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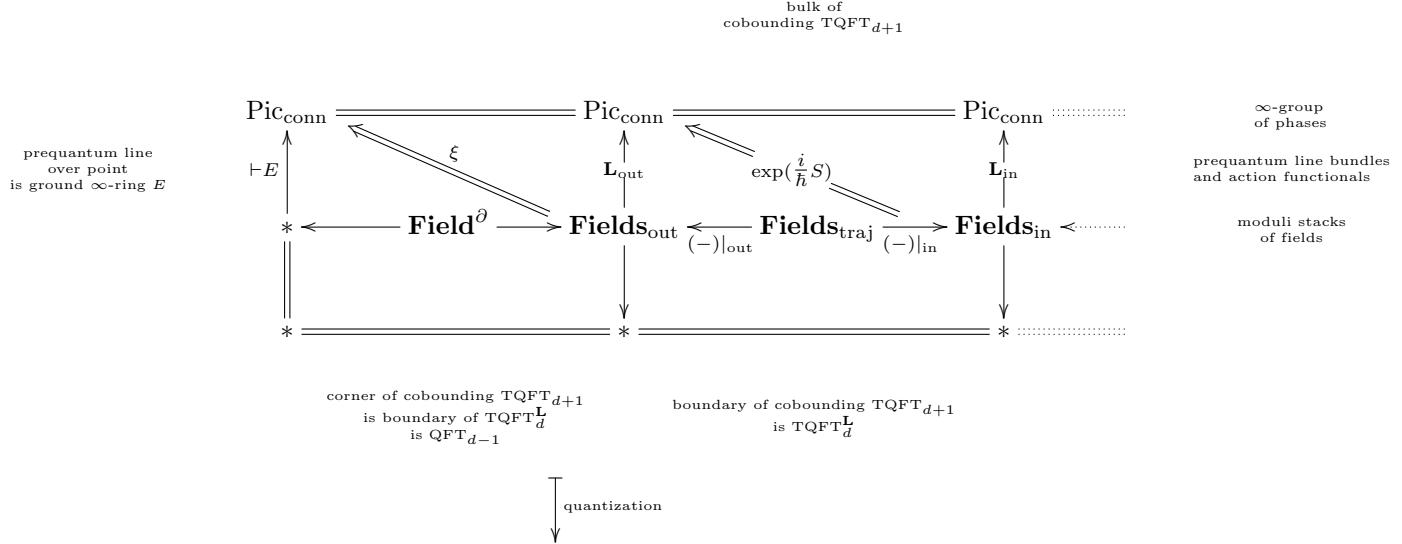
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### 0.0.1 Translation between linear homotopy-type theory, generalized cohomology and quantization

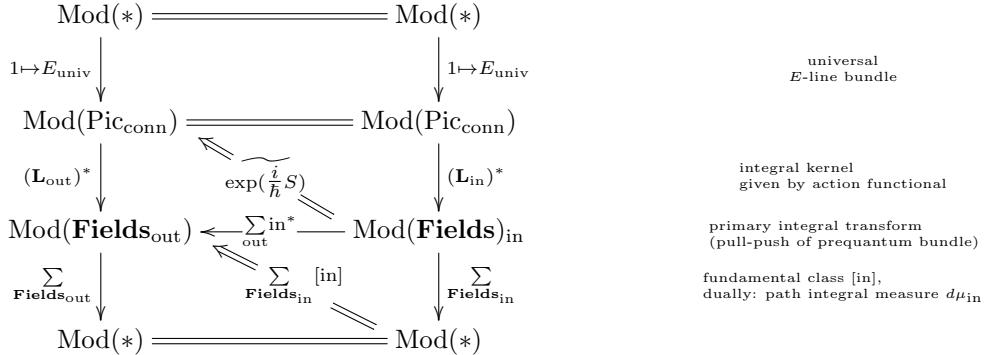
linear homotopy-type theory	twisted generalized cohomology	quantum theory
linear homotopy-type	(module-)spectrum	state space
multiplicative conjunction	smash product of spectra	composite system
dependent linear type	module spectrum bundle	
Frobenius reciprocity	six operation yoga in Wirthmüller context	linearity of integrals
dual type (linear negation)	Spanier-Whitehead duality	dual state space
invertible type	twist	prequantum line bundle, quantum anomaly
dependent sum	generalized homology spectrum	space of compactly supported quantum states “bra”
dual of dependent sum	generalized cohomology spectrum	space of quantum states “ket”
linear implication	bivariant cohomology	quantum operators
exponential modality	Goodwillie exponential	Fock space
dependent sum over finite homotopy type	Thom spectrum	
dualizable dependent sum over finite homotopy type	Atiyah duality between Thom spectrum and suspension spectrum	
(twisted) self-dual type	Poincaré duality	inner product (Hilbert) space
dependent sum coinciding with dependent product	ambidexterity, semiadditivity	system of inner product state spaces
dependent sum coinciding with dependent product up to invertible type	Wirthmüller isomorphism (twisted ambidexterity)	anomalous system of inner product state spaces
$(\sum_f \dashv f^*)$ -counit	pushforward in generalized homology	
(twisted-)self-duality-induced dagger of this counit	(twisted-)Umkehr map, fiber integration	quantum superposition and interference
linear polynomial functor	primary integral transform	propagator in cobounding $TQFT_{d+1}$
correspondence with linear implication	motive	prequantized Lagrangian correspondence, action functional
composite of this linear implication with unit and daggered counit	secondary integral transform	cohomological path integral, motivic transfer
trace	Euler characteristic	partition function

### 0.0.2 The quantization process.

Prequantum  $d+1$ -dimensional field theory in  $\text{Corr}_2(\mathbf{H})$ .



Quantum  $d+1$ -dimensional field theory in  $\text{Mod}_2$ .



encodes

**Quantum  $d$ -dimensional field theory**

as unit-component in  $\text{Mod}(*)$  of the above transformation:  $\mathbb{D} \int_{\text{Fields}_{\text{traj}}} \exp(\frac{i}{\hbar} S) d\mu :=$

$$\sum_{\text{Fields}_{\text{out}}} \text{L}_{\text{out}} \xleftarrow{\sum_{\text{Fields}_{\text{out}}} \epsilon_{\text{L}_{\text{out}}}} \sum_{\text{Fields}_{\text{out}}} \text{out}! \text{out}^* \text{L}_{\text{out}} \xleftarrow{\simeq} \sum_{\text{Fields}_{\text{traj}}} \text{out}^* \text{L}_{\text{out}} \xleftarrow{\sum_{\text{Fields}_{\text{traj}}} \exp(\frac{i}{\hbar} S)} \sum_{\text{Fields}_{\text{traj}}} \text{in}^* \text{L}_{\text{in}} \xleftarrow{\simeq} \sum_{\text{Fields}_{\text{in}}} \text{in}! \text{in}^* \text{L}_{\text{in}} \xleftarrow{\sum_{\text{Fields}_{\text{in}}} [\text{in}]} \sum_{\text{Fields}_{\text{in}}} \text{L}_{\text{in}} \otimes \tau$$

(secondary integral transform: pull-push of states).

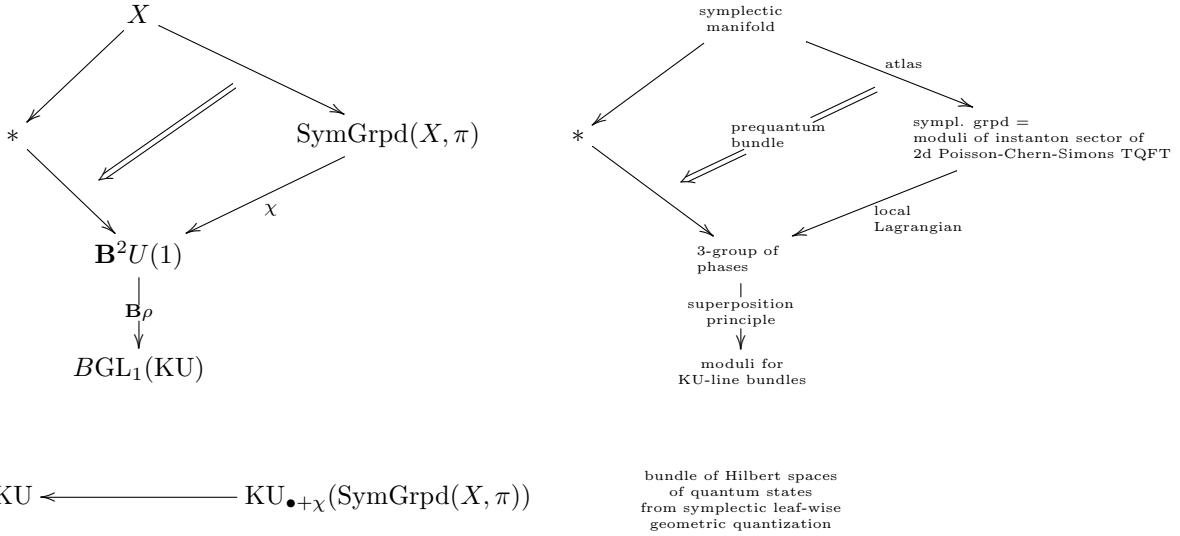
field theory	spaces of states	propagator
$\text{TQFT}_{d+1}$	$\text{Mod}_2 \in \text{Cat}_2$	integral transform
$\text{TQFT}_d^\tau$	$\text{Mod}(*) \in \text{Mod}_2$	secondary integral transform, path integral
$\text{QFT}_{d-1}$	$\sum_X \mathbf{L}_X \in \text{Mod}(*)$	equivariance under Hamiltonian group action

### 0.0.3 Translation between linear homotopy-type theory in $EMod$ and twisted $E$ -cohomology.

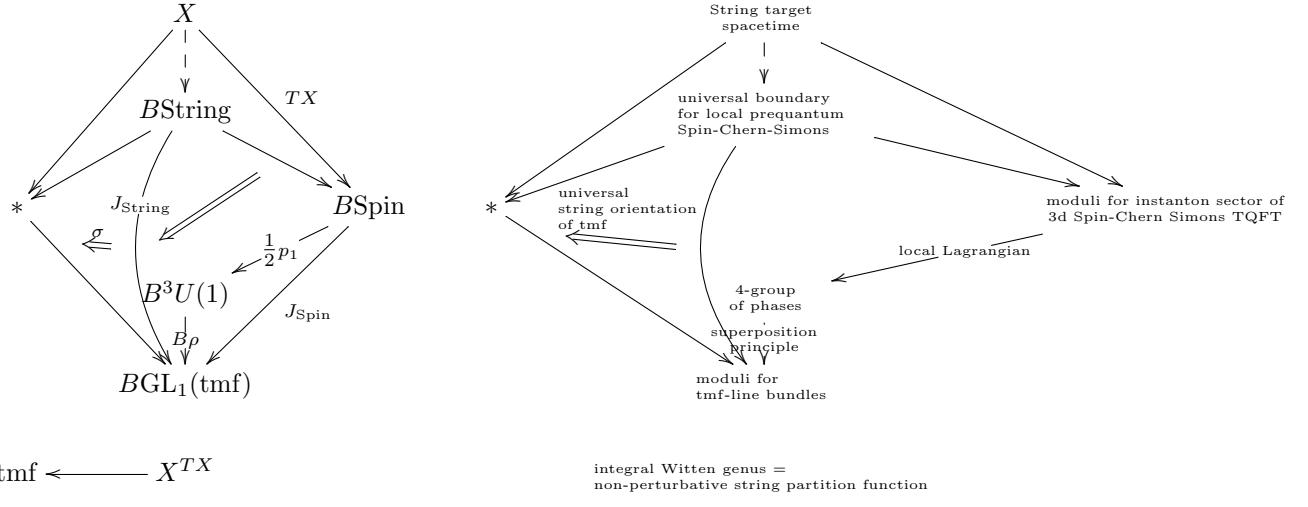
special case	linear homotopy-type theory	higher linear algebra viz. generalized cohomology theory
	$E \in CRing_\infty$	ground ring
	$X \in \infty Grpd$	base homotopy type (base space)
	$\tau : X \longrightarrow \text{Pic}(E)$	twist
	$\widehat{\tau} := \tau^* \widehat{\text{Pic}}(E) \in \text{Mod}(X)$	$E$ -line bundle
canonical twist on moduli for stable vector bundles	$J^E : \mathbb{Z} \times BO \xrightarrow{J} \text{Pic}(\mathbb{S}) \xrightarrow{\text{Pic}(\mathbb{S} \rightarrow E)} \text{Pic}(E)$	$J$ -homomorphism
	$\sum_X \widehat{\tau} \simeq E_{\bullet+\tau}(X)$	spectrum of $\tau$ -twisted $E$ -homology cycles
trivial twist	$\sum_X 1_X \simeq E_\bullet(X) = E \wedge \Sigma_+^\infty X$	suspension spectrum
$X \xrightarrow{\xi} \mathbb{Z} \times BO$ modulating stable vector bundle	$\sum_X \widehat{J^E \circ \xi} = E \wedge X^\xi$	Thom spectrum
canonical twist on $X := BO\langle n \rangle$ $J_{BO\langle n \rangle}^E : BO\langle n \rangle \rightarrow BO \xrightarrow{J^E} \text{Pic}(E)$	$\sum_{BO\langle n \rangle} \widehat{J_{BO\langle n \rangle}^E} \simeq MO\langle n \rangle$	universal Thom spectrum
low $n$	$n = 0: MO$ $n = 1: MSO$ $n = 2: MSpin$ $n = 4: MString$	Riemannian- oriented- spin- string- } cobordism spectrum
	$\mathbb{D}$	Spanier-Whitehead duality
	$\mathbb{D} \sum_X \widehat{\tau} = E^{\bullet+\tau}(X)$	spectrum of $\tau$ -twisted $E$ -cohomology cocycles
$X$ compact smooth manifold with tangent bundle $TX$ and stable normal bundle $NX = -TX$	$\mathbb{D}(E \wedge \Sigma_+^\infty X) \simeq E_{\bullet+NX}(X)$	Atiyah-Whitehead duality
	$\begin{array}{ccc} Z & \xrightarrow{f} & X \\ & \searrow \tau_Z \swarrow \lneqq_o & \\ & \text{Pic}(E) & \end{array}$	fiberwise $E$ -orientation of $\tau_Z$ relative to $\tau_X$
to the point	$\begin{array}{ccc} Z & \xrightarrow{f} & * \\ & \searrow \tau_Z \swarrow \lneqq_o & \\ & \text{Pic}(E) & \end{array}$	$\tau_Z$ -twisted $E$ -orientation of $Z$
vanishing twist on domain	$\begin{array}{ccc} Z & \xrightarrow{f} & X \\ & \searrow 0 \swarrow \lneqq_o & \\ & \text{Pic}(E) & \end{array}$	$E$ -orientation of $f$
fiberwise fundamental class with twist $\tau$	$f_! f^* \widehat{\tau_X} \simeq \mathbb{D} f_! f^* \mathbb{D}(\widehat{\tau_X} \otimes \widehat{\tau})$	fiberwise twisted Poincaré duality

#### 0.0.4 Examples

a) Particle at the boundary of 2d Poisson-Chern-Simons TQFT.



b) Superstring at boundary of 3d Spin-Chern-Simons TQFT.



c) D-Brane Charge and T-Duality.

