Poly-Twistor by 3D Printer Classification of 3D Tori

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Abstract

Using 3D printing, we can manufacture forms called Poly-Twistors. These are knotted closed loops around the surface of either a torus or a polyhedron. Variants have handedness and can be parameterized using different integer winding frequencies.



Figure 1 : The Five Simplest Poly-Twistors



Figure 2 : Real Models of the Simplest Poly-Twistor Size: from 12mm to 60mm diameter , Material: plastic

We can consider the threedimensional torus by identifying the parallel aspect to face each other of the polyhedron. The Poly-Twistor is one expression of the 3D tori. We show the five simplest Poly-Twistors and their corresponding polyhedron on Fig. 1. We can produce the real models by 3D printer as shown on Fig. 2.



Figure 3: An Example of Helical-Torus in case of 5/k.



The Poly-Twistor is an assemblage of identical helicaltorus arranged with polyhedral symmetry. We define any helical-torus by a single frequency. We show an example in Fig. 3. When the frequency is a fraction (not integer), the helical-torus makes a torus knot. We can decide any frequency, amplitude of helixes, thickness of the tube, and cross-section.

There are two kinds of chirality governing any two helical-tori interlock with each other. We define left type is "+ (plus)", and right type is "- (minus)" as shown on Fig. 4. Tri-Twistor and XV-Twistor don't have such

Figure 4 : *plus-minus chirality*

chirality because tori's equatorial planes intersect in a right angle when we view from the 2-fold rotational axis of symmetry. Therefore there are eight kinds of Poly-Twistor. Further technically, there are sixteen kinds of Poly-Twistors because helical-torus itself has also chirality of clockwise and counterclockwise.



Tetra-Twistor 3/1 minus

The simplest Tetra, Hexa, and Deca-Twistor in Fig. 1 are plus chirality. We show minus simplest in Fig. 5.

We wrote the C program to generate STL data of the Poly-Twistors directly. We can produce almost endless kinds of such topological structures. We show some sample CG and photos of real models from next pages.



Hexa-Twistor 5/1 minus



Deca-Twistor 3/1 minus

Figure 5: Three minus simplest of Poly-Twistores



Tri-Twistor 2/1



Tetra-Twistor 3/2 plus



Tetra-Twistor 3/1 minus



Hexa-Twistor 5/2 plus



Hexa-Twistor 5/1 minus (trianglar section) **Figure 6 (1):** Samples of Poly-Twistors.



Hexa-Twistor 5/2 plus



Deca-Twistor 3/2 minus



XV-Twistor 2/1

Figure 6 (2): Samples of Poly-Twistors.

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