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**Flags and twistors revisited**

**Abstract**

We study curves and surfaces in the complex 3-dimensional flag manifold  $F = SU(3)/T^2$ , subject to unitary equivalence and relative to the non-holomorphic (twistor) projection to the projective plane  $CP^2$ . One aim is to classify real discriminant loci and resulting orthogonal complex structures on  $CP^2$ , with close analogy to the Penrose fibration  $CP^3 \rightarrow S^4$ . This is joint work with A. Altavilla, E. Ballico, C. Brambilla, and also relies on past ideas developed with J. Eells and F. Burstall.