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Gaillard-Zumino non-invertible symmetries

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DUALITY ROTATIONS FOR INTERACTING FIELDS[★]

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We study the properties of interacting field theories which are invariant under duality rotations which transform a vector field strength into its dual. We consider non-abelian duality groups and find that the largest group for n interacting field strengths is the non-compact $Sp(2n, R)$, which has $U(n)$ as its maximal compact subgroup. We show that invariance of the equations of motion requires that the lagrangian change in a particular way under duality. We use this property to demonstrate the existence of conserved currents, the invariance of the energy-momentum tensor and the S -matrix, and also in the general construction of the lagrangian. Finally



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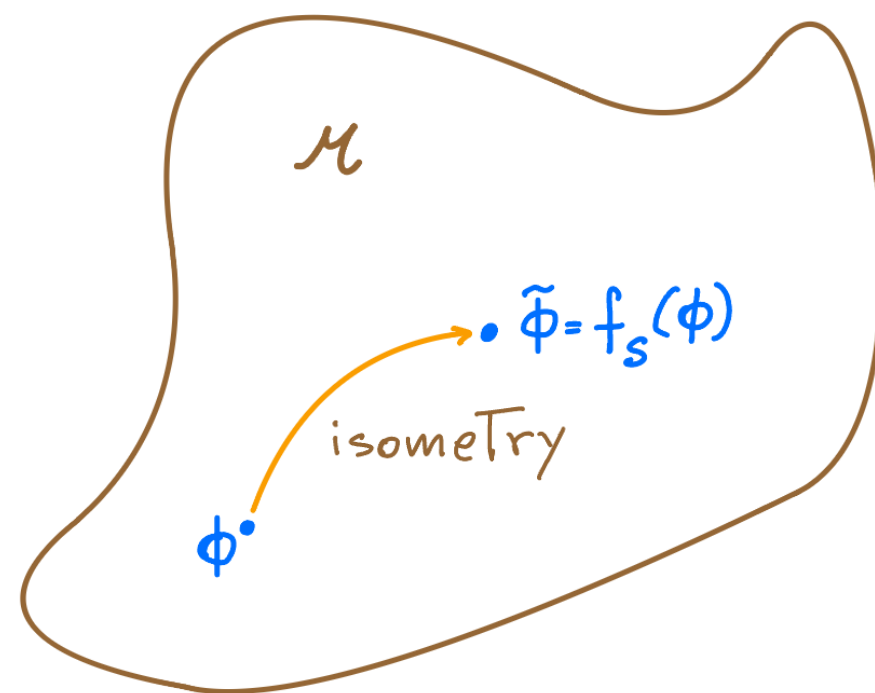
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$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$$

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📌 ... and several other extended supergravities! [Cremmer-Julia '79, ...]



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Non-invertible symmetries

reviews : [McGreevy, Gomes, Schafer-Nameki, Brennan-Hong, Bhardwaj-Bottini-Fraser-Taliente-Gladden-Gould-Platschorre-Tillim, Shao, Luo-Wang-Wang, Carqueville-Del Zotto-Runkel, Córdova, Del Zotto, Freed, Jordan, Ohmori, ...]

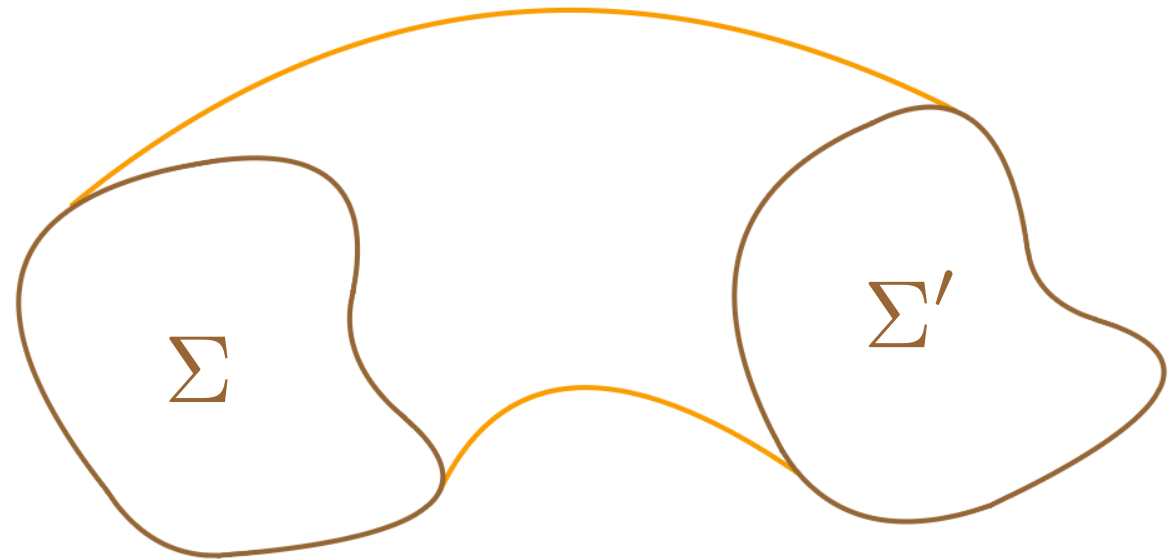
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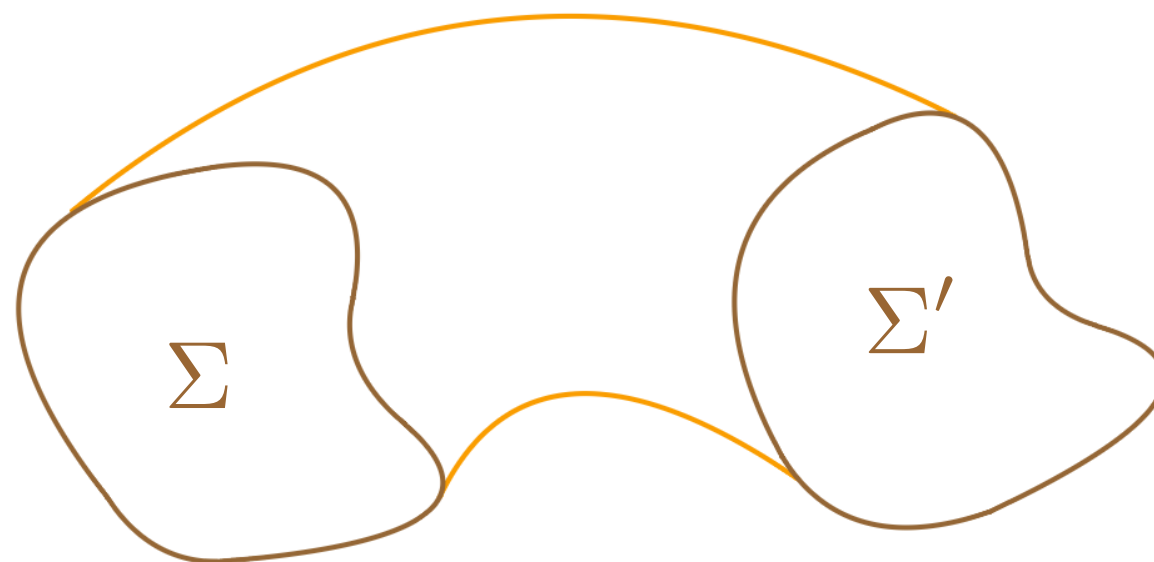
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📌 One may impose: $\mathcal{D}_g(\Sigma) \times \mathcal{D}_{g'}(\Sigma) = \mathcal{D}_{gg'}(\Sigma)$ $g, g' \in \mathcal{G}$

fusion product $\sim$ group law $\rightarrow$ invertible!

📌 But **topological defects** may

- * support **world-volume** degrees of freedom

- * obey more general fusion rules:

$$\mathcal{D}_a(\Sigma) \times \mathcal{D}_b(\Sigma) = \sum_c \mathcal{T}_c(\Sigma) \otimes \mathcal{D}_c(\Sigma)$$

↘ decoupled TQFTs

- * $\nexists \mathcal{D}'(\Sigma)$ such that $\mathcal{D}(\Sigma) \times \mathcal{D}'(\Sigma) = \mathbb{1}$

non-invertible!

📌 They still give **non-trivial constraints and selection rules!**

📌 In GZ models, we argue that

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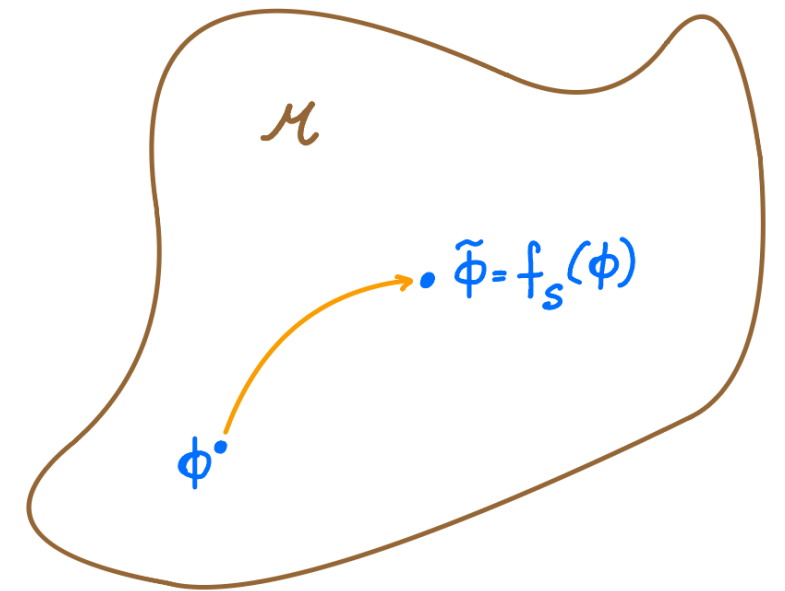
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GZ non-invertible
topological defects

📌 GZ Lagrangians are **not** invariant, but is a specific way

GZ-condition

$$\mathcal{L}(F, f_S(\phi)) = \mathcal{L}_S(F, \phi)$$



with $\mathcal{L}_S$ such that

$$\mathcal{L}_S(\tilde{F}, \phi) - \frac{1}{4\pi} \tilde{F}^I \wedge \tilde{G}_I = \mathcal{L}(F, \phi) - \frac{1}{4\pi} F^I \wedge G_I$$

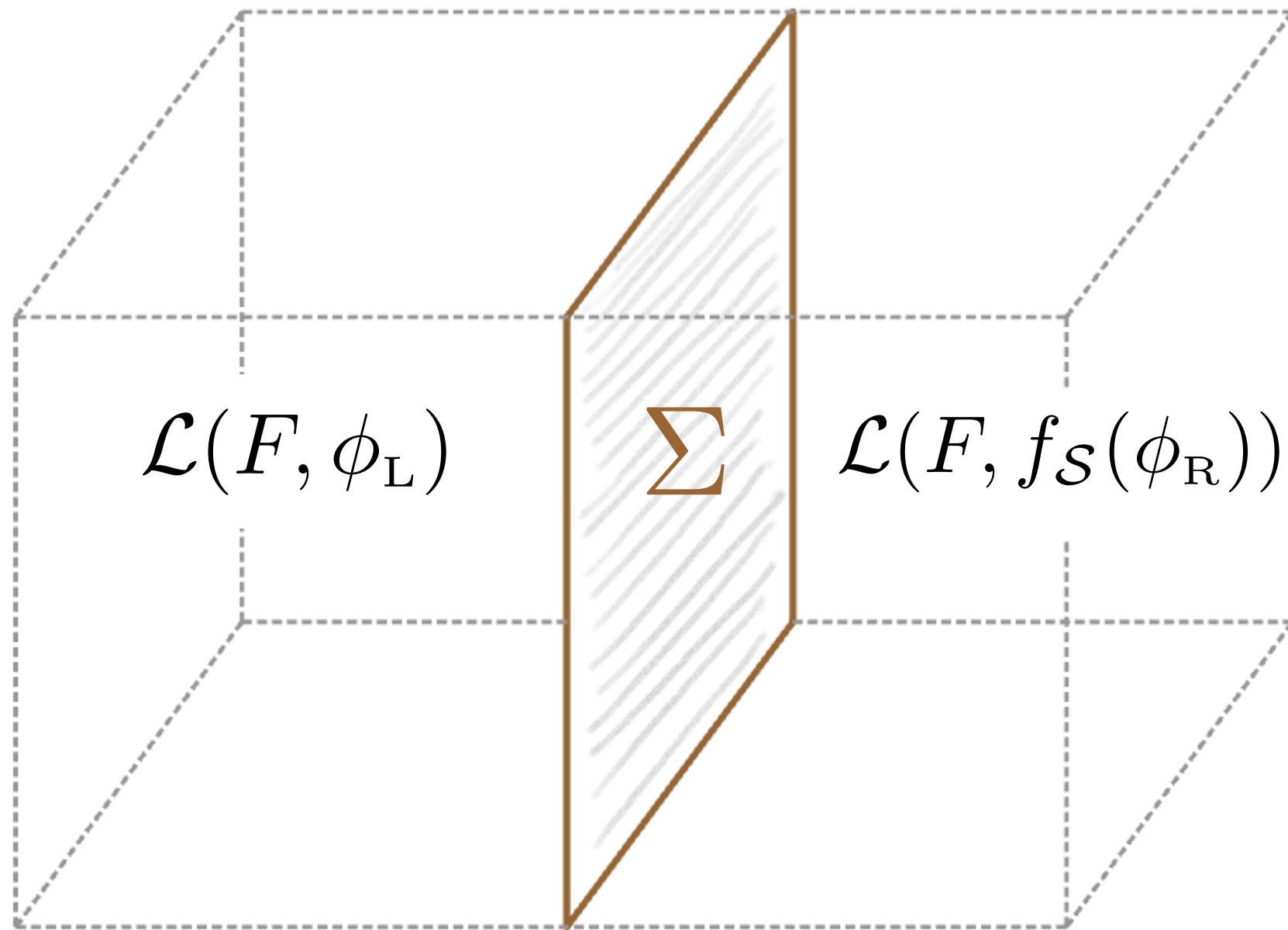
$$\text{with } \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{F} \\ \tilde{G} \end{pmatrix} = S \cdot \begin{pmatrix} F \\ G \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{G}_I = 2\pi \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_S(\tilde{F}, \phi)}{\partial \tilde{F}^I}$$

$\text{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{R})$
reparametrization

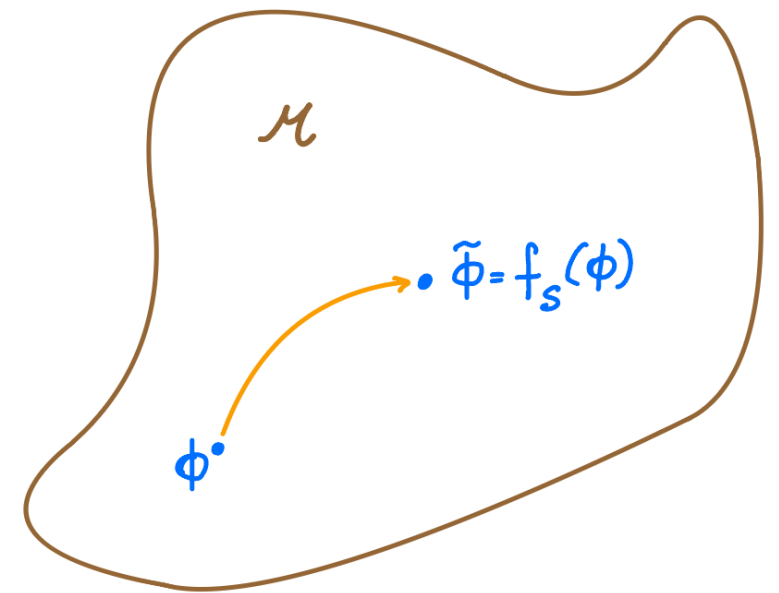
physically equivalent only if $S \in \text{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{Z})!$

📌 If $\mathcal{S} \in \mathcal{G}$, we can construct invertible defect

$$\mathcal{U}_{\mathcal{S}}(\Sigma) = \exp\left(i \oint_{\Sigma} \gamma_3\right)$$



$$\phi_{\text{L}}^i = f_{\mathcal{S}}^i(\phi_{\text{R}})$$



$$\mathcal{L}(F, f_{\mathcal{S}}(\phi_{\text{R}})) = \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{S}}(F, \phi_{\text{R}})$$

$$\neq \mathcal{L}(F, \phi_{\text{R}})$$

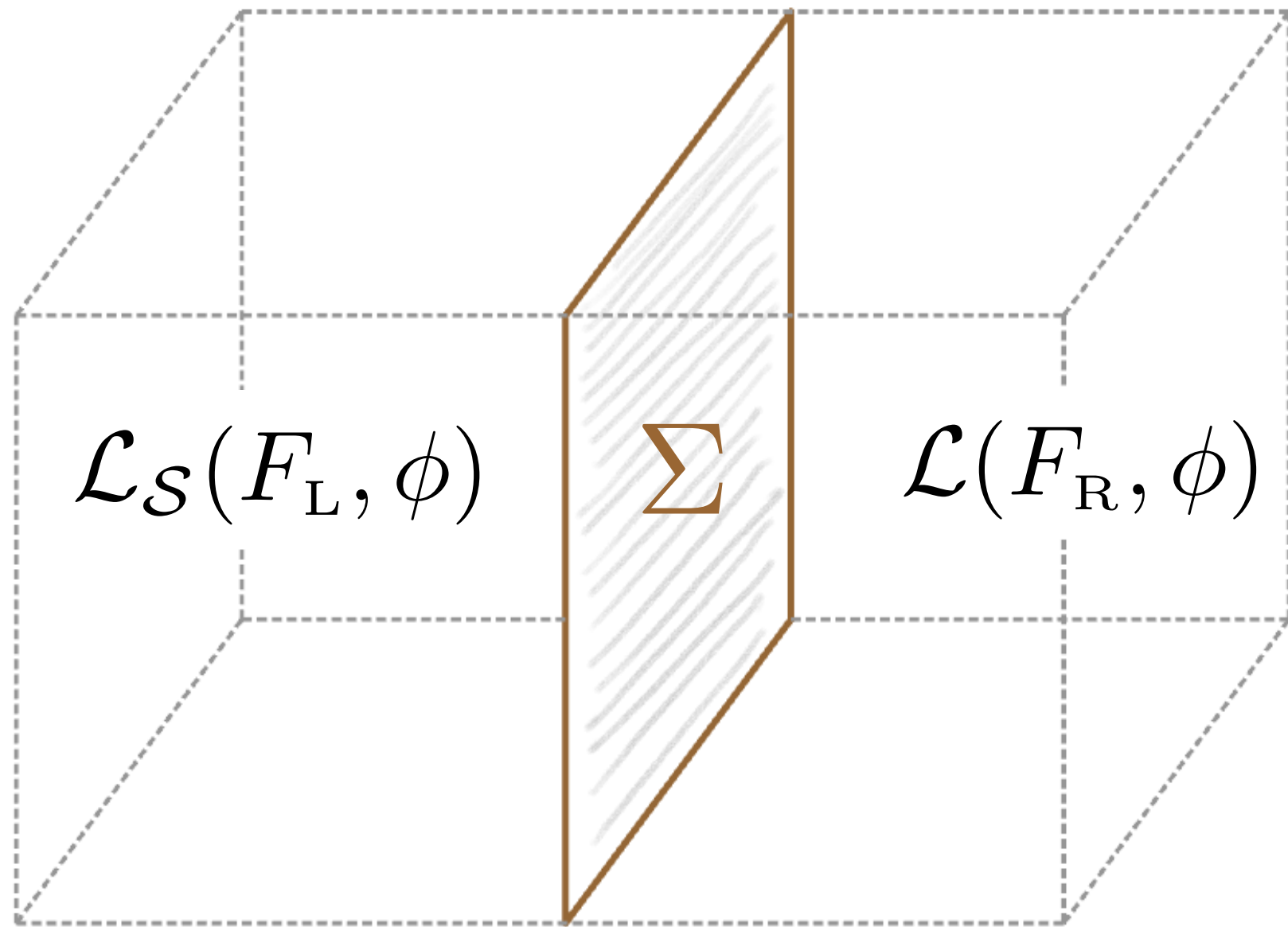
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If $\mathcal{S} \in \text{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{Q})$, well defined interface $\rightsquigarrow$ see later



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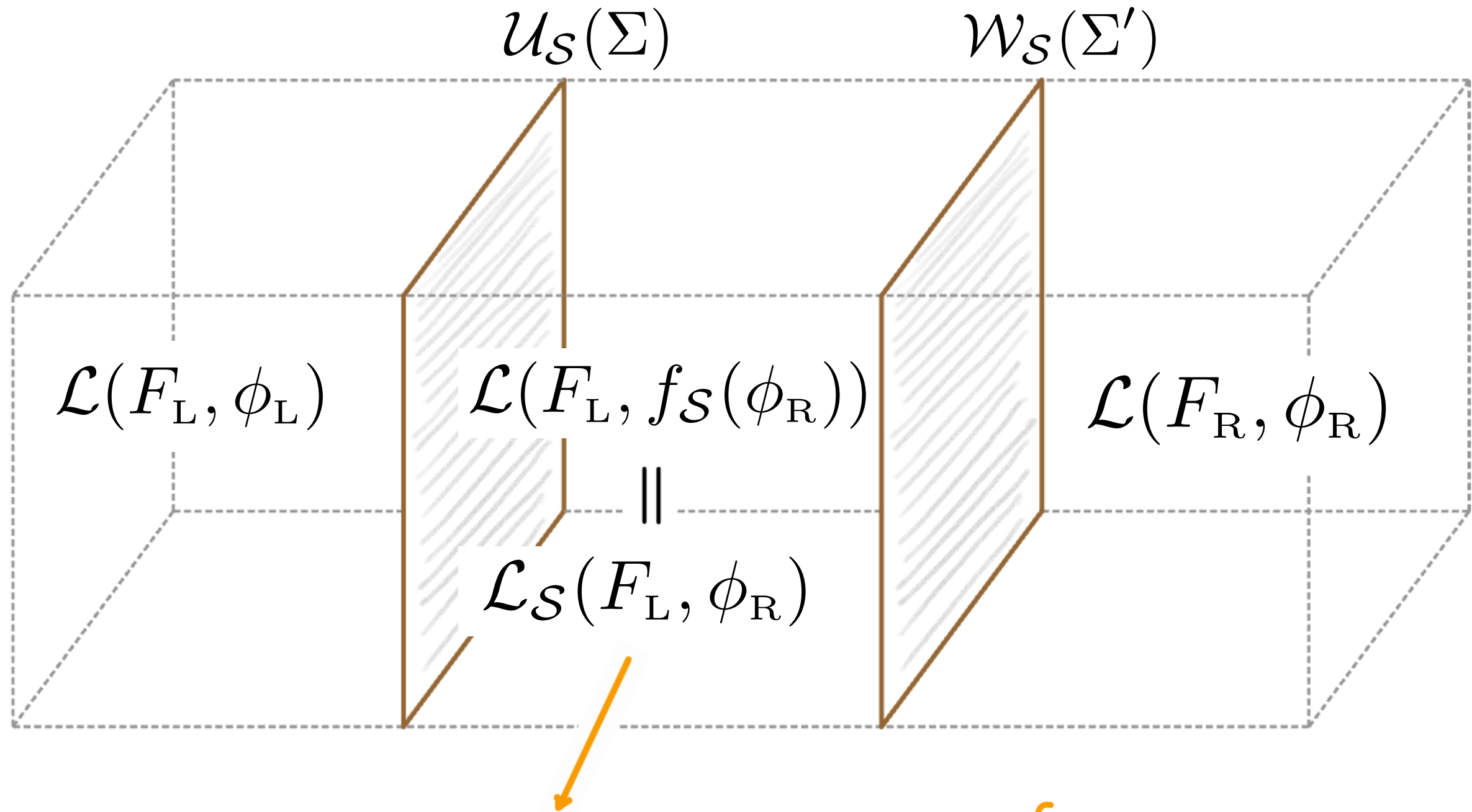
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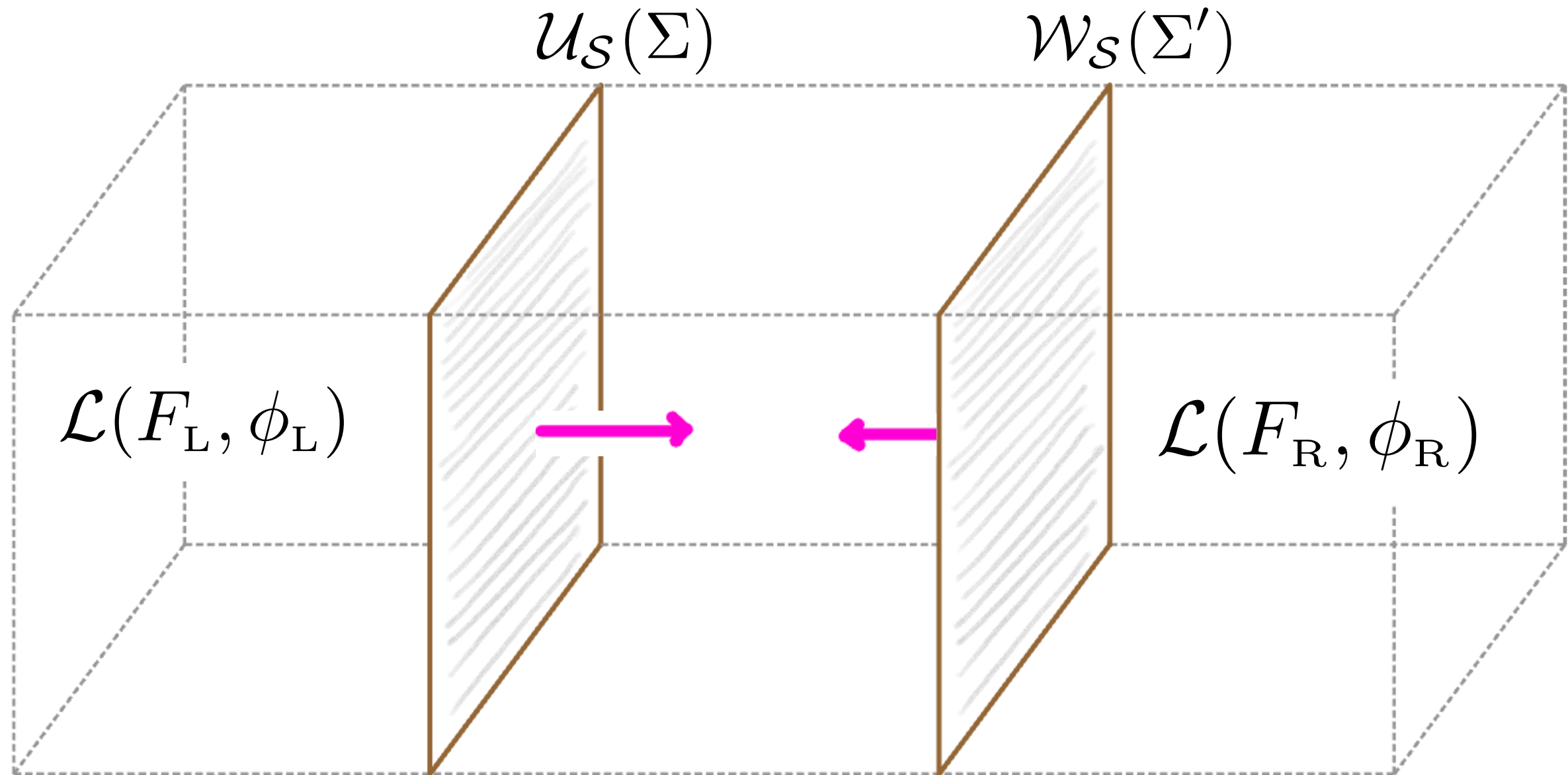
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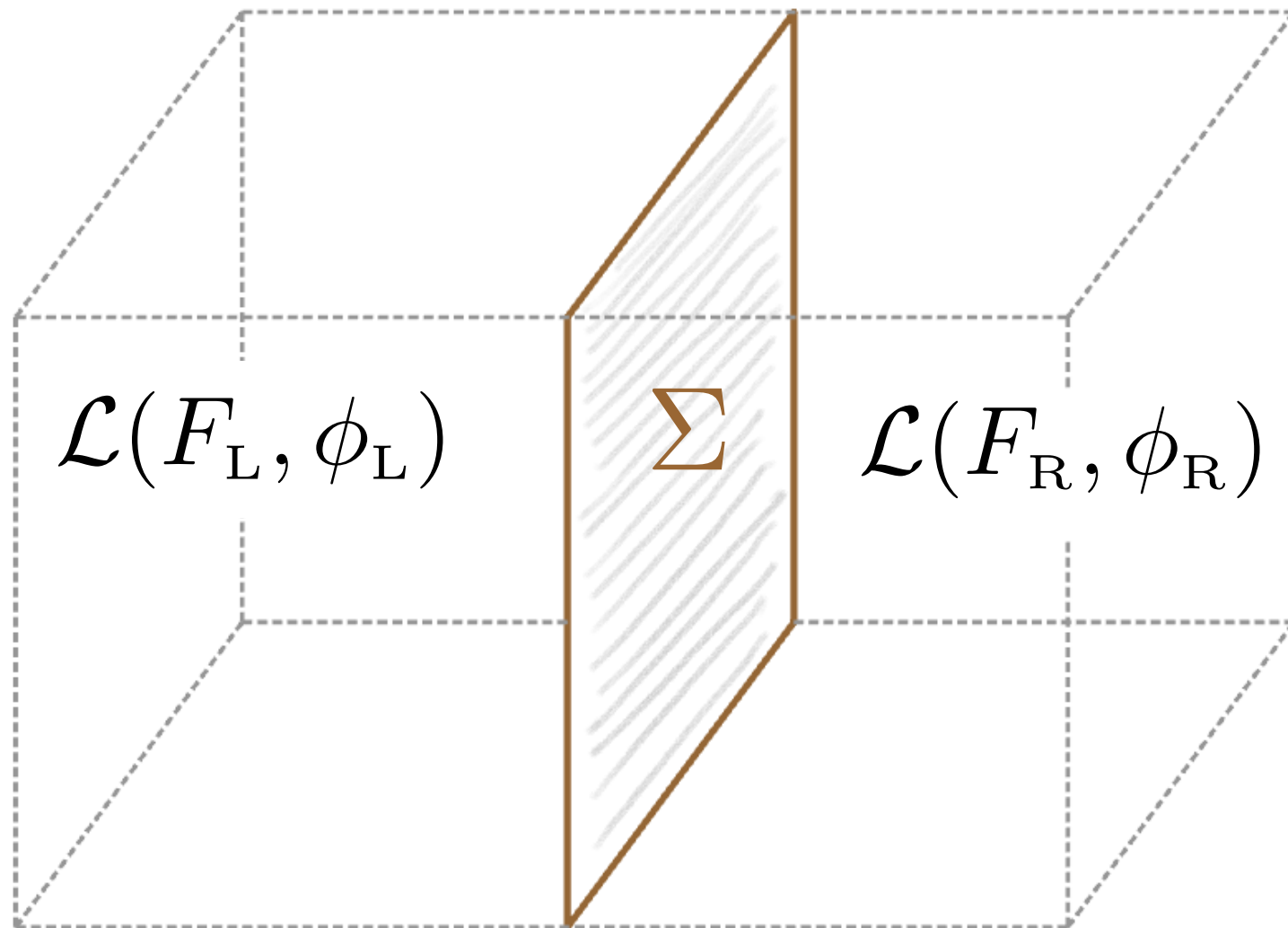
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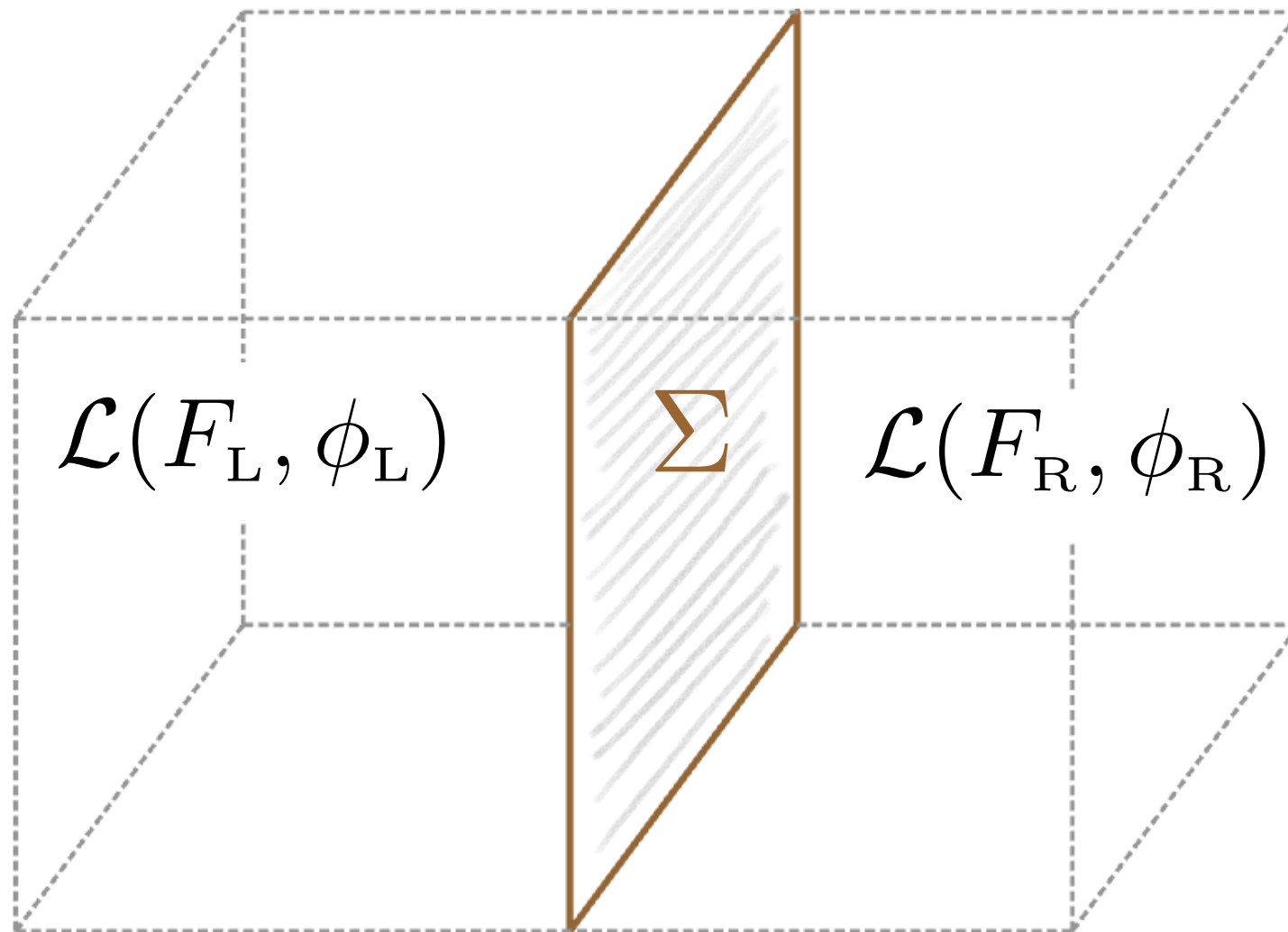
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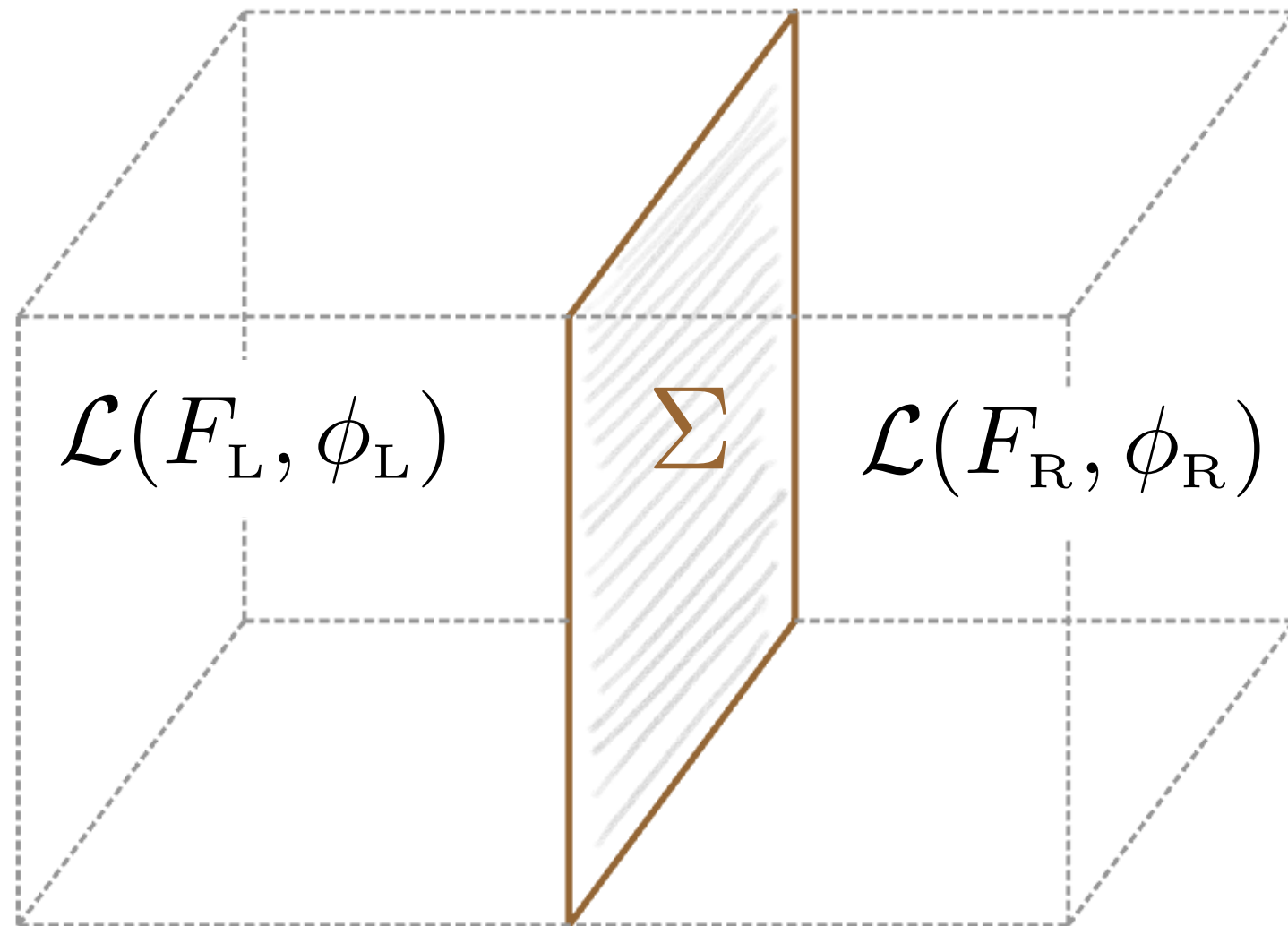
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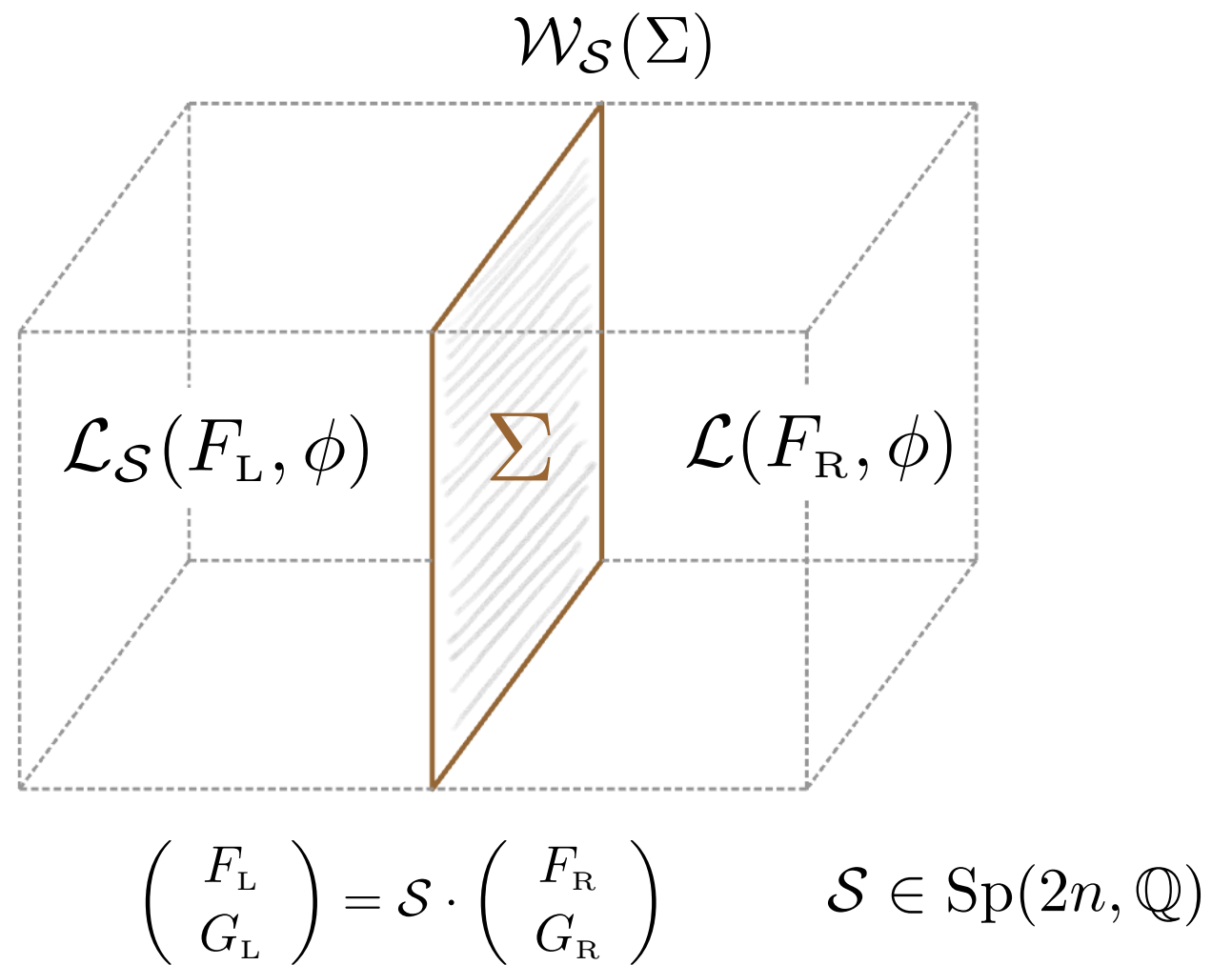
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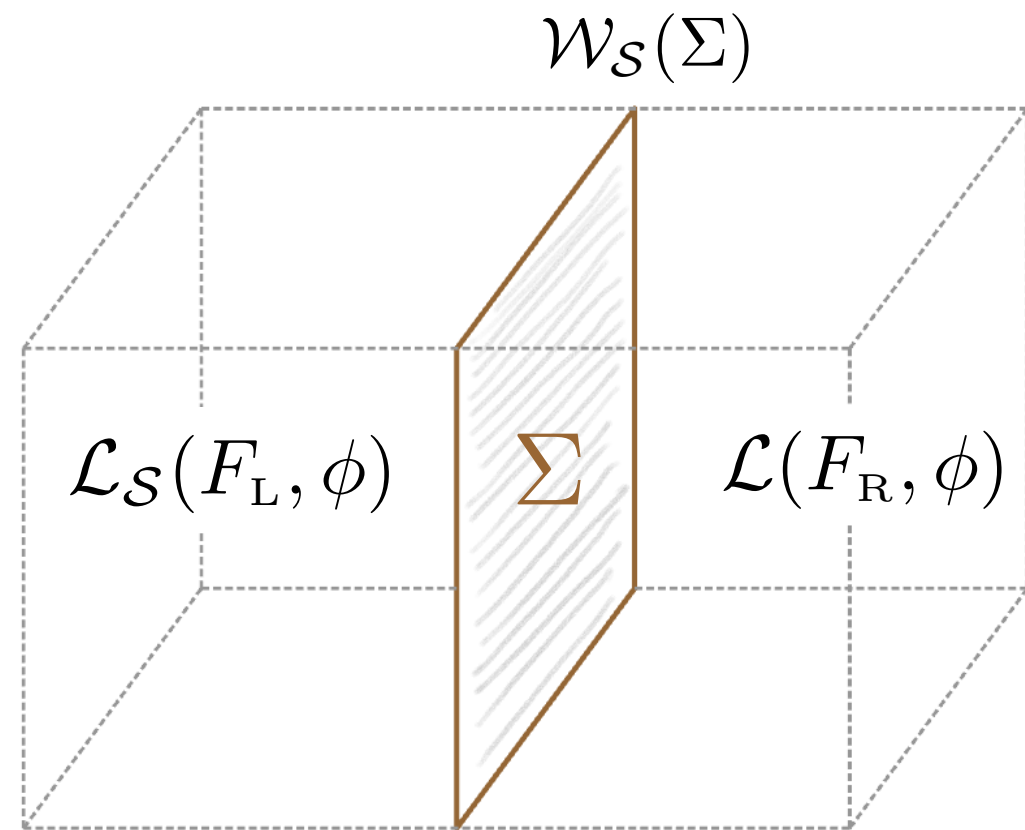
(non-invertible)
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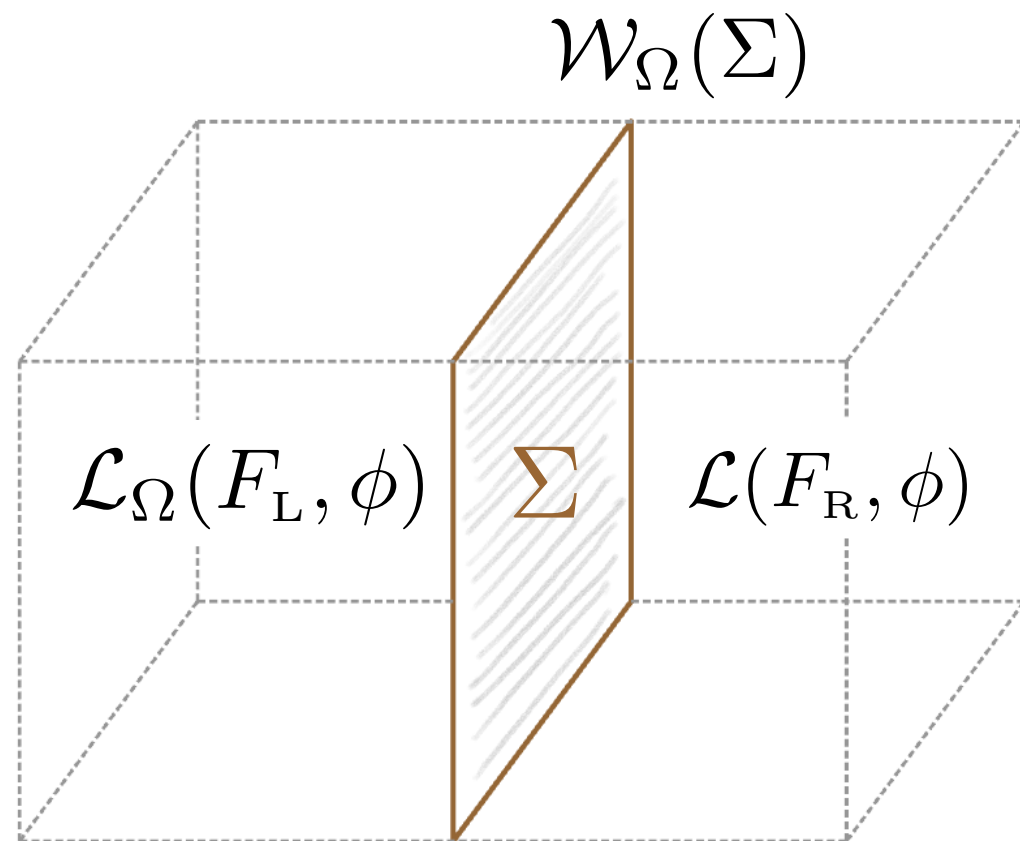
📌 We can focus on generators of $\text{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{Q})$

$$S_\Omega = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbb{1} \\ -\mathbb{1} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad , \quad S_A = \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & A^{-1t} \end{pmatrix} \quad , \quad S_C = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{1} & 0 \\ C & \mathbb{1} \end{pmatrix}$$

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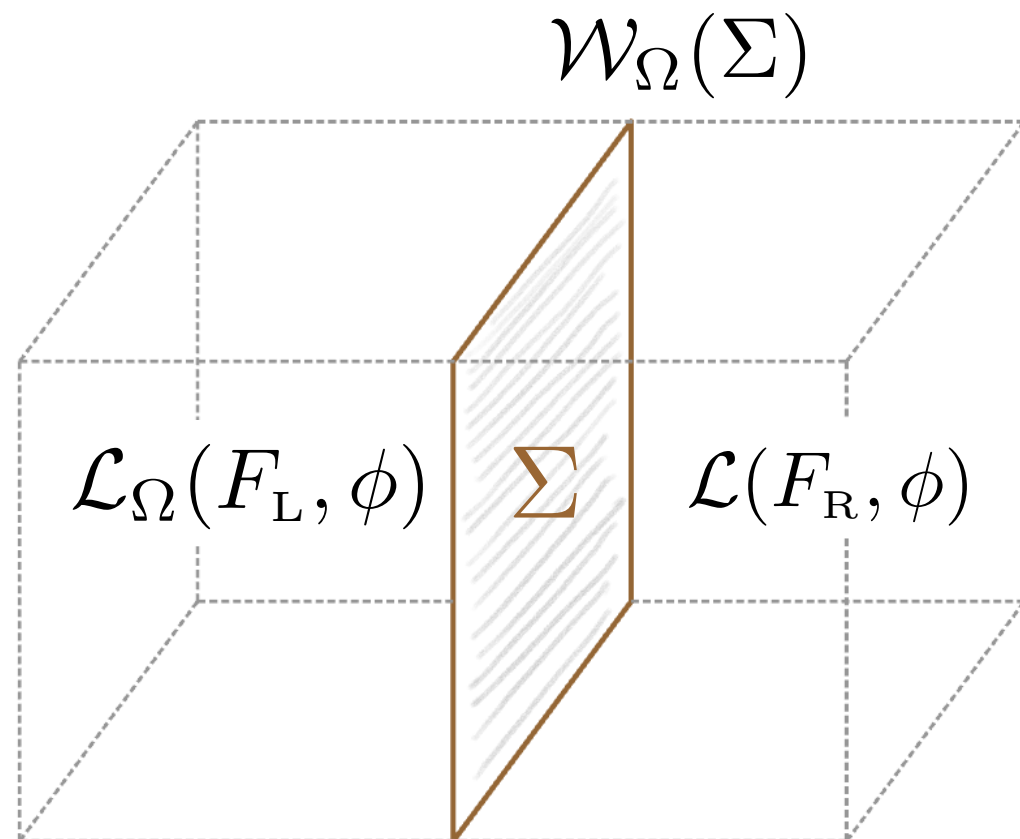
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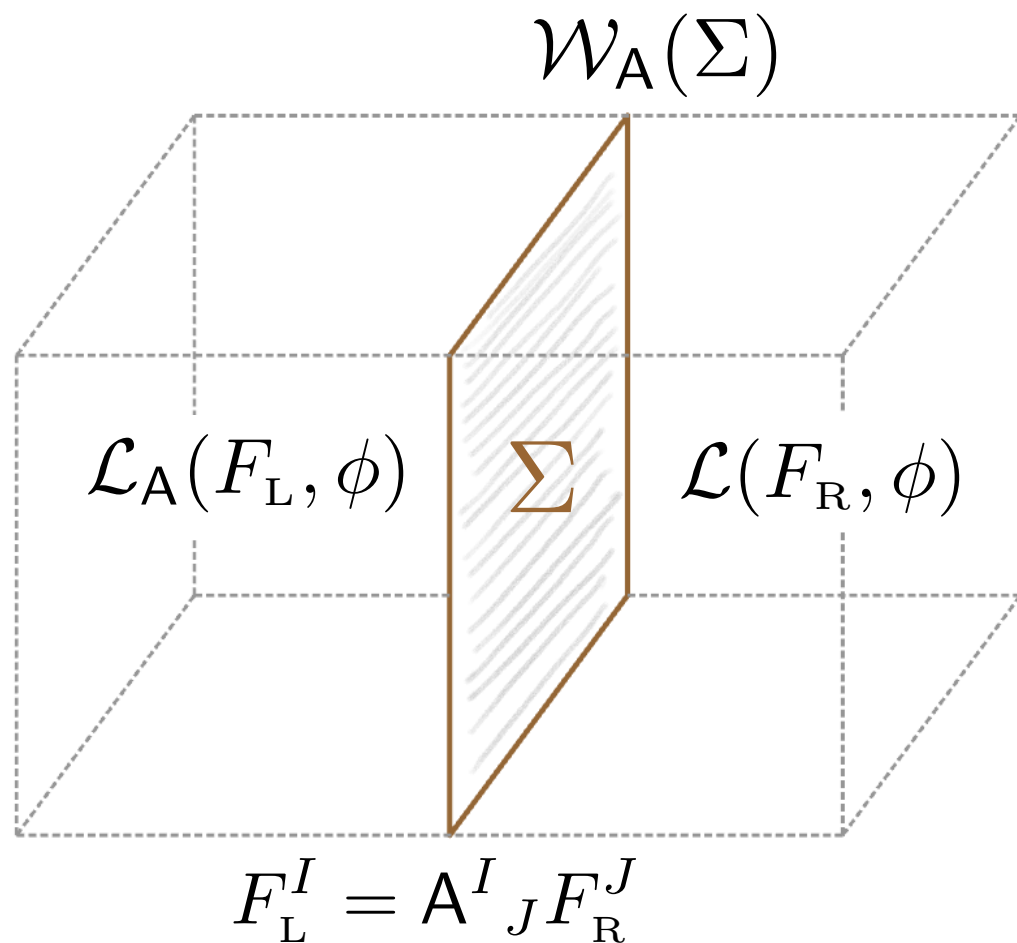
$$\mathcal{W}_\Omega(\Sigma) = \exp \left(\frac{i}{2\pi} \delta_{IJ} \oint_\Sigma A_L^I \wedge F_R^J \right)$$

[Ganor '96,
Gaiotto-Witten '08,
Kapustin-Tikhonov '09]

(S-duality wall)

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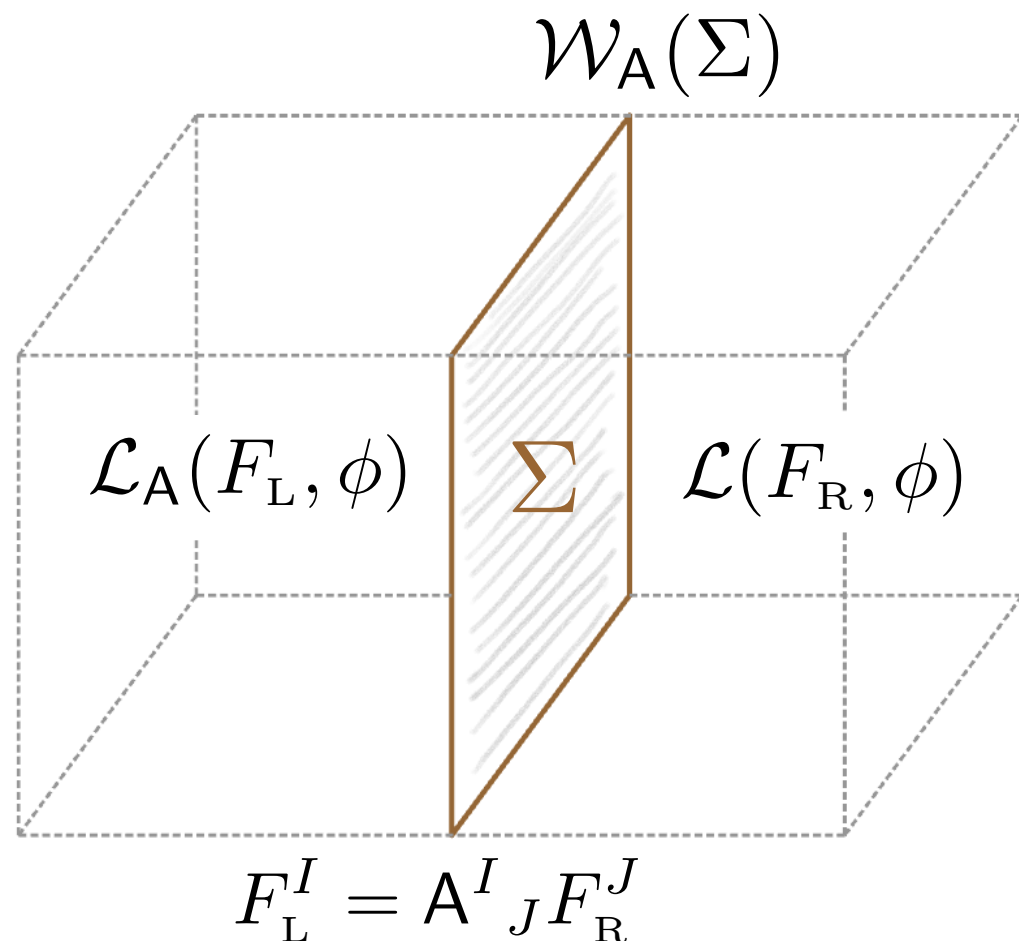


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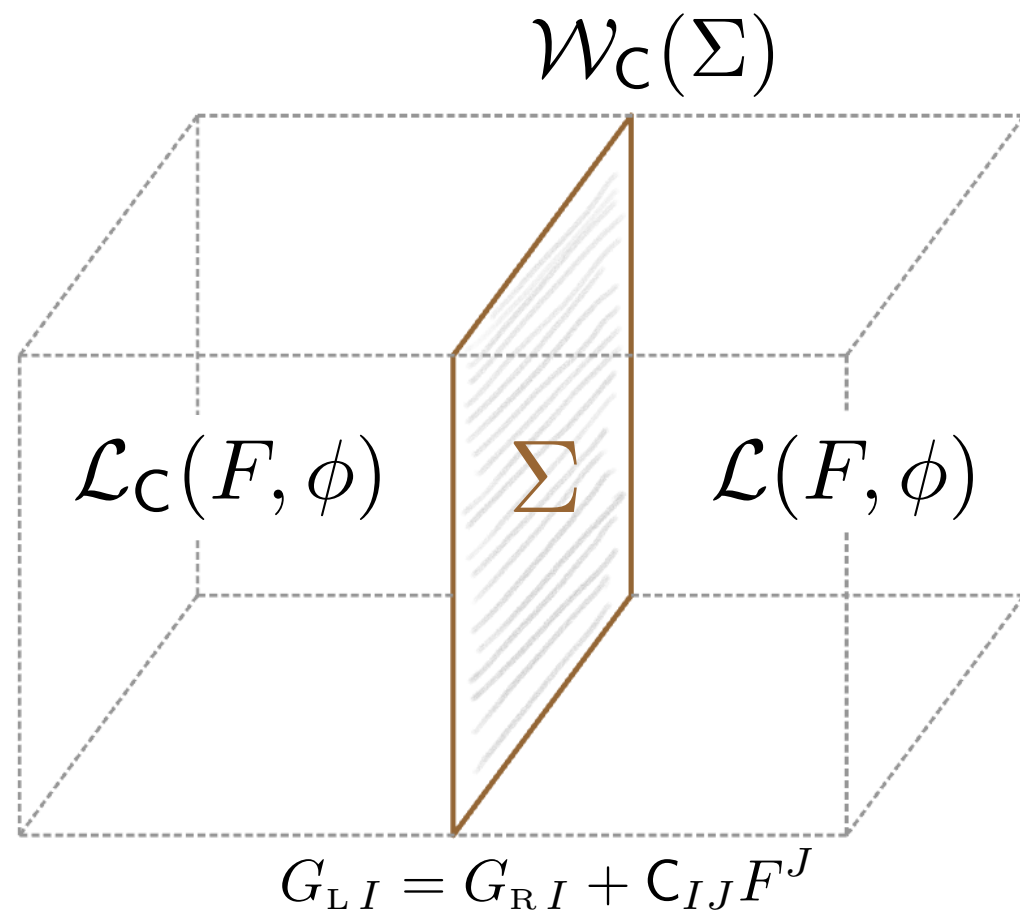
$$A = M^{-1}E, \quad M, E \in \text{Mat}(n, \mathbb{Z})$$

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see also
[Córdova-Ohmori '23]
for $n=1$

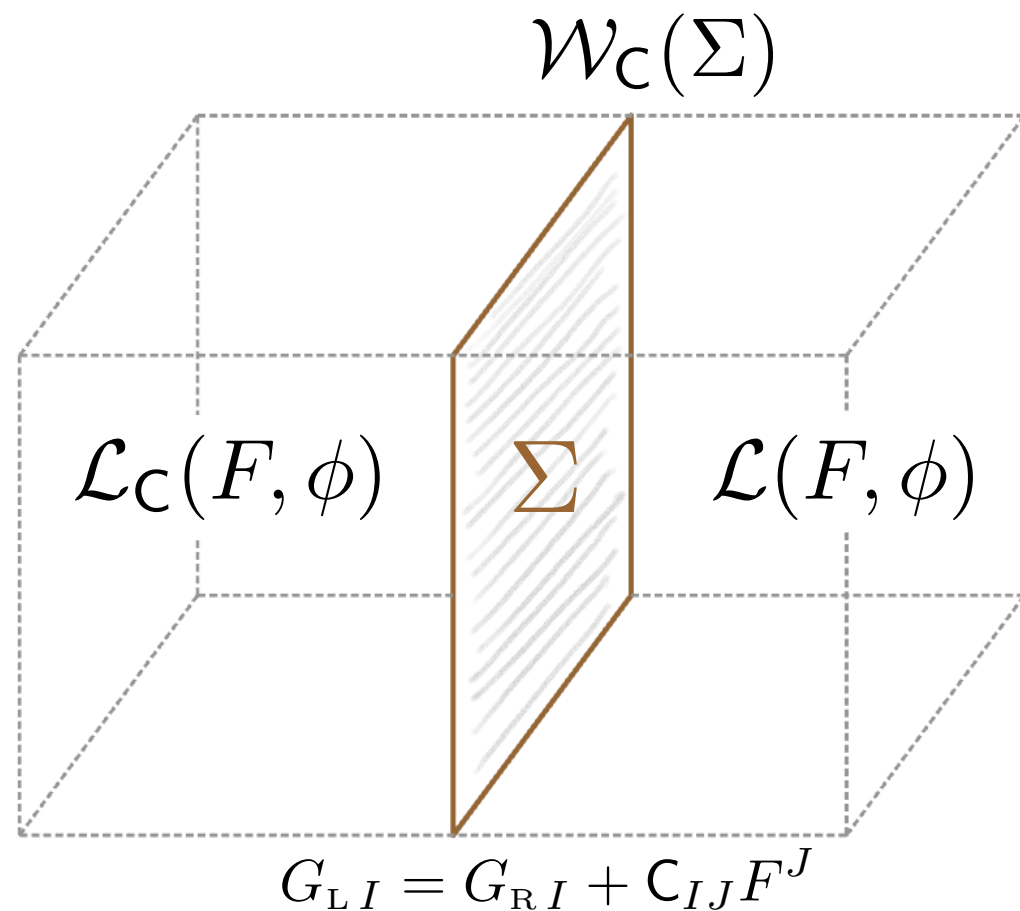
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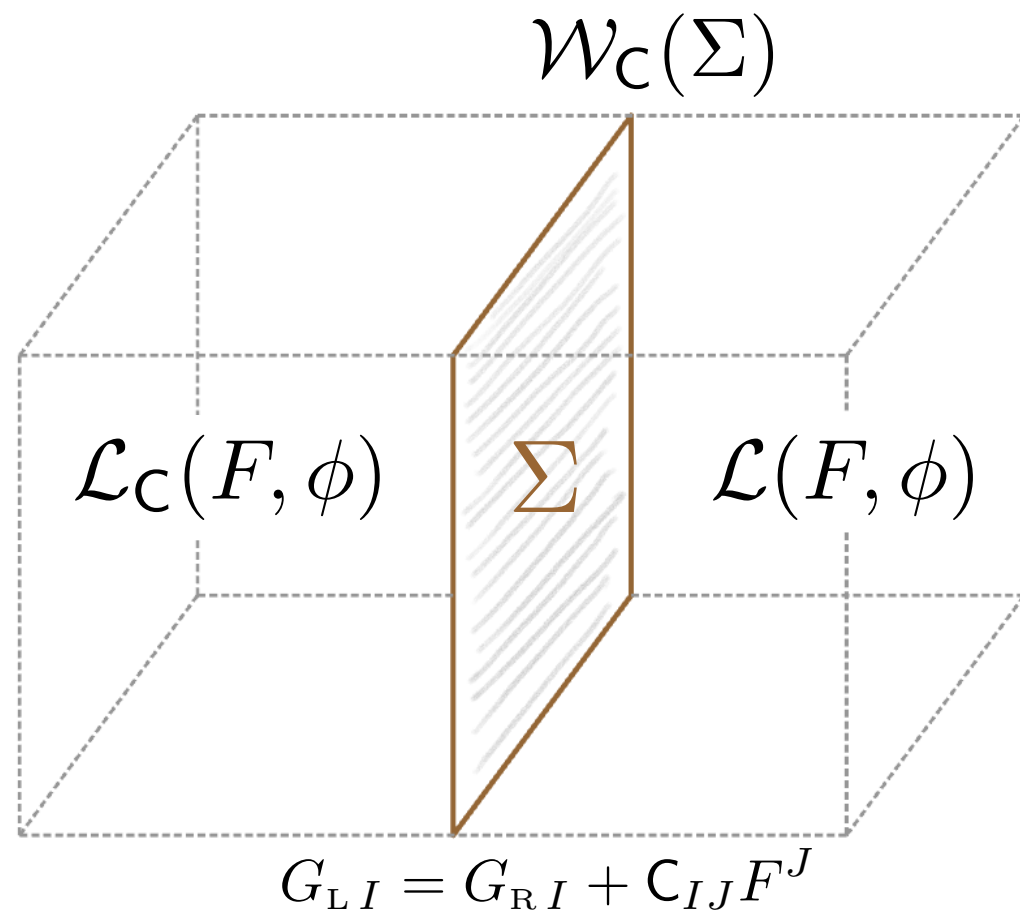
$$C = P N^{-1}, \quad P, N \in \text{Mat}(n, \mathbb{Z})$$

$$\mathcal{W}_C(\Sigma) = \int \mathcal{D}a \mathcal{D}c \exp \left[-\frac{i}{4\pi} (N^t P)_{IJ} \oint_{\Sigma} a^I \wedge da^J + \frac{i}{2\pi} \oint_{\Sigma} c_I \wedge (N^I{}_J da^J + F^I) \right]$$

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[Córdova-Ohmori '22,
Choi-Lam-Shao '23,
Hsin-Lam-Seiberg '18]

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$$C = P N^{-1}, \quad P, N \in \text{Mat}(n, \mathbb{Z})$$

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discrete 1-form symmetry
anomaly fixed by P, N

see also

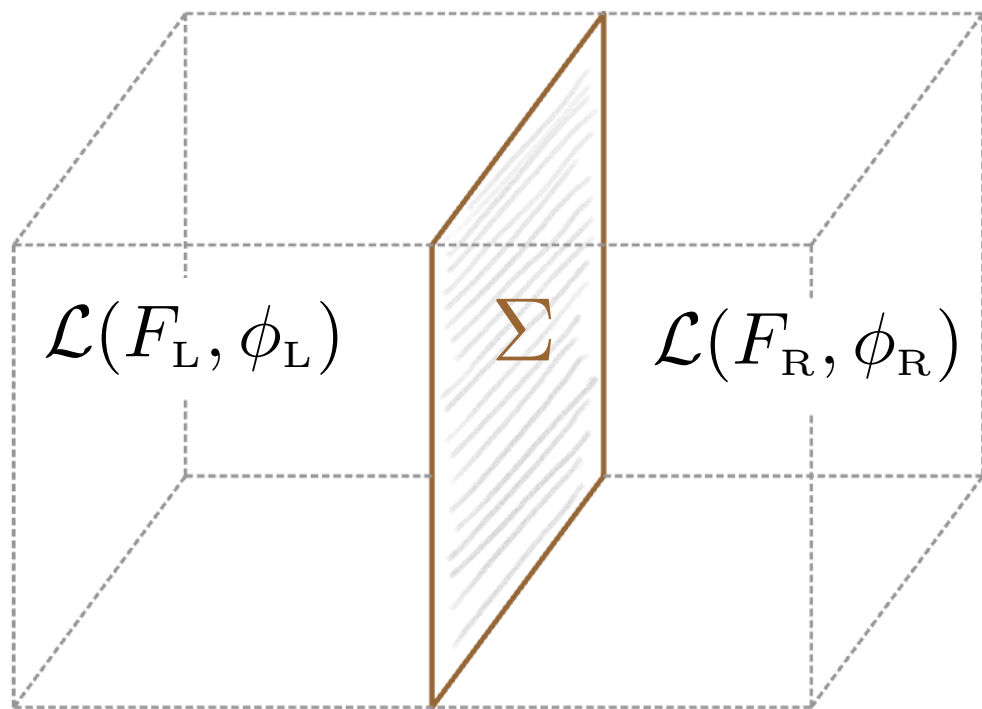
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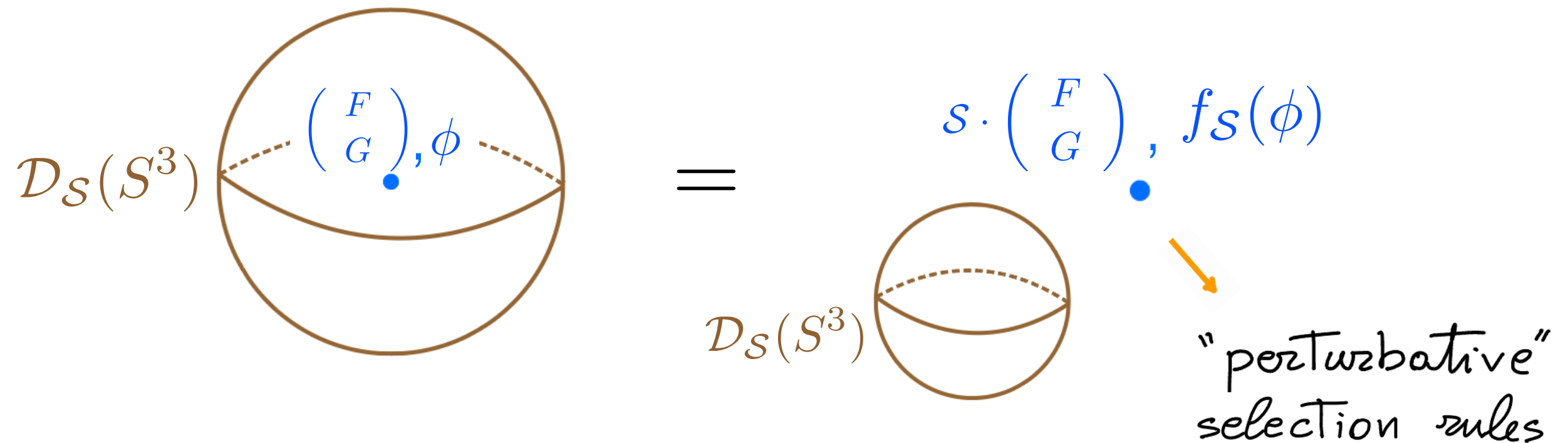
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GZ topological
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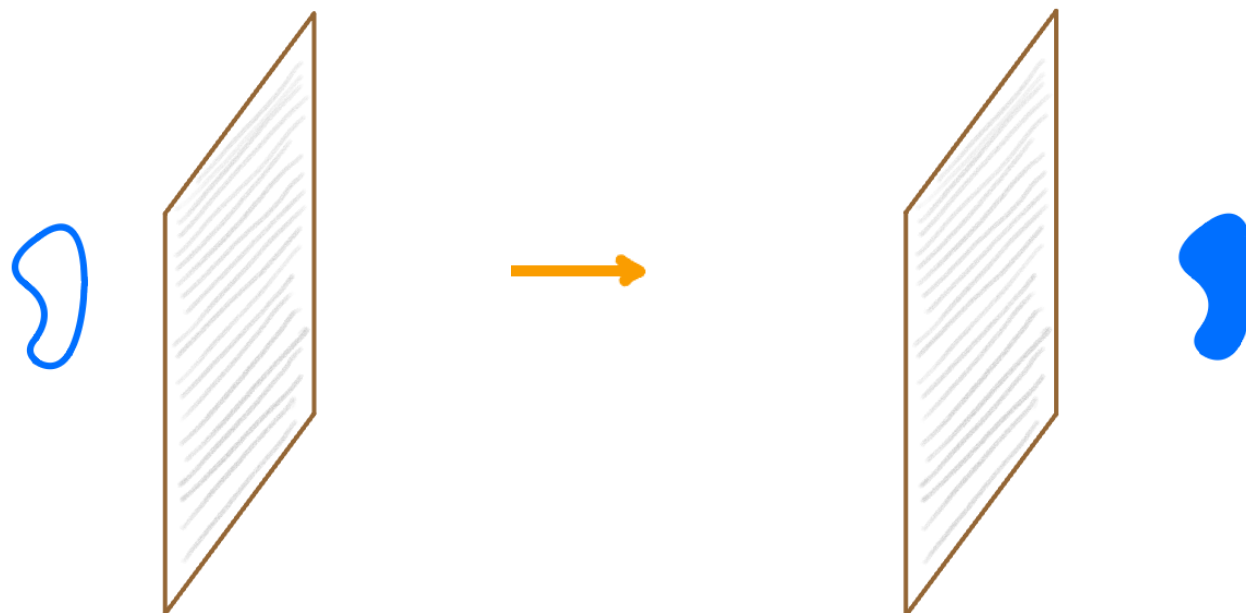
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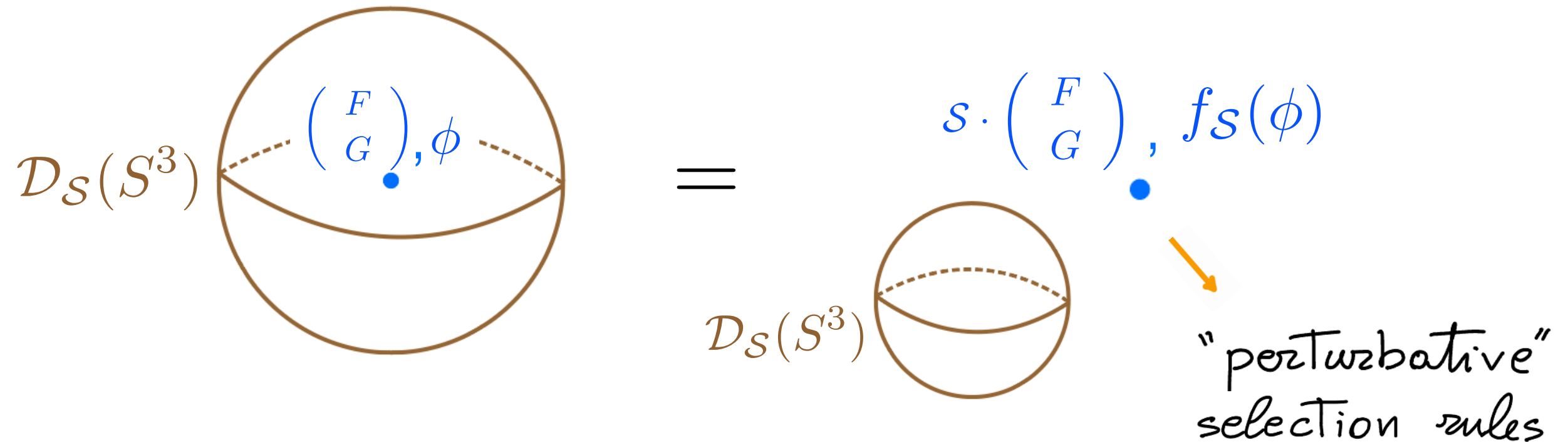
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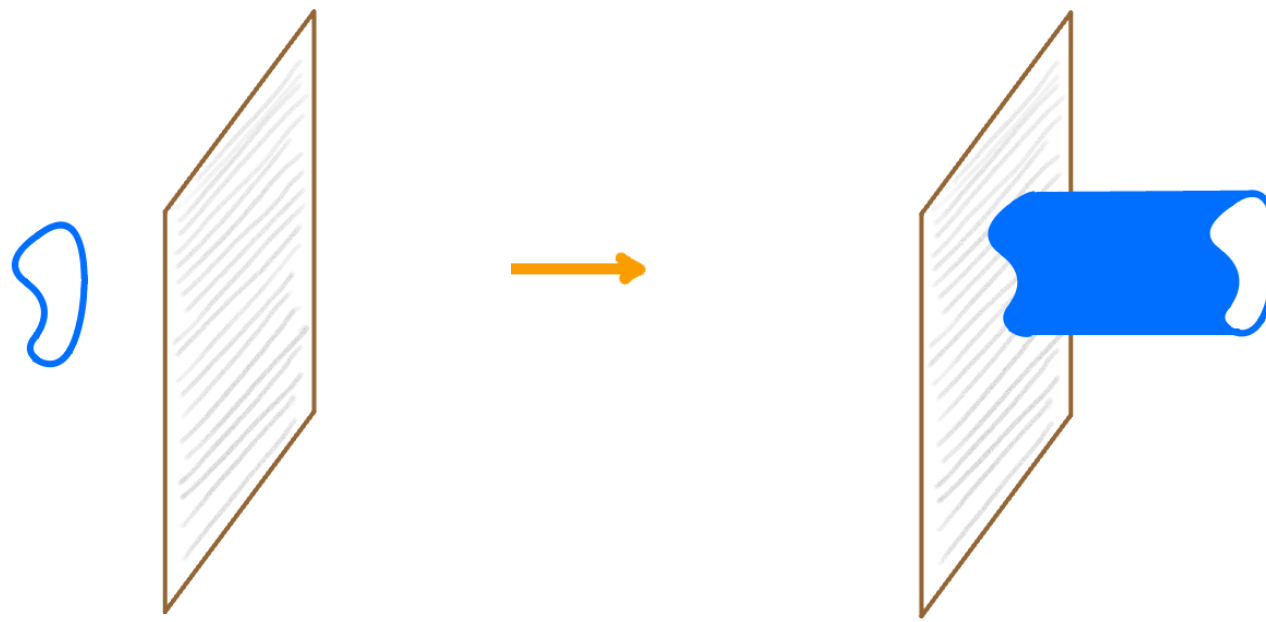
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Summary & Outlook

📌 Proof of principle on existence of GZ non-invertible symmetries

📌 Large degeneracy: higher structure of GZ symmetries?

e.g. [Del Zotto-Dell'Acqua-Garding '25]

for axion-Maxwell

📌 GZ-symmetry breaking mechanisms in quantum gravity/
string theory models?

[Apruzzi-Grieco-LM-Valenzuela]

in progress

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* $\mathcal{G}_{\mathbb{Q}} \equiv \mathcal{G} \cap \mathrm{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{Q})$ broken

- asymptotic/perturbative regimes?
- naturalness of small couplings?
- swampland distance conjecture?

[Vafa '04, Ooguri-Vafa '06, ..., Raman-Vafa '24, Delgado-van de Heisteeg-Raman-Torres-Vafa-Xu '24, Baines-Collazuol-Fraiman-Graña-Waldram '25, ...]

Thanks!

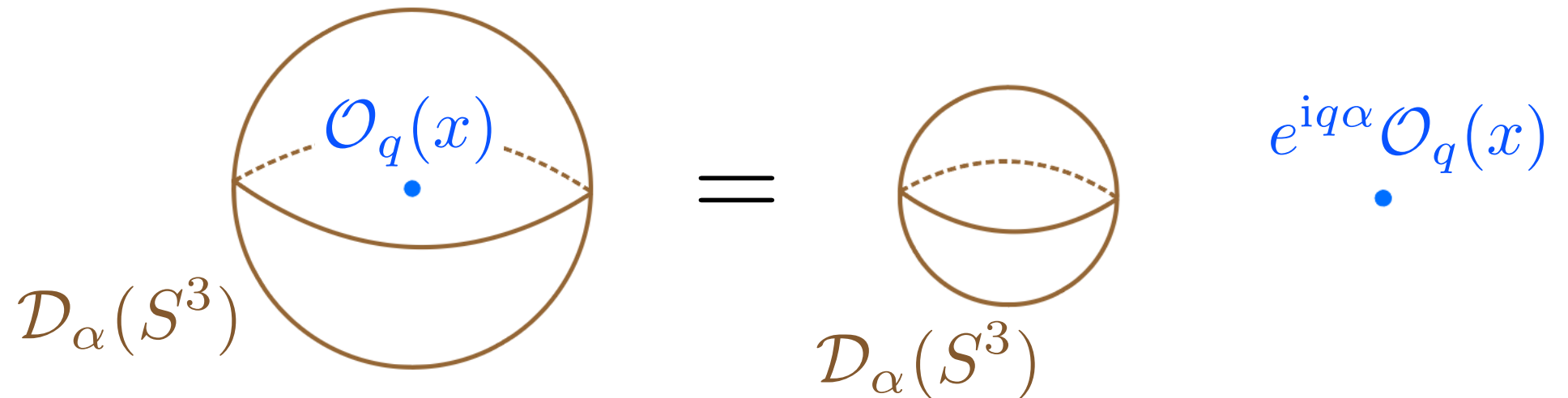

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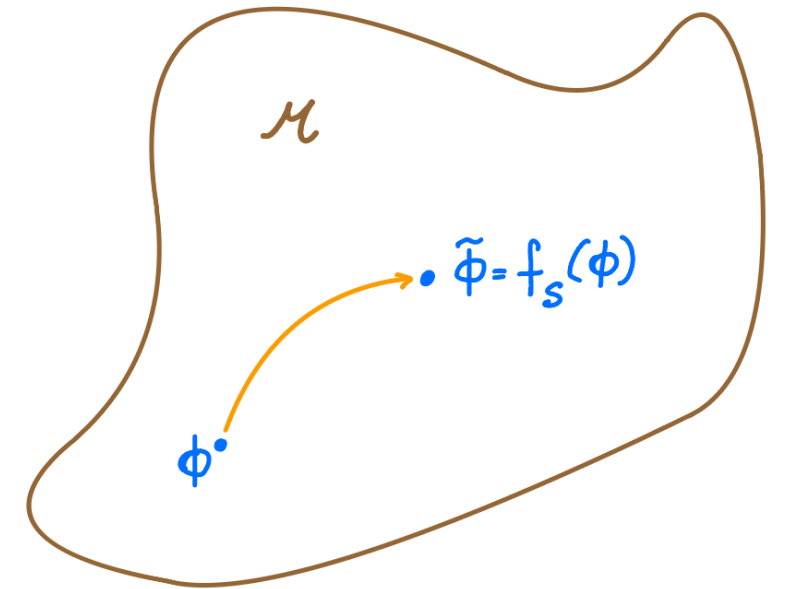
📌 One may impose: $\mathcal{D}_g(\Sigma) \times \mathcal{D}_{g'}(\Sigma) = \mathcal{D}_{gg'}(\Sigma)$ $g, g' \in \mathcal{G}$

fusion product $\sim$ group law $\rightarrow$ invertible!

📌 GZ Lagrangians are **not** invariant, but is a specific way

GZ-condition

$$\mathcal{L}(F, f_{\mathcal{S}}(\phi)) = \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{S}}(F, \phi)$$



e.g.

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DUAL ONLY IF ...

Examples

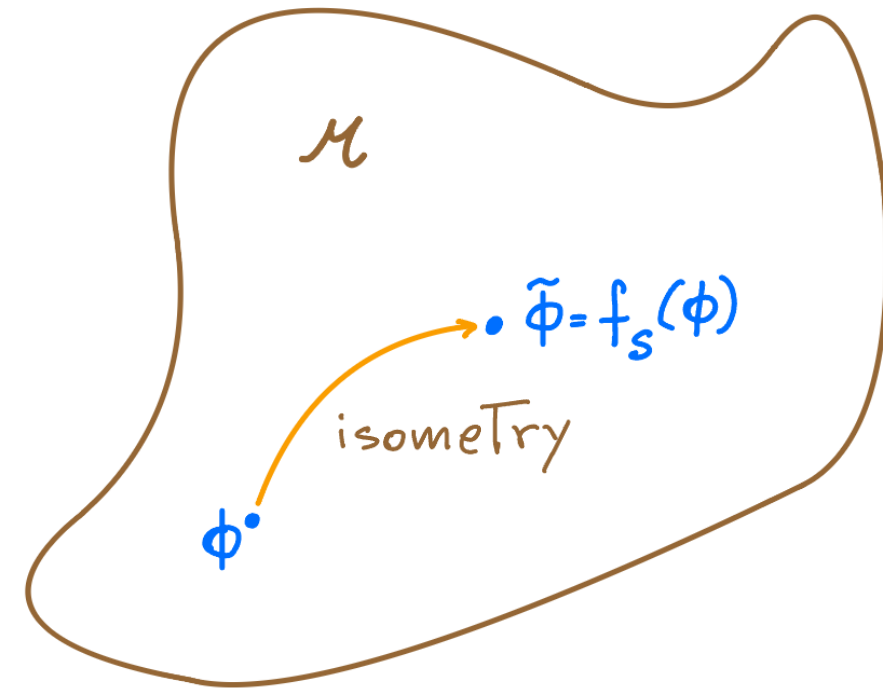
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* $G_I = \text{Im} \mathcal{N}_{IJ}(\phi) * F^J + \text{Re} \mathcal{N}_{IJ}(\phi) F^J$

* $\mathcal{N}_{IJ}(\tilde{\phi}) = ([C + D\mathcal{N}(\phi)] [A + B\mathcal{N}(\phi)]^{-1})_{IJ}$

 $\mathcal{G} \hookrightarrow \text{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{R})$

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{R})$$



e.g. realized in several extended supergravities

[Cremmer-Julia '79, ...]

- 📌 Symmetry is broken in a specific way

$$d\mathcal{J}_3 = \frac{1}{4\pi} (W_{IJ} F^I \wedge F^J - V^{IJ} G_I \wedge G_J - U^I{}_J F^J \wedge G_I + Y_J{}^I F^J \wedge G_I)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} U & V \\ W & Y \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{sp}(2n, \mathbb{R})$$

Trivial fluxes can be reabsorbed
in redefinition of $\mathcal{J}_3$

- 📌 EFT realization and extension of $O(d, d; \mathbb{Q})$ world-sheet topological lines

[Bachas-Brunner-Roggenkamp '12]

- 📌 $\mathcal{W}_A(\Sigma), \mathcal{W}_C(\Sigma)$ can be obtained from half-gauging

~ [Choi-Cordova-Hsin-Lam-Shao '21-'22,
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