

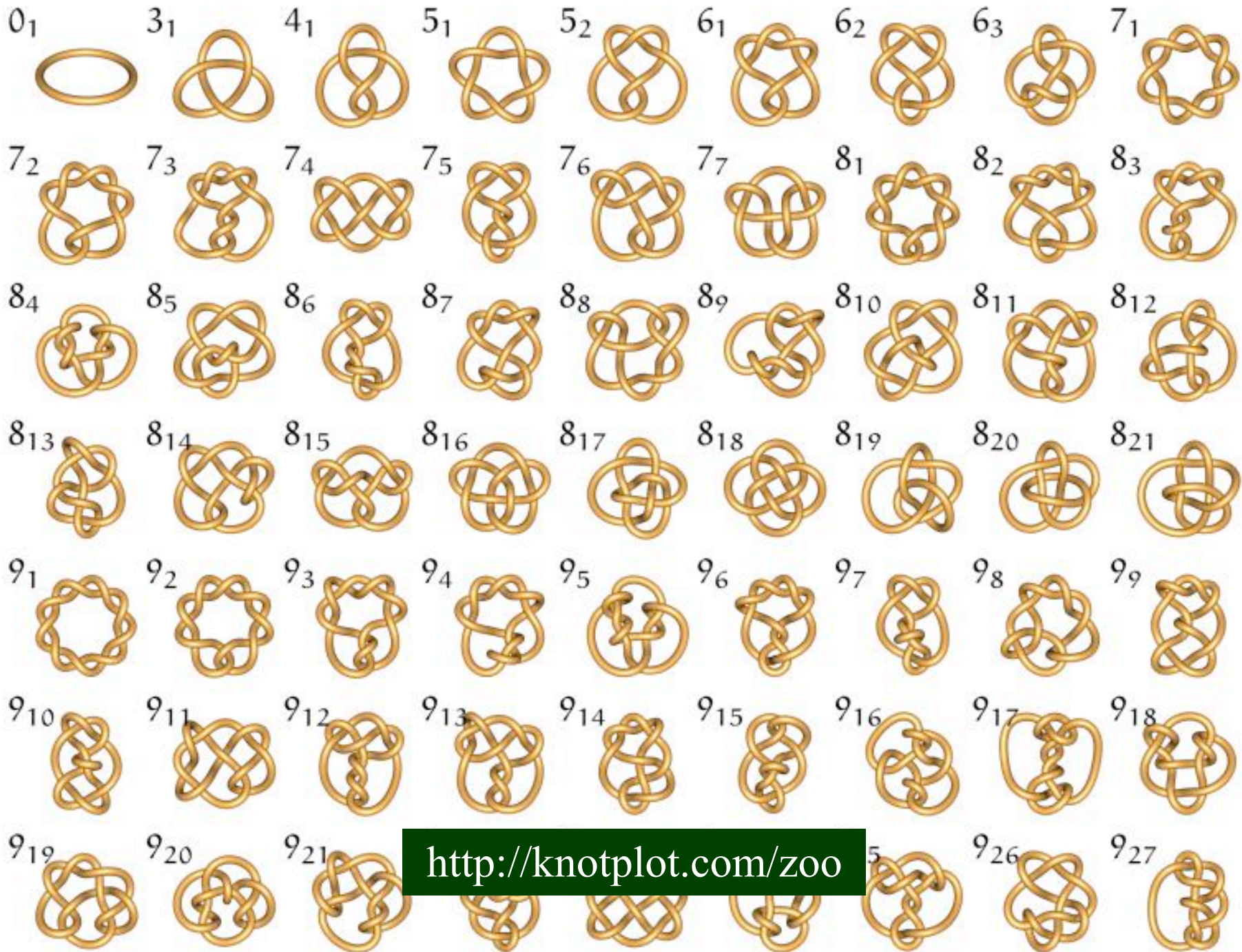
# DNA Tangles



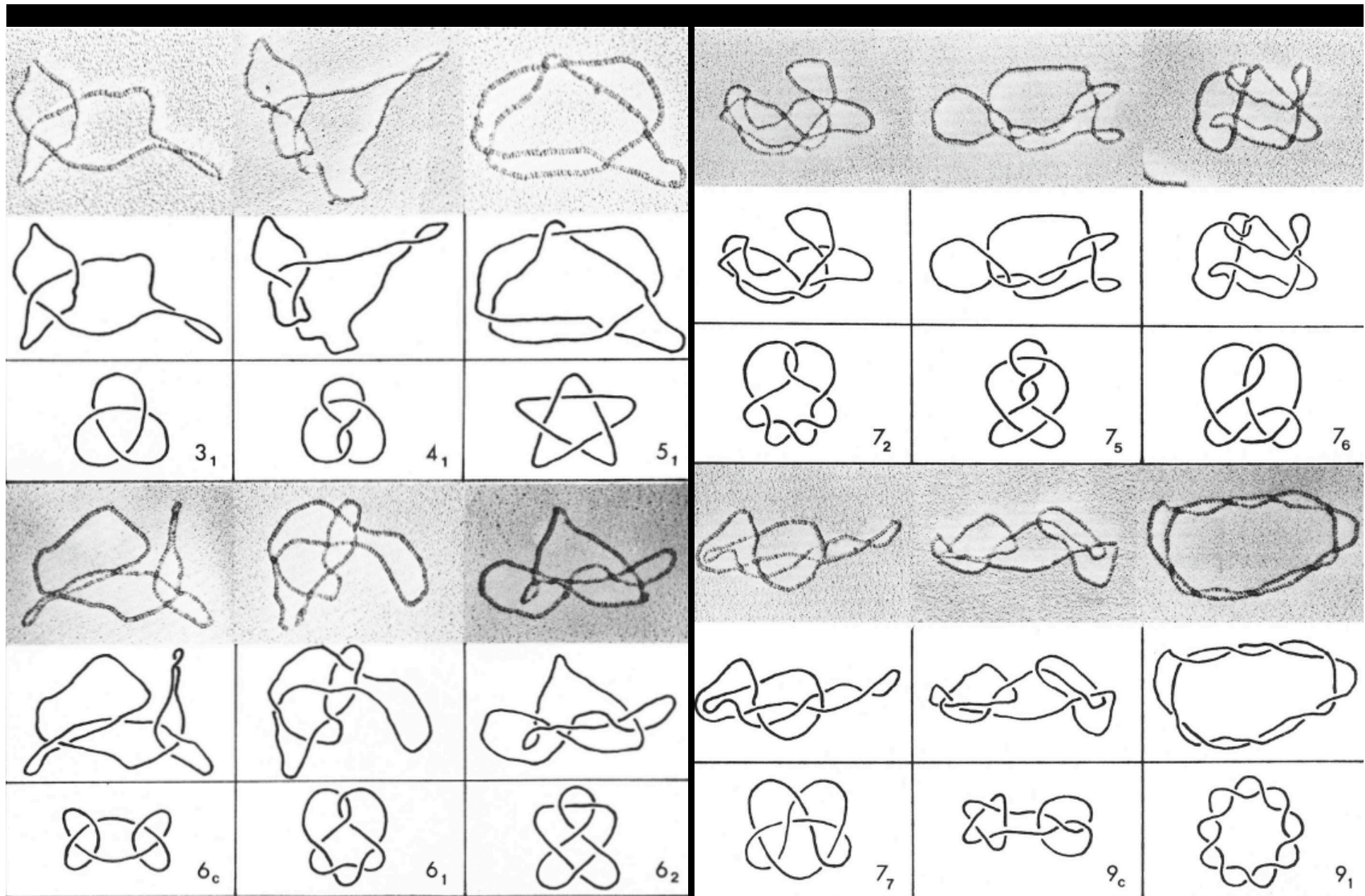
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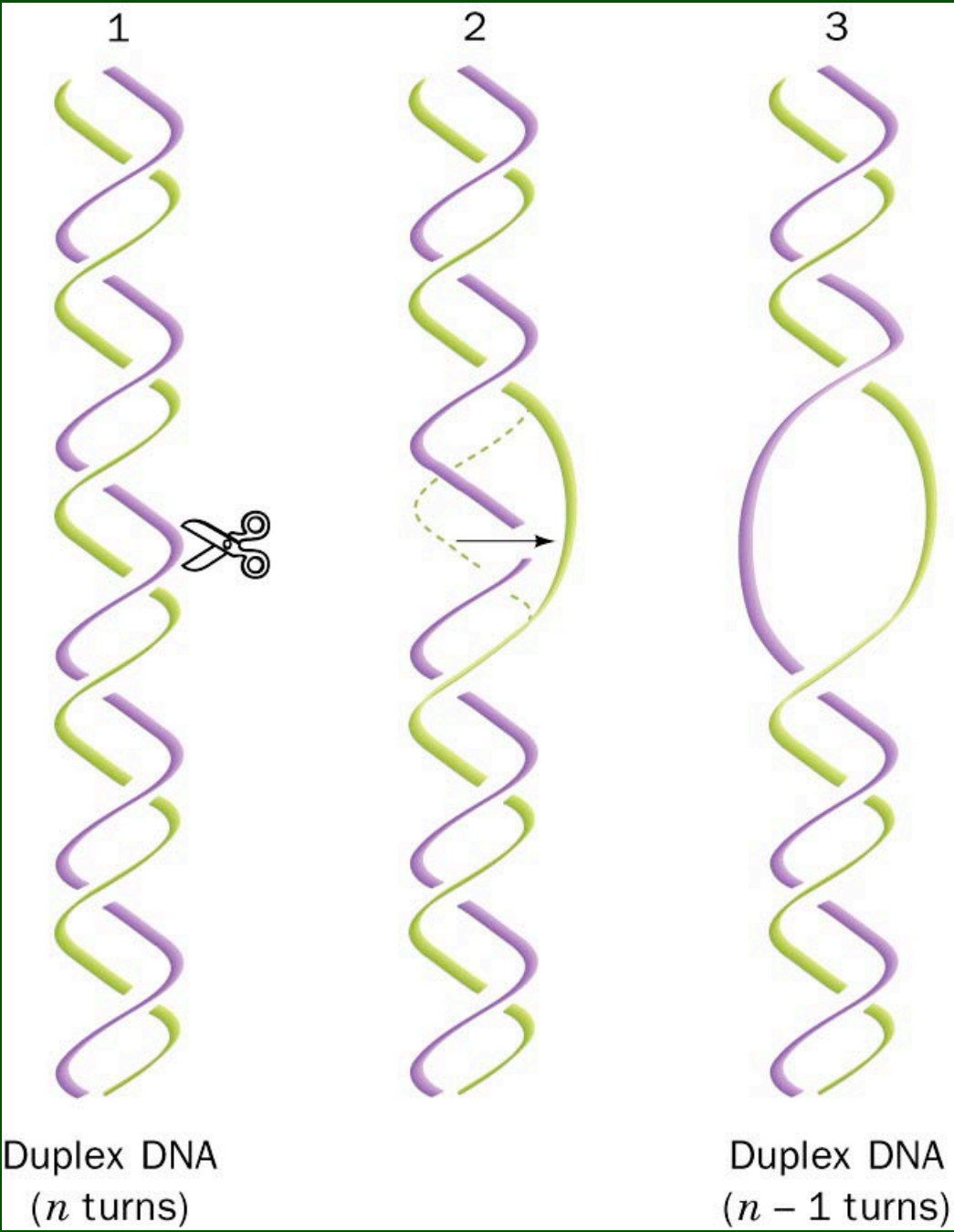
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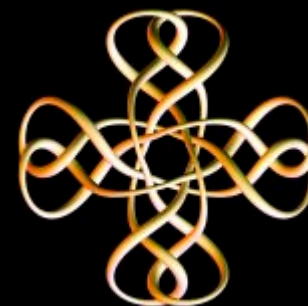
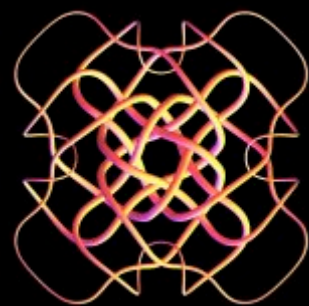


Duplex DNA knots produced by *Escherichia coli* topoisomerase I. [Dean FB](#), [Stasiak A](#), [Koller T](#), [Cozzarelli NR.](#), J Biol Chem. 1985 Apr 25;260(8):4975-83.



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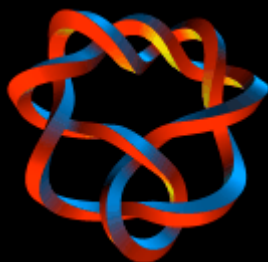
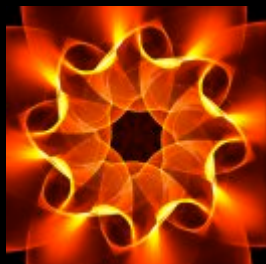
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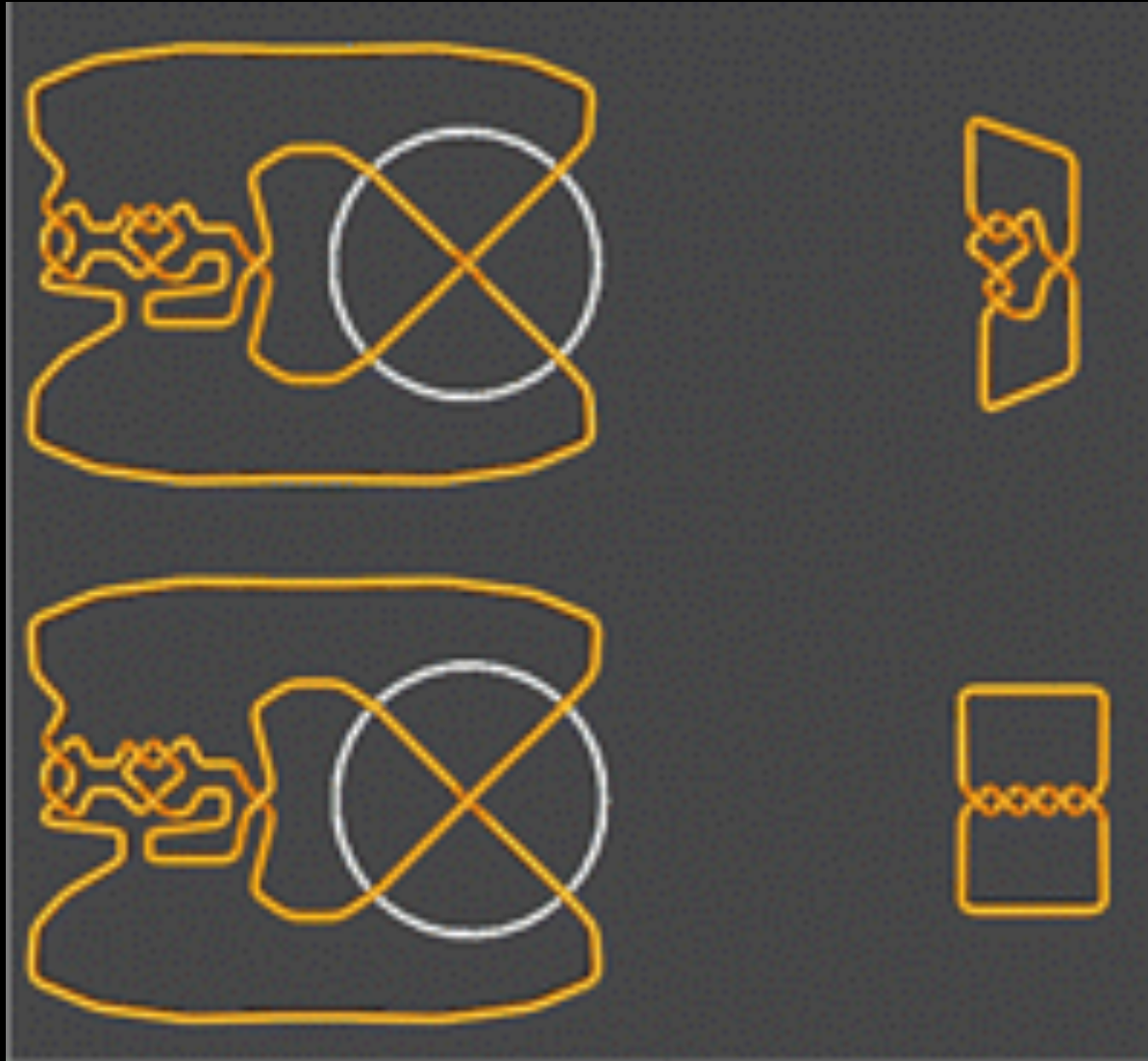


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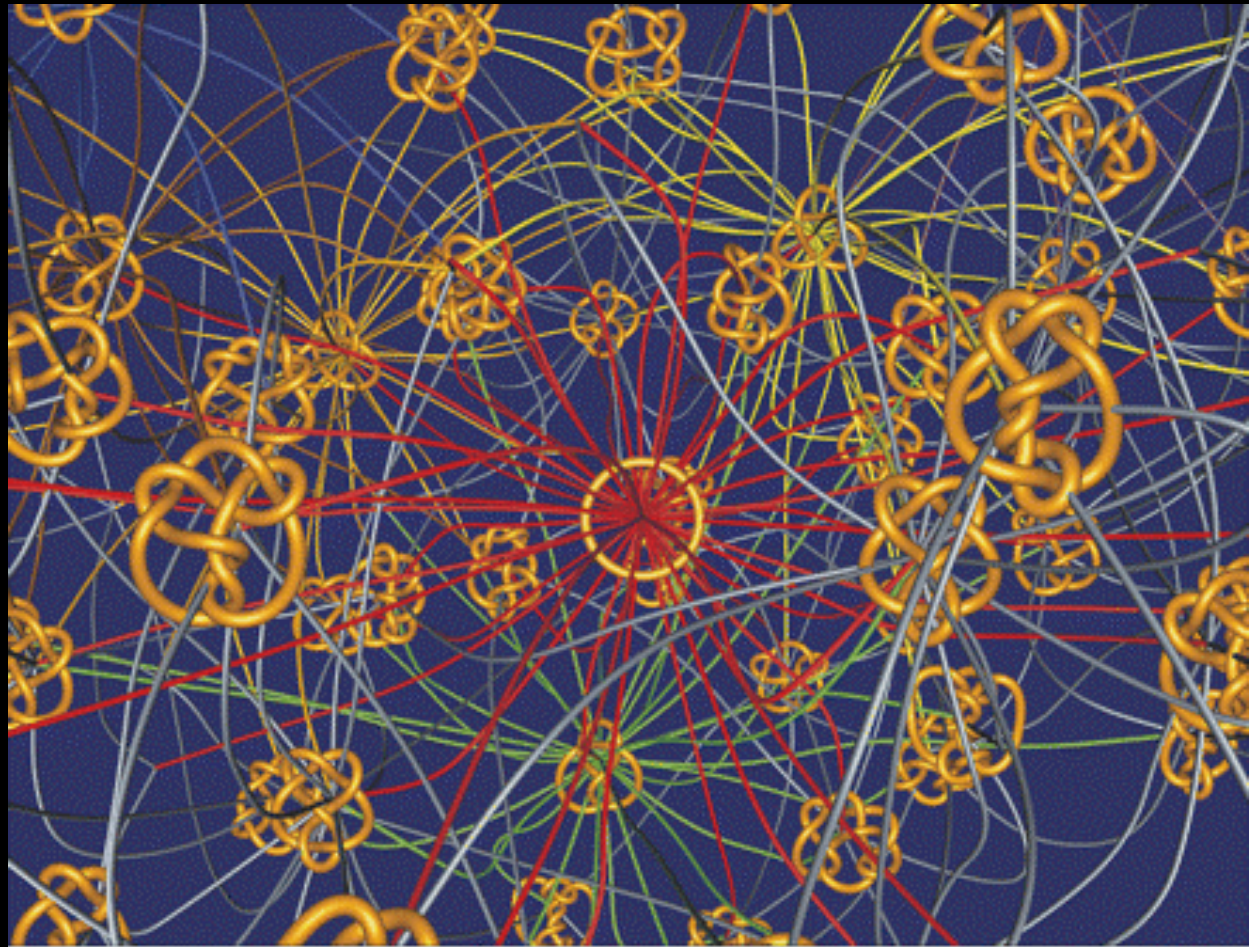
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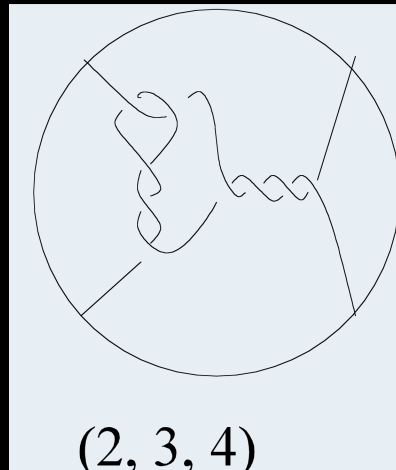


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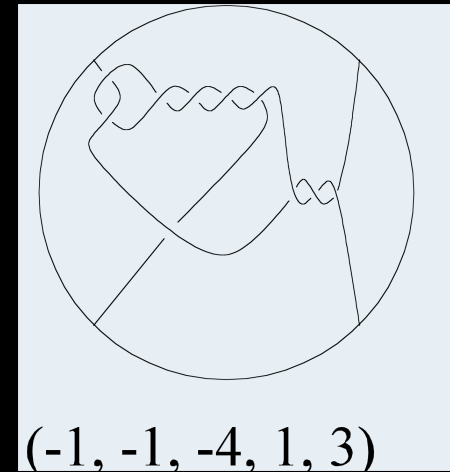


Visual presentation of knot distance metric created using the software TopoICE-X within KnotPlot. A pair of knots in this graph is connected by an edge if they can be converted into one another via a single intersegmental passage. This graph shows all mathematically possible topoisomerase reaction pathways involving small crossing knots. Darcy, Scharein, Stasiak (*Nucleic Acids Res.*, 2008; **36**: [3515–3521](#)).

Some tangles (but not all) can be classified using fractions.



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$$4 + \frac{1}{3 + \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{30}{7} = 3 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{-4 + \frac{1}{-1 + \frac{1}{-1}}}}$$



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## Topoisomerase distance table (joint with H. Moon, M. Devries, A. Stasiak, A. Flammini)

- $d(K_1, K_2) = 1$  if  $K_2$  can be obtained from  $K_1$  by changing exactly one crossing.
- Upper bounds found by
  - Mathematical formula for rational knots.
  - Performing crossing changes on diagrams
    - Small crossing (using table of small crossing tangles)
    - Large crossing (Flammini and Stasiak simulation)
- Knot invariants used to find lower bounds

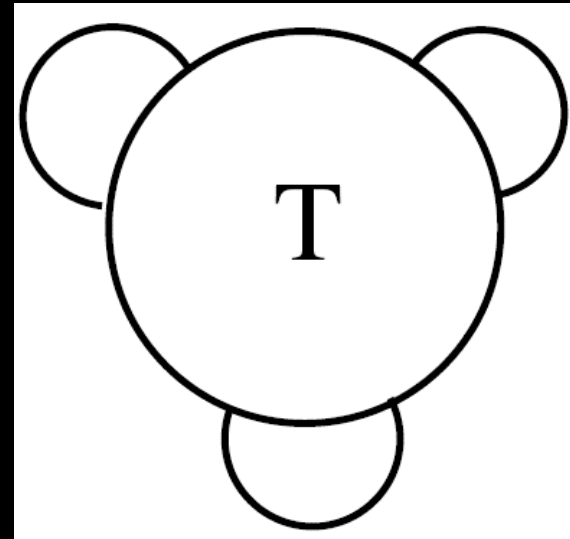
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	$0_1$	$3_1$	$4_1$	$5_1$	$5_2$	$6_1$	$6_2$	$6_3$	$\#3_1$	$\#3^*_1$	$7_1$	$7_2$	$7_3$	$7_4$	$7_5$	$7_6$	$7_7$	$\#4_1$	$8_1$	$8_2$
$0_1$	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2
$3_1$	1	0	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	2-3	1	1	2	1	2	1
$3^*_1$	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	3	1	4	2	2	1	3	2	1	2-3	2	3
$4_1$	1	2	0	2-3	2	1	1	2	2-3	2-3	3-4	2	2-3	2-3	2-3	1	1	1	2	2
$5_1$	2	1	2-3	0	1	2-3	2	2	2	2	1	2	4	3-4	1	2	2-3	1-2	2-3	1
$5^*_1$	2	3	2-3	4	3	2-3	3	2	4	2	5	3	1	2	4	3	2	3-4	2-3	4
$5_2$	1	1	2	1	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	2-3	1	1	2	1-2	2	2
$5^*_2$	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	4	2	1	1	3	2	2	2-3	2	3
$6_1$	1	2	1	2-3	2	0	1	2	2-3	1-3	3-4	2	2-3	2-3	2-3	2	2	2	1	2
$6^*_1$	1	2	1	2-3	2	1	2	2	2-3	1-3	3-4	2	2-3	2-3	2-3	2	2	2	2	2-

$l$	$s_1$	$s_2$	$s_3$	$s_4$	$s_5$		$s_6$	$s_7$	$s_8$	$s_9$	$s_{10}$	$s_{11}$	$s_{12}$	$s_{13}$	$s_{14}$	$s_{15}$	$s_{16}$	$s_{17}$	$s_{18}$	$s_{19}$
3	2	2	2-3	1-2	4	$s_5^*$	1	3	2-3	2	3-4	2	2-3	2-3	1-2	1-2	1-3	2-3	2-3	5
2	1	1	2	1	3-4	$s_6$	0	2-3	2	2	2-3	2	2	2-3	2	1-3	1-2	1-2	1-2	4
3	2-3	3-4	2	2	1	$s_6^*$	2-3	2	2	2	1-3	2-3	2	2-3	2-3	3-4	2-3	1-2	1-2	2
3	2	3	2-3	2-3	1-3	$s_7$	2-3	0	1	2	1-2	2	2-3	2	2	3	2	1-2	1-2	2
2	2	2	2-3	2-3	3	$s_7^*$	2	2	2	2	2	2	2-3	1	2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	4
	2-3	2	2-3	2-3	2-3	$s_8$	2	1	0	2-3	1	2-3	2-3	2	2	2-3	2	1-2	2	3
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C. Ernst, D. W. Sumners, A calculus for rational tangles: applications to DNA recombination, *Math. Proc. Camb. Phil. Soc.* 108 (1990), 489-515.

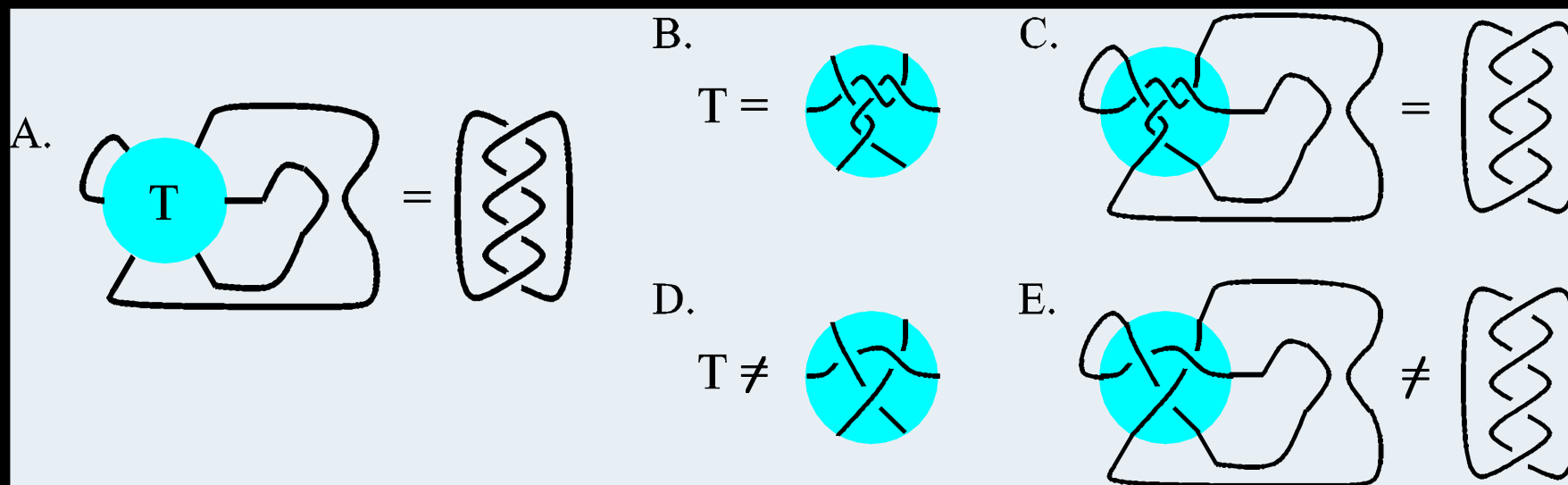
protein = three dimensional ball  
protein-bound DNA = strings.

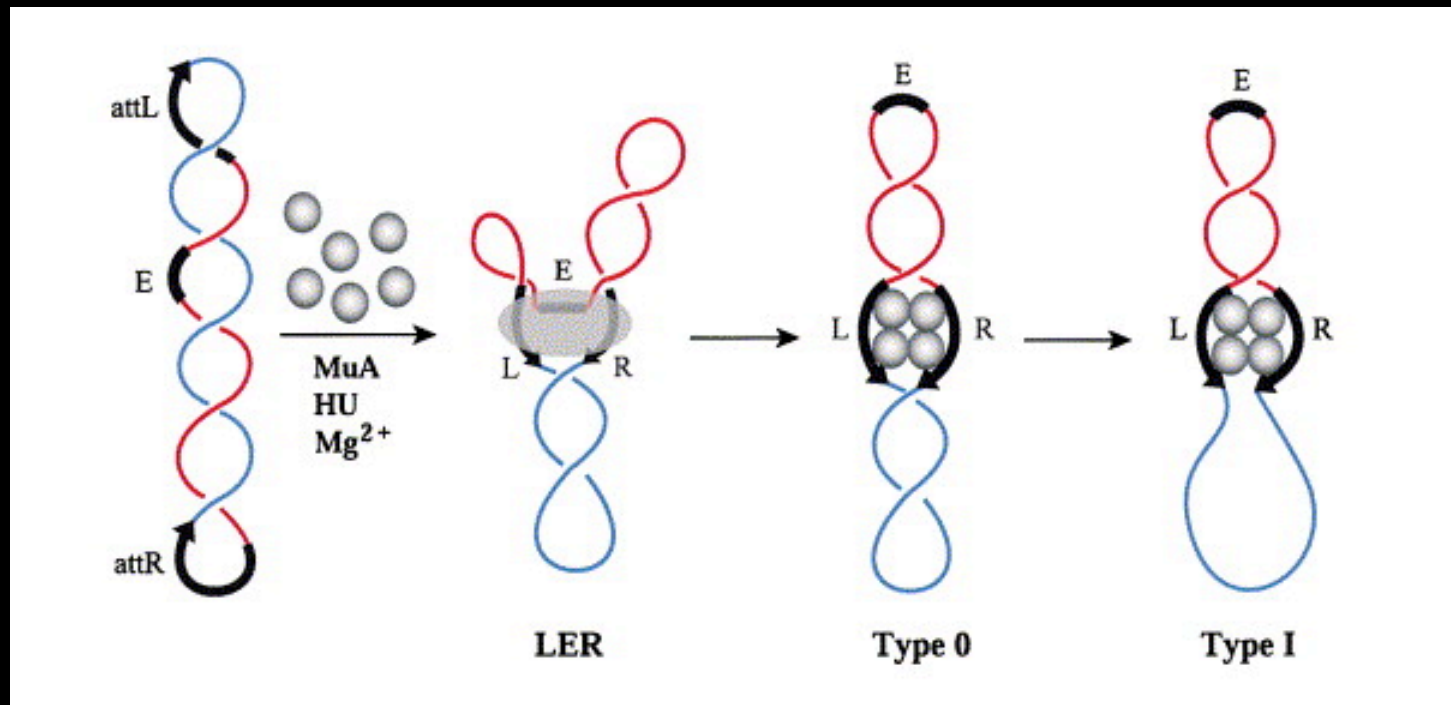


Protein-DNA complex  
Heichman and Johnson

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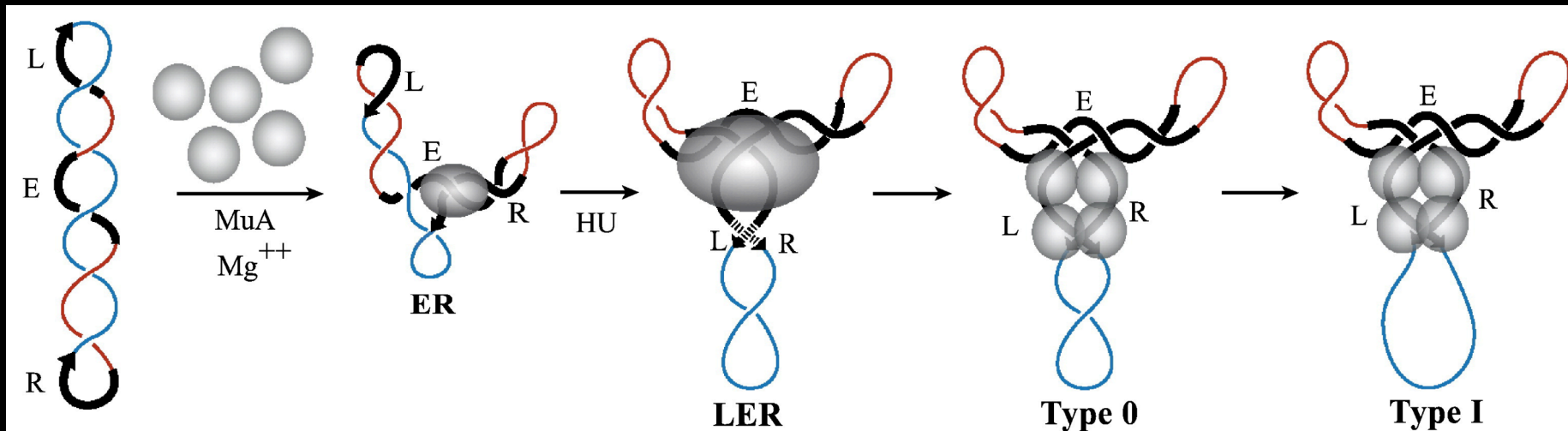
# Solving tangle equations





Path of DNA within the Mu Transpososome Transposase  
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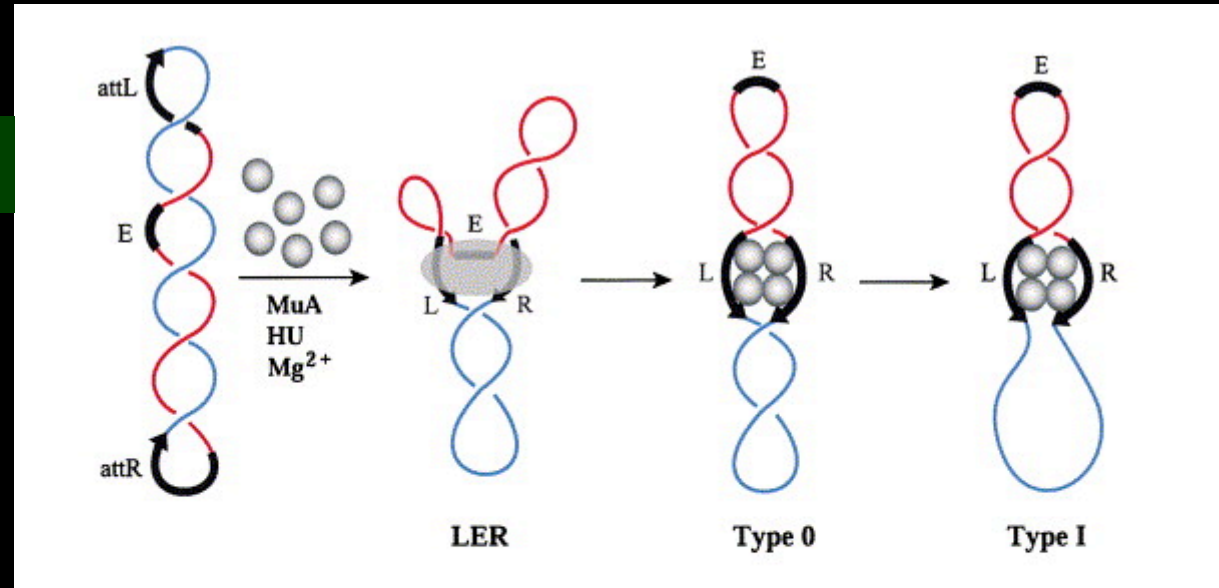


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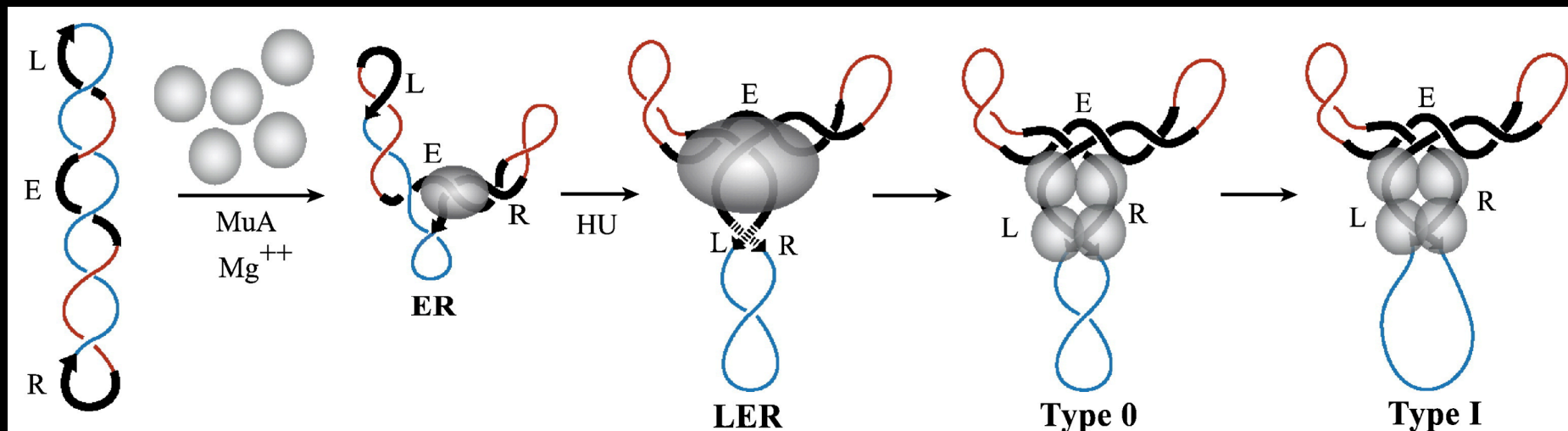
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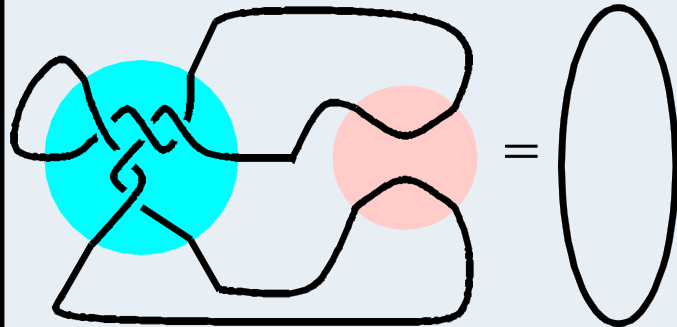


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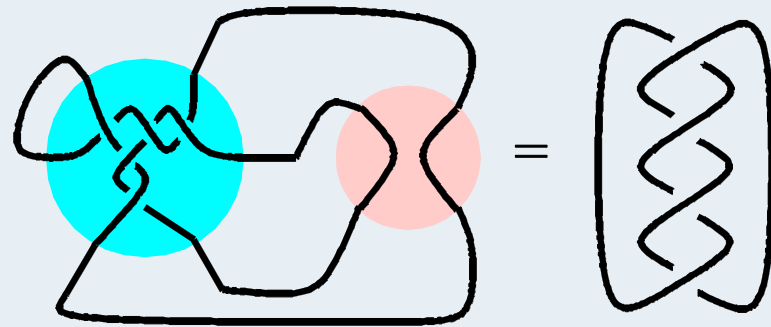


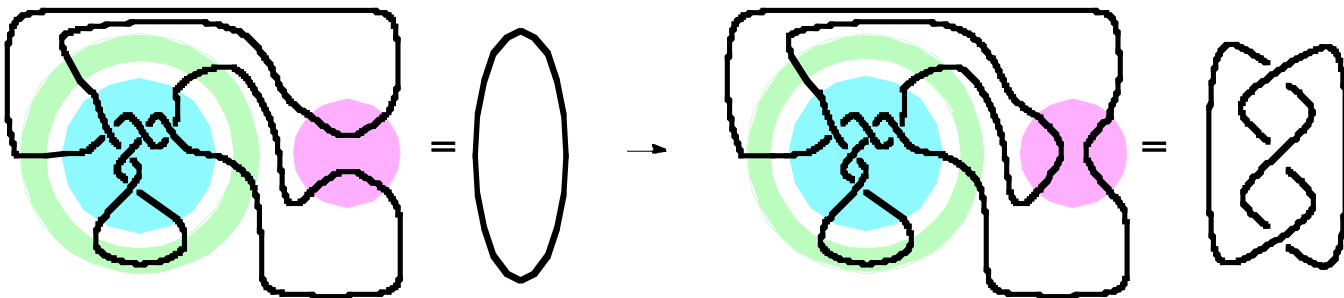
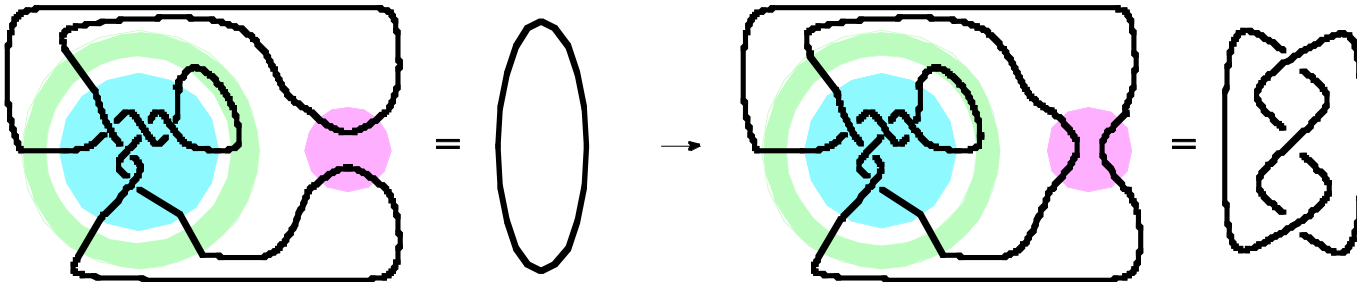
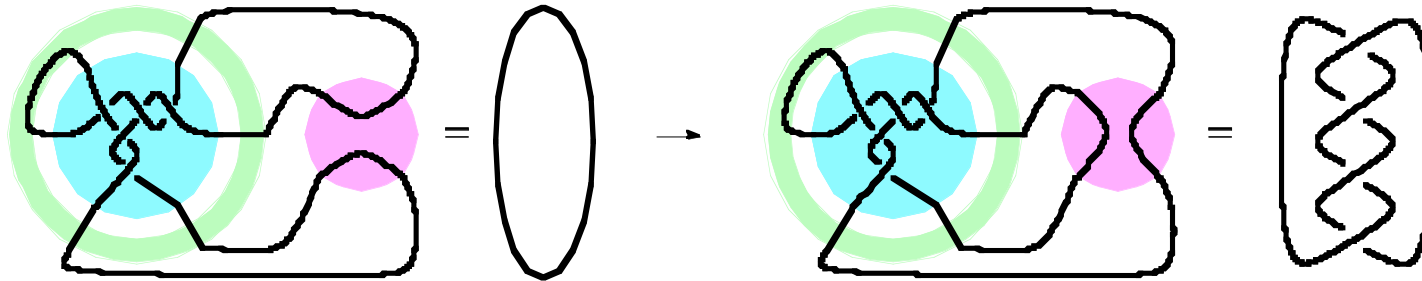
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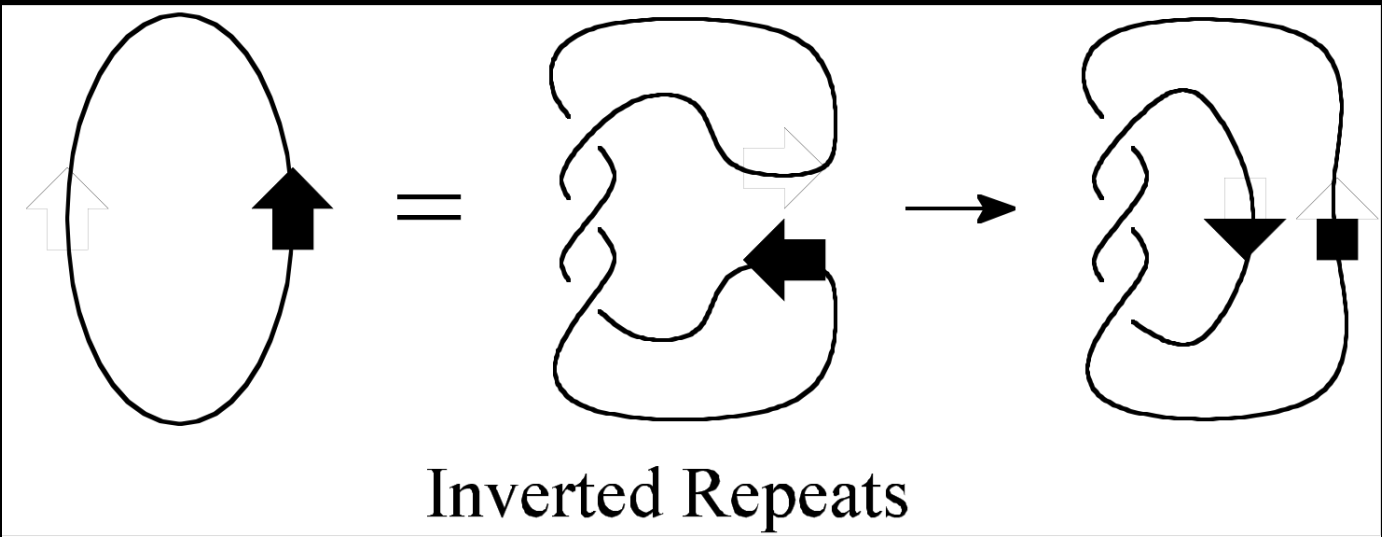
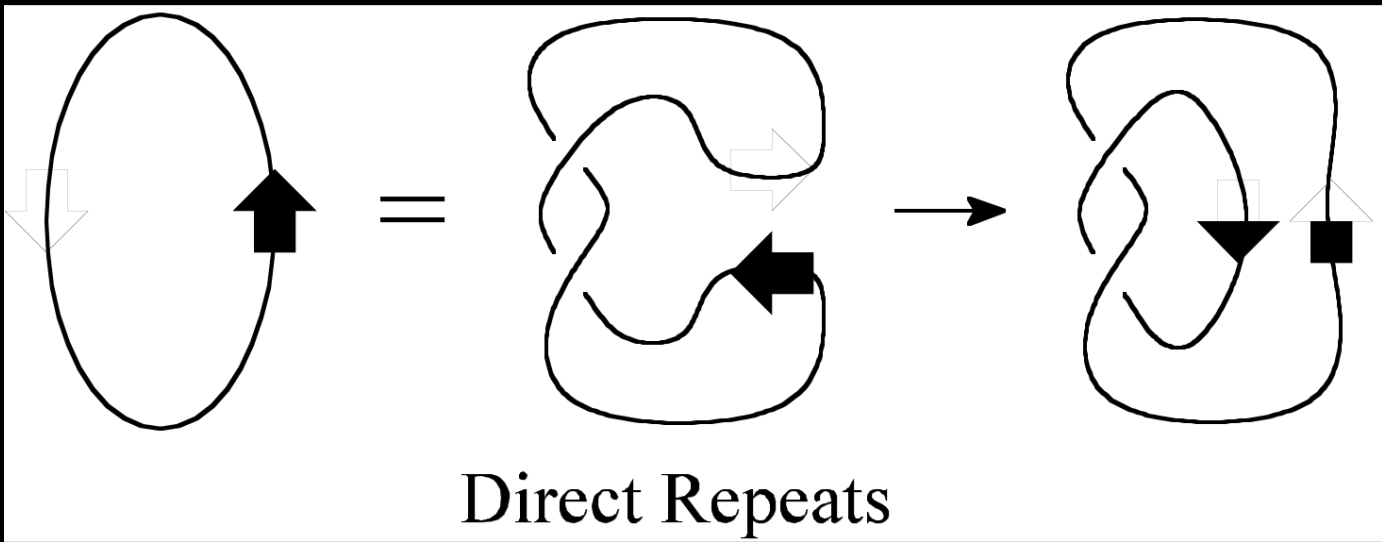
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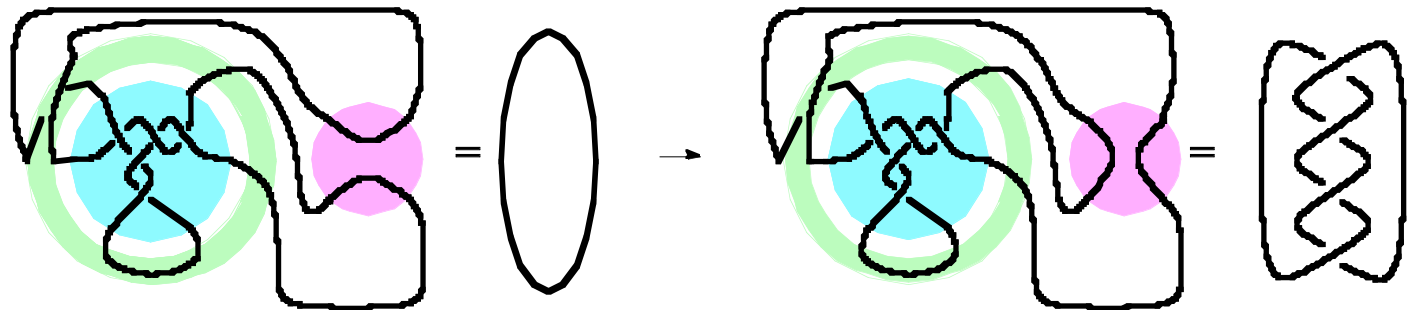
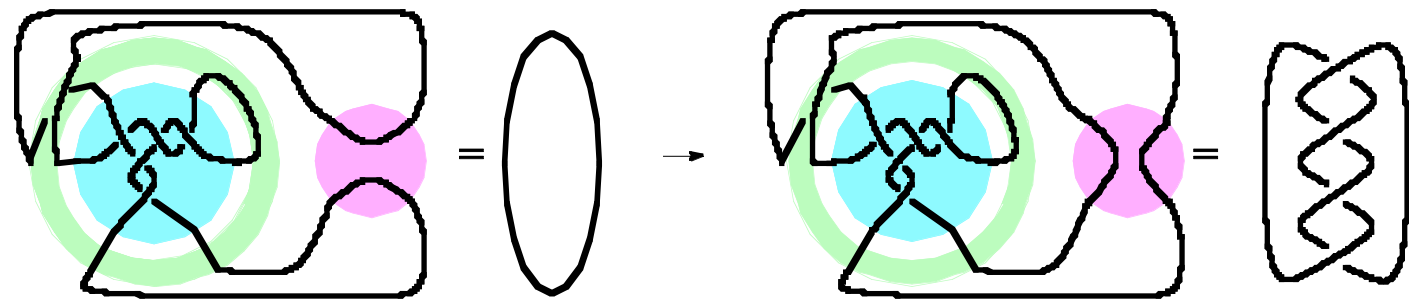
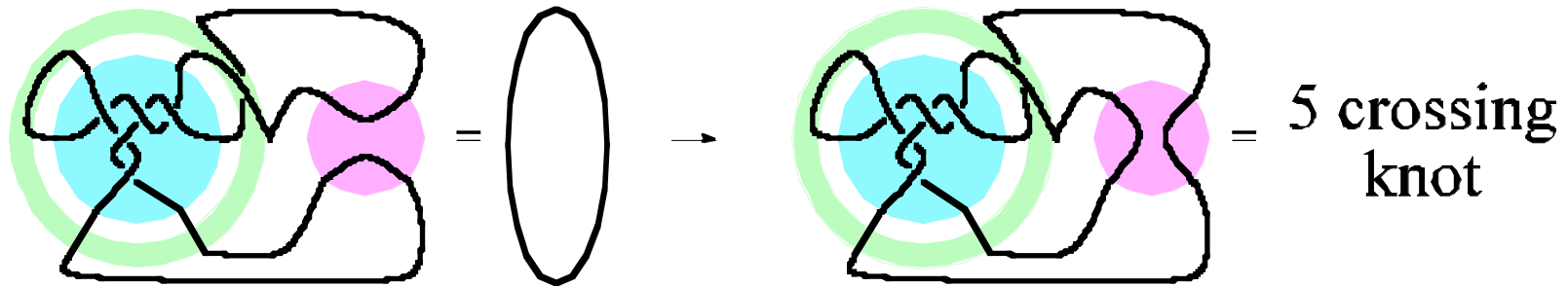


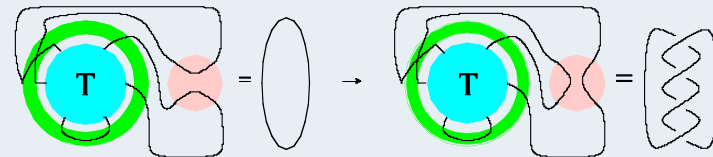
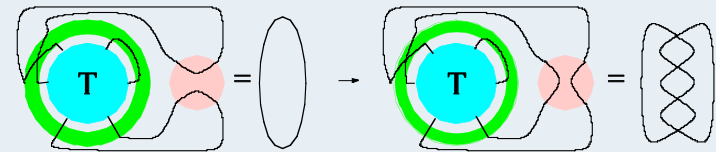
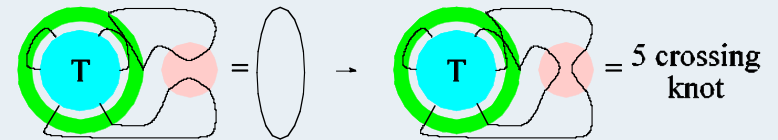
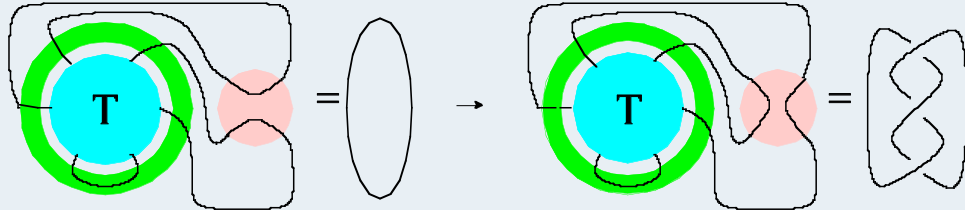
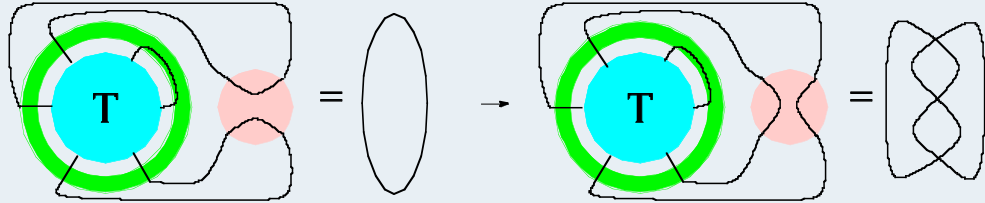
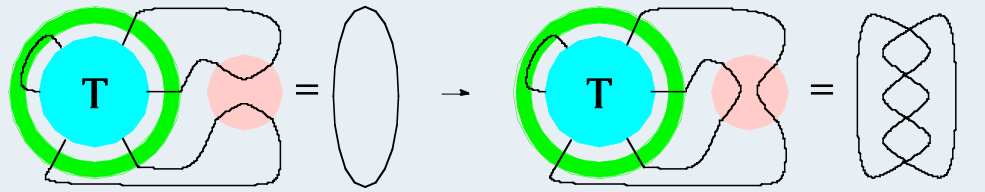
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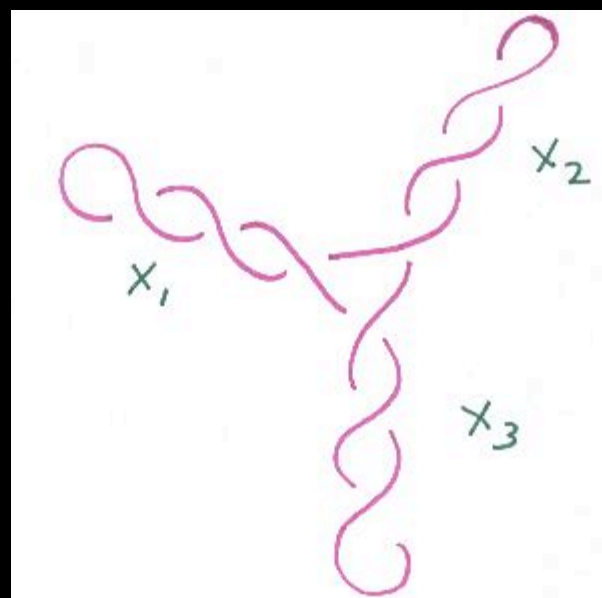
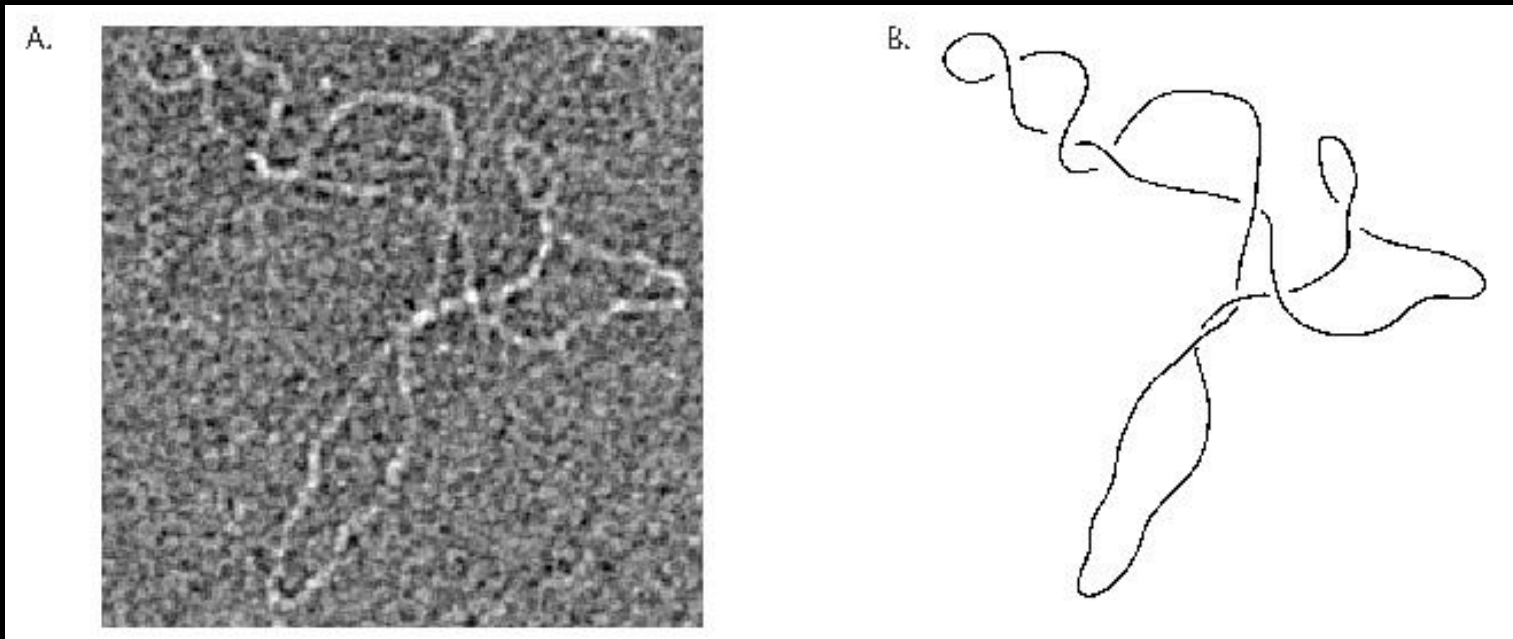


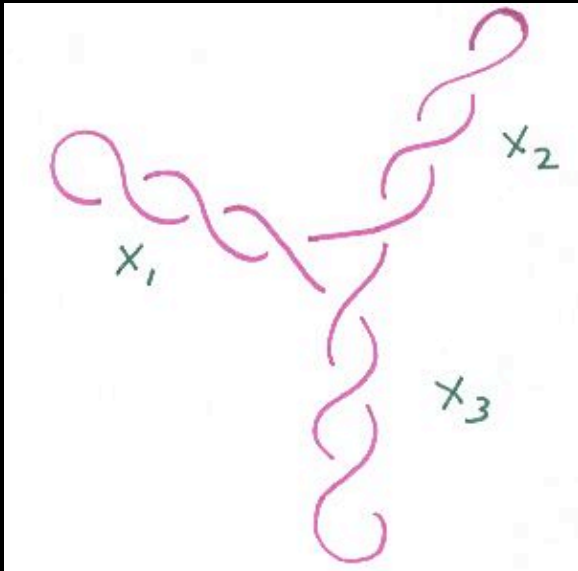




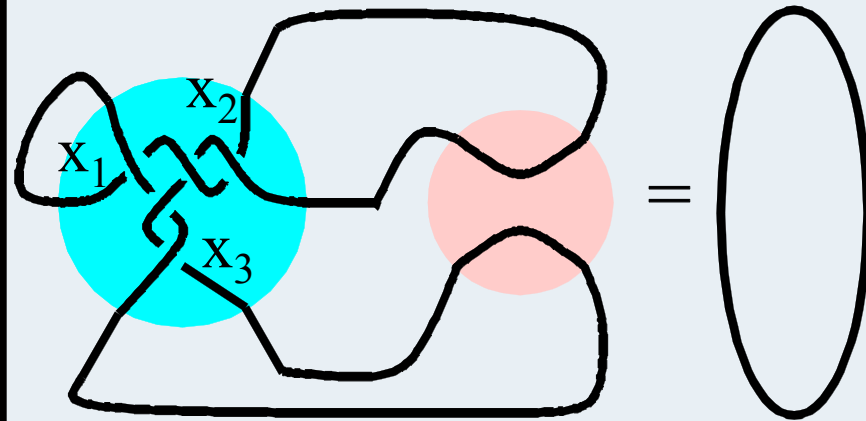




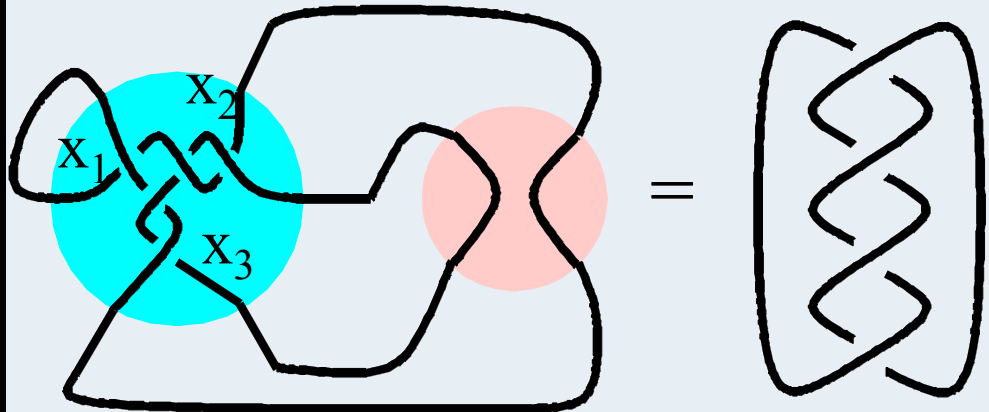




Before Cre recombination



After Cre recombination



$$x_2 + x_3 = 4$$



$$x_2 + x_3 = 4$$

$$x_1 + x_3 = 3$$

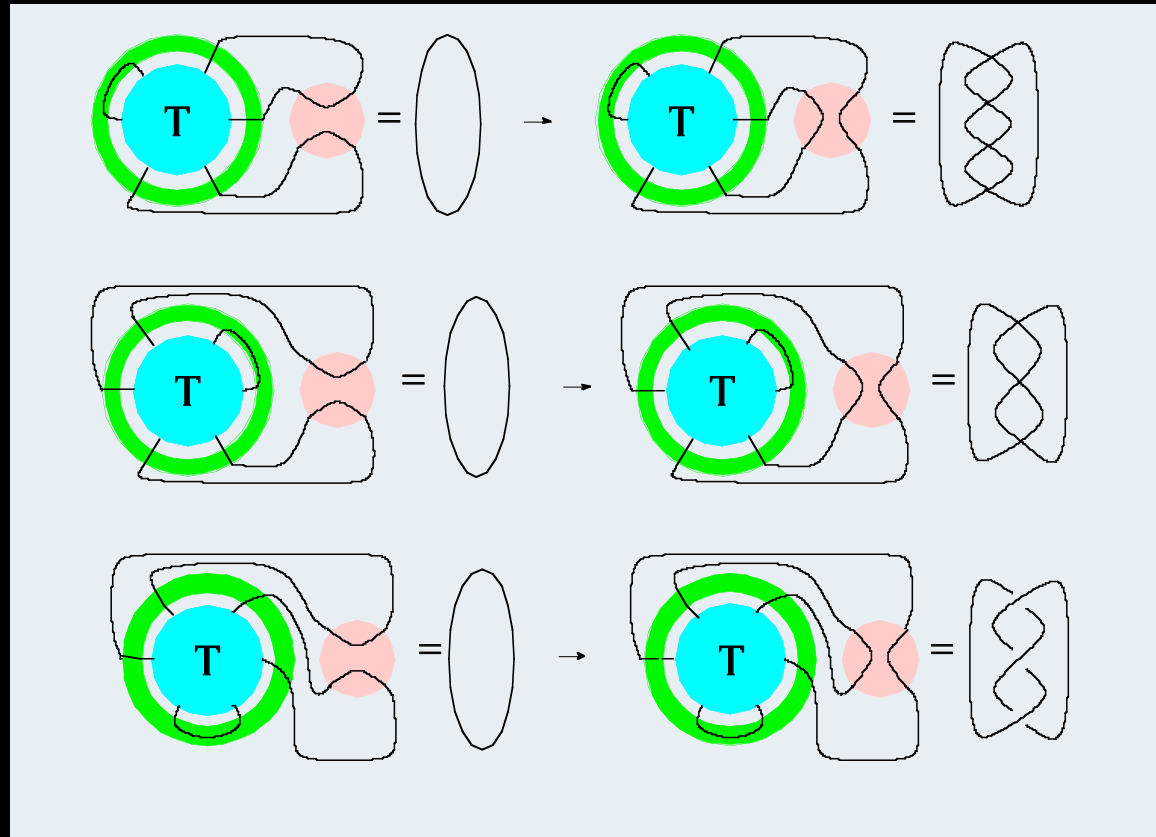
$$x_1 + x_2 = 3$$

implies

$$x_1 = 1,$$

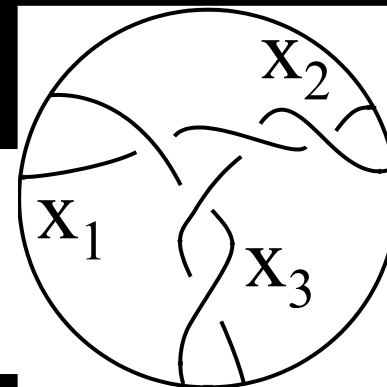
$$x_2 = 2,$$

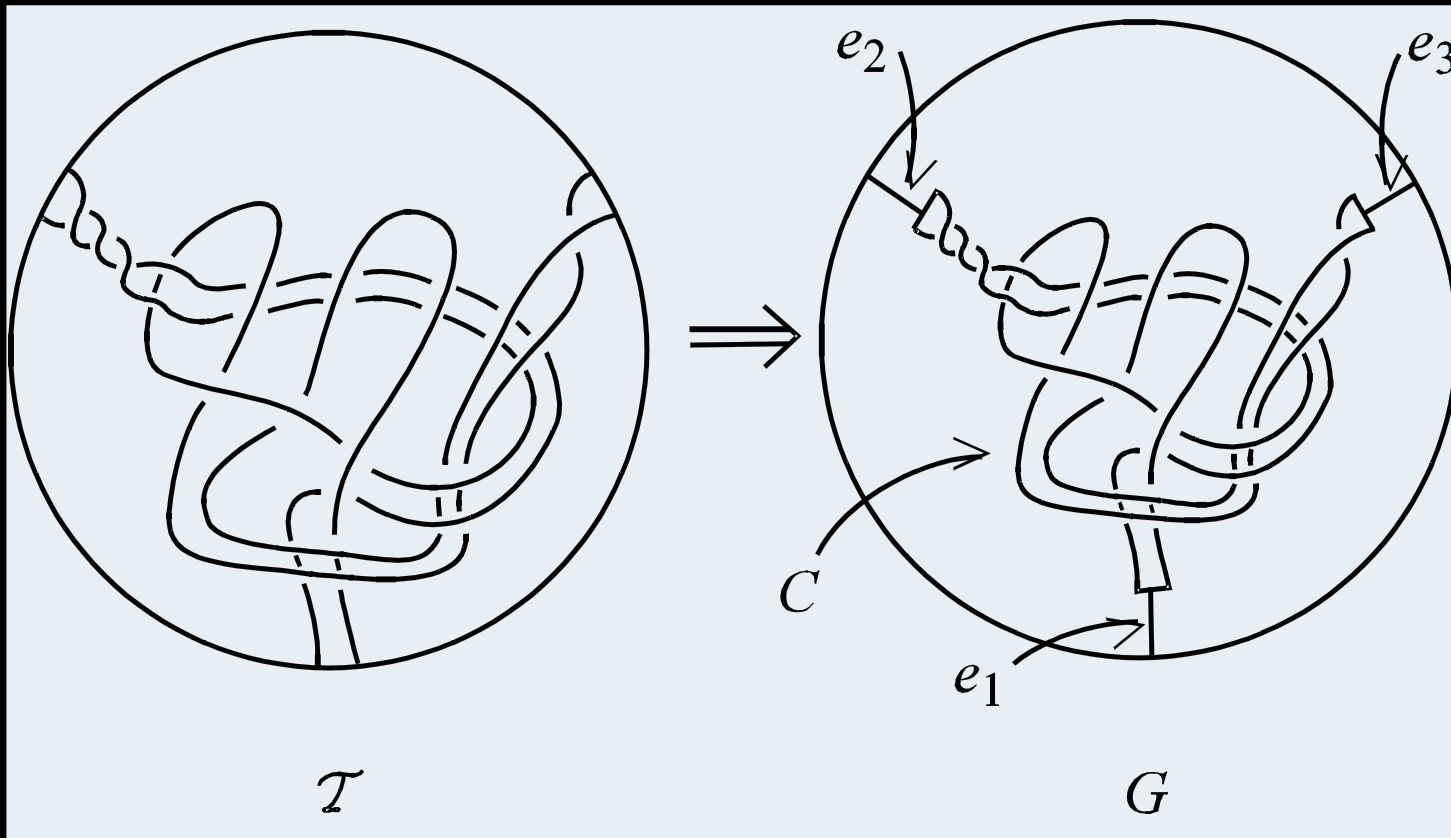
$$x_3 = 2$$



Thus  $T$

=



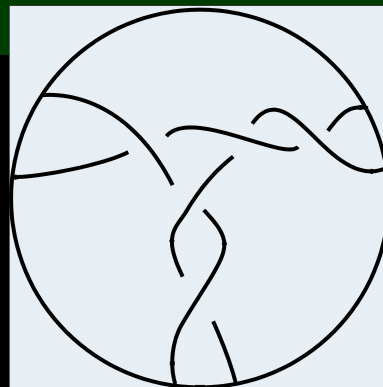


Theorem [[D, Luecke, J., Vazquez, M., Tangle analysis of difference topology experiments: applications to a Mu protein-DNA complex](#)]: If  $T$  is a solution to the Mu-Cre equations, and if either

- 1.)  $T$  is rational or split or has parallel strands or
- 2.) If  $T$  has fewer than 9 crossings,

Then

$T =$



(assuming a particular handedness of the products)

Darcy, I. K., Bhutra, A., Chang, J., Druivenga, N., McKinney, C., Medikonduri, R. K., Mills, S., Navarra Madsen, J., Ponnusamy, A., Sweet, J., Thompson, T., [Coloring the Mu Transpososome](#), BMC Bioinformatics. 2006 Oct 5;7:435.

Theorem [Kim, D]: Suppose

1.)  $T$  is a 4-string tangle which models a protein-DNA complex where 4 DNA segments are bound by the protein complex.

2.)  $T$  satisfies difference topology equations where the products are  $(2, p_i)$  torus links.

3.)  $T$  is a biologically reasonable solution (can be isotoped to a tangle with less than 8 crossings).

Then  $T$  is R-standard.

I.e, we can determine  $T$ .