

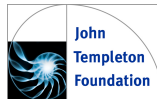
Entanglement and emergence – a second quantum revolution

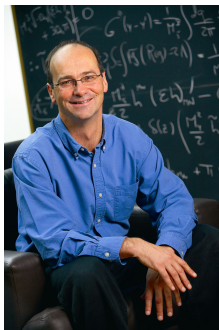
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The cycles of the development of physics theory

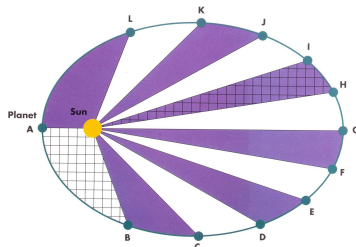
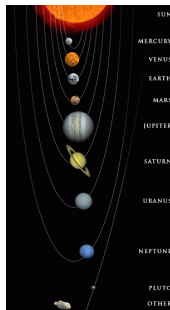
Discovery → **Unification** →
More discovery → **More unification** → ...

- There are a few big unifications = revolutions in physics
- Each revolution leads us into
 - a new **world view**
 - a new **language** (new mathematics) to describe the new view
 - a **unification** of seemingly total unrelated phenomena

Mechanical revolution

Newton (1687)

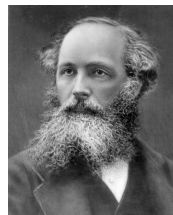
- **Unified** falling apple on earth and the planet motion in sky
- **New world view:**
 - **matter = particles**
 - The particle motion is described by $F = ma$.
- **New math:** Calculus



Electromagnetic revolution

Maxwell (1861)

- **Unified** electricity, magnetism, and light
- **New world view:**
 - a new form of matter **wave-like matter**,
 - which causes **electromagnetic interaction** between the **particle-like matter**.
 - The motion of **wave-like matter** is described by the Maxwell equation $\dot{\mathbf{E}} - c\partial \times \mathbf{B} = \dot{\mathbf{B}} + c\partial \times \mathbf{E} = 0$.
- **New math:** Fiber bundle (gauge theory)



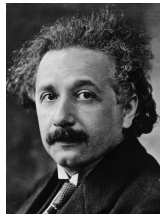
The first compass



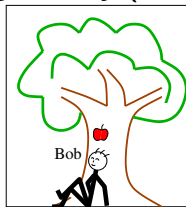
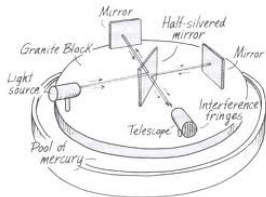
Relativity revolution

Einstein (1905,1916)

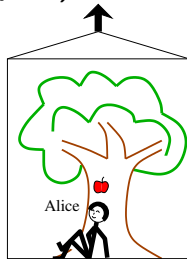
- **Unified** space, time, and gravitational interaction
- **New world view:**
 - Space-time is dynamical = **wave-like matter**.
 - space-time wave-like matter causes gravitational interaction between the particle-like matter
 - The new wave-like matter satisfies the Einstein equation $R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{8\pi}{c^4}T_{\mu\nu}$
- **New math:** Riemannian geometry (curved space)



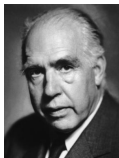
Michelson-Morley (1887)



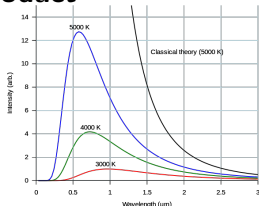
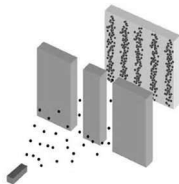
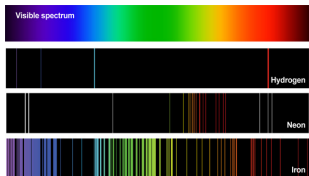
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Quantum revolution



- **Unified:** Hydrogen spectra, blackbody radiation, interference
- **New world view:**
particle-like matter = wave-like matter
→ A new form of matter – particle-wave-like matter.
- **New math:** linear algebra and tensor product



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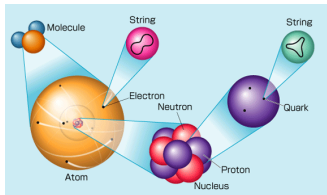
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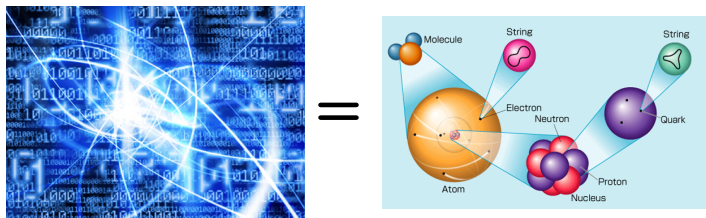
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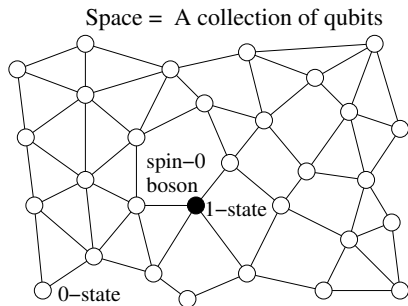
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- But can simple qubits (quantum information) really produce all kinds of matter (and all the elementary particles)?

If matter was formed by spin-0 bosons, then **It from bit**

- The space = a collection of qubits.
- The **0**-state = the vacuum.
- The **1**-state = a spin-0 boson.



- *Ground state of the space-forming qubits = vacuum*
- *Excitations above the ground state = elementary particles*
- *Massless Excitations from continuous symmetry breaking*

But our elementary particles are very complicated

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- **A new unification**: Qubits unify gauge boson and fermion
- **A new world view**: Our world is made of quantum information!
- Yet to be done: *The emergence of gapless gravitons from qubits*

A second quantum revolution

Quantum information = Matter

Entanglement \rightarrow Gauge interaction

fiber bundle

Entanglement \rightarrow Fermi statistics

Entangled qubits \rightarrow Standard model

Entanglement $-? \rightarrow$ Geometry

tangent bundle

It from qubit, not bit

Long-range entanglement \rightarrow Gauge interactions

- Chiral-spin/FQH liquid \rightarrow Chern-Simons gauge theory $\mathcal{L} = \frac{k}{4\pi} ada$
Wen-Wilczek-Zee PRB **39** 11413 (89); Zhang-Hansson-Kivelson PRL **62** 82 (89)
- RVB spin liquid \rightarrow low energy effective Z_2 gauge theory
Read-Sachdev PRL **66** 1773 (91); Wen PRB **44** 2664 (91)
- Wave in closed-string liquid Wen cond-mat/0210040

String density $E(\mathbf{x})$ wave \rightarrow 3+1D $U(1)$ -Maxwell equation .

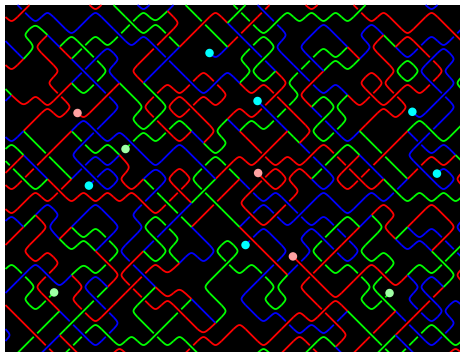
Baskaran-Anderson PRL **37** 580 (88); Wen hep-th/01090120

Senthil-Motrunich cond-mat/0201320; Hermele-Fisher-Balents cond-mat/0305401

- Low energy Maxwell theory is a stable IR fixed point. Massless photons are robust against any local perturbations (even the string breaking ones).
Hastings-Wen cond-mat/0503554

Long-range entanglement \rightarrow Gauge interactions

- If the strings have several types and can join in certain way \rightarrow String-net liquid \rightarrow Non-Abelian gauge theory.



A picture of our vacuum

A string-net theory of light and electrons


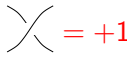
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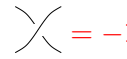
- The gauge group comes from (1) the number of string types and (2) the way how strings join.
- The non-Abelian gauge phase and the emergent gauge theory are robust against any perturbations (even the string breaking ones).

Long-range entanglement \rightarrow Fermi (fractional) statistics

- 2+1D FQH states \rightarrow emergent fractional statistics
 - Binding flux to charge in 2+1D \rightarrow fractional statistics
Halperin PRL **52** 1583 (84); Arovas-Schrieffer-Wilczek PRL **53** 722 (84)
- In 3+1D $U(1)$ gauge theory, monopole + charge \rightarrow Fermi statistics.
Witten Phys. Lett. B **86** 283 (79)

- A general mechanism for any dimensions (with or without $U(1)$):
end of string in string-net liquid \rightarrow Fermi statistics

- For string liquid state $|\Phi\rangle = \sum_{\text{all conf.}}$  \rangle ,  = +1
 \rightarrow End of strings = boson (Higgs boson).

- For string liquid state $|\Phi\rangle = \sum_{\text{all conf.}} \pm$  \rangle ,  = -1
 \rightarrow End of string = fermion

Levin-Wen cond-mat/0302460

- **End of string = gauge charge \rightarrow A prediction: All (composite) fermions carry gauge charges \rightarrow The standard model must contain extra gauge “symmetry” \rightarrow new cosmic string.**
- **A unification of gauge interactions and Fermi statistics**

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- in $2 + 1$ D with only Abelian statistics, by integer K -matrix.

Wen-Zee PRB 46 2290 (92) ↻ 🔍 🔄

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- For fermion systems, the super-version of the above math theories

- Fermionic unitary fusion category

Gu-Wang-Wen 1010.1517

- Group super-cohomology

Gu-Wen 1201.2648

Gaiotto-Kapustin 1505.05856

- Spin-cobordism

Kapustin-Thorngren-Turzillo-Wang 1406.7329

2+1D topological orders with N type of topo. excitations

c = central charge, d_i = quantum dimensions, s_i = spins, $\zeta_n^m = \frac{\sin[\pi(m+1)/(n+2)]}{\sin[\pi/(n+2)]}$

$N c$	d_1, d_2, \dots	s_1, s_2, \dots	$N c$	d_1, d_2, \dots	s_1, s_2, \dots
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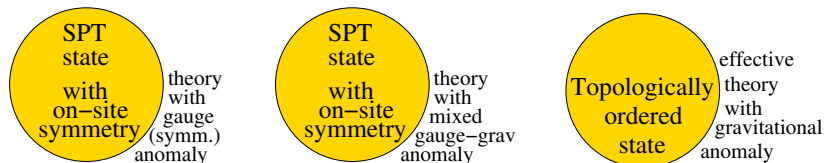
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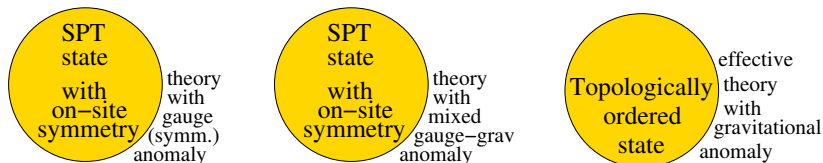
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A solution of chiral fermion problem Eichten-Preskill NPB 268 179 (86)

(standard model on lattice)

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$SO(10)$ or $SU(4) \times SU(2) \times SU(2)$ w/ 16 Weyl fermions

trivial SPT state and trivial topological order
in $4 + 1$ D with finite width in the 4th dimension

mirror of $SO(10)$ or $SU(4) \times SU(2) \times SU(2)$ chiral GUT, which
can be fully gapped **without breaking the gauge symmetries**

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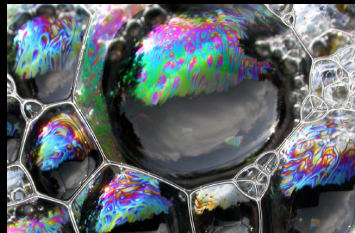
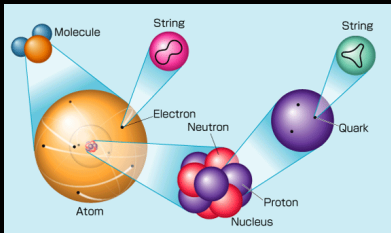
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- From holographer's point of view, here we assume that the “bulk” observer can choose a proper local bulk time such that the gauge fixed bulk theory has an emergent **locality**: $\mathcal{V}_{\text{tot}} = \otimes_i \mathcal{V}_i$ (*ie* anomaly-free). In contrast, in holographic approach, the bulk theory as the holographic dual of boundary CFT do not have to have such a strict locality, and can be anomalous (?)



matter = quantum information

**Gauge int. and Fermi statistics come from
Long-range entanglement**

