## String topology and three manifolds

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Goal: Study relation between $\mathrm{M}([\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}])$ and $i(X, Y)$.
$S$ = orientable surface (or orbifold)
$\mathrm{M}^{3}=$ compact, orientable, irreducible, with contractible universal cover.

Goldman Bracket: Lie Bracket on (linear combination of ) closed, oriented free homotopy classes of curves.

String bracket: Lie bracket on (linear combination of ) families of oriented closed curves.

Combinatorial presentation

The bracket encodes the intersection structure in terms of the Manhattan norm.

Different surfaces have different Goldman Lie algebras

String bracket gives the H-S graph of the graph of groups in the celebrated torus decomposition

We are not unaware of the connections with geometrization.

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- (In general, $H \otimes H->H$ is a Lie algebra of degree 2-d, $d$ is the dimension of the manifold. When $d=2$, we get the Goldman bracket $H_{0} \otimes H_{0}->H_{0}$ ).

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Thus (for most tori) T and T' are equivalent if and only if they are the same torus, with different fiber.

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Why $\mathrm{A}^{2}$ ?

$\left[w_{1} w_{2},<T, h . h^{\prime}>\right]=w_{1} w_{2} h . h^{\prime}-w_{1} h . h^{\prime} w_{2}=0$

## Detailed study of tori

| T torus | peripheral | interior |
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| upright <br> T(h,a) | $\mathrm{p}(\mathrm{a})$ simple and separates | $\mathrm{p}(\mathrm{a})$ simple and separates |
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