

Ultra Unification and Categorical Symmetry of the Standard Model from Gravitational Anomaly

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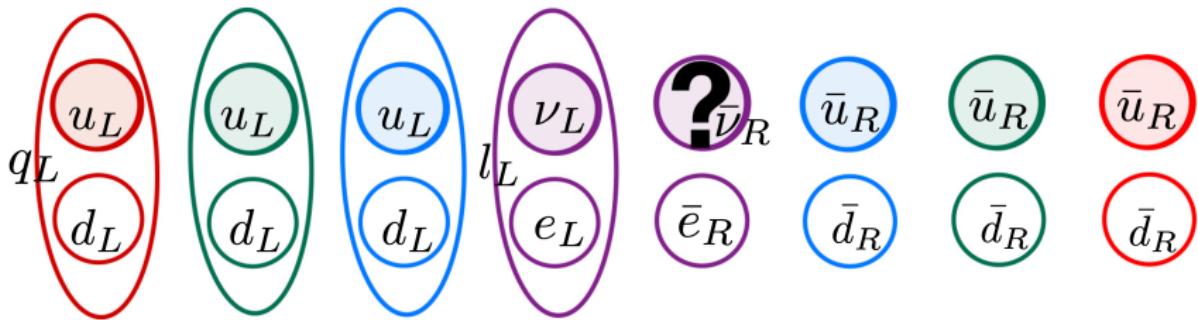
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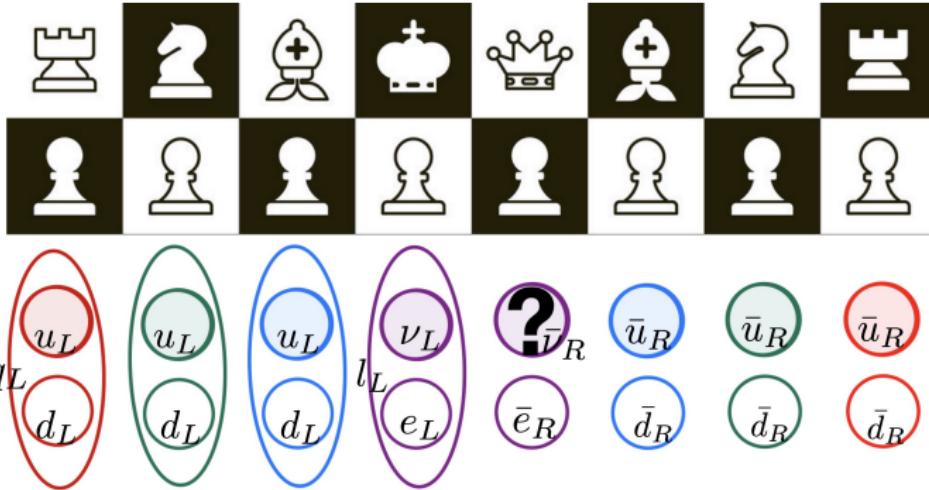


What is the missing piece on the
Chessboard?

“left-handed” King \Leftrightarrow “right-handed” King?



Where is the missing
“sterile right-handed neutrino $\bar{\nu}_R$ ”?



Queen replaces the “sterile right-handed” King.

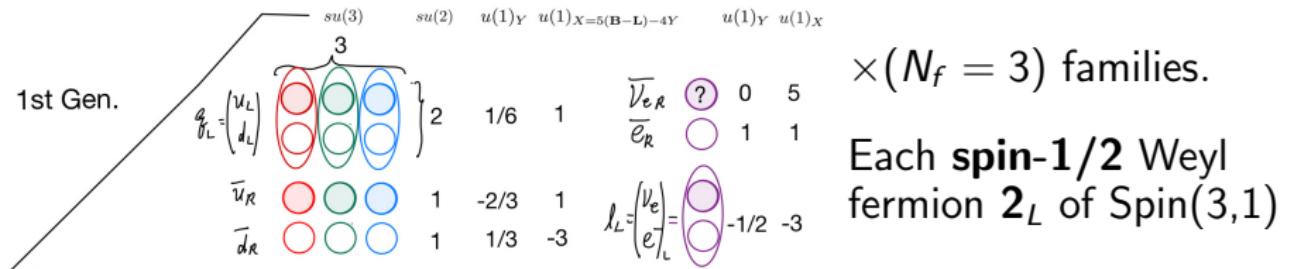
What can replace the missing “sterile right-handed”
 $(SU(2)$ singlet) neutrino $\bar{\nu}_R$?

Ultra Unification (2020): Nonperturbative discrete global anomaly cancellation permits to replace some of 0d particle $\bar{\nu}_R$ in 4d QFT to
 a fermionic

**4d or 5d Topological Quantum Field Theory (TQFT)
 or 4d Conformal Field Theory (CFT) sector.**

Introduction

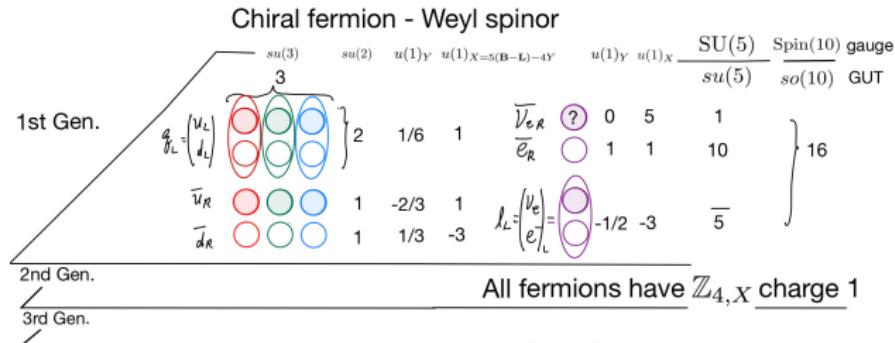
4d Standard Model (SM) with $(15+1)N_f$ Weyl fermions coupled to Yang-Mills gauge $su(3)_c \times su(2)_L \times u(1)_{\tilde{Y}}$ in representation (rep):



$$\begin{aligned} \bar{d}_R &\oplus l_L \oplus q_L \oplus \bar{u}_R \oplus \bar{e}_R \oplus ?\bar{\nu}_R \\ &= (\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1})_{2,L} \oplus (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})_{-3,L} \oplus (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2})_{1,L} \oplus (\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1})_{-4,L} \oplus (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_{6,L} \oplus ?(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_{0,L}. \end{aligned}$$

- There are also 8 of $su(3)_c$, 3 of $su(2)_L$, and 1 of $u(1)$ **spin-1** gauge bosons, and a **spin-0** Higgs boson ϕ_H .
- Top t quark found in 1995. Higgs found in 2012.
- What's next? Where is "sterile right-handed" neutrino $\bar{\nu}_R$?

Standard Model and GUT anomaly cancellation



SM fermion spinor	$SU(3)$	$SU(2)$	$U(1)_Y$	$U(1)_{\tilde{Y}}$	$U(1)_{EM}$	$U(1)_{B-L}$	$U(1)_{Q-N_c L}$	$\mathbb{Z}_{2N_c N_f, Q+N_c L}$ as $U(1)_{Q+N_c L}$ $\text{mod } 2N_c N_f$	$U(1)_X$	$\mathbb{Z}_{5,X}$	$\mathbb{Z}_{4,X}$ or \mathbb{Z}_2^F
\bar{d}_R	3	1	1/3	2	1/3	-1/3	-1	-1	-1	-3	-3
l_L	1	2	-1/2	-3	0 or -1	-1	-3	+3	-3	-3	1
q_L	3	2	1/6	1	2/3 or -1/3	1/3	1	1	1	1	1
\bar{u}_R	3	1	-2/3	-4	-2/3	-1/3	-1	-1	1	1	1
$\bar{e}_R = e_L^+$	1	1	1	6	1	1	3	-3	1	1	1
$\bar{\nu}_R = \nu_L$	1	1	0	0	0	1	3	-3	5	0	1

Check: discrete **Baryon** minus **Lepton** ($\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{L}$, precisely $\mathbf{Q} - N_c \mathbf{L}$) and $X \equiv 5(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{L}) - 4Y \equiv 5(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{L}) - \frac{2}{3}\tilde{Y}$. symmetries, local vs global anomalies, index theorem and cobordism.

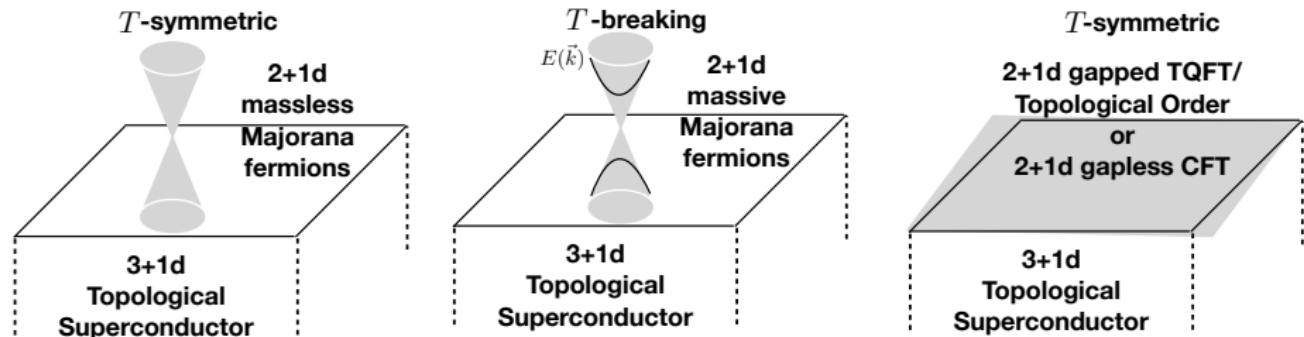
	$su(3)$	$su(2)$	$u(1)_Y$	$u(1)_{X=5(\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{L})-4Y}$	$u(1)_Y$	$u(1)_X$	$SU(5)$	$Spin(10)$ gauge
1st Gen.	$q_L = \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix}$	3	2	1/6	1	$\frac{\bar{e}_R}{e_R}$	0 5 1 10	$su(5)$ $so(10)$ GUT
	\bar{u}_R	1	-2/3	1		$\bar{l}_L = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\nu}_e \\ e_L \end{pmatrix}$	-1/2 -3	
	\bar{d}_R	1	1/3	-3				$\frac{1}{5}$
2nd Gen.	$q_L = \begin{pmatrix} c_L \\ s_L \end{pmatrix}$	3	2	1/6	1	$\frac{\bar{e}_R}{e_R}$	0 5 1 10	
	\bar{c}_R	1	-2/3	1		$\bar{l}_L = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\nu}_\mu \\ \mu_L \end{pmatrix}$	-1/2 -3	
	\bar{s}_R	1	1/3	-3				$\frac{1}{5}$
3rd Gen.	$q_L = \begin{pmatrix} t_L \\ b_L \end{pmatrix}$	3	2	1/6	1	$\frac{\bar{e}_R}{e_R}$	0 5 1 10	
	\bar{t}_R	1	-2/3	1		$\bar{l}_L = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\nu}_\tau \\ \tau_L \end{pmatrix}$	-1/2 -3	
	\bar{b}_R	1	1/3	-3				$\frac{1}{5}$

An important **Anomaly Index**: The family/generation number N_f and the total “sterile right-handed” neutrino number n_{ν_R} difference:

$$-N_f + n_{\nu_R} \equiv -N_f + \sum_j n_{\nu_{j,R}} = -3 + n_{\nu_{e,R}} + n_{\nu_{\mu,R}} + n_{\nu_{\tau,R}} + \dots$$

Anomaly Cancellation

2+1d boundaries of 3+1d topological superconductor (TSC) protected by an **anti-unitary** time-reversal symmetry T . (Bulk-Boundary correspondence.)



$$k \in \mathbb{Z}_{16} \text{ class } T^2 = (-1)^F \text{ Time-reversal symmetric } {}^3\text{He B phase}$$

Fermion dispersion $E(\vec{k})$ in momentum space \vec{k} .

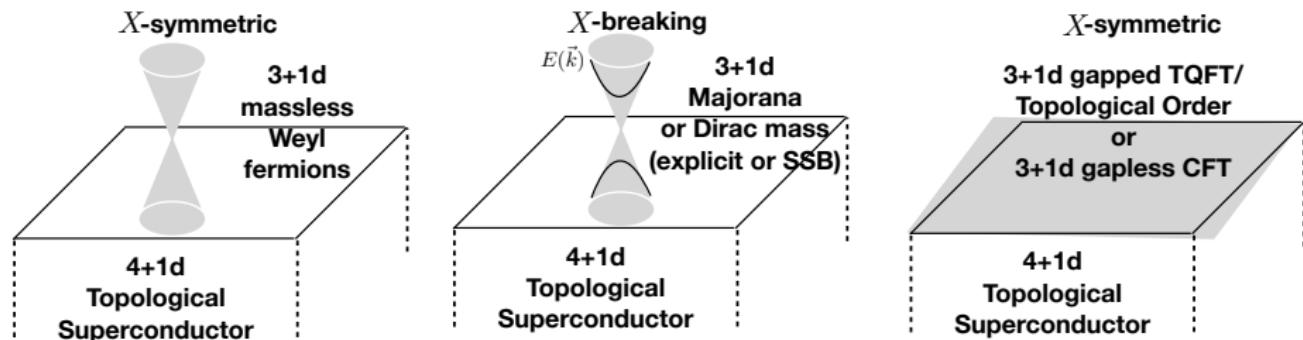
\mathbb{Z}_{16} class TSC: 4d Atiyah-Patodi-Singer eta invariant η_{4d} .

Anomaly Cancellation via Topological Green-Schwartz mechanism.

Condensed matter review: Senthil 1405.4015.

Anomaly Cancellation

3+1d boundaries of 4+1d “topological superconductor (TSC)” protected by a **unitary** discrete $\mathbb{Z}_{4,X}$ symmetry: **Baryon** minus **Lepton** and electroweak U(1) $_{\tilde{Y}}$ -hypercharge $X \equiv 5(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{L}) - \frac{2}{3}\tilde{Y}$.

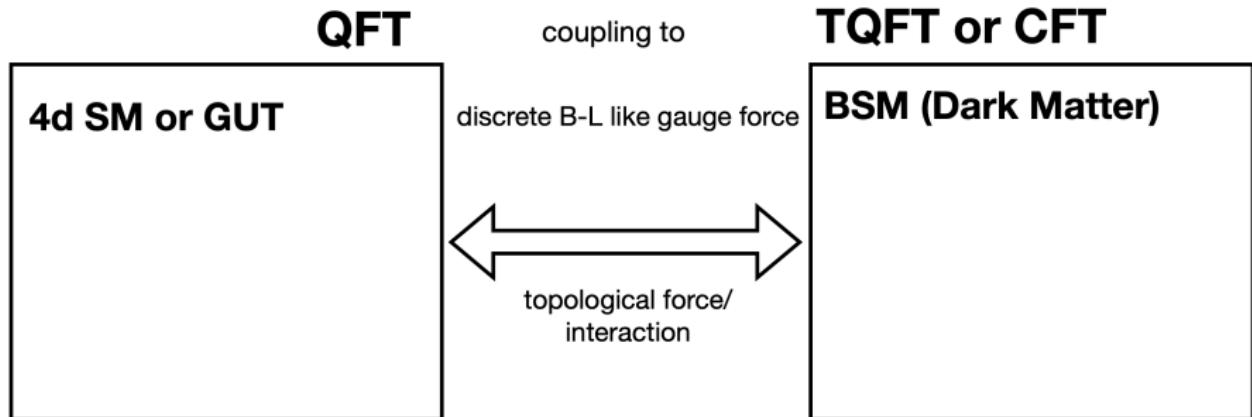


$$k \in \mathbb{Z}_{16} \text{ class } X^2 = (-1)^F \text{ symmetric Atiyah-Patodi-Singer (APS) eta } \eta \text{ invariant}$$

\mathbb{Z}_{16} class 5d eta invariant $\eta_{4d}(\text{PD}(A_{\frac{\mathbb{Z}_{4,X}}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}}))$. Decorate 3+1d TSC on X -symmetry breaking domain wall in 4+1d, and condense the domain wall configuration to restore X symmetry.

Wilczek-Zee '79, Garcia-Etxebarria-Montero, Hsieh '18, Wan-JW '19, JW '20.

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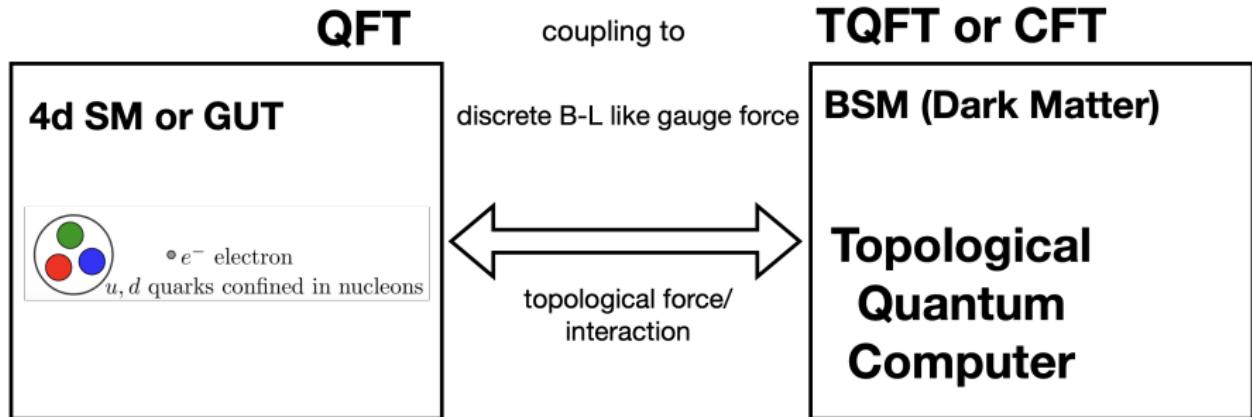
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A unitary discrete $\mathbb{Z}_{4,x}$ gauge force: **Baryon** minus **Lepton** and electroweak
 $U(1)\tilde{\gamma}$ -hypercharge $X \equiv 5(B - L) - \frac{2}{3}\tilde{Y}$.

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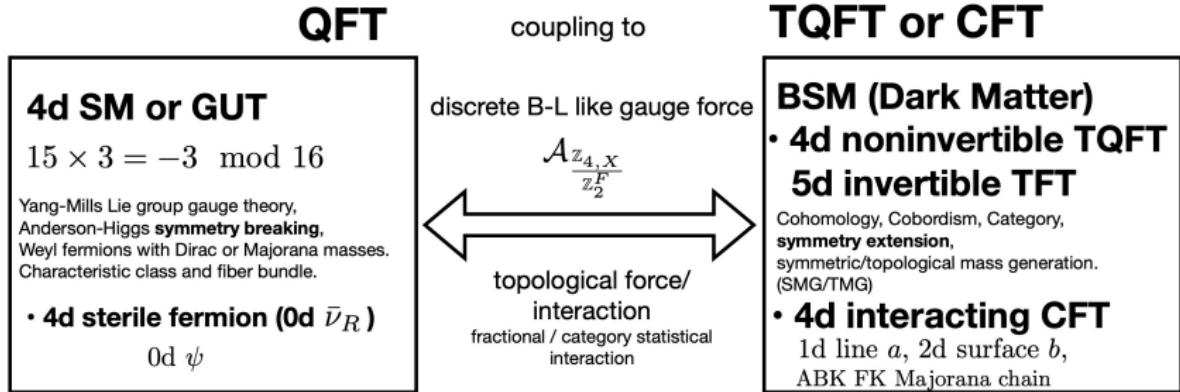
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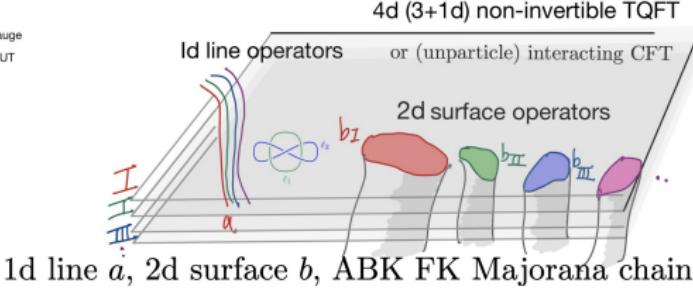
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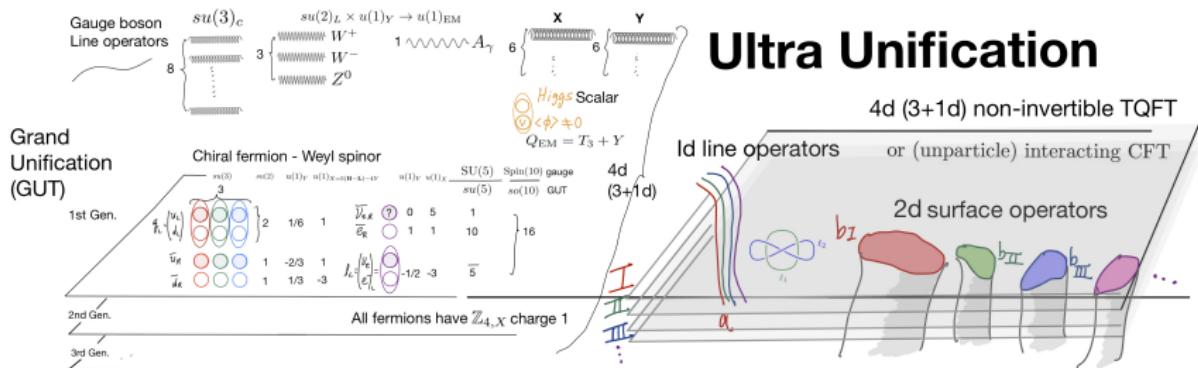
Z_{16} nonperturbative global gauge-gravitational anomaly cancellation

		Chiral fermion - Weyl spinor									
1st Gen.		\tilde{u}_L	\tilde{d}_L	\tilde{e}_L	$\tilde{\nu}_R$	$u(1)_Y$	$u(1)_{X=(B-L)-4Y}$	$u(1)_Y$	$u(1)_X$	$SU(5)$	$Spin(10)$ gauge
		$\begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} e_L \\ \nu_R \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{u}_L \\ \tilde{d}_L \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\nu}_R \\ \tilde{e}_L \end{pmatrix}$	2	1/6	1	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{16}$
2nd Gen.											
3rd Gen.											
All fermions have $Z_{4,X}$ charge 1											



Ultra Unification (2020) 4d and 5d coupled quantum system

A sterile neutrino (**massless/massive**) carries a \mathbb{Z}_{16} class mixed gauge-gravitational global anomaly index, which could be replaced by **interacting** 4d or 5d **gapped** topological quantum field theory, or 4d **gapless** conformal field theory.



$$\text{Chiral fermion and chiral gauge sector } (-N_{\text{gen}} = 3) + n_{\nu_{e,R}} + n_{\nu_{\mu,R}} + n_{\nu_{\tau,R}} + v_{4d} - v_{5d} = 0 \pmod{16}$$

5d (4+1d) invertible TQFT (Cobordism invariant, SPT phase, topological superconductor.)

$$\exp\left(\frac{2\pi i}{16}v_{5d} \int_{M^5} \eta(\text{PD}(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}))\right) \text{ with APS eta invariant}$$

$$A_{\mathbb{Z}_4} \equiv \text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_{4,X} \text{-background gauge field}$$

$$A_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \equiv \text{background gauge field in } H^1(M, \frac{\mathbb{Z}_{4,X}}{\mathbb{Z}_2})$$

$$v_{5d} \in \mathbb{Z}_{16} \text{ from } \Omega_5^{\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_{4,X}}$$

Mirror fermion and chiral gauge sector, or TQFT

Outline

1. 4d Standard Model (SM) and 5d invertible topological field theory (iTFT):

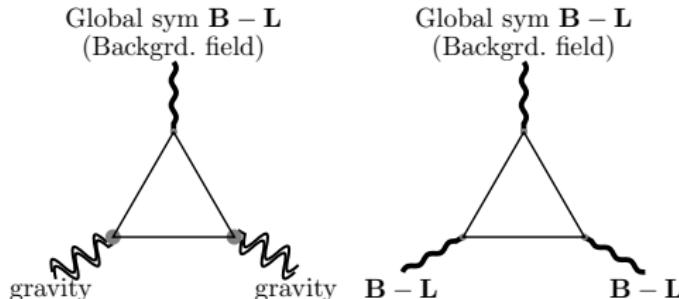
- \mathbb{Z}^2 -class perturb local and \mathbb{Z}_{16} -class nonperturb global anomalies.
- Index theorem (Characteristic class) vs Cobordism.
- **Ultra Unification:** Anomaly cancellation/Cobordism constraint.
- Beyond SM and GUT + 4d TQFT/CFT + 5d iTFT sector.

2. Noninvertible Categorical Symmetry of the SM

- 4d QED example: $U(1)_A$ - $U(1)_V^2$ anomaly, of \mathbb{Z} class.
- 4d SM: $U(1)$ -gravity² and $U(1)^3$ anomaly, of \mathbb{Z}^2 classes.
- 4d SM: \mathbb{Z}_4 -gravity anomaly, of \mathbb{Z}_{16} class.

$(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{L})\text{-}(gravity)^2$ and $(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{L})^3$ as \mathbb{Z} -class ABJ anomaly or 't Hooft anomaly in SM

$$\bar{d}_R \oplus l_L \oplus q_L \oplus \bar{u}_R \oplus \bar{e}_R \oplus n_{\nu_R} \bar{\nu}_R = (\bar{3}, 1)_{2,L} \oplus (1, 2)_{-3,L} \oplus (3, 2)_{1,L} \oplus (\bar{3}, 1)_{-4,L} \oplus (1, 1)_{6,L} \oplus n_{\nu_R} (1, 1)_{0,L}.$$



$$(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{L})\text{-}(gravity)^2 \Rightarrow j_B : 0. \\ j_L : -N_f + n_{\nu_R}.$$

$$(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{L})^3 \Rightarrow j_B : 0. \\ j_L : -N_f + n_{\nu_R}.$$

The $d \star j_B = 0$ but $d \star j_L \neq 0$ $d \star (j_B - j_L) \neq 0$ only when $N_f \neq n_{\nu_R}$.

- Leptogenesis: Gravitation instanton generates unbalanced leptons.

Just 't Hooft anomaly? Require the 16th Weyl fermion ν_R ? or break $(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{L})$, or?

- We will propose new scenarios: Ultra Unification.

Anomaly polynomial of Weyl fermions: Atiyah-Singer index theorem. Anomaly of a single Weyl fermion in 4d is the degree 6 part of $\hat{A} \text{ch}(\mathcal{E})$:

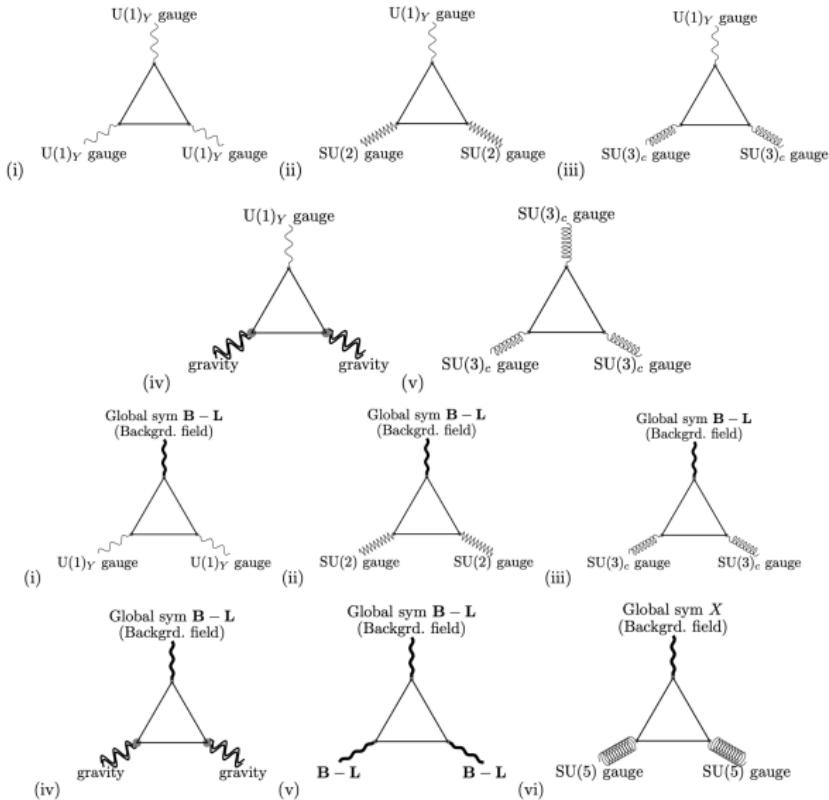
$$\begin{aligned}\hat{A} &= 1 - \frac{p_1}{24} + \frac{7p_1^2 - 4p_2}{5760} + \dots, \\ \text{ch}(\mathcal{E}) &= \text{rk } \mathcal{E} + c_1(\mathcal{E}) + \frac{(c_1^2(\mathcal{E}) - 2c_2(\mathcal{E}))}{2} + \frac{((c_1^3(\mathcal{E}) - 3c_1(\mathcal{E})c_2(\mathcal{E}) + 3c_3(\mathcal{E}))}{6} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

- \hat{A} : A-roof genus of spacetime tangent bundle TM . p_j : j th Pontryagin class.
- ch : the total Chern character. c_j : j th Chern class.
- \mathcal{E} is the complex vector bundle associated w/ fermion rep.
- $p_1 = -\frac{1}{8\pi^2} \text{Tr}[R \wedge R]$. $c_1 = \frac{\text{Tr}F}{2\pi}$. $c_2 = \frac{1}{8\pi^2}(-\text{Tr}(F \wedge F) + (\text{Tr}F) \wedge (\text{Tr}F))$.

For the 4d SM, the explicit $\exp(i\theta \int_{M^6} I_6)$ in terms of Pontryagin p_j and Chern c_j characteristic classes can be obtained using the expansions of \hat{A} and $\text{ch}(E)$.

$$\begin{aligned}I_6 &\equiv (N_c c_1(\text{U}(1)_Q) + c_1(\text{U}(1)_L)) N_f \left(18 \frac{c_1(\text{U}(1)_{\tilde{Y}})^2}{2} + c_2(\text{SU}(2)) \right) \\ &\quad + (-\text{N}_f + \text{n}_{\nu_R}) \left(\frac{c_1(\text{U}(1)_L)^3}{6} - \frac{c_1(\text{U}(1)_L)p_1(TM)}{24} \right)\end{aligned}$$

Feynman diagram interpretations of anomaly polynomial



$\text{U}(1)_{\mathbf{Q} \pm N_c \mathbf{L}}$ -symmetry violation

$\mathbf{B} \pm \mathbf{L}$ (precisely $\mathbf{Q} \pm N_c \mathbf{L}$) current j nonconservation:

$$d \star j_Q = -N_c N_f (18 \frac{c_1(\text{U}(1)\tilde{\chi})^2}{2} + c_2(\text{SU}(2))).$$

$$d \star j_L = -N_f (18 \frac{c_1(\text{U}(1)\tilde{\chi})^2}{2} + c_2(\text{SU}(2))) - (-N_f + n_{\nu_R}) (\frac{c_1(\text{U}(1)_L)^2}{6} - \frac{p_1(TM)}{24}).$$

$$d \star j_{Q+N_c L} = -2N_c N_f (18 \frac{c_1(\text{U}(1)\tilde{\chi})^2}{2} + c_2(\text{SU}(2))) - (-N_f + n_{\nu_R}) (N_c^3 \frac{c_1(\text{U}(1)_L)^2}{6} - N_c \frac{p_1(TM)}{24}).$$

$$d \star j_{Q-N_c L} = (-N_f + n_{\nu_R}) (N_c^3 \frac{c_1(\text{U}(1)_{Q-N_c L})^2}{6} - N_c \frac{p_1(TM)}{24}).$$

4d anomaly written as 5d invertible TQFT (iTFT) partition function $Z_5^{\text{U}(1)} = \exp(iS_5)$:

$$S_5 \equiv \int_{M^5} (N_c A_Q + A_L) N_f \left(18 \frac{c_1(\text{U}(1)\tilde{\chi})^2}{2} + c_2(\text{SU}(2)) \right) + (-N_f + n_{\nu_R}) A_L \left(\frac{c_1(\text{U}(1)_L)^2}{6} - \frac{p_1(TM)}{24} \right).$$

$$S_5 \equiv (-N_f + n_{\nu_R}) \int_{M^5} A_{Q-N_c L} \left(N_c^3 \frac{c_1(\text{U}(1)_{Q-N_c L})^2}{6} - N_c \frac{p_1(TM)}{24} \right).$$

4d Anomaly (5d iTQFT) of $15, 16 N_f$ -fermion $G_{\text{SM}_q} \equiv \frac{\text{SU}(3)_c \times \text{SU}(2)_L \times \text{U}(1)_Y}{\mathbb{Z}_q}$
 $-N_f + n_{\nu_R} \equiv -N_f + \sum_j n_{\nu_{j,R}} = -3 + n_{\nu_{e,R}} + n_{\nu_{\mu,R}} + n_{\nu_{\tau,R}} + \dots$

- Spin $\times_{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} \text{U}(1)_{\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{L}}$ or $X \times G_{\text{SM}_q}$ -symmetry.

\mathbb{Z} -class perturbative local anomaly $\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{L}$ or $X \equiv 5(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{L}) - \frac{2}{3} Y$:
 $\text{U}(1)^3$ and $\text{U}(1)$ -grav²:

$$\mathbf{Z}_5^{\text{U}(1)} \equiv \exp(i(-N_f + n_{\nu_R})) \int_{M^5} A_{\mathbf{Q} - N_c \mathbf{L}} \left(N_c^3 \frac{c_1(\text{U}(1)_{\mathbf{Q} - N_c \mathbf{L}})^2}{6} - N_c \frac{p_1(TM)}{24} \right).$$

Index $(-N_f + n_{\nu_R}) \in \mathbb{Z}$.

- Spin $\times_{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} \mathbb{Z}_{4,X} \times G_{\text{SM}_q}$ -symmetry. With $X \equiv 5(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{L}) - \frac{2}{3} \tilde{Y}$.

\mathbb{Z}_{16} -class nonperturbative global anomaly of $\mathbb{Z}_{4,X}$ -gravity:

$$\mathbf{Z}_5^{\mathbb{Z}_{4,X}} \equiv \exp(i(-N_f + n_{\nu_R})) \int_{M^5} \frac{2\pi}{16} \eta_{4d}(\text{PD}(A_{\frac{\mathbb{Z}_{4,X}}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}})).$$

Index $(-N_f + n_{\nu_R}) \bmod 16 \in \mathbb{Z}_{16}$ and $\eta_{4d} \in \mathbb{Z}_{16}$.
 4d bdry of 5d X -symmetric topological superconductor

Classify d Anomalies and $(d+1)d$ iTQFT/SPTs via Cobordism

Spacetime-internal symmetry ($\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} \text{U}(1)_{\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{L}} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} \mathbb{Z}_{2N_f, \mathbf{B}+\mathbf{L}} \times G_{\text{SM}_q}$).

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4d Anomaly (5d iTQFT) contained in the cobordism group ($N_f = 3$):

$$\text{TP}_5(\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} \text{U}(1)_{\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{L}} \times \mathbb{Z}_{3,\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{L}} \times G_{\text{SM}_q}) = (\mathbb{Z}^{11}) \times (\mathbb{Z}_9 \times \mathbb{Z}_3^7).$$

$$\text{TP}_5(\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} \mathbb{Z}_{4,X} \times \mathbb{Z}_{3,\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{L}} \times G_{\text{SM}_q}) = \begin{cases} (\mathbb{Z}^5 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4^2 \times \mathbb{Z}_{16}) \times (\mathbb{Z}_9 \times \mathbb{Z}_3^4), & q = 1, 3, \\ (\mathbb{Z}^5 \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_{16}) \times (\mathbb{Z}_9 \times \mathbb{Z}_3^4), & q = 2, 6. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{TP}_5(\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} \text{U}(1)_{\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{L}} \times \mathbb{Z}_{3,\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{L}} \times G_{[1]}) = (\mathbb{Z}^2 \times \mathbb{Z}_{6/q}) \times (\mathbb{Z}_9 \times (\mathbb{Z}_3)^2 \times (\mathbb{Z}_3)^{3n_3}).$$

$$\text{TP}_5(\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} \mathbb{Z}_{4,X} \times \mathbb{Z}_{3,\mathbf{B}+\mathbf{L}} \times G_{[1]}) = (\mathbb{Z}_{16} \times (\mathbb{Z}_4)^{n_2} \times \mathbb{Z}_{6/q}) \times (\mathbb{Z}_9 \times (\mathbb{Z}_3)^{2n_3}).$$

$$\text{TP}_5(\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} \text{Spin}(10)) = \mathbb{Z}_2.$$

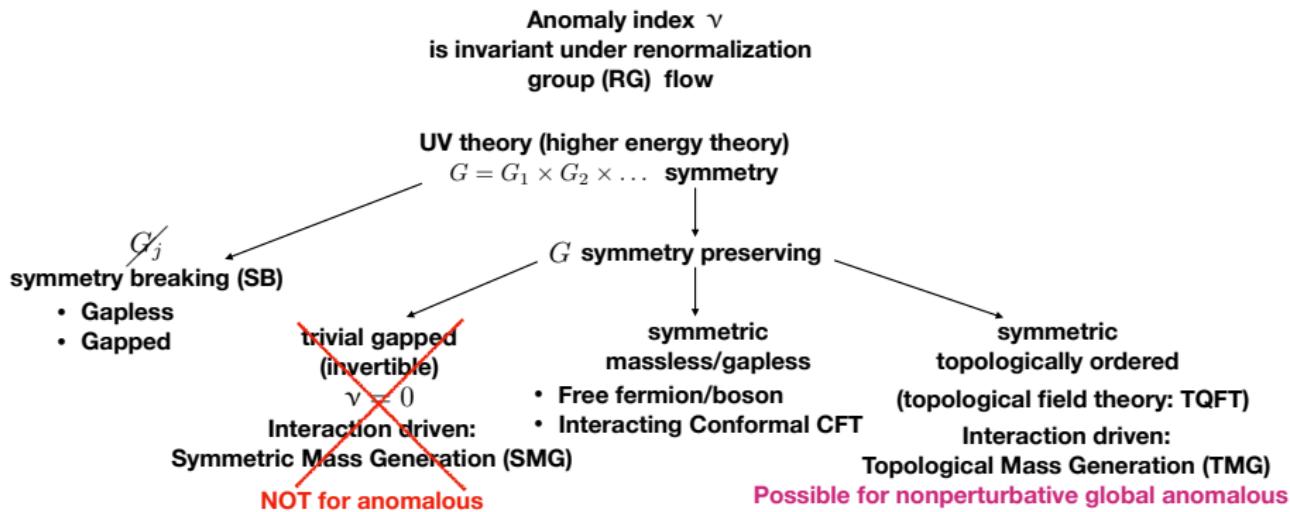
Freed-Hopkins cobordism TP_D contains bordism groups $\Omega_D^{\text{torsion}}$ and $\Omega_{D+1}^{\text{free}}$.

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See also Garcia-Etxebarria-Montero 1808.00009, Davighi-Gripaios-Lohitsiri 1910.11277

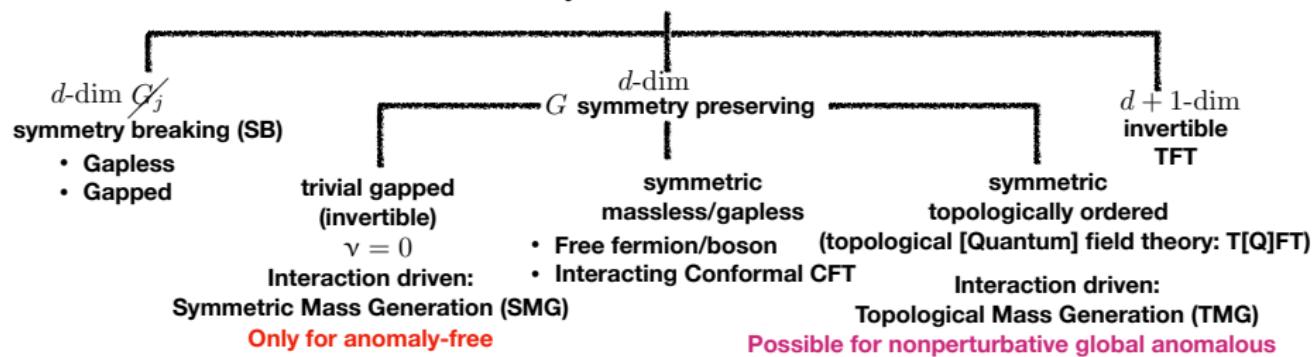
Anomaly Matching

('tHooft Anomaly Matching: Global G symmetry)



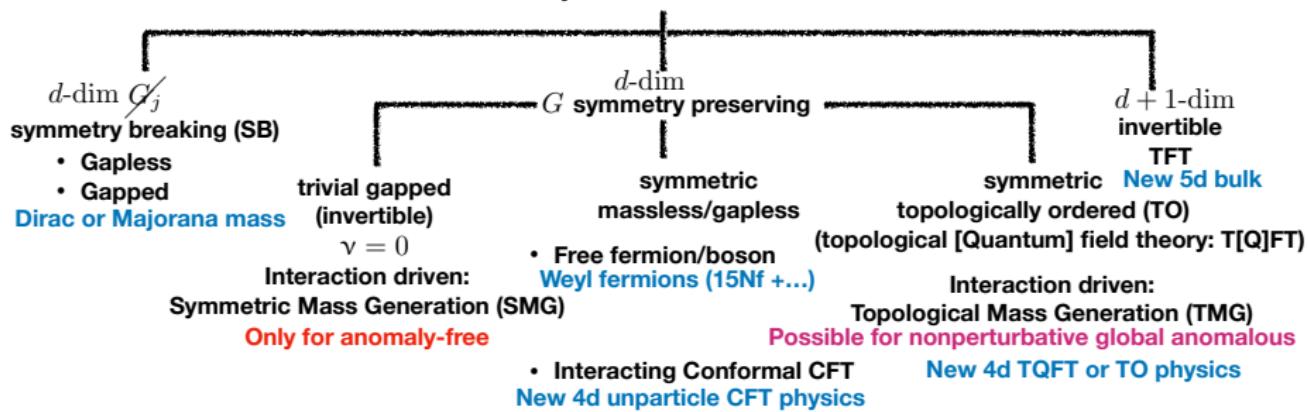
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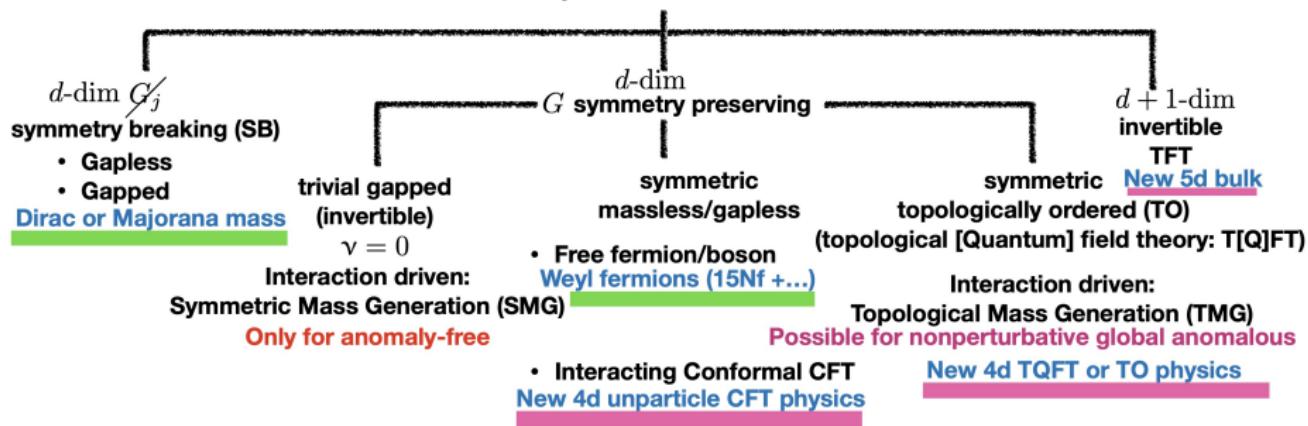
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Logic to Ultra Unification

- \mathbb{Z}_{16} global anomaly cancellation application.

Assumptions:

- ① Standard Model (SM) G_{internal} : Lie algebra $su(3) \times su(2) \times u(1)$.
$$G_{\text{SM}_q} \equiv \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_q}, \quad q = 1, 2, 3, 6.$$
- ② $15 \times (N_f = 3)$ Weyl fermions (spacetime Weyl spinors) observed, applicable to both SM and SU(5) GUT.
- ③ Discrete Baryon–Lepton number preserved (or not) at high energy: $\mathbb{Z}_{4, X \equiv 5(B-L)-4Y} \supset \mathbb{Z}_2^F$, so $X^2 = (-1)^F$, also dynamically gauged at higher energy due to no global symmetry in quantum gravity (if we embed the theory into quantum gravity).

Check: Perturbative local & nonperturbative global anomalies via cobordism.

Logic to Ultra Unification

Consequences: \mathbb{Z}_{16} anomaly index as total ($N_f = 3 \cdot (15 = -1 \pmod{16})$).

$$-(N_f = 3) + \sum_{j=e,\mu,\tau,\dots} n_{\nu_{j,R}} + v_{\text{new hidden sectors}} = 0 \pmod{16}.$$

Anomaly-cancellation?

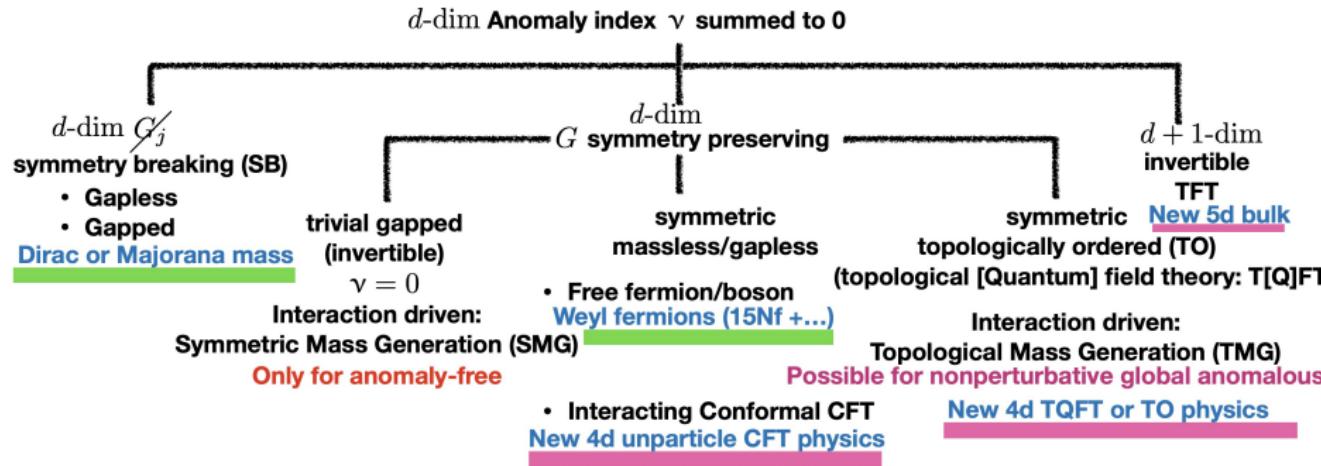
(1) **Standard Lore:** R -handed sterile neutrino (16th Weyl) $n_{\nu_{j,R}} = 1$.
 $\mathbb{Z}_{4,x}$ preserved (gapless fermion) vs broken (gap) by **Dirac** or **Majorana** mass.

(2) **My proposal:** New hidden sectors beyond SM (\sim Lieb-Schultz-Mattis thm) :

- ① $\mathbb{Z}_{4,x}$ -symmetry-preserving anomalous gapped 4d TQFT (**Topological Mass**). (Topo.Green-Schwarz mechanism. Boundary topological order [2+1d Vishwanath-Senthil'12].)
- ② $\mathbb{Z}_{4,x}$ -5d invertible TQFT (SPTs) by cobordism invariant $\eta(\text{PD}(\mathcal{A}_{\frac{\mathbb{Z}_{4,x}}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}}))$.
- ③ $\mathbb{Z}_{4,x}$ -gauged-5d-noninvertible TQFT (SETs) + gravity.
- ④ $\mathbb{Z}_{4,x}$ -symmetry-breaking gapped phase (e.g. Landau phase or 4d TQFT).
- ⑤ $\mathbb{Z}_{4,x}$ -symmetry-preserving gapless or breaking gapless (e.g., extra CFT).

HEP-PH Gapped Extended 1d/2d Objects beyond 0d Particle Physics.
HEP-PH Gapless Unparticle CFT Physics.

Anomaly Cancellation



Math Physics Equations: Ultra Unification Path (Functional) Integral example

$$\mathbf{Z}_{\text{UU}}[\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_4}] \equiv \mathbf{Z}_{\substack{\text{5d-iTQFT/} \\ \text{4d-SM+TQFT}}}[\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_4}] \equiv \mathbf{Z}_{\text{5d-iTQFT}}^{(-\nu_{5d})}[\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_4}] \cdot \mathbf{Z}_{\text{4d-TQFT}}^{(\nu_{4d})}[\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_4}] \cdot \mathbf{Z}_{\text{SM}}^{(n_{\nu_j, R})}[\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_4}].$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_{\text{SM}}[\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_4}] \equiv \int [\mathcal{D}\psi][\mathcal{D}\bar{\psi}][\mathcal{D}A][\mathcal{D}\phi] \dots \exp(i S_{\text{SM}}[\psi, \bar{\psi}, A, \phi, \dots, \mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_4}]|_{M^4})$$

$$S_{\text{SM}} = \int_{M^4} \left(\text{Tr}(F_I \wedge \star F_I) - \frac{\theta_I}{8\pi^2} g_I^2 \text{Tr}(F_I \wedge F_I) \right) + \int_{M^4} \left(\bar{\psi} (i \not{D}_{A, \mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_4}}) \psi \right.$$

$$(\text{Gauge symmetry breaking}) \quad + |D_{\mu, A, \mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_4}} \phi|^2 - U(\phi) - (\psi_L^\dagger \phi (i \sigma^2 \psi_L^*) + \text{h.c.}) \Big) d^4 x.$$

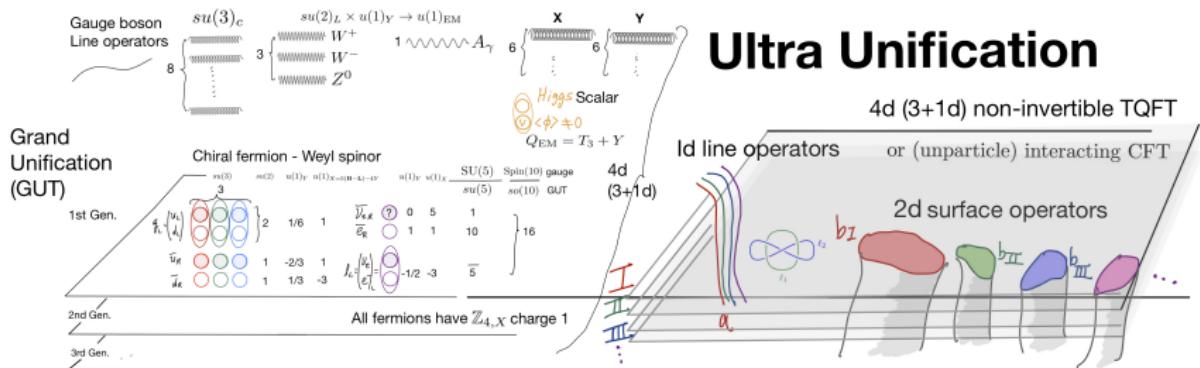
$$(-(N_f = 3) + \left(\sum_{j=e, \mu, \tau, \dots} n_{\nu_j, R} \right) + \nu_{4d} - \nu_{5d}) = 0 \pmod{16}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Z}_{\text{5d-iTQFT}}^{(-\nu_{5d}=-2)}[\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_4}] \cdot \mathbf{Z}_{\text{4d-TQFT}}^{(\nu_{4d}=2)}[\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_4}] &= \sum_{c \in \partial'{}^{-1}(\partial[\text{PD}(\mathcal{A}^3)])} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{8} \text{ABK}(c \cup \text{PD}(\mathcal{A}^3))} \\ &\cdot \frac{1}{2^{|\pi_0(M^4)|}} \sum_{\substack{a \in C^1(M^4, \mathbb{Z}_2), \\ b \in C^2(M^4, \mathbb{Z}_2)}} (-1)^{\int_{M^4} a(\delta b + \mathcal{A}^3)} \cdot e^{\frac{2\pi i}{8} \text{ABK}(c \cup \text{PD}'(b))}. \end{aligned}$$

Symmetry extension trivialize anomaly (JW-Wen-Witten'17 1705.06728). Fermionic non-abelian TQFT.

Ultra Unification (2020) 4d and 5d coupled quantum system

A sterile neutrino (**massless/massive**) carries a \mathbb{Z}_{16} class mixed gauge-gravitational global anomaly index, which could be replaced by **interacting** 4d or 5d **gapped** topological quantum field theory, or 4d **gapless** conformal field theory.



$$\text{Chiral fermion and chiral gauge sector } (-N_{\text{gen}} = 3) + n_{\nu_{e,R}} + n_{\nu_{\mu,R}} + n_{\nu_{\tau,R}} + \nu_{4d} - \nu_{5d} = 0 \pmod{16}$$

5d (4+1d) invertible TQFT (Cobordism invariant, SPT phase, topological superconductor.)

$$\exp\left(\frac{2\pi i}{16}\nu_{5d} \int_{M^5} \eta(\text{PD}(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}))\right) \text{ with APS eta invariant}$$

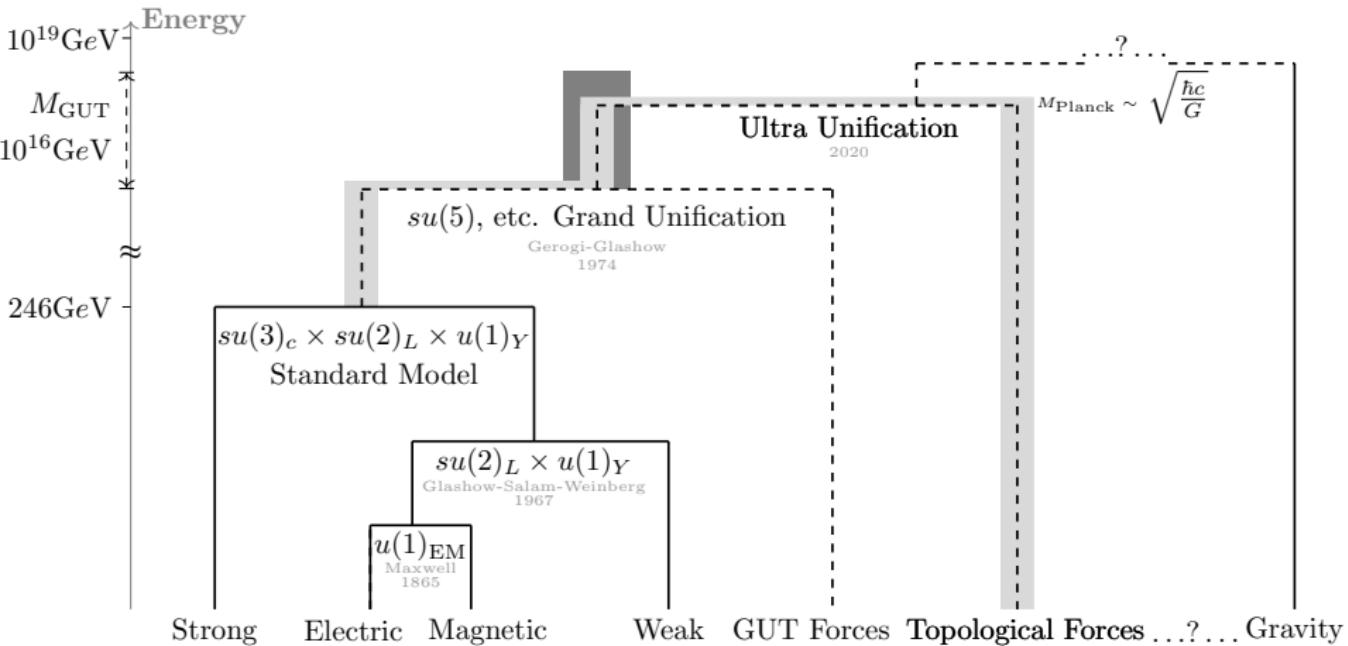
$$A_{\mathbb{Z}_4} \equiv \text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_{4,X} \text{-background gauge field}$$

$$A_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \equiv \text{background gauge field in } H^1(M, \frac{\mathbb{Z}_{4,X}}{\mathbb{Z}_2})$$

$$\nu_{5d} \in \mathbb{Z}_{16} \text{ from } \Omega_5^{\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_{4,X}}$$

Mirror fermion and chiral gauge sector, or TQFT

Fundamental Physics embodies Ultra Quantum Matter



HEP-phenomenology: beyond 0d particle physics (to **gapped extended TQFT objects** (topological order) or **gapless unparticle CFT**).
Quantum Matter in Math/Physics.

Outline

1. 4d Standard Model (SM) and 5d invertible topological field theory (iTFT):

- \mathbb{Z}^2 -class perturb local and \mathbb{Z}_{16} -class nonperturb global anomalies.
- Index theorem (Characteristic class) vs Cobordism.
- **Ultra Unification:** Anomaly cancellation/Cobordism constraint.
- Beyond SM and GUT + 4d TQFT/CFT + 5d iTFT sector.

2. Noninvertible Categorical Symmetry of the SM

- 4d QED example: $U(1)_A \text{-} U(1)_V^2$ anomaly, of \mathbb{Z} class.
- 4d SM: $U(1)$ -gravity² and $U(1)^3$ anomaly, of \mathbb{Z}^2 classes.
- 4d SM: \mathbb{Z}_4 -gravity anomaly, of \mathbb{Z}_{16} class.

Symmetry generator = charge operator = topological defect U

Invertible symmetry (group): Symmetry group G implies that the fusion rules of the charge operators U (a.k.a. topological defects) is described by the corresponding group law.

$$\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in G \text{ and } \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \in G. \text{ (e.g., } G = U(1))$$

$$U_{\alpha_1} \times U_{\alpha_2} = U_{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}, \quad U_{\alpha_1} \times U_{-\alpha_1} = U_0 = 1$$

Categorical or noninvertible symmetry (fusion category):

Charge operators obey fusion rules described by a **fusion category**. For the full (i.e. closed under fusion) noninvertible symmetry, however, there is no longer a one-to-one correspondence —

$$\alpha = 2\pi p/N \in 2\pi \cdot \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \subset 2\pi \cdot \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \cong U(1)$$

between \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} elements and the charge operators. Operators labelled by elements of a certain commutative monoid \mathbf{M} , such that the noninvertible fusion rules

$$U_{\alpha_1} \times U_{\alpha_2} = \sum_j U_{\alpha_j}$$

correspond to the monoid's binary operation and there is surjective homomorphism of monoids $\mathbf{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$.

Snowmass White Paper review: 2205.09545 e.g., Putrov 2208.12071

4d QED example: $U(1)_A$ - $U(1)_V^2$ anomaly, of \mathbb{Z} class

- **Adler-Bell-Jackiw anomaly (ABJ)** (1969)

axial A-vector V mixed anomaly

$$d \star j_A = d \star (\bar{\Psi} \gamma_5 \gamma_\mu \Psi dx^\mu) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} F_V \wedge F_V, \quad F_V = F = dA$$

Axial current j_A non-conserved under dynamical F_V .

- **Choi-Lam-Shao** (2205.05086), **Cordova-Ohmori** (2205.06243)

$$\text{try to make sense } d(\star j_A - \frac{1}{4\pi^2} A \wedge dA) = 0.$$

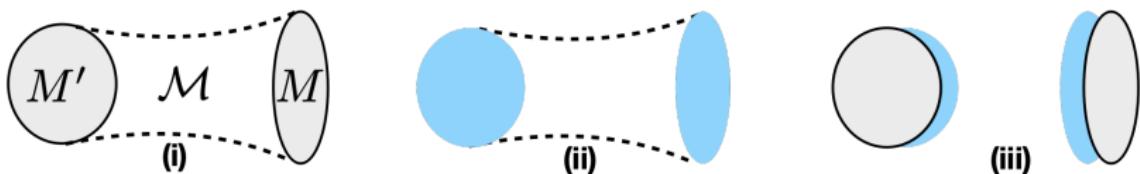
Although the original $U(1)_A \cong \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ **invertible symmetry** is broken by ABJ anomaly, there is a \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} subgroup that can be revived as **noninvertible symmetry** by decorating the 3d charge operator with 3d abelian Chern-Simons **TQFT** (fractional quantum Hall states).

Stoke's theorem vs Anomaly on Noether theorem

- $U_\alpha(M) = \exp\left(\frac{i\alpha}{2} \oint_M \star j_A\right)$ at $\alpha \in [0, 2\pi] \cong U(1)_A$.

$$U_\alpha(M') U_\alpha(M)^{-1} = e^{\frac{i\alpha}{2} (\int_{M'} \star j_A - \int_M \star j_A)} = e^{\frac{i\alpha}{2} \int_M d \star j_A}$$

$$= e^{\frac{i\alpha}{8\pi^2} \int_M F \wedge F} = e^{\frac{i\alpha}{2} \int_M c_1^2}.$$



- $\hat{U}_\alpha(M) = \exp\left[\frac{i\alpha}{2} \oint_M (\star j_A - \frac{1}{4\pi^2} A \wedge dA)\right]$ at $\alpha \in U(1)_A$.

$\hat{U}_\alpha(M)$ topological, but not invariant under large gauge transf.

- $\mathcal{D}_{\frac{1}{N}}(M) = \int [\mathcal{D}a] \exp\left[i \oint_M \left(\frac{2\pi}{2N} \star j_A + \frac{N}{4\pi} a \wedge da + \frac{1}{2\pi} a \wedge dA\right)\right]$

Define 3d noninv TQFT on the bdry of 4d inv FT.

$$\mathcal{D}_{\frac{1}{N}}(M) \times \mathcal{D}_{\frac{1}{N}}^\dagger(M) = \exp\left[i \oint_M \left(\frac{N}{4\pi} a \wedge da - \frac{N}{4\pi} \bar{a} \wedge d\bar{a} + \frac{1}{2\pi} (a - \bar{a}) \wedge dA\right)\right] \neq 1$$

rational angle $\alpha = 2\pi/N \subset U(1)_A$
Noninvertible and nonunitary.

4d QED: Anomalous invertible $U(1)_A$ broken,

but noninvertible symmetry is revived Choi-Lam-Shao (2205.05086)

	$U_\alpha(M)$	$\hat{U}_\alpha(M)$	$\mathcal{D}_{\frac{p}{N}}(M)$
Conserved (Topological)	✗	✓	✓
Gauge-invariant	✓	✗	✓
Invertible	N/A	✓	✗

- $U_\alpha(M) = \exp\left(\frac{i\alpha}{2} \oint_M \star j_A\right)$ at $\alpha \in [0, 2\pi) \cong U(1)_A$
- $\hat{U}_\alpha(M) = \exp\left[\frac{i\alpha}{2} \oint_M (\star j_A - \frac{1}{4\pi^2} A \wedge dA)\right]$ at $\alpha \in U(1)_A$

- $\mathcal{D}_{\frac{1}{N}}(M) = \int [\mathcal{D}a] \exp\left[i \oint_M \left(\frac{2\pi}{2N} \star j_A + \frac{N}{4\pi} a \wedge da + \frac{1}{2\pi} a \wedge dA\right)\right]$

Anomalous invertible $e^{i\alpha} \in U(1)_A$ symmetry broken by ABJ anomaly, but the noninvertible counterpart survives at the rational angle $\alpha = 2\pi p/N \in 2\pi \cdot \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \subset 2\pi \cdot \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \cong U(1)_A$

4d SM suffers $U(1)_{B-L}^3$ and $U(1)_{B-L}$ -gravity² anomaly

- Chern (1946), Pontryagin (1947), Eguchi-Freund (1976)

$$d \star j_{Q-N_c L} = (-N_f + n_{\nu_R}) \left(N_c^3 \frac{c_1(U(1)_{Q-N_c L})^2}{6} - N_c \frac{p_1(TM)}{24} \right).$$

$$\text{Pontryagin class : } p_1(TM) = -\frac{1}{8\pi^2} \text{Tr}[R \wedge R].$$

$R = d\omega + \omega \wedge \omega$ is the 2-form curvature of the Levi-Cevita connection 1-form ω .

Local current density:

$$j_Q = j_{Q\mu} dx^\mu = q_Q (\psi_{LQ}^\dagger \bar{\sigma}_\mu \psi_{LQ}) dx^\mu, \quad j_L = j_{L\mu} dx^\mu = q_L (\psi_{LL}^\dagger \bar{\sigma}_\mu \psi_{LL}) dx^\mu,$$

$$d \star j = k_1 \frac{c_1^2}{3!} + k_2 p_1$$

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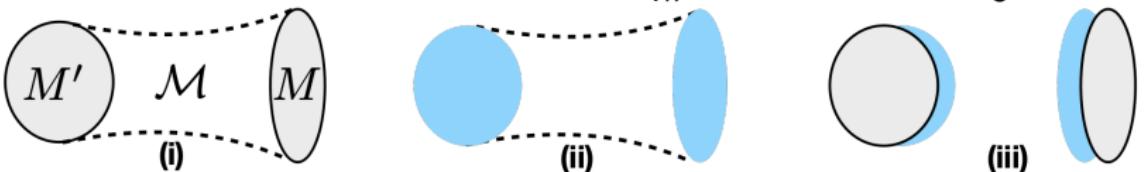
4d SM's **B-L** suffers Mixed Gravity ($\text{Spin}^c \text{ U}(1)_{\text{B-L}}^3$ and $\text{U}(1)_{\text{B-L}}$ -gravity²) anomaly, but noninvertible symmetry is revived

	$\text{U}(1)$ invertible sym	$2\pi \cdot (\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$ noninvertible sym
Background Grav	Ambiguous	Preserved
Semi Dynamical Grav	Broken (by Grav Anom)	Preserved
Full Quantum Grav	Broken (by Grav Anom)	Broken, or (e.g. by wormhole) Dynamically Gauged

Background vs Semiclassical Dynamical vs UV-Complete Full Quantum Gravity.
 To be consistent with "No global symmetry in Full Quantum Gravity."

Stoke's theorem vs Framing Anomaly on Noether theorem

- $U_\alpha(M') U_\alpha(M)^{-1} = e^{i\alpha(\int_{M'} \star j - \int_M \star j)} = e^{i\alpha \int_M d \star j}$
 $= e^{\frac{-ik\alpha}{24} \int_M p_1} = e^{\frac{ik\alpha}{24} \int_M \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \text{Tr}[R \wedge R]} = e^{\frac{ik\alpha}{24 \cdot 2\pi} \int_M d \text{GCS}}.$
- $\text{GCS} := \frac{1}{4\pi} \text{Tr}[\omega \wedge d\omega + \frac{2}{3} \omega \wedge \omega \wedge \omega]$



- $\tilde{U}_\alpha(M) = e^{i\alpha \int_M (\star j - \frac{k \text{GCS}}{24 \cdot 2\pi})}$ same form as $\tilde{U}_\alpha(M')$
- $D_{(c, \mathbf{T})}(M) := e^{i c \int_M (\frac{2\pi}{k} \star j - \frac{1}{24} \text{GCS})} \cdot \mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{T}}[M].$

Fix the **Framing Anomaly**: $f \in \pi_3(\text{SO}(3)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$.

Witten-Reshetikhin-Turaev-type 3d TQFT \mathbf{T} with

$$c/k = \alpha/(2\pi) \pmod{1}. \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad c \text{ and } \alpha/(2\pi) \in \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} :$$

$$\tilde{U}_\alpha(M) \mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{T}}[M] \rightarrow \tilde{U}_\alpha(M) \mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{T}}[M] e^{-\frac{i\alpha kf}{24}} e^{\frac{2\pi ifc}{24}}.$$

Fix the Framing Anomaly

$\tilde{U}(\mathcal{Y})$ on 3-manifold \mathcal{Y} above requires spin-connection ω and GCS defined by some vierbein $e_\mu{}^a$ (a choice of basis of orthonormal tangent spacetime, trivialization of tangent bundle $T\mathcal{Y}$).

A change of the vierbein: The homotopy classes of trivializations of $T\mathcal{Y}$, i.e. framings of the tangent bundle, form an integer class (Witten '89)

$$f \in \pi_3(\mathrm{SO}(3)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

(or a torsor over $H^3(\mathcal{Y}, \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$, Atiyah '90). Large gauge transformation of tangent bundle (whose structure group $\mathrm{SO}(3)$) changes the framing by $f \in \mathbb{Z}$ units, it shifts GCS by $2\pi f$, then the charge operator changes as follows:

$$\tilde{U}_\alpha(\mathcal{Y}) \rightarrow \tilde{U}_\alpha(\mathcal{Y}) e^{-\frac{i \alpha k f}{24}}.$$

When $\alpha/(2\pi)$ is rational, we compensate it by 3d WRT TQFT with a 2d rational CFT of chiral central charge $c_- \equiv c_L - c_R \in \mathbb{Q}$. Under the change of framing of \mathcal{Y} :

$$Z_T[\mathcal{Y}] \rightarrow Z_T[\mathcal{Y}] e^{\frac{2\pi i f c_-}{24}}.$$

4d SM's **B-L** suffers Mixed Gravity (Spin^c structure $U(1)_{B-L}^3$ and $U(1)_{B-L}$ -gravity²) anomaly, but noninvertible symmetry is revived

	$U_\alpha(M)$	$\tilde{U}_\alpha(M)$	$D_{(c_-, T)}(M)$	$D_{(c_-, T, \Lambda, n)}(M)$
Topological (w/ Grav)	X	✓	✓	✓
Topological (w/ Grav + $U(1)$)	X	X	X	✓
Grav general-covariant	✓	X	✓	✓
$U(1)$ gauge-invariant	✓	X	X	✓
Unitary	N/A	✓	X	X
Invertible	N/A	✓	X	X

"w/ Grav" means under (semi-classical dynamical or background) gravity.

- $U_\alpha(M) = e^{i\alpha(\int_M *j)}$.
- $\tilde{U}_\alpha(M) = e^{i\alpha \int_M (*j - \frac{k \text{GCS}}{24 \cdot 2\pi})}$.

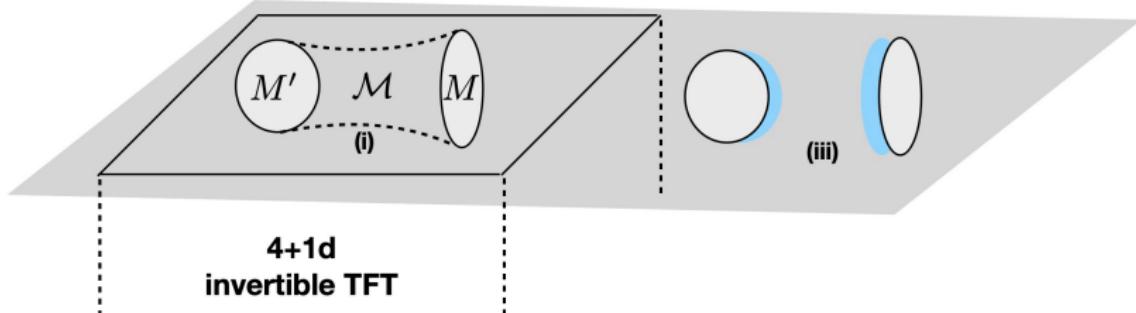
- $D_{(c, T)}(M) := e^{i c \int_M (\frac{2\pi}{k} *j - \frac{1}{24} \text{GCS})} \cdot Z_T[M]$.

- $D_{(c, T, \Lambda, n)}(M) := e^{i c \int_M (\frac{2\pi}{k} *j - \frac{1}{24} \text{GCS})} \cdot Z_T[M] \cdot Z_{(\Lambda, n)}^{\text{abCS}}[M; A]$.

p.s. abCS is some abelian CS theory. ∵ the anomaly is in Spin^c, so the Table is only loosely speaking.

$U(1)_{B-L}$ -symmetric

3+1d SM



- Spin $\times_{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} U(1)_{B-L}$ or $X \times G_{SM_q}$ -symmetry.

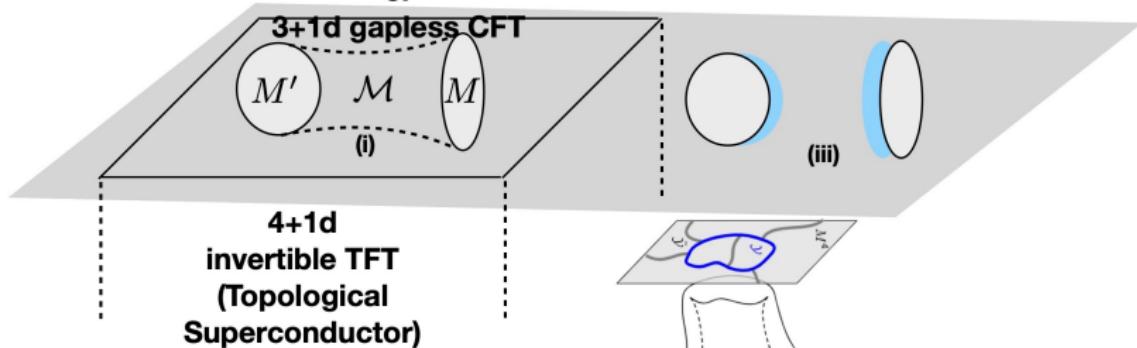
\mathbb{Z} -class perturbative local anomaly $B - L$ or $X \equiv 5(B - L) - \frac{2}{3}Y$:
 $U(1)^3$ and $U(1)$ -grav²:

$$Z_5^{U(1)} \equiv \exp(i(-N_f + n_{\nu_R})) \int_{M^5} A_{Q-N_c L} \left(N_c^3 \frac{c_1(U(1)_{Q-N_c L})^2}{6} - N_c \frac{p_1(TM)}{24} \right).$$

Index $(-N_f + n_{\nu_R}) \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$\mathbb{Z}_{4,X}$ -symmetric
SM + 3+1d gapped TQFT/
Topological Order

or



- Spin $\times_{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} \mathbb{Z}_{4,X} \times G_{\text{SM}_q}$ -symmetry. With $X \equiv 5(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{L}) - \frac{2}{3}\tilde{Y}$.

\mathbb{Z}_{16} -class nonperturbative global anomaly of $\mathbb{Z}_{4,X}$ -gravity:

$$Z_5^{\mathbb{Z}_{4,X}} \equiv \exp(i(-N_f + n_{\nu_R})) \int_{M^5} \frac{2\pi}{16} \eta_{4d}(\text{PD}(A_{\mathbb{Z}_{2,X}})).$$

Index $(-N_f + n_{\nu_R}) \bmod 16 \in \mathbb{Z}_{16}$.

4d bdry of 5d X -symmetric topological superconductor (TSC).

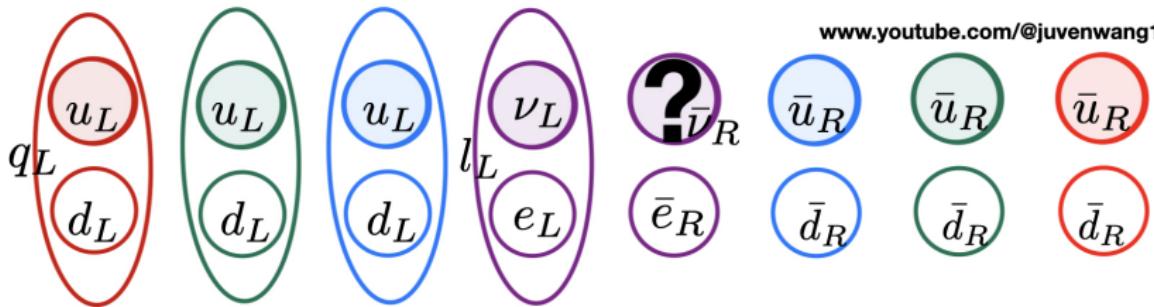
3d bdry topological order of 4d \mathbb{Z}_4^{TF} -TSC (Pin^+), $T^2 = (-1)^F$.

See Putrov's talk at UK Symmetry Seminar.



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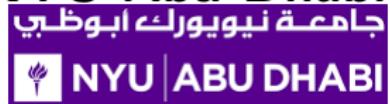
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Conclusion

1. An invertible $U(1)$ symmetry can suffer from mixed grav anomalies under gravitational backgrounds (such as gravitational instantons), still a certain noninvertible counterpart of discrete subgroup of $U(1)$ can be revived as a noninvertible categorical symmetry. SM's $\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{L}$.
2. No global sym in quantum gravity: Fate of Topological Defects? Categorical sym is broken or dynamically gauged.
3. Leptogenesis and Baryogenesis, Dirac vs Majorana masses vs exotic-BSM TQFT/CFT sectors —

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Back Up Slides:

Design Topological Operator: Compare w/ 2205.05086, 2205.06243

Let us compare two cases.

To make the defect topological, add by hand

- an improperly quantized CS term $\frac{1}{4\pi N} \text{Ad} A$
- an improperly quantized GCS term $\frac{c_-}{24} \text{GCS}$

but then it will be non-invariant under large gauge-diffeomorphism transformations (which is the framing dependence of GCS in our story).

- For the former CS $\frac{1}{4\pi N} \text{Ad} A$, it can be fixed by considering a 3d TQFT \mathbf{T} with anomalous discrete magnetic 1-form \mathbb{Z}_N symmetry. Combine to get $\frac{N}{4\pi} \text{ada} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \text{ad} A$ similar to our \mathbf{T}' (fractional quantum Hall state).
- For the latter $\frac{c_-}{24} \text{GCS}$ (that depends on metric and framing), it can be fixed by a 3d WRT TQFT \mathbf{T} that depends on framing with an opposite framing anomaly. The combined theory is QFT \mathbf{T}' (that depends on metric). But the outcome is **Topological Operator** that is **independent of metric and framing**:

$$\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{T}'}[\mathcal{Y}] := e^{-i \frac{c_-}{24} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} \text{GCS}} \cdot \mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{T}}[\mathcal{Y}].$$

$$D_{(c_-, \mathbf{T}', \Lambda, n)}(\mathcal{Y}) := e^{i c_- \int_{\mathcal{Y}} \left(\frac{2\pi}{k} \star j \right)} \cdot \mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{T}'}[\mathcal{Y}] \cdot \mathbf{Z}_{(\Lambda, n)}^{\text{abCS}}[\mathcal{Y}; A]$$

$$\text{where } D_{(c_-, \mathbf{T}, \Lambda, n)}(M) := e^{i c_- \int_M \left(\frac{2\pi}{k} \star j - \frac{1}{24} \text{GCS} \right)} \cdot \mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{T}}[M] \cdot \mathbf{Z}_{(\Lambda, n)}^{\text{abCS}}[M; A].$$

Modern view on “Symmetry”

Gaiotto-Kapustin-Seiberg-Willett (1412.5148) and many others.

For the measurement of global symmetry:

charge operator U that measures,

charged object \mathcal{O} that is being measured.

Symmetry generator = charge operator = topological defect U

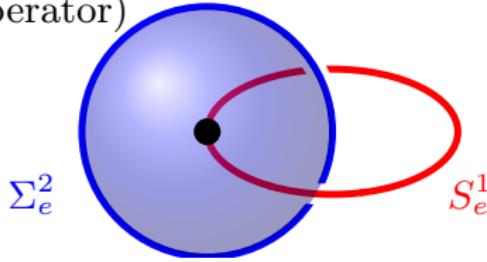
Measurement: charge operator linked with charged object in Dd .

p -symmetry (e.g., p -form):

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Gaiotto-Kapustin-Seiberg-Willett (1412.5148) and many others.

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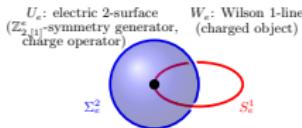
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Noether theorem: Continuous global symmetry labeled by α has a conservation $d \star j = 0$. Charge conservation $Q = \int dx^{D-1} j_0$ integrated over the spatial slice is conserved over time evolution. Define charge operator $U_\alpha \equiv \exp(i\alpha Q) = \exp(i\alpha \int dx^{D-1} j_0)$, then $[\hat{H}, \hat{U}] = 0$. Consider more general operator on a closed codim- $p + 1$ manifold,

$$U_\alpha \equiv \exp(i\alpha \int \star j)$$

such that $d \star j = 0$ makes U_α topological operator in path integral.



If $d \star j \neq 0$ depends on external background \Rightarrow anomaly

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4d U(1) gauge theory, $\int dA \wedge \star dA$ with $dA = \star dA_m$.

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$U(1)_{[1]}^e$	$e^{i q_e \oint A}$	$e^{i \frac{\theta_e}{2\pi} \oint (\star dA) _{=dA_m}}$
$U(1)_{[1]}^m$	$e^{i q_m \oint A_m}$	$e^{i \frac{\theta_m}{2\pi} \oint (\star dA_m) _{=dA_m}}$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} q_e, q_m \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \theta_e, \theta_m \in U(1) \end{array} \right..$$

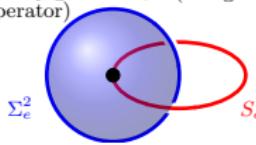
4d \mathbb{Z}_N gauge theory $\int \frac{N}{2\pi} b da$.

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$\mathbb{Z}_N_{[2]}^m$	$e^{i q_m \oint b}$	$e^{i \frac{N\theta_m}{2\pi} \oint a}$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} q_e, q_m \in \mathbb{Z}_N \\ \theta_e, \theta_m = \frac{2\pi}{N} k, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}_N \end{array} \right..$$

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Spacetime and internal symmetry of the Standard Model (SM)?

0-symmetry

- Spacetime symmetry: Spin group. Diffeomorphism/grav. background. $\frac{\text{Spin}}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} = \text{SO}$.

$$G_{\text{SM}_q} \equiv \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)_Y}{\mathbb{Z}_q}.$$

- Internal symmetry: $\text{U}(1)_{\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{L}} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} \mathbb{Z}_{2N_c N_f, \mathbf{Q} + N_c \mathbf{L}} \times G_{\text{SM}_q}$.
- Internal symmetry after gauging G_{SM_q} : $\text{U}(1)_{\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{L}} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} \mathbb{Z}_{2N_c N_f, \mathbf{Q} + N_c \mathbf{L}} \times \mathbb{Z}_{6/q, [1]}^e \times \text{U}(1)_{[1]}^m$.

1-symmetry

Denote 1-form symmetry $G_{[1]} = G_{[1]}^e \times G_{[1]}^m = \mathbb{Z}_{6/q, [1]}^e \times \text{U}(1)_{[1]}^m$.

	$Z(G_{\text{SM}_q})$	$\pi_1(G_{\text{SM}_q})^\vee$	1-form e sym $G_{[1]}^e$	1-form m sym $G_{[1]}^m$
G_{SM_q}	$\mathbb{Z}_{6/q} \times \text{U}(1)$	$\text{U}(1)$	$\mathbb{Z}_{6/q, [1]}^e$	$\text{U}(1)_{[1]}^m$

- No C, P, T discrete symmetry within SM.
- We can replace the $\text{U}(1)_{\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{L}}$ to a discrete $\mathbb{Z}_{4,X}$ (Wilczek-Zee '79) that is more robust and preserves the 4n fermion interactions (quarks and leptons with $\mathbb{Z}_{4,X}$ charges 1):

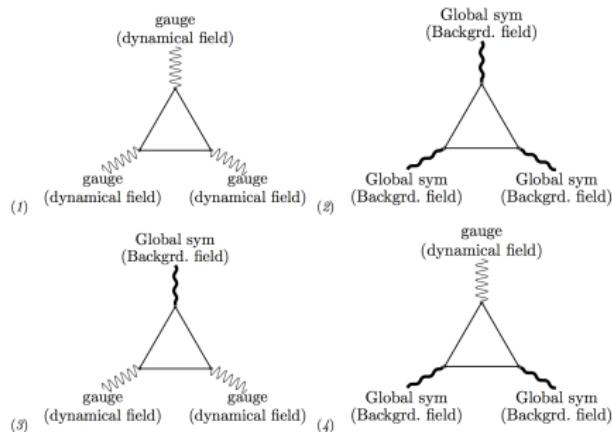
$$X \equiv 5(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{L}) - 4Y \equiv 5(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{L}) - \frac{2}{3}\tilde{Y}.$$

Tong 1705.01853, Anber-Poppitz 2110.02981. our 1912.13504, 2111.10369, 2112.14765.

Interpretation of Adler-Bell-Jackiw (axial or chiral) anomaly

$$\mathbf{Z}_{\text{Dirac}\Psi}[A] \text{ or } \mathbf{Z}_{\psi_L, \psi_R}[A] \xrightarrow{\psi_{L/R} \rightarrow e^{\pm i \alpha} \psi_{L/R}} \int [D\bar{\Psi}] [D\Psi] \exp \left(i \int_{M^d} d^d x (\bar{\Psi} (i \not{D}_A) \Psi + \alpha \left(\partial_\mu J^{\mu, \text{Chiral}} + 2N_f \frac{(q g)^{d/2} \epsilon^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_d}}{(d/2)! (4\pi)^{d/2}} F_{\mu_1 \mu_2} \dots F_{\mu_{d-1} \mu_d} \right)) \right),$$

- 't Hooft anomaly of background (Backgrd.) fields. Mixed anomaly between $U(1)_V$, $U(1)_A$.
- Continuous $U(1)_A$ anomalous, but its discrete $\mathbb{Z}_{2N_f, A}$ can be anomaly-free with $U(1)_V^2$
- ABJ: 4d anomaly $U(1)_A - U(1)_V^2$. Dynamical gauging $U(1)_V$, the $U(1)_A$ broken to $\mathbb{Z}_{2N_f, A}$.



(1) Dynamical gauge anomaly. (2) 't Hooft anomaly of background fields. (3) Adler-Bell-Jackiw (ABJ) type of anomalies. (4) Anomaly that involves two background fields of global symmetries and one dynamical gauge field. The charge $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ is quantized, thus \mathbb{Z} class **perturbative local anomaly**.

Classify all invertible anomalies of QFT in d dim via cobordism
 $\mathrm{TP}_{d+1}(G)$:

(Quantum) Anomaly in Physics: **Boundary** Phenomenon vs **Bulk**.

adjective for anomalies:

- (1) \mathbb{Z} vs \mathbb{Z}_n -class: **perturbative local** vs **nonperturbative global** anomaly.
- (2) probes: *gauge* anomaly vs mixed *gauge-grav.* vs *gravitational* anomaly.
- chiral internal symmetry: chiral or axial anomaly.
- (3) **bosonic** ($\mathrm{SO}/\mathrm{O}/\mathrm{E}$) vs **fermionic** ($\mathrm{Spin}/\mathrm{Pin}^\pm/\mathrm{DPin}/\mathrm{EPin}$ -structure).
- (4) **background** fields ('t Hooft anomalies) or **dynamical** fields

R.B.Laughlin '81, Witten '83-85, Callan-Harvey '84-'85, Dai-Freed '94, etc.

Cobordism: Kapustin'14, Kapustin-Thorngren-Turzillo-Wang'14 (proposed), Freed-Hopkins'16 (systematic), Wan-JW'18 [arXiv:1812.11967](https://arxiv.org/abs/1812.11967): Encode higher-sym/classifying space. Wan-JW-Zheng'19 [arXiv:1912.13504](https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.13504)

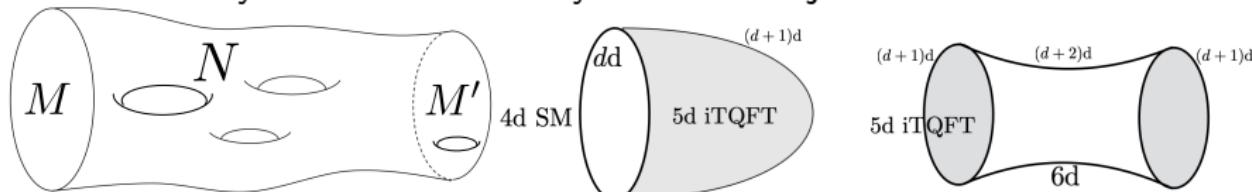
Application to SM: Garcia-Etxebarria-Montero'18, JW-Wen'18, Davighi-Gripaios-Lohitsirikul'19, Wan-JW'19 [arXiv:1910.14668](https://arxiv.org/abs/1910.14668)

Classify dd Anomalies and $(d+1)d$ iTQFT/SPTs via Cobordism

iTQFT: invertible topological field theory. Invertible path integral $\mathbf{Z}(M)$.
SPTs: Symmetry-protected topological state.

Bordism group (discrete and abelian group \mathbb{Z} or \mathbb{Z}_n class): Ω_{d+1}^G

- $+$: the disjoint union.
- Closure: Disjoint union of manifolds is a manifold.
- Identity: 0 is the empty manifold.
- Inverse: $[M] + [\bar{M}] = 0$ since $\partial(M \times [0, 1]) = M \sqcup \bar{M}$.
- Associativity and commutativity: true for disjoint union.



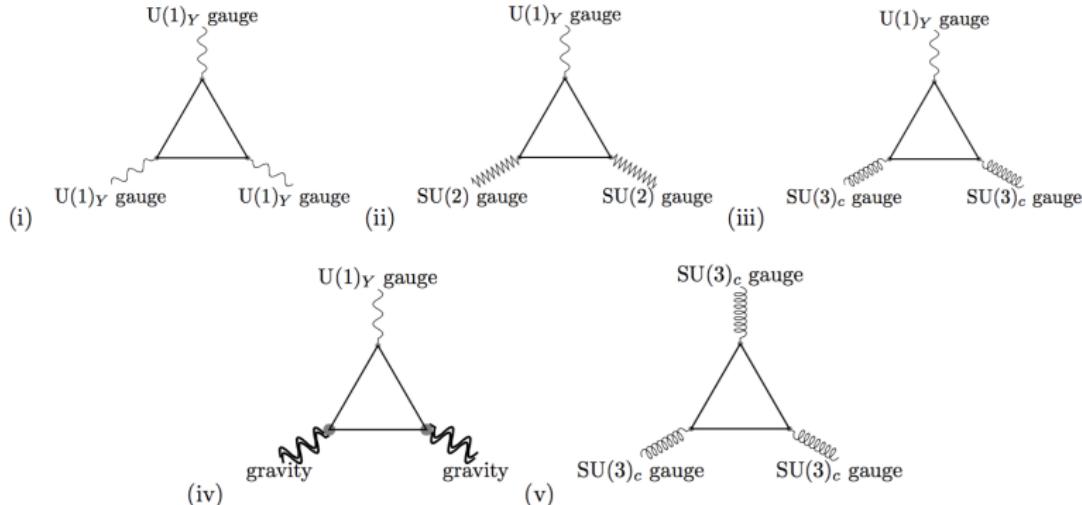
Spin cobordism: Kapustin-Thorngren-Turzillo-Wang'14 (proposed), Freed-Hopkins'16 (systematic), Wan-JW'18 arXiv:1812.11967: Encode higher-symmetry/classifying space.

Here we only concern a **cobordism group** $\text{TP}_{d+1}(G)$,

$(\text{TP}_{d+1}(G))_{\text{free}} = (\Omega_{d+2}^G)_{\text{free}}$: local anomaly.

$(\text{TP}_{d+1}(G))_{\text{tors}} = (\Omega_{d+1}^G)_{\text{tors}}$: global anomaly.

I. (Local) Anomalies of $\text{Spin}(d) \times G_{\text{SM}_q}|_{(\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1))/\mathbb{Z}_q}$



- 1 $\text{U}(1)_Y^3$: 4d anomaly from 5d $\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(1)} c_1(\text{U}(1))^2$ and 6d $c_1(\text{U}(1))^3$
- 2 $\text{U}(1)_Y\text{-}\text{SU}(2)^2$: 4d anomaly from 5d $\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(1)} c_2(\text{SU}(2))$, 6d $c_1(\text{U}(1))c_2(\text{SU}(2))$
- 3 $\text{U}(1)_Y\text{-}\text{SU}(3)_c^2$: 4d anomaly from 5d $\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(1)} c_2(\text{SU}(3))$, 6d $c_1(\text{U}(1))c_2(\text{SU}(3))$
- 4 $\text{U}(1)_Y\text{-}(\text{gravity})^2$: 4d anomaly from 5d $\mu(\text{PD}(c_1(\text{U}(1))))$, 6d $\frac{c_1(\text{U}(1))(\sigma - F \cdot F)}{8}$
- 5 $\text{SU}(3)_c^3$: 4d anomaly from 5d $\frac{1}{2}\text{CS}_5^{\text{SU}(3)}$, 6d $\frac{1}{2}c_3(\text{SU}(3))$
- 6 **4d global Witten SU(2) anomaly** from 5d $c_2(\text{SU}(2))\tilde{\eta}$, 6d $c_2(\text{SU}(2))\text{Arf}$.
It becomes part of local anomaly in \mathbb{Z} when $q = 2, 6$.

Davighi-Gripaios-Lohitsiri [1910.11277](#), Wan-JW [1910.14668](#), Davighi-Lohitsiri [2001.07731](#) JW [2006.16996](#).

II. (Local+Global) Anomalies: $\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} \mathbb{Z}_{4,X} \times G_{\text{internal/gauge}}$
 Focus on $\mathbb{Z}_{4,X} = Z(\text{Spin}(10)) \subset U(1)_X$ where $X = 5(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{L}) - 4Y$.

$G = \text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} \mathbb{Z}_{4,X} \times G_{\text{SM}_q}$ and $\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} \mathbb{Z}_{4,X} \times \text{SU}(5)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{TP}_{d=5}(\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} \mathbb{Z}_{4,X} \times G_{\text{SM}_q}) &= \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}^5 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4^2 \times \mathbb{Z}_{16}, & q = 1, 3, \\ \mathbb{Z}^5 \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_{16}, & q = 2, 6. \end{cases} \\ \text{TP}_{d=5}(\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} \mathbb{Z}_{4,X} \times \text{SU}(5)) &= \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_{16}. \end{aligned}$$

$\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \in H^1(M, \mathbb{Z}_{4,X}/\mathbb{Z}_2^F)$ is a \mathbb{Z}_2 -gauge field of $\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} \mathbb{Z}_{4,X}$ -manifold.

- 1 Mutated Witten $SU(2)$ anomaly $c_2(SU(2))\tilde{\eta}$:
 4d \mathbb{Z}_2 to \mathbb{Z}_4 global anomaly free ($q = 1, 3$): $c_2(SU(2))\eta'$.
 4d \mathbb{Z}_2 to \mathbb{Z} local anomaly free ($q = 2, 6$): $\frac{1}{2}CS_1^{U(2)}c_2(U(2)) \sim \frac{1}{2}c_1(U(2))CS_3^{U(2)}$.
- 2 $(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_2})c_2(SU(2))$: 4d \mathbb{Z}_2 global anomaly free ($q = 2, 6$)
- 3 $(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_2})c_2(SU(3))$: 4d \mathbb{Z}_2 global anomaly free
- 4 $c_1(U(1))^2\eta'$: 4d \mathbb{Z}_4 global anomaly free
- 5 $(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_2})c_2(SU(5))$: 4d \mathbb{Z}_2 global anomaly free
- 6 $\eta(\text{PD}(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}))$: $\Omega_5^{\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4} \cong \Omega_4^{\text{Pin}^+} = \mathbb{Z}_{16}$.

4d \mathbb{Z}_{16} global anomaly not canceled for 15 N_f Weyl fermions. Alternative stories?

Wan-JW 1910.14668

Logic to Ultra Unification

$$(-(N_f = 3) + \sum_{j=e,\mu,\tau,\dots} n_{\nu_{j,R}} + \nu_{\text{new hidden sectors}}) = 0 \pmod{16}$$

$$(-(N_f = 3) + \sum_{j=e,\mu,\tau,\dots} n_{\nu_{j,R}} + \nu_{4d,\text{TQFT}} + \nu_{4d,\text{others}} - \nu_{5d}) = 0 \pmod{16}.$$

- $\nu_{4d,\text{odd}} = 1, 3, 5, 7, \dots \in \mathbb{Z}_{16} \Rightarrow$ Obstruction to symmetry-preserving gapped phase. No 4d TQFTs constructible.

Cordova-Ohmori'19 [1912.13069](#).

- $\nu_{4d,\text{even}} = 2, 4, 6, 8, \dots \in \mathbb{Z}_{16} \Rightarrow$ Symmetry-preserving gapped phase. 4d TQFTs constructible. Based on a symmetry-extension method.

JW-Wen-Witten'17 [1705.06728](#).
Hsieh'18 [1808.02881](#), Wan-JW-Zheng [1912.13504](#), JW [2006.16996](#), [2012.15860](#).

Math Physics Equations: Ultra Unification Path (Functional) Integral example

$$\mathbf{Z}_{\text{UU}}[\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_4}] \equiv \mathbf{Z}_{\substack{\text{5d-iTQFT/} \\ \text{4d-SM+TQFT}}}[\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_4}] \equiv \mathbf{Z}_{\text{5d-iTQFT}}^{(-\nu_{5d})}[\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_4}] \cdot \mathbf{Z}_{\text{4d-TQFT}}^{(\nu_{4d})}[\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_4}] \cdot \mathbf{Z}_{\text{SM}}^{(n_{\nu_j, R})}[\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_4}].$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_{\text{SM}}[\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_4}] \equiv \int [\mathcal{D}\psi][\mathcal{D}\bar{\psi}][\mathcal{D}A][\mathcal{D}\phi] \dots \exp(i S_{\text{SM}}[\psi, \bar{\psi}, A, \phi, \dots, \mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_4}]|_{M^4})$$

$$S_{\text{SM}} = \int_{M^4} \left(\text{Tr}(F_I \wedge \star F_I) - \frac{\theta_I}{8\pi^2} g_I^2 \text{Tr}(F_I \wedge F_I) \right) + \int_{M^4} \left(\bar{\psi} (i \not{D}_{A, \mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_4}}) \psi \right.$$

$$(\text{Gauge symmetry breaking}) \quad + |D_{\mu, A, \mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_4}} \phi|^2 - U(\phi) - (\psi_L^\dagger \phi (i \sigma^2 \psi_L^*) + \text{h.c.}) \Big) d^4 x.$$

$$(-(N_f = 3) + \left(\sum_{j=e, \mu, \tau, \dots} n_{\nu_j, R} \right) + \nu_{4d} - \nu_{5d}) = 0 \pmod{16}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Z}_{\text{5d-iTQFT}}^{(-\nu_{5d}=-2)}[\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_4}] \cdot \mathbf{Z}_{\text{4d-TQFT}}^{(\nu_{4d}=2)}[\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{Z}_4}] &= \sum_{c \in \partial'{}^{-1}(\partial[\text{PD}(\mathcal{A}^3)])} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{8} \text{ABK}(c \cup \text{PD}(\mathcal{A}^3))} \\ &\cdot \frac{1}{2^{|\pi_0(M^4)|}} \sum_{\substack{a \in C^1(M^4, \mathbb{Z}_2), \\ b \in C^2(M^4, \mathbb{Z}_2)}} (-1)^{\int_{M^4} a(\delta b + \mathcal{A}^3)} \cdot e^{\frac{2\pi i}{8} \text{ABK}(c \cup \text{PD}'(b))}. \end{aligned}$$

Symmetry extension trivialize anomaly (JW-Wen-Witten'17 1705.06728). Fermionic non-abelian TQFT.

Anderson-Higgs symmetry breaking:

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Plasmons, Gauge Invariance, and Mass

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Schwinger has pointed out that the Yang-Mills vector boson implied by associating a generalized gauge transformation with a conservation law (of baryonic charge, for instance) does not necessarily have zero mass, if a certain criterion on the vacuum fluctuations of the generalized current is satisfied. We show that the theory of plasma oscillations is a simple nonrelativistic example exhibiting all of the features of Schwinger's idea. It is also shown that Schwinger's criterion that the vector field $m \neq 0$ implies that the matter spectrum before including the Yang-Mills interaction contains $m=0$, but that the example of superconductivity illustrates that the physical spectrum need not. Some comments on the relationship between these ideas and the zero-mass difficulty in theories with broken symmetries are given.

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BROKEN SYMMETRIES AND THE MASSES OF GAUGE BOSONS

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In a recent note¹ it was shown that the Goldstone theorem,² that Lorentz-covariant field theories in which spontaneous breakdown of symmetry under an internal Lie group occurs contain zero-mass particles, fails if and only if the conserved currents associated with the internal group are coupled to gauge fields. The purpose of the present note is to report that, as a consequence of this coupling, the spin-one

about the "vacuum" solution $\varphi_1(x) = 0, \varphi_2(x) = \varphi_0$:

$$\partial^\mu \{\partial_\mu (\Delta\varphi_1) - e\varphi_0 A_\mu\} = 0, \quad (2a)$$

$$\{\partial^2 - 4\varphi_0^2 V''(\varphi_0^2)\}(\Delta\varphi_2) = 0, \quad (2b)$$

$$\partial_\nu F^{\mu\nu} = e\varphi_0 \{\partial^\mu (\Delta\varphi_1) - e\varphi_0 A_\mu\}. \quad (2c)$$

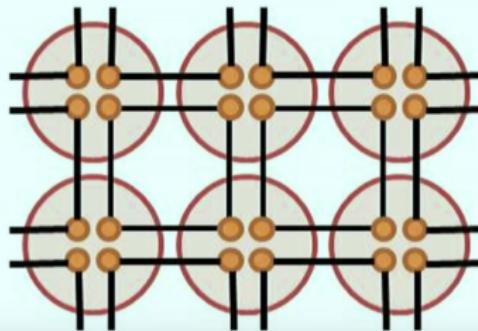
Symmetry-breaking (Anderson-Higgs):

G broken down to G_{sub} .

Symmetry-extension:

$$1 \rightarrow K \rightarrow \hat{G} \xrightarrow{r} G \rightarrow 1.$$

The model is on a 2d square lattice. Each lattice site (represented below by a large disc) contains 4 qubits (corresponding to the small darker discs)



Some Boundary States for Bosons - Edward Witten

Neutrino ν_L vs TQFT sector

(Conventional) Quadratic neutrino mass term:

Dirac mass with some Higgs: $(\bar{\nu}_R \phi_H^\dagger \nu_L + \bar{\nu}_L \phi_H \nu_R)$.

Majorana mass: $\frac{i m_{\text{Maj}}}{2} (\chi^T \sigma^2 \chi + \chi^\dagger \sigma^2 \chi^*)$.

Both Dirac and Majorana masses:

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\left(l_{L\nu_e}, l_{L\nu_\mu}, l_{L\nu_\tau} \right) \frac{\langle \phi_H \rangle}{|\langle \phi_H \rangle|}, \chi_{\nu_e}^\dagger, \chi_{\nu_\mu}^\dagger, \chi_{\nu_\tau}^\dagger \right) \begin{pmatrix} 3 & & & 3 \\ & 0 & | & M_{\text{Dirac}} \\ & \hline M_{\text{Dirac}} & | & M_S \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} l_{L\nu_e} \frac{\langle \phi_H \rangle}{|\langle \phi_H \rangle|} \\ l_{L\nu_\mu} \frac{\langle \phi_H \rangle}{|\langle \phi_H \rangle|} \\ l_{L\nu_\tau} \frac{\langle \phi_H \rangle}{|\langle \phi_H \rangle|} \\ \chi_{\nu_e}^\dagger \\ \chi_{\nu_\mu}^\dagger \\ \chi_{\nu_\tau}^\dagger \end{pmatrix} + h.c. \right).$$

Seesaw mechanism:

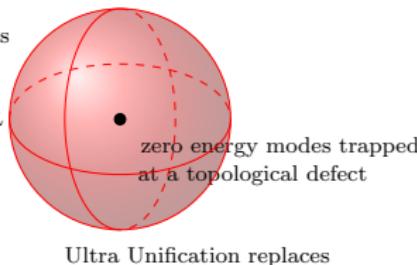
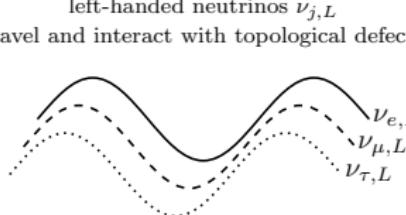
3 mass eigenstates have small mass $\simeq \frac{|M_{\text{Dirac}}|^2}{|M_S|} \ll |M_{\text{Dirac}}|$ for ν_L -like.

3 mass eigenstates have large mass M_S for ν_R -like.

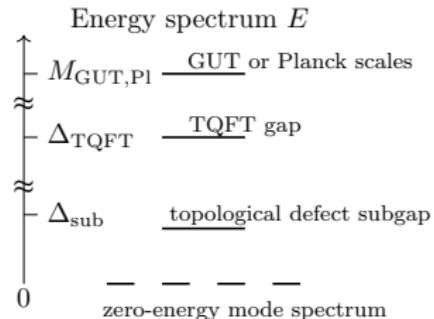
New Proposal on Neutrino Mass

In contrast to the traditional seesaw mechanism $\frac{M_{\text{Dirac}}^2}{M_S} \ll M_{\text{Dirac}}$.

Standard Model's "nearly massless"
left-handed neutrinos $\nu_{j,L}$
travel and interact with topological defects



Ultra Unification replaces
some generation of "right-handed sterile neutrinos $\nu_{j,R}$ "
with a $\mathbb{Z}_{4,X}$ -symmetry-preserving TQFT (or CFT) sector
which may allow $\mathbb{Z}_{4,X}$ -topological defects locally



The energy spectrum near the defect has energy subgap

$$\Delta_{\text{sub}} \lesssim \frac{\Delta_{\text{TQFT}}^2}{M_{\text{GUT,Pl}}} . \quad \Delta_{\text{small}} \lesssim \frac{\Delta_{\text{sub}}^2}{\Delta_{\text{TQFT}}} \ll M_{\text{Dirac}} .$$

(In analogy with the vortex subgap $\Delta_{\text{sub}} \simeq \frac{\Delta_{\text{SC}}^2}{E_F}$ of superconductor gap Δ_{SC} and Fermi energy E_F .) Both can give the left-handed neutrinos small masses.
(JW, Harvard HEP-String lunch Dec 1, 2020 and arXiv v3: 2012.15860)

Neutrino ν_L vs TQFT sector

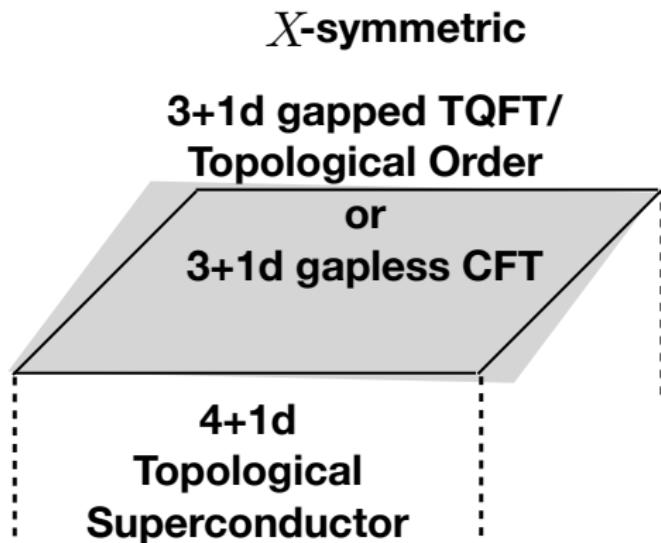
Convention: Neutrino pairs up to get Dirac (left-handed ν_L with right-handed ν_R) or Majorana (right-handed ν_R with itself) mass.

My talk:

Some of right-handed neutrinos ν_R may be replaced by 4d TQFT/5d iTQFT. Left-handed neutrinos ν_L travel and interfere with the zero modes of topological defects of TQFT.

- Δ_{TQFT} gap replaces the right-handed ν_R mass M_S .
- Subgap Δ_{sub} or Δ_{small} gives the left-handed ν_L mass.
- Mixed scenarios.

Neutrinos: a (SU(2) singlet) right-handed neutrino ([massless/massive](#)) carries a \mathbb{Z}_{16} class mixed gauge-gravitational global anomaly index, which could be replaced by [interacting](#) 4d or 5d [gapped](#) topological quantum field theory, or 4d [gapless](#) conformal field theory. These theories provide new neutrino mass mechanisms [arXiv:2012.15860].



4d Anomaly (5d iTQFT) of $15, 16 N_f$ -fermion $G_{\text{SM}_q} \equiv \frac{\text{SU}(3)_c \times \text{SU}(2)_L \times \text{U}(1)_Y}{\mathbb{Z}_q}$

Part 1:

- Spin $\times_{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} \text{U}(1)_{\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{L}}$ or $X \times G_{\text{SM}_q}$ -symmetry.

\mathbb{Z} -class local anomaly $\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{L}$ or $X \equiv 5(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{L}) - \frac{2}{3} Y$: $\text{U}(1)^3$ and $\text{U}(1)\text{-grav}^2$:

$$Z_5^{\text{U}(1)} \equiv \exp(i(-N_f + n_{\nu_R})) \left(\left(\int_{M^5} A c_1^2 \right) + \frac{1}{48} \text{CS}_3^{T(\text{PD}(c_1))} \right).$$

$$-N_f + n_{\nu_R} \equiv -N_f + \sum_j n_{\nu_{j,R}} = -3 + n_{\nu_{e,R}} + n_{\nu_{\mu,R}} + n_{\nu_{\tau,R}} + \dots$$

- Spin $\times_{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} \mathbb{Z}_{4,X} \times G_{\text{SM}_q}$ -symmetry.

\mathbb{Z}_{16} -class global anomaly of $\mathbb{Z}_{4,X}\text{-grav}^2$:

$$Z_5^{\mathbb{Z}_{4,X}} \equiv \exp(i(-N_f + n_{\nu_R})) \int_{M^5} \frac{2\pi}{16} \eta_{4d}(\text{PD}(A_{\mathbb{Z}_{2,X}})).$$

Part 2:

- Spin $\times_{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} \text{Spin}(10)$ -symmetry.

\mathbb{Z}_2 -class global anomaly. $p \in \mathbb{Z}_2$:

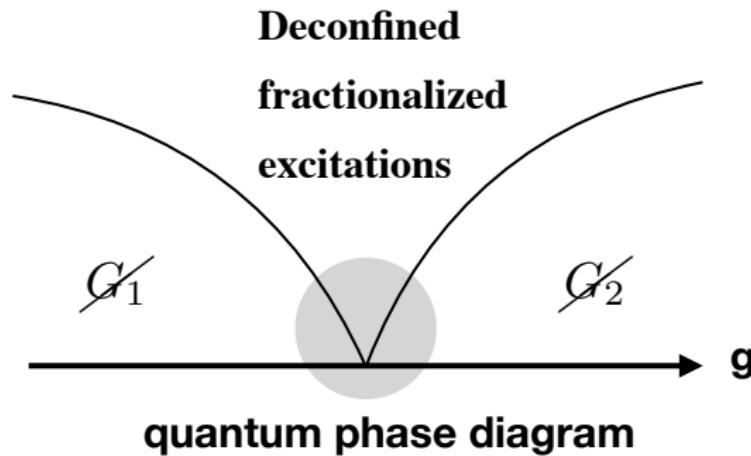
$$Z_5 \equiv \exp(i\pi p \int_{M^5} w_2 w_3) |_{w_2 w_3(TM) = w_2 w_3(V_{SO(n)})}$$

- We can also include $\mathbb{Z}_{2N_f, \mathbf{B}+\mathbf{L}}$ background field.

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