#### **Chern-Simons Field Theory Invariants**

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#### Chern-Simons Theory



# Topologically equivalent objects *K* (no notion of distance or size)

Hence the theory describing such objects must be metric independent

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• Chern-Simons action S on a three-manifold M based on gauge group G:

$$S = \frac{k}{4\pi} \int_{M} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda} d^{3}x \operatorname{Tr}\left(A_{\mu}\partial_{\nu}A_{\lambda} + \frac{2}{3}A_{\mu}A_{\nu}A_{\lambda}\right)$$

k is the coupling constant,  $A_{\mu}$ 's are the gauge fields.

• Any Knot  $\mathcal{K}$  carrying representation R is described by **expectation** value of Wilson loop operators  $W_R(\mathcal{K}) = Tr[Pexp \oint_{\mathcal{K}} A_\mu dx^\mu]$ :

$$P_R^G[\mathcal{K}] = \langle W_R^G(\mathcal{K}) \rangle = \frac{\int_M [\mathcal{D}A] \ W_R^G(\mathcal{K}) \ exp(iS)}{\mathcal{Z}[M]}$$

where 
$$\mathcal{Z}[M] = \int_{M} [\mathcal{D}A] \exp(iS)$$
 (partition function)

#### $P_R^G[\mathcal{K}]$ are the **knot invariants**.

Hence the theory provides natural framework to study knots, links and three-manifolds

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#### Well-Known Polynomials

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Braiding operator  $\mathcal{B}$  eigenbasis will determine the polynomial form in variable q

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#### Polynomial invariant of trefoil





In the braid diagram for trefoil, middle two strands are parallely oriented and they are braided.

$$|\Psi_0\rangle = \sum_{s \in R \otimes R} \mu_s |\hat{\Phi}_t(\bar{R}, R, R, \bar{R})\rangle$$

where  $\mu_s = \sqrt{S_{0s}/S_{00}} \equiv \sqrt{dim_q s}$  (unknot normalisation)

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Take  $R = \square$  representation of SU(2), check that Jones polynomial is

$$J[3_1] = P_{\Box}^{SU(2)}[3_1] / P_{\Box}^{SU(2)}[U] = q + q^3 - q^4$$

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are called Arborescent knots.

• These knots in  $S^3$  are obtained from gluing three-balls where some three-balls have two or more four-punctured  $S^2$  boundaries are as a source of the second second

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### Knot $10_{152}$ and knot $10_{71}$



### To write the polynomial form we need the states for the fundamental building blocks

## Building blocks



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Arborescent knots (Feynman tree diagram)

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Zhat Invariants

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