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BULK-BOUNDARY CORRESPONDENCES WITH FACTORIZATION ALGEBRAS

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Tea: 3:45pm in Room B24

Abstract: We will describe how factorization algebras on manifolds with boundary arise from quantum field theory; this is joint work with Eugene Rabinovich and Brian Williams. This framework offers a useful perspective on Kontsevich's deformation quantization of Poisson manifolds as well as the relationship of loop groups to quantum groups via perturbative Chern-Simons theory. Given time, I'll sketch a systematic higher dimensional version for higher abelian CS theory on an oriented smooth manifold of dimension $4n+3$ with boundary a complex manifold of complex dimension $2n+1$; it has an interesting relationship with the intermediate Jacobian.

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