

# 9 vs 10

Math

Physics

*K*-theoretic ... and KK modes

partition functions,  
invariants,  
moduli spaces

Precision 3d-3d

Based on:

- S.G., P.-S.Hsin, D.Pei (I, II)
- S.G., A.Sheshmani, S.-T.Yau

See also:

- S.Eckhard, H.Kim, S.Sch afer-Nameki, B.Willett
- C.Cordova, T.Dumitrescu, K.Intriligator
- M.Del Zotto, J.Heckman, D.Park, T.Rudelius
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Definition: (6-n)-dimensional theory

$$T[M_n, \dots] := \text{6d (0,2) theory on } M_n$$

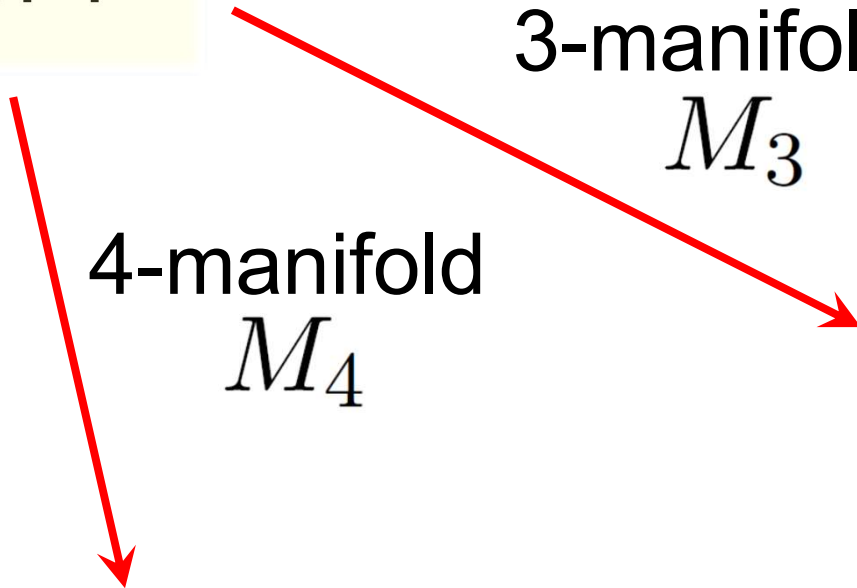
6d CFT

3-manifold  
 $M_3$

4-manifold  
 $M_4$

3d conformal theory  
that depends on  $M_3$

2d conformal theory  
that depends on  $M_4$



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Today:            G=U(1) single fivebrane  
                      G=SU(2)

$$M_3 = S^1 \times S^2, T^3,$$

$$L(p, 1) = S^3 / \mathbb{Z}_p, \dots$$

mapping tori

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6d:  $B, \phi_{1,\dots,5}, \psi = (\mathbf{4}, \mathbf{4})$

fermions



$SO(5)_R$

Question:  $T[T^2] \stackrel{?}{=} 4d \mathcal{N}=4$  super-Yang-Mills

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Answer: No

6d: 2-form symmetry  $C$



on  $T^2$  :

$$G = U(1) : C = U(1)$$

$$G = SU(2) : C = \mathbb{Z}_2$$

2-form

1-form

1-form

0-form

$$T[M_n] \text{ for } M_n = T^n$$

n=1:  $T[S^1]$  5d theory  $G = U(1)$

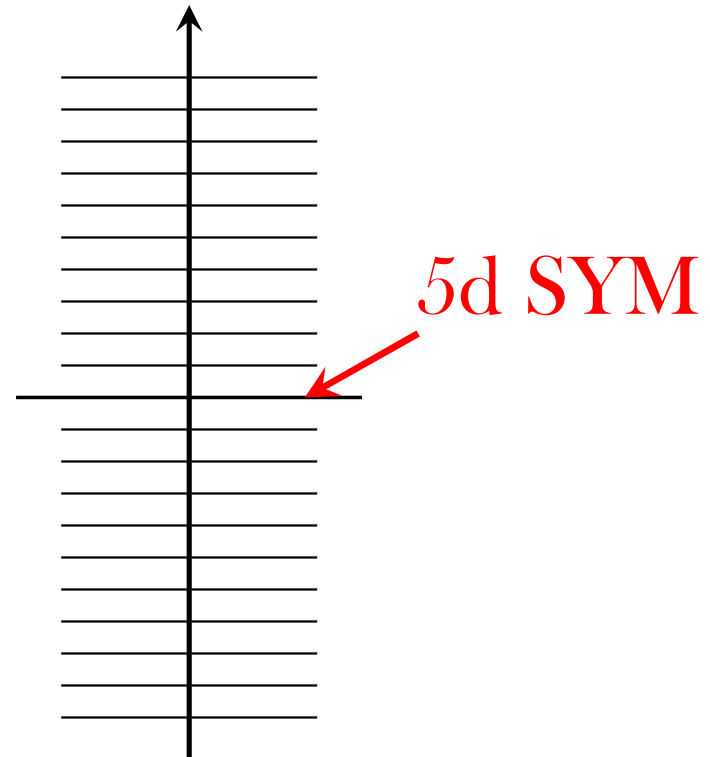
6d

5d

$B \longrightarrow A, \dots$

$\vec{\phi} \longrightarrow \vec{\phi}_{m \in \mathbb{Z}}$

$\psi \longrightarrow \psi_{m \in \mathbb{Z}}$



 momentum on  $S^1$

$T[M_n]$  for  $M_n = T^n$

Question:  $T[S^1]$  <sup>?</sup> = 5d SYM

if yes, what in 5d SYM accounts for  
 $\vec{\phi}_m$  and  $\psi_m$  with  $m \neq 0$

E.Witten  
M.Douglas  
N.Lambert, C.Papageorgakis, M.Schmidt-Sommerfeld  
H.-C.Kim, S.Kim, E.Koh, K.Lee, S.Lee  
Y.Tachikawa  
A.Gustavsson  
:



$$T[M_n] \text{ for } M_n = T^n$$

n=2:  $T[T^2]$   $SO(5)$  R-symmetry

$$\varphi \in G$$

6d

4d

$$B \longrightarrow A, \varphi, \dots$$

$$\vec{\phi} \longrightarrow \vec{\phi}_{m,n}$$

$$\psi \longrightarrow \psi_{m,n}$$

2-form

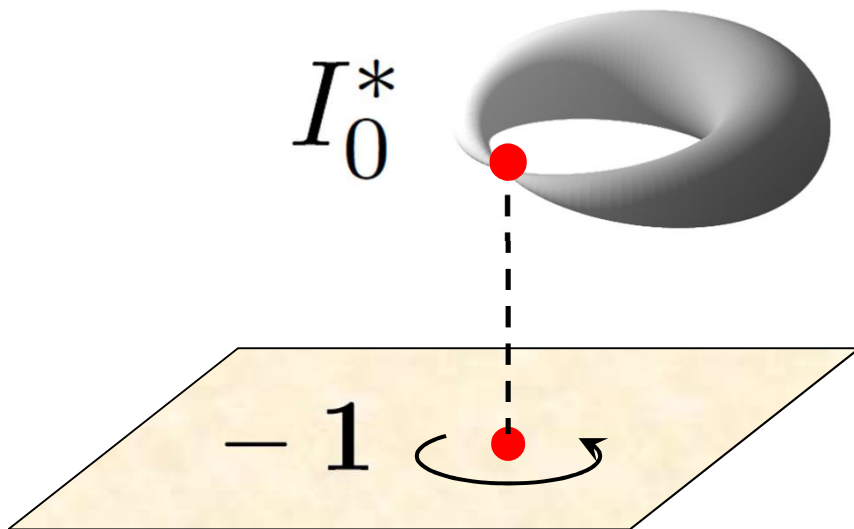
1-form

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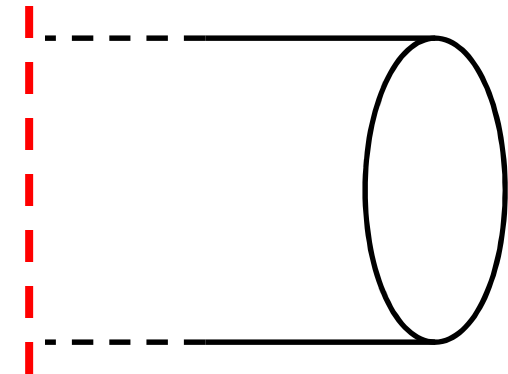
0-form

# Coulomb branches

4d  $\mathcal{N}=4$   $G = SU(2)$



$T[T^2]$



$G = U(1) : \mathbb{C}^*$

$G = SU(2) : \mathbb{C}^*/\mathbb{Z}_2$

$\Psi$

$\Phi \rightarrow -\Phi$

n=3:  $T[T^3]$

$$\mathcal{M}_{U(1)} = \mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{SU(2)} = \frac{\mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}}{\mathbb{Z}_2}$$

6d

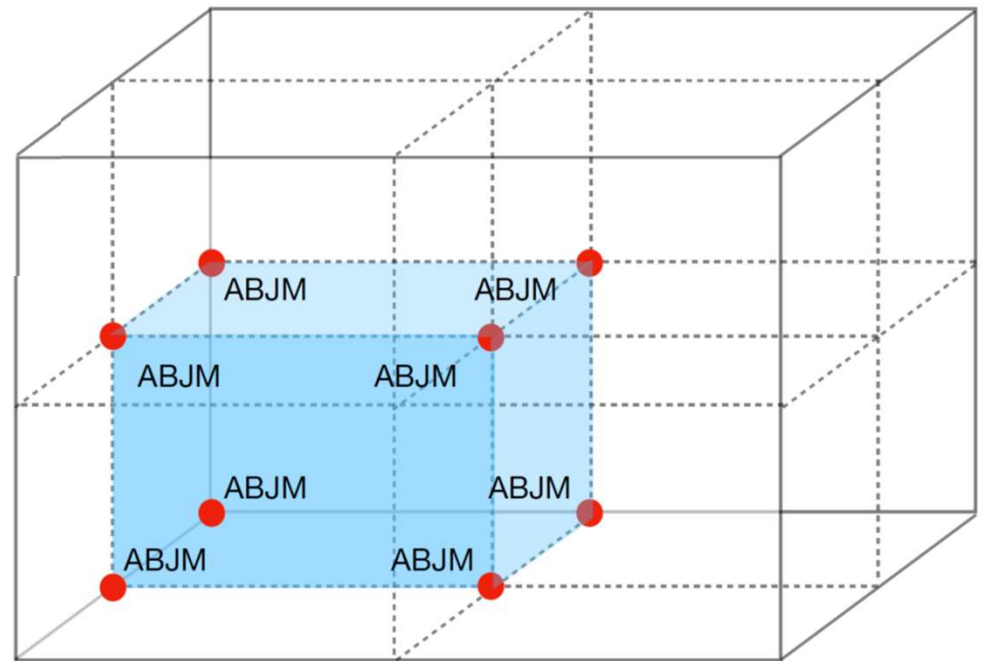
3d

$B \longrightarrow A, \varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots$  dual to  $\varphi_3 \in S^1$

$\vec{\phi} \longrightarrow \vec{\phi}_{m,n,k}$

$\psi \longrightarrow \psi_{m,n,k}$

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{ABJM}} = \mathbb{C}^4 / \mathbb{Z}_2$$



S.Chun, S.G., S.Park, N.Sopenko

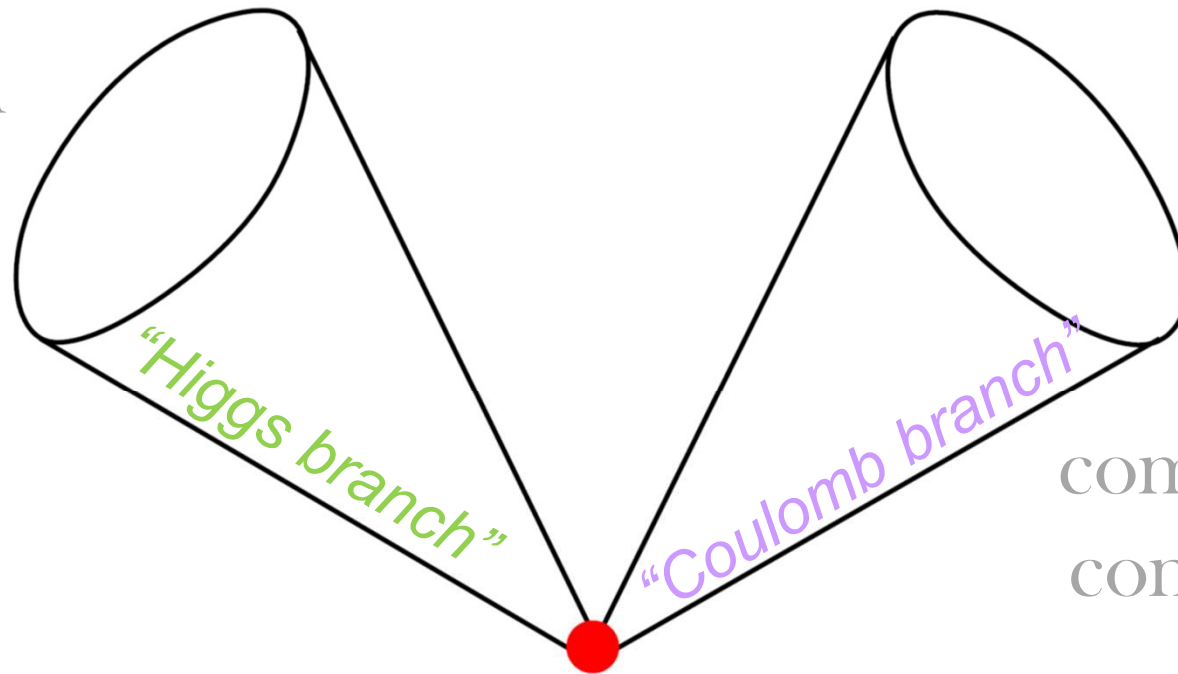
$T[M_3]$  for  $M_3 = S_0^3(K)$

9 such theories (polarizations)



Spin

Non-abelian  
complex  
flat  
connections  
(e.g. DGG)

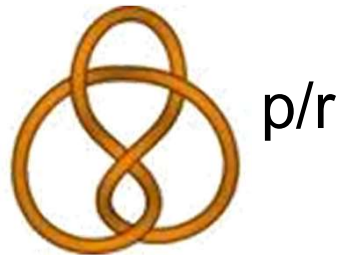


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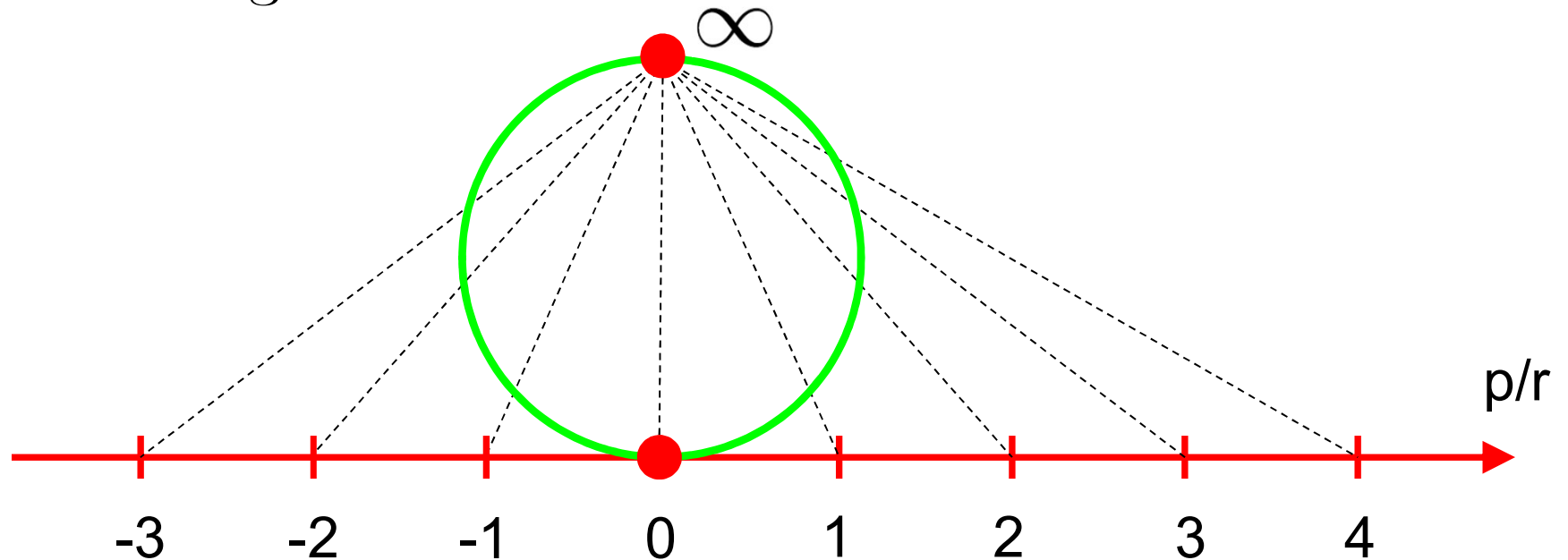
3d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  SCFT

## Theorem [Lickorish, Wallace]:

Every connected oriented closed 3-manifold arises by performing an integral Dehn surgery along a link in  $S^3$ .



Special surgeries:

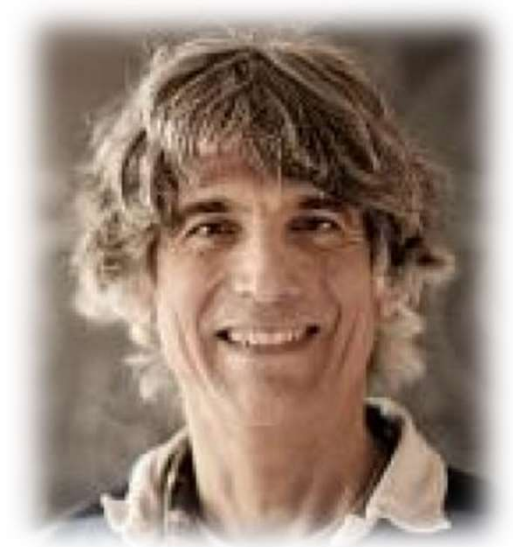


## Property R

Theorem (“property R” conjecture):

D.Gabai (1983)

If the 0-surgery on  $K \subset S^3$  is homeomorphic to  $S^1 \times S^2$ , then  $K$  is the unknot.



The trefoil knot and the figure-8 knot are uniquely characterized by 0-surgery.

D.Gabai (1987)

$$M_3 = S_0^3(K)$$

## Conjecture [Akbulut and Kirby '97]:

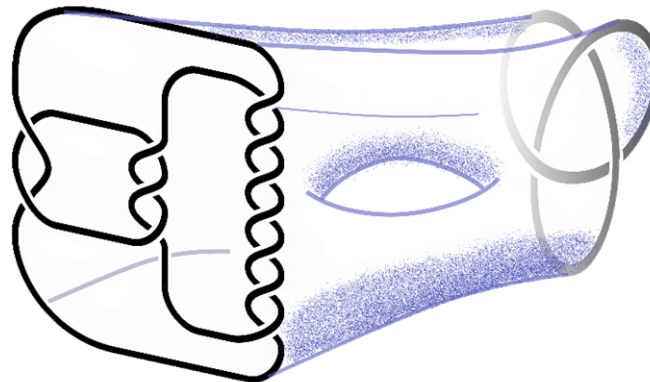
If 0-surgeries on two knots give the same 3-manifold,

$$S_0^3(K) \cong S_0^3(K')$$

then the knots are concordant.

**FALSE**

P.Kirk, C.Livingston (1999)



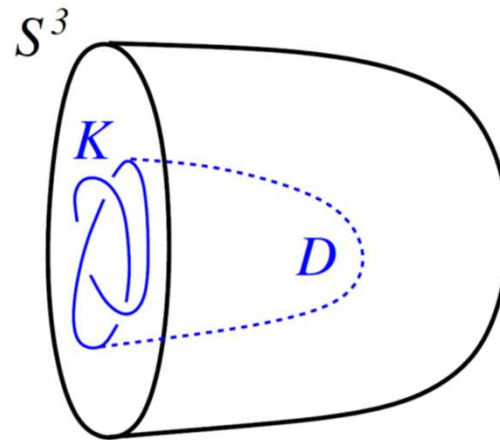
## Conjecture:

If 0-surgeries on two knots give the same 3-manifold,  
then the knots with relevant orientations are  
concordant.

False if slice-ribbon conjecture is true. **FALSE** K.Yasui (2015)

Thm: For  $M_3 = S_0^3(K)$  at least one of Rokhlin invariants vanishes. M.Hedden, M.H.Kim, T.Mark, K.Park (2018)

Cor: If  $M_3$  is integral homology  $S^1 \times S^2$  with two non-trivial Rokhlin invariants, then  $M_3 \neq S_0^3(K)$ .



Thm: If  $K$  is slice, then

L.Truong (2021)

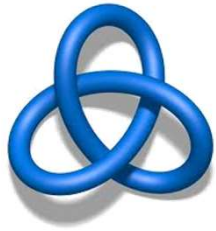
$$b_2(M_4) \geq \frac{10}{8} |\sigma(M_4)| + 5$$

where  $\partial M_4 = S_0^3(K)$ ,  $b_2(M_4) \neq 1, 3, \text{ or } 23$ , and  $M_4$  is a two-handlebody (two-handles attached to a 4-ball).



## Generalized Poincare conjecture:

Every homotopy 4-sphere is diffeomorphic to the standard 4-sphere.

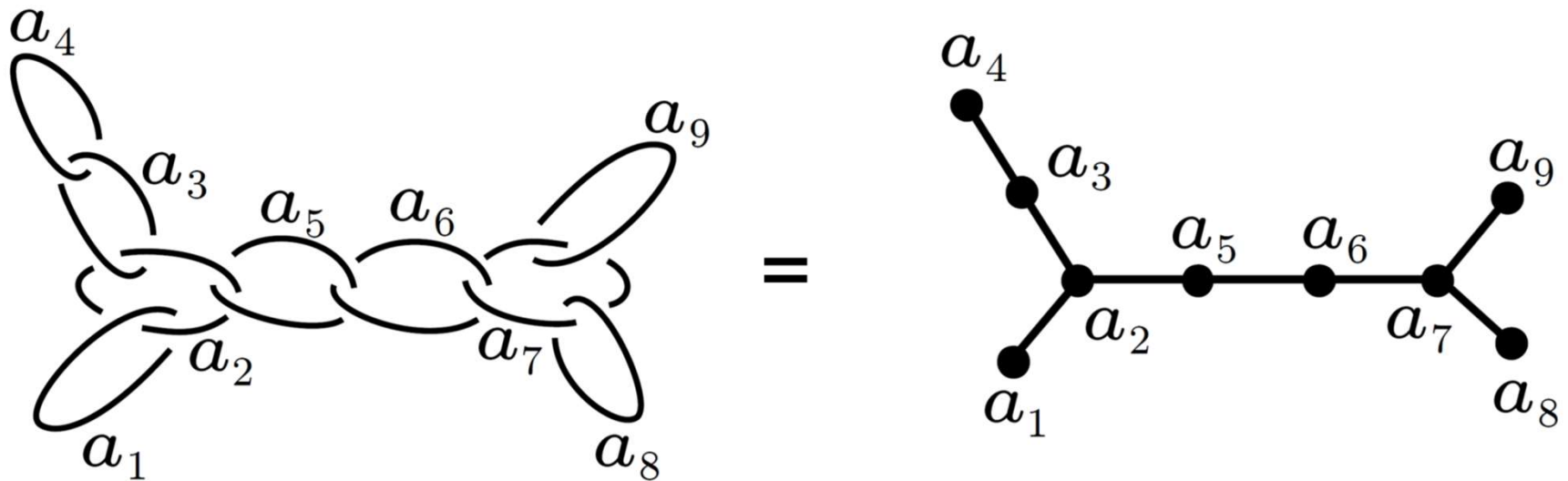


Theorem: If one finds a pair of knots which satisfy the following three properties:

- $K$  and  $K'$  have the same 0-surgery
- $K$  is not slice
- $K'$  is slice

then the smooth 4-dimensional Poincare conjecture is false.

3d  $\mathcal{N}=2$  theories labeled by



vertex  $\bullet$   $a$



3d  $\mathcal{N}=2$  vector multiplet  
with Chern-Simons coupling  $a$



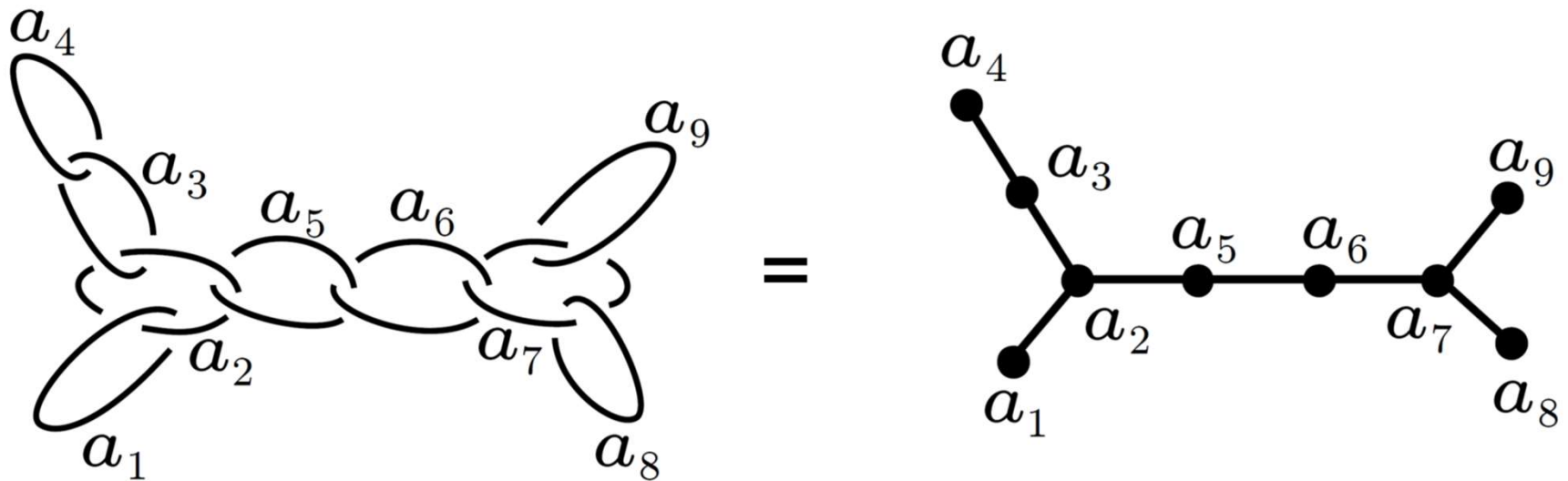
edge



Not known!  
non-Lagrangian ?

H.-J. Chung (2019, 2018, ... )  
J.Eckhard, H.Kim, S.Schafer-Nameki, B.Willet

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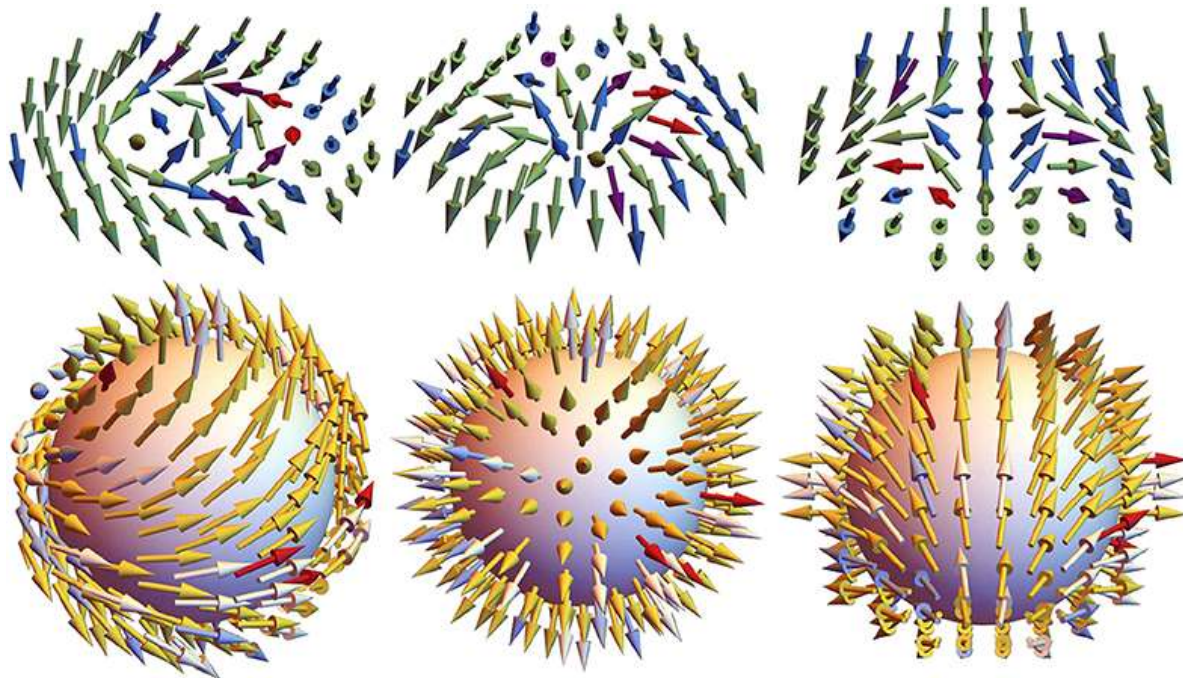
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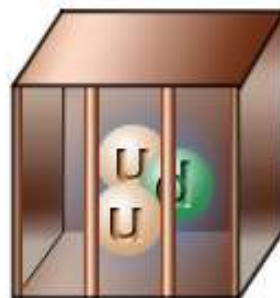
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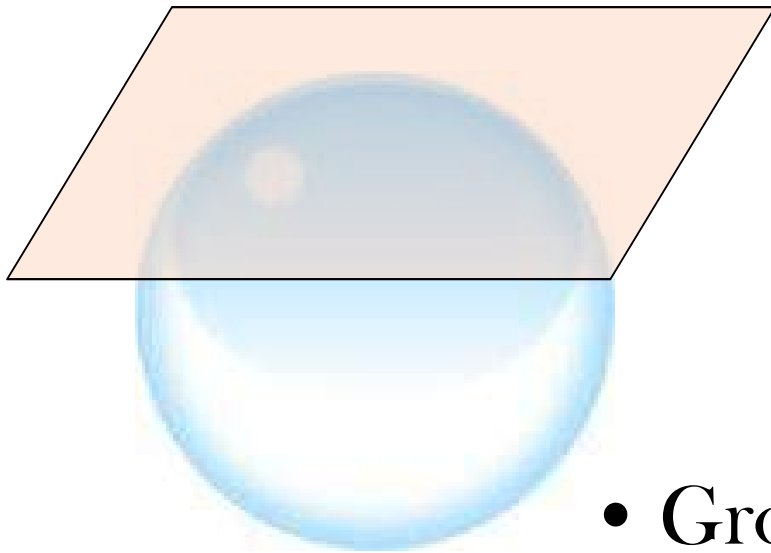


IR fixed point of a theory with  
non-linear matter *a la* Skyrme



Tony Skyrme





- Lie algebra

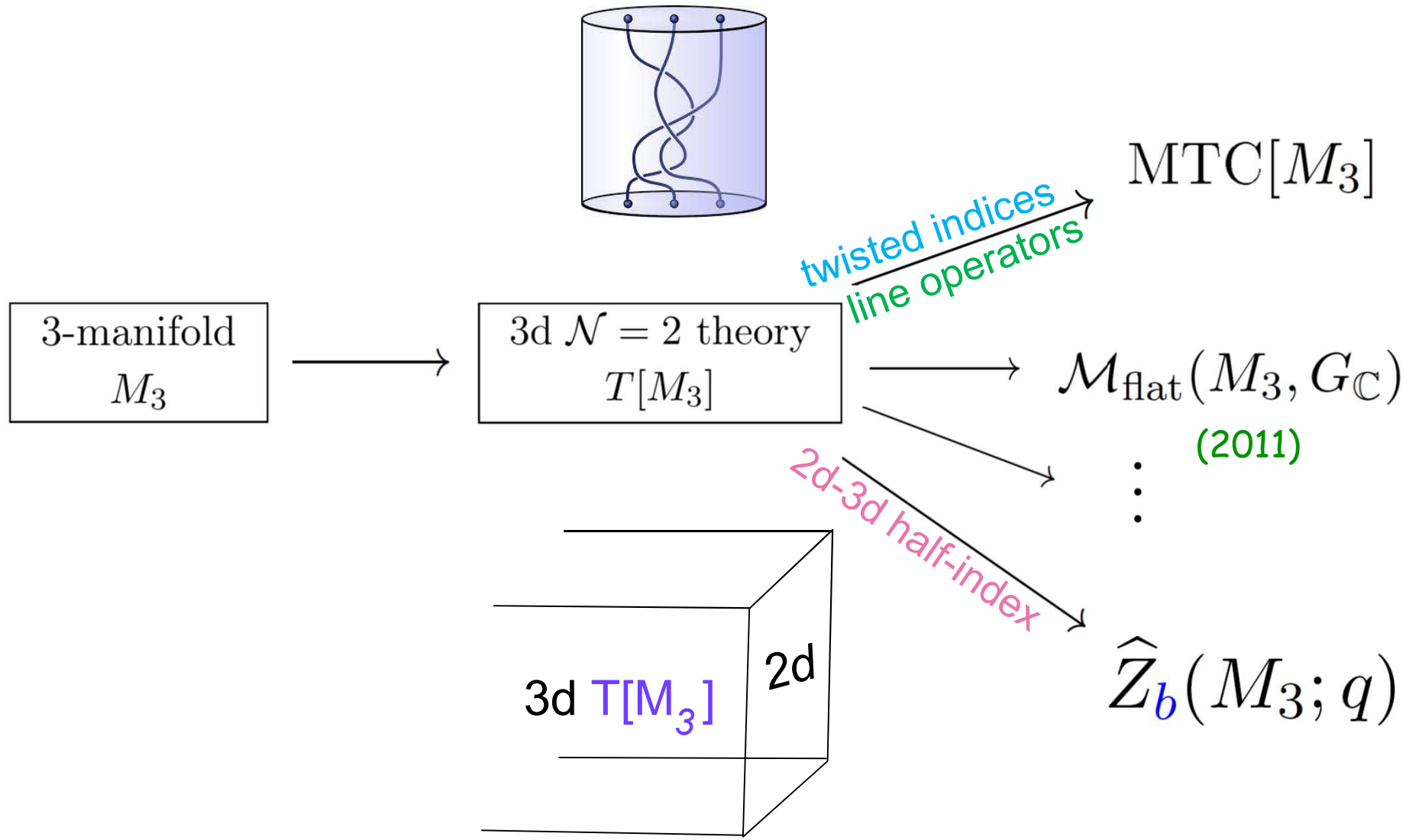
Both enjoy  
group action

- Group manifold



Tony Skyrme

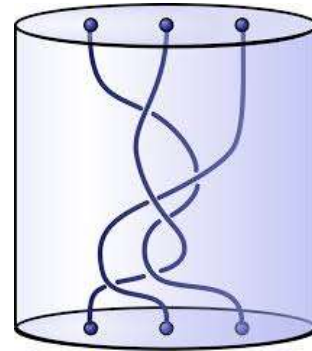
# All related to complex Chern-Simons and modularity



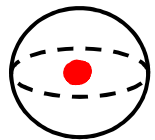
S.G., P.Putrov, C.Vafa (2016)

## Examples:

$$\text{MTC} \begin{bmatrix} \text{Lens} \\ \text{space} \end{bmatrix} = \text{Ver} (G_k)$$

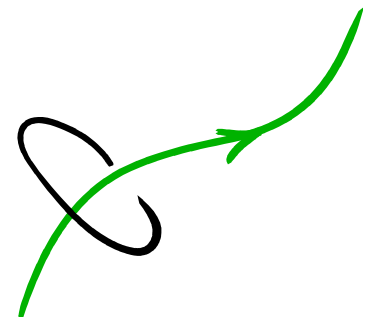


state-operator in 3d:




$\mathcal{H}(S^2) =$  local operators


$\mathcal{H}(T^2) =$  line operators  $= K^0(\mathcal{C})$



6d perspective:  $T^2 \times \mathbb{R} \times M_3$


$$\mathcal{H}_{T[M_3]}(T^2) = K^0(\text{MTC}[M_3])$$


$$\text{MCG}(M_3) \times SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$$


$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{VW}}(M_3)$$

Homology *a la* Floer



approximate relations:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{VW}}(M_3) \simeq \mathcal{H}_{T[M_3]}(T^2) = H_{TA[M_3]}(S^1)$$

differ by KK modes on  $S^1$

$$\cong \mathcal{Q}H^*(\mathcal{M}_{\text{flat}}(M_3, G_{\mathbb{C}}))$$

differ by KK modes on  $T^2$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{VW}}(M_3) = ?$$

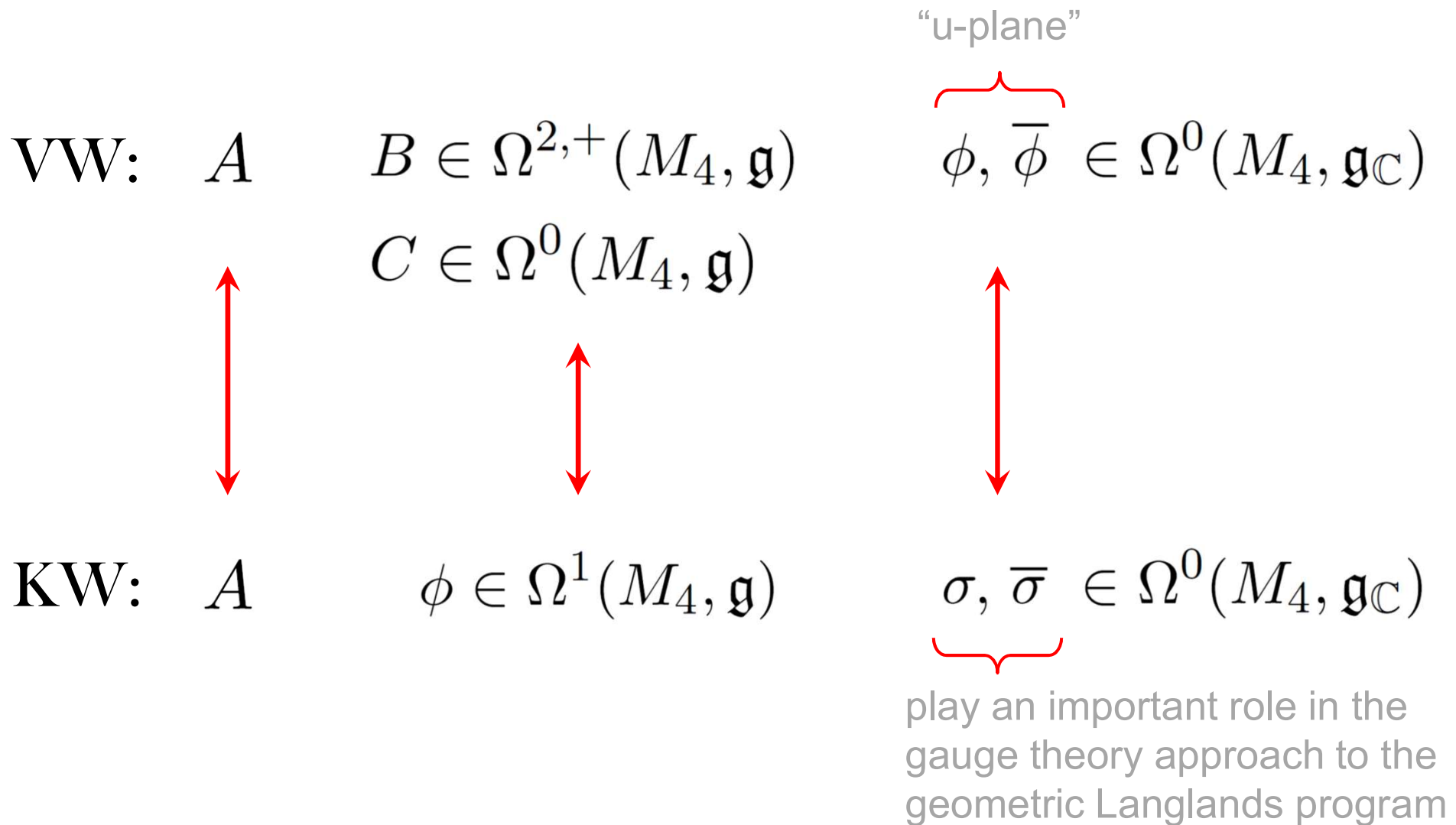
Special family:

$$\underline{M_3 = S^1 \times \Sigma_g}$$

$g = 0$  : Gluck twist

$g = 1$  : knot surgeries,  
log-transforms, ...

On  $M_4 = \mathbb{R} \times M_3$  same as KW equations



# THE SELF-DUALITY EQUATIONS ON A RIEMANN SURFACE

N. J. HITCHIN

[Received 15 September 1986]



## *Introduction*

In this paper we shall study a special class of solutions of the self-dual Yang–Mills equations. The original self-duality equations which arose in mathematical physics were defined on Euclidean 4-space. The physically relevant solutions were the ones with finite action—the so-called ‘instantons’. The same equations may be dimensionally reduced to Euclidean 3-space by imposing invariance under translation in one direction. These equations also have physical relevance—the

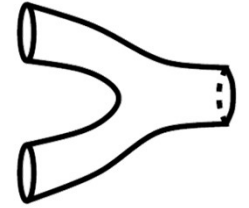
Theorem: in Vafa-Witten theory on  $M_3 = S^1 \times \Sigma$

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{VW}}(G, M_3) \cong \mathcal{M}_H^{\mathcal{E}}(G, \Sigma)$$

moduli space of  $\mathcal{E}$ -valued Higgs bundles  
with  $R_i = (2, 0, 0)$ .

S.G., A.Sheshmani, S.-T.Yau

→ explicit expression for  $\mathcal{H}_{\text{VW}}(\Sigma_g \times S^1)$   
and its equivariant character  
cf. equivariant Verlinde formula



**Claim:** when  $\pi_1(G) = 1$  the Gluck involution acts trivially on  $\mathcal{H}_{\text{VW}}(S^2 \times S^1)$  and  $Z_{\text{VW}}(M_4, G)$  can not detect the Gluck twist.

**Remark:** the moduli spaces are different for

and

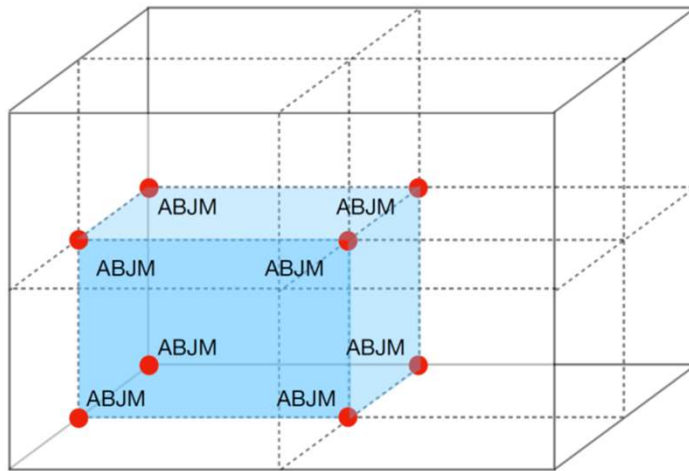
$$M_4 = \mathbb{R} \times S^1 \times \Sigma_g \cong \mathbb{C}^* \times \Sigma_g \quad (\text{"K-theoretic"})$$
$$M_4 = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \Sigma_g \cong \mathbb{C} \times \Sigma_g \quad (\text{"homological"})$$

Question: 9 vs 10 = 10% ?

$\dim \text{Sk}(T^3) = 9$  whereas analogous computation in Vafa-Witten theory gives  $\dim \mathcal{H}_{\text{VW}}(T^3) = 10$

A.Carrega  
P.M.Gilmer

S.G., P.Koroteev, S.Nawata, D.Pei, I.Saberi



V.Turaev  
J.Przytycki  
:

$$\text{Sk}(M_3) = \frac{\mathbb{C}[q^{\pm \frac{1}{2}}] (\text{isotopy classes of framed links in } M_3)}{\left( \begin{array}{c} \diagdown \\ \diagup \end{array} = q^{-1/2} \right) \left( + q^{1/2} \begin{array}{c} \frown \\ \smile \end{array}, \bigcirc = -q - q^{-1} \right)}$$

# Surprise: New 4-manifold invariant

S.G., P.-S.Hsin, D.Pei

$$Z(M_4; q_1, q_2)$$

$q_2 \rightarrow 1$

$$Z_{\text{VW}}(M_4) = q_1^{\frac{\chi}{12}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} a_n q_1^n$$

C.Vafa, E.Witten

for  $G = SU(2)$  has

modular weight  $w = -\frac{\chi}{2}$

$q_1 = q_2 = q$

$$Z_{T[M_4]}(q)$$

Elliptic genus of  $T[M_4]$   
6d theory on  $T^2 \times M_4$

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B.Feigin, S.G.

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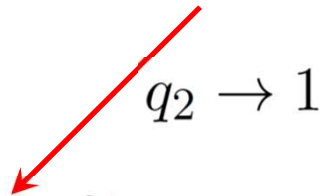
$$\frac{\chi}{2} + \frac{3}{2}\sigma$$

Also different as “decorated TQFTs”

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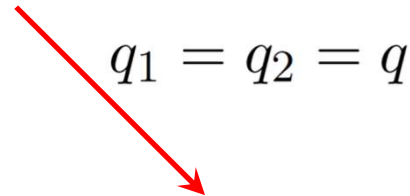


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$G$  - valued

$$B \in \Omega^{2,+}(M_4, \mathfrak{g}) \quad C \in \Omega^0(M_4, \mathfrak{g}) \quad \phi, \bar{\phi} \in \Omega^0(M_4, \mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}})$$

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Dec. 10-13: **Mathematics and ML**

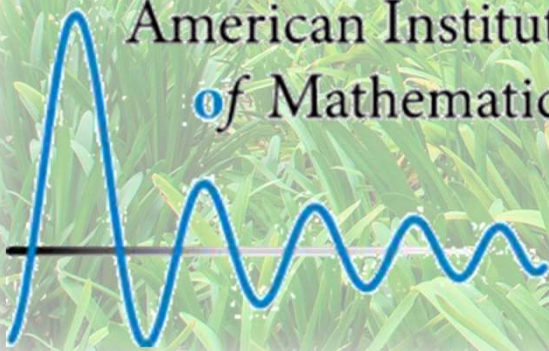
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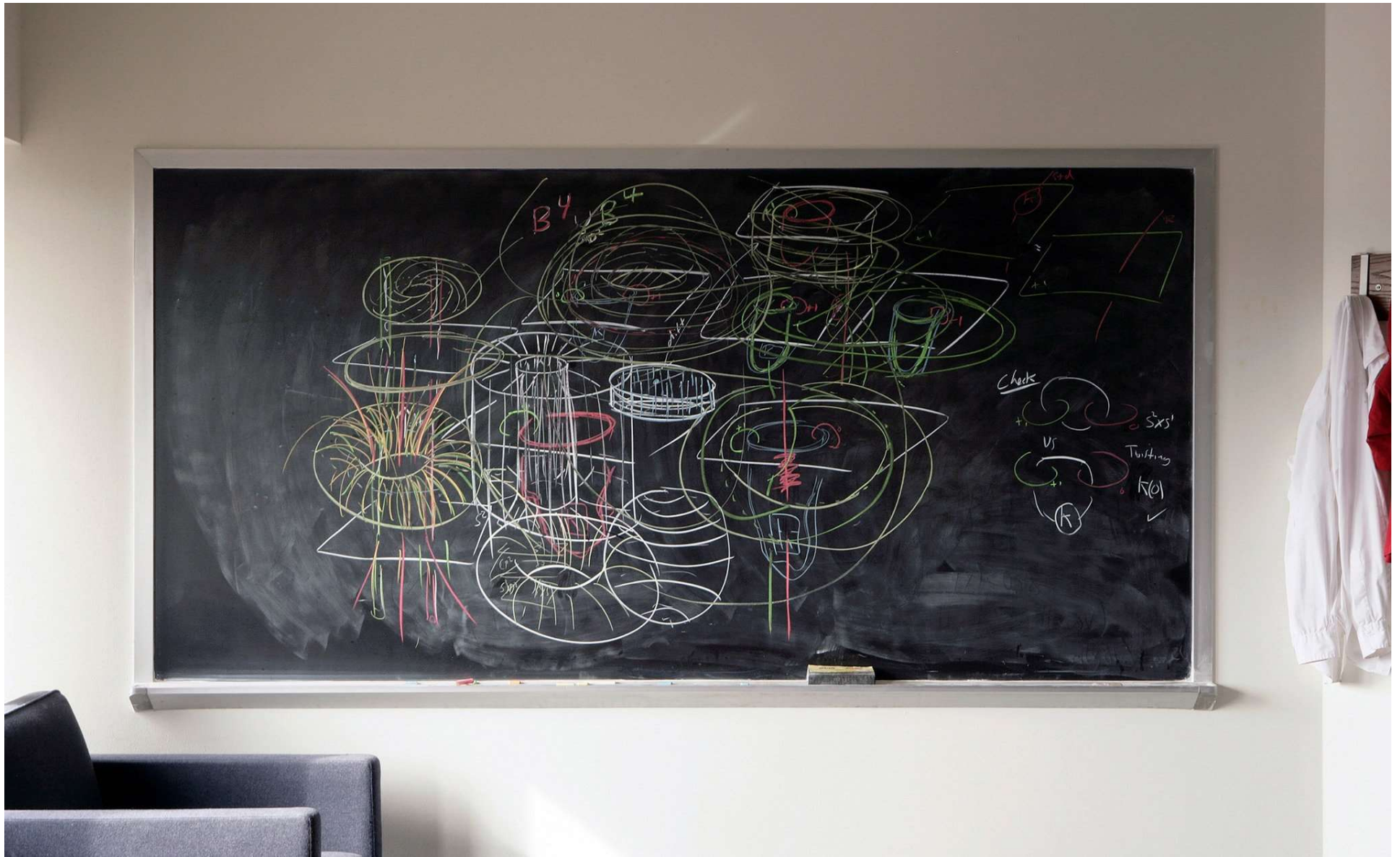
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Chalkboard of David Gabai at Princeton  
Jessica Wynne



Steve Smale

$n =$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
TOP	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
PL	1	1	1	?	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
DIFF	1	1	1	?	1	1	28	2	8	6	992	1

Number of homotopy  $n$ -spheres in each category.

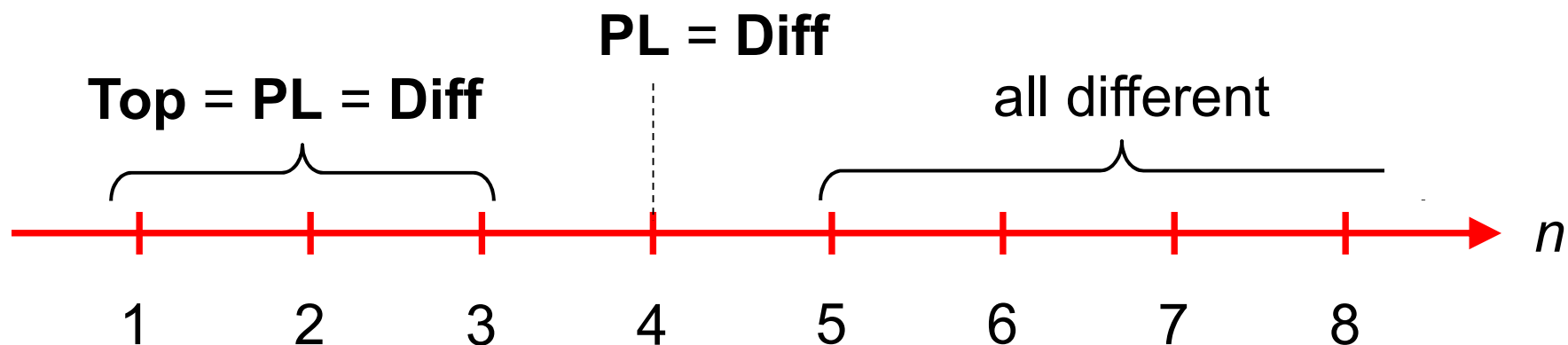


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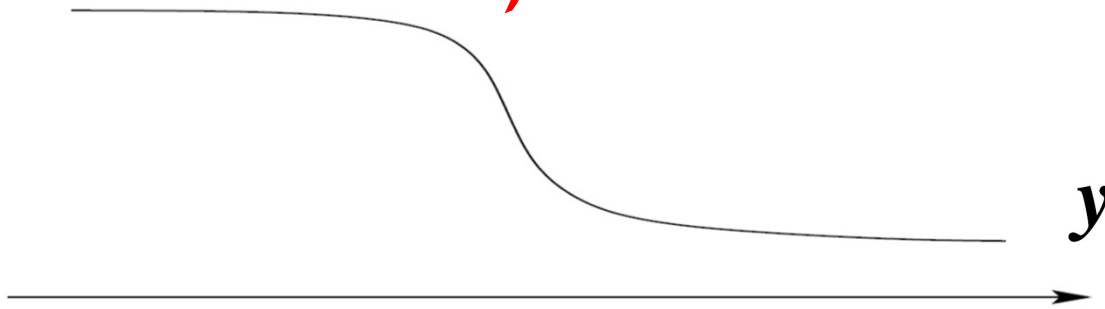
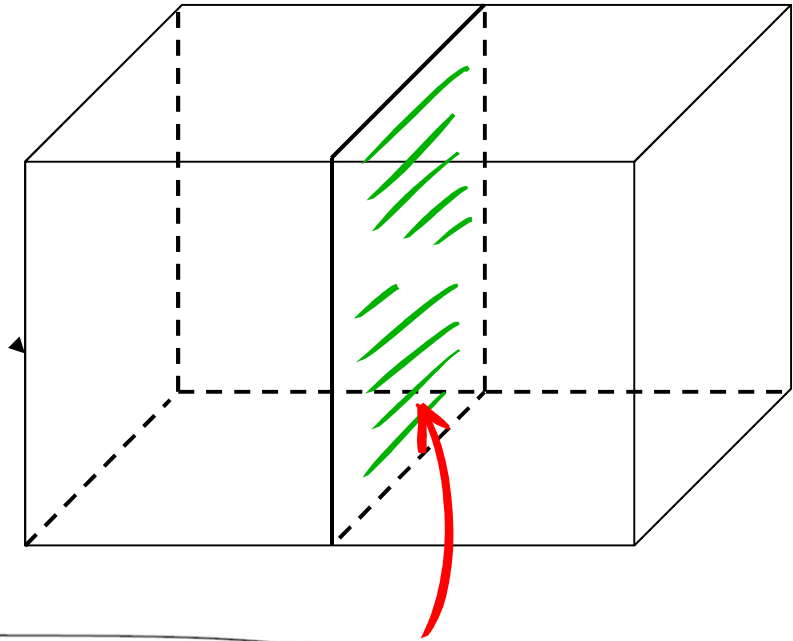
The generalized Poincare conjecture:

- **Top:** true for all  $n$
- **PL:** true for all  $n \neq 4$  ( $n = 4$  currently **not** known)
- **Diff:** true for  $n = 1, 2, 3, 5,$  and  $6$

late 1950s

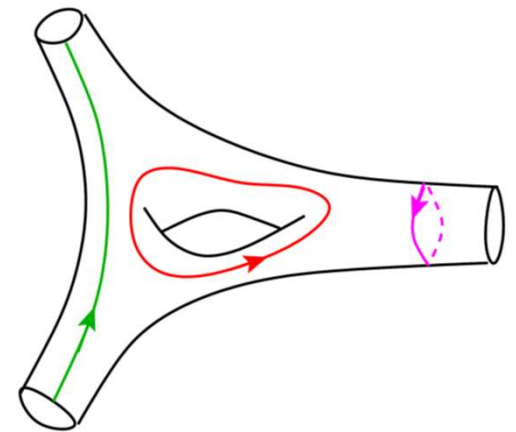


# Parameter walls / interfaces / surface operators in 3d:



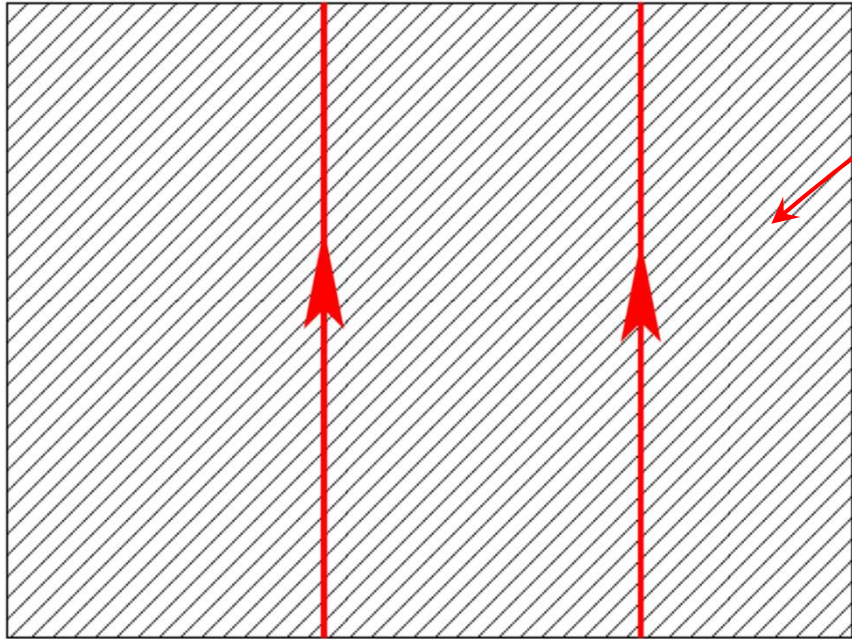
Kahler / Stab

$$\pi_1(\{\text{parameters}\})$$



A.Gadde, S.G., P.Putrov (2013)

cf. (codim-1) lines in 2d A-model / B-model:



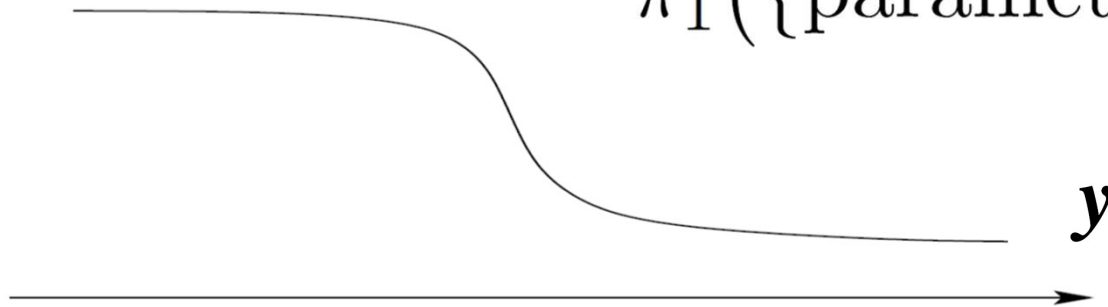
A-model / B-model to

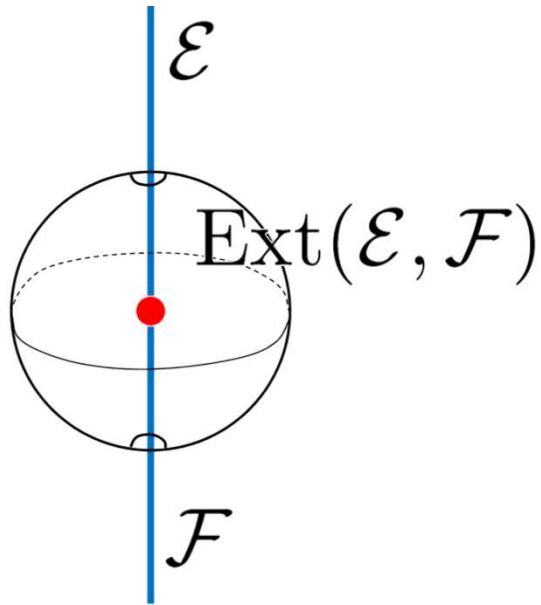
$$Y = \widetilde{\mathbb{C}^2 / \mathbb{Z}_2} \cong T^* \mathbb{C}P^1$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \text{const}$$

S.G, E.Witten ('06)

$$\pi_1(\{\text{parameters}\}) = ?$$

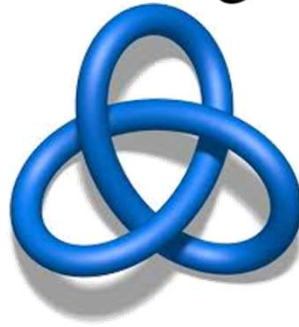




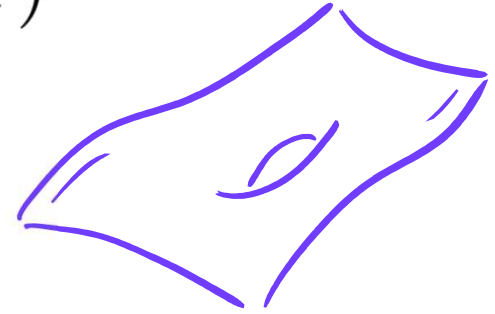
“local”  
operators

Logarithmic  
(non-semisimple)

$$\mathcal{E} \in D^b(X)$$



line  
operators

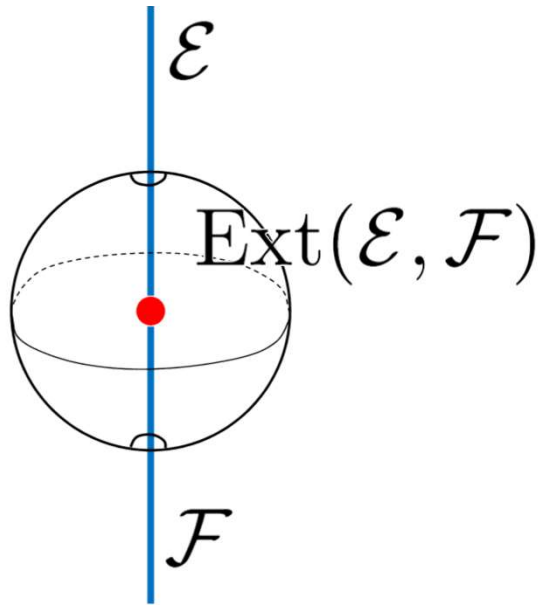


surface  
operators

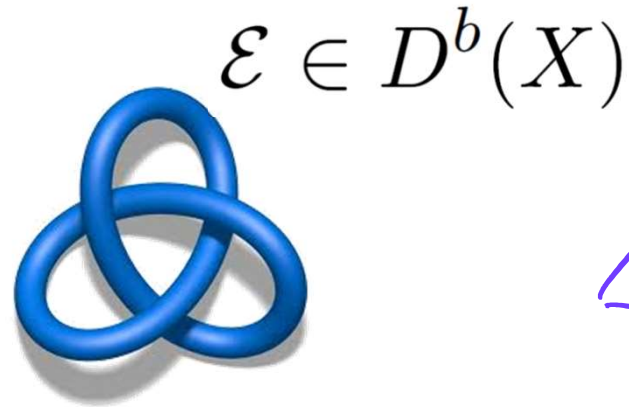


Symmetries  
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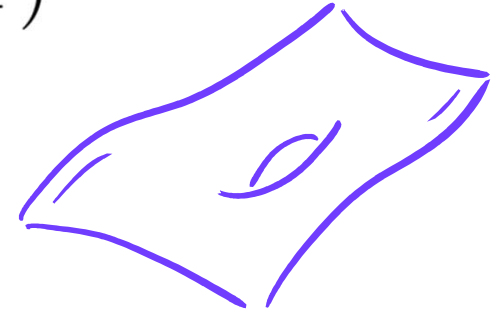
Higher groups



“local”  
operators



line  
operators



surface  
operators

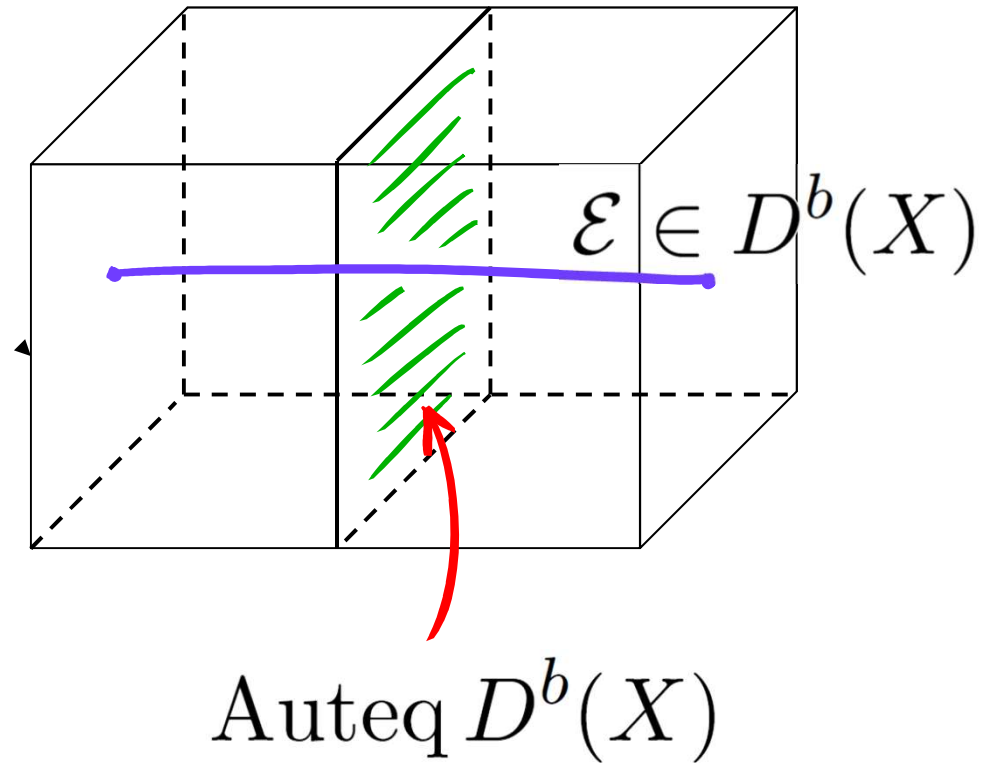
$$\text{Auteq } D^b(X) \cong \pi_1(\{\text{parameters}\})$$

Example:  $X = K3$

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$$\underline{\mathcal{M}_H^\mathcal{E}(G, \Sigma)}: \quad L_i = K^{R_i/2} \quad (R_i \in \mathbb{Z})$$

$L_1 \otimes \text{ad}_P \oplus L_2 \otimes \text{ad}_P \oplus L_3 \otimes \text{ad}_P$  valued Higgs bundles

or,  $\mathcal{E} = L_1 \oplus L_2 \oplus L_3$  valued, for short

Moreover,  $U(1)_t \curvearrowright \mathcal{M}_H(G, \Sigma)$

$(A, \Phi) \mapsto (A, e^{i\theta} \Phi)$  circle action



Similarly,  $U(1)_x \times U(1)_y \times U(1)_t \curvearrowright \mathcal{M}_H^\mathcal{E}(G, \Sigma)$

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