

Matrix Models and D-Branes in Twistor String Theory

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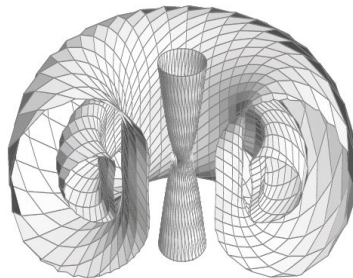
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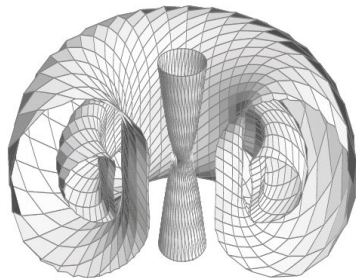
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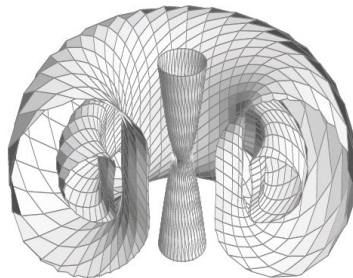
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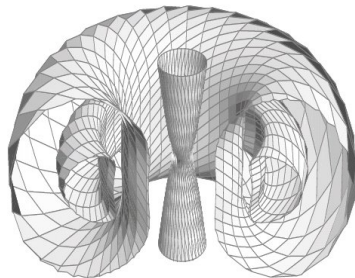
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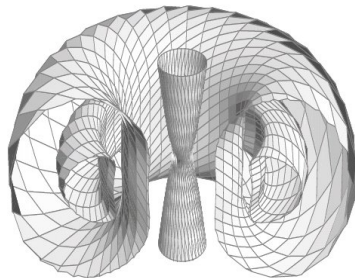
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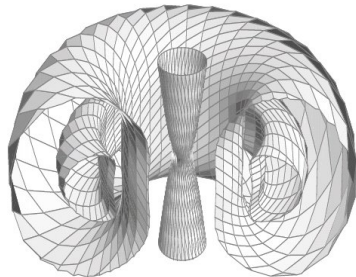
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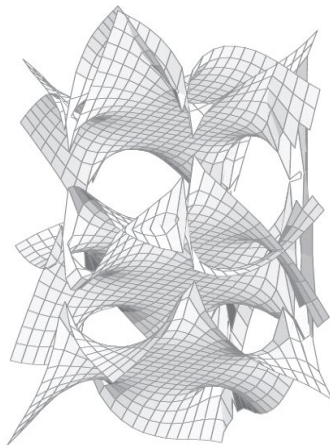
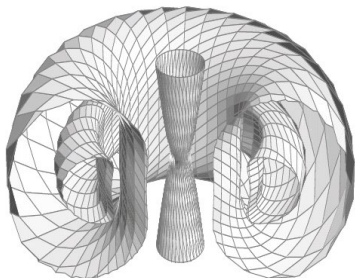
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Marrying **Twistor**- and **Calabi-Yau** geometry



... with **supermanifolds**: [Witten, hep-th/0312171](#)

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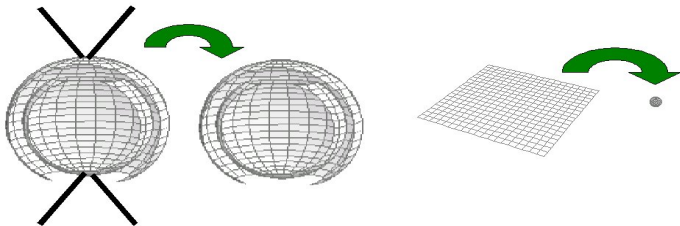
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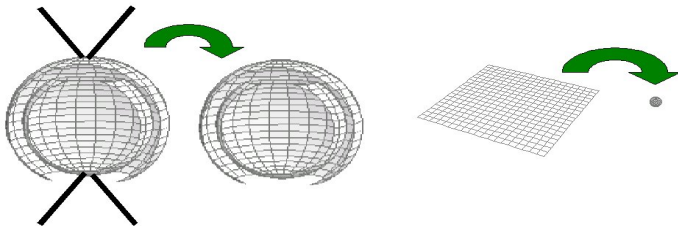
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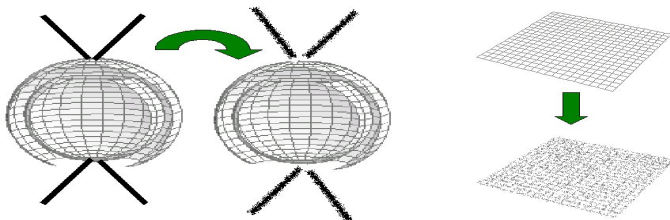
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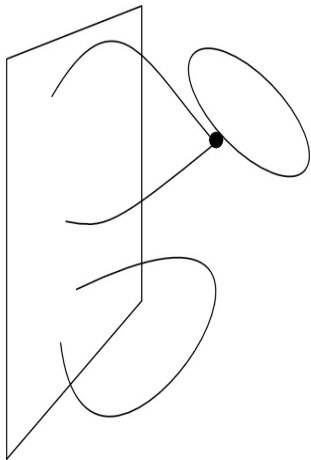
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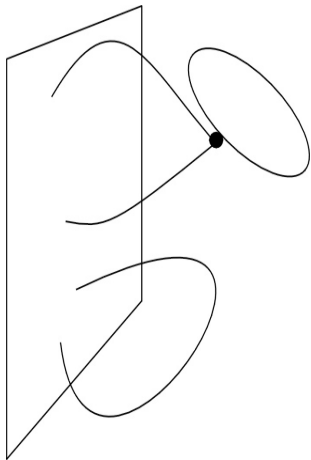
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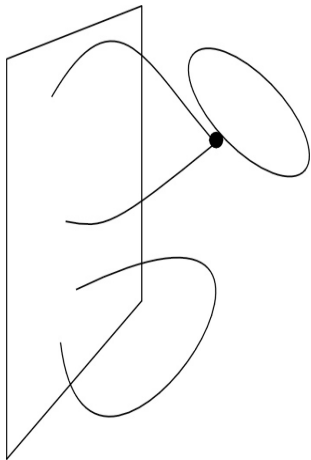
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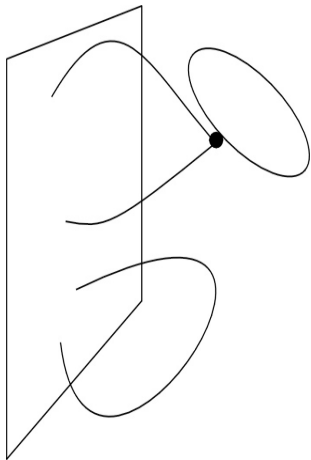
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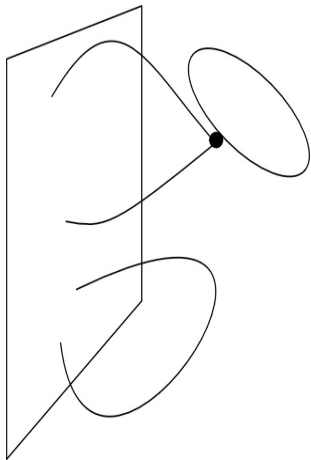
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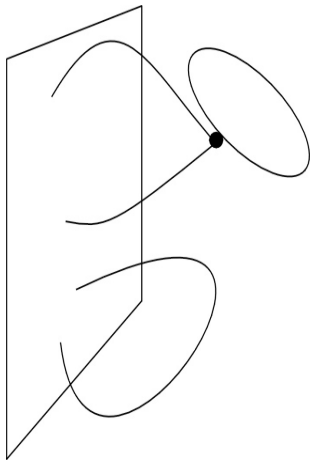
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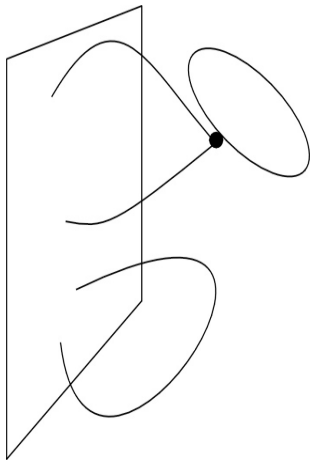
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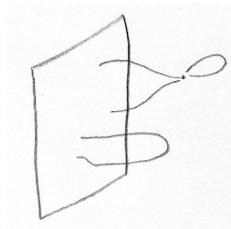
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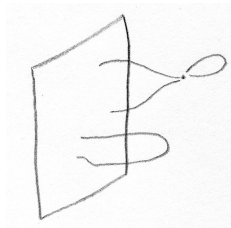
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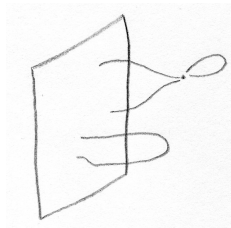
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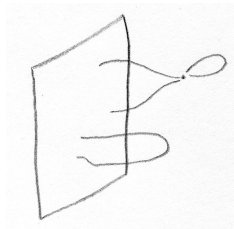
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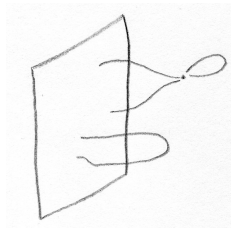
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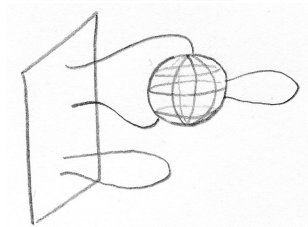
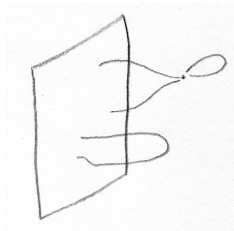
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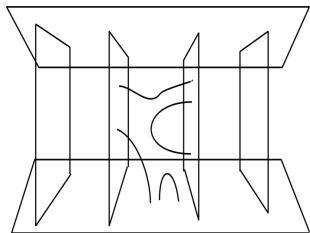
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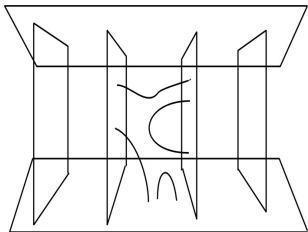
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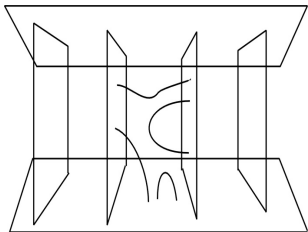
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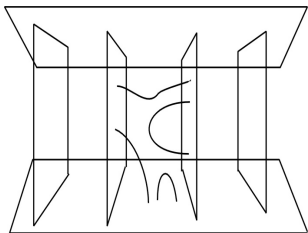
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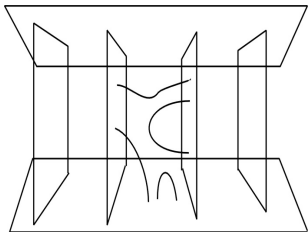
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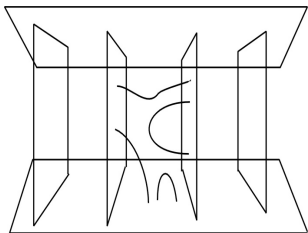
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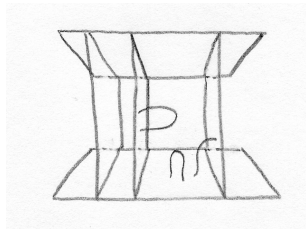
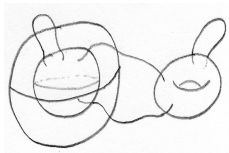
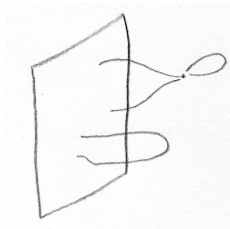
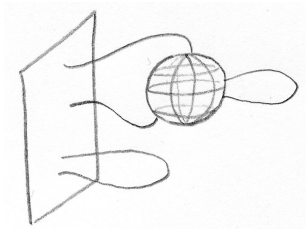
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