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TRANSVERSE
INVARIANTS
IN
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HOMOLOGY

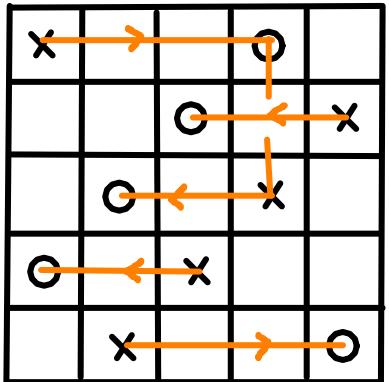
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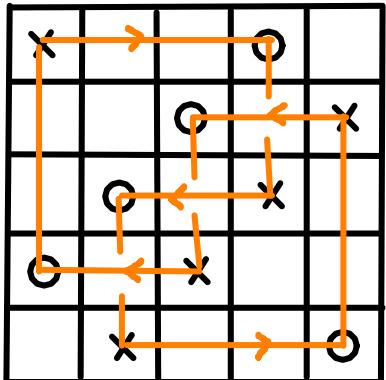
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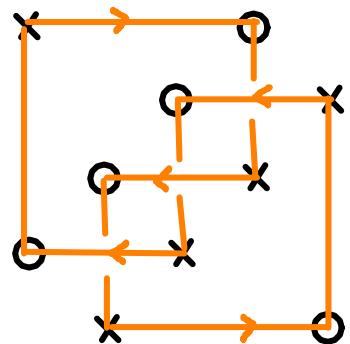
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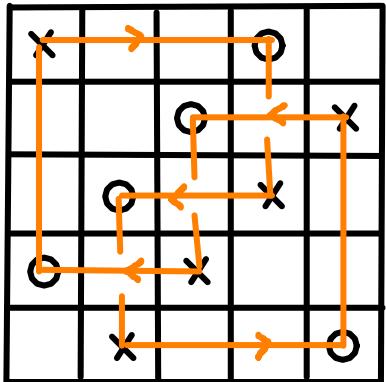
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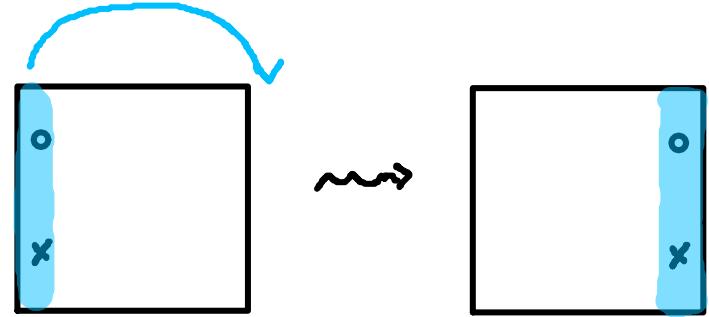
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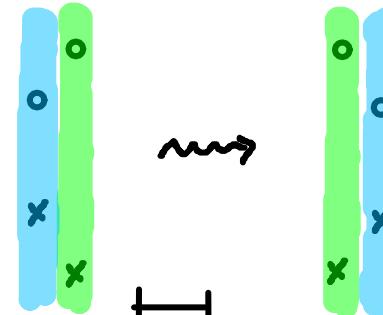
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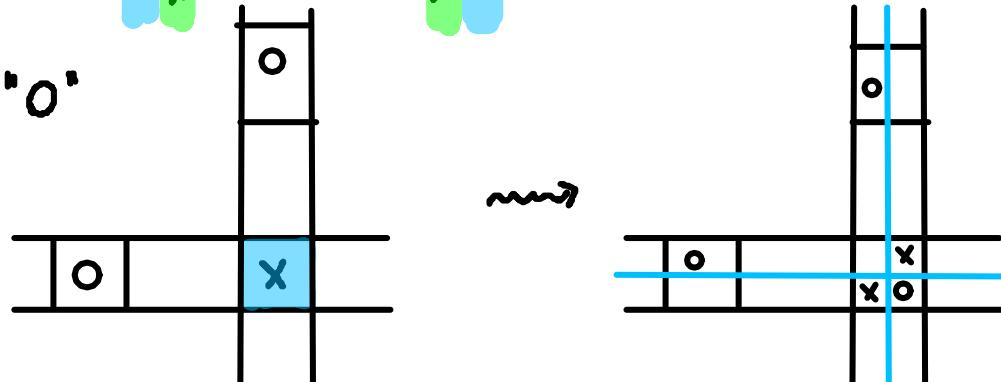
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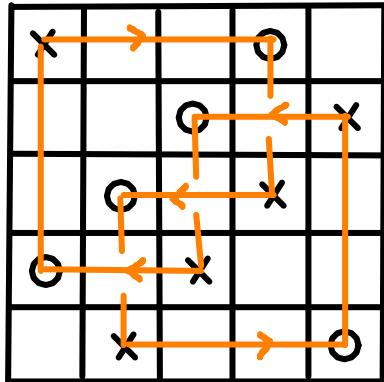
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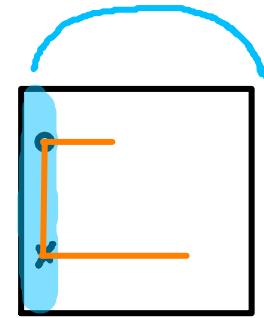
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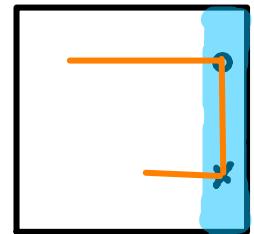
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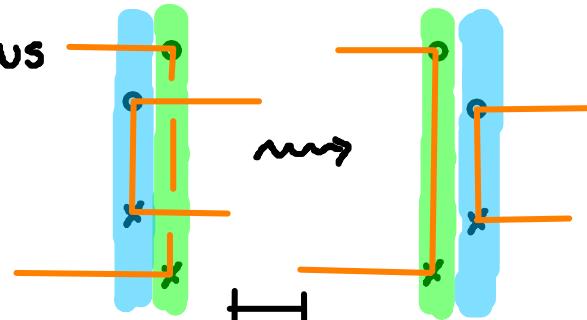
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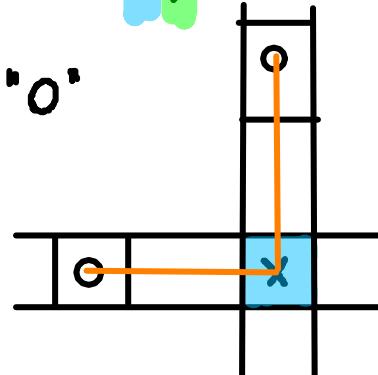


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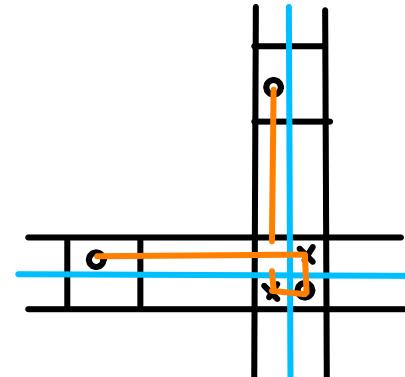


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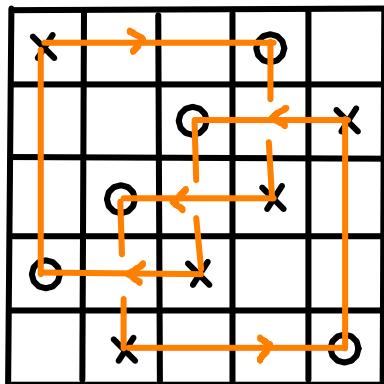


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these moves give isotopic knots

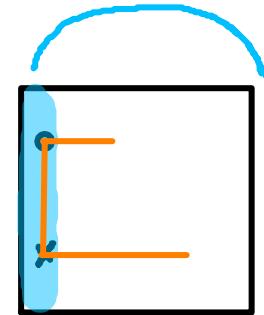
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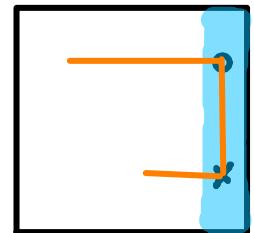
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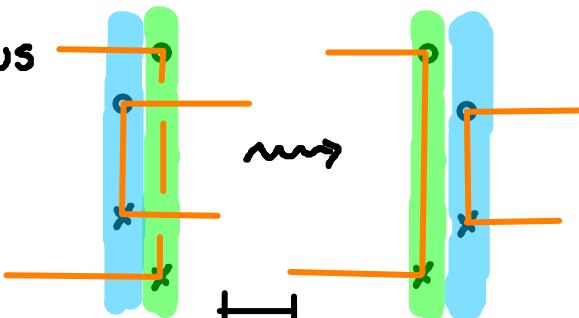
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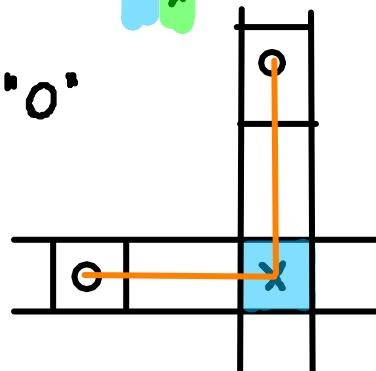


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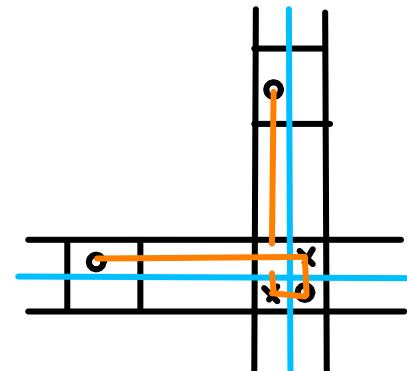


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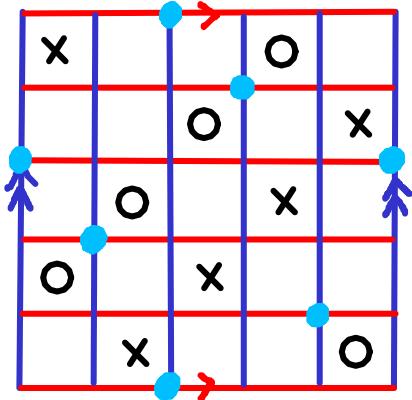
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Thm (Cromwell, Dynnikov) two grid diagrams define isotopic knots if they are related by a sequence of grid moves.

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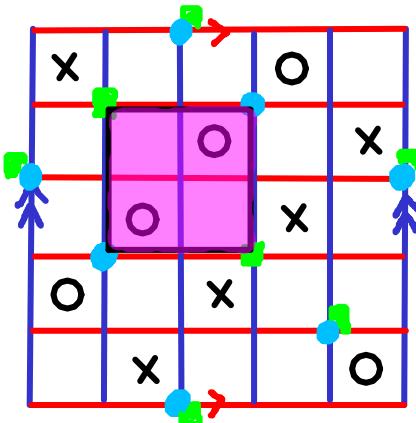
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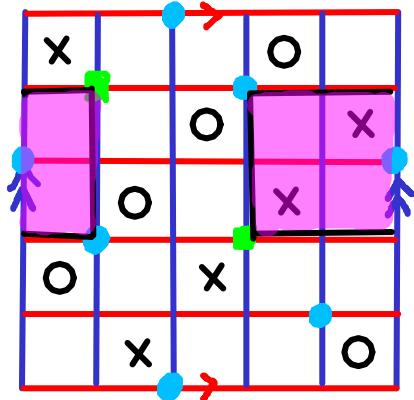
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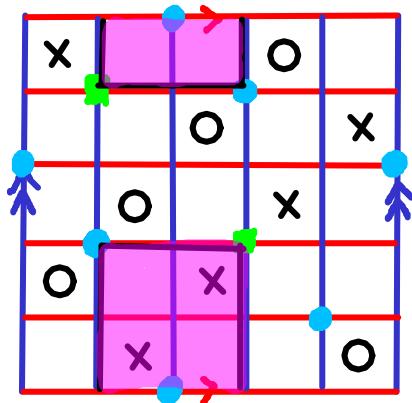
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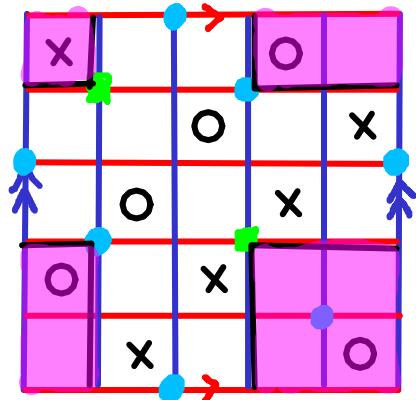
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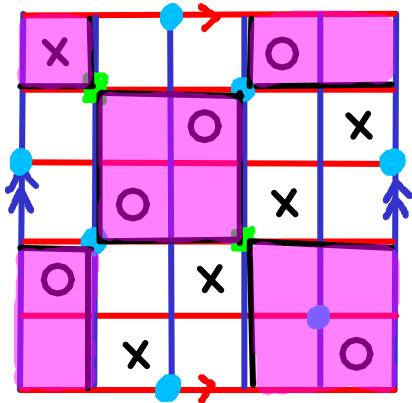
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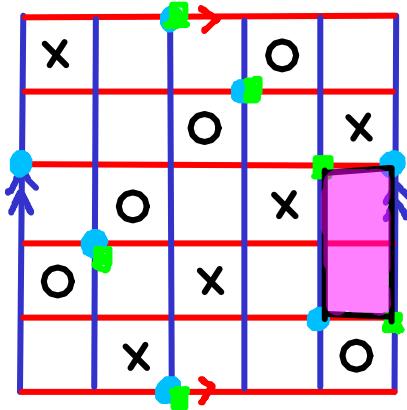
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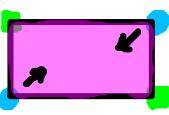
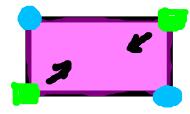
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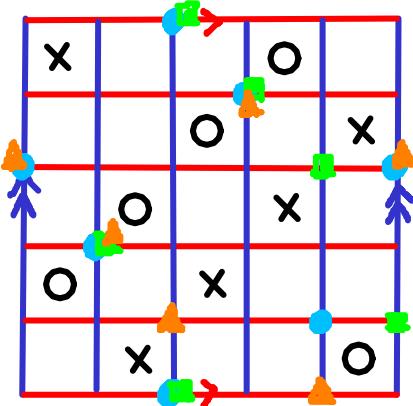
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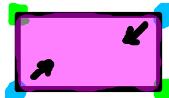
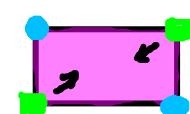
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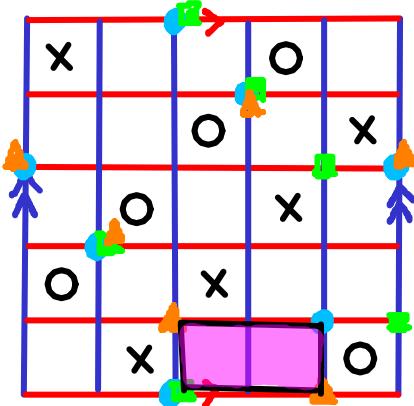
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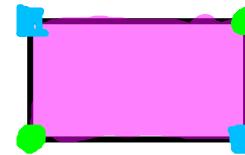
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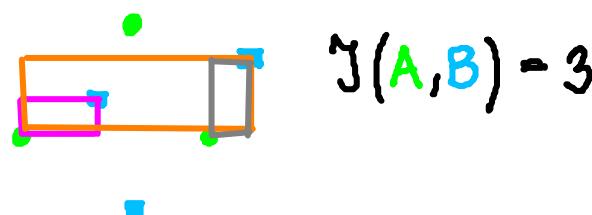
GRADINGS

Remember: $\hat{\partial}$ removed an inversion



Notation $\mathbb{Y}(A, B) := \#\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} b \\ a \end{smallmatrix} : a \in A, b \in B \right\}$

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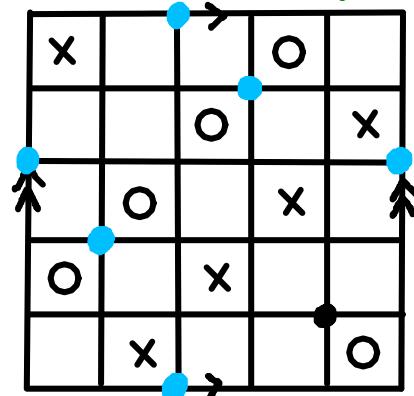
$$\mathbb{Y}(A - B, C) := \mathbb{Y}(A, B) - \mathbb{Y}(B, C)$$

\underline{x} generator, \underline{X} set of "X"s, \underline{O} set of "O"s on the grid

Maslov grading: $M(\underline{x}) = \mathbb{Y}(\underline{x} - \underline{O}, \underline{x} - \underline{O}) + 1$

Alexander grading: $A(\underline{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\mathbb{Y}(\underline{x} - \underline{O}, \underline{x} - \underline{O}) - \mathbb{Y}(\underline{x} - \underline{X}, \underline{x} - \underline{X}) - (N-1) \right)$

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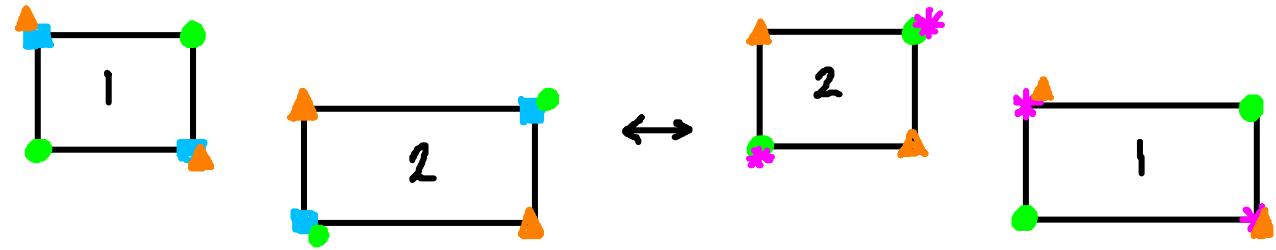
$(\hat{CFK}, \hat{\partial})$ IS A CHAIN COMPLEX

Need to prove $\hat{\partial}^2 = 0$

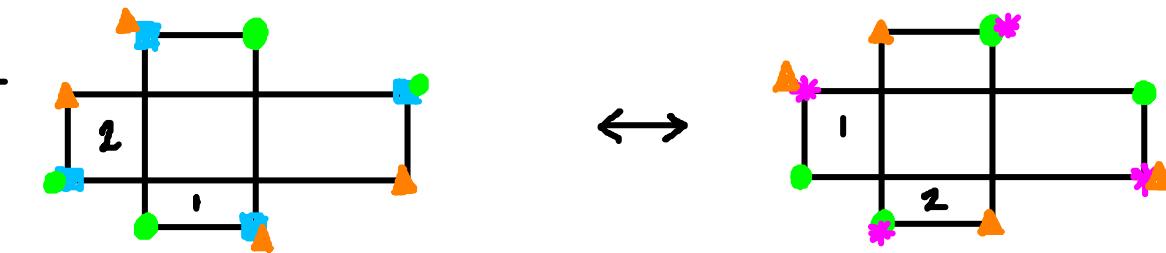
$$\hat{\partial}^2 x = \hat{\partial} \left(\sum_{\exists \text{ empty rectangle } z \rightarrow y \text{ } 4} 4 \right) = \sum_{\exists \text{ empty rectangle } z \rightarrow y} \left(\sum_{\exists \text{ empty rectangle } y \rightarrow z \text{ } z} z \right)$$

the coefficient of z is given by # 2 empty rectangles $x \rightarrow y \rightarrow z$

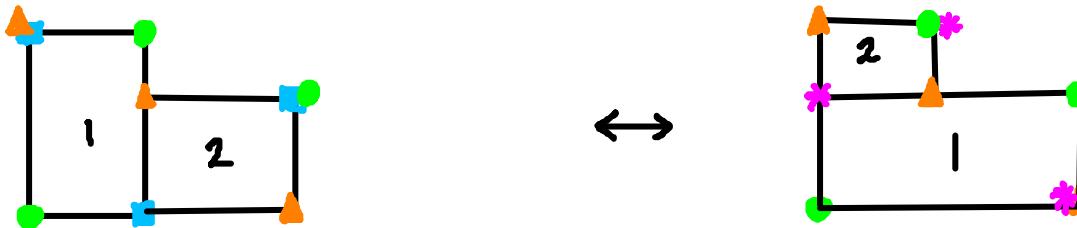
→ disjoint rectangles



→ the interiors intersect



→ common corner



→ $\hat{\partial}^2 = 0$ over \mathbb{F}_2

Thm (Manolescu - Ozsváth - Sarkar) $H_*(\hat{CFK}, \hat{\partial}) \cong \hat{HFK}(K) \otimes V^{\otimes N-1}$

where $V = (\mathbb{F}_2)_{0,0} \oplus (\mathbb{F}_2)_{(-1,-1)}$

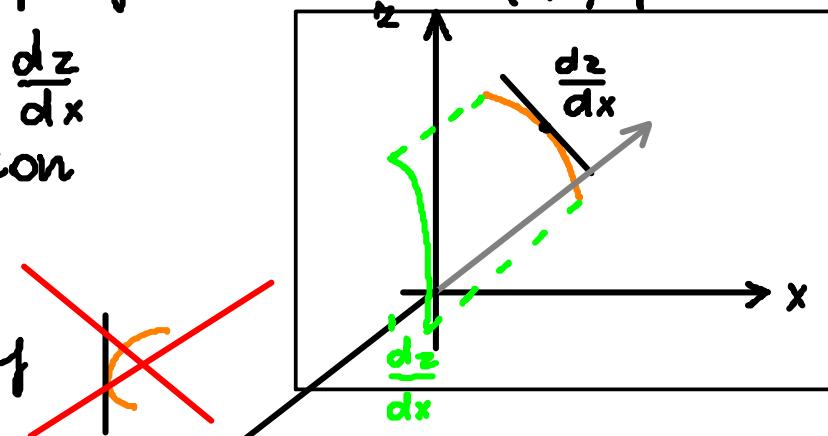
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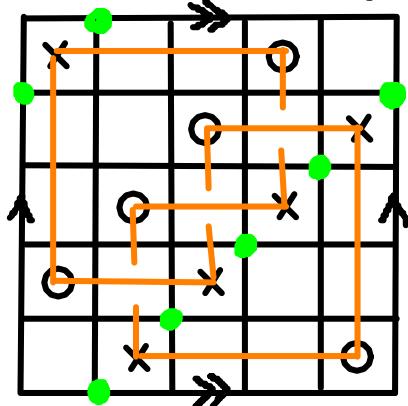
Def: A knot is Legendrian if its projection to the (x, z) -plane determines the knot by

$$z = -\frac{dz}{dx}$$

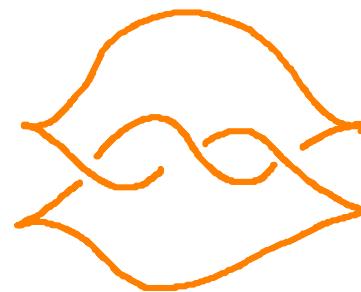
- Note:
- every crossing in the projection looks like
 - there is no vertical tangency



A grid diagram naturally determines a Legendrian knot :

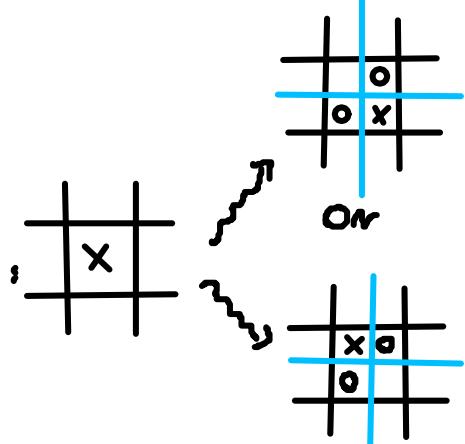


rotate by
~~~~~  
45° & smooth  
some corners



a restricted set of grid moves give Legendrian isotopies :

Thm: (Ozsváth-Szabó-Thurston)  $\lambda(L) = [\bullet] \in \hat{HFK}(K)$   
is an invariant for Legendrian knots.



## APPLICATIONS OF $\widehat{HFK}$

Thm (Ozsváth - Szabó) Euler characteristic is the Alexander poly:  
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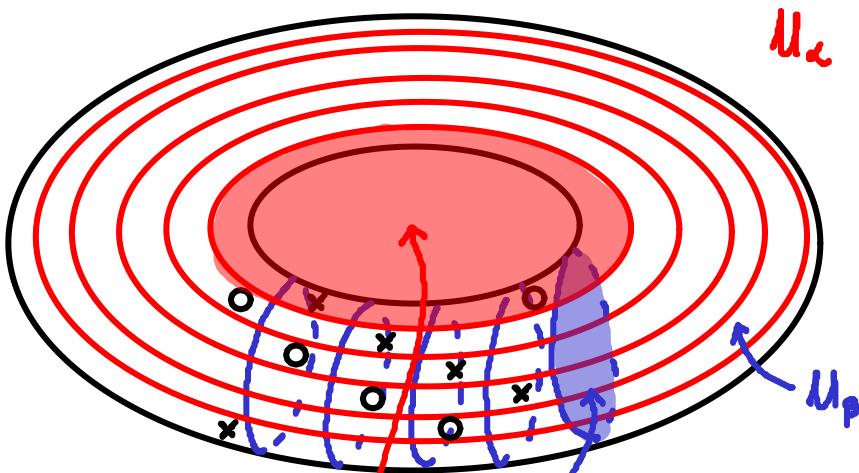
Thm (Ozsváth - Szabó) Max grading is the genus

Thm (Ghiggini, Ng) Detects fibered knots

(Ng - Ozsváth - Thurston, Lisca - Ozsváth - Stipsicz - Szabó)

Gives effective Legendrian / transverse knot invariants

## GENERALIZATION



Heegaard decomposition of  $S^3$

$\alpha$ -curve      bound discs in  $M_\alpha$

$\beta$ -curve      bound disc in  $U_\beta$

$x$  + intersection of  $K$  w/  $T^2$

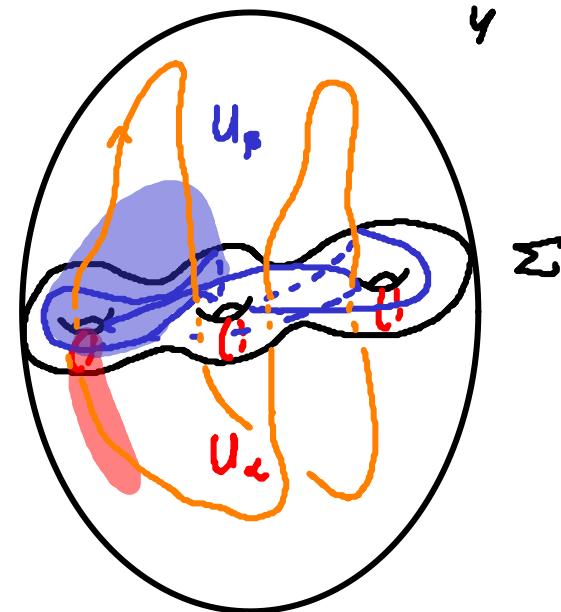
$o$  + intersection of  $K$  w/  $T^2$

generators: N-tuples of  $\alpha$  &  $\beta$

curves; one on each

boundary map: m rectangles

Ihm (Ozsváth-Szabó): the homology of gives an invariant  $\hat{HFK}(Y, K)$



Heegaard decomposition of  $Y$

$\alpha$ -curves on  $\Sigma$

$\beta$ -curves on  $\Sigma$

one X and one O

in each comp of  $\Sigma - \alpha$  &  $\Sigma - \beta$



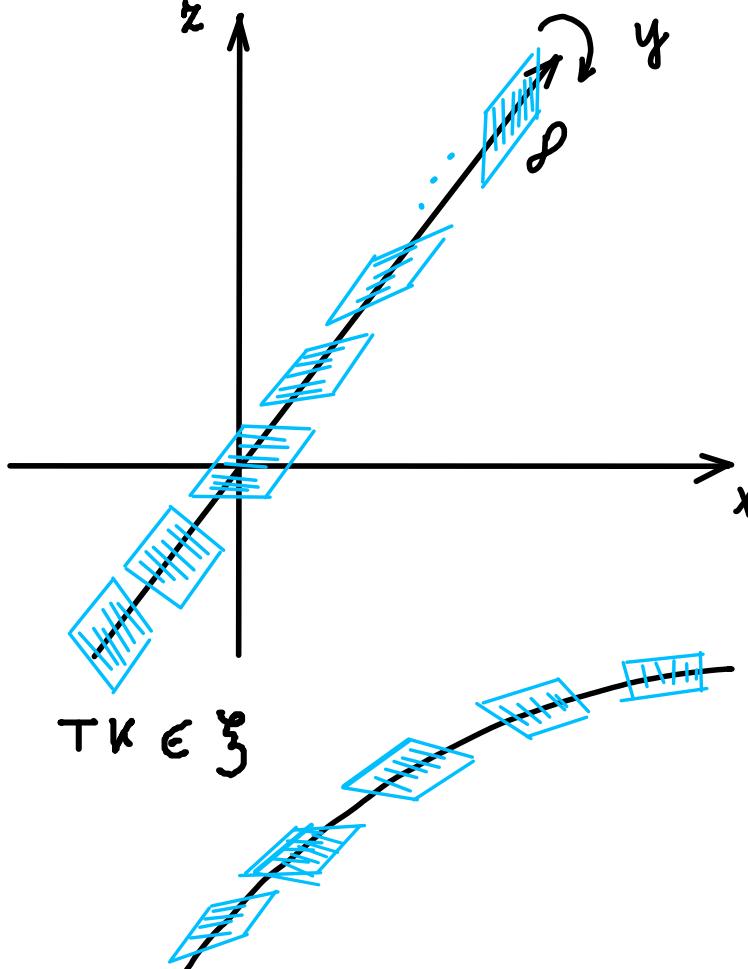
holomorphic curves in  $\Sigma \times D^2$



## LEGENDRIAN KNOTS

Def: a contact structure is a totally nonintegrable planfield  $\mathfrak{g}$

e.g.  $(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathfrak{g}_{st} = \ker(dz - ydx))$



Def: a knot is Legendrian if  $TK \in \mathfrak{g}$

Note: in  $(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathfrak{g}_{st})$ :  $TK \in \mathfrak{g}_{st} = \ker(dz - ydx) \iff y = \frac{dz}{dx}$

Thm (Lisca - Ozsváth - Stipsicz - Szabó): there is an invariant for Legendrian knots  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}(L) \in \hat{HFK}(Y, K)$

## PROPERTIES OF THESE INVARIANTS

Def  $L$  loose if its complement is OT

$L$  is exceptional or non-loose otherwise

|                                              | $c(L)$                                                 | $\mathcal{L}(L)$                                                                                              | $\lambda(L)$                  |                             |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                              | in<br>$\text{SHF}(-\gamma \setminus N(L), \mathbb{R})$ | in<br>$\text{HFK}(-Y, K)$                                                                                     | in<br>$\text{HFK}(-S^3, K)$   |                             |
| $L$ loose                                    | 0<br>HKM                                               | 0<br>LOSS                                                                                                     | N.A.                          |                             |
| complement of $L$ contains<br>Giroux torsion | 0<br>HKM                                               | 0<br>Vela-Vick<br>Stipsicz-V                                                                                  | N.A.                          |                             |
| stabilisation                                | $L^+$<br>-----<br>$L^-$                                | $\text{SHF}(-\gamma \setminus N(L), \mathbb{R})$<br>↓<br>$\text{SHF}(-\gamma \setminus N(L^\pm), \mathbb{R})$ | 0<br>$\mathcal{L}(L)$<br>Loss | 0<br>$\lambda(L)$<br>O-Sz-T |

Cor: Both  $\mathcal{L}(L)$  and  $\lambda(L)$  defines a transverse invariant by:

$$\vartheta(\tau) = \lambda(L) \quad \text{if } \tau = \tau(L)$$

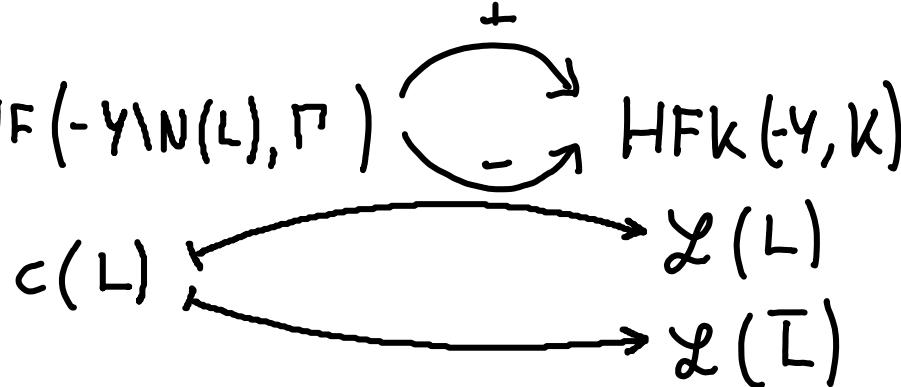
## So Far...

Thm (V)  $\lambda(L_1 \# L_2) = \lambda(L_1) \otimes \lambda(L_2)$

construction of infinitely many transversely nonsimple knots

Thm (Stipsicz - V)

there are maps:  $SHF(-Y \setminus N(L), \Gamma) \xrightarrow{+} HFk(Y, K)$



$L(L)$  vanishes if its complement contains Giroux torsion

Thm (Baldwin - Vela-Vick - V)

$\lambda(L) = L(L)$  for any Legendrian knot in  $(S^3, \mathbb{S}_{std})$

Thm (Etnyre - Ng - V) Complete Legendrian classification of twist knots



## PLANS

- define a gluable version of  $\hat{HFK}$  for tangles
- Legendrian classification of positive braids, 3-braids
- understand Legendrian classification of braid satellites
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