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A generalized metric in an exact CA  $E \rightarrow M$   
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(i.e. the data needed for a 2-dim  $\sigma$ -model)

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(A better description: A multiplicative gerbe over  $D$  trivial on  $G_i$ 's, acting on a gerbe on  $P$ )

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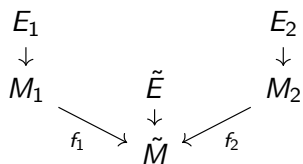
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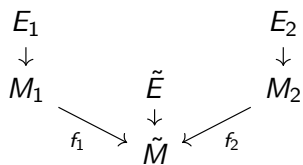
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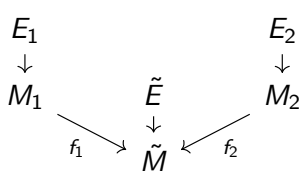


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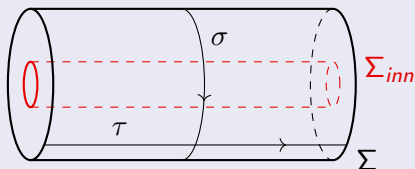
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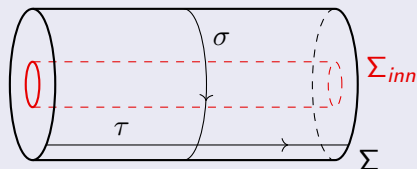
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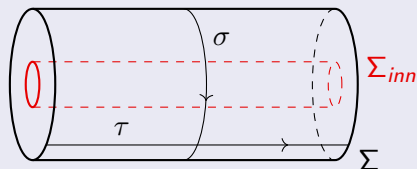
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$$\frac{dV^+}{dt} = T_{V^+} : V_+ \rightarrow V_- \quad \langle T_{V^+} u, v \rangle = -2 \text{GRic}_{V^+}(u, v)$$

$$\text{GRic}_{V^+}(u, v) :=$$

The diagram shows two vertices. The first vertex has two external legs labeled  $u$  and  $v$  meeting at a point. A loop is attached to this vertex, with a minus sign  $-$  inside. The second vertex also has two external legs labeled  $u$  and  $v$  meeting at a point. A loop is attached to this vertex, with a plus sign  $+$  at the top and a minus sign  $-$  at the bottom.

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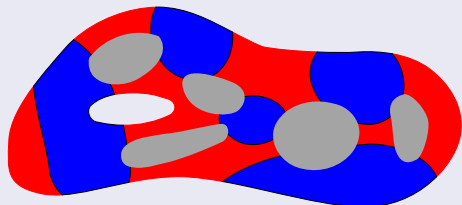
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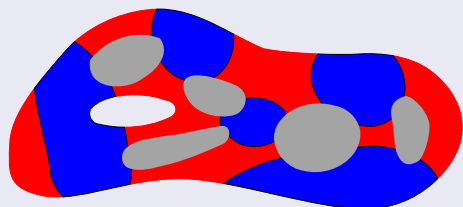
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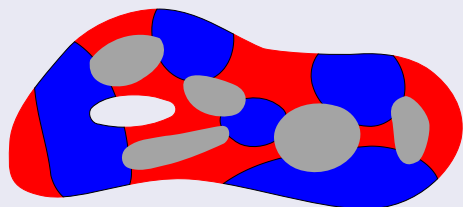
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