

# Formalité opéradique et homotopie des espaces de configuration

Operadic Formality and Homotopy of Configuration Spaces

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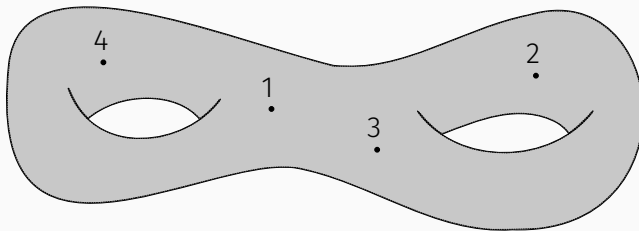


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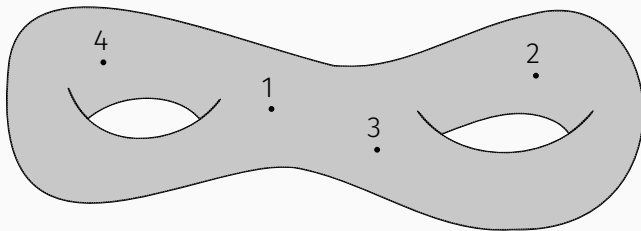


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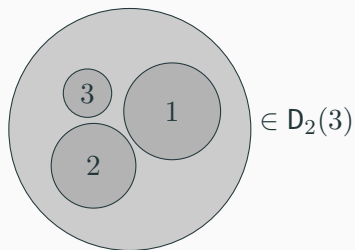
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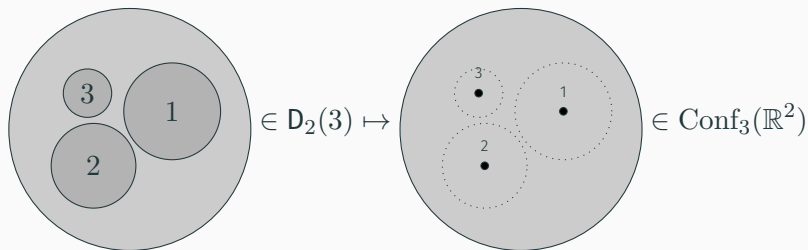
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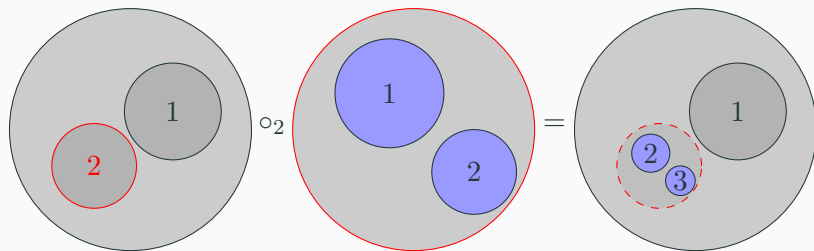
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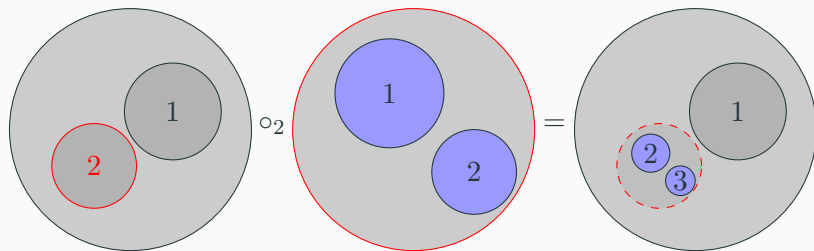
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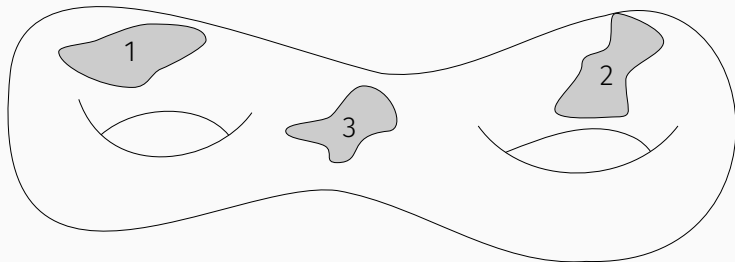


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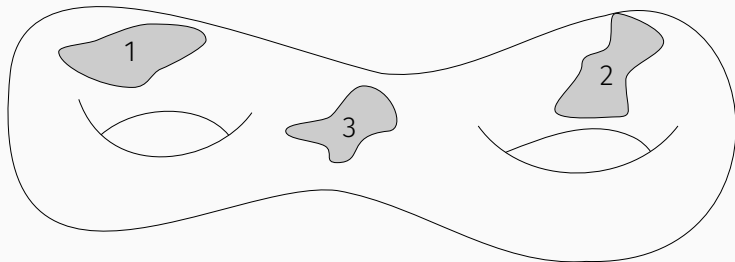
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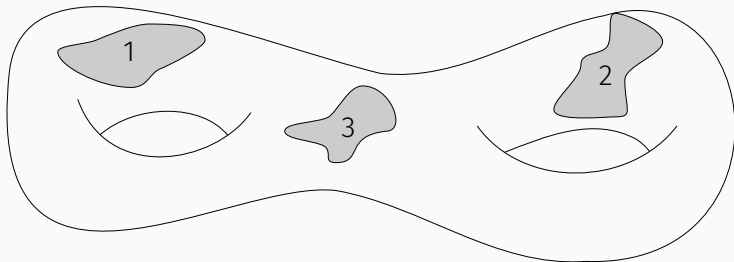
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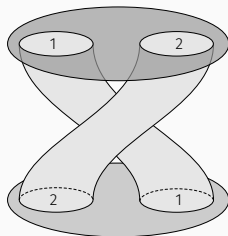
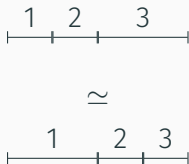
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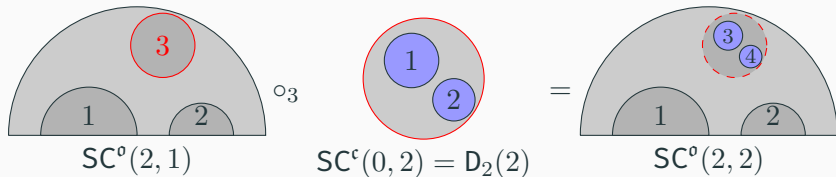
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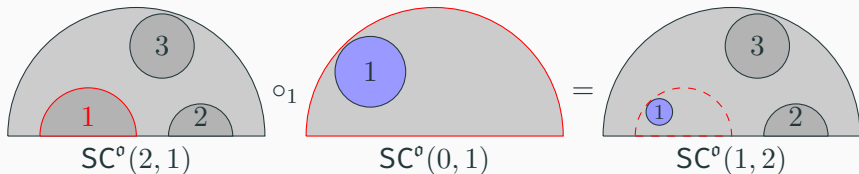
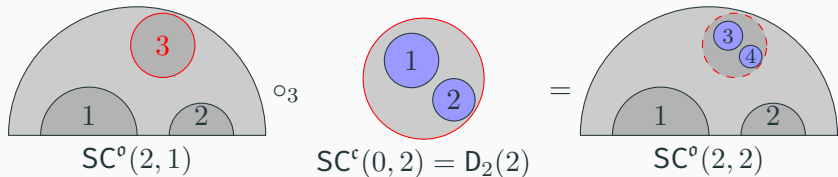
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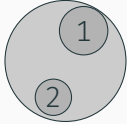

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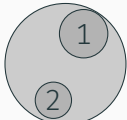
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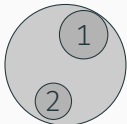

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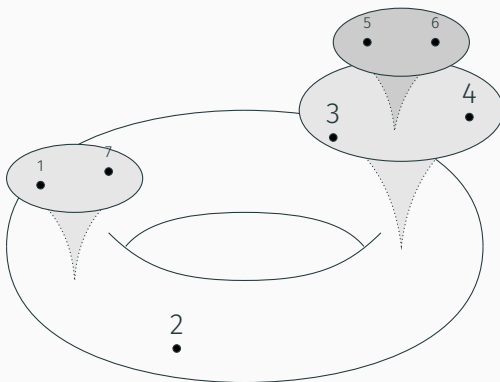
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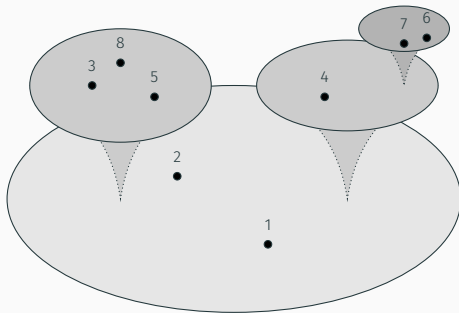
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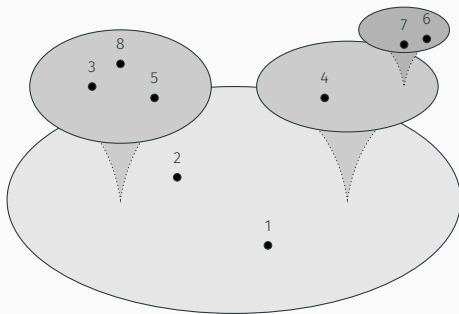
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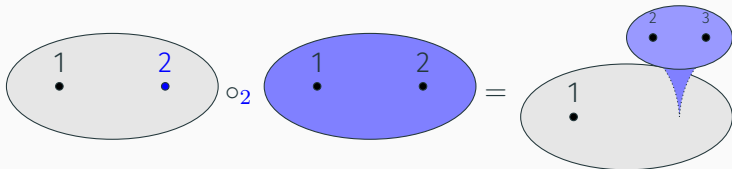


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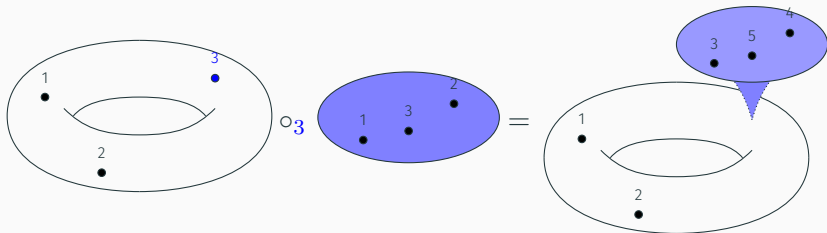
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# Modules over operads

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Already known: formality of the little disks operads



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Theorem (Kontsevich 1999, Lambrechts–Volić 2014)

$$H^*(\mathbf{FM}_n; \mathbb{R}) \xleftarrow{\sim} \mathbf{Graphs}_n \xrightarrow{\sim} \Omega_{\text{PA}}^*(\mathbf{FM}_n)$$

$$\omega_{ij} \longleftarrow \textcircled{i} \text{---} \textcircled{j} \longrightarrow \text{explicit representatives}$$

$$0 \longleftarrow \bullet \longrightarrow \text{“explicit” integrals}$$

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## Idea of proof

Combine:

- Techniques of Lambrechts–Stanley to compute homology of spaces of the type  $M^k \setminus \bigcup_{i \neq j} \Delta_{ij}$ ;
- Techniques of Cordova Bulens–L–S to compute homology of  $M = N \setminus X$  where  $N$  is a closed manifold and  $X \subset N$  is a sub-polyhedron.

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$\implies$  must define a “perturbed model”  $\tilde{\mathbf{G}}_A(k)$

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Isomorphism of dg-modules  $\mathbf{G}_A(k) \cong \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_A(k)$ .

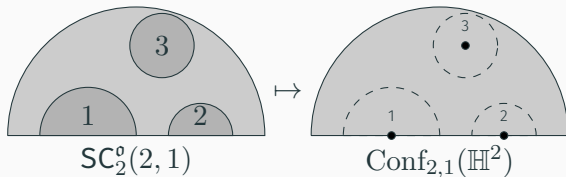


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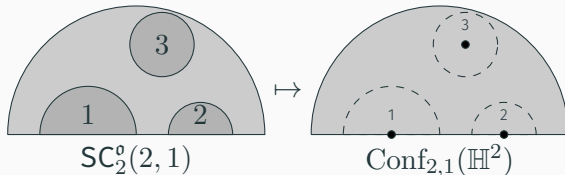
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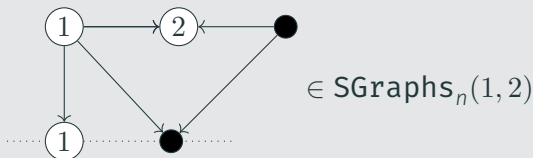
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## Theorem (Willwacher 2015)

Model  $S\text{Graphs}_n$  for  $SFM_n = \overline{\text{Conf}_{\bullet,\bullet}(\mathbb{H}^n)} \simeq SC_n$ :



# Theorem for manifolds with boundary

Using similar techniques:

## Theorem

For  $M$  a smooth, compact manifold of dimension at least  $\geq 7$ ,  $M$  and  $\partial M$  simply connected:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \tilde{G}_A & \xleftarrow{\sim} & \mathbf{Graphs}_R^{Z_\epsilon} & \dashrightarrow^{\sim} & \Omega_{PA}^*(\mathbf{SFM}_M(\emptyset, -)) \\
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Moreover: model  $\mathbf{SGraphs}_{R, R_\partial}^{c_M, Z_\varphi^S}(k, l)$  of  $\mathbf{SFM}_M(k, l)$ , compatible with the (co)action of  $\mathbf{SGraphs}_n / \mathbf{SFM}_n$

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