

# THE DEHN TWIST ON $T^4 \# T^4$ IS NOT SMOOTHLY ISOTOPIC TO THE IDENTITY

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ABSTRACT. In this project we construct an exotic diffeomorphism on a nonsimply connected manifold without the need for an exotic smooth structure. We use  $\text{Pin}(2)$ -equivariant family Bauer-Furuta invariant to show that, if  $X_1, X_2$  are two homology tori such that the determinants  $r_1, r_2$  of them are odd. Then the Dehn twist along a 3-sphere in the neck of  $X_1 \# X_2$  is not smoothly isotopic to the identity.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In this project we construct an exotic diffeomorphism on a nonsimply connected manifold without the need for an exotic smooth structure.

A homology 4-torus is a smooth 4-manifold that has the same homology groups as a 4-dimensional torus  $T^4$ . The connected sum of two manifolds  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  can be written as

$$X_1 \# X_2 = (X_1 - D^4) \cup_{S^3} ([0, 1] \times S^3) \cup_{S^3} (X_2 - D^4),$$

where  $[0, 1] \times S^3$  is called the neck of the connected sum. The Dehn twist along a 3-sphere in the neck is a diffeomorphism  $d : X_1 \# X_2 \rightarrow X_1 \# X_2$  such that  $d$  is the identity outside the neck, and on the neck it has the form

$$\begin{aligned} [0, 1] \times S^3 &\rightarrow [0, 1] \times S^3 \\ (t, s) &\mapsto (t, \alpha_t(s)) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha \in \pi_1(SO(4), Id) = \mathbb{Z}/2$  is the nontrivial element. It looks like you rotate your head by  $2\pi$ : your head and body are in the original position, and the only part that changes is your neck.

For a homology torus  $X$ , its cohomology groups are isomorphic to the ones of  $T^4$ , but the ring structure might be different. Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_4$  be a basis of  $H^1(X; \mathbb{Z})$ , and define the determinant of  $X$  by

$$r := |\langle \alpha_1 \smile \alpha_2 \smile \alpha_3 \smile \alpha_4, [X] \rangle|$$

where  $[X]$  is the fundamental class. The main theorem of this project is

**Theorem 1.1.** *If  $X_1, X_2$  are two homology tori such that the determinants  $r_1, r_2$  of them are odd. Then the Dehn twist along a 3-sphere in the neck of  $X_1 \# X_2$  is not smoothly isotopic to the identity.*

The main tool we use is the Bauer-Furuta invariant [BF02]. Its idea is to regard the Seiberg-Witten equation as an  $\text{Pin}(2)$ -equivariant map, and consider the property of the map. By a finite dimensional approximation, it is an equivariant stable mapping class for a spin manifold  $X$ :

$$\text{BF}^{\text{Pin}(2)}(X, \mathfrak{s}) \in \{TF_0, S^{n\mathbb{H}+b_2^+(X)\mathbb{R}}\}^{\text{Pin}(2)}.$$

where  $\mathfrak{s}$  is a  $\text{Spin}^c$ -structure of  $X$ , and  $TF_0$  is the Thom space of a rank  $m$  quaternion bundle over  $\text{Pic}^s(X) = T^{b_1(X)}$ , such that

$$m - n = \frac{\sigma(X)}{4}$$

where  $\sigma(X)$  is the signature of  $X$ .

One can also forget the  $\text{Pin}(2)$ -action and define the nonequivariant Bauer-Furuta invariant by

$$\text{BF}^{\{e\}}(X, \mathfrak{s}) := \text{Res}_{\{e\}}^{\text{Pin}(2)} \text{BF}^{\text{Pin}(2)}(X, \mathfrak{s}) \in \{TF_0, S^{4n+b_2^+(X)}\}.$$

Now one has a sequence of invariants that can detect exotic phenomena: the Seiberg-Witten invariant, the nonequivariant Bauer-Furuta invariant, and the  $\text{Pin}(2)$ -equivariant Bauer-Furuta invariant. They contain more and more information, but the computations get more and more complicated.

The main theorem comes from a sequence of results:

First, by a perturbation of the SW equation proposed by Ruberman-Strle [RS00], and a computation of the bundle  $TF_0$  via the index theorem and the Steenrod square, we get

**Theorem 1.2.** *If  $X$  is a homology torus with odd determinant, and  $\mathfrak{s}$  is the trivial structure, then*

$$\text{BF}^{\{e\}}(X, \mathfrak{s}) = (0, 0, 0, 0, 1) \in 4\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2.$$

Actually  $\text{BF}^{\{e\}}(X, \mathfrak{s})$  is the Hopf element  $\eta$ .

Second, we compute the nonequivariant family Bauer-Furuta invariant for the mapping torus of the Dehn twist  $d : X_1 \# X_2 \rightarrow X_1 \# X_2$ . It is denoted by

$$\text{BF}^{\{e\}}((X_1 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_1) \# (X_2 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_2^\tau)) \in \{S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF, S^{2\mathbb{H}+6\mathbb{R}}\}.$$

We compute the bundle  $F$  by the index theorem, and prove that there exists a Hopf element  $\nu$  in the stable CW structure of  $TF$ . Therefore, by Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence,  $\text{BF}^{\{e\}}((X_1 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_1) \# (X_2 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_2^\tau))$  must be trivial. This vanishing result is similar to the fact that, a 3-sphere can not be mapped to  $\mathbb{C}P^2$  nontrivially, because the 4-cell in  $\mathbb{C}P^2$  is attached to the 2-cell by the Hopf element  $\eta$ .

Finally, we compute the equivariant family Bauer-Furuta invariant  $\text{BF}^{\{S^1\}}((X_1 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_1) \# (X_2 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_2^\tau))$ . By a cofiber sequence we can throw away the fixed points in the equivariant map, and then apply the equivariant Hopf theorem to convert  $\text{BF}^{\{S^1\}}((X_1 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_1) \# (X_2 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_2^\tau))$  to a nonequivariant stable mapping class. Now the dimension is changed and the Hopf invariant mentioned above has no effect. Hence we can apply the method of Kronheimer-Mrowka [KM20], and show that

**Theorem 1.3.**  *$\text{BF}^{\{S^1\}}((X_1 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_1) \# (X_2 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_2^\tau))$  is nontrivial.*

Compared with the previous results, there are some issues when computing the Bauer-Furuta invariant for  $T^4$ :

- The Bauer-Furuta invariant of  $T^4$  is unknown. The map from the Bauer-Furuta invariant to the Seiberg-Witten invariant is not well-defined because  $T^4$  doesn't satisfy the condition  $b^+ - b_1 \geq 2$  in [BF02], and indeed, [RS00] shows that the perturbation used in the computation of the Seiberg-Witten invariant contains reducible solutions.
- Proposition 4.1 in [KM20] doesn't work for  $T^4$ . The index of the twisted Dirac operator on  $T^4$  is zero, which leads to a vanishing twist in the parameterized Bauer-Furuta invariant. Therefore, such invariant cannot distinguish the twisted spin structure and the product spin structure on a family of  $T^4$ .
- The (parameterized) Bauer-Furuta invariant of  $T^4$  is a stable mapping class from  $T^4$  to a sphere, which is hard to compute. The  $K3$  surface considered in [KM20] and [Lin23], however, has  $b_1 = 0$ . Hence the (parameterized) Bauer-Furuta invariant of it is an element in the stable homotopy group of spheres, which is well known in low dimension (1, 2 and 3), and moreover, the equivariant version can be computed by algebraic topology.

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## 2. THE BAUER-FURUTA INVARIANT OF HOMOLOGY TORI

**Theorem 2.1.** *Suppose  $X$  is a homology torus with*

$$(2.1) \quad \langle \alpha_1 \smile \alpha_2 \smile \alpha_3 \smile \alpha_4, X \rangle = d,$$

where  $\{\alpha_i\}$  is a basis for  $H^1(X; \mathbb{Z})$ , and  $d$  is odd. Let  $\mathfrak{s}$  be the  $\text{spin}^c$  structure on  $X$  with trivial determinant line. Then the nonequivariant Bauer-Furuta invariant  $BF^{\{e\}}(X, \mathfrak{s})$  is the generator of  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  in a group  $4\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ .

*Proof.* First we compute the group that the invariant lives. Let  $F_0$  be the bundle  $\mathbb{H} \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{T}^4$  with  $c_1(T_0) = 0$  and  $c_2(T_0) = d$ . Let  $TF_0$  be its Thom space. The equivariant Bauer-Furuta invariant is

$$BF^{\text{Pin}(2)}(X, \mathfrak{s}) \in \{TF_0, S^{\mathbb{H}+3\mathbb{R}}\}^{\text{Pin}(2)}.$$

Forget the  $\text{Pin}(2)$ -action then we get the non equivariant Bauer-Furuta invariant

$$BF^{\{e\}}(X, \mathfrak{s}) := \text{Res}_{\{e\}}^{\text{Pin}(2)} BF^{\text{Pin}(2)}(X, \mathfrak{s}) \in \{TF_0, S^7\}.$$

A sketch of the proof:  $TF_0$  can be regarded as a CW complex with one 0-cell, one 4-cell (corresponds to  $S^{\mathbb{H}}$ ), four 5-cells (obtained from the 1-cells of  $\mathcal{T}^4$  by multiplying a 4-cell corresponds to  $S^{\mathbb{H}}$ ), six 6-cells (obtained from the 2-cells of  $\mathcal{T}^4$  similarly), four 7-cells (obtained from the 3-cells of  $\mathcal{T}^4$ ), one 8-cell (obtained from the 4-cell of  $\mathcal{T}^4$ ). By a cofiber sequence and the CW approximation theorem, there is an isomorphism

$$\{TF_0, S^7\} \cong \{TF_0/TF_0^{(5)}, S^7\}$$

where  $TF_0^{(5)}$  is the 5-th skeleton of  $TF_0$ . We want to show that all attaching maps of  $TF_0/TF_0^{(5)}$  are trivial.

First by Thom isomorphism and the cohomology of  $\mathcal{T}^4$ , we deduce that all cells of  $TF_0/TF_0^{(5)}$  survive in the cohomology group, so all adjacent attaching maps are trivial.

Now the only possible nontrivial attaching map is the one from the 8-cell to 6-cells. Since the only nontrivial element of  $\pi_1$  is the Hopf map  $\eta$ , which can be detected by the Steenrod square, it suffices to show that  $Sq^2$  is trivial. Let  $u$  be the Thom class of  $F_0$ . Note that  $u$  is an element in  $H^*(F_0, F_0 - \mathcal{T}^4)$  represented by the zero section of  $F_0$ . The cup product of  $H^*(F_0, F_0 - \mathcal{T}^4)$  with  $H^*(\mathcal{T}^4)$  still produces closed submanifolds, so  $H^*(\mathcal{T}^4)$  acts on  $H^*(F_0, F_0 - \mathcal{T}^4)$ . By Cartan formula we have for any  $x \in H^*(\mathcal{T}^4)$

$$\begin{aligned} Sq^n(ux) &= \sum_{i+j=n} Sq^i(u)Sq^j(x) \\ &= \sum_{i+j=n} uw_i(F_0)Sq^j(x) \end{aligned}$$

where  $w_i$  is the  $i$ -th Stiefel–Whitney class. The cohomology of  $\mathcal{T}^4$  is an exterior algebra generated by four 1-classes which the Steenrod algebra acts on trivially. By the Cartan formula and the Adem relations, the Steenrod algebra acts on  $H^*(\mathcal{T}^4)$  trivially. Hence  $Sq^j(x) \neq 0$  iff  $j = 0$ . So

$$Sq^2(ux) = uw_2(F_0)Sq^0(x).$$

But  $w_2(F_0) \equiv c_1(F_0) \pmod{2}$  and from the structure of  $F_0$  we have  $c_1(F_0) = 0$ . So the attaching maps from the 8-cell to 6-cells are trivial.

Now we conclude that  $TF_0/TF_0^{(5)}$  is equivalent to  $6\mathbb{S}^6 \vee 4\mathbb{S}^7 \vee \mathbb{S}^8$  in the stable category. Hence

$$\{TF_0, S^7\} \cong \{TF_0/TF_0^{(5)}, S^7\} \cong [6\mathbb{S}^6 \vee 4\mathbb{S}^7 \vee \mathbb{S}^8, S^7] \cong 4\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2.$$

By Ruberman–Strle[RS00], the preimage of a generic point under  $BF^{\{e\}}(X, \mathfrak{s})$  is a Lie framed circle in a fiber of  $TF_0$ . So the restriction  $BF^{\{e\}}(X, \mathfrak{s})|_{\mathbb{S}^8}$  is a suspension of the Hopf map

$$\Sigma^5 \eta : \mathbb{S}^8 \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^7.$$

And the restrictions of  $BF^{\{e\}}(X, \mathfrak{s})$  on those 7-cells have degree 0, otherwise the preimage of a generic point would contain discrete points. Therefore,

$$BF^{\{e\}}(X, \mathfrak{s}) = (0, 0, 0, 0, 1) \in 4\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2.$$

□

### 3. FAMILY BAUER-FURUTA INVARIANT OF THE CONNECTED SUM OF TWO TORI

Suppose  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are homology tori with determinant  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ . Let  $X = X_1 \# X_2$  and  $\mathcal{T}^8 \cong H^1(X, S^1)$ . Let  $\mathfrak{s}$  be the  $\text{spin}^c$  structure on  $X$  with trivial determinant line. Denote the family of Dirac operators by  $\mathcal{D}$ . The index bundle  $\text{Ind}(\mathcal{D})$  is an  $\mathbb{H}$ -bundle over  $\mathcal{T}^8$  since  $X$  is spin. Let  $\mathbf{L} \rightarrow X \times \mathcal{T}^8$  be the universal line bundle. Since the  $\hat{A}$ -genus of  $X$  is zero, the Chern character of the index bundle is

$$\text{ch}(\text{Ind}(\mathcal{D})) = \int_X \text{ch}(\mathbf{L})$$

by Atiyah–Singer.

Suppose  $\mathbf{L}$  is equipped with a connection

$$\mathbf{A} = 2\pi i \sum_{k=1}^8 t_k \alpha_k$$

where  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_4$  is a basis for  $H^1(X_1, \mathbb{Z})$  and  $\alpha_5, \dots, \alpha_8$  is a basis for  $H^1(X_2, \mathbb{Z})$ , and  $t_k \mapsto 2\pi i t_k \alpha_k$  are coordinates on  $\mathcal{T}^8 \cong H^1(X, i\mathbb{R})/H^1(X, 2\pi i\mathbb{Z})$ . Then the first Chern class of  $\mathbf{L}$  is

$$\Omega = \sum_k \alpha_k \wedge dt_k.$$

By the dimension reason

$$\text{ch}(\mathbf{L}) = 1 + \Omega + \frac{1}{2}\Omega^2 + \frac{1}{6}\Omega^3 + \frac{1}{24}\Omega^4.$$

A term in  $\text{ch}(\mathbf{L})$  contains a volumn form of  $X$  if and only if it contains  $\alpha_1 \smile \alpha_2 \smile \alpha_3 \smile \alpha_4$  or  $\alpha_5 \smile \alpha_6 \smile \alpha_7 \smile \alpha_8$ . Therefore,

$$\text{ch}(\text{Ind}(\mathfrak{P})) = \pm r_1[\text{vol}_{\mathcal{T}_1^4}] \pm r_2[\text{vol}_{\mathcal{T}_2^4}]$$

where  $\mathcal{T}_i^4 \cong H^1(X_i, S^1)$  are submanifolds of  $\mathcal{T}^8$ . Hence  $c_2(\text{Ind}(\mathfrak{P})) = \pm r_1[\text{vol}_{\mathcal{T}_1^4}] \pm r_2[\text{vol}_{\mathcal{T}_2^4}]$  and  $c_i(\text{Ind}(\mathfrak{P})) = 0$  for  $i \neq 2$ . Hence

$$\text{BF}^{\{e\}}(X, \mathfrak{s}) \in \{TF, S^{\mathbb{H}+6\mathbb{R}}\}$$

where  $TF$  is the Thom space of the  $\mathbb{H}$ -bundle  $\mathbb{H} \rightarrow F \rightarrow \mathcal{T}^8$ . Hence we have

**Lemma 3.1.**  $BF^{\{e\}}((X_1 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_1) \# (X_2 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_2)) \in \{S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF, S^{\mathbb{H}+6\mathbb{R}}\} = \{S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF, S^{10}\}$

This also follows from the gluing theorem of Bauer-Furuta invariant, which asserts that the domain of the stable cohomotopy element for a connected sum is an extenal product of the domains of two elements.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Suppose  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are homology tori with odd determinant. Let  $\mathfrak{s}_i$  be the spin<sup>c</sup> structure on  $X_i$  with trivial determinant line bundle. Then the nonequivariant family Bauer-Furuta invariant  $BF^{\{e\}}((X_1 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_1) \# (X_2 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_2)) \in \{S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF, S^{10}\}$  is trivial.*

*Proof.* First we compute the structure of  $TF$ :  $TF$  can be regarded as a CW complex with one 0-cell, one 4-cell (corresponds to  $S^{\mathbb{H}}$ ), several  $n$ -cells ( $n = 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11$ , obtained from the  $(n-4)$ -cells of  $\mathcal{T}^8$  by multiplying a 4-cell corresponds to  $S^{\mathbb{H}}$ ), and one 12-cell (obtained from the 8-cell of  $\mathcal{T}^8$ ).

We claim that the attaching maps from the 12-cell to two of the 8-cells are Hopf element  $\nu$ . Let  $u$  be the Thom class of  $F$ . Note that  $u$  is an element in  $H^*(F, F - \mathcal{T}^8)$  represented by the zero section of  $F$ . The cup product of  $H^*(F, F - \mathcal{T}^8)$  with  $H^*(\mathcal{T}^8)$  still produces closed submanifolds, so  $H^*(\mathcal{T}^8)$  acts on  $H^*(F, F - \mathcal{T}^8)$ . By Cartan formula we have for any  $x \in H^*(\mathcal{T}^8)$

$$\begin{aligned} Sq^n(ux) &= \sum_{i+j=n} Sq^i(u)Sq^j(x) \\ &= \sum_{i+j=n} uw_i(F_0)Sq^j(x) \end{aligned}$$

where  $w_i$  is the  $i$ -th Stiefel–Whitney class. The cohomology of  $\mathcal{T}^8$  is an exterior algebra generated by four 1-classes which the Steenrod algebra acts on trivially. By the Cartan formula and the Adem relations, the Steenrod algebra acts on  $H^*(\mathcal{T}^8)$  trivially. Hence  $Sq^j(x) \neq 0$  iff  $j = 0$ . So

$$Sq^4(ux) = uw_4(F)Sq^0(x).$$

But  $w_4(F) \equiv c_2(F) \pmod{2}$  and from the structure of  $F$  we have  $c_2(F) = \pm r_1[\text{vol}_{\mathcal{T}_1^4}] \pm [\text{vol}_{\mathcal{T}_2^4}]$ . Note that  $[\text{vol}_{\mathcal{T}_1^4}] \cup [\text{vol}_{\mathcal{T}_2^4}] = [\text{vol}_{\mathcal{T}^8}]$  and  $[\text{vol}_{\mathcal{T}_1^4}] \cup [\text{vol}_{\mathcal{T}_1^4}] = 0$ . Hence if  $\{i, j\} = \{1, 2\}$  and  $r_i$  is odd,

$$Sq^4(u[\text{vol}_{\mathcal{T}_j^4}]) = u[\text{vol}_{\mathcal{T}_i^4}] \cup [\text{vol}_{\mathcal{T}_j^4}] = u[\text{vol}_{\mathcal{T}^8}]$$

is dual to the 12-cell. Since the Hopf element  $\nu$  is detected by  $Sq^4$ , the attaching map from the 12-cell (dual to  $u[vol_{\mathcal{T}^8}]$ ) to a 8-cell (dual to  $u[vol_{\mathcal{T}^4}]$ ) is  $\nu$ .

Therefore, in  $S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF$ , the attaching map from the 13-cell to a 9-cell is  $\nu$ . Hence the generator of

$$\pi^{10}(\Sigma TF^{(13)}/\Sigma TF^{(12)}) = H^{13}(\Sigma TF^{(13)}/\Sigma TF^{(12)}; \pi^{-3}(*))$$

in the  $E_2$  page of the Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^9(\Sigma TF^{(9)}/\Sigma TF^{(8)}; \pi^0(*)) & \cdots & H^{13}(\Sigma TF^{(13)}/\Sigma TF^{(12)}; \pi^0(*)) \\ & \nwarrow & \\ & & H^{13}(\Sigma TF^{(13)}/\Sigma TF^{(12)}; \pi^{-1}(*)) \\ & & \\ & & H^{13}(\Sigma TF^{(13)}/\Sigma TF^{(12)}; \pi^{-2}(*)) \\ & & \\ & & H^{13}(\Sigma TF^{(13)}/\Sigma TF^{(12)}; \pi^{-3}(*)) \end{array}$$

$d^4$

doesn't survive to the  $E_\infty$  page. So the 13-cell can only be mapped to  $S^{10}$  trivially.

From the observation of Kronheimer-Mrowka [KM20], the preimage of a generic point under  $BF^{\{e\}}((X_1 \times S^1, \tilde{s}_1) \# (X_2 \times S^1, \tilde{s}_2))$  is  $\eta^2$  in a fiber of  $TF$  smash a Lie framed circle in  $\mathbb{S}^{\mathbb{R}}$ . Hence for  $n \neq 13$ , any  $n$ -cell in  $S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF$  is mapped to  $S^{10}$  trivially by  $BF^{\{e\}}((X_1 \times S^1, \tilde{s}_1) \# (X_2 \times S^1, \tilde{s}_2))$ .  $\square$

#### 4. EQUIVARIANT FAMILY BAUER-FURUTA INVARIANT OF THE CONNECTED SUM OF TWO TORI

To address the dimension issue in the previous section, we can consider the  $S^1$ -equivariant Bauer-Furuta invariant. By the equivariant Hopf theorem, we can convert

$$BF^{\{S^1\}}((X_1 \times S^1, \tilde{s}_1) \# (X_2 \times S^1, \tilde{s}_2)) \in \{S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF, S^{2\mathbb{H}+6\mathbb{R}}\}^{S^1}$$

to a nonequivariant stable mapping class, if  $\{S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF, S^{2\mathbb{H}+6\mathbb{R}}\}^{S^1}$  has no fixed points. However, the base of the bundle  $F$  is the Picard torus  $\mathcal{T}^8$  fixed by the  $S^1$ -action.

To address this issue we have to use a refinement of the Bauer-Furuta invariant:

**Definition 4.1.** For a spin manifold  $X$ , define its free Bauer-Furuta invariant of the  $\text{Spin}^c$ -structure  $\mathfrak{s}$  to be:

$$\text{BF}_{free}^{\text{Pin}(2)}(X, \mathfrak{s}) \in \{TF_0/\text{Pic}^s(X), S^{n\mathbb{H}+b_2^+(X)\tilde{\mathbb{R}}}\}^{\text{Pin}(2)},$$

where  $TF_0$  is the Thom space of a rank  $m$  quaternion bundle over  $\text{Pic}^s(X) = T^{b_1(X)}$ , such that

$$m - n = \frac{\sigma(X)}{4}.$$

For family invariant we can similarly define an invariant with domain acted freely by a subgroup of  $\text{Pin}(2)$ . For example:

**Definition 4.2.** Define the free  $S^1$ -equivariant Bauer-Furuta invariant Bauer-Furuta invariant of the Dehn twist on a sum of two homology tori to be:

$$BF_{free}^{\{S^1\}}((X_1 \times S^1, \tilde{s}_1) \# (X_2 \times S^1, \tilde{s}_2)) \in \{(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF)/(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge \mathcal{T}^8), S^{2\mathbb{H}+6\mathbb{R}}\}^{S^1}.$$

These invariants work as well as the ordinary BF invariant, because in the Seiberg-Witten equation, the Picard torus is always mapped to zero (while the kernel of the spinor bundle might be mapped to nonzero self-dual 2-form).

By a cofiber sequence we

$$\{(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF)/(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge \mathcal{T}^8), S^{2\mathbb{H}+6\mathbb{R}}\}^{S^1} \cong \{S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF, S^{2\mathbb{H}+6\mathbb{R}}\}^{S^1}.$$

Since the  $S^1$ -action on  $(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF)/(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge \mathcal{T}^8)$  is free away from the base point, we can mod out the  $S^1$ -action on both side.

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