

**Dehn it!**  
Distinguishing diffeomorphisms with Equivariant Bauer-Furuta  
Invariants

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# Goals

## 1 Purpose

- Share math
- Ask questions, learn more
- Introduce you all to what I think about
- Consolidate the things I think about

## 2 Successful Outcome

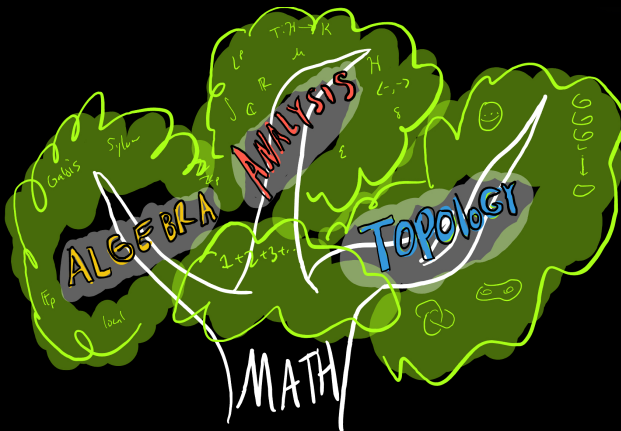
- You understand where this fits into the mathematical landscape
- You understand what I'm trying to do, broadstrokes
- You have an idea of what's been done before
- At least one person asks me one question
- I see a part of the presentation I could've made clearer

# Plan for today

- 1 Beginning!
- 2 Context/History  
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- 3 Definitions
- 4 Key Results  
Kronheimer-Mrowka  
Jianfeng Lin
- 5 Present + Future
- 6 End

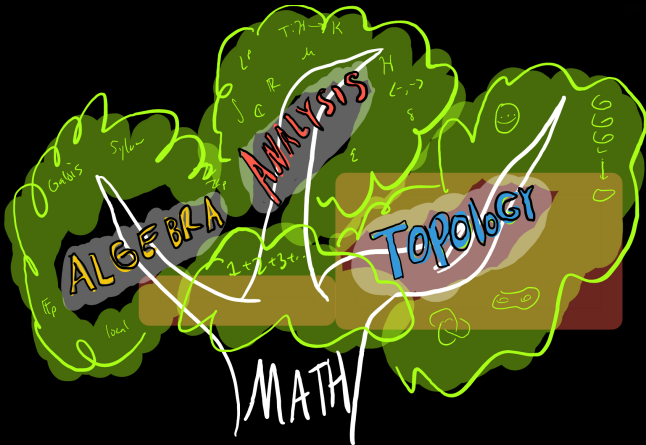
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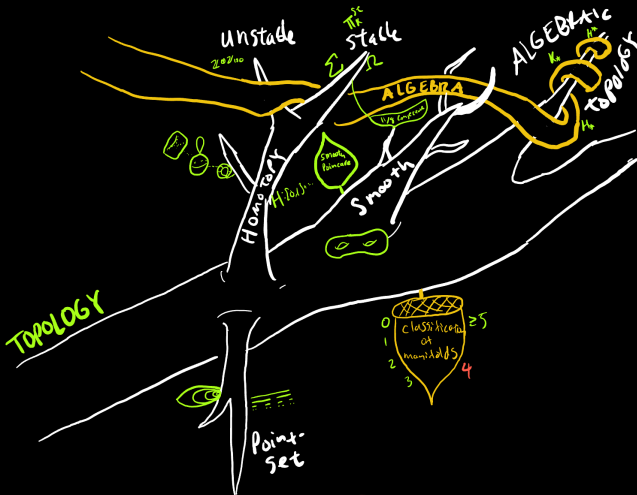
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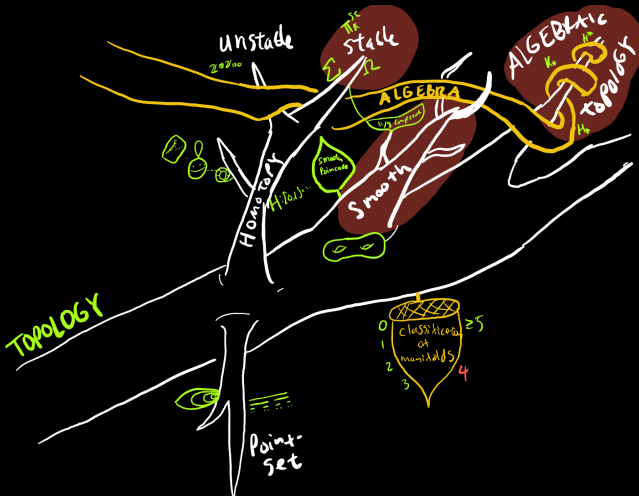
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**4-manifolds:** All our 4-manifolds are simply connected,  
 $\pi_1(X) = 0$ .

- (Useful old result) Freedman's classification ( $Q$ , 0 or 1<sub>not</sub><sup>smooth</sup>)

- (Big topology goal) Smooth Poincare conjecture

$$X \simeq S^4 \stackrel{?}{\Rightarrow} X \cong_{\text{Diff}} S^4$$

- (Big goal) 11/8 conjecture.  $X \in \text{Spin4Mfld}_{cls}^{sm}$  iff

$$b_2(X) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{11}{8} |\sigma(X)| \text{ or } q \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3p \text{ for } 2pE_8 \oplus q\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (Big goal) 4D Smale conjecture  $\pi_0(\text{Diff}(S^4)) \stackrel{?}{\cong} \mathbb{Z}/2$

- Spin-manifolds e.g.  $S^4, S^2 \times S^2, K3$ , non e.g.  $\mathbb{C}P^2, \mathbb{C}P^2 \# 9\overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}$



## Key things

- $(\text{Pin}(2)\text{-})$ Seiberg Witten equations
- Seiberg-Witten invariants
- $(\text{Pin}(2)\text{-})$ Bauer-Furuta invariants

# Selected History up to 2010

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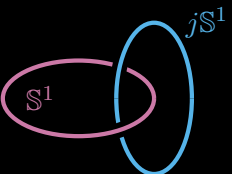
## History, more linear

- ~1981 Matsumoto's  $11/8$  conjecture [Mat81]
- ~1982 Freedman classifies 4-manifolds [Fre82]
- ~1994 Seiberg-Witten equations [Wit94]
- ~2001 Furuta  $10/8|\sigma|+2$  [Fur01]
- ~2002 Bauer-Furuta invariant [BF02]
- ~2003 Calculations and work toward  $11/8$  [Sch03]
- ~2004 Families Bauer-Furuta [Xu04]
- ~2008 Families Bauer-Furuta [Szy20]
- ~2013 Pin(2) intersection [Man13a]
- ~2015 Disproof of  $\Delta$ -conj [Man13b]
- ~2018 Work towards  $11/8$  [HLSX18]
- ~2020 Exotic Diffeo [KM20]
- ~2021 Exotic Diffeo [Lin20]
- ~2023 Exotic Diffeo 2023 Exotic Diffeo on seifert fibered manifold [KMT23]

# Definitions

- $\text{Pin}(2)$
- $\text{Spin}(n), \text{Spin}^c(n)$
- Seiberg-Witten Equations
- equivariant stable homotopy theory
- Bauer-Furuta invariant
- Families Bauer-Furuta invariant
- Dehn twist

## Definitions:

- $\text{Pin}(2)$ 

 $\subset \mathbb{C} \oplus j\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{H} = \text{Cl}(\mathbb{R}^2),$

or, also a particular double cover of  $O(2)$

- $\text{Spin}(n) =$  double cover of  $\text{SO}(n)$ , or also,  $\text{Pin}(n) \cap \text{Cl}_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$

Examples:

$n$	1	2	3	4
$\text{Spin}(n) \cong_{top}$	$S^0$	$S^1$	$S^3$	$S^3 \times S^3$

- $\text{Spin}^c(n) \cong \text{Spin}(n) \times_{\{\pm 1\}} S^1,$   
 or, also the double covering of  $\text{SO}(n) \times S^1$  which is nontrivial on both factors.



## Spin structure

Let  $X$  be an oriented 4-manifold, so there is a principal bundle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{SO}(4) & \hookrightarrow & \mathrm{Fr}(TX) \\ & & \downarrow \\ & & X \end{array}$$

A **Spin structure** is a bundle  $P$  such that the following commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Spin}(4) & \longrightarrow & P \\ \downarrow \times 2 & & \downarrow \\ \mathrm{SO}(4) & \hookrightarrow & \mathrm{Fr}(TX) \\ & & \downarrow \\ & & X \end{array}$$

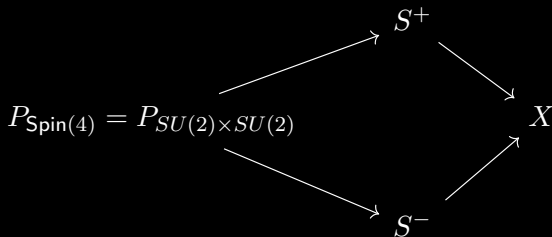
There is a way to make a  $\mathrm{Spin}^c$ -structure. See [Mor96]

# Spin structure

## FACT:

A vector bundle  $E \rightarrow X$  admits a Spin structure iff  $w_2(E) = 0$ .

A principal spin structure gives us



such that  $S^+ \otimes_{\mathbb{H}} (S^-)^* \cong TX$ .

Watch [Stipsicz video](#) from minicourse for more.

# Spin structure

## Fact

When spin structures exist on  $M$  (any manifold),

$$\{\text{Spin-structures}\} \xleftrightarrow{1:1} H^1(M; \mathbb{Z}/2).$$

Given a fiber bundle  $X \hookrightarrow E$   
 $\downarrow \pi$ , you can take the vertical tangent  
 $B$

bundle  $T^v E := \ker(D\pi)$ , to get a vertical frame bundle

$$\text{SO}(4) \hookrightarrow \text{Fr}^v(T^v E)$$
$$\downarrow$$
$$B$$

When  $w_2(T^v E) = 0$ , you get a Spin structure.

# Seiberg-Witten equations v.1

## Seiberg Witten Equations

A set of nonlinear elliptic differential equations.

Their solutions satisfy a nice compactness condition that you don't run into all the time.

## Seiberg-Witten equations v.2

Let  $A$  be a unitary connection on  $L := \det(S^\pm(P))$

Let  $\not{D}_A$  be the Dirac operator associated to  $\nabla_{L,C}$  on  $\text{Fr}(TX)$  and  $A$ .

Let  $\psi \in C^\infty(S^+(P))$

Let  $h$  be a generic, self-dual two form on  $X$

### Seiberg-Witten Equations [Mor96, 4.2s]

$$L_2^2 \left( \overbrace{(T^*X \otimes i\mathbb{R}) \oplus S^+(P)}^{T_p \mathcal{C}(P)} \right) \xrightarrow{F} L_1^2 \left( (\Lambda_+^2 T^*X \otimes i\mathbb{R}) \oplus S^-(P) \right)$$

$$(A, \psi) \longmapsto (F_A^+ - q(\psi) - ih, \not{D}_A(\psi))$$

**Equation:**  $F(A, \psi) = 0$

# Seiberg-Witten Equations v.2

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 (A, \psi) \longmapsto (F_A^+ - q(\psi) - ih, \not{D}_A(\psi)) \\
 \text{Equation: } F(A, \psi) = 0
 \end{array}$$

## Theorem

Suppose that  $b_2^+(X) > 1$ .

$\mathcal{M}_P := F^{-1}(0)_{/\text{Maps}(X, S^1)}$  is a closed, orientable manifold of dimension

$$\frac{c_1(L)^2 - 2\chi(X) - 3\sigma(X)}{4}.$$

# Seiberg witten invariant

Suppose  $\dim(\mathcal{M}_P) = d$  is even.

Let  $\mu$  be a specific Chern class with an association to  $P$  defined in [Mor96]. Then

$$SW(X, -) : \overbrace{\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{space of} \\ \text{Spin}^c \text{ strs} \end{array} \right\}}^{\cong_{\text{not natural}} H^2(X; \mathbb{Z})} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$P \longmapsto \int_{\mathcal{M}_P} \mu^{d/2}$$

Important case ( $d = 0$ ):  $\int_{\mathcal{M}_P} \mu^0 = \sum_{p \in \mathcal{M}_P} \text{sign}(p)$

( $d > 0$ ?)

## Equivariant Things

- We're in an incomplete universe  $\mathcal{U}$  with countably many irreducible representations of  $\text{Pin}(2)$  that matter to us.
- Most important representations today

trivial:  $\mathbb{R}$ , j-flip:  $\widetilde{\mathbb{R}}$ , quaternionic:  $\mathbb{H}$

- $nV := V^{\oplus n}$ ,
- $S(nV) := \{v \in nV \mid \|v\| = 1\}$ ,
- $S^n V := (nV)^+$
- $M_+ := M \sqcup \{*\}$
- $\{X, Y\}^{\text{Pin}(2)}$  is the {stable, pointed  $\text{Pin}(2)$ -equiv. maps /  $\simeq$ }
- $\{X, Y\}^{\text{Pin}(2)} := \lim_{\substack{V \subset \mathcal{U} \\ f.d.}} [S^V \wedge X, S^V \wedge Y]^{\text{Pin}(2)}$



# Bauer-Furuta invariant

## Nonequivariant version

$\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_P := F^{-1}(0)_{/\text{Maps}_*(X, S^1)}$  is a stably framed manifold (submanifold of a Hilbert space), and so is represented in a stable homotopy group of spheres, and so  $BF(X, P) = [\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_P] \in \pi_{d+1}^{st.}$

## Equivariant versions

Let  $n = \frac{-\sigma(X)}{16}$  and  $m = b_2^+(X)$

- $BF^{S^1}(X) \in \{S^{2n\mathbb{C}}, S^{m\mathbb{R}}\}^{S^1}$ , and
- $BF^{\text{Pin}(2)}(X) \in \{S^{n\mathbb{H}}, S^{m\tilde{\mathbb{R}}}\}^{\text{Pin}(2)}$

# Pros and Cons of each BF

## Some intuition

- $BF(X)$ - likely stronger than  $SW$ -invariant
- $BF^{S^1}(X)$ - recovers  $SW$ -invariant, more symmetry
- $BF^{\text{Pin}(2)}(X)$ - More structure, more refined, more symmetry

# $S^1$ -Bauer-Furuta $\rightarrow$ Seiberg-Witten invariant

We'll use  $BF^{S^1}$  here.

**Recovery of SW-invariant:** Let  $m - 1 \leq 2n - 1$ .

Suppose we have a map  $S^{2n\mathbb{C}} \xrightarrow{F_{\text{approx}}} S^{m\mathbb{R}}$ . Then we have a cofiber sequence

$$S^0 \rightarrow S^{2n\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow \Sigma S(2n\mathbb{C})_+ \rightarrow S^1$$

$$\underbrace{\{S^1, S^{m\mathbb{R}}\}^{S^1}}_0 \rightarrow \underbrace{\{\Sigma S(2n\mathbb{C})_+, S^{m\mathbb{R}}\}^{S^1}}_{\substack{\{S(2n\mathbb{C})_+, S^{(m-1)\mathbb{R}}\}^{S^1} \\ \parallel \\ \{\mathbb{C}P_+^{2n-1}, S^{m\mathbb{R}}\}}} \xrightarrow{\cong} \{S^{2n\mathbb{C}}, S^{m\mathbb{R}}\}^{S^1} \rightarrow \underbrace{\{S^0, S^{m\mathbb{R}}\}^{S^1}}_0$$

$$\left( S^{2n\mathbb{C}} \xrightarrow{F_{\text{approx}}} S^{m\mathbb{R}} \right) \mapsto \left( \mathbb{C}P_+^{2n-1} \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}} S^{(m-1)\mathbb{R}} \right) \mapsto \pi^{m-1}(\mathbb{C}P^{2n-1}) \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}(1)} H^{m-1}(\mathbb{C}P^{2n-1}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & m \text{ odd} \\ 0 & m \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

# Families Bauer-Furuta invariant

- $$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \hookrightarrow & X \\
 & & \downarrow \\
 & & *
 \end{array}$$

gives a bundle map

$$BF(X) = F^{-1}(s_0(*)) \in \pi_{d+1+\dim(*)}^{st}$$
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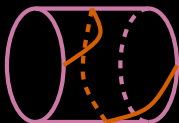
$$F B F(E, \mathfrak{s}) = F^{-1}(s_0(B)) \in \pi_{d+1+\dim(B)}^{st}$$

## Dehn twist

- $\pi_1(\mathrm{SO}(4)) = \mathbb{Z}/2$
- take a nontrivial loop  $[\gamma] \in \pi_1(\mathrm{SO}(4))$ .
- Then you have a map

$$S^3 \times [0, 1] \longrightarrow S^3 \times [0, 1]$$

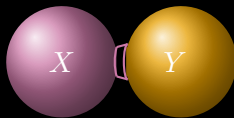
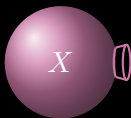
$$(x, t) \longmapsto (\gamma(t) \cdot x, t)$$



Key examples of  $\delta \in \mathrm{Diff}_\partial(\mathring{X}, \partial\mathring{X})$  or  $\delta \in \mathrm{Diff}(X)$ :

$$\mathring{X} := X \setminus B^4$$

$$X \# Y$$



# Key Results in our world today

- Kronheimer-Mrowka
- Jianfeng Lin

# Kronheimer-Mrowka

## Theorem ([KM20])

*The dehn twist on  $K3\#K3$  is not smoothly isotopic to the identity in  $\text{Diff}(K3\#K3)$*

## Key ideas

- Mapping torus  $M_\delta$  of Dehn twist along  $K3\#K3$  (2 spin structures since  $H^1(M_\delta; \mathbb{Z}/2) = \mathbb{Z}/2$ ).
- Use  $BF$  on  $M_\delta$
- $BF(K3) = \eta$
- Lemma on  $X\#_\alpha Y$  giving a product formula for Families Bauer furuta
- $0 \neq \eta^3 \in \pi_3^{st} = \mathbb{Z}/24$
- The dehn twist can't be isotopic to 1

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# Picture Frame if we'd like



# Jianfeng Lin

## Theorem ([Lin20])

*The dehn twist on  $K3\#K3\#(S^2 \times S^2)$  is not smoothly isotopic to the identity in  $\text{Diff}(K3\#K3\#(S^2 \times S^2))$ .*

*First instance of exotic structure staying after one stabilization, i.e.  $\#S^2 \times S^2$*

## Key Ideas

- Create a mapping torus along the dehn twist and compare the spin structures.
- Use  $BF^{\text{Pin}(2)}$
- Reduce to nonequivariant.
- Find a contradiction  $0 \neq \eta^3$  from [KM20].

# More Dehn twists to look at

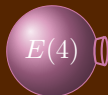
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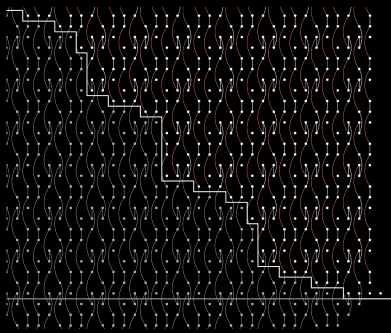
## Question 2

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## Potential Ideas

**Potential ideas:** Follow some ideas from [HLSX18] or work out some equivariant  $K$ -theory computations.



$$R(\mathrm{Pin}(2)) \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}[z, w]}{(zw = 2w = w^2)}$$

$$RO(\mathrm{Pin}(2)) \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}[D, K, H]}{\text{lots-o-relns}}$$

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The End!

Thank You!

Questions?

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