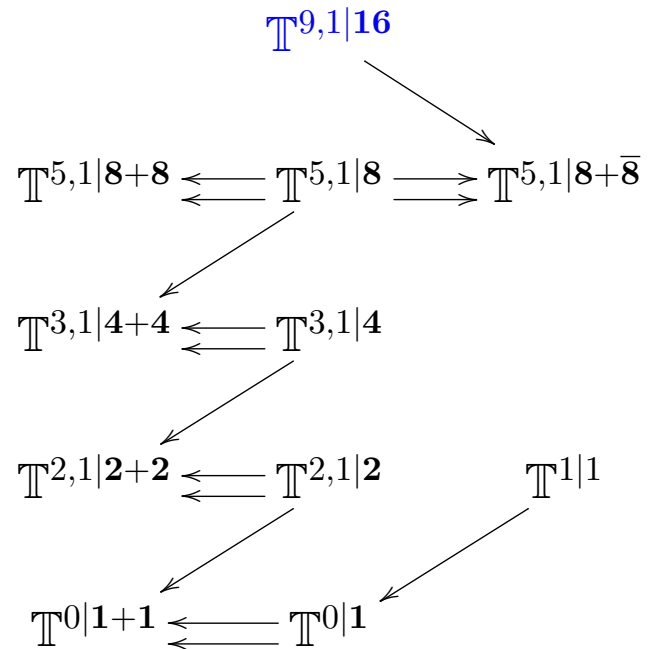


type IIB version:  
 $d = 6, N = (2, 0)$   
 super-Minkowski spacetime.

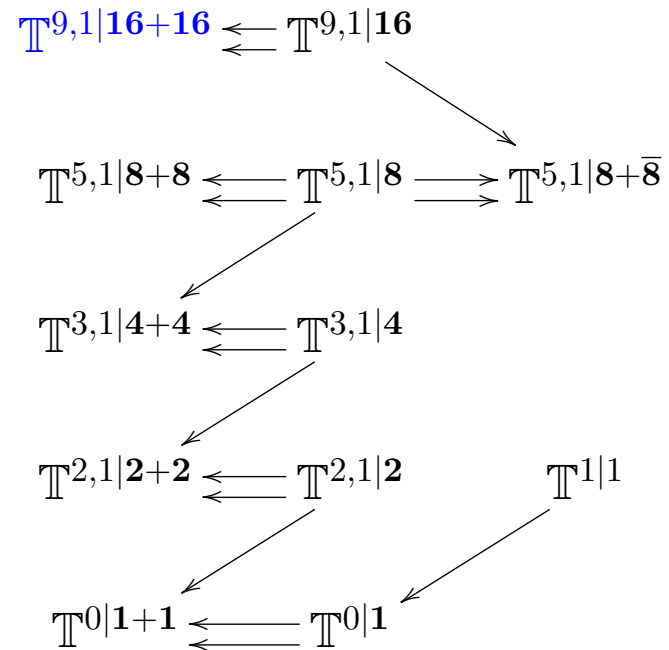




type IIA version:  
 $d = 6, N = (1, 1)$   
super-Minkowski spacetime.



maximal invariant torus extension:  
 $d = 10, N = 1$   
 super-Minkowski spacetime



type IIB version:  
 $d = 10, N = (2, 0)$   
 super-Minkowski spacetime

$$\mathbb{T}^{9,1|16+16} \begin{array}{c} \longleftarrow \\ \longleftarrow \end{array} \mathbb{T}^{9,1|16} \begin{array}{c} \Longrightarrow \\ \Longrightarrow \end{array} \mathbb{T}^{9,1|16+\overline{16}}$$

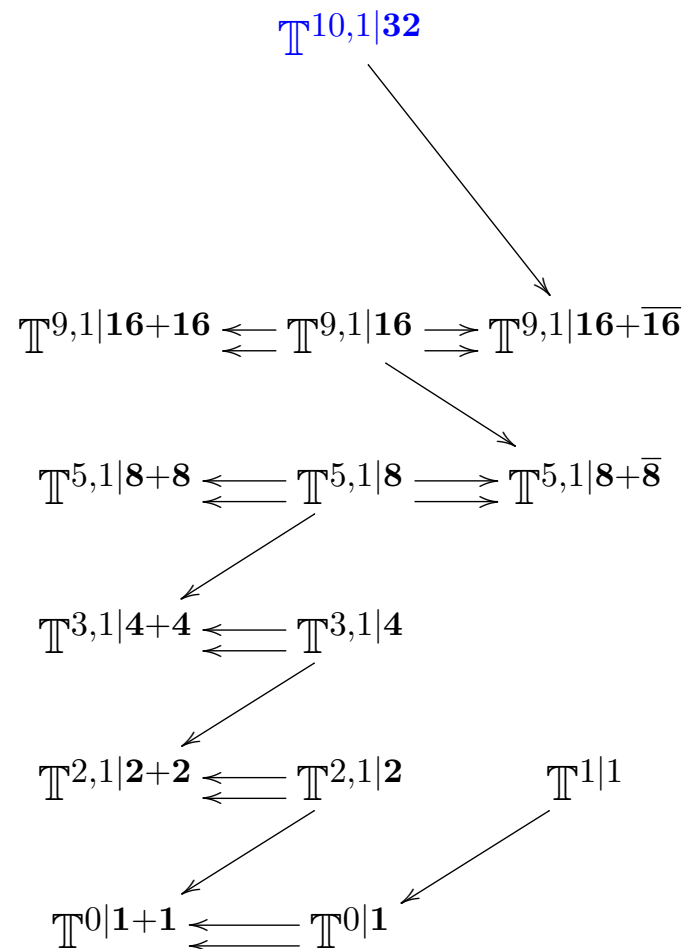
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$$\mathbb{T}^{3,1|4+4} \begin{array}{c} \longleftarrow \\ \longleftarrow \end{array} \mathbb{T}^{3,1|4}$$

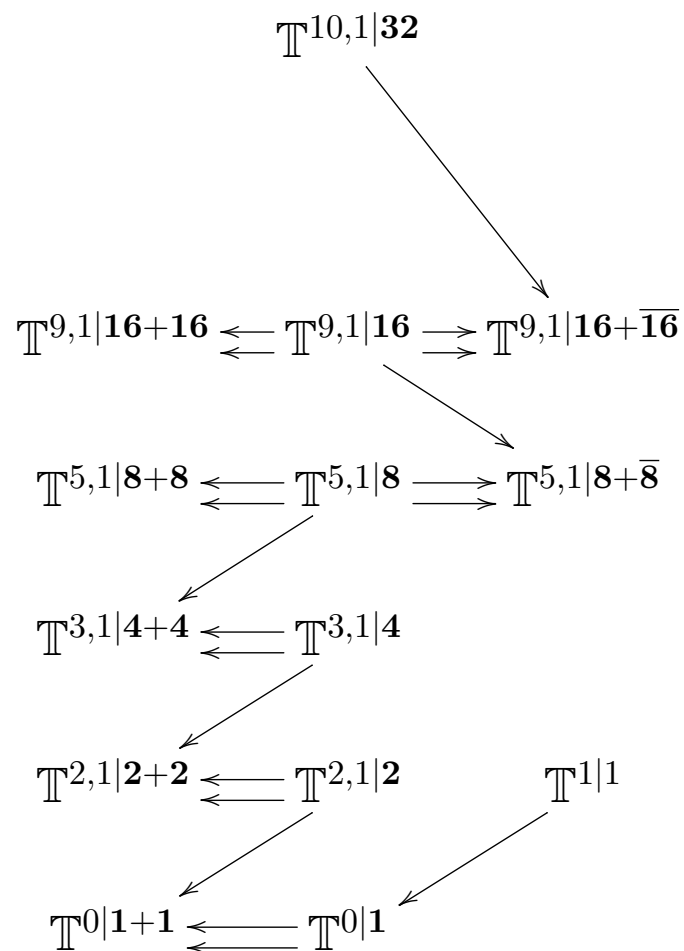
$$\mathbb{T}^{2,1|2+2} \begin{array}{c} \longleftarrow \\ \longleftarrow \end{array} \mathbb{T}^{2,1|2} \qquad \mathbb{T}^{1|1}$$

$$\mathbb{T}^{0|1+1} \begin{array}{c} \longleftarrow \\ \longleftarrow \end{array} \mathbb{T}^{0|1}$$

and its type IIA version:  
 $d = 10, N = (1, 1)$   
 super-Minkowski spacetime

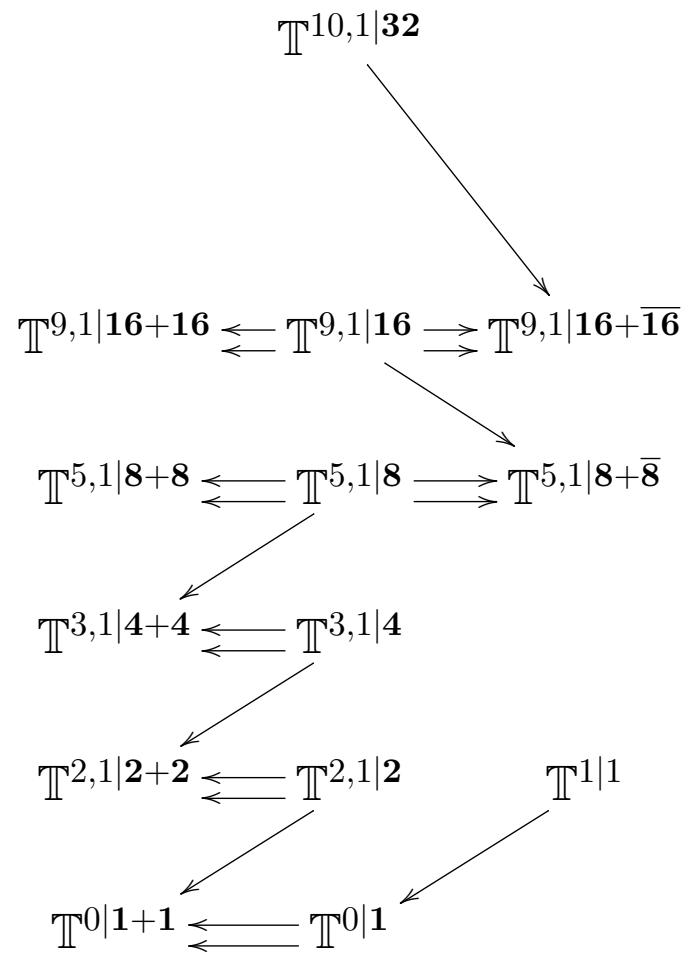


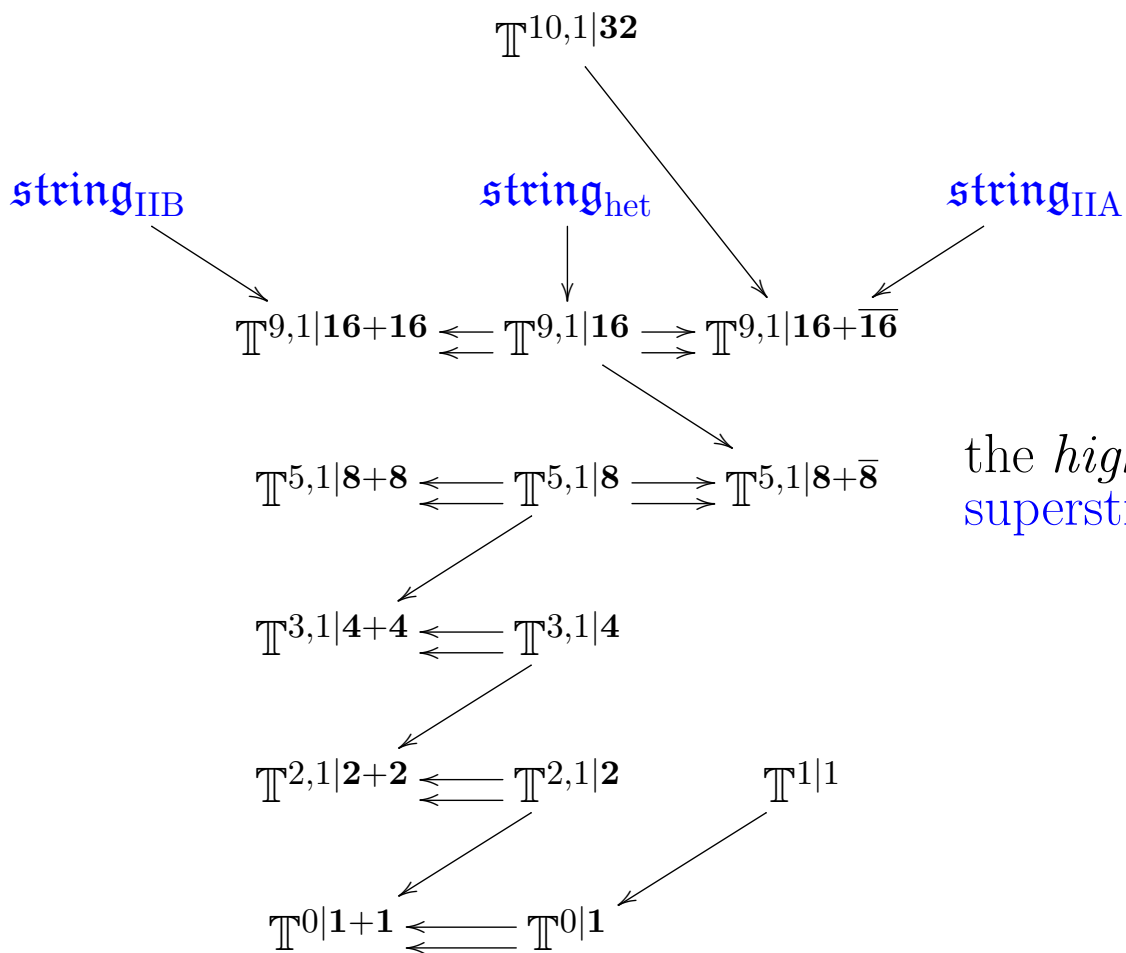
maximal invariant torus extension:  
 $d = 11, N = 1$   
 super-Minkowski spacetime



In summary:

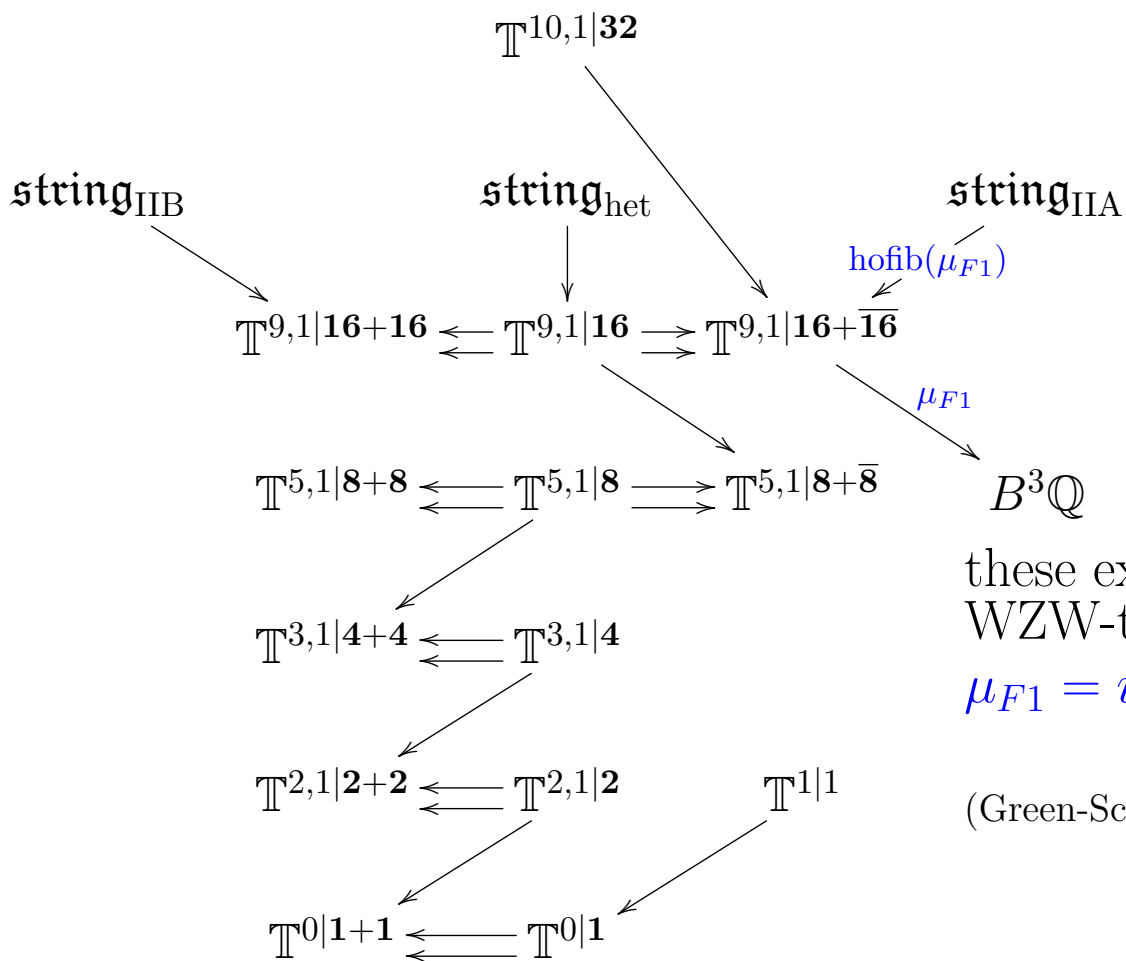
**Theorem** (Huerta-Schreiber 17 ):  
There exists a diagram as shown  
of maximal torus extensions  
at each stage invariant  
with respect to the semi-simple part  
of automorphisms modulo R-symmetry  
which happens to be  
the Lorentzian Spin-groups.





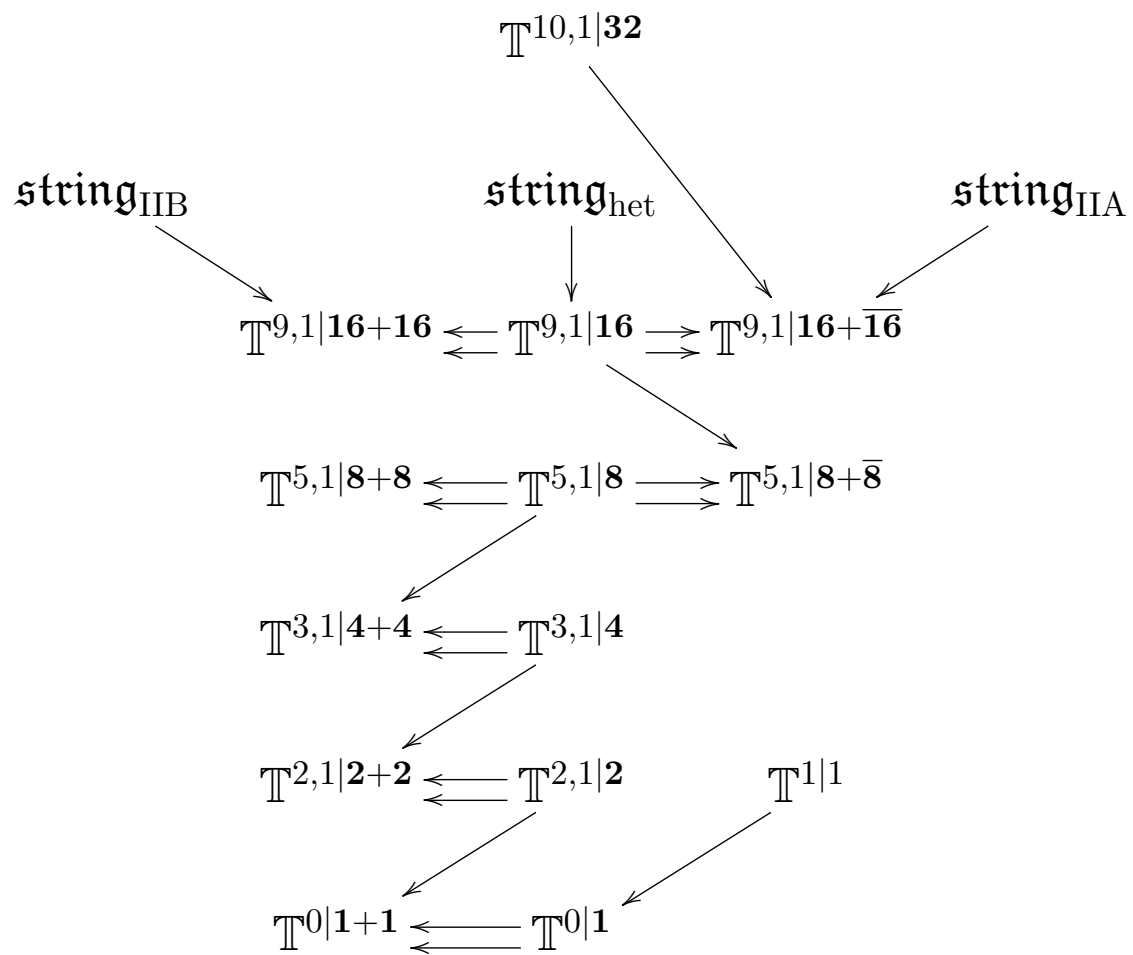
the *higher* invariant extensions:  
superstrings condense

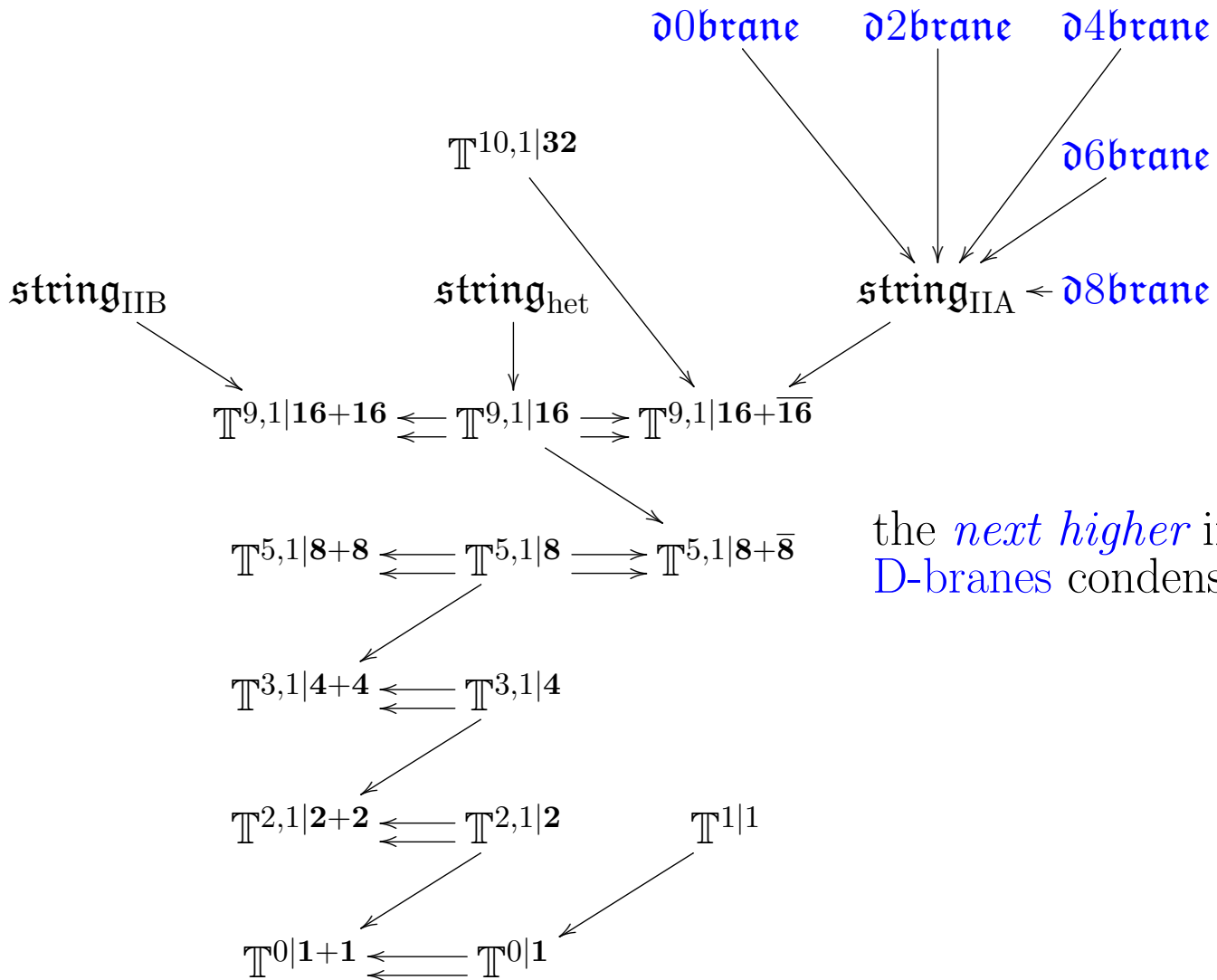


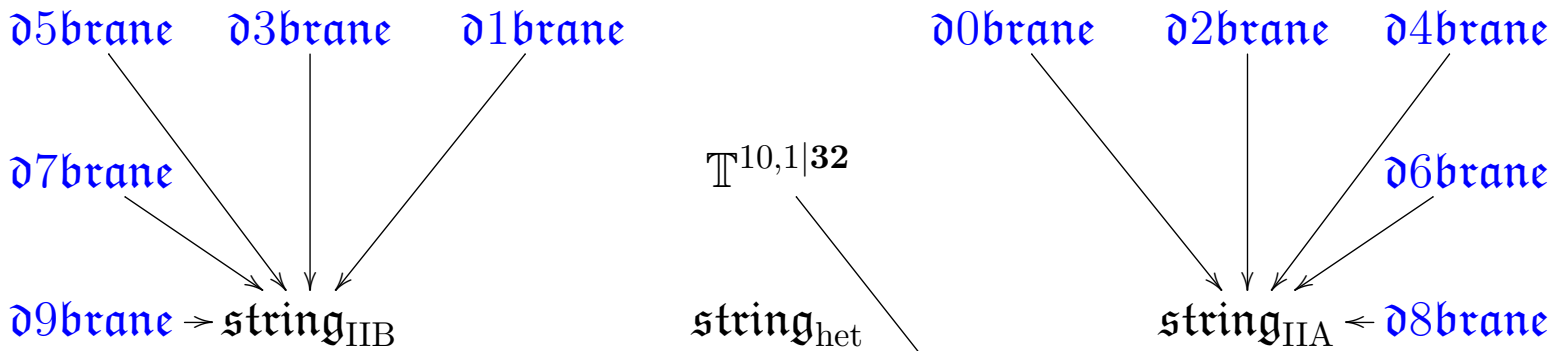


these extensions are classified by  
WZW-term for the GS-Superstring  
 $\mu_{F1} = i\overline{\psi} \wedge \Gamma_a \psi \wedge e^a$

(Green-Schwarz 81, Henneaux-Mezincescu 85)







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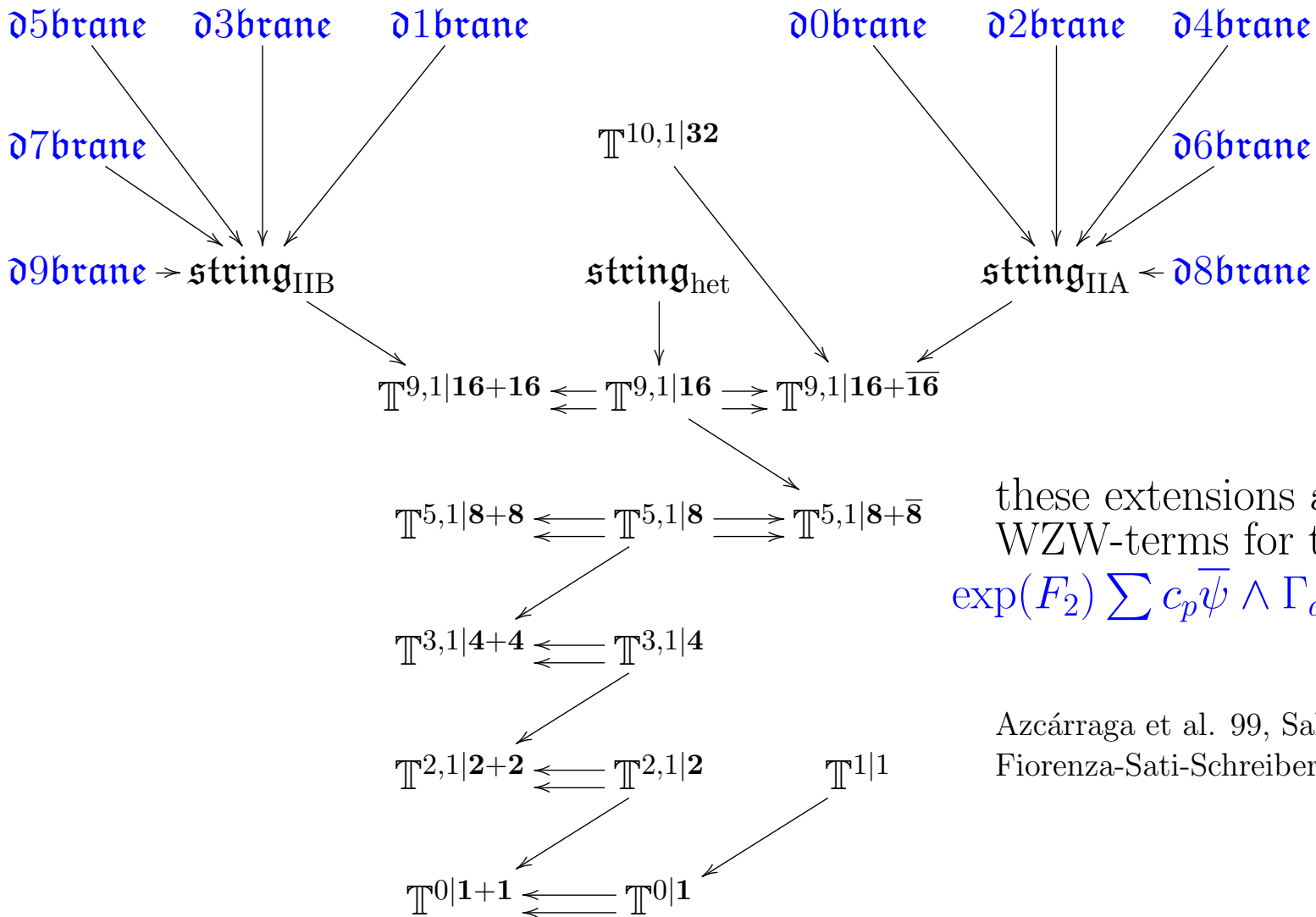
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$$\mathbb{T}^{2,1|2+2} \leftarrow \mathbb{T}^{2,1|2}$$

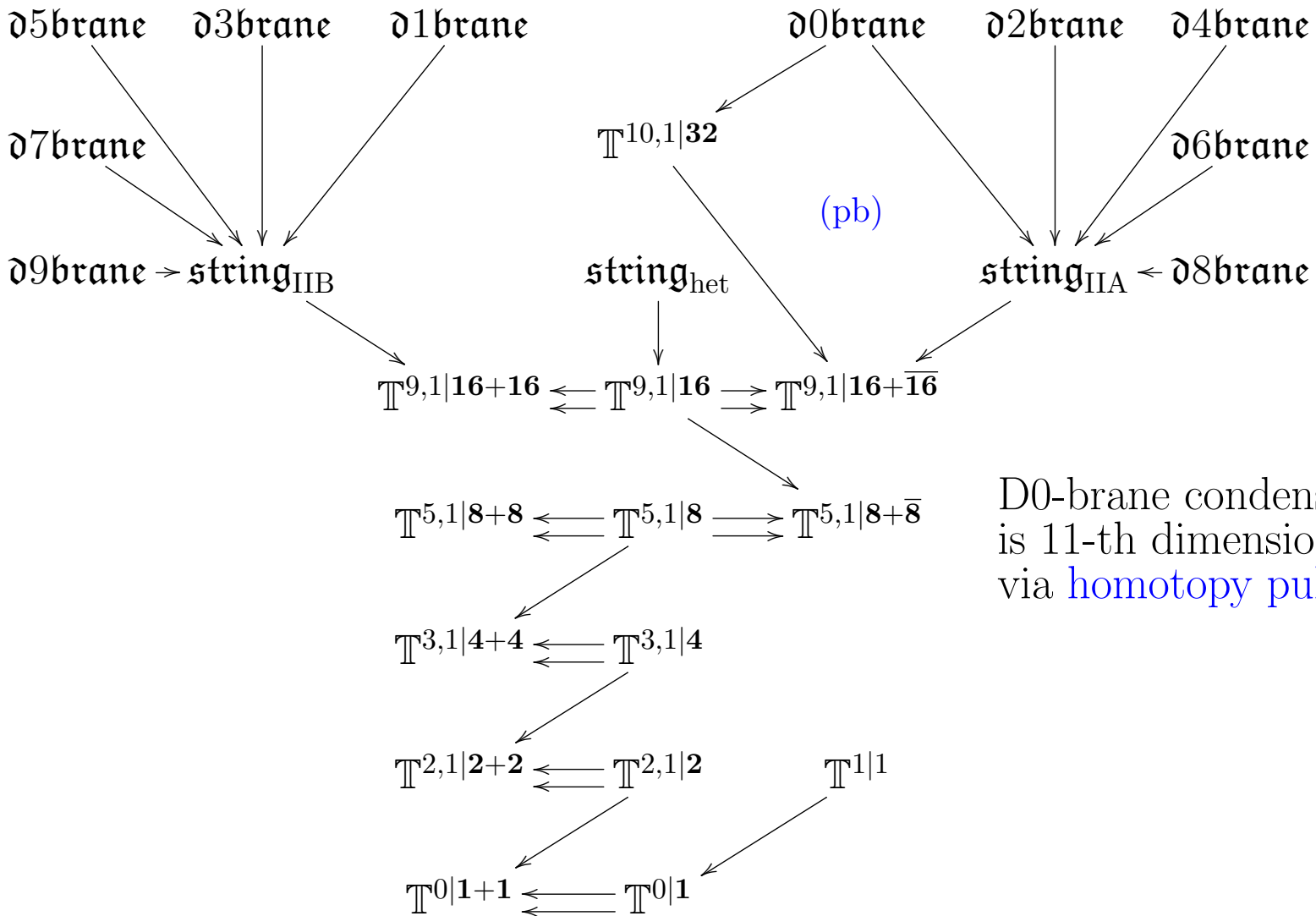
$$\mathbb{T}^0|1+1 \leftarrow \mathbb{T}^0|1 \leftarrow \mathbb{T}^1|1$$

the *next higher* invariant extensions:  
D-branes condense

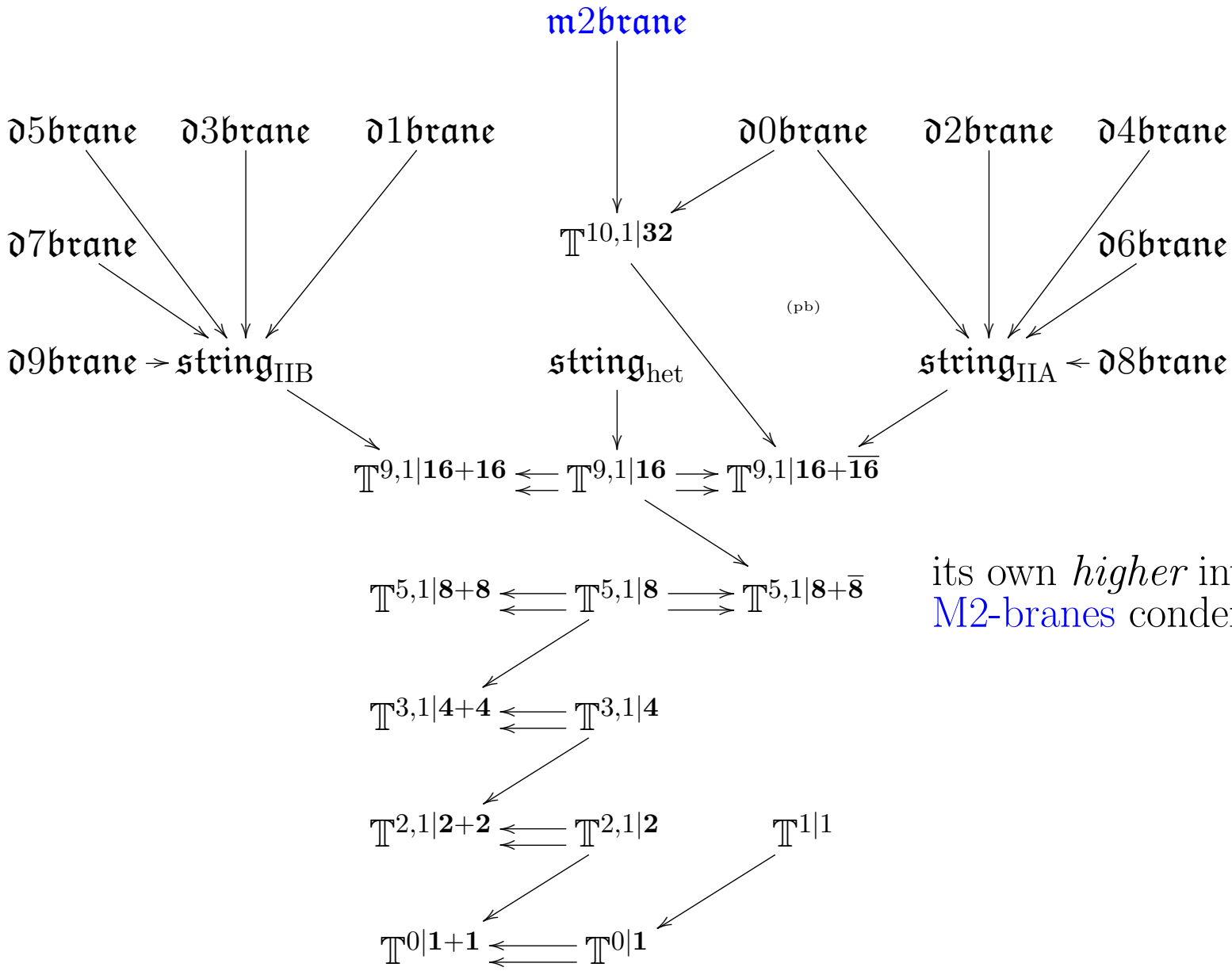


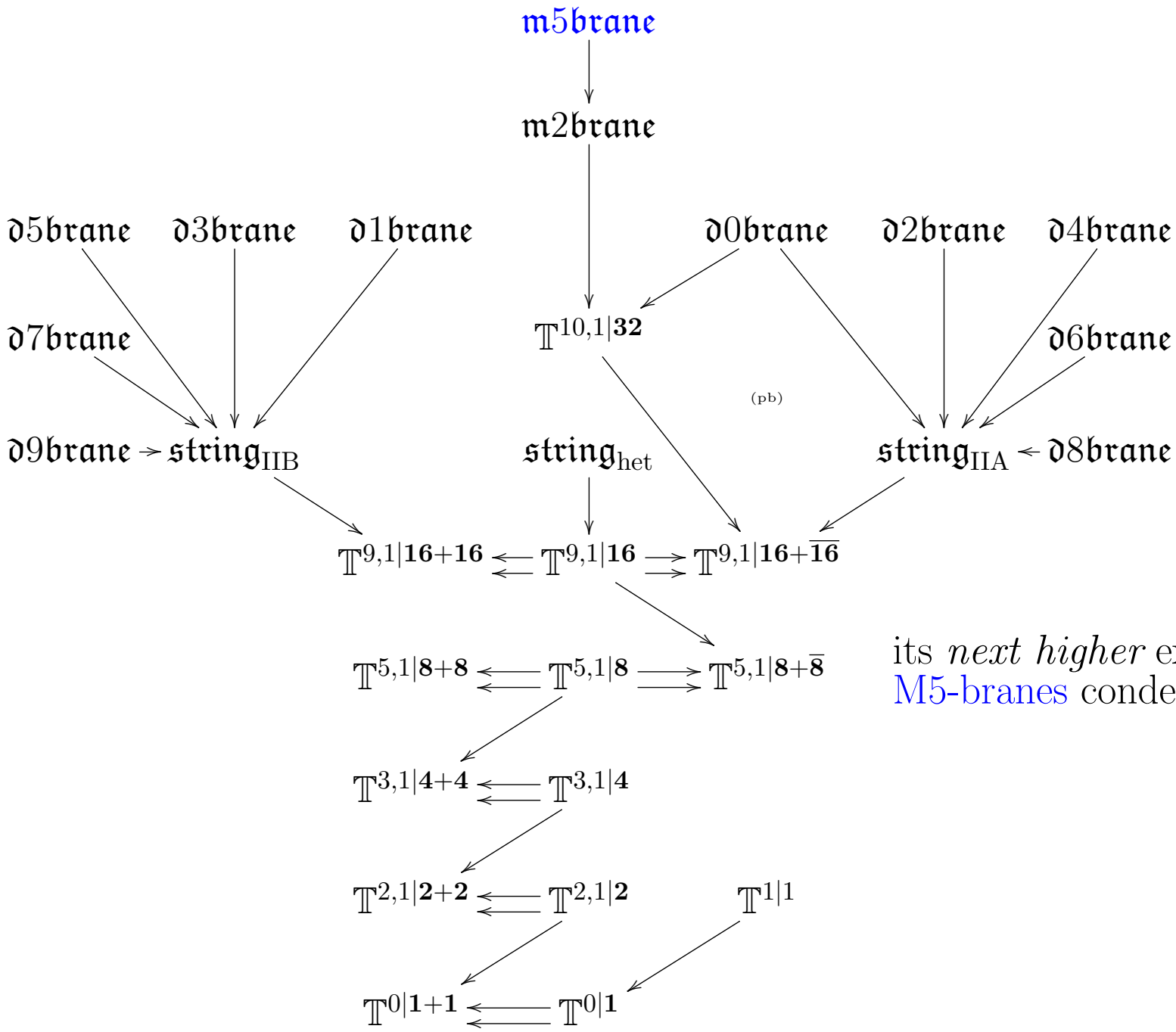
these extensions are classified by  
 WZW-terms for the super D-branes  
 $\exp(F_2) \sum c_p \bar{\psi} \wedge \Gamma_{a_1 \dots a_p} \psi \wedge e_{a_1} \wedge \dots \wedge e_{a_p}$

Azcárraga et al. 99, Sakaguchi 00  
 Fiorenza-Sati-Schreiber 13

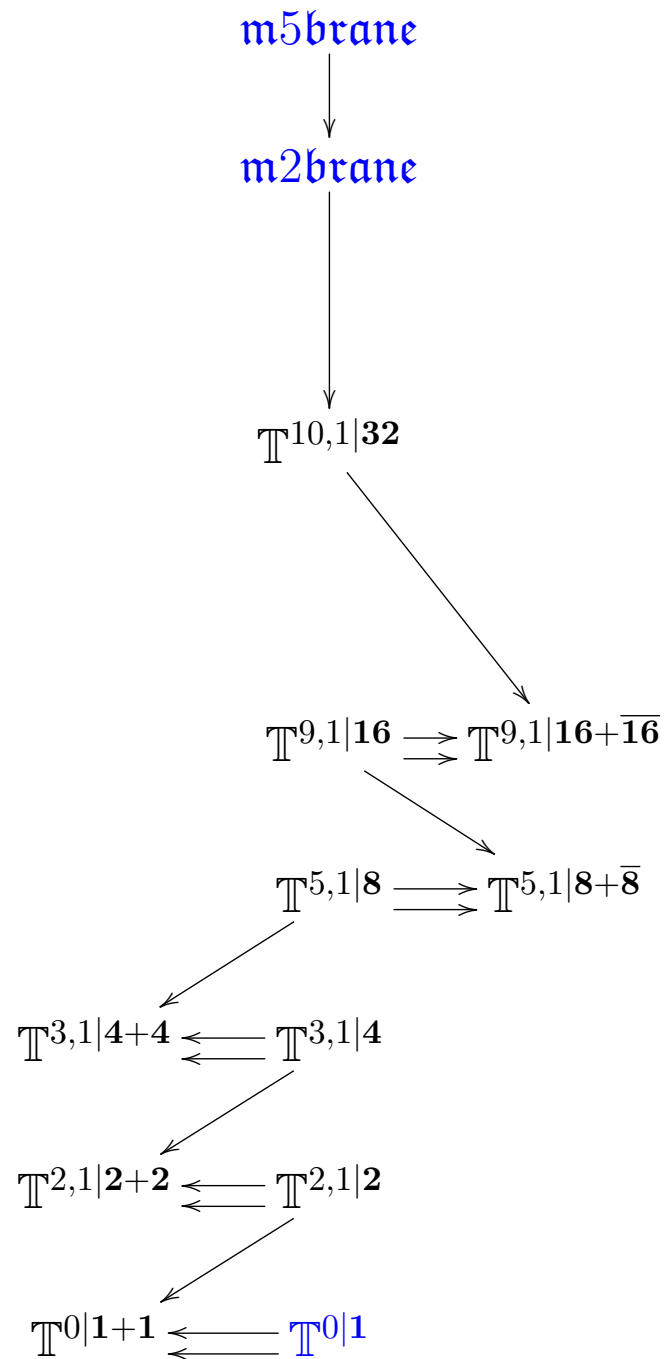


D0-brane condensate  
 is 11-th dimension  
 via [homotopy pullback](#)







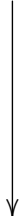


spacetime and M-branes  
 have emerged  
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 higher invariant extensions

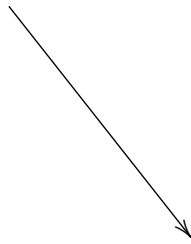
m5brane



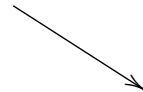
m2brane



$\mathbb{T}^{10,1|32}$



$\mathbb{T}^{9,1|16} \rightleftarrows \mathbb{T}^{9,1|16+\overline{16}}$



$\mathbb{T}^{5,1|8} \rightleftarrows \mathbb{T}^{5,1|8+\overline{8}}$



$\mathbb{T}^{3,1|4+4} \rightleftarrows \mathbb{T}^{3,1|4}$



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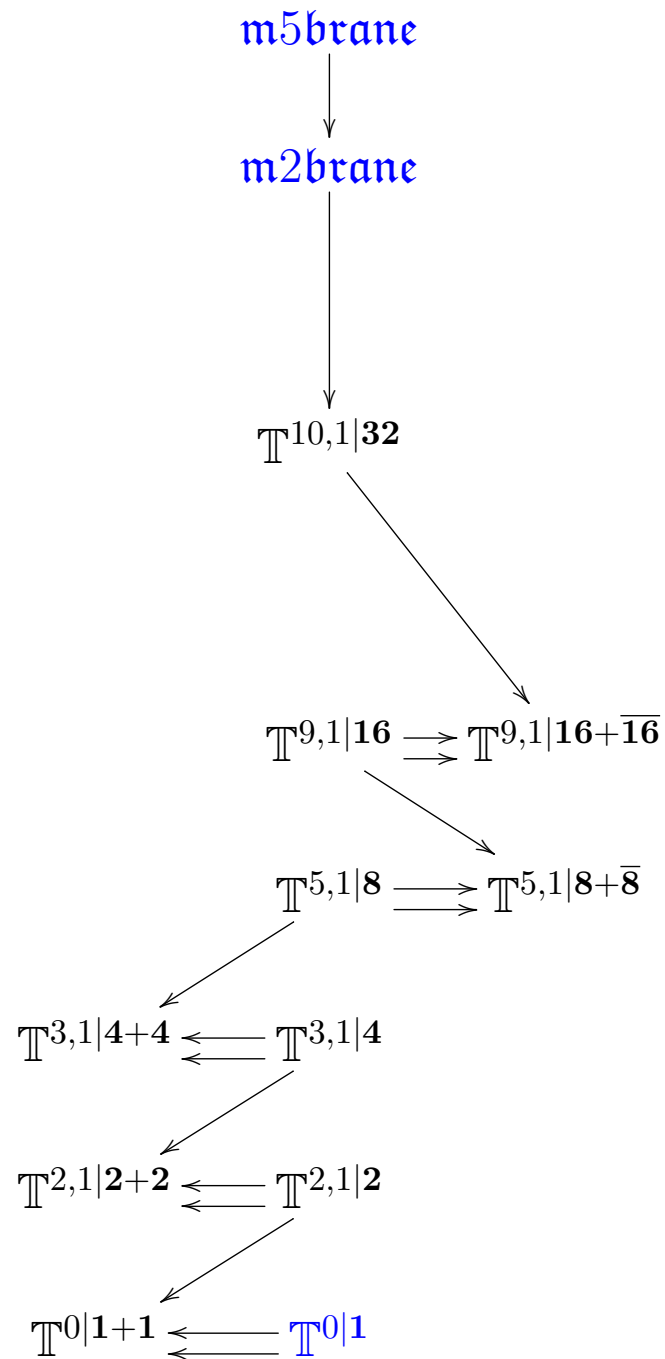


$\mathbb{T}^{0|1+1} \rightleftarrows \mathbb{T}^{0|1}$

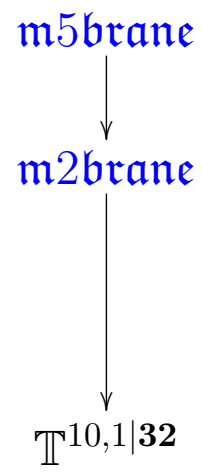
*Perhaps we need to understand the nature of time itself better. [...] understand in what sense time itself is an emergent concept, [...] how pseudo-Riemannian geometry can emerge from more fundamental and abstract notions such as categories of branes.*

*(G. Moore, Physical Mathematics and the Future, at Strings 2014)*

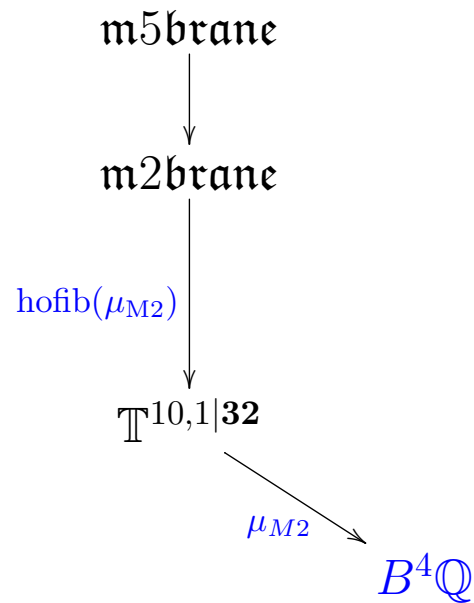
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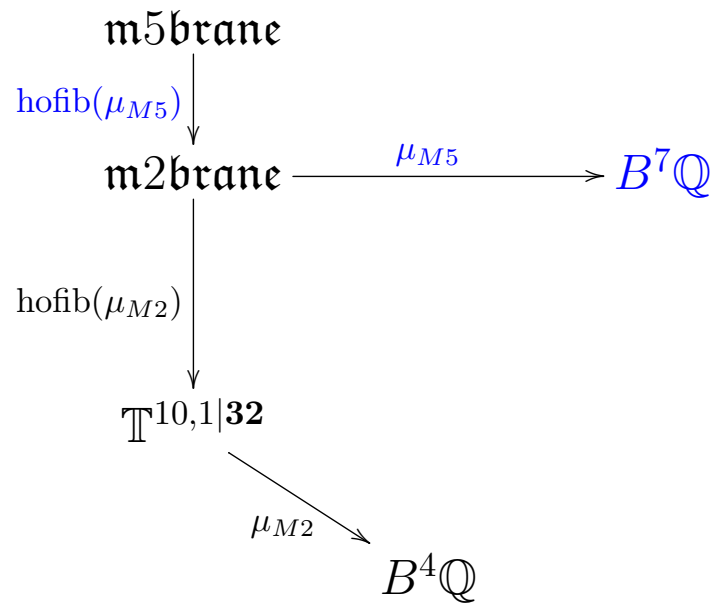
consider  
the M-brane sector



the M2-extension is  
classified by a 4-cocycle:  
the GS-WZW-term of the M2-brane

$$\mu_{M2} = \frac{i}{2} \bar{\psi} \wedge \Gamma_{a_1 a_2} \psi \wedge e^{a_1} \wedge e^{a_2}$$

D'Auria-Fré 82 , Bergshoeff-Sezgin-Townsend 87,  
Fiorenza-Sati-Schreiber 13

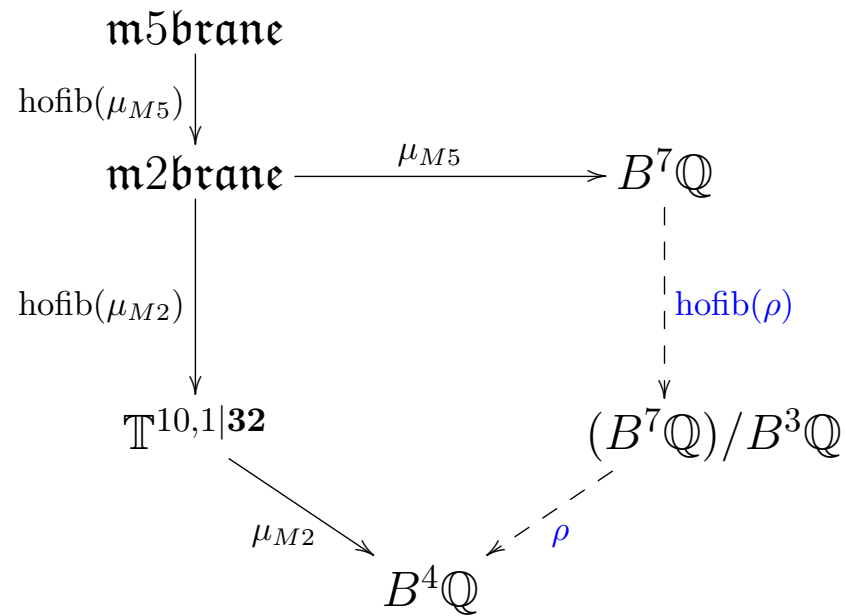


the M5-extension is  
classified by a 7-cocycle:

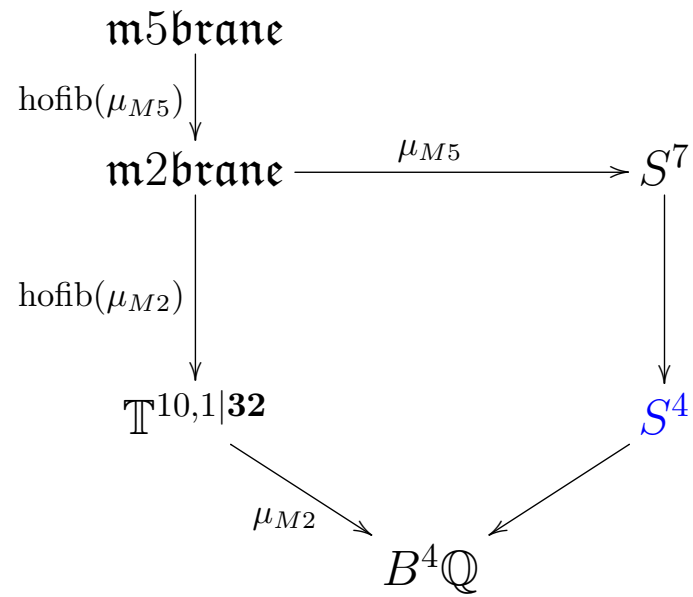
the GS-WZW-terms of the M5-brane

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_{M5} = & \frac{1}{5!} \bar{\psi} \wedge \Gamma_{a_1 \dots a_5} \psi \wedge e^{a_1} \wedge \dots \wedge e^{a_5} \\
& + \frac{1}{2} c_3 \wedge \frac{1}{2} \bar{\psi} \wedge \Gamma_{a_1 a_2} \psi \wedge e^{a_1} \wedge e^{a_2}
\end{aligned}$$

D'Auria-Fré 82, Pasti-Sorokin-Tonin 97,  
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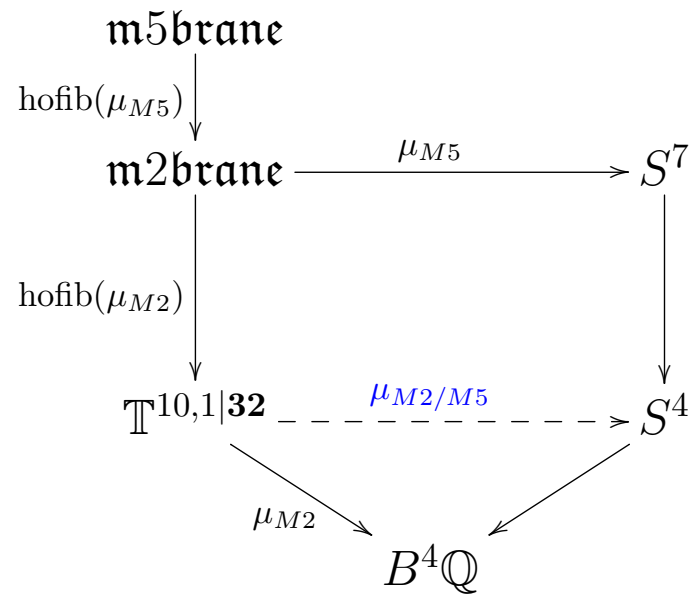


to descend this means  
to ask for analogous fiber sequence  
on the coefficients

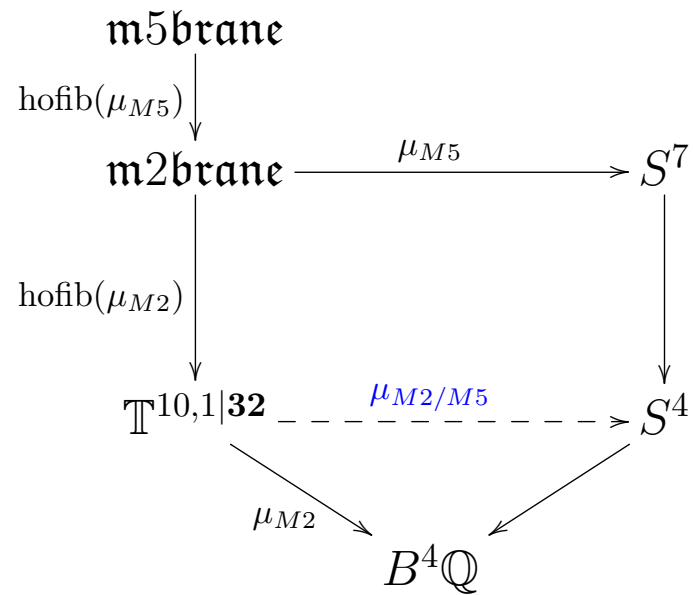


this comes out to be:  
 quaternionic Hopf fibration  
 (rationally)





M5-cocycle descends:  
unified M2/M5-cocycle

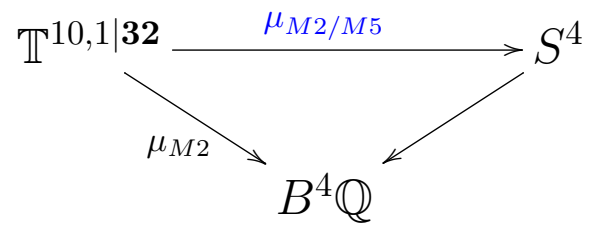


dgc-model for  $S^4$ :

$$d\omega_4 = 0$$

$$d\omega_7 = -\frac{1}{2}\omega_4 \wedge \omega_4$$

11d SuGra  $C$ -field equation of motion:  $dG_7 + \frac{1}{2}G_4 \wedge G_4 = 0$



consider this

unified M-brane cocycle

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Ext}(\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}) = \mathbb{T}^{10,1|\mathbf{32}} & \xrightarrow{\mu_{M2/M5}} & S^4 \\
 & \searrow \mu_{M2} & \swarrow \\
 & B^4\mathbb{Q} & 
 \end{array}$$

remember that

11d spacetime  
 is (maximal invariant) extension of  
 type IIA spacetime

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Ext}(\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}) \simeq \mathbb{T}^{10,1|\mathbf{32}} & \xrightarrow{\mu_{M2/M5}} & S^4 \simeq \text{Ext}(S^4/S^1) \\
 & \searrow \mu_{M2} & \swarrow \\
 & B^4\mathbb{Q} & 
 \end{array}$$

similarly  $S^4$

is homotopy extension  
of its  $S^1$  homotopy quotient  
via canonical  $SU(2)$ -action on  
 $S^4 \simeq S(\mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{H})$

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 \end{array}$$

This orbifold  $S^4/C_n \rightarrow S^4/S^1$   
 happens to be the same as  
 in the near-horizon geometry  
 of the black M5-brane  
 at an A-type singularity  
 Medeiros, Figueroa-O'Farrill 10

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
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hence the

unified M2/M5-cocycle  
is really of this form

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 \end{array}$$

**Theorem** (Fiorenza-Sati-Schreiber 17): Ext has a derived right adjoint

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{SuperHomotopyTypes} & \xleftarrow{\text{Extension}} & \text{SuperHomotopyTypes}_{/BS^1} \\
 & \xrightarrow[\text{Cyclification}]{\perp} & 
 \end{array}$$

given by passing to twisted loop spaces / cyclic cohomology

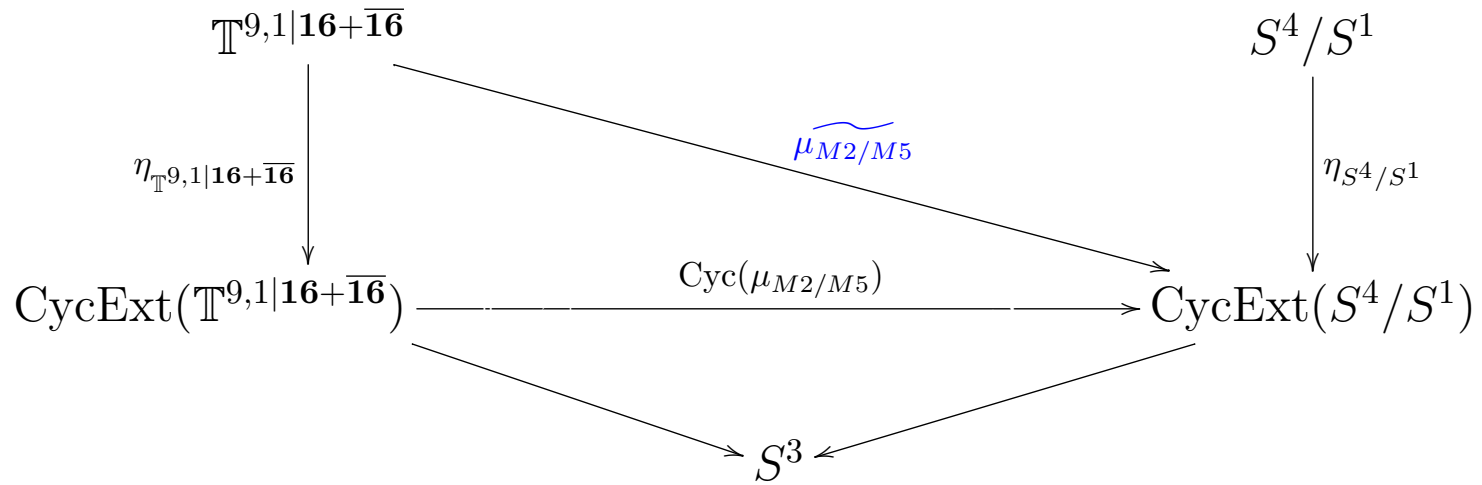


$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{CycExt}(\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}) & \xrightarrow{\text{Cyc}(\mu_{M2/M5})} & \text{CycExt}(S^4/S^1) \\
 & \searrow \mu_{F1} & \swarrow \\
 & S^3 & 
 \end{array}$$

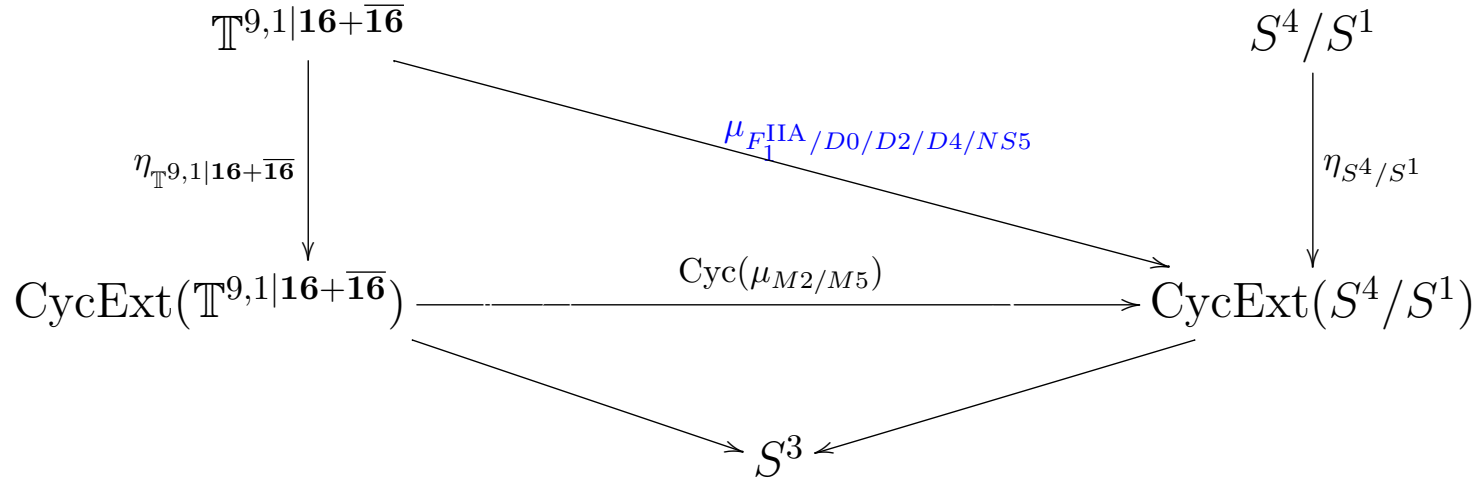
apply the right adjoint

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}} & & S^4/S^1 \\
\downarrow \eta_{\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}} & & \downarrow \eta_{S^4/S^1} \\
\text{CycExt}(\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}) & \xrightarrow{\text{Cyc}(\mu_{M_2/M_5})} & \text{CycExt}(S^4/S^1) \\
& \searrow & \swarrow \\
& S^3 &
\end{array}$$

and compose  
with the adjunction unit

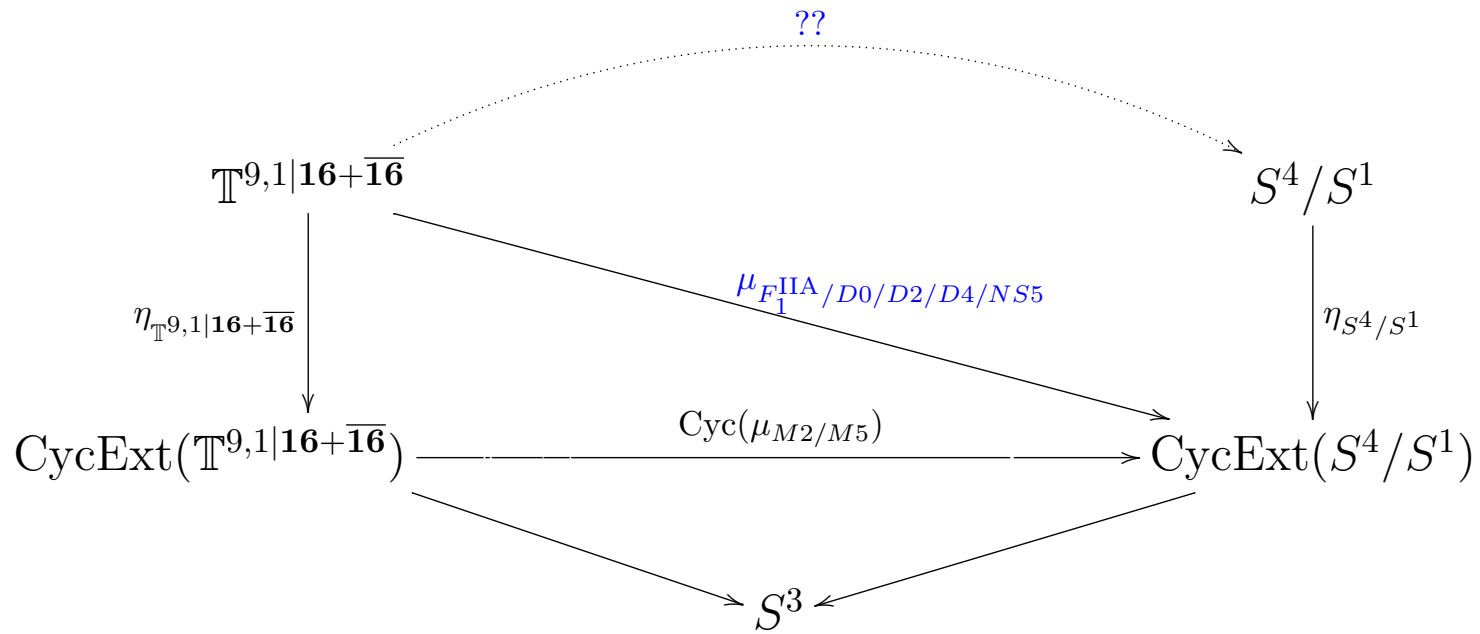


to obtain the  
 Ext  $\dashv$  Cyc-adjunct  
 of the unified M-brane cocycle



**Theorem** (Fiorenza-Sati-Schreiber 17) : This is the Green-Schwarz WZW term of the **double dimensional reduction** of M2/M5 to  $F_1^{\text{IIA}}/D0/D2/D4/NS5$  :

$$\text{dgc-algebra for CycExt}(S^4/S^1): \left\{ \begin{array}{l} dH_3 = 0, \quad dH_7 = F_2 \wedge F_6 - \frac{1}{2}F_4 \wedge F_4 \\ dF_2 = 0, \quad dF_4 = H_3 \wedge F_2, \quad dF_6 = H_3 \wedge F_4 \end{array} \right.$$



This gives rise to two questions:

- 1) Where are the  $D(p \geq 6)$ -branes (gauge enhancement)?
- 2) Is there a dashed lift as above?

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}} & & S^4/S^1 \\
\downarrow \eta_{\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}} & \searrow \mu_{F1/D2/D4/D6/NS5} & \downarrow \eta_{S^4/S^1} \\
\text{CycExt}(\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}) & \xrightarrow{\text{Cyc}(\mu_{M2/M5})} & \text{CycExt}(S^4/S^1) \\
& \searrow & \swarrow \\
& S^3 &
\end{array}$$

let us first make some room...

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}} & & S^4/S^1 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \Omega_{S^3}^\infty \Sigma_{S^3}^\infty(S^4/S^1) \\
\downarrow \eta_{\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}} & \searrow \mu_{F1/D2/D4/D6/NS5} & \downarrow \eta_{S^4/S^1} & & \downarrow \Omega_{S^3}^\infty \Sigma_{S^3}^\infty(\eta_{S^4/S^1}) \\
\text{CycExt}(\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}) & \xrightarrow{\text{Cyc}(\mu_{M2/M5})} & \text{CycExt}(S^4/S^1) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \Omega_{S^3}^\infty \Sigma_{S^3}^\infty \text{CycExt}(S^4/S^1) \\
& \searrow & \searrow & \searrow & \searrow \\
& & S^3 & & S^3
\end{array}$$

consider the Goodwillie-linearized lifting problem:  
form the fiberwise suspension spectrum over  $S^3$   
to obtain an  $S^3$  parameterized spectrum

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}} & & \Omega_{S^3}^\infty \Sigma_{S^3}^\infty (S^4/S^1) \\
\downarrow \eta_{\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}} & & \downarrow \Omega_{S^3}^\infty \Sigma_{S^3}^\infty (\eta_{S^4/S^1}) \\
\text{CycExt}(\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}) & \xrightarrow{\text{Cyc}(\mu_{M_2/M_5})} & \Omega_{S^3}^\infty \Sigma_{S^3}^\infty \text{CycExt}(S^4/S^1) \\
& \searrow & \swarrow \\
& S^3 & 
\end{array}$$



$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}} & & \text{ku}/B^2\mathbb{Z} \hookrightarrow \Omega_{S^3}^\infty \Sigma_{S^3}^\infty(S^4/S^1) \\
\downarrow \eta_{\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}} & & \downarrow \Omega_{S^3}^\infty \Sigma_{S^3}^\infty(\eta_{S^4/S^1}) \\
\text{CycExt}(\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}) & \xrightarrow{\text{Cyc}(\mu_{M_2/M_5})} & \Omega_{S^3}^\infty \Sigma_{S^3}^\infty \text{CycExt}(S^4/S^1) \\
& \searrow & \swarrow \\
& S^3 & 
\end{array}$$

**Theorem** (Roig-Saralegi 00) :

rationaly, a direct summand of  $\Omega_{S^3}^\infty \Sigma_{S^3}^\infty(S^4/S^1)$   
is twisted connective K-theory  $\text{ku}/B^2\mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}} & \xrightarrow{\mu_{F1/Dp}^{\text{IIA}}} & \text{ku}/B^2\mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & \Omega_{S^3}^\infty \Sigma_{S^3}^\infty (S^4/S^1) \\
\downarrow \eta_{\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}} & & & & \downarrow \Omega_{S^3}^\infty \Sigma_{S^3}^\infty (\eta_{S^4/S^1}) \\
\text{CycExt}(\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}) & \xrightarrow{\text{Cyc}(\mu_{M2/M5})} & & \longrightarrow & \Omega_{S^3}^\infty \Sigma_{S^3}^\infty \text{CycExt}(S^4/S^1) \\
& \searrow & & \swarrow & \\
& S^3 & & & 
\end{array}$$

and now there is a lift:  
the unified cocycle of all the type IIA D-branes

dgc-algebra for  $B^3\mathbb{Z} \simeq_{\mathbb{Q}} S^3$ :  $dH_3 = 0$

dg-module for  $\text{ku}/B^2\mathbb{Z}$ :  $dF_{2p+2} = H_3 \wedge F_{2p} \quad p \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\mathbb{T}^{9,1|16+\overline{16}} \xrightarrow{\mu_{F1/Dp}^{IIA}} \mathbf{ku}/B^2\mathbb{Z}$$

Conclusion:

Double dimensional reduction  
of unified M-brane cocycle  
via cyclification  
is unified **IIA-brane cocycle**

$$\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}} \xrightarrow{\mu_{F1/Dp}^{\text{IIA}}} \text{ku}/B^2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \text{KU}/B^2\mathbb{Z}$$

Conclusion:

Double dimensional reduction  
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$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}} & \xrightarrow{(\mu_{F1/Dp}^{\text{IIA}})} & \text{KU}/B^2\mathbb{Z} \\
\parallel & & \\
\text{Ext}_{\text{IIA}}(\mathbb{T}^{8,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}) & & 
\end{array}$$

we repeat the process:

and consider the double dimensional  
reduction of the IIA-cocycle

to 9d super-spacetime  $\mathbb{T}^{8,1|\mathbf{16}+\mathbf{16}}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Cyc}(\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}) & \xrightarrow{\text{Cyc}(\mu_{F_1/D_p}^{\text{IIA}})} & \text{Cyc}(\text{KU}/B^2\mathbb{Z}) \\
\parallel & & \\
\text{CycExt}_{\text{IIA}}(\mathbb{T}^{8,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}) & & 
\end{array}$$

hence apply cyclification

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Cyc}(\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}) & \xrightarrow{\text{Cyc}(\mu_{F_1/D_p}^{\text{IIA}})} & \text{Cyc}(\text{KU}/_{B^2\mathbb{Z}}) \\
\parallel & & \\
\text{CycExt}_{\text{IIA}}(\mathbb{T}^{8,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}) & & \\
\uparrow \eta^{\text{IIA}} & & \\
\mathbb{T}^{8,1|\mathbf{16}+\mathbf{16}} & & 
\end{array}$$

and compose  
with the adjunction unit

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Cyc}(\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}) & \xrightarrow{\text{Cyc}(\mu_{F1/Dp}^{\text{IIA}})} & \text{Cyc}(\text{KU}/B^2\mathbb{Z}) \\
\parallel & & \\
\text{CycExt}_{\text{IIA}}(\mathbb{T}^{8,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}) & & \\
\uparrow \eta^{\text{IIA}} & & \\
\mathbb{T}^{8,1|\mathbf{16}+\mathbf{16}} & \xrightarrow{\widetilde{\mu}_{F1/Dp}^{\text{IIA}}} & 
\end{array}$$

to obtain  
the double dimensional reduction



$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Cyc}(\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}) & \xrightarrow{\text{Cyc}(\mu_{F1/Dp}^{\text{IIA}})} & \text{Cyc}(\text{KU}/B^2\mathbb{Z}) \\
\parallel & & \nearrow \\
\text{CycExt}_{\text{IIA}}(\mathbb{T}^{8,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}) & & \widetilde{\mu_{F1/Dp}^{\text{IIA}}} \\
\uparrow \eta^{\text{IIA}} & & \\
\mathbb{T}^{8,1|\mathbf{16}+\mathbf{16}} & & \\
\text{Ext}_{\text{IIB}}(\mathbb{T}^{8,1|\mathbf{16}+\mathbf{16}}) & & \\
\parallel & & \\
\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\mathbf{16}} & &
\end{array}$$

but there was also  
the **type IIB** extension

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Cyc}(\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}) & \xrightarrow{\text{Cyc}(\mu_{F1/Dp}^{\text{IIA}})} & \text{Cyc}(\text{KU}/B^2\mathbb{Z}) \\
\parallel & & \nearrow \\
\text{CycExt}_{\text{IIA}}(\mathbb{T}^{8,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}) & & \mu_{F1/Dp}^{\text{IIA}} \\
\uparrow \eta^{\text{IIA}} & & \\
\mathbb{T}^{8,1|\mathbf{16}+\mathbf{16}} & & \\
\text{Ext}_{\text{IIB}}(\mathbb{T}^{8,1|\mathbf{16}+\mathbf{16}}) & & \\
\parallel & & \\
\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\mathbf{16}} & \xrightarrow{\mu} & ( \quad )
\end{array}$$

whatever cocycle it carries

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Cyc}(\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}) & \xrightarrow{\text{Cyc}(\mu_{F1/Dp}^{\text{IIA}})} & \text{Cyc}(\text{KU}/B^2\mathbb{Z}) \\
\parallel & & \nearrow \\
\text{CycExt}_{\text{IIA}}(\mathbb{T}^{8,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}) & & \widetilde{\mu}_{F1/Dp}^{\text{IIA}} \\
\uparrow \eta^{\text{IIA}} & & \\
\mathbb{T}^{8,1|\mathbf{16}+\mathbf{16}} & & \\
\downarrow \eta^{\text{IIB}} & & \searrow \widetilde{\mu} \\
\text{CycExt}_{\text{IIB}}(\mathbb{T}^{8,1|\mathbf{16}+\mathbf{16}}) & & \\
\parallel & & \\
\text{Cyc}(\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\mathbf{16}}) & \xrightarrow{\text{Cyc}(\mu)} & \text{Cyc}(\quad)
\end{array}$$

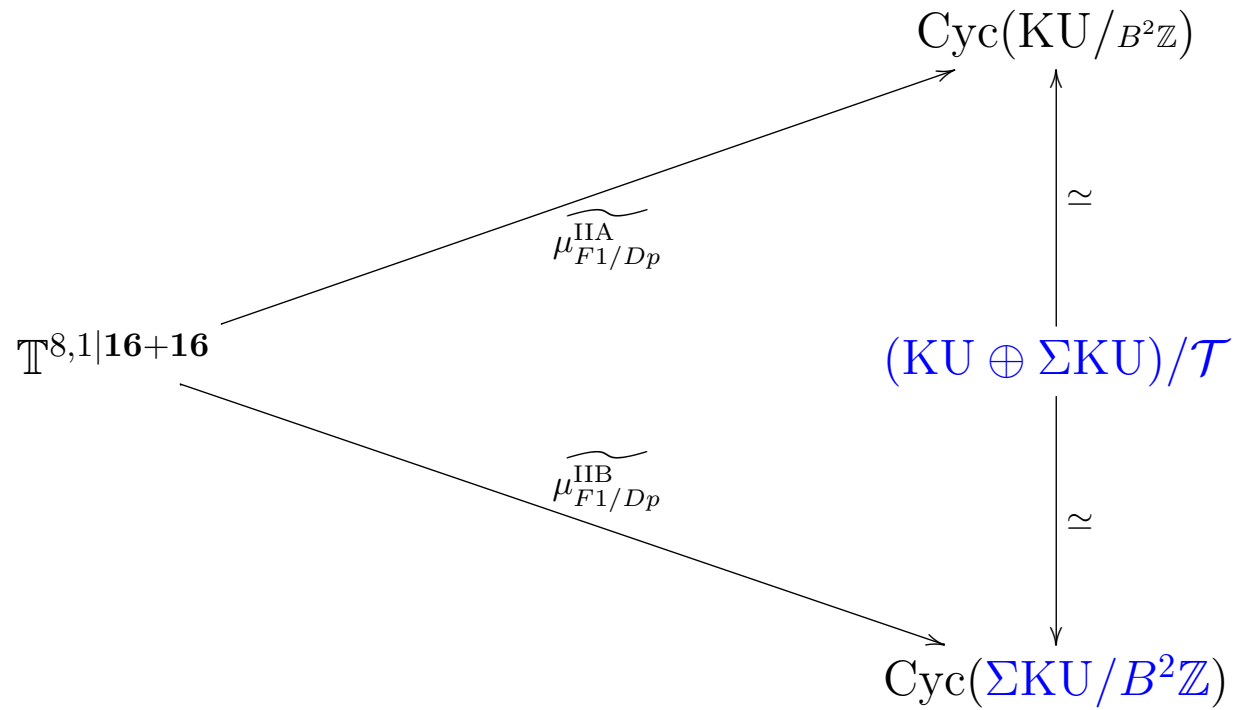
has itself a double dimensional reduction

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Cyc}(\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}) & \xrightarrow{\text{Cyc}(\mu_{F1/Dp}^{\text{IIA}})} & \text{Cyc}(\text{KU}/B^2\mathbb{Z}) \\
\parallel & & \uparrow \simeq \\
\text{CycExt}_{\text{IIA}}(\mathbb{T}^{8,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}) & & \\
\uparrow \eta^{\text{IIA}} & \nearrow \widetilde{\mu}_{F1/Dp}^{\text{IIA}} & \\
\mathbb{T}^{8,1|\mathbf{16}+\mathbf{16}} & & \\
\downarrow \eta^{\text{IIB}} & \searrow \widetilde{\mu} & \\
\text{CycExt}_{\text{IIB}}(\mathbb{T}^{8,1|\mathbf{16}+\mathbf{16}}) & & \downarrow \simeq \\
\parallel & & \\
\text{Cyc}(\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\mathbf{16}}) & \xrightarrow{\text{Cyc}(\mu)} & \text{Cyc}(\quad)
\end{array}$$

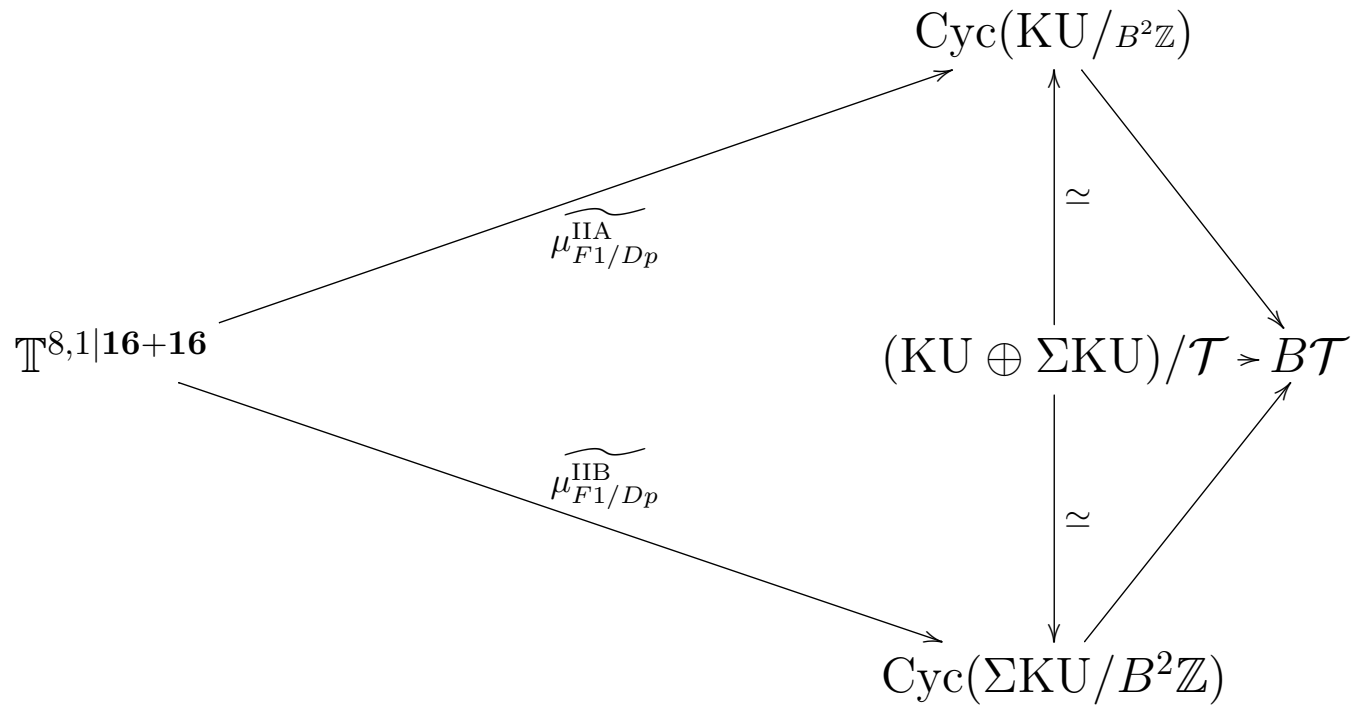
by adjunction  
this defines  $\mu$   
in terms of  $\mu^{\text{IIA}}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Cyc}(\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}) & \xrightarrow{\text{Cyc}(\mu_{F1/Dp}^{\text{IIA}})} & \text{Cyc}(\text{KU}/B^2\mathbb{Z}) \\
\parallel & & \uparrow \simeq \\
\text{CycExt}_{\text{IIA}}(\mathbb{T}^{8,1|\mathbf{16}+\overline{\mathbf{16}}}) & & \\
\uparrow \eta^{\text{IIA}} & \nearrow \widetilde{\mu}_{F1/Dp}^{\text{IIA}} & \\
\mathbb{T}^{8,1|\mathbf{16}+\mathbf{16}} & & (\text{KU} \oplus \Sigma\text{KU})/\mathcal{T} \\
\downarrow \eta^{\text{IIB}} & \searrow \widetilde{\mu}_{F1/Dp}^{\text{IIB}} & \downarrow \simeq \\
\text{CycExt}_{\text{IIB}}(\mathbb{T}^{8,1|\mathbf{16}+\mathbf{16}}) & & \\
\parallel & & \\
\text{Cyc}(\mathbb{T}^{9,1|\mathbf{16}+\mathbf{16}}) & \xrightarrow{\text{Cyc}(\mu_{F1/Dp}^{\text{IIB}})} & \text{Cyc}(\Sigma\text{KU}/B^2\mathbb{Z})
\end{array}$$

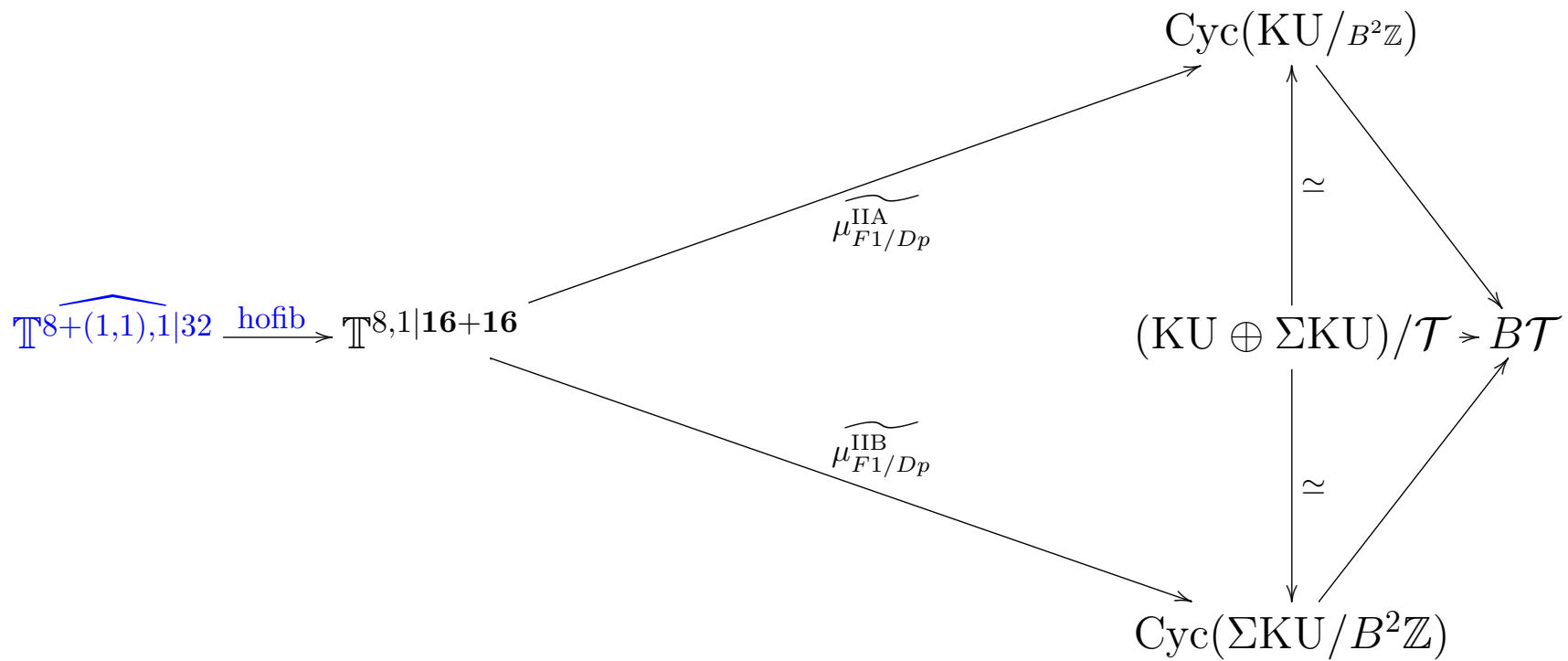
**Theorem A:** (Fiorenza-Sati-Schreiber 17):  
This is the cocycle in twisted  $K^1$   
for the F1/Dp-branes in type IIB



**Theorem B:** (Fiorenza-Sati-Schreiber 17):  
 The commutativity of this diagram is equivalently  
 the **Buscher rules for the RR-fields**  
 (Hori 99)

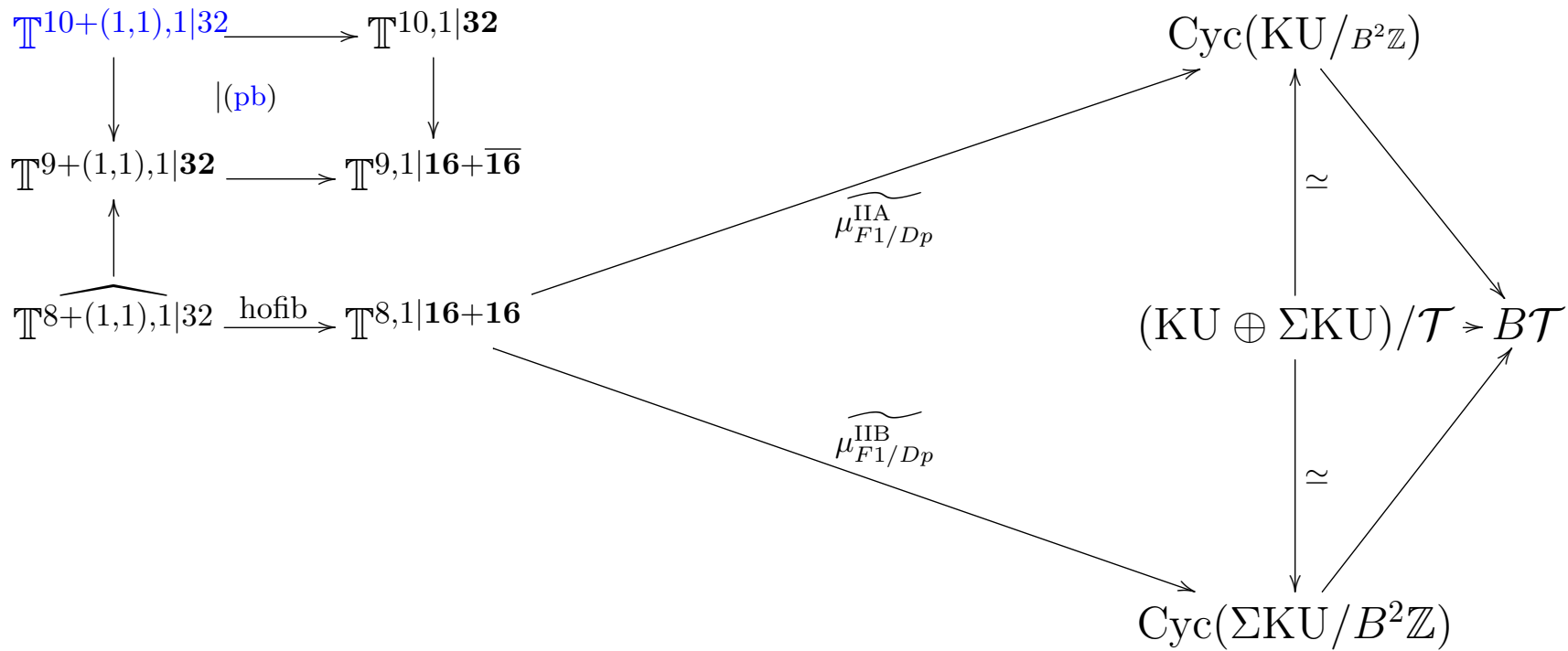


**Theorem C:** (Fiorenza-Sati-Schreiber 17):  
 The commutativity of this diagram is equivalently  
 the rules of “**topological T-duality**”  
 ( Bouwknegt-Evslin-Mathai 04, Bunke-Rumpf-Schick 08 )  
 rationally



**Theorem D:** (Fiorenza-Sati-Schreiber 17):  
 The homotopy fiber  
 is the **doubled**  
**generalized geometry**  
 10d super-spacetime





**Theorem E:** (Fiorenza-Sati-Schreiber 17):  
 The homotopy pullback  
 of type II doubled super-spacetime  
 back to 11d super-spacetime  
 is the local model for an **F-theory fibration**

## **Conclusion:**

A fair bit of  
the expected structure of [M-theory](#)  
[emerges](#) out of the superpoint  
in rational super-homotopy theory.

## **Evident Conjecture:**

The full theory emerges  
once passing beyond the rational approximation  
in [full super-geometric homotopy](#) theory.  
(arXiv:1310.7930).

# Epilogue

In full super-geometric homotopy theory  
the superpoint  $\mathbb{R}^{0|1}$  itself  
emerges from  $\emptyset$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \text{id} & \dashv & \text{id} & & & & \\
 \vee & & \vee & & & & \\
 \rightrightarrows & \dashv & \rightsquigarrow & \dashv & \boxed{\mathbb{R}^{0|1}} & & \\
 & & \vee & & \vee & & \\
 & & \mathfrak{R} & \dashv & \boxed{\mathbb{D}} & \dashv & \text{Et} \\
 & & & & \vee & & \vee \\
 & & & & \boxed{\mathbb{R}} & \dashv & \mathfrak{b} & \dashv & \sharp \\
 & & & & & & \vee & & \vee \\
 & & & & & & \emptyset & \dashv & *
 \end{array}$$

(Schreiber 16, FOMUS proceedings)