

Title: Lecture 2: Boundary Conditions and Extended Defects

Speakers: Davide Gaiotto

Collection: QFT for Mathematicians

Date: June 20, 2019 - 9:00 AM

URL: <http://pirsa.org/19060012>

1d TOPOLOGICAL DEFECTS

^
2d TQFT

'PHYSICAL' TFT

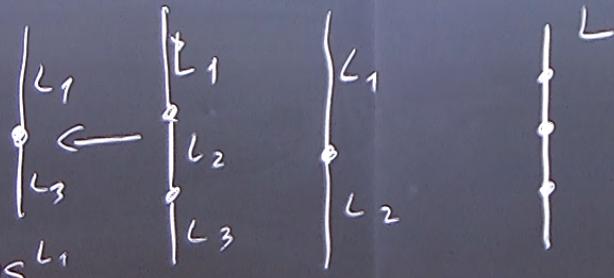
$$\partial \mathcal{O}_i \equiv 0$$

h TFT

$$\partial \mathcal{O}_i = \{Q, \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_i\}$$

$$\{Q^\dagger, Q\} = \partial$$

CATEGORY
OF LINE
DEFECTS



$$\text{HOM}(L_1, L_2) = \text{Obs}_{L_2}^{L_1}$$

ALGEBRA
OF LOCAL
OPS

'PHYSICAL'

$\partial \mathcal{O}_i$

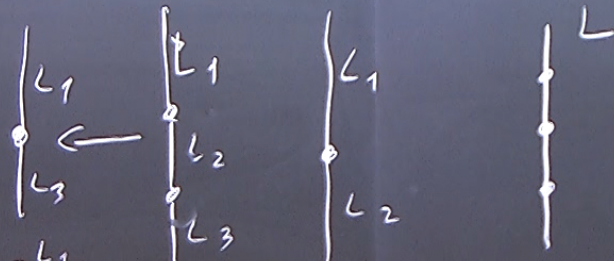
h TFT

$\partial \mathcal{O}_i$

$\{Q^+, Q\}$

CATEGORY
OF LINE
DEFECTS

$$\text{HOM}(L_1, L_2) = \text{Obs}_{L_2}^{L_1}$$



ALGEBRA
OF LOCAL
OPS

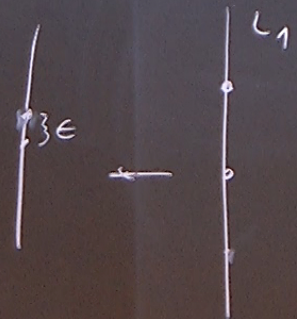
'PHYSICAL'

$\partial \mathcal{O}_i$

\hbar TFT

$\partial \mathcal{O}_i$

$\{Q^\dagger, Q\}$

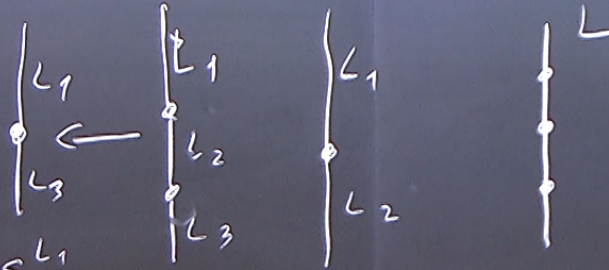


A_∞ -ALGEBRA

E_1 -ALGEBRAS

CATEGORY
OF LINE
DEFECTS

$$\text{HOM}(L_1, L_2) = \text{Obs}_{L_2}^{L_1}$$

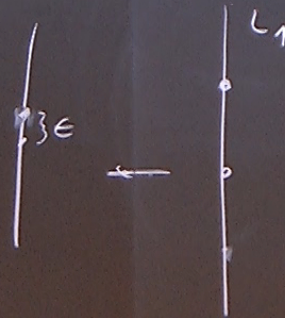


ALGEBRA
OF LOCAL
OPS

'PHYSICAL' TFT

$$\partial \mathcal{O}_i \equiv 0$$

A_∞ -CATEGORY
OF LINE
DEFECTS



A_∞ -ALGEBRA

E_1 -ALGEBRAS

\hbar TFT

$$\partial \mathcal{O}_i = \{Q$$

$$\{Q^\dagger, Q\} = \partial$$

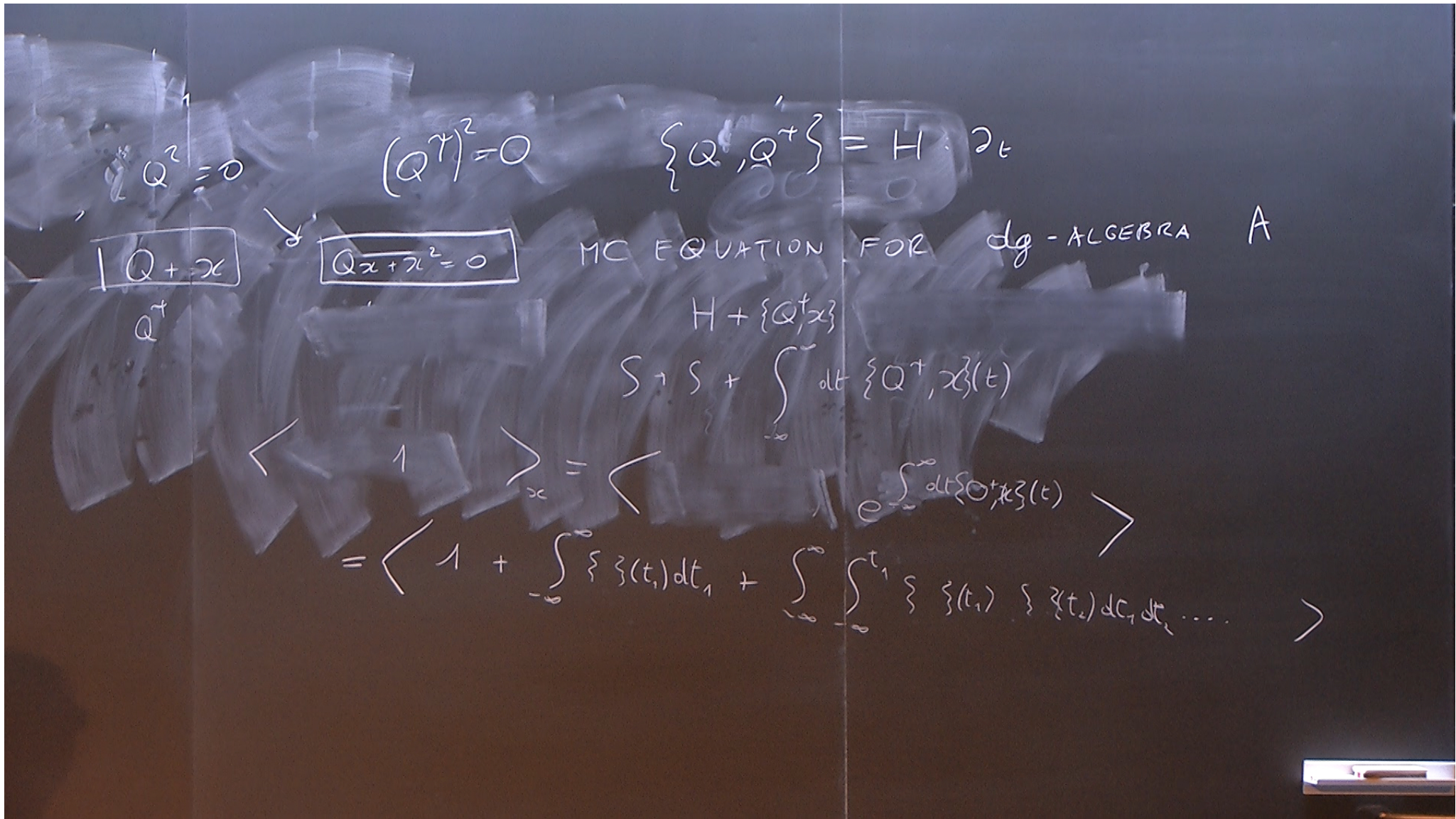
1d \hookrightarrow TOPOLOGICAL DEFECTS

\wedge
2d \hookrightarrow TQFT

PERIMETER

PI

INSTITUTE F



$$Q^2 = 0$$

$$(Q^\dagger)^2 = 0$$

$$\{Q, Q^\dagger\} = H \cdot \partial_t$$

$$\boxed{Q + \chi}$$

$$Q^\dagger$$

$$\boxed{Q\chi + \chi^2 = 0}$$

MC EQUATION FOR dg-ALGEBRA A

$$H + \{Q^\dagger, \chi\}$$

$$S \rightarrow S + \int dt \{Q^\dagger, \chi\}(t)$$

$$\langle 1 \rangle = \left\langle e^{-\int dt \{Q^\dagger, \chi\}(t)} \right\rangle$$

$$= \left\langle 1 + \int dt \{Q^\dagger, \chi\}(t) + \int dt_1 \int dt_2 \{Q^\dagger, \chi\}(t_1) \{Q^\dagger, \chi\}(t_2) + \dots \right\rangle$$

$$Q^2 = 0$$

$$(Q^\dagger)^2 = 0$$

$$\{Q, Q^\dagger\} = H \cdot \partial_t$$

$$Q(x) = Q + \alpha$$

$$Q\alpha + \alpha^2 = 0$$

MC EQUATION FOR dg-ALGEBRA A

$$H + \{Q^\dagger, \alpha\}$$

$$Q^\dagger$$

$$Q Q^\dagger \alpha = -Q^\dagger (\alpha \alpha) + \partial_t \alpha$$

$$S_x = S + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \{Q^\dagger, \alpha\}(t)$$

$$\langle 1 \rangle_x = \left\langle e^{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \{Q^\dagger, \alpha\}(t)} \right\rangle$$

$$= \left\langle 1 + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{Q^\dagger, \alpha\}(t_1) dt_1 + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{t_1} \{Q^\dagger, \alpha\}(t_1) \{Q^\dagger, \alpha\}(t_2) dt_1 dt_2 \dots \right\rangle$$

$$\left\langle \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{Q^\dagger, (\alpha \alpha + \alpha^2)\} + \int \int \{Q^\dagger, \alpha \alpha\} + \int \int \{Q^\dagger, \alpha \alpha\} + \int \int \{Q^\dagger, \alpha \alpha\} \dots \right\rangle$$

$$= \left\langle 0 + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \partial_{t_1} \alpha(t_1) + \int \int \partial_{t_1} \alpha(t_1) \{ \alpha(t_2) \} + \int \int \{ \alpha(t_1) \} \partial_{t_2} \alpha(t_2) \dots \right\rangle$$

$$Q^2 = 0$$

$$(Q^\vee)^2 = 0$$

$$\{Q, Q^\vee\} = H \cdot \partial_t$$

$$Q^{(x)} = Q + \lambda$$

$$Q\lambda + \lambda^2 = 0$$

MC EQUATION FOR dg-ALGEBRA A

A_∞ ALGEBRA : $\mu_m(\dots) : A^{\otimes m} \rightarrow A[2-m]$

MC

$$\mu_1(x) + \mu_2(x, x) + \mu_3(x, x, x) + \dots = 0$$

$$Q^2 = 0$$

$$(Q^\vee)^2 = 0$$

$$\{Q, Q^\vee\} = H \cdot \partial_t$$

$$Q^{(x)} = Q + x$$

$$Qx + x^2 = 0$$

MC EQUATION FOR dg-ALGEBRA A

A_∞ ALGEBRA $\mu_m(\dots) : A^{\otimes m} \rightarrow A[2-m]$
 $A^{(2)} = A$

$$M_1^x(\cdot) = \mu_1(\cdot) + \mu_2(\cdot, x) + \mu_2(x, \cdot) + \mu_3(\cdot, x, x) + \dots$$

$$MC : \mu_1(x) + \mu_2(x, x) + \mu_3(x, x, x) + \dots = 0$$

$$Q^2 = 0$$

$$(Q^\vee)^2 = 0$$

$$\{Q, Q^\vee\} = H \cdot \partial_t$$

$$Q^{(x)} = Q + x$$

$$Qx + x^2 = 0$$

MC EQUATION FOR dg-ALGEBRA A

A_∞ - ALGEBRA : $\mu_m(\dots) : A^{\otimes m} \rightarrow A[z^{-m}]$
 $A^{(x)} = A$

$$\mu_1^x(\cdot) = \mu_1(\cdot) + \mu_2(\cdot, x) + \mu_2(x, \cdot) + \mu_3(\cdot, x, x) + \dots$$

$$\mu_2^x(\cdot, \cdot) = \mu_2(\cdot, \cdot) + \mu_3(x, \cdot, \cdot) + \mu_3(\cdot, x, \cdot) + \mu_3(\cdot, \cdot, x) + \dots$$

$$\mu_1(x) + \mu_2(x, x) + \mu_3(x, x, x) + \dots = 0$$

$$\chi_A \rightarrow \sum_m \varphi_m(\chi_A^{\otimes m}) = \chi_B$$

$$Q^2 = 0$$

$$(Q^\dagger)^2 = 0$$

$$Q^{(x)} = Q + \chi$$

$$Q\chi + \chi^2 = 0$$

A_∞ MORPHISM

$$A \xrightarrow{\varphi} B$$

$$\varphi_m : A^{\otimes m} \rightarrow B[1-m]$$

A_∞ QUASI-ISO

A_∞ ALGEBRA

$$\mu_m(\dots) : A^{\otimes m} \rightarrow A$$

$$A^{(x)} = A$$

$$\mu_1^x(\cdot) = \mu_1(\cdot) + \mu_2(\cdot)$$

$$\mu_2^x(\cdot, \cdot) = \mu_2(\cdot, \cdot) + \mu_3(\cdot, \cdot)$$

$$(Q^\dagger)^2 = 0$$

$$\{Q, Q^\dagger\} = H \cdot \partial_t$$

$$\int \{Q, Q^\dagger\} dt$$

= 0

Q

$$Q \dot{x} + \dot{x}^2 = 0$$

MC EQUATION FOR dg-ALGEBRA A

RA $\mu_n(\dots), A^{\otimes n} \rightarrow A[z^{-n}]$

$A^{(n)} = A$

$$\mu_1^x(\cdot) = \mu_1(\cdot) + \mu_2(\cdot, x) + \mu_2(x, \cdot) + \mu_3(\cdot, x, x) + \dots$$

$$\mu_2^x(\cdot, \cdot) = \mu_2(\cdot, \cdot) + \mu_3(x, \cdot, \cdot) + \mu_3(\cdot, x, \cdot) + \mu_3(\cdot, \cdot, x) + \dots$$

MC

$$\mu_1(z) + \mu_2(z, x) + \mu_3(x, x, x) \dots = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \sum_m \varphi_m(x_A^{\otimes m}) = x_B$$

$$Q^2 = 0$$

$$(Q^\dagger)^2 = 0$$

$$\{Q, Q^\dagger\} = H \cdot \partial_t$$

$$Q^{(x)} = Q + \alpha$$

$$Q\alpha + \alpha^2 = 0$$

MC EQUATION FOR dg-ALG

$$\langle \text{Perp} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{Q^\dagger, \alpha\}(t) dt \rangle$$

$$x_A \rightarrow \sum_m \varphi_m(x_A^{\otimes n}) = x_B$$

$$Q^2 = 0$$

$$(Q^\dagger)^2 = 0$$

$$\{Q, Q^\dagger\}$$

$$Q^{(x)} = Q + x$$

$$Qx + x^2 = 0$$

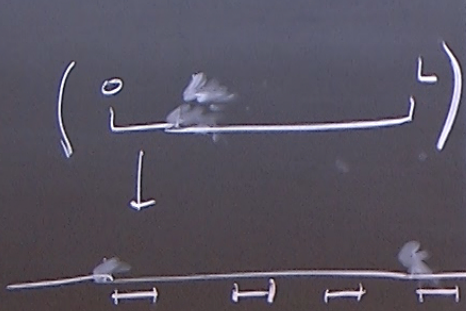
MC EQUATION

$$\Delta_{(a,b)} \rightarrow \text{Obs}_{(a,b)}$$

$$\langle \text{Polyp} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{Q^\dagger, x\}(t) dt \rangle$$

$$E_{T_m}(\dots) \cdot \text{Obs}_{(0,L)}^{\otimes n} \rightarrow \text{Obs}_{(0,L)}$$

EFFECTS



$$\chi_A^{\otimes n} \rightarrow \sum_m \varphi_m(\chi_A^{\otimes n}) = \chi_B$$

$$Q^2 = 0$$

$$Q^{(2)} = Q + \mathcal{L}$$

$$Q\chi$$

$$\Delta_{(a,b)} \rightarrow Obs_{(a,b)}^{\otimes n}$$

$$\langle \text{Polyp} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{Q^{\dagger}, \chi\}(t) dt \rangle$$

$$E_{\Gamma_n}(\cdot, \cdot) \cdot Obs_{(a,b)}^{\otimes n} \rightarrow Obs_{(a,b)}$$

$$\Gamma_n \in C^*(\text{CONF}_n)$$

$$[Q, \tau_{\Gamma_n}] = E_{\partial\Gamma_n}$$

$$Q^2 = 0 \quad (Q^\dagger)^2 = 0 \quad \{Q, Q^\dagger\} = H \cdot \partial_t \quad \int \{Q^{\dagger, 2}\} dt$$

$$Q^{(x)} = Q + \chi$$

$$Q\chi + \chi^2 = 0$$

MC EQUATION FOR dg-ALGEBRA A

$$\langle \text{Perp} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{Q^{\dagger, 2}\}(t) dt \rangle = \sum_m E_{\Gamma_m}(x, x, x \dots x)$$

$$\Gamma_m \in \mathbb{C}^{m-1}$$

$$\otimes_n \mathcal{S}_{(0,L)} \rightarrow \text{Obs}_{\mathcal{S}_{(0,L)}}$$

$\rho = \chi_B$ $Q^2 = 0$ $(Q^\dagger)^2 = 0$ $\{Q, Q^\dagger\} = H \cdot \partial_t$ $\int \{Q^\dagger, \chi\} dt$

$Q^{(x)} = Q + \chi$ $Q\chi + \chi^2 = 0$ MC EQUATION FOR dg-ALGEBRA A

$\langle \text{Perp} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{Q^\dagger, \chi\}(t) dt \rangle = \sum_m E_{T_m}(x, x, x \dots x)$

$\otimes n$
 $S_{(0,L)} \rightarrow \text{Obs}_{(0,L)}$

$\Gamma_n \in C^n(\text{CONF}_n)$

$\sum_n Q \cdot E_{T_n}(\dots) = \sum_n E_{T_n}(x, x, Qx, x \dots x)$

$\sum_n E_{T_n}(x, x, x \dots x)$

$$) = \chi_B \quad Q^2 = 0 \quad (Q^\dagger)^2 = 0 \quad \{Q, Q^\dagger\} = H \cdot \partial_t \quad \int \{Q^\dagger, \chi\} dt$$

$$Q^{(\chi)} = Q + \chi$$

$$Q\chi + \chi^2 = 0$$

MC EQUATION FOR dg-ALGEBRA A

$$\langle \text{Perp} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{Q^\dagger, \chi\}(t) dt \rangle = \sum_m E_{T_m}(x, x, x \dots x)$$

$$T_m \in C^m(\text{CONF}_m)$$

$\otimes n$
 $S_{(0,L)} \rightarrow \text{Obs}_{(0,L)}$

$$\sum_n Q \cdot E_{T_n}(\dots) = \sum_n E_{T_n}(x, x, Qx, x \dots x)$$

LOGICAL DEFECTS

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ \vdots \\ L \end{array} \right) \chi_A \xrightarrow{\otimes n} \sum_m \varphi_m(\chi_A^{\otimes n}) = \chi_B$$



$$M_3 \in C^0(\text{CONF}_3^3) \sim L$$

$$\partial \Gamma_n = \Gamma_{n-1} \circ M_2 + \Gamma_{n-2} \circ M_3 + \dots + \sum F_{n-k} \circ M_k$$

$$M_2 = \frac{| \text{H H} |}{0 \quad L}$$

$$| \text{H H} | \xrightarrow{M_3} | \text{H H H} |$$

$$\Delta_{(a,b)} \rightarrow \text{Obs}_{(a,b)}$$

$$\langle \text{Pop} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \dots \rangle$$

$$E_{\Gamma_n}(\cdot, \cdot) \cdot \text{Obs}_{(0,L)}^{\otimes n} \rightarrow \text{Obs}_{(0,L)}$$

$$\Gamma_n \in C_{\text{ev}}^*(\text{CONF}_n)$$

$$[Q, \tau_{\Gamma_n}] = E_{\partial \Gamma_n}$$

$\mathcal{L} \left\{ \begin{matrix} \otimes^n \\ x_A \end{matrix} \right\} \rightarrow \sum_m \varphi_m(x_A^{\otimes m}) = x_B$

$Q^2 = 0$

$(Q^\dagger)^2 = 0$

$\{Q, Q^\dagger\} = 0$

$Q^{(x)} = Q + \chi$

$Q\chi + \chi^2 = 0$

MC EQUATION

$\Delta_{(a,b)} \rightarrow Obs_{(a,b)}$

$\langle \text{Polyp} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{Q^\dagger, \chi\}(t) dt \rangle = \sum_m E_{\Gamma_m}(x, \chi, x - \chi)$

$\Gamma_m \in C^*(CONF_m)$

$E_{\Gamma_m}(\cdot, \cdot) : Obs_{(a,b)}^{\otimes n} \rightarrow Obs_{(a,b)}$

$\Gamma_m \in C^*(CONF_m)$

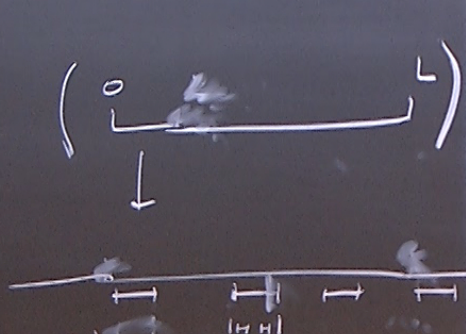
$[Q, E_{\Gamma_m}] = E_{\partial\Gamma_m}$

NEAR BOUNDARY

$\sum_n Q \cdot E_{\Gamma_n}(\cdot) = \sum_n E_{\Gamma_n}(\cdot)$

$\sum_n E_{\partial\Gamma_n}(\cdot)$

LOGICAL DEFECTS



$$M_3 \in C^0(\text{CONF}_{\frac{L}{3}}) \sim L$$

$$\partial \Gamma_n = \Gamma_{n-1} M_2 + \Gamma_{n-2} M_3 + \dots + \sum \Gamma_{n-u} M_u$$

$$\partial \Gamma_n = 0 \implies \sum M_u M_{n-u} = 0$$

$$M_2 = \frac{1}{0} \frac{H H}{L}$$

$$H H \quad H H \quad \longrightarrow \quad H H \quad H H$$

$$M_3$$

$$\chi_A^{\otimes n} \rightarrow \sum_m \varphi_m(\chi_A^{\otimes n}) = \chi_B$$

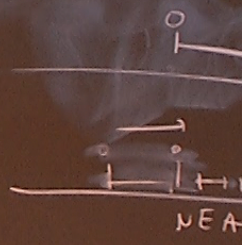
$$\Delta_{(a,b)} \rightarrow \text{Obs}_{(a,b)}$$

Pop $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}$

$$E_{\Gamma_n}(\cdot, \cdot) : \text{Obs}_{(a,L)}^{\otimes n} \rightarrow \text{Obs}_{(a,L)}$$

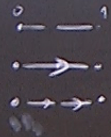
$$\Gamma_n \in C_{\text{inv}}^*(\text{CONF}_n)$$

$$[Q, \tau_{\Gamma_n}] = E_{\partial \Gamma_n}$$



hTOPOLOGICAL DEFECTS

∧
d bTQFT



$$\chi_A^{\otimes n} \rightarrow \sum_n \varphi_n(\chi_A^{\otimes n}) = \chi$$

$$M_S \in C^1(\text{CONF}_{\frac{S}{L}}) \sim L$$

$$\partial \Gamma_n = \Gamma_{n-1} M_2 + \Gamma_{n-2} M_3 + \dots + \sum \Gamma_{n-u} M_u$$

$$\sum M_u M_{n-u} = 0$$

$$M_2 = \frac{1}{0} \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline | & | \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$M_3 \rightarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline | & | & | \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\Delta_{(a,b)} \rightarrow \text{Obs}_{(a,b)}$$

$$E_{\Gamma_n}(\cdot, \cdot) : \text{Obs}_{(0,L)}^{\otimes n}$$

$$\Gamma_n \in C^*(\text{CONF}_n)$$

$$[Q, E_{\Gamma_n}] = E_{\partial \Gamma_n}$$

$Q^2 = 0$ $(Q^\dagger)^2 = 0$ $\{Q, Q^\dagger\} = H \cdot \partial_t$ $\int \{Q^\dagger, \alpha\} dt$

$Q^{(x)} = Q + \alpha$ $Q\alpha + \alpha^2 = 0$ MC EQUATION FOR dg-ALGEBRA A

$\mu_m(\cdot) = E_{\Gamma_m}(\alpha, \alpha)$

Prop $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{Q^\dagger, \alpha\}(t) dt > = \sum_m E_{\Gamma_m}(\alpha, \alpha, \alpha \dots \alpha)$

$\Gamma_m \in C^m(\text{CONF}_m)$

$\sum_n Q \cdot E_{\Gamma_n}(\cdot) = \sum_n E_{\Gamma_n}(\alpha, \alpha, \dots, Q\alpha, \alpha \dots \alpha)$

$\sum_n E_{\Gamma_n}(\alpha, E_{\Gamma_n}(\alpha))$

$\text{Obs}_{(0,L)}$

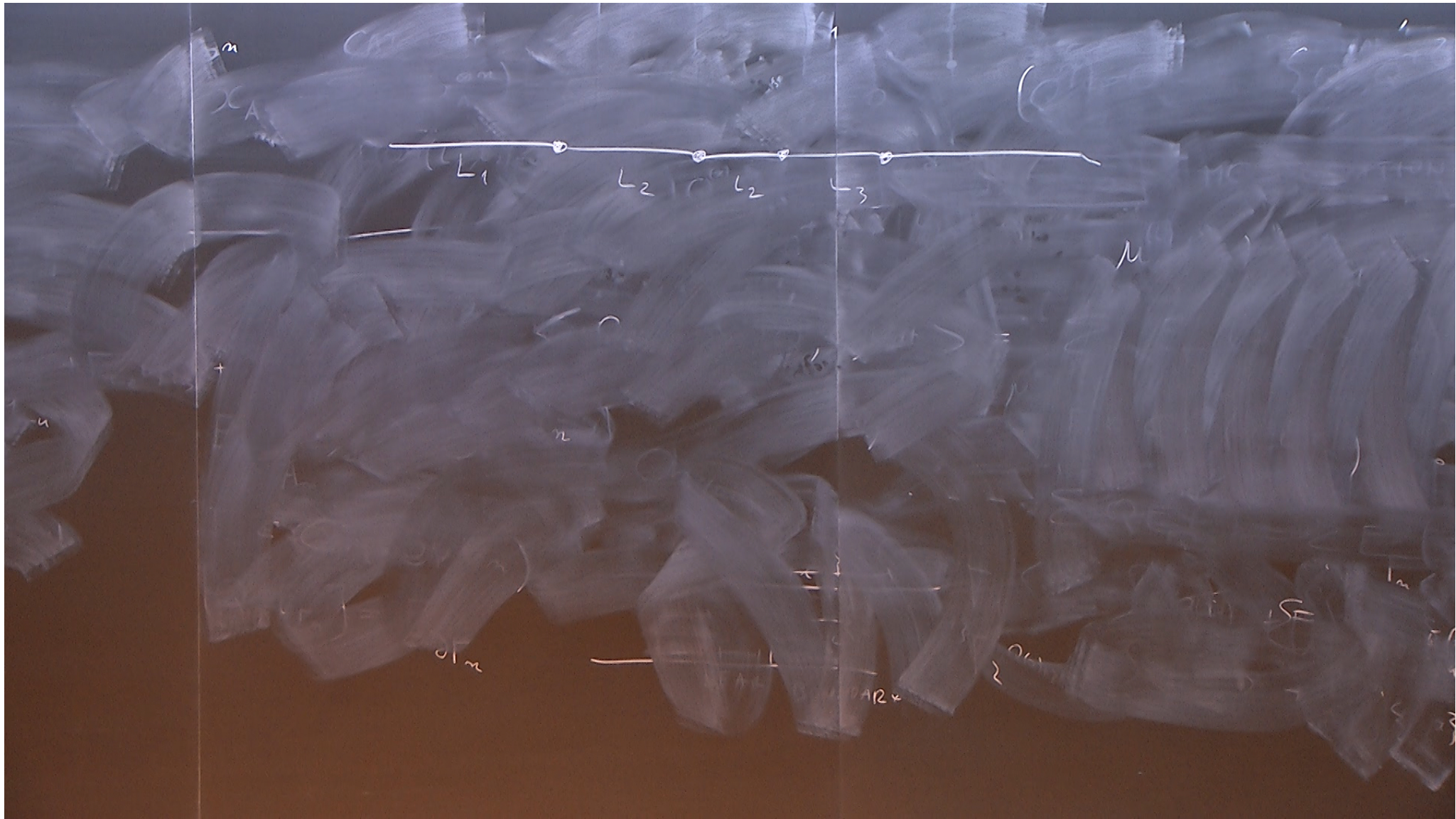
NEAR BOUNDARY

1d \mathfrak{h} TOPOLOGICAL DEFECTS

\wedge
2d \mathfrak{h} TQFT

" $\mathcal{K} = \phi^3$ A-TWISTED LG"







1d \mathfrak{h} TOPOLOGICAL DEFECTS

\wedge
2d \mathfrak{h} TQFT

\mathcal{A} CATEGORY

" $\mathcal{K} = \phi^3$ A-TWISTED LG"

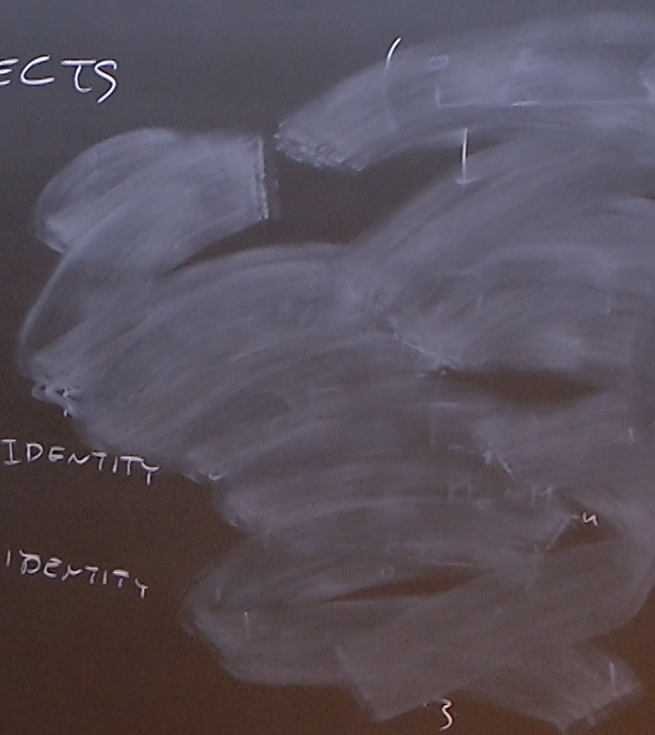
L_1, L_2

$\text{END}(L_1) = \mathbb{C} \leftarrow \text{IDENTITY}$

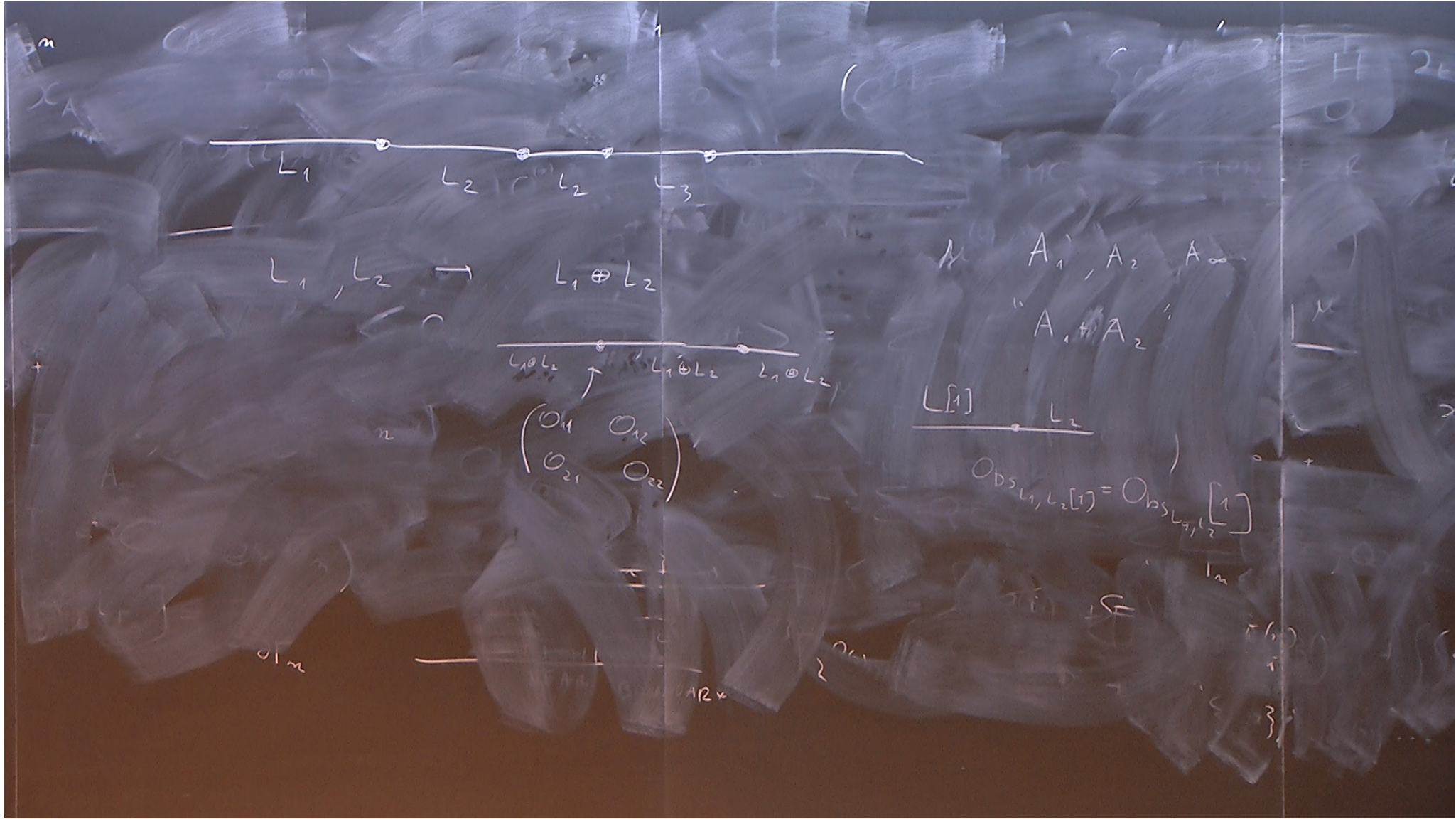
$\text{END}(L_2) = \mathbb{C} \leftarrow \text{IDENTITY}$

$\text{HOM}(L_2, L_1) = \emptyset$

$\text{HOM}(L_1, L_2) = \mathbb{C}$



$\Delta x = \frac{\lambda}{4}$ $\Delta x \Delta p \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$



1d hTOPOLOGICAL DEFECTS

\wedge
2d hTQFT

A_σ CATEGORY

" $\mathcal{K} = \phi^3$ A-TWISTED LG"

L_1, L_2

$$\text{END}(L_1) = \mathbb{C} \leftarrow \text{IDENTITY}$$

$$\text{END}(L_2) = \mathbb{C} \leftarrow \text{IDENTITY}$$

$$\text{HOM}(L_2, L_1) = \emptyset$$

$$\text{HOM}(L_1, L_2) = \mathbb{C}$$

$$\text{EMP}(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{C} & [\sigma G] \\ & \mathbb{C} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$L_3 = [\tilde{\mathcal{L}}, \alpha]$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}} = L_1 + L_2[1]$$

$$\alpha \in \text{HOM}(L_1, L_2)[1] \in \text{EMP}(\tilde{\mathcal{L}})$$

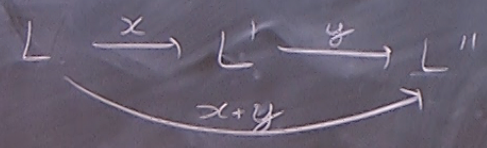
$\mu_n = AS \circ AS$
AS POSSIBLE

3

\mathcal{X}_A

\mathcal{A} A_∞ -CATEGORY

$MCC[A]$ "BIGGER" A_∞ -CATEGORY



A_1, A_2, A_∞

" $A_1 + A_2$ "



$$\text{Obs}_{L_1, L_2}[i] = \text{Obs}_{L_1, L_2}[1]$$

$$L_i \quad \text{END}(L_i) = \mathbb{C}$$

$$\text{HOM}(L_i, L_j) = \emptyset \quad \text{if } i > j$$

"EXCEPTIONAL COLLECTION"

$$\begin{array}{c} L_1 \\ \hline L_2 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Obs}_{L_1, L_2}[1] = \text{Obs}_{L_1, L_2}[1]$$

LOGICAL DEFECTS

B-MODEL ON CP¹

$$\text{HOM}(L_1, L_2) = \mathbb{C}^2$$

$$L_i \quad \text{END}(L_i) = \mathbb{C}$$

$$\text{HOM}(L_i, L_j) = \emptyset \quad \text{IF}$$

"EXCEPTIONAL COLLECTION"

-TWISTED LG"

$$\text{END}(L_1) = \mathbb{C} \quad \leftarrow \text{IDENTITY}$$

$$\text{END}(L_2) = \mathbb{C} \quad \leftarrow \text{IDENTITY}$$

$$\text{HOM}(L_2, L_1) = \emptyset$$

$$\text{HOM}(L_1, L_2) = \mathbb{C}$$

$$\text{EMD}(\tilde{L}) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{C} & \sigma[1] \\ & \mathbb{C} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$L_3 = [\tilde{L}, \alpha]$$

$\mu_n = AS \circ$
AS POSSIBLE

1d hTOPOLOGICAL DEFECTS

\wedge
 2d hTQFT
 A_∞ CATEGORY

" $\mathcal{X} = \phi^3$ A-TWISTED LG"

L_1, L_2

$END(L_1) = \mathbb{C} \leftarrow \text{IDENTITY}$

$END(L_2) = \mathbb{C} \leftarrow \text{IDENTITY}$

$HOM(L_2, L_1) = \emptyset$

$HOM(L_1, L_2) = \mathbb{C}$

$EMD(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{C} & \sigma[G] \\ & \mathbb{C} \end{pmatrix}$

$L_3 = [\tilde{\mathcal{L}}, \mathcal{X}]$

$\tilde{\mathcal{L}} = L_1 + L_2[1]$

$\mathcal{X} \in HOM(L_1, L_2)[1]$
 $\in EMD(\tilde{\mathcal{L}})$

B-MODEL ON CP^1

$HOM(L_1, L_2) = \mathbb{C}^2$

$HOM(L_1, L_2) = \mathbb{C}^3$

$\mu_n = AS \circ$
 $AS \text{ POSSIBLE}$

L_i END

$HOM(L_i, L_j)$

"EXCEPTION"