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From Faraday's *Diary of experimental investigation*, vol VI, entry from 11th Dec. 1851, as reproduced in [Martin09]; the colored arc is our addition, for ease of comparison with the next graphics.



The density and orientation of magnetic field flux lines are encoded in a differential 2-form F_2 whose integral over a given surface is proportional to the total magnetic flux through that surface. (Graphics adapted from [Hyperphysics].)



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M/F-theory as *Mf*-theory

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First case:
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