Beyond Standard Models and Grand Unifications: anomalies, topological terms, and dynamical constraints via cobordisms

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ABSTRACT: We classify and characterize fully all invertible anomalies and all allowed topological terms related to various Standard Models (SM), Grand Unified Theories (GUT), and Beyond Standard Model (BSM) physics. By all anomalies, we mean the inclusion of (1) perturbative local anomalies captured by perturbative Feynman diagram loop calculations, classified by $\mathbb{Z}$ free classes, and (2) nonperturbative global anomalies, classified by finite group $\mathbb{Z}_N$ torsion classes. Our work built from [31] fuses the math tools of Adams spectral sequence, Thom-Madsen-Tillmann spectra, and Freed-Hopkins theorem. For example, we compute bordism groups Ω_d^G and their invertible topological field theory invariants, which characterize dd topological terms and $(d-1)d$ anomalies, protected by the following symmetry group G : $\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_q}$ for SM with $q = 1, 2, 3, 6$; $\frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}$ or $\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n)$ for $\text{SO}(10)$ or $\text{SO}(18)$ GUT as $n = 10, 18$; $\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(n)$ for Georgi-Glashow $\text{SU}(5)$ GUT as $n = 5$; $\frac{\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(4) \times (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2))}{\mathbb{Z}_2}}{\mathbb{Z}_2^{q'}}$ for Pati-Salam GUT as $q' = 1, 2$; and others. For SM with an extra discrete symmetry, we obtain *new* anomaly matching conditions of $\mathbb{Z}_{16}$, $\mathbb{Z}_4$ and $\mathbb{Z}_2$ classes *beyond* the familiar Witten anomaly. Our approach offers an alternative view of all anomaly matching conditions built from the lower-energy (B)SM or GUT, in contrast to high-energy Quantum Gravity or String Theory Landscape

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v.s. Swampland program, as bottom-up/top-down complements. Symmetries and anomalies provide constraints of kinematics, we further suggest constraints of quantum gauge dynamics, and new predictions of possible extended defects/excitations plus hidden BSM non-perturbative topological sectors.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Physics guide

The world where we reside, to our present knowledge, can be described by quantum theory, gravity theory, and the underlying long-range entanglement. Quantum field theory (QFT), specifically gauge field theory, under the name of *Gauge Principle* following Maxwell, Hilbert, Weyl [1], Pauli, and others, forms a cornerstone of the fundamental physics. Yang-Mills (YM) gauge theory [2], generalizing the U(1) abelian gauge group to a non-abelian Lie group, has been proven theoretically and experimentally essential to describe the Standard Model (SM) physics [3–5].

The SM of particle physics is a gauge theory encoding three of the four known fundamental forces or interactions (the electromagnetic, weak, and strong forces, but without gravity) in the universe. The SM also classifies all experimentally known elementary particles: fermions including three generations of quarks and leptons, while bosons including the electromagnetic force mediator photon γ , the strong force mediator gluon g , the weak force mediator $W^\pm$ and Z^0 gauge bosons, and Higgs particle; while the graviton has not yet been detected and is not in SM. Physics experiments have confirmed that at a higher energy of SM, the electromagnetic and weak forces are unified into an electroweak interaction sector. Grand Unifications and Grand Unified Theories (GUT) predict that at further higher energy, the strong and the electroweak interactions will be unified into an electroweak-nuclear GUT interaction sector. The GUT interaction is characterized by one larger gauge group and its force carrier mediator gauge bosons with a single unified coupling constant.¹

¹Unifying gravity with the GUT interaction gives rise to a Theory of Everything (TOE). However, in our present work, the gravity only plays the role of the background probed fields instead of dynamical gravity. As we will classify and characterize, the background probed gravity also gives new constraints, such as in the gravitational anomaly or the mixed gauge-gravitational anomaly. We however will comment the implications for dynamical gravity such as in Quantum Gravity in section 8.

Examples of GUT that we will encounter in this article includes Georgi-Glashow SU(5) GUT [6], Fritzsche-Minkowski SO(10) GUT [7] and Pati-Salam model [8] and others.

In our present work, we aim to classify and characterize fully all (invertible) anomalies and all allowed topological terms associated with various Standard Models (SM), Grand Unified Theories (GUT), and Beyond Standard Model physics (BSM) in 4d.² Then we will suggest the dynamical constraints on SM, GUT and BSM via non-perturbative statements based on anomalies and topological terms.

By “anomalies” of a theory in physics terminology, physicists may mean one of the following:

- (1): Classical global symmetry is violated in a quantum theory, such that the classical global symmetry fails to be a quantum global symmetry, e.g. Adler-Bell-Jackiw anomaly [9, 10].
- (2): Quantum global symmetry is well-defined kinematically. However, there is an obstruction known as “’t Hooft anomaly [11],” to gauge the global symmetry, detectable via coupling the charge operator (i.e., symmetry generators or symmetry defects, which measures the global symmetry charge of charged objects) to background fields.³ Specifically, we may detect an obstruction to even *weakly gauge* the symmetry or couple the symmetry to a *non-dynamical background probed field* (sometimes as background gauge field/connection). “’t Hooft anomaly [11],” is sometimes regarded as a “background gauged anomaly” in condensed matter. Namely, the path integral or partition function $\mathbf{Z}$ does not sum over background gauge fields. We only fix a background gauge field and the $\mathbf{Z}$ only depends on the background gauge connection as a classical field or as a classical coupling constant.
- (3): Quantum global symmetry is well-defined kinematically. However, once we promote the global symmetry to a dynamical local gauge symmetry of the dynamical gauge theory, then the gauge theory becomes ill-defined. Some people call this as a “dynamical gauge anomaly” prohibiting a quantum theory to be well-defined. Namely, the path integral after summing over dynamical gauge fields becomes ill-defined. Therefore, the anomaly-free or anomaly-matching conditions are crucial to avoid the sickness and ill-definiteness of quantum gauge theory.

In fact, it is obvious to observe that the anomalies from (3) are descendants of anomalies from (2).

(α). Anomalies from (3) can be related to anomalies from (2) via the gauging principle.

(β). Anomalies from (2) can be related to anomalies from (3) via the ungauging principle.

²We denote dd means the d spacetime dimensions. The $d+1D$ means the d spatial and 1 time dimensions. The $\bar{D}D$ means the $\bar{D}$ space dimensions.

³Throughout our article, we explicitly or implicitly use the modern language of symmetries and higher symmetries of QFTs, introduced in [12].

Thus our key idea is that if we know the gauge group of a gauge theory (e.g., SM, GUT or BSM), we may identify its ungauged global symmetry group as an internal symmetry group, say $\mathbb{G}_{\text{internal}}$ via ungauging.⁴

To start, we should rewrite the global symmetries of an ungauging theory into the form of

$$G \equiv \left(\frac{G_{\text{spacetime}} \ltimes \mathbb{G}_{\text{internal}}}{N_{\text{shared}}} \right), \quad (1.1)$$

where the $G_{\text{spacetime}}$ is the spacetime symmetry, the $\mathbb{G}_{\text{internal}}$ is the internal symmetry,⁵ the $\ltimes$ is a semi-direct product from a “twisted” extension,⁶ and the N_{shared} is the shared common normal subgroup symmetry between $G_{\text{spacetime}}$ and $\mathbb{G}_{\text{internal}}$.

In the later sections of our work, we write down the *ungauged* global symmetry groups G of SMs, GUTs and BSMs. Then we should determine, classify and characterize all of their associated (invertible) anomalies and topological terms. Moreover, based on the descendant relations between the anomalies from (2) and (3), and the gauging/ungauging principles relate (α) and (β) , we thus also determine both:

(A). *For the ungauged SM, GUT and BSM theories:*

Invertible 't Hooft anomalies and background probed topological terms associated to a global symmetry group G . This is related to a relation (β) .

(B). *For the gauged SM, GUT and BSM theories:*

Dynamical gauge anomalies and dynamical topological terms associated to a gauge group G , descent via the relation (α) .

However, by far, there are some pertinent basic questions that the readers may wonder. We should provide the answers to the readers immediately:

[I]. *What do we mean by all (invertible) anomalies and all topological terms?* (See a disclaimer in Footnote 8.)

By “all (invertible) anomalies,” we mean the inclusion of:

- (i). *Perturbative local anomalies* captured by perturbative Feynman diagram loop calculations, classified by the integer group $\mathbb{Z}$ classes, or the so-called free classes in mathematics. Some selective examples from QFT or gravity include:
 - (1): Perturbative fermionic anomalies from chiral fermions with U(1) symmetry, originated from Adler-Bell-Jackiw (ABJ) anomalies [9, 10] with $\mathbb{Z}$ classes.
 - (2): Perturbative bosonic anomalies from bosonic systems with U(1) symmetry with $\mathbb{Z}$ classes.
 - (3): Perturbative gravitational anomalies [13].

⁴By gauging or ungauging, also depending on the representation of the matter fields that couple to the gauge theory, we may gain or lose symmetries or higher symmetries [12]. It will soon become clear, for our purpose, we only need to firstly focus on the ordinary (0-form) internal global symmetries and their anomalies. See also section 8.

⁵Later we denote the probed background spacetime M connection over the spacetime tangent bundle TM , e.g. as $w_j(TM) \equiv w_j$ where w_j is j -th Stiefel-Whitney (SW) class. We also denote the probed background internal-symmetry/gauge connection over the principal bundle E , e.g. as $w_j(E) \equiv w_j(V_{\mathbb{G}_{\text{internal}}})$ where w_j is also j -th SW class.

⁶The “twisted” extension is due to the symmetry extension from $\mathbb{G}_{\text{internal}}$ by $G_{\text{spacetime}}$, for a trivial extension $\ltimes$ becomes a direct product $\times$.

(ii). *Non-perturbative global anomalies*, classified by a product of finite groups such as $\mathbb{Z}_N$, or the so-called torsion classes in mathematics. Some selective examples from QFT or gravity include:

- (1): An $SU(2)$ anomaly of Witten in 4d or in 5d [14] with a $\mathbb{Z}_2$ class, which is a gauge anomaly.
- (2): A new $SU(2)$ anomaly in 4d or in 5d [15] with another $\mathbb{Z}_2$ class, which is a mixed gauge-gravity anomaly.
- (3): Some higher 't Hooft anomalies for a pure 4d $SU(2)$ YM theory with a second-Chern-class topological term [16–18] (or the so-called $SU(2)_{\theta=\pi}$ YM): the higher anomaly involves a discrete 0-form time-reversal symmetry and a 1-form center $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -symmetry. The first anomaly is discovered in [16]; later the anomaly is refined via a mathematical well-defined 5d bordism invariant as its topological term,⁷ with additional new anomalies found for Lorentz symmetry-enriched four siblings of YM [17, 18].
- (4): Global gravitational anomalies [22].

⁷We shall briefly clarify the physical notations and usages of a co/bordism theory. More detailed mathematical definitions are organized in section 1.2. More physical interpretations of co/bordism invariants would be given in section 7.

- bordism group: We denote it as Ω_d^G , see (1.12). It is the set of equivalence classes of closed d -manifolds M with a G -structure under the equivalence relation $\sim$. Here $M \sim M'$ if and only if there is a compact $d+1$ -manifold N with a G -structure such that the boundary of N is the disjoint union of M and M' , and the G -structures on M and M' are induced from the G -structure on N , see figure 1. The disjoint union operation on closed d -manifolds induces an abelian group structure on Ω_d^G .
- cobordism group: We denote it as $\Omega_G^d \equiv \text{TP}_d(G)$ as the TP (topological phases) in Freed-Hopkins [19], see (1.3) and (1.21). To be precise, this is not exactly the commonly defined Pontryagin dual of the torsion subgroup ($\equiv \text{tors}$) of the bordism group Ω_d^G : $\text{Hom}(\Omega_d^{G,\text{tors}}, \text{U}(1))$, as the homomorphism map to $\text{U}(1)$. The Ω_G^d and $\text{Hom}(\Omega_d^{G,\text{tors}}, \text{U}(1))$ are only the same for the finite group sectors (the torsion part), they are differed by the integer $\mathbb{Z}$ classes (the free part). Also, Freed-Hopkins [19] suggests that the torsion part $(\Omega_G^d)_{\text{tors}} \equiv (\text{TP}_d(G))_{\text{tors}} \equiv \Omega_d^{G,\text{tors}}$ classifies the *deformation* classes of reflection positive invertible d -dimensional extended topological field theories with a symmetry group $G(d)$.

Alternatively, there is another kind of cobordism group defined as $\text{Hom}(\Omega_d^G, \text{U}(1))$ in ref. [20] by Yonekura. This group classifies the *isomorphism* classes of d -dimensional unitary invertible topological field theories with the symmetry group $G(d)$. (We may denote G as $G(d)$ because the spacetime symmetry sector can be d -dependent.)

Here are some physical meanings of the different versions of cobordism groups:

- $\Omega_G^d \equiv \text{TP}_d(G)$: Classify the G -symmetric invertible topological orders in d -dimension, with symmetry $G(d)$.
- $\text{TP}_d(\text{SO})$: Classify the bosonic invertible topological orders (iTO) in d -dimension, without any internal symmetry G (but with a spacetime symmetry $\text{SO}(d)$ group).
- $\text{TP}_d(\text{Spin})$: Classify the fermionic invertible topological orders in d -dimension, without any internal symmetry G (but with a spacetime symmetry $\text{Spin}(d)$ group).
- $\text{TP}_d(G)/\text{TP}_d(\text{SO})$: Classify the G -symmetric bosonic SPTs in d -dimension, with symmetry $G \supseteq \text{SO}$. (Mod out $\text{TP}_d(\text{SO})$ means that excluding the bosonic iTO protected by no internal symmetry.)
- $\text{TP}_d(G)/\text{TP}_d(\text{Spin})$: Classify the G -symmetric fermionic SPTs in d -dimension, with symmetry $G \supseteq \text{Spin}$. (Mod out $\text{TP}_d(\text{Spin})$ means that excluding the fermionic iTO protected by no internal symmetry except a fermionic parity symmetry $\mathbb{Z}_2^F$.)

By “all topological terms,” we mean the anomaly-inflow relation [23]: the $(d-1)d$ anomalies can be systematically captured by a one higher dimensional dd topological invariants or dd topological terms. Recently ref. [24] gives a non-perturbative description of anomaly inflow including both local and global anomalies based on Dai-Freed theorem [25] and the Atiyah-Patodi-Singer η -Invariant [26].

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- $\text{Hom}(\Omega_d^{G,\text{tors}}, \text{U}(1))$: Classify the torsion (the finite subgroup $\mathbb{Z}_n$) classes of the G -symmetric invertible topological orders, but which miss the integer $\mathbb{Z}$ classes.
 - $\text{Hom}(\Omega_d^G, \text{U}(1))$: Classify the topological terms of G -symmetric phases. For example, $\text{Hom}(\Omega_d^G, \text{U}(1))$ includes the $\text{Hom}(\Omega_d^{G,\text{tors}}, \text{U}(1))$, which classifies the finite subgroup $\mathbb{Z}_n$ classes as the subclasses of the G -symmetric invertible topological orders. However, $\text{Hom}(\Omega_d^G, \text{U}(1))$ also maps the $\mathbb{Z} \in \Omega_d^G$ to $\text{U}(1)$, which specifies a theta angle $\theta \in \text{U}(1)$, which is in fact the θ -term in physics of G -symmetric phases.

Here are some physical and entanglement meanings of the aforementioned condensed matter phases, based on the definition of deformation classes of the local unitary transformations [21]:

- invertible topological orders (iTO) includes both the invertible short-range and long-range entangled gapped phases in condensed matter.
- Symmetry-Protected Topological states (SPTs) includes only the invertible short-range entangled gapped phases in condensed matter [21].
- bordism generators: The generators of bordism group Ω_d^G are the manifolds. We also call the bordism generators as the manifold generators.
- cobordism generators: The generators of the torsion part of the cobordism group $\Omega_d^d \equiv \text{TP}_d(G)$ are the reflection positive extended d -dimensional invertible topological quantum field theories (iTQFTs) with symmetry group $G(d)$. Its partition function $\mathbf{Z}(M^d)$ on any closed manifold M^d must have its absolute value $|\mathbf{Z}(M^d)| = 1$, namely $\mathbf{Z}(M^d) = e^{i\theta}$ can only be a complex phase which is invertible $\mathbf{Z}^\dagger(M^d) = e^{-i\theta}$. The generators of the cobordism group $\Omega_d^d \equiv \text{TP}_d(G)$ correspond to the d -dimensional invertible topological orders (iTOs) with a symmetry group $G(d)$.
- bordism invariants vs cobordism invariants:
 - Torsion part $\mathbb{Z}_n$ class (bordism invariants $\equiv$ cobordism invariants): A bordism invariant is invariant for all manifolds in the same equivalence class of bordism group. Thus, bordism invariants φ (given in our tables, implicitly φ paired with a manifold as $\int_M \varphi = \langle M, \varphi \rangle$) and partition functions of iTQFTs $\mathbf{Z}$ are related by $\varphi \mapsto e^{\frac{2\pi i k}{n} \varphi}$ (if φ is $\mathbb{Z}_n$ valued, and $k \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ specifies the level of $\mathbb{Z}_n$ class). Conventionally, bordism invariants and cobordism invariants mean exactly the same for the torsion part.
 - Free part $\mathbb{Z}$ class: bordism invariants $\neq$ cobordism invariants. For bordism invariants of the $\mathbb{Z}$ class of Ω_d^G , the bordism invariants φ (given in our tables, implicitly φ paired with a manifold as $\int_M \varphi = \langle M, \varphi \rangle$) and partition functions as the theta term $\mathbf{Z}$ are related by $\varphi \mapsto \mathbf{Z} = e^{i\theta\varphi}$ (if φ is $\mathbb{Z}$ valued, and the periodic $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$ in $\text{U}(1)$). This bordism invariant of $\Omega_d^{G,\text{free}}$ is related to the cobordism invariants of $\Omega_{G,\text{free}}^{d-1} \equiv \text{TP}_{d-1}(G)_{\text{free}}$. For cobordism invariants of the $\mathbb{Z}$ class of $\Omega_G^{d-1} \equiv \text{TP}_{d-1}(G)$, the bordism invariants φ and partition functions as the iTQFTs (as a $\mathbb{Z}$ class of invertible topological order) $\mathbf{Z}$ are related by $\varphi \mapsto \mathbf{Z} = e^{i2\pi k\varphi}$ (if φ is $\mathbb{Z}$ valued, and $k \in \mathbb{Z}$).
- reflection positive extended iTQFTs: Reflection positivity means stability, namely if we remove the condition of reflection positivity in Freed-Hopkin’s theorem, then we should change the Madsen-Tillmann spectrum MTH to $\Sigma^n MTH(n)$ where MTH is the colimit of $\Sigma^n MTH(n)$. Reflection positivity is also the manifestation of unitarity. An extended n -dimensional TQFT means a symmetric monoidal functor from the (∞, n) -category of extended cobordisms to another symmetric monoidal (∞, n) -category. There is also a conjecture in [19] that the full $\text{TP}_d(G)$ corresponds to removing “topological” in the previous Freed-Hopkin’s theorem. Here “topological” means that the field theory does not depend on any continuously varying background fields, such as a spacetime metric or conformal structure.
- deformation classes vs. isomorphism classes: There is a deformation between two theories if there is a continuous path of theories connecting them. Two theories are isomorphic if there is a natural monoidal transformation between them.

Therefore, by determining all $(d-1)d$ anomalies, we also determine all dd topological terms, and vice versa.⁸

[II]. *What tools are we using to classify and characterize all anomalies and all topological terms?*

The short answer is based on the Freed-Hopkin's theorem [19] and our prior work [31–34].⁹

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- topological invariants vs. geometric invariants: We say that a cobordism invariant is topological if it can be defined purely using topological data, such as a cohomology class. While we say that a cobordism invariant is geometric if it can be defined purely using geometric data like metrics, connections, and curvatures. These two definitions have no conflict, a cobordism invariant can be both topological and geometric.
 - topological invariants vs. topological terms vs. iTQFTs: In physics, loosely speaking, for co/bordism invariants of a cobordism theory, people sometimes interchangeably use topological invariants, topological terms, and iTQFTs for the same thing. The G -iTQFTs with a global symmetry G (obtained from the cobordism invariants of cobordism group for manifolds with a G -structure) describes the low energy physics of the short-range entangle SPTs in condensed matter. However, in the general context, topological invariants and topological terms may not need to be invertible.

⁸There are however a disclaimer and some caveats:

- (a) By all anomalies and all topological terms, their classifications and characterizations depend on the category of manifolds that can detect them. The categories of manifolds can be: TOP (topological manifolds), PL (piecewise linear manifolds), or DIFF (differentiable thus equivalently smooth manifolds), etc. These categories are different, and they are related by

$$\text{TOP} \supseteq \text{PL} \supseteq \text{DIFF}.$$

Since the SM, GUT and BSM are given by continuum QFT data, in this work, we only focus on the DIFF manifolds and their associated all possible anomalies and topological terms. However, if we refine the data of QFT later in the future to include PL or TOP data from PL or TOP manifolds, we may also need to refine the corresponding SM, GUT and BSM. Thus, we will have a new set of so-called all anomalies and all topological terms. The tools we use in either case would be a certain version of cobordism theory suitable for a specific category of manifolds. See more in [27].

- (b) By anomalies and topological terms for some SM, GUT and BSM theories in our work, we either mean

- (A). *Invertible 't Hooft anomalies and background probed topological terms* for the *ungauged SM, GUT and BSM*, or
- (B). *Dynamical gauge anomalies and dynamical topological terms* for the *gauged SM, GUT and BSM*.

But after gauging G -symmetry of (A), for the *gauged SM, GUT and BSM* in (B), there could be additional new higher 't Hooft anomalies associated to the higher symmetries (depending on the group representations of the matter fields) whose charged objects are dynamical extend objects (e.g. 1-lines, 2-surfaces, etc.). In this present work, we do *not* discuss these additionally gained new higher 't Hooft anomalies after dynamically gauging, but will leave them for future work [27]. Examples of such higher 't Hooft anomalies can be found in [16–18, 28, 29] and references therein.

- (c) Another possible loop hole is that we do only focus on invertible anomalies captured by invertible topological quantum field theories (iTQFTs), we do not study non-invertible anomalies (e.g. [30]). Different experts and different research fields may regard and define anomalies in different ways.

⁹See also a precursor of works for refs. [31–34] by one of the present authors: ref. [35].

The long answer is follows. Based on the Freed-Hopkin’s theorem [19] and an extended generalization that we propose [31, 34], there exists a one-to-one correspondence between “the invertible topological quantum field theories (iTQFTs) with symmetry (including higher symmetries or generalized global symmetries [12])” and “a cobordism group.” In condensed matter physics, this means that there is a relation from iTQFT to “the symmetric invertible topological order (iTO, see a review [21]) with symmetry (including higher symmetries) or symmetry-protected topological state (SPTs, see [21, 36–38]) that can be regularized on a lattice in its own dimensions.”

More precisely, it is a one-to-one correspondence (isomorphism “ $\cong$ ”) between the following two well-defined “mathematical objects” (which turn out to be abelian groups):

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Deformation classes of the reflection positive} \\ \text{invertible } d\text{-dimensional extended} \\ \text{topological field theories (iTQFT) with} \\ \text{symmetry group } \frac{G_{\text{spacetime}} \times G_{\text{internal}}}{N_{\text{shared}}} \end{array} \right\} \cong \left[MT \left(\frac{G_{\text{spacetime}} \times G_{\text{internal}}}{N_{\text{shared}}} \right), \Sigma^{d+1} I\mathbb{Z} \right]_{\text{tors}}. \quad (1.2)$$

We shall explain the notation above: MTG is the Madsen-Tillmann-Thom spectrum [39] of the group G , Σ is the suspension, $I\mathbb{Z}$ is the Anderson dual spectrum, and tors means the torsion group by taking only the finite group sector. The right hand side is the torsion subgroup of homotopy classes of maps from a Madsen-Tillmann-Thom spectrum (MTG) to a suspension shift (Σ^{d+1}) of the Anderson dual to the sphere spectrum ($I\mathbb{Z}$).

In other words, we classify the deformation classes of symmetric iTQFTs and also symmetric invertible topological orders (iTOs), via this *particular cobordism group* defined as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_G^d &\equiv \Omega^d \left(\frac{G_{\text{spacetime}} \times G_{\text{internal}}}{N_{\text{shared}}} \right) \\ &\equiv \text{TP}_d(G) \equiv [MTG, \Sigma^{d+1} I\mathbb{Z}], \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

by classifying the cobordant relations of smooth, differentiable and triangulable manifolds with a stable G -structure, via associating them to the homotopy groups of Thom-Madsen-Tillmann spectra [39, 40], given by a theorem in ref. [19]. Ref. [19] introduced TP which means the abbreviation of “Topological Phases” classifying the above symmetric iTQFT, where our notations follow [19] and [31]. (For an introduction of the mathematical background and mathematical notations explained for physicists, the readers can consult the appendix A of [35] or [31].)

Now let us pause for a moment to trace back some recent history of relating these anomalies/topological terms to a cobordism theory. The d dimensional ’t Hooft

anomaly of ordinary 0-form global symmetries is known to be captured by a $(d+1)$ dimensional iTQFT. In the condensed matter literatures, these $(d+1)$ d iTQFTs describe Symmetry-Protected Topological states (SPTs) or symmetric invertible topological orders (iTO)¹⁰ [21, 36–38]. SPTs and symmetric iTO are interacting systems (interacting systems of bosons and fermions at the lattice scale UV with a local Hilbert space) beyond the free fermion or K theory classification [41] for the (non-interacting or so-called free) topological insulators/superconductors [42, 43]. The relations between the SPTs and the response probe field theory partition functions have been *systematically* studied, selectively, in [35, 38, 44–46] (and references therein),¹¹ and climaxed to the evidence of cobordism classification of SPTs [48, 49]. Recently, the iTQFTs and SPTs are found to be systematically classified by a powerful cobordism theory of Freed-Hopkins [19], following the earlier framework of Thom-Madsen-Tillmann spectra [39, 40].

A *new* ingredient in our work [31, 34] is a generalization of the calculations and the cobordism theory of Freed-Hopkins [19] involving higher symmetries: instead of the ordinary group G or ordinary classifying space BG , we consider a generalized cobordism theory studying spacetime manifolds endorsed with $G_{\text{spacetime}}$ structure, with an additional higher group $\mathbb{G}$ (i.e., generalized as principal- $\mathbb{G}$ bundles) and *higher classifying spaces* $B\mathbb{G}$.¹²

[III]. *What do we mean by classifications and characterizations?*

- By *classification*, we mean that given certain physics theories or phenomena (here, higher-iTQFT and higher quantum anomalies), given a spacetime dimensions (here $d+1$ d for higher-iTQFT or dd for higher quantum anomalies), and their spacetime $G_{\text{spacetime}}$ -structure and the internal higher global symmetry $\mathbb{G}_{\text{internal}}$, we compute how *many classes* (a number to count them) there are? Also, we aim to determine the mathematical structures of classes (i.e. here group structure as for (co)bordism groups: would the classes be a finite group $\mathbb{Z}_N$ or an infinite group $\mathbb{Z}$ or others, etc.).
- By *characterization*, we mean that we formulate their mathematical invariants (here, we mean the bordism invariants) to fully describe or capture their mathematical essences and physics properties. Hopefully, one may further compute their physical observables from mathematical invariants.

¹⁰We abbreviate both Symmetry-Protected Topological *state* and Symmetry-Protected Topological *states* as SPTs. We also abbreviate both Symmetry-Enriched Topologically ordered *state* and Symmetry-Enriched Topologically ordered *states* as SETs.

¹¹For example, the interacting versions of 10 Cartan symmetry classes of fermionic superconductors/insulators classifications (e.g. [47] in 4d or 3+1D) from condensed matter can be captured precisely by bordism invariants as invertible TQFTs [35].

¹²Although most of our results in this article focus on the ordinary symmetry group, our framework does allow us to consider possible higher symmetries and higher anomalies [31, 34].

Since some of readers are still with us reading this sentence (after we answer the three questions [I], [II] and [III]), we believe that these readers decide to be interested in understanding our results.

Here we concern theories of 4d SMs, GUTs and BSMs and their anomalies and topological terms. Their 4d 't Hooft anomalies captured by 5d iTQFTs. These 5d iTQFTs or bordism invariants are defined on the dd manifolds ($d = 5$). In fact, in our work, we present all

$(d - 1)d$ 't Hooft anomalies captured by dd iTQFTs, for $d = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$,

associated with various SMs, GUTs and BSM (ungauged) symmetries. The manifold generators for the bordism groups are actually the closed dd manifolds. We should clarify that although there are 't Hooft anomalies for $(d - 1)d$ QFTs (so $\mathbb{G}_{\text{internal}}$ may not be gauge-able on the boundary), the SPTs/topological invariants defined in the closed dd actually have $\mathbb{G}_{\text{internal}}$ always gauge-able in that dd . This is related to the fact that the *bulk* dd SPTs in condensed matter physics has an onsite local internal $\mathbb{G}_{\text{internal}}$ -symmetry (or on- n -simplex-symmetry as a generalization for higher-SPTs), thus this $\mathbb{G}_{\text{internal}}$ must be gauge-able. By gauging the topological terms, this idea has been used to study the vacua of YM gauge theories coupling to dynamically gauged SPT terms (like the orbifold techniques in string theory, but here we generalize this thinking to any dimension), for example, in [35] and references therein. There are other uses and interpretations of our cobordism theory data that we will explain in section 8.

We should emphasize that several recent pursuits are also along the fusions between the non-perturbative physics of SMs, GUTs, and BSMs via a cobordism theory:

- Garcia-Etxebarria-Montero [50] studies global anomalies of some SMs and GUTs model via a Dai-Freed theorem and Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence (AHSS) [25].
- Wang-Wen [51], independently, studies the non-perturbative definitions (e.g. on a $\frac{\text{Spin}(5) \times \text{Spin}(n)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}$ lattice) and the global anomalies of SO(10) GUTs or SO(18) GUTs via Ω_5 with $n = 10, 18$ and SU(5) GUTs via $\Omega_5^{\text{Spin}}(\text{BSU}(5))$. They ask what are all allowed thus all possible anomalies for a fermionic theory with $\frac{\text{Spin}(d) \times \text{Spin}(10)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}$ -symmetry.¹³ Under the interaction effects, the answer turns out to be a $\mathbb{Z}_2$ class (or a mod 2 class) global anomaly captured by the 5d iTQFT:

$$e^{i\pi \int_{M^5} w_2(TM)w_3(TM)}, \quad (1.4)$$

where $w_j(TM)$ is the j -th-Stiefel-Whitney class for the tangent bundle of 5D space-time M^5 . We note that on a M^5 , we have a $\frac{\text{Spin}(d=5) \times \text{Spin}(n)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}$ connection — a mixed gravity-gauge connection, rather than the pure gravitational $\text{Spin}(d = 5)$ connection, such that $w_2(TM) = w_2(V_{\text{SO}(n)}) \equiv w_2(\text{SO}(n))$ and $w_3(TM) = w_3(V_{\text{SO}(n)}) \equiv$

¹³Before dynamically gauging $\text{Spin}(10)$, SO(10)-GUT is one kind of such theory: an $\text{Spin}(10)$ -chiral gauge theory with fermions in the half-integer (iso)spin-representation. So we may call this ungauged theory as SO(10)-GUT chiral fermion theory.

$w_3(\text{SO}(n))$, where $w_j(V_{\text{SO}(n)}) := w_j(\text{SO}(n))$ is the j -th-Stiefel-Whitney class for the associated vector bundle of an $\text{SO}(n)$ gauge bundle. The M^5 can be a non-spin manifold. This is the same global anomaly known as “a new $\text{SU}(2)$ anomaly” studied in ref. [15]. But ref. [51] and [15] show explicitly, since

$$\text{Spin}(10) \supset \text{Spin}(3) = \text{SU}(2),$$

if the $\text{SO}(10)$ GUT chiral fermion theory is free from “the new $\text{SU}(2)$ anomaly [15]” (which indeed is true), then the $\text{SO}(10)$ GUT chiral fermion theory contains *no* anomaly at all. Thus this $\text{SO}(10)$ GUT is all anomaly-free [15, 51].” This leads to a possible non-perturbative construction of $\text{SO}(10)$ GUTs on the lattice proposed in [52, 53], rooted in the idea of gapping the mirror chiral fermions of Eichten-Preskill [54]. However, we will not pursue this idea of [51] nor [52, 53] (such as the lattice regularization) further in this work, but leave this for a future exploration [55].¹⁴

- Wan-Wang [31–34] attempts to classify all invertible local or global anomalies and the invertible higher-anomalies, based on a generalized cobordism group classification of invertible TQFTs and invertible higher-TQFTs in one higher dimensions via Adams spectral sequence. Ref. [31] computes the cobordism classification relevant for perturbative anomalies of chiral fermions (e.g. originated from Adler-Bell-Jackiw [9, 10]) or chiral bosons with $\text{U}(1)$ symmetry in any even spacetime dimensions; they also compute the cobordism classification for the non-perturbative global anomalies such as Witten anomaly [14] and the new $\text{SU}(2)$ anomaly [15] in 4d and 5d. Ref. [31] also obtains the cobordism classification relevant for higher ’t Hooft anomalies for a pure 4d $\text{SU}(N)$ YM theory with a second-Chern-class $\theta = \pi$ topological term [16–18].
- McNamara-Vafa [61] studies the cobordism classes and the constraints on the Quantum Gravity or String Theory Landscape v.s. Swampland. QFT must satisfy some consistent criteria in order to be part of a consistent theory of Quantum Gravity. Those QFT not obeying those criteria are quoted to reside in Swampland.
- Davighi-Gripaios-Lohitsiri [62] studies also the global anomalies in various SMs and BSMs, based on Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence.
- Kaidi-Parra-Martinez-Tachikawa [63, 64] studies the possible fermionic SPTs (or invertible spin TQFTs) on the worldsheet of the string as the Gliozzi-Scherk-Olive (GSO) projections in the superstring theory. Their approach, based on the various relevant bordism groups, also shows the relationship to the K-theoretic classification of D-branes.
- Freed-Hopkins [65] studies a global anomaly cancellation involving the time-reversal symmetry relevant for the 11-dimensional M theory.

¹⁴In addition to refs. [51–53], related ideas about interactions gapping the mirror chiral fermions also occur in 1+1d in refs. [56–58] based on the anomaly cancellation constraints, or in 3+1d based on arguments about the topological defects in refs. [59, 60].

The outline of our article is the following. We consider the following models/theories, their co/bordism groups, TP groups, topological terms and anomalies, written in terms of iTQFTs.

1. Standard Models (SM) in section 2 and section 3:

- section 2: $\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_q}$ model for $\mathbb{Z}_q$ from $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin}}(\text{B} \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_q})$ with $q = 1, 2, 3, 6$. The Lie algebra of SM is known to be $\mathfrak{su}(3) \times \mathfrak{su}(2) \times \mathfrak{u}(1)$, but it is known that the global structure of gauge group allows a quotient group of

$$\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1) \quad (1.5)$$

as

$$\frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_q}, \quad (1.6)$$

which is well-explained, for example, in [66].¹⁵

- section 3: $\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_q}$ model from $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4}(\text{B} \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_q})$ with $q = 1, 2, 3, 6$. This is an interesting group suggested by [50, 68].

2. Grand Unified Theories (GUT) in section 4, section 5 and section 6:

- section 4: Pati-Salam model $\frac{\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(4) \times (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2))}{\mathbb{Z}_{q'}}}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}$ with $q' = 1, 2$. Here the $\mathbb{Z}_2^F$ is the well-known fermion parity symmetry, which acts on any fermionic operator Ψ by

$$\mathbb{Z}_2^F : \Psi \rightarrow -\Psi, \quad (1.7)$$

such that the operation is $(-)^{N_F}$ where N_F is the fermion number.

- section 5: $\text{SO}(10)$ and $\text{SO}(18)$ GUT from either $\Omega_d^{\frac{\text{Spin}(d) \times \text{Spin}(n)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}}$ and $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin}}(\text{BSO}(n))$.
- section 6: $\text{SU}(5)$ GUT from either $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin}}(\text{BSU}(5))$ or more generally $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin}}(\text{BSU}(n))$.

We provide an overview how this data can be used to dynamically constrain SMs, GUTs and BSMs in Conclusions in section 8. After all these physics stories and inputs, and especially thanks to the readers are still staying in tune with us, now let us reward the readers by introducing some mathematics preliminary in section 1.2.

1.2 Mathematics preliminary

1.2.1 Definition of bordism groups

We assume that the readers are familiar with the basic algebraic topology, such as (co)homology and homotopy. To fill in the gap between this knowledge and the mathematical tools used in this article, we introduce some prerequisites in this subsection.

First, we introduce the notion of bordism group. To define the bordism group, we need to define a tangential structure which involves the notion of classifying spaces. For any

¹⁵More generally, the global structure of gauge group as G or G/Γ makes the real physical differences in observables (see [67] and [66]).

Lie group G , the BG is the classifying space of principal G -bundles, namely the homotopy classes of maps $X \rightarrow BG$ are in one-to-one correspondence with the isomorphism classes of principal G -bundles over X for any topological space X . For any abelian group G , the iterated classifying space B^2G is also the Eilenberg-MacLane space $K(G, 2)$. For any abelian group G , more generally, we have the $B^dG = K(G, d)$.

To define tangential structure, we require the orthogonal group $O(n)$ since a tangential structure involves a fibration over the classifying space of $O(n)$. There is a natural inclusion $O(n) \rightarrow O(n+1)$. Let O denote the colimit $O := \operatorname{colim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} O(n)$. The inclusions $\mathbb{R}^q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{q+1}$ induce the closed inclusions of Grassmannian spaces $Gr_n(\mathbb{R}^q) \rightarrow Gr_n(\mathbb{R}^{q+1})$. The colimit $\operatorname{colim}_{q \rightarrow \infty} Gr_n(\mathbb{R}^q)$ is the classifying space $BO(n)$. There are closed inclusions $Gr_n(\mathbb{R}^q) \rightarrow Gr_{n+1}(\mathbb{R}^{q+1})$ obtained by sending $W \mapsto \mathbb{R} \oplus W$ where we write $\mathbb{R}^{q+1} = \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R}^q$. These induce maps $BO(n) \rightarrow BO(n+1)$, and we define

$$BO := \operatorname{colim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} BO(n). \quad (1.8)$$

The BO is a classifying space for the infinite orthogonal group O .

An n -dimensional tangential structure is a topological space $BG(n)$ and a fibration $\pi(n) : BG(n) \rightarrow BO(n)$. A *stable tangential structure* is a topological space BG and a fibration $\pi : BG \rightarrow BO$. It gives rise to an n -dimensional tangential structure for each $n \in \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$ by letting $\pi(n) : BG(n) \rightarrow BO(n)$ be the fiber product (also called pullback)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} BG(n) & \dashrightarrow & BG \\ \pi(n) \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ BO(n) & \longrightarrow & BO. \end{array} \quad (1.9)$$

Here the map $BO(n) \rightarrow BO$ is the inclusion map. If M is an m -dimensional manifold, then a $G(n)$ -structure on M is a lift $M \rightarrow BG(n)$ of a classifying map $M \rightarrow BO(n)$ of $\widetilde{TM}$, where we have stabilized the tangent bundle TM of the m -dimensional manifold M to the rank n bundle

$$\widetilde{TM} := \underline{\mathbb{R}^{n-m}} \oplus TM. \quad (1.10)$$

Here $\underline{\mathbb{R}^{n-m}}$ is the trivial real vector bundle of dimension $n - m$. A G -structure on M is a family of coherent $G(n)$ -structures for n sufficiently large. Here coherent $G(n)$ -structures for n sufficiently large means that the composite of the $G(l)$ -structure on M and the inclusion map $BG(l) \rightarrow BG(n)$: $M \rightarrow BG(l) \rightarrow BG(n)$ is exactly the $G(n)$ -structure on M for $l < n$ where l and n are sufficiently large. Notice that an n -dimensional tangential structure induces an l -dimensional tangential structure for all $l < n$ by taking the fiber product (also called pullback)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} BG(l) & \dashrightarrow & BG(n) \\ \pi(l) \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi(n) \\ BO(l) & \longrightarrow & BO(n). \end{array} \quad (1.11)$$

See [69] for more details.

Figure 1. Bordism between manifolds. Here M and M' are two closed d -manifolds, N is a compact $d + 1$ -manifold whose boundary is the disjoint union of M and M' , so $\partial N = M \sqcup M'$. If there are additional G -structures on these manifolds, then the G -structure on N is required to be compatible with the G -structures on M and M' . If there are additional maps from these manifolds to a fixed topological space, then the maps are also required to be compatible with each other. If these conditions are satisfied, then M and M' are called bordant and N is called a bordism between M and M' . This relation is an equivalence relation.

For any structure group G and any topological space X , we define the bordism group as the set of equivalence classes:

$$\Omega_d^G(X) := \{(M, f) \mid M \text{ is a closed } d\text{-manifold with a } G\text{-structure, } f : M \rightarrow X \text{ is a map}\} / \sim. \quad (1.12)$$

The (M, f) is a pair of data of the manifold M and map f . The $\sim$ is an equivalence relation defined on the set of pairs of a manifold M and a map f . $(M, f) \sim (M', f')$ if and only if there is a compact $(d + 1)$ -manifold N with a G -structure and a map $F : N \rightarrow X$ such that the boundary of N is the disjoint union of M and M' (figure 1), the G -structures on M and M' are induced from the G -structure on N , and $F|_M = f$ and $F|_{M'} = f'$. The disjoint union operation on closed d -manifolds induces an abelian group structure on $\Omega_d^G(X)$. Here a G -structure on a manifold is a G -structure on the *stable* tangent bundle of this manifold. In this article, we will focus on the case when X is a classifying space. In most cases, X is just a point.

If $\Omega_d^G(X) = G_1 \times G_2 \times \cdots \times G_r$ where G_i are cyclic groups, then the group homomorphisms $\varphi_i : \Omega_d^G(X) \rightarrow G_i$ are called *bordism invariants*, and they form a complete set of bordism invariants if $\varphi = (\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_r) : \Omega_d^G(X) \rightarrow G_1 \times G_2 \times \cdots \times G_r$ is a group isomorphism. So (M, f) and (M', f') are in the same equivalence class of the bordism group $\Omega_d^G(X)$ if and only if the values of each bordism invariant φ_i on (M, f) and (M', f') are the same for $1 \leq i \leq r$.

In this article, we will compute the bordism groups Ω_d^G for $G = \text{Spin} \times G'$ or $\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} G'$ for some groups G' . So we first clarify these notations here. Spin (or $\text{Spin}(d)$) is a nontrivial extension of the group SO (or $\text{SO}(d)$) by $\mathbb{Z}_2$, namely there are short exact sequences of groups

$$1 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow \text{Spin} \rightarrow \text{SO} \rightarrow 1, \quad (1.13)$$

$$1 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow \text{Spin}(d) \rightarrow \text{SO}(d) \rightarrow 1, \quad (1.14)$$

where SO is the colimit of $\text{SO}(d)$, and $\text{SO}(d)$ is the special orthogonal group. The Spin is the colimit of $\text{Spin}(d)$. The $\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} G'$ is the quotient group of $\text{Spin} \times G'$ by the diagonal central subgroup $\mathbb{Z}_2$.

1.2.2 Spectra

For a pointed topological space X , the Σ denotes a suspension $\Sigma X = S^1 \wedge X = (S^1 \times X)/(S^1 \vee X)$ where $\wedge$ and $\vee$ are smash product and wedge sum (a one point union) of pointed topological spaces respectively.

Now we recall some basic notions regarding spectrum, see [31, 69] for more details. A *prespectrum* $T_\bullet$ is a sequence $\{T_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z} \geq 0}$ of pointed spaces and the maps $s_n : \Sigma T_n \rightarrow T_{n+1}$. An Ω -*prespectrum* is a prespectrum $T_\bullet$ such that the adjoints $t_q : T_n \rightarrow \Omega T_{n+1}$ of the structure maps are weak homotopy equivalences. Here Ω means the loop space, its meaning is different from the bordism notation Ω . A *spectrum* is a prespectrum $T_\bullet$ such that the adjoints $t_n : T_n \rightarrow \Omega T_{n+1}$ of the structure maps are homeomorphisms. For example, let X be a pointed space, $T_n = \Sigma^n X$ for $n \geq 0$, then $T_\bullet$ is a prespectrum. In particular, if $T_n = S^n$, then $T_\bullet$ is a prespectrum. Let G be an abelian group, $T_n = K(G, n)$ be the Eilenberg-MacLane space, then $T_\bullet$ is an Ω -prespectrum. In general, these examples are not spectra. But we can always construct a spectrum from a prespectrum using spectrification.

Let $T_\bullet$ be a prespectrum, define $(LT)_n$ to be the colimit of

$$T_n \xrightarrow{t_n} \Omega T_{n+1} \xrightarrow{\Omega t_{n+1}} \Omega^2 T_{n+2} \xrightarrow{\Omega^2 t_{n+2}} \dots \xrightarrow{\Omega^{l-1} t_{n+l-1}} \Omega^l T_{n+l} \xrightarrow{\Omega^l t_{n+l}} \dots$$

Namely,

$$(LT)_n = \text{colim}_{l \rightarrow \infty} \Omega^l T_{n+l},$$

then $(LT)_\bullet$ is a spectrum, called the spectrification of $T_\bullet$. For example, if $T_n = S^n$, then $(LT)_\bullet$ is a spectrum $\mathbb{S}$ (the sphere spectrum). Let G be an abelian group, $T_q = K(G, n)$ the Eilenberg-MacLane space, then $(LT)_\bullet$ is a spectrum HG (the Eilenberg-MacLane spectrum).

Next we define the homotopy groups and cohomology rings of prespectra. Let $T_\bullet$ be a prespectrum, we define the (stable) homotopy group $\pi_d T_\bullet$ to be the colimit of

$$\pi_{d+n} T_n \xrightarrow{\pi_{d+n} t_n} \pi_{d+n} \Omega T_{n+1} \xrightarrow{\text{adjunction}} \pi_{d+n+1} T_{n+1} \dots$$

Namely,

$$\pi_d T_\bullet = \text{colim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \pi_{d+n} T_n.$$

If $M_\bullet$ and $N_\bullet$ are two prespectra, and $N_\bullet$ is an Ω -prespectrum, then for any integer k , the abelian group of homotopy classes of maps from $M_\bullet$ to $N_\bullet$ of degree $-k$ is defined as follows: a map from $M_\bullet$ to $N_\bullet$ of degree $-k$ is a sequence of maps $M_n \rightarrow N_{n+k}$ such that the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Sigma M_n & \longrightarrow & \Sigma N_{n+k} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ M_{n+1} & \longrightarrow & N_{n+k+1} \end{array} \quad (1.15)$$

where the columns are the structure maps of the prespectra $M_\bullet$ and $N_\bullet$. Two maps of prespectra of degree $-k$: $f, g : M_\bullet \rightarrow N_{\bullet+k}$ are homotopic, denoted $f \simeq g$, if there is a map $H : M_\bullet \wedge I_+ \rightarrow N_{\bullet+k}$ which restricts to $f \vee g$ along the inclusion $M_\bullet \vee M_\bullet \xrightarrow{i_0 \vee i_1} M_\bullet \wedge I_+ \xrightarrow{H} N_{\bullet+k}$ where the interval $I = [0, 1]$, I_+ is the disjoint union of I and a base point. Here i_0 and i_1 are the inclusion maps at $0 \in I$ and $1 \in I$ respectively. Note that $\Sigma(M_\bullet \times I) \neq \Sigma M_\bullet \times I$, so we use $M \wedge I_+$ instead of $M_\bullet \times I$. The $[M_\bullet, N_\bullet]_{-k}$ is an abelian group since $N_\bullet$ is an Ω -prespectrum. If in addition, $N_\bullet$ is a ring spectrum, then the abelian groups $[M_\bullet, N_\bullet]_{-k}$ form a graded ring $[M_\bullet, N_\bullet]_{-*}$. In particular, $[M_\bullet, N_\bullet] := [M_\bullet, N_\bullet]_0$. For example, $\pi_d M_\bullet = [\mathbb{S}, M_\bullet]_d$. Let R be a ring, then the Eilenberg-MacLane spectrum HR is a ring spectrum. The cohomology ring of a prespectrum $M_\bullet$ with coefficients in R is defined to be $H^*(M_\bullet, R) := [M_\bullet, HR]_{-*}$.

Let $V \rightarrow Y$ be a real vector bundle, and fix a Euclidean metric. The *Thom space* $\text{Thom}(Y; V)$ is the quotient $D(V)/S(V)$ where $D(V)$ is the unit disk bundle and $S(V)$ is the unit sphere bundle. Namely, $D(V) = \{v \in V \mid |v| \leq 1\}$ and $S(V) = \{v \in V \mid |v| = 1\}$ where $|\cdot|$ denotes the Euclidean norm.

Thom spaces satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thom}(X \times Y; V \times W) &= \text{Thom}(X; V) \wedge \text{Thom}(Y; W), \\ \text{Thom}(X; V \oplus \mathbb{R}^n) &= \Sigma^n \text{Thom}(X; V), \\ \text{Thom}(X; \mathbb{R}^n) &= \Sigma^n X_+, \end{aligned} \tag{1.16}$$

where $V \rightarrow X$ and $W \rightarrow Y$ are real vector bundles, $\mathbb{R}^n$ is the trivial real vector bundle of dimension n , and X_+ is the disjoint union of X and a point.

Let G be a group with a group homomorphism $\rho : G \rightarrow O$. Let $MG(n) = \text{Thom}(BG(n); V_n)$, where V_n is the induced vector bundle (of dimension n) by the map $BG(n) \rightarrow BO(n)$. Let $T_n = MG(n)$, then $T_\bullet$ is a prespectrum by the property of Thom spaces. The *Thom spectrum* MG is the spectrification of $T_\bullet$. In other words, $MG = \text{Thom}(BG; V)$ where V is the colimit of $V_n - n$.

Let G be a group with a group homomorphism $\rho : G \rightarrow O$. The *Madsen-Tillmann spectrum* MTG is the colimit of $\Sigma^n MTG(n)$, where the virtual Thom spectrum $MTG(n) = \text{Thom}(BG(n); -V_n)$ is the spectrification of the prespectrum whose $(n+q)$ -th space is $\text{Thom}(BG(n, n+q); Q_q)$ where $BG(n, n+q)$ is the pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc} BG(n, n+q) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & BG(n) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ Gr_n(\mathbb{R}^{n+q}) & \longrightarrow & BO(n) \end{array} \tag{1.17}$$

and there is a direct sum $\mathbb{R}^{n+q} = V_n \oplus Q_q$ of vector bundles over $Gr_n(\mathbb{R}^{n+q})$ and, by pullback, over $BG(n, n+q)$ where $\mathbb{R}^{n+q}$ is the trivial real vector bundle of dimension $n+q$. In other words, $MTG = \text{Thom}(BG; -V)$ where V is the colimit of $V_n - n$.

1.2.3 Adams spectral sequence

Adams spectral sequence is a mathematical tool to compute the homotopy groups of spectra [70]. In particular, the homotopy group of the Madsen-Tillmann spectrum MTG [39]

Figure 2. The E_r page of Adams spectral sequence.

is the bordism group Ω_d^G . We use Adams spectral sequence to compute several bordism groups related to Standard Models (SM), Grand Unified Theories (GUT) and beyond. We also compute the group $\text{TP}_d(G)$ classifying the topological phases (i.e., the topological terms in QFT or the topological phases of quantum matter) based on the computation of bordism groups and a short exact sequence. See [19, 31, 35] for primers. We will call the group $\text{TP}_d(G)$ the cobordism group. The relation between Ω_d^G and $\text{TP}_d(G)$ is like that between homology group and cohomology group, as we will see later.

The Adams spectral sequence shows [70]:

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_p}^{s,t}(\text{H}^*(Y, \mathbb{Z}_p), \mathbb{Z}_p) \Rightarrow (\pi_{t-s}(Y))_p^\wedge, \quad (1.18)$$

where the Ext denotes the extension functor. Note that this extension functor has 2 upper indices. It is different from but similar to the usual extension functor. The index s refers to the degree of resolution, and the index t is the internal degree of the graded module. Here $\mathcal{A}_p = [H\mathbb{Z}_p, H\mathbb{Z}_p]_{-*}$ is the mod p Steenrod algebra which consists of mod p cohomology operations [71], and Y is any spectrum. In particular, the mod 2 Steenrod algebra $\mathcal{A}_2$ is generated by the Steenrod squares $\text{Sq}^i : \text{H}^*(-, \mathbb{Z}_2) \rightarrow \text{H}^{*+i}(-, \mathbb{Z}_2)$. By the Yoneda lemma, the $\text{H}^*(Y, \mathbb{Z}_p) = [Y, H\mathbb{Z}_p]_{-*}$ is automatically an $\mathcal{A}_p$ -module whose internal degree t is given by the $*$. The $(\pi_{t-s}(Y))_p^\wedge$ is the p -completion of the $(t-s)$ -th homotopy group of the spectrum Y . For any finitely generated abelian group $\mathcal{G}$, the abelian group $\mathcal{G}_p^\wedge = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{G}/p^n \mathcal{G}$ is the p -completion of $\mathcal{G}$. We note that, if $\mathcal{G}$ is a finite abelian group, then the $\mathcal{G}_p^\wedge$ is the Sylow p -subgroup of $\mathcal{G}$; if $\mathcal{G}$ is the infinite cyclic group $\mathbb{Z}$, then the $\mathcal{G}_p^\wedge$ is the ring of p -adic integers. Here the $\mathcal{G}$ is meant to be substituted by a homotopy group $\pi_{t-s}(Y)$ in (1.18). Here are some explanations and inputs:

- (1). Here the double-arrow “ $\Rightarrow$ ” means “convergent to.” The E_2 page are groups $\text{Ext}^{s,t}$ with double indices (s, t) , we reindex the bidegree by $(t-s, s)$. Inductively, see figure 2, there are differentials d_r in E_r page which are arrows from $(t-s, s)$ to $(t-s-1, s+r)$ (that is, $\text{Ext}^{s,t} \rightarrow \text{Ext}^{s+r, t+r-1}$). Take $\text{Ker} d_r / \text{Im} d_r$ at each $(t-s, s)$, then we get the E_{r+1} page. Finally E_r page equals E_{r+1} page (there are no differentials) for $r \geq N$, we call this E_N page as the E_∞ page, we can read the result π_d at $t-s = d$. See further details discussed in ref. [31]’s section 2.3.

- (2). In Adams spectral sequence, we consider $\text{Ext}_R^{s,t}(L, \mathbb{Z}_p)$. In this article, we will consider the algebra $R = \mathcal{A}_p$ or $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ for $p = 2$, and L is an R -module. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ is the subalgebra of $\mathcal{A}_2$ generated by the Steenrod squares Sq^1 and Sq^2 . Ext groups are defined by firstly taking a projective R -resolution $P_\bullet$ of L , then secondly computing the (co)homology group of the (co)chain complex $\text{Hom}(P_\bullet, \mathbb{Z}_p)$. Here a projective R -resolution $P_\bullet$ is an exact sequence of R -modules $\cdots \rightarrow P_s \rightarrow P_{s-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow L$ where P_s is a projective R -module for $s \geq 0$. An R -module is projective if and only if it is a direct summand of a free R -module.

For $Y = MTG$, where MTG is the Madsen-Tillmann spectrum of a group G , the Adams spectral sequence (1.18) shows:

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_p}^{s,t}(\text{H}^*(MTG, \mathbb{Z}_p), \mathbb{Z}_p) \Rightarrow \pi_{t-s}(MTG)_p^\wedge = (\Omega_{d=t-s}^G)_p^\wedge. \quad (1.19)$$

The last equality is by the generalized Pontryagin-Thom isomorphism, we have an equality between the d -th bordism group of G given by Ω_d^G and the d -th homotopy group of MTG given by $\pi_d(MTG)$, namely

$$\Omega_d^G = \pi_d(MTG). \quad (1.20)$$

The T in MTG means that the G -structures are on the stable tangent bundles instead of stable normal bundles. For Spin, the Madsen-Tillmann spectrum $MT\text{Spin} = M\text{Spin}$ is equivalent to the Thom spectrum.

We also compute the cobordism group of topological phases (TP) defined in [19] as

$$\text{TP}_d(G) := [MTG, \Sigma^{d+1} I\mathbb{Z}]. \quad (1.21)$$

Here $I\mathbb{Z}$ is the Anderson dual spectrum. By [19], the torsion part of $\text{TP}_d(G)$ classifies deformation classes of reflection positive invertible d -dimensional extended topological field theories with a symmetry group $G(d)$. Here $G(d)$ means the d -dimensional spacetime version of the group G . The $\text{TP}_d(G)$ and the bordism group Ω_d^G are related by a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}^1(\Omega_d^G, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \text{TP}_d(G) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\Omega_{d+1}^G, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow 0. \quad (1.22)$$

This short exact sequence is very similar to the universal coefficient theorem relating homology group and cohomology group. It is split, since $\text{Ext}^1(\Omega_d^G, \mathbb{Z})$ is always torsion, $\text{Hom}(\Omega_{d+1}^G, \mathbb{Z})$ is always free, and $\text{Ext}^1(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}_n) = 0$. So we can directly derive the group $\text{TP}_d(G)$ from the data of Ω_d^G and Ω_{d+1}^G .

We will use the (1.19) and (1.20) to compute the d -th bordism group of G given by Ω_d^G . Then we will use (1.22) to compute the d -th cobordism group of topological phases of G given by $\text{TP}_d(G)$.

If $G = \text{Spin} \times G'$, then $BG = B\text{Spin} \times BG'$. By definition, the Madsen-Tillmann spectrum $MTG = \text{Thom}(BG; -V)$ where V is the induced virtual bundle of dimension 0 by the map $BG \rightarrow \text{BO}$. By the properties of Thom space (1.16), we have

$$MT(\text{Spin} \times G') = M\text{Spin} \wedge (BG')_+. \quad (1.23)$$

The $\wedge$ is the smash product.¹⁶ The $(BG')_+$ is the disjoint union of the classifying space BG' and a point.¹⁷ By the generalized Pontryagin-Thom isomorphism, for any structure group G and any topological space X , we have

$$\Omega_d^G(X) = \pi_d(MTG \wedge X_+). \quad (1.24)$$

Since $MTSpin = MSpin$, we have

$$\Omega_d^{Spin \times G'} = \pi_d(MT(Spin \times G')) = \pi_d(MSpin \wedge (BG')_+) = \Omega_d^{Spin}(BG'). \quad (1.25)$$

If $MTG = MSpin \wedge X$ where X is any topological space, by Corollary 5.1.2 of [72] which is based on [73], we have

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2}^{s,t}(H^*(MSpin \wedge X, \mathbb{Z}_2), \mathbb{Z}_2) = \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s,t}(H^*(X, \mathbb{Z}_2), \mathbb{Z}_2) \quad (1.26)$$

for $t - s < 8$. Here $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ is the subalgebra of $\mathcal{A}_2$ generated by Sq^1 and Sq^2 .

So for the dimension $d = t - s < 8$, we have

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s,t}(H^*(X, \mathbb{Z}_2), \mathbb{Z}_2) \Rightarrow (\Omega_{t-s}^G)_2^\wedge. \quad (1.27)$$

The reduced cohomology $H^*(X, \mathbb{Z}_2)$ is an $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module whose internal degree t is given by the $*$.

Lemma 1 (Lemma 11 of [31]). *Given a short exact sequence of $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -modules*

$$0 \rightarrow L_1 \rightarrow L_2 \rightarrow L_3 \rightarrow 0, \quad (1.28)$$

then for any t , there is a long exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} \cdots \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s,t}(L_3, \mathbb{Z}_2) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s,t}(L_2, \mathbb{Z}_2) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s,t}(L_1, \mathbb{Z}_2) \\ \xrightarrow{d_1} \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s+1,t}(L_3, \mathbb{Z}_2) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s+1,t}(L_2, \mathbb{Z}_2) \rightarrow \cdots \end{aligned} \quad (1.29)$$

We can compute the E_2 page of $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module based on Lemma 1. More precisely, in order to compute $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s,t}(L_2, \mathbb{Z}_2)$, we find a short exact sequence of $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -modules

$$0 \rightarrow L_1 \rightarrow L_2 \rightarrow L_3 \rightarrow 0, \quad (1.30)$$

then we apply Lemma 1 to compute $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s,t}(L_2, \mathbb{Z}_2)$ by the given data of $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s,t}(L_1, \mathbb{Z}_2)$ and $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s,t}(L_3, \mathbb{Z}_2)$. Our strategy is choosing L_1 to be the direct sum of suspensions of $\mathbb{Z}_2$ on which Sq^1 and Sq^2 act trivially, then we take L_3 to be the quotient of L_2 by L_1 . If $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s,t}(L_3, \mathbb{Z}_2)$ is undetermined, then we take L_3 to be the new L_2 and repeat this procedure. We can use this procedure again and again until $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s,t}(L_2, \mathbb{Z}_2)$ is determined.

¹⁶Smash product between a spectrum $M_\bullet$ and a topological space X is a spectrum whose n -th space is $M_n \wedge X$ which is the ordinary smash product of topological spaces.

¹⁷For a topological space X , it is a standard convention to denote that X_+ as the disjoint union of X and a point. Note that the reduced cohomology of X_+ is exactly the ordinary cohomology of X .

1.2.4 Characteristic classes

Throughout the article, we use the standard notation for characteristic classes: w_i for the Stiefel-Whitney class, c_i for the Chern class, p_i for the Pontryagin class, and e_n for the Euler class. Note that the Euler class only appears in the total dimension of the vector bundle. We use the notation $w_i(G)$, $c_i(G)$, $p_i(G)$, and $e_n(G)$ to denote the characteristic classes of the associated vector bundle of the principal G bundle (normally denoted as $w_i(V_G)$, $c_i(V_G)$, $p_i(V_G)$, and $e_n(V_G)$). For simplicity, we may denote the Stiefel-Whitney class of the tangent bundle TM as $w_j \equiv w_j(TM)$; if we do not specify w_j with which bundle, then we really mean TM .

We will use CS_{2n-1}^V to denote the Chern-Simons $2n-1$ -form for the Chern class (if V is a complex vector bundle) or the Pontryagin class (if V is a real vector bundle). Note that $p_i(V) = (-1)^i c_{2i}(V \otimes \mathbb{C})$. The relation between the Chern-Simons form and the Chern class is

$$c_n(V) = d\text{CS}_{2n-1}^V \quad (1.31)$$

where the d is the exterior differential and the $c_n(V)$ is regarded as a closed differential form in de Rham cohomology.

There is also another kind of Chern-Simons form for Euler class $e_{2n}(V)$ [74], we denote it by $\text{CS}_{2n-1,e}^V$, it satisfies

$$e_{2n}(V) = d\text{CS}_{2n-1,e}^V \quad (1.32)$$

The relations between Pontryagin class, Euler class and Stiefel-Whitney class are

$$p_i(V) = w_{2i}(V)^2 \mod 2 \quad (1.33)$$

and

$$e_{2n}(V) = w_{2n}(V) \mod 2 \quad (1.34)$$

where $2n = \dim V$.

By the Hirzebruch signature theorem, the relation between the signature and the first Pontryagin class of a 4-manifold M is

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{3} \int_M p_1(TM). \quad (1.35)$$

For our other conventions, see section 1 of [31]. For instance, all the product notations between cohomology classes are cup product, such as $w_2 w_3 := w_2(TM) w_3(TM) = w_2(TM) \cup w_3(TM)$; all the product notations between a cohomology class x and $\tilde{\eta}$ (or Arf, ABK, etc.), namely $x\tilde{\eta}$ means the value of $\tilde{\eta}$ (or Arf, ABK, etc) on the submanifold of M which represents the Poincaré dual of x . In other words, the $x\tilde{\eta} := \tilde{\eta}(\text{PD}(x))$.

In the definition of $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times G}$, there is a map $M \rightarrow BG$. In the definition of $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times G}$, there is a map $M \rightarrow B(G/\mathbb{Z}_2)$. Our convention is that all bordism invariants which are cohomology classes of certain classifying spaces are pulled back to M via the maps in the definition of bordism groups. For example, there is an a involved in the bordism invariants of $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times G}$. For this generator $a \in H^1(B(\mathbb{Z}_4/\mathbb{Z}_2^F), \mathbb{Z}_2)$, the a is pulled back to M via the map $M \rightarrow B(\mathbb{Z}_4/\mathbb{Z}_2^F)$ in the definition of bordism group. So a is implicitly also a cohomology class of $H^1(M, \mathbb{Z}_2)$.

1.3 Lie algebra to Lie group and the representation theory

To justify the spacetime symmetry group $G_{\text{spacetime}}$ and internal symmetry group G_{internal} relevant for Standard Model physics, we shall first review the Lie algebra of Standard Models, to the representation theory of matter field contents, and to the Lie groups of Standard Models.

- [I]. The local gauge structure of Standard Model is given by the Lie algebra $u(1) \times su(2) \times su(3)$. This means that the Lie algebra valued 1-form gauge fields take values in $u(1) \times su(2) \times su(3)$. The 1-form gauge fields are the 1-connections of the principals G_{internal} -bundles that we should determine.
- [II]. Fermions as the spinor fields. A spinor field is a section of the spinor bundle. For the left-handed Weyl spinor Ψ_L , it is a doublet spin-1/2 representation of spacetime symmetry group $G_{\text{spacetime}}$ (Minkowski $\text{Spin}(3, 1)$ or Euclidean $\text{Spin}(4)$), denoted as

$$\Psi_L \sim \mathbf{2}_L \text{ of } \text{Spin}(3, 1), \text{ or } \Psi_L \sim \mathbf{2}_L \text{ of } \text{Spin}(4). \quad (1.36)$$

On the other hand, the matter fields as Weyl spinors Ψ_L contain:

- The left-handed up and down quarks (u and d) form a doublet $\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}_L$ in $\mathbf{2}$ for the $\text{SU}(2)_{\text{weak}}$, and they are in $\mathbf{3}$ for the $\text{SU}(3)_{\text{strong}}$.
- The right-handed up and down quarks, each forms a singlet u_R and d_R in $\mathbf{1}$ for the $\text{SU}(2)_{\text{weak}}$. They are in $\mathbf{3}$ for the $\text{SU}(3)_{\text{strong}}$.
- The left-handed electron and neutrino form a doublet $\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e \end{pmatrix}_L$ in $\mathbf{2}$ for the $\text{SU}(2)_{\text{weak}}$, and they are in $\mathbf{1}$ for the $\text{SU}(3)_{\text{strong}}$.
- The right-handed electron forms a singlet in $\mathbf{1}$ for the $\text{SU}(2)_{\text{weak}}$, and it is in $\mathbf{1}$ for the $\text{SU}(3)_{\text{strong}}$.

There are two more families of quarks: charm and strange quarks (c and s), and top and bottom quarks (t and b). There are also two more families of leptons: muon and its neutrino (μ and ν_μ), and tauon and its neutrino (τ and ν_τ). So there are three families (i.e., generations) of quarks and leptons:

$$\left(\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}_L \times \mathbf{3}_{\text{color}}, \quad u_R \times \mathbf{3}_{\text{color}}, \quad d_R \times \mathbf{3}_{\text{color}}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e \end{pmatrix}_L, \quad e_R \right), \quad (1.37)$$

$$\left(\begin{pmatrix} c \\ s \end{pmatrix}_L \times \mathbf{3}_{\text{color}}, \quad c_R \times \mathbf{3}_{\text{color}}, \quad s_R \times \mathbf{3}_{\text{color}}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\mu \\ \mu \end{pmatrix}_L, \quad \mu_R \right), \quad (1.38)$$

$$\left(\begin{pmatrix} t \\ b \end{pmatrix}_L \times \mathbf{3}_{\text{color}}, \quad t_R \times \mathbf{3}_{\text{color}}, \quad b_R \times \mathbf{3}_{\text{color}}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\tau \\ \tau \end{pmatrix}_L, \quad \tau_R \right). \quad (1.39)$$

In short, for all of them as three families, we can denote them as:

$$\left(\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}_L \times \mathbf{3}_{\text{color}}, \quad u_R \times \mathbf{3}_{\text{color}}, \quad d_R \times \mathbf{3}_{\text{color}}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e \end{pmatrix}_L, \quad e_R \right) \times 3 \text{ families.} \quad (1.40)$$

In fact, all the following *four* kinds of

$$G_{\text{internal}} = \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_q} \quad (1.41)$$

with $q = 1, 2, 3, 6$ are compatible with the above representations of fermion fields. These Weyl spinors can be written in the following more succinct forms of representations for any of the internal symmetry group G_{internal} with $q = 1, 2, 3, 6$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left((\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, 1/6)_L, (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, 2/3)_R, (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, -1/3)_R, (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, -1/2)_L, (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, -1)_R \right) \times 3 \text{ families} \\ \Rightarrow & \left((\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, 1/6)_L, (\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}, -2/3)_L, (\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}, 1/3)_L, (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, -1/2)_L, (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 1)_L \right) \times 3 \text{ families.} \end{aligned} \quad (1.42)$$

The triplet given above is listed by their (SU(3) representation, SU(2) representation, hypercharge Y).¹⁸ For example, $(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, 1/6)$ means that $\mathbf{3}$ in SU(3), $\mathbf{2}$ in SU(2) and $1/6$ for hypercharge. In the second line, we transform the right-handed Weyl spinor $\Psi_R \sim \mathbf{2}_R$ of Spin(3,1) to its left-handed $\Psi_L \sim \mathbf{2}_L$ of Spin(3,1), while we flip their (SU(3) representation, SU(2) representation, hypercharge) to its (complex) conjugation representations.¹⁹ If we include the right-handed neutrinos (say ν_{eR} , $\nu_{\mu R}$, and $\nu_{\tau R}$), they are all in the representation $(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 0)_R$ with no hypercharge. We can also represent a right-handed neutrino by the left-handed (complex) conjugation version $(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 0)_L$.

Also the complex scalar Higgs field ϕ_H is in a representation $(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, 1/2)$.²⁰ In the Higgs condensed phase, the conventional Higgs vacuum expectation value (vev) is chosen to be $\langle \phi_H \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v \end{pmatrix}$, which vev has $Q_{\text{EM}} = 0$.

¹⁸Note that the hypercharge Y is conventionally given by the relation: $Q_{\text{EM}} = T_3 + Y$ where Q_{EM} is the unbroken (un-Higgsed) electromagnetic gauge charge and $T_3 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ is a generator of $\text{SU}(2)_{\text{weak}}$. However, some other conventions are possible, one convention is $Q_{\text{EM}} = T_3 + \frac{1}{2}Y'$, another convention is $Q_{\text{EM}} = T_3 + \frac{1}{6}\tilde{Y}$ [66]. In the $Q_{\text{EM}} = T_3 + \frac{1}{6}\tilde{Y}$ version, we have the integer quantized $\tilde{Y} = 6Y$. We can rewrite (1.42) as:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left((\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, \tilde{Y} = 1)_L, (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, \tilde{Y} = 4)_R, (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, \tilde{Y} = -2)_R, (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, \tilde{Y} = -3)_L, (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, \tilde{Y} = -6)_R \right) \times 3 \text{ families} \\ \Rightarrow & \left((\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, \tilde{Y} = 1)_L, (\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}, \tilde{Y} = -4)_L, (\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}, \tilde{Y} = 2)_L, (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, \tilde{Y} = -3)_L, (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, \tilde{Y} = 6)_L \right) \times 3 \text{ families.} \end{aligned}$$

Then the right-handed neutrino stays the same form since $\tilde{Y} = 3Y' = 6Y = 0$.

¹⁹Note that $\mathbf{2}$ and $\bar{\mathbf{2}}$ are the same representation in SU(2), see, e.g., [35].

²⁰The Higgs field ϕ_H is in $(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, Y = 1/2) = (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, Y' = 1) = (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, \tilde{Y} = 3)$ where $\tilde{Y} = 3Y' = 6Y$.

- [III]. If we include the $3 \times 2 + 3 + 3 + 2 + 1 = 15$ left-handed Weyl spinors from one single family, we can combine them as a multiplet of $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$ and $\mathbf{10}$ left-handed Weyl spinors of SU(5):

$$(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}, 1/3)_L \oplus (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, -1/2)_L \sim \bar{\mathbf{5}} \text{ of SU(5)}, \quad (1.43)$$

$$(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, 1/6)_L \oplus (\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}, -2/3)_L \oplus (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 1)_L \sim \mathbf{10} \text{ of SU(5)}. \quad (1.44)$$

Hence we can study the SU(5) GUT with a SU(5) gauge group.

- [IV]. If we include the $3 \times 2 + 3 + 3 + 2 + 1 = 15$ left-handed Weyl spinors from one single family, and also a right-handed neutrino, we can combine them as a multiplet of 16 left-handed Weyl spinors:

$$\Psi_L \sim \mathbf{16}^+ \text{ of Spin(10)}, \quad (1.45)$$

which sits at the 16-dimensional irreducible spinor representation of Spin(10). (There are $\mathbf{16}^+$ and $\mathbf{16}^-$ -dimensional irreducible spinor representation together form a $\mathbf{32}$ -dimensional reducible spinor representation of Spin(10).) Namely, we should study the SO(10) GUT with a Spin(10) gauge group instead of a SO(10) gauge group.

- [V]. We find the following Lie group embedding for the internal symmetry of GUTs and Standard Models:

$$\text{SO}(10) \supset \text{SU}(5) \supset \frac{\text{U}(1) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(3)}{\mathbb{Z}_6}. \quad (1.46)$$

$$\text{Spin}(10) \supset \text{SU}(5) \supset \frac{\text{U}(1) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(3)}{\mathbb{Z}_6}. \quad (1.47)$$

The other $\mathbb{Z}_q$ for $q = 1, 2, 3$ cannot be embedded into Spin(10) nor SU(5). So from the GUT perspective, it is natural to consider the Standard Model gauge group $\frac{\text{U}(1) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(3)}{\mathbb{Z}_6}$.

- [VI]. We find the following group embedding for the spacetime and internal symmetries of GUTs and Standard Models (see also [34] for the derivations):

$$\frac{\text{Spin}(d) \times \text{Spin}(10)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} \supset \text{Spin}(d) \times \text{SU}(5) \supset \text{Spin}(d) \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6}. \quad (1.48)$$

$$\text{Spin}(d) \times \text{Spin}(10) \supset \text{Spin}(d) \times \text{SU}(5) \supset \text{Spin}(d) \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6}. \quad (1.49)$$

We shall study the cobordism theory of these SM, BSM, and GUT groups in the following subsections.

2 Standard models

Now we consider the co/bordism classes relevant for Standard Model (SM) physics [3–5].

2.1 Spin $\times$ SU(3) $\times$ SU(2) $\times$ U(1) model

We consider $G = \text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)$, the Madsen-Tillmann spectrum MTG of the group G is

$$MTG = M\text{Spin} \wedge (\text{B}(\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)))_+. \quad (2.1)$$

The $(B(SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)))_+$ is the disjoint union of the classifying space $B(SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1))$ and a point, see footnote 17.

For the dimension $d = t - s < 8$, since there is no odd torsion,²¹ for $MTG = MSpin \wedge (B(SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)))_+$, for the dimension $d = t - s < 8$, by (1.27), we have the Adams spectral sequence

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s,t}(H^*(B(SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)), \mathbb{Z}_2), \mathbb{Z}_2) \Rightarrow \Omega_{t-s}^{\text{Spin} \times SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)}. \quad (2.2)$$

We have

$$H^*(BSU(n), \mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2[c_2, \dots, c_n] \quad (2.3)$$

and

$$H^*(BU(n), \mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2[c_1, \dots, c_n]. \quad (2.4)$$

We also have the Wu formula²²

$$\text{Sq}^{2j}(c_i) = \sum_{k=0}^j \binom{i-k-1}{j-k} c_{i+j-k} c_k \text{ for } 0 \leq j \leq i. \quad (2.5)$$

By Künneth formula, we have

$$H^*(B(SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)), \mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2[c_2, c_3] \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2[c'_2] \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2[c''_1]. \quad (2.6)$$

Here only in this subsection, c_i is the Chern class of $SU(3)$ bundle, and c'_i is the Chern class of $SU(2)$ bundle, and c''_i is the Chern class of $U(1)$ bundle.

The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^*(B(SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6 and the E_2 page are shown in figure 3, 4. Here we have used the correspondence between $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure and the E_2 page shown in figure 35 and 37.

In Adams chart, the horizontal axis labels the integer degree $d = t - s$ and the vertical axis labels the integer degree s . The differential $d_r^{s,t} : E_r^{s,t} \rightarrow E_r^{s+r, t+r-1}$ is an arrow starting at the bidegree $(t-s, s)$ with direction $(-1, r)$. $E_{r+1}^{s,t} := \frac{\text{Ker } d_r^{s,t}}{\text{Im } d_r^{s-r, t-r+1}}$ for $r \geq 2$. There exists N such that $E_{N+k} = E_N$ stabilized for $k > 0$, we denote the stabilized page $E_\infty := E_N$.

To read the result from the Adams chart in figure 4, we look at the stabilized E_∞ page, one dot indicates a finite group $\mathbb{Z}_p$, a vertical finite line segment connecting n dots indicates a finite group $\mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$. But when $n = \infty$, the infinite line connecting infinite dots indicates a $\mathbb{Z}$. Here p is given by the mod p Adams spectral sequence in (1.19). Here in figure 4, $p = 2$, we can read from the Adams chart $\Omega_0^{\text{Spin} \times SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)} = \mathbb{Z}$ (an infinite line), $\Omega_1^{\text{Spin} \times SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)} = \mathbb{Z}_2$ (a dot), $\Omega_2^{\text{Spin} \times SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)} = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ (an infinite line and a dot), $\Omega_3^{\text{Spin} \times SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)} = 0$ (nothing), $\Omega_4^{\text{Spin} \times SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)} = \mathbb{Z}^4$ (four infinite lines), $\Omega_5^{\text{Spin} \times SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)} = \mathbb{Z}_2$ (a dot), $\Omega_6^{\text{Spin} \times SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)} = \mathbb{Z}^5 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ (five infinite lines and a dot). Thus we obtain the bordism group $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)}$ shown in table 1.

By (1.22), we obtain the cobordism group $\text{TP}_d(\text{Spin} \times SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1))$ shown in table 2.

²¹By computation using the mod p Adams spectral sequence for an odd prime p , we find there is no odd torsion.

²²There is another Wu formula which will be used later:

$$\text{Sq}^i(x_{d-i}) = u_i x_{d-i}$$

on d -manifold M where $x_{d-i} \in H^{d-i}(M, \mathbb{Z}_2)$ and u_i is the Wu class.

Figure 3. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^*(B(SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6.

Figure 4. $\Omega_*^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}$.

Bordism group		
d	$\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}$	bordism invariants
0	$\mathbb{Z}$	
1	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\tilde{\eta}$
2	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	$c_1(\text{U}(1)), \text{Arf}$
3	0	
4	$\mathbb{Z}^4$	$\frac{\sigma}{16} = \frac{p_1(TM)}{48}, \frac{c_1(\text{U}(1))^2}{2}, c_2(\text{SU}(2)), c_2(\text{SU}(3))$
5	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$c_2(\text{SU}(2))\tilde{\eta}$
6	$\mathbb{Z}^5 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	$\frac{c_1(\text{U}(1))(\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F})}{8}, c_1(\text{U}(1))^3, c_1(\text{U}(1))c_2(\text{SU}(2)),$ $c_1(\text{U}(1))c_2(\text{SU}(3)), \frac{c_3(\text{SU}(3))}{2}, c_2(\text{SU}(2))\text{Arf}$

Table 1. Bordism group. $\tilde{\eta}$ is a mod 2 index of 1d Dirac operator. Arf is a 2d Arf invariant. $c_i(G)$ is the Chern class of the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle. $\sigma = \frac{p_1(TM)}{3}$ is the signature of manifold. F is the characteristic 2-surface [75] in a 4-manifold M^4 , it satisfies the condition $\text{F} \cdot x = x \cdot x \pmod{2}$ for all $x \in H_2(M^4, \mathbb{Z})$. Here $\cdot$ is the intersection form of M^4 . By the Freedman-Kirby theorem, $(\frac{\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F}}{8})(M^4) = \text{Arf}(M^4, \text{F}) \pmod{2}$. Note that $c_1(\text{U}(1))^2 = \text{Sq}^2 c_1(\text{U}(1)) = (w_2 + w_1^2)c_1(\text{U}(1)) = 0 \pmod{2}$ on Spin 4-manifolds, so $c_1(\text{U}(1))^2/2 \in \mathbb{Z}$. Note that $c_3(\text{SU}(3)) = \text{Sq}^2 c_2(\text{SU}(3)) = (w_2 + w_1^2)c_2(\text{SU}(3)) = 0 \pmod{2}$ on Spin 6-manifolds, so $c_3(\text{SU}(3))/2 \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Cobordism group		
d	TP_d ($\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)$)	topological terms
0	0	
1	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	$\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(1)}, \tilde{\eta}$
2	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	Arf
3	$\mathbb{Z}^4$	$\frac{\text{CS}_3^{TM}}{48}, \frac{1}{2}\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(1)}c_1(\text{U}(1)), \text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(2)}, \text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(3)}$
4	0	
5	$\mathbb{Z}^5 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mu(\text{PD}(c_1(\text{U}(1)))) , \text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(1)}c_1(\text{U}(1))^2, \text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(1)}c_2(\text{SU}(2)) \sim c_1(\text{U}(1))\text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(2)},$ $\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(1)}c_2(\text{SU}(3)) \sim c_1(\text{U}(1))\text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(3)}, \frac{1}{2}\text{CS}_5^{\text{SU}(3)}, c_2(\text{SU}(2))\tilde{\eta}$

Table 2. Topological phase classification ($\equiv$ TP) as a cobordism group, following table 1. $\tilde{\eta}$ is a mod 2 index of 1d Dirac operator. Arf is a 2d Arf invariant. $c_i(G)$ is the Chern class of the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle. CS_{2n-1}^V or CS_{2n-1}^G is the Chern-Simons form of the vector bundle V or the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle. The PD is the Poincaré dual. The TM is the spacetime tangent bundle. The μ is the 3d Rokhlin invariant. If $\partial M^4 = M^3$, then $\mu(M^3) = (\frac{\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F}}{8})(M^4)$, thus $\mu(\text{PD}(c_1(\text{U}(1))))$ is related to $\frac{c_1(\text{U}(1))(\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F})}{8}$ in table 1. Here the $c_2(\text{SU}(2))\tilde{\eta}$ in 5d captures the Witten anomaly in 4d. See appendix B for comment on the difference in 5d between table 2 and 4. We use the notation “ $\sim$ ” to indicate the two sides are equal in that dimension up to a total derivative term.

In table 2, note that²³ $CS_1^{U(1)}c_2(SU(2)) = c_1(U(1))CS_3^{SU(2)}$ and $CS_1^{U(1)}c_2(SU(3)) = c_1(U(1))CS_3^{SU(3)}$ up to a total derivative term (vanishing on a closed 5-manifold). Also, recall section 1.2.4 and [31], we define $x\tilde{\eta} := \tilde{\eta}(\text{PD}(x))$, thus $c_2(SU(2))\tilde{\eta} := \tilde{\eta}(\text{PD}(c_2(SU(2))))$.

2.2 $\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ model

We consider $G = \text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_2} = \text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(3) \times \text{U}(2)$, the Madsen-Tillmann spectrum MTG of the group G is

$$MTG = M\text{Spin} \wedge (B(\text{SU}(3) \times \text{U}(2)))_+. \quad (2.7)$$

The $(B(\text{SU}(3) \times \text{U}(2)))_+$ is the disjoint union of the classifying space $B(\text{SU}(3) \times \text{U}(2))$ and a point, see footnote 17.

For the dimension $d = t - s < 8$, since there is no odd torsion (see footnote 21), by (1.27), we have the Adams spectral sequence

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s,t}(H^*(B(\text{SU}(3) \times \text{U}(2)), \mathbb{Z}_2), \mathbb{Z}_2) \Rightarrow \Omega_{t-s}^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(3) \times \text{U}(2)}. \quad (2.8)$$

By Künneth formula, we have

$$H^*(B(\text{SU}(3) \times \text{U}(2)), \mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2[c_2, c_3] \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2[c'_1, c'_2]. \quad (2.9)$$

Here only in this subsection, c_i is the Chern class of $\text{SU}(3)$ bundle, and c'_i is the Chern class of $\text{U}(2)$ bundle.

The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^*(B(\text{SU}(3) \times \text{U}(2)), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6 and the E_2 page are shown in figure 5, 6. Here we have used the correspondence between $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure and the E_2 page shown in figure 35 and 37.

Thus we obtain the bordism group $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}}$ shown in table 3.

By (1.22), we obtain the cobordism group $\text{TP}_d(\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_2})$ shown in table 4.

In table 4, note that $CS_1^{U(2)}c_2(\text{U}(2)) = c_1(\text{U}(2))CS_3^{U(2)}$ and $CS_1^{U(2)}c_2(\text{SU}(3)) = c_1(\text{U}(2))CS_3^{SU(3)}$ up to a total derivative term (vanishing on a closed 5-manifold). See footnote 23.

2.3 $\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_3}$ model

We consider $G = \text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_3} = \text{Spin} \times \text{U}(3) \times \text{SU}(2)$, the Madsen-Tillmann spectrum MTG of the group G is

$$MTG = M\text{Spin} \wedge (B(\text{U}(3) \times \text{SU}(2)))_+. \quad (2.10)$$

The $(B(\text{U}(3) \times \text{SU}(2)))_+$ is the disjoint union of the classifying space $B(\text{U}(3) \times \text{SU}(2))$ and a point, see footnote 17.

²³Locally $d(CS_1^{U(1)}c_2(\text{SU}(2))) = d(c_1(\text{U}(1))CS_3^{SU(2)}) = c_1(\text{U}(1))c_2(\text{SU}(2))$, so by the Poincaré Lemma, $CS_1^{U(1)}c_2(\text{SU}(2))$ and $c_1(\text{U}(1))CS_3^{SU(2)}$ differ by an exact form locally. The locally defined Chern-Simons form can be glued together to be defined globally, and globally $CS_1^{U(1)}c_2(\text{SU}(2)) = c_1(\text{U}(1))CS_3^{SU(2)}$ up to a total derivative term (vanishing on a closed 5-manifold).

Figure 5. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^*(B(\mathrm{SU}(3) \times \mathrm{U}(2)), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6.

Figure 6. $\Omega_*^{\mathrm{Spin} \times \mathrm{SU}(3) \times \mathrm{U}(2)}$.

Bordism group		
d	$\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}}$	bordism invariants
0	$\mathbb{Z}$	
1	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\tilde{\eta}$
2	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	$c_1(\text{U}(2)), \text{Arf}$
3	0	
4	$\mathbb{Z}^4$	$\frac{\sigma}{16} = \frac{p_1(TM)}{48}, \frac{1}{2}c_1(\text{U}(2))^2, c_2(\text{U}(2)), c_2(\text{SU}(3))$
5	0	
6	$\mathbb{Z}^5$	$\frac{c_1(\text{U}(2))(\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F})}{8}, c_1(\text{U}(2))^3, \frac{c_1(\text{U}(2))c_2(\text{U}(2))}{2}, c_1(\text{U}(2))c_2(\text{SU}(3)), \frac{c_3(\text{SU}(3))}{2}$

Table 3. Bordism group. $\tilde{\eta}$ is a mod 2 index of 1d Dirac operator. Arf is a 2d Arf invariant. $\sigma = \frac{p_1(TM)}{3}$ is the signature of manifold. $c_i(G)$ is the Chern class of the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle. F is the characteristic 2-surface [75] in a 4-manifold M^4 , it satisfies the condition $\text{F} \cdot x = x \cdot x \pmod{2}$ for all $x \in H_2(M^4, \mathbb{Z})$. Here $\cdot$ is the intersection form of M^4 . By the Freedman-Kirby theorem, $(\frac{\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F}}{8})(M^4) = \text{Arf}(M^4, \text{F}) \pmod{2}$. Note that $c_1(\text{U}(2))^2 = \text{Sq}^2 c_1(\text{U}(2)) = (w_2 + w_1^2)c_1(\text{U}(2)) = 0 \pmod{2}$ on Spin 4-manifolds, $c_3(\text{SU}(3)) = \text{Sq}^2 c_2(\text{SU}(3)) = (w_2 + w_1^2)c_2(\text{SU}(3)) = 0 \pmod{2}$ on Spin 6-manifolds.

Cobordism group		
d	$\text{TP}_d\left(\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}\right)$	topological terms
0	0	
1	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	$\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(2)}, \tilde{\eta}$
2	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	Arf
3	$\mathbb{Z}^4$	$\frac{\text{CS}_3^{TM}}{48}, \frac{1}{2}\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(2)}c_1(\text{U}(2)), \text{CS}_3^{\text{U}(2)}, \text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(3)}$
4	0	
5	$\mathbb{Z}^5$	$\mu(\text{PD}(c_1(\text{U}(2)))) , \text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(2)}c_1(\text{U}(2))^2, \frac{\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(2)}c_2(\text{U}(2))}{2} \sim \frac{c_1(\text{U}(2))\text{CS}_3^{\text{U}(2)}}{2}, \text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(2)}c_2(\text{SU}(3)) \sim c_1(\text{U}(2))\text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(3)}, \frac{\text{CS}_5^{\text{SU}(3)}}{2}$

Table 4. Topological phase classification ($\equiv \text{TP}$) as a cobordism group, following table 3. $\tilde{\eta}$ is a mod 2 index of 1d Dirac operator. Arf is a 2d Arf invariant. $c_i(G)$ is the Chern class of the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle. CS_{2n-1}^V or CS_{2n-1}^G is the Chern-Simons form of the vector bundle V or the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle. The PD is the Poincaré dual. The TM is the spacetime tangent bundle. The μ is the 3d Rokhlin invariant. If $\partial M^4 = M^3$, then $\mu(M^3) = (\frac{\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F}}{8})(M^4)$, thus $\mu(\text{PD}(c_1(\text{U}(2))))$ is related to $\frac{c_1(\text{U}(2))(\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F})}{8}$ in table 3. See appendix B for comment on the difference in 5d between table 2 and 4.

Figure 7. Adams chart of $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_3}^{s,t}(H^*(M\text{Spin}, \mathbb{Z}_3), \mathbb{Z}_3)$.

The localization of $M\text{Spin}$ at the prime 3 is the wedge sum of suspensions of the Brown-Peterson spectrum BP (here $M\text{Spin}_{(3)} = BP \vee \Sigma^8 BP \vee \dots$) and $H^*(BP, \mathbb{Z}_3) = \mathcal{A}_3/(\beta_{(3,3)})$ where $(\beta_{(3,3)})$ is the two-sided ideal generated by $\beta_{(3,3)}$, and $\beta_{(3,3)}$ is the Bockstein homomorphism associated to the extension $\mathbb{Z}_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_9 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_3$. Note that

$$\dots \longrightarrow \Sigma^2 \mathcal{A}_3 \oplus \Sigma^6 \mathcal{A}_3 \oplus \dots \longrightarrow \Sigma \mathcal{A}_3 \oplus \Sigma^5 \mathcal{A}_3 \oplus \dots \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_3 \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_3/(\beta_{(3,3)}) \quad (2.11)$$

is a projective $\mathcal{A}_3$ -resolution of $\mathcal{A}_3/(\beta_{(3,3)})$ (denoted by $P_\bullet$) where the differentials d_1 are induced by $\beta_{(3,3)}$.

The Adams chart of $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_3}^{s,t}(H^*(M\text{Spin}, \mathbb{Z}_3), \mathbb{Z}_3)$ is shown in figure 7. $P_\bullet \otimes H^*(B(U(3) \times SU(2)), \mathbb{Z}_3)$ is a projective $\mathcal{A}_3$ -resolution of $H^*(BP, \mathbb{Z}_3) \otimes H^*(B(U(3) \times SU(2)), \mathbb{Z}_3)$ (since $P_\bullet$ is actually a free $\mathcal{A}_3$ -resolution), the differentials d_1 are induced by $\beta_{(3,3)}$.

We have the Adams spectral sequence

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_3}^{s,t}(H^*(M\text{Spin}, \mathbb{Z}_3) \otimes H^*(B(U(3) \times SU(2)), \mathbb{Z}_3), \mathbb{Z}_3) \Rightarrow (\Omega_{t-s}^{\text{Spin} \times U(3) \times SU(2)})_3^\wedge. \quad (2.12)$$

By Künneth formula, we have

$$H^*(B(U(3) \times SU(2)), \mathbb{Z}_3) = \mathbb{Z}_3[c_1, c_2, c_3] \otimes \mathbb{Z}_3[c'_2]. \quad (2.13)$$

Here only in this subsection, c_i is the Chern class of $U(3)$ bundle, and c'_i is the Chern class of $SU(2)$ bundle.

The Adams chart of $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_3}^{s,t}(H^*(M\text{Spin}, \mathbb{Z}_3) \otimes H^*(B(U(3) \times SU(2)), \mathbb{Z}_3), \mathbb{Z}_3)$ is shown in figure 8. There is no differential since the arrow of the differential d_r is of bidegree $(-1, r)$, while all lines are of interval 2 at degree $t-s$.

So there is actually no 3-torsion in $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times U(3) \times SU(2)}$.

Figure 8. Adams chart of $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_3}^{s,t}(H^*(M\text{Spin}, \mathbb{Z}_3) \otimes H^*(B(U(3) \times SU(2)), \mathbb{Z}_3), \mathbb{Z}_3)$.

For the dimension $d = t - s < 8$, since there is no odd torsion (see footnote 21), by (1.27), we have the Adams spectral sequence

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s,t}(H^*(B(U(3) \times SU(2)), \mathbb{Z}_2), \mathbb{Z}_2) \Rightarrow \Omega_{t-s}^{\text{Spin} \times U(3) \times SU(2)}. \quad (2.14)$$

By Künneth formula, we have

$$H^*(B(U(3) \times SU(2)), \mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2[c_1, c_2, c_3] \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2[c'_2]. \quad (2.15)$$

Here only in this subsection, c_i is the Chern class of $U(3)$ bundle, and c'_i is the Chern class of $SU(2)$ bundle.

The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^*(B(U(3) \times SU(2)), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6 and the E_2 page are shown in figure 9, 10. Here we have used the correspondence between $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure and the E_2 page shown in figure 35 and 37.

Thus we obtain the bordism group $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \frac{SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_3}}$ shown in table 5.

By (1.22), we obtain the cobordism group $\text{TP}_d\left(\text{Spin} \times \frac{SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_3}\right)$ shown in table 6.

In table 6, note that $\text{CS}_1^{U(3)} c_2(U(3)) = c_1(U(3)) \text{CS}_3^{U(3)}$ and $\text{CS}_1^{U(3)} c_2(SU(2)) = c_1(U(3)) \text{CS}_3^{SU(2)}$ up to a total derivative term (vanishing on a closed 5-manifold). See footnote 23.

2.4 $\text{Spin} \times \frac{SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6}$ model

We consider $G = \text{Spin} \times \frac{SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6} = \text{Spin} \times S(U(3) \times U(2))$. This SM group is particularly interesting because:

$$\text{Spin}(10) \supset SU(5) \supset \frac{SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6}, \text{ and } SO(10) \supset SU(5) \supset \frac{SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6}. \quad (2.16)$$

Figure 9. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^*(B(U(3) \times SU(2)), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6.

Figure 10. $\Omega_*^{\text{Spin} \times U(3) \times SU(2)}$.

Bordism group		
d	$\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_3}}$	bordism invariants
0	$\mathbb{Z}$	
1	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\tilde{\eta}$
2	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	$c_1(\text{U}(3)), \text{Arf}$
3	0	
4	$\mathbb{Z}^4$	$\frac{\sigma}{16}, \frac{1}{2}c_1(\text{U}(3))^2, c_2(\text{SU}(2)), c_2(\text{U}(3))$
5	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$c_2(\text{SU}(2))\tilde{\eta}$
6	$\mathbb{Z}^5 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	$\frac{c_1(\text{U}(3))(\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F})}{8}, c_1(\text{U}(3))^3, c_1(\text{U}(3))c_2(\text{SU}(2)),$ $\frac{c_1(\text{U}(3))c_2(\text{U}(3)) + c_3(\text{U}(3))}{2}, c_3(\text{U}(3)), c_2(\text{SU}(2))\text{Arf}$

Table 5. Bordism group. $\tilde{\eta}$ is a mod 2 index of 1d Dirac operator. Arf is a 2d Arf invariant. σ is the signature of manifold. $c_i(G)$ is the Chern class of the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle. F is the characteristic 2-surface [75] in a 4-manifold M^4 , it satisfies the condition $\text{F} \cdot x = x \cdot x \pmod{2}$ for all $x \in H_2(M^4, \mathbb{Z})$. Here $\cdot$ is the intersection form of M^4 . By the Freedman-Kirby theorem, $(\frac{\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F}}{8})(M^4) = \text{Arf}(M^4, \text{F}) \pmod{2}$. Note that $c_1(\text{U}(3))^2 = \text{Sq}^2 c_1(\text{U}(3)) = (w_2 + w_1^2)c_1(\text{U}(3)) = 0 \pmod{2}$ on Spin 4-manifolds, $c_1(\text{U}(3))c_2(\text{U}(3)) + c_3(\text{U}(3)) = \text{Sq}^2 c_2(\text{U}(3)) = (w_2 + w_1^2)c_2(\text{U}(3)) = 0 \pmod{2}$ on Spin 6-manifolds.

Cobordism group		
d	$\text{TP}_d\left(\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_3}\right)$	topological terms
0	0	
1	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	$\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(3)}, \tilde{\eta}$
2	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	Arf
3	$\mathbb{Z}^4$	$\frac{\text{CS}_3^{TM}}{48}, \frac{1}{2}\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(3)}c_1(\text{U}(3)), \text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(2)}, \text{CS}_3^{\text{U}(3)}$
4	0	
5	$\mathbb{Z}^5 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mu(\text{PD}(c_1(\text{U}(3)))) , \text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(3)}c_1(\text{U}(3))^2, \text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(3)}c_2(\text{SU}(2)) \sim c_1(\text{U}(3))\text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(2)},$ $\frac{\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(3)}c_2(\text{U}(3)) + \text{CS}_5^{\text{U}(3)}}{2} \sim \frac{c_1(\text{U}(3))\text{CS}_3^{\text{U}(3)} + \text{CS}_5^{\text{U}(3)}}{2}, \text{CS}_5^{\text{U}(3)}, c_2(\text{SU}(2))\tilde{\eta}$

Table 6. Topological phase classification ($\equiv$ TP) as a cobordism group, following table 5. $\tilde{\eta}$ is a mod 2 index of 1d Dirac operator. Arf is a 2d Arf invariant. $c_i(G)$ is the Chern class of the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle. CS_{2n-1}^V or CS_{2n-1}^G is the Chern-Simons form of the vector bundle V or the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle. The PD is the Poincaré dual. The TM is the spacetime tangent bundle. The μ is the 3d Rokhlin invariant. If $\partial M^4 = M^3$, then $\mu(M^3) = (\frac{\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F}}{8})(M^4)$, thus $\mu(\text{PD}(c_1(\text{U}(3))))$ is related to $\frac{c_1(\text{U}(3))(\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F})}{8}$ in table 5.

Thus the $\text{SO}(10)$ GUT and $\text{SO}(5)$ GUT can be Higgs down to $\frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6}$ SM. We have

$$(\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1))/\mathbb{Z}_6 = (\text{SU}(3) \times \text{U}(2))/\mathbb{Z}_3 = (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(3))/\mathbb{Z}_2. \quad (2.17)$$

Let the hypercharge be:

$$Y \equiv \frac{Y'}{2} \equiv \frac{\tilde{Y}}{6} \equiv \text{diag} \left(-\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right). \quad (2.18)$$

The group $\frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6}$ is just the subgroup of $\text{SU}(5)$ commuting with the group generated by Y .

The subgroup is $\text{S}(\text{U}(3) \times \text{U}(2)) = (A, B) \in \text{U}(3) \times \text{U}(2) \mid \det A \cdot \det B = 1$ and $(\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1))/\mathbb{Z}_6 = \text{S}(\text{U}(3) \times \text{U}(2)) \subset \text{SU}(5)$.

Since

$$\text{H}^* \left(\text{B} \left(\frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6} \right), \mathbb{Z}_3 \right) = \text{H}^* \left(\text{B} \left(\frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_3} \right), \mathbb{Z}_3 \right), \quad (2.19)$$

similarly as the discussion in section 2.3, there is no 3-torsion in $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{S}(\text{U}(3) \times \text{U}(2))}$.

The Madsen-Tillmann spectrum MTG of the group G is

$$MTG = M\text{Spin} \wedge (\text{B}(\text{S}(\text{U}(3) \times \text{U}(2))))_+. \quad (2.20)$$

The $(\text{B}(\text{S}(\text{U}(3) \times \text{U}(2))))_+$ is the disjoint union of the classifying space $\text{B}(\text{S}(\text{U}(3) \times \text{U}(2)))$ and a point, see footnote 17.

For the dimension $d = t - s < 8$, since there is no odd torsion (see footnote 21), by (1.27), we have the Adams spectral sequence

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s,t}(\text{H}^*(\text{B}(\text{S}(\text{U}(3) \times \text{U}(2))), \mathbb{Z}_2), \mathbb{Z}_2) \Rightarrow \Omega_{t-s}^{\text{Spin} \times \text{S}(\text{U}(3) \times \text{U}(2))}. \quad (2.21)$$

We have the following commutative diagram with exact columns

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{S}(\text{U}(3) \times \text{U}(2)) & \hookrightarrow & \text{SU}(5) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{U}(3) \times \text{U}(2) & \hookrightarrow & \text{U}(5) \\ \downarrow \det & & \downarrow \det \\ \text{U}(1) & & \text{U}(1). \end{array} \quad (2.22)$$

So by Künneth formula, we have

$$\text{H}^*(\text{B}(\text{S}(\text{U}(3) \times \text{U}(2))), \mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2[c_1, c_2, c_3] \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2[c'_1, c'_2]/(c_1 = c'_1). \quad (2.23)$$

Here only in this subsection, c_i is the Chern class of $\text{U}(3)$ bundle, and c'_i is the Chern class of $\text{U}(2)$ bundle.

The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $\text{H}^*(\text{B}(\text{S}(\text{U}(3) \times \text{U}(2))), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6 and the E_2 page are shown in figure 11, 12. Here we have used the correspondence between $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure and the E_2 page shown in figure 35 and 37.

Figure 11. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^*(B(S(U(3) \times U(2))), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6.

Figure 12. $\Omega_*^{\text{Spin} \times S(U(3) \times U(2))}$.

Thus we obtain the bordism group $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \frac{SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6}}$ shown in table 7.

By (1.22), we obtain the cobordism group $\text{TP}_d \left(\text{Spin} \times \frac{SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6} \right)$ shown in table 8.

In table 8, note that $\text{CS}_1^{U(3)} c_2(U(3)) = c_1(U(3)) \text{CS}_3^{U(3)}$ and $\text{CS}_1^{U(3)} c_2(U(2)) = c_1(U(3)) \text{CS}_3^{U(2)}$ up to a total derivative term (vanishing on a closed 5-manifold). See footnote 23.

2.5 Comparison between Adams spectral sequence and Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence

- Our approach [31, 34] is based on Adams spectral sequence (ASS), which includes the more refined data, containing both *module* and *group* structure, thus with the benefits of having less differentials. In addition, as another advantage, we can conveniently read

Bordism group		
d	$\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6}}$	bordism invariants
0	$\mathbb{Z}$	
1	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\tilde{\eta}$
2	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	$c_1(\text{U}(3)), \text{Arf}$
3	0	
4	$\mathbb{Z}^4$	$\frac{\sigma}{16}, \frac{1}{2}c_1(\text{U}(2))^2 = \frac{1}{2}c_1(\text{U}(3))^2, c_2(\text{U}(2)), c_2(\text{U}(3))$
5	0	
6	$\mathbb{Z}^5$	$\frac{c_1(\text{U}(3))(\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F})}{8}, c_1(\text{U}(3))^3, \frac{c_1(\text{U}(3))c_2(\text{U}(2))}{2},$ $\frac{c_1(\text{U}(3))c_2(\text{U}(3)) + c_3(\text{U}(3))}{2}, c_3(\text{U}(3))$

Table 7. Bordism group. $\tilde{\eta}$ is a mod 2 index of 1d Dirac operator. Arf is a 2d Arf invariant. σ is the signature of manifold. $c_i(G)$ is the Chern class of the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle. F is the characteristic 2-surface [75] in a 4-manifold M^4 , it satisfies the condition $\text{F} \cdot x = x \cdot x \pmod{2}$ for all $x \in \text{H}_2(M^4, \mathbb{Z})$. Here $\cdot$ is the intersection form of M^4 . By the Freedman-Kirby theorem, $(\frac{\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F}}{8})(M^4) = \text{Arf}(M^4, \text{F}) \pmod{2}$. Here $c_1(\text{U}(3))$ is identified with $c_1(\text{U}(2))$. Note that $c_1(\text{U}(3))^2 = \text{Sq}^2 c_1(\text{U}(3)) = (w_2 + w_1^2)c_1(\text{U}(3)) = 0 \pmod{2}$ on Spin 4-manifolds, $c_1(\text{U}(3))c_2(\text{U}(3)) + c_3(\text{U}(3)) = \text{Sq}^2 c_2(\text{U}(3)) = (w_2 + w_1^2)c_2(\text{U}(3)) = 0 \pmod{2}$ on Spin 6-manifolds, and $c_1(\text{U}(3))c_2(\text{U}(2)) = c_1(\text{U}(2))c_2(\text{U}(2)) = \text{Sq}^2(c_2(\text{U}(2))) = (w_2 + w_1^2)c_2(\text{U}(2)) = 0 \pmod{2}$ on Spin 6-manifolds.

Cobordism group		
d	$\text{TP}_d\left(\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6}\right)$	topological terms
0	0	
1	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	$\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(3)}, \tilde{\eta}$
2	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	Arf
3	$\mathbb{Z}^4$	$\frac{\text{CS}_3^{TM}}{48}, \frac{1}{2}\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(2)}c_1(\text{U}(2)) = \frac{1}{2}\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(3)}c_1(\text{U}(3)), \text{CS}_3^{\text{U}(2)}, \text{CS}_3^{\text{U}(3)}$
4	0	
5	$\mathbb{Z}^5$	$\mu(\text{PD}(c_1(\text{U}(3)))) , \text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(3)}c_1(\text{U}(3))^2, \frac{\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(3)}c_2(\text{U}(2))}{2} \sim \frac{c_1(\text{U}(3))\text{CS}_3^{\text{U}(2)}}{2},$ $\frac{\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(3)}c_2(\text{U}(3)) + \text{CS}_5^{\text{U}(3)}}{2} \sim \frac{c_1(\text{U}(3))\text{CS}_3^{\text{U}(3)} + \text{CS}_5^{\text{U}(3)}}{2}, \text{CS}_5^{\text{U}(3)}$

Table 8. Topological phase classification ($\equiv \text{TP}$) as a cobordism group, following table 7. $\tilde{\eta}$ is a mod 2 index of 1d Dirac operator. Arf is a 2d Arf invariant. $c_i(G)$ is the Chern class of the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle. CS_{2n-1}^V or CS_{2n-1}^G is the Chern-Simons form of the vector bundle V or the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle. The PD is the Poincaré dual. The TM is the spacetime tangent bundle. The μ is the 3d Rokhlin invariant. If $\partial M^4 = M^3$, then $\mu(M^3) = (\frac{\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F}}{8})(M^4)$, thus $\mu(\text{PD}(c_1(\text{U}(3))))$ is related to $\frac{c_1(\text{U}(3))(\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F})}{8}$ in table 7.

and extract the iTQFT (namely, co/bordism invariants) from the Adams chart and ASS [31, 34].

- Refs. [50, 62] is based on Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence (AHSS), which includes only the *group* structure, but with the disadvantage of having more differentials and some undetermined extensions. It is also not known or difficult, if not impossible, to extract the iTQFT data directly (namely, co/bordism invariants) from the AHSS. Therefore, refs. [50, 62] cannot provide the explicit iTQFT data from the AHSS calculations.

By (1.25) and the Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence

$$H_p(X, \Omega_q^{\text{Spin}}) \Rightarrow \Omega_{p+q}^{\text{Spin}}(X), \quad (2.24)$$

one can compute the bordism groups $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin}}(BG') = \Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times G'}$. However, in general, one can not compute the bordism groups $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 G'}$ using the Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence since by (1.20), $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 G'} = \pi_d(MT(\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} G')) = \pi_d(M\text{Spin} \wedge X')$ for some topological space X' , but X' is not the disjoint union of a topological space X and a point, while by (1.24), $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin}}(X) = \pi_d(M\text{Spin} \wedge X_+)$ where X_+ is the disjoint union of X and a point.

In contrast, in this article, using Adams spectral sequence, we compute the bordism groups $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 G'}$ for several groups G' , such as $G' = \text{SU}(4) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2)$ or $\text{SU}(4) \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2))$ in the Pati-Salam models, and $G' = \text{Spin}(10)$ or $\text{Spin}(18)$ in the Grand Unified Theories.

Specifically, in ref. [62], using Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence, the authors compute the cobordism groups $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin}}(\text{B}(\frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\Gamma}))$ for $0 \leq d \leq 5$ and $\Gamma = 1, \mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_3, \mathbb{Z}_6$, but their result for the $\Gamma = \mathbb{Z}_6$ case is *not* completely determined. Ref. [62] determines the cobordism groups $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin}}(\text{B}(\frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6}))$ in 2d and 4d as some *undetermined* extensions. Namely, they obtain that $\Omega_2^{\text{Spin}}(\text{B}(\frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6})) = e(\mathbb{Z}_3, \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2)$, and $\Omega_4^{\text{Spin}}(\text{B}(\frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6})) = e(\mathbb{Z}_3, e(\mathbb{Z}_3, \mathbb{Z}^4))$ where $e(\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{N})$ is the group extension of $\mathbb{Q}$ by $\mathbb{N}$. So the group $e(\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{N})$ fits into the short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \rightarrow e(\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow 0$ but it may not be uniquely determined.

In contrast, our results are more refined and can *uniquely determine* the extension in this case. Our result from Adams spectral sequence demonstrates that each step of extensions is nontrivial, while the trivial extension yields 3-torsion. Using Adams spectral sequence, we find that there is no 3-torsion for the $\Gamma = \mathbb{Z}_6$ case. So we also provide the solutions to the extension problems in ref. [62], given by the nontrivial extension $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_3$. We obtained the precise answer

$$\Omega_2^{\text{Spin}} \left(\text{B} \left(\frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6} \right) \right) = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$$

and

$$\Omega_4^{\text{Spin}} \left(\text{B} \left(\frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6} \right) \right) = \mathbb{Z}^4.$$

3 Standard Models with additional discrete symmetries

In (1.48) and (1.49), we have found the group embedding for the spacetime and internal symmetries of GUTs and SMs, when the SM groups are $\text{Spin}(d) \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_q}$ with $q = 6$. Furthermore, inspired by the SMs with additional discrete symmetries (see some of the earlier work [76–79] and references therein [50, 80]) and motivated by a version of Smith homomorphism map between 5d and 4d bordism groups [81],

$$\Omega_5^{\text{Spin} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \mathbb{Z}_4} = \Omega_4^{\text{Pin}^+} = \mathbb{Z}_{16}, \quad (3.1)$$

we find the following group embedding for the spacetime and internal symmetries for GUTs and the SMs with additional discrete symmetries (see also [34] for the derivations):

$$\frac{\text{Spin}(d) \times \text{Spin}(10)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} \supset \text{Spin}(d) \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \text{SU}(5) \supset \text{Spin}(d) \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6}. \quad (3.2)$$

Let us discuss the physics role of the group $\mathbb{Z}_4$ in $\text{Spin}(d) \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4$:

- The $\mathbb{Z}_4$ as a gauge symmetry: The center of $\text{Spin}(10)$ is $Z(\text{Spin}(10)) = \mathbb{Z}_4$, which is naturally *dynamically gauged* in the $\text{Spin}(10)$ gauge group. So we have $[\mathbb{Z}_4] \subset [\text{Spin}(10)]$ for $\text{SO}(10)$ GUTs, with the bracket [...] indicating the groups as (part of) gauge groups.
- The $\mathbb{Z}_4$ as a global symmetry: However, this $\mathbb{Z}_4$ can simply be a part of the *internal global symmetry*, for the $\text{SU}(5)$ GUT and for the SM with $q = 6$, assuming that if we do not descend these models from the gauged $[\text{Spin}(10)]$ of the $\text{SO}(10)$ GUT. This $\mathbb{Z}_4$ also contains the $\mathbb{Z}_2^F$ fermion parity (where $(-1)^F$ is also a $\mathbb{Z}_2$ normal subgroup of the spacetime symmetry $\text{Spin}(d)$). Thus $\mathbb{Z}_4$ remains ungauged and a *global symmetry* in $\text{Spin}(d) \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times [\text{SU}(5)]$ and $\text{Spin}(d) \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times [\frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6}]$, even when the bracket [...] become gauge groups, for the $\text{SU}(5)$ GUT and for the SM with $q = 6$.

We shall study the cobordism theory of the SM groups, $\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_q}$, with $q = 1, 2, 3, 6$ in the following subsections. For SM with this discrete symmetry, we obtain *new* anomaly matching conditions of $\mathbb{Z}_{16}$, $\mathbb{Z}_4$ and $\mathbb{Z}_2$ classes *beyond* the familiar Witten anomaly. Depend on whether this $\mathbb{Z}_4$ is a global symmetry or a gauge symmetry, we shall interpret some of the 4d anomalies obtained from the 5d cobordism groups below as 't Hooft anomalies, and some of others as a dynamical gauge anomalies.

3.1 $\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)$ model

Below we consider the co/bordism classes relevant for Standard Models with additional discrete symmetries.²⁴

We consider $G = \text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)$.

²⁴JW is grateful to Miguel Montero [50] for informing his unpublished note [68]. To make comparison, our approach is based on the Adams spectral sequence, while [50, 68] uses Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence (AHSS). Two approaches between ours [31, 34] and Garcia-Etxebarria-Montero [50, 68] are rather different. See more physics implications for future work, see [68, 82].

We have a homotopy pullback square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B(\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4) & \longrightarrow & B\mathbb{Z}_2 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow a^2 \\ BSO & \xrightarrow{w_2} & B^2\mathbb{Z}_2 \end{array} \quad (3.3)$$

where a is the generator of $H^1(B\mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_2)$.

By [83], since there is a homotopy pullback square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B(\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4) & \longrightarrow & * \times B\mathbb{Z}_2 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ BO & \xrightarrow{(w_1, w_2)} & K(\mathbb{Z}_2, 1) \times K(\mathbb{Z}_2, 2), \end{array} \quad (3.4)$$

which is equivalent to the homotopy pullback square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B(\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4) & \longrightarrow & B\text{Spin} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ BSO \times B\mathbb{Z}_2 & \xrightarrow{(\text{Id}, 2\xi)} & BSO, \end{array} \quad (3.5)$$

$MT(\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4) = M\text{Spin} \wedge (B\mathbb{Z}_2)^{2\xi} = M\text{Spin} \wedge \Sigma^{-2}\mathbb{RP}_2^\infty$ where $2\xi : B\mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow BSO$ is twice the sign representation, the final identification is by [84].

The Madsen-Tillmann spectrum MTG of the group G is

$$\begin{aligned} MTG &= M\text{Spin} \wedge (B\mathbb{Z}_2)^{2\xi} \wedge (B(\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)))_+ \\ &= M\text{Spin} \wedge \Sigma^{-2}\mathbb{RP}_2^\infty \wedge (B(\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)))_+. \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

The $(B(\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)))_+$ is the disjoint union of the classifying space $B(\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1))$ and a point, see footnote 17.

For the dimension $d = t - s < 8$, since there is no odd torsion (see footnote 21), by (1.27), we have the Adams spectral sequence

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s,t}(H^{*+2}(\mathbb{RP}_2^\infty, \mathbb{Z}_2) \otimes H^*(B(\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)), \mathbb{Z}_2), \mathbb{Z}_2) \Rightarrow \Omega_{t-s}^{\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}. \quad (3.7)$$

The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^{*+2}(\mathbb{RP}_2^\infty, \mathbb{Z}_2)$ is shown in figure 13.

The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^{*+2}(\mathbb{RP}_2^\infty, \mathbb{Z}_2) \otimes H^{*+2}(C\eta, \mathbb{Z}_2)$ is shown in figure 14. Here $\eta : S^3 \rightarrow S^2$ is the Hopf fibration,²⁵ the mapping cone is $C\eta = S^2 \cup_{\eta} e^4 = \mathbb{CP}^2$. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^{*+2}(C\eta, \mathbb{Z}_2)$ has two elements in degree 0 and 2 attached by a Sq^2 .

Based on figure 3 and 14, we obtain the $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^{*+2}(\mathbb{RP}_2^\infty, \mathbb{Z}_2) \otimes H^*(B(\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6, as shown in figure 15.

The E_2 page is shown in figure 16. Here we have used the correspondence between $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure and the E_2 page shown in figure 37, 38 and 39.

²⁵Beware that we use η to denote the η invariant (e.g. the APS η invariant), while we use the up-greek font eta $\eta : S^3 \rightarrow S^2$ to denote the Hopf fibration.

Figure 13. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^{*+2}(\mathbb{RP}_2^\infty, \mathbb{Z}_2)$.

Figure 14. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^{*+2}(\mathbb{RP}_2^\infty, \mathbb{Z}_2) \otimes H^{*+2}(C\eta, \mathbb{Z}_2)$.

Figure 15. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^{*+2}(\mathbb{RP}_2^\infty, \mathbb{Z}_2) \otimes H^*(B(\mathrm{SU}(3) \times \mathrm{SU}(2) \times \mathrm{U}(1)), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6. Here, c_i is the Chern class of $\mathrm{SU}(3)$ bundle, and c'_i is the Chern class of $\mathrm{SU}(2)$ bundle, and c''_i is the Chern class of $\mathrm{U}(1)$ bundle.

Figure 16. $\Omega_*^{\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}$.

Thus we obtain the bordism group $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}$ shown in table 9.

By (1.22), we obtain a cobordism group $\text{TP}_d(\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1))$ shown in table 10.

In table 10, note that $\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(1)} c_2(\text{SU}(2)) = c_1(\text{U}(1)) \text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(2)}$ and $\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(1)} c_2(\text{SU}(3)) = c_1(\text{U}(1)) \text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(3)}$ up to a total derivative term (vanishing on a closed 5-manifold). See footnote 23.

3.2 $\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ model

We consider $G = \text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_2} = \text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \text{SU}(3) \times \text{U}(2)$, the Madsen-Tillmann spectrum MTG of the group G is

$$\begin{aligned} MTG &= M\text{Spin} \wedge (\text{B}\mathbb{Z}_2)^{2\xi} \wedge (\text{B}(\text{SU}(3) \times \text{U}(2)))_+ \\ &= M\text{Spin} \wedge \Sigma^{-2} \mathbb{R}\mathbb{P}_2^\infty \wedge (\text{B}(\text{SU}(3) \times \text{U}(2)))_+. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

The $(\text{B}(\text{SU}(3) \times \text{U}(2)))_+$ is the disjoint union of the classifying space $\text{B}(\text{SU}(3) \times \text{U}(2))$ and a point, see footnote 17.

For the dimension $d = t - s < 8$, since there is no odd torsion (see footnote 21), by (1.27), we have the Adams spectral sequence

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s,t}(\text{H}^{*+2}(\mathbb{R}\mathbb{P}_2^\infty, \mathbb{Z}_2) \otimes \text{H}^*(\text{B}(\text{SU}(3) \times \text{U}(2)), \mathbb{Z}_2), \mathbb{Z}_2) \Rightarrow \Omega_{t-s}^{\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \text{SU}(3) \times \text{U}(2)}. \quad (3.9)$$

Based on figure 5 and 14, we obtain the $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $\text{H}^{*+2}(\mathbb{R}\mathbb{P}_2^\infty, \mathbb{Z}_2) \otimes \text{H}^*(\text{B}(\text{SU}(3) \times \text{U}(2)), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6, as shown in figure 17.

The E_2 page is shown in figure 18. Here we have used the correspondence between $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure and the E_2 page shown in figure 37, 38 and 39.

Thus we obtain the bordism group $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}}$ shown in table 11.

Bordism group		
d	$\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}$	bordism invariants
0	$\mathbb{Z}$	
1	$\mathbb{Z}_4$	η'
2	$\mathbb{Z}$	$c_1(\text{U}(1))$
3	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$ac_1(\text{U}(1))$
4	$\mathbb{Z}^4$	$\frac{\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F}}{8}, \frac{a^2 c_1(\text{U}(1)) + c_1(\text{U}(1))^2}{2}, c_2(\text{SU}(2)), c_2(\text{SU}(3))$
5	$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4^2 \times \mathbb{Z}_{16}$	$ac_2(\text{SU}(3)), c_2(\text{SU}(2))\eta', c_1(\text{U}(1))^2\eta', \eta(\text{PD}(a))$
6	$\mathbb{Z}^5$	$c_1(\text{U}(1))\frac{\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F}}{8}, c_1(\text{U}(1))^3, c_1(\text{U}(1))c_2(\text{SU}(2)),$ $c_1(\text{U}(1))c_2(\text{SU}(3)), \frac{a^2 c_2(\text{SU}(3)) + c_3(\text{SU}(3))}{2}$

Table 9. Bordism group. η' is a $\mathbb{Z}_4$ valued 1d eta invariant which is the extension of a by $\tilde{\eta}$ where a is the generator of $H^1(\text{B}\mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_2)$, $\tilde{\eta}$ is the mod 2 index of 1d Dirac operator. σ is the signature of manifold. η is the $\mathbb{Z}_{16}$ valued 4d eta invariant. F is the characteristic 2-surface [75] in a 4-manifold M^4 , it satisfies the condition $\text{F} \cdot x = x \cdot x \pmod{2}$ for all $x \in H_2(M^4, \mathbb{Z})$. Here $\cdot$ is the intersection form of M^4 . By the Freedman-Kirby theorem, $(\frac{\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F}}{8})(M^4) = \text{Arf}(M^4, \text{F}) \pmod{2}$. The PD is the Poincaré dual. Note that $c_1(\text{U}(1))^2 = \text{Sq}^2 c_1(\text{U}(1)) = (w_2 + w_1^2)c_1(\text{U}(1)) = a^2 c_1(\text{U}(1)) \pmod{2}$. $c_3(\text{SU}(3)) = \text{Sq}^2 c_2(\text{SU}(3)) = (w_2 + w_1^2)c_2(\text{SU}(3)) = a^2 c_2(\text{SU}(3)) \pmod{2}$. On 5-manifolds with $\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4$ structure, there is a Pin^+ structure on $\text{PD}(a)$ and there is an isomorphism $\Omega_5^{\text{Spin} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4} \xrightarrow{\cap a} \Omega_4^{\text{Pin}^+}$ [81], so the bordism invariant of $\Omega_5^{\text{Spin} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4} = \mathbb{Z}_{16}$ is $\eta(\text{PD}(a))$. The Witten anomaly $c_2(\text{SU}(2))\tilde{\eta}$ appears in $c_2(\text{SU}(2))\eta'$ as the normal subgroup $\mathbb{Z}_2$ of $\mathbb{Z}_4$. While the other three bordism invariants in 5d are beyond Witten anomaly. See appendix C for comment on the difference in 5d between table 9 and 11.

Cobordism group		
d	TP_d $(\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1))$	topological terms
0	0	
1	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_4$	$\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(1)}, \eta'$
2	0	
3	$\mathbb{Z}^4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mu, \frac{a^2 \text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(1)} + c_1(\text{U}(1))\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(1)}}{2}, \text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(2)}, \text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(3)}, ac_1(\text{U}(1))$
4	0	
5	$\mathbb{Z}^5 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4^2 \times \mathbb{Z}_{16}$	$\mu(\text{PD}(c_1(\text{U}(1))))$, $\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(1)}c_1(\text{U}(1))^2$, $\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(1)}c_2(\text{SU}(3)) \sim c_1(\text{U}(1))\text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(2)}$, $\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(1)}c_2(\text{SU}(3)) \sim c_1(\text{U}(1))\text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(3)}$, $\frac{a^2 \text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(3)} + \text{CS}_5^{\text{SU}(3)}}{2}$, $ac_2(\text{SU}(3)), c_2(\text{SU}(2))\eta', c_1(\text{U}(1))^2\eta', \eta(\text{PD}(a))$

Table 10. Topological phase classification ($\equiv \text{TP}$) as a cobordism group, following table 9. η' is a $\mathbb{Z}_4$ valued 1d eta invariant explained in table 9. a is the generator of $H^1(\text{B}\mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_2)$. The PD is the Poincaré dual. The μ is the 3d Rokhlin invariant. If $\partial M^4 = M^3$, then $\mu(M^3) = (\frac{\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F}}{8})(M^4)$, thus $\mu(\text{PD}(c_1(\text{U}(1))))$ is related to $\frac{c_1(\text{U}(1))(\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F})}{8}$ in table 9. The $\eta(\text{PD}(a))$ is explained in table 9. The Witten anomaly $c_2(\text{SU}(2))\tilde{\eta}$ appears in $c_2(\text{SU}(2))\eta'$ as the normal subgroup $\mathbb{Z}_2$ of $\mathbb{Z}_4$. While the other topological terms in 5d are beyond Witten anomaly.

Figure 17. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^{*+2}(\mathbb{RP}_2^\infty, \mathbb{Z}_2) \otimes H^*(B(\mathrm{SU}(3) \times \mathrm{U}(2)), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6. Here, c_i is the Chern class of $\mathrm{SU}(3)$ bundle, and c'_i is the Chern class of $\mathrm{U}(2)$ bundle.

Figure 18. $\Omega_*^{\mathrm{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathrm{SU}(3) \times \mathrm{U}(2)}$.

By (1.22), we obtain the cobordism group $\mathrm{TP}_d \left(\mathrm{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \frac{\mathrm{SU}(3) \times \mathrm{SU}(2) \times \mathrm{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_2} \right)$ shown in table 12.

In table 12, note that $\mathrm{CS}_1^{\mathrm{U}(2)} c_2(\mathrm{U}(2)) = c_1(\mathrm{U}(2)) \mathrm{CS}_3^{\mathrm{U}(2)}$ and $\mathrm{CS}_1^{\mathrm{U}(2)} c_2(\mathrm{SU}(3)) = c_1(\mathrm{U}(2)) \mathrm{CS}_3^{\mathrm{SU}(3)}$ up to a total derivative term (vanishing on a closed 5-manifold). See footnote 23.

Bordism group		
d	$\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}}$	bordism invariants
0	$\mathbb{Z}$	
1	$\mathbb{Z}_4$	η'
2	$\mathbb{Z}$	$c_1(\text{U}(2))$
3	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$ac_1(\text{U}(2))$
4	$\mathbb{Z}^4$	$\frac{\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F}}{8}, \frac{a^2 c_1(\text{U}(2)) + c_1(\text{U}(2))^2}{2}, c_2(\text{U}(2)), c_2(\text{SU}(3))$
5	$\mathbb{Z}_2^2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_{16}$	$ac_2(\text{SU}(3)), ac_2(\text{U}(2)), c_1(\text{U}(2))^2 \eta', \eta(\text{PD}(a))$
6	$\mathbb{Z}^5$	$c_1(\text{U}(2)) \frac{\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F}}{8}, c_1(\text{U}(2))^3, \frac{a^2 c_2(\text{U}(2)) + c_1(\text{U}(2)) c_2(\text{U}(2))}{2},$ $c_1(\text{U}(2)) c_2(\text{SU}(3)), \frac{a^2 c_2(\text{SU}(3)) + c_3(\text{SU}(3))}{2}$

Table 11. Bordism group. η' is a $\mathbb{Z}_4$ valued 1d eta invariant explained in table 9. η is the 4d eta invariant. σ is the signature of manifold. $c_i(G)$ is the Chern class of the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle. a is the generator of $H^1(\text{B}\mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z})$. F is the characteristic 2-surface [75] in a 4-manifold M^4 , it satisfies the condition $\text{F} \cdot x = x \cdot x \pmod{2}$ for all $x \in H_2(M^4, \mathbb{Z})$. Here $\cdot$ is the intersection form of M^4 . By the Freedman-Kirby theorem, $(\frac{\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F}}{8})(M^4) = \text{Arf}(M^4, \text{F}) \pmod{2}$. The PD is the Poincaré dual. Note that $c_1(\text{U}(2))^2 = \text{Sq}^2 c_1(\text{U}(2)) = (w_2 + w_1^2) c_1(\text{U}(2)) = a^2 c_1(\text{U}(2)) \pmod{2}$. $c_3(\text{SU}(3)) = \text{Sq}^2 c_2(\text{SU}(3)) = (w_2 + w_1^2) c_2(\text{SU}(3)) = a^2 c_2(\text{SU}(3)) \pmod{2}$. $c_1(\text{U}(2)) c_2(\text{U}(2)) = \text{Sq}^2 c_2(\text{U}(2)) = (w_2 + w_1^2) c_2(\text{U}(2)) = a^2 c_2(\text{U}(2)) \pmod{2}$. The $\eta(\text{PD}(a))$ is explained in table 9. See appendix C for comment on the difference in 5d between table 9 and 11.

Cobordism group		
d	$\text{TP}_d^{\left(\text{Spin} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}\right)}$	topological terms
0	0	
1	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_4$	$\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(2)}, \eta'$
2	0	
3	$\mathbb{Z}^4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mu, \frac{a^2 \text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(2)} + c_1(\text{U}(2)) \text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(2)}}{2}, \text{CS}_3^{\text{U}(2)}, \text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(3)}, ac_1(\text{U}(2))$
4	0	
5	$\mathbb{Z}^5 \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_{16}$	$\mu(\text{PD}(c_1(\text{U}(2)))) , \text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(2)} c_1(\text{U}(2))^2, \frac{a^2 \text{CS}_3^{\text{U}(2)} + \text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(2)} c_2(\text{U}(2))}{2} \sim \frac{a^2 \text{CS}_3^{\text{U}(2)} + c_1(\text{U}(2)) \text{CS}_3^{\text{U}(2)}}{2},$ $\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(2)} c_2(\text{SU}(3)) \sim c_1(\text{U}(2)) \text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(3)}, \frac{a^2 \text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(3)} + \text{CS}_5^{\text{SU}(3)}}{2},$ $ac_2(\text{SU}(3)), ac_2(\text{U}(2)), c_1(\text{U}(2))^2 \eta', \eta(\text{PD}(a))$

Table 12. Topological phase classification ($\equiv$ TP) as a cobordism group, following table 11. η' is a $\mathbb{Z}_4$ valued 1d eta invariant explained in table 9. η is the 4d eta invariant. $c_i(G)$ is the Chern class of the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle. CS_{2n-1}^G is the Chern-Simons form of the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle. a is the generator of $H^1(\text{B}\mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z})$. The PD is the Poincaré dual. The μ is the 3d Rokhlin invariant. If $\partial M^4 = M^3$, then $\mu(M^3) = (\frac{\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F}}{8})(M^4)$, thus $\mu(\text{PD}(c_1(\text{U}(2))))$ is related to $\frac{c_1(\text{U}(2))(\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F})}{8}$ in table 11. The $\eta(\text{PD}(a))$ is explained in table 9.

Figure 19. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^{*+2}(\mathbb{RP}_2^\infty, \mathbb{Z}_2) \otimes H^*(B(U(3) \times SU(2)), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6. Here, c_i is the Chern class of $U(3)$ bundle, and c'_i is the Chern class of $SU(2)$ bundle.

3.3 $\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_3}$ model

We consider $G = \text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_3} = \text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times U(3) \times SU(2)$, the Madsen-Tillmann spectrum MTG of the group G is

$$\begin{aligned} MTG &= M\text{Spin} \wedge (B\mathbb{Z}_2)^{2\xi} \wedge (B(U(3) \times SU(2)))_+ \\ &= M\text{Spin} \wedge \Sigma^{-2}\mathbb{RP}_2^\infty \wedge (B(U(3) \times SU(2)))_+. \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

The $(B(U(3) \times SU(2)))_+$ is the disjoint union of the classifying space $B(U(3) \times SU(2))$ and a point, see footnote 17.

Since

$$H^*(M\text{Spin} \wedge (B\mathbb{Z}_2)^{2\xi}, \mathbb{Z}_3) = H^*(M\text{Spin}, \mathbb{Z}_3), \quad (3.11)$$

similarly as the discussion in section 2.3, there is no 3-torsion in $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times U(3) \times SU(2)}$.

For the dimension $d = t - s < 8$, since there is no odd torsion (see footnote 21), by (1.27), we have the Adams spectral sequence

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s,t}(H^{*+2}(\mathbb{RP}_2^\infty, \mathbb{Z}_2) \otimes H^*(B(U(3) \times SU(2)), \mathbb{Z}_2), \mathbb{Z}_2) \Rightarrow \Omega_{t-s}^{\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times U(3) \times SU(2)}. \quad (3.12)$$

Based on figure 9 and 14, we obtain the $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^{*+2}(\mathbb{RP}_2^\infty, \mathbb{Z}_2) \otimes H^*(B(U(3) \times SU(2)), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6, as shown in figure 19.

The E_2 page is shown in figure 20. Here we have used the correspondence between $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure and the E_2 page shown in figure 37, 38 and 39.

Thus we obtain the bordism group $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_3}}$ shown in table 13.

By (1.22), we obtain the cobordism group $\text{TP}_d(\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_3})$ shown in table 14.

Figure 20. $\Omega_*^{\text{Spin} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \text{U}(3) \times \text{SU}(2)}$.

Bordism group		
d	$\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_3}}$	bordism invariants
0	$\mathbb{Z}$	
1	$\mathbb{Z}_4$	η'
2	$\mathbb{Z}$	$c_1(\text{U}(3))$
3	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$ac_1(\text{U}(3))$
4	$\mathbb{Z}^4$	$\frac{\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F}}{8}, \frac{a^2 c_1(\text{U}(3)) + c_1(\text{U}(3))^2}{2}, c_2(\text{SU}(2)), c_2(\text{U}(3))$
5	$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4^2 \times \mathbb{Z}_{16}$	$ac_2(\text{U}(3)), c_2(\text{SU}(2))\eta', c_1(\text{U}(3))^2\eta', \eta(\text{PD}(a))$
6	$\mathbb{Z}^5$	$c_1(\text{U}(3))\frac{\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F}}{8}, c_1(\text{U}(3))^3, c_1(\text{U}(3))c_2(\text{SU}(2)), \frac{a^2 c_2(\text{U}(3)) + c_1(\text{U}(3))c_2(\text{U}(3)) + c_3(\text{U}(3))}{2}, c_3(\text{U}(3))$

Table 13. Bordism group. η' is a $\mathbb{Z}_4$ valued 1d eta invariant explained in table 9. η is the 4d eta invariant. σ is the signature of manifold. $c_i(G)$ is the Chern class of the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle. a is the generator of $H^1(\text{B}\mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_2)$. F is the characteristic 2-surface [75] in a 4-manifold M^4 , it satisfies the condition $\text{F} \cdot x = x \cdot x \pmod{2}$ for all $x \in H_2(M^4, \mathbb{Z})$. Here $\cdot$ is the intersection form of M^4 . By the Freedman-Kirby theorem, $(\frac{\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F}}{8})(M^4) = \text{Arf}(M^4, \text{F}) \pmod{2}$. The PD is the Poincaré dual. Note that $c_1(\text{U}(3))^2 = \text{Sq}^2 c_1(\text{U}(3)) = (w_2 + w_1^2)c_1(\text{U}(3)) = a^2 c_1(\text{U}(3)) \pmod{2}$. $c_1(\text{U}(3))c_2(\text{U}(3)) + c_3(\text{U}(3)) = \text{Sq}^2 c_2(\text{U}(3)) = (w_2 + w_1^2)c_2(\text{U}(3)) = a^2 c_2(\text{U}(3)) \pmod{2}$. The $\eta(\text{PD}(a))$ is explained in table 9.

Cobordism group		
d	TP_d $\left(\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_3}\right)$	topological terms
0	0	
1	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_4$	$\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(3)}, \eta'$
2	0	
3	$\mathbb{Z}^4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mu, \frac{a^2 \text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(3)} + \text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(3)} c_1(\text{U}(3))}{2}, \text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(2)}, \text{CS}_3^{\text{U}(3)}, ac_1(\text{U}(3))$
4	0	
5	$\mathbb{Z}^5 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4^2 \times \mathbb{Z}_{16}$	$\mu(\text{PD}(c_1(\text{U}(3)))) , c_1(\text{U}(3))^2 \text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(3)}, \text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(3)} c_2(\text{SU}(2)) \sim c_1(\text{U}(3)) \text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(2)},$ $\frac{a^2 \text{CS}_3^{\text{U}(3)} + \text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(3)} c_2(\text{U}(3)) + \text{CS}_5^{\text{U}(3)}}{2} \sim \frac{a^2 \text{CS}_3^{\text{U}(3)} + c_1(\text{U}(3)) \text{CS}_3^{\text{U}(3)} + \text{CS}_5^{\text{U}(3)}}{2}, \text{CS}_5^{\text{U}(3)},$ $ac_2(\text{U}(3)), c_2(\text{SU}(2))\eta', c_1(\text{U}(3))^2\eta', \eta(\text{PD}(a))$

Table 14. Topological phase classification ($\equiv$ TP) as a cobordism group, following table 13. η' is a $\mathbb{Z}_4$ valued 1d eta invariant explained in table 9. η is the 4d eta invariant. $c_i(G)$ is the Chern class of the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle. CS_{2n-1}^G is the Chern-Simons form of the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle. a is the generator of $H^1(\text{B}\mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_2)$. The PD is the Poincaré dual. The μ is the 3d Rokhlin invariant. If $\partial M^4 = M^3$, then $\mu(M^3) = (\frac{\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F}}{8})(M^4)$, thus $\mu(\text{PD}(c_1(\text{U}(3))))$ is related to $\frac{c_1(\text{U}(3))(\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F})}{8}$ in table 13. The $\eta(\text{PD}(a))$ is explained in table 9.

In table 14, note that $\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(3)} c_2(\text{U}(3)) = c_1(\text{U}(3)) \text{CS}_3^{\text{U}(3)}$ and $\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(3)} c_2(\text{SU}(2)) = c_1(\text{U}(3)) \text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(2)}$ up to a total derivative term (vanishing on a closed 5-manifold). See footnote 23.

3.4 $\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6}$ model

We consider $G = \text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6} = \text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \text{S}(\text{U}(3) \times \text{U}(2))$, the Madsen-Tillmann spectrum MTG of the group G is

$$\begin{aligned} MTG &= M\text{Spin} \wedge (\text{B}\mathbb{Z}_2)^{2\xi} \wedge (\text{B}(\text{S}(\text{U}(3) \times \text{U}(2))))_+ \\ &= M\text{Spin} \wedge \Sigma^{-2} \mathbb{RP}_2^\infty \wedge (\text{B}(\text{S}(\text{U}(3) \times \text{U}(2))))_+. \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

The $(\text{B}(\text{S}(\text{U}(3) \times \text{U}(2))))_+$ is the disjoint union of the classifying space $\text{B}(\text{S}(\text{U}(3) \times \text{U}(2)))$ and a point, see footnote 17.

Since

$$H^*(M\text{Spin} \wedge (\text{B}\mathbb{Z}_2)^{2\xi}, \mathbb{Z}_3) = H^*(M\text{Spin}, \mathbb{Z}_3), \quad (3.14)$$

and

$$H^*\left(\text{B}\left(\frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6}\right), \mathbb{Z}_3\right) = H^*\left(\text{B}\left(\frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_3}\right), \mathbb{Z}_3\right), \quad (3.15)$$

similarly as the discussion in section 2.3, there is no 3-torsion in $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \text{S}(\text{U}(3) \times \text{U}(2))}$.

For the dimension $d = t - s < 8$, since there is no odd torsion (see footnote 21), by (1.27), we have the Adams spectral sequence

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s,t}(H^{*+2}(\mathbb{RP}_2^\infty, \mathbb{Z}_2) \otimes H^*(\text{B}(\text{S}(\text{U}(3) \times \text{U}(2))), \mathbb{Z}_2) \Rightarrow \Omega_{t-s}^{\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \text{S}(\text{U}(3) \times \text{U}(2))}. \quad (3.16)$$

Figure 21. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^{*+2}(\mathbb{RP}_2^\infty, \mathbb{Z}_2) \otimes H^*(B(S(U(3) \times U(2))), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6. Here, c_i is the Chern class of $U(3)$ bundle, and c'_i is the Chern class of $U(2)$ bundle, and $c_1 = c'_1$.

Figure 22. $\Omega_*^{\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times S(U(3) \times U(2))}$.

Based on figure 11 and 14, we obtain the $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^{*+2}(\mathbb{RP}_2^\infty, \mathbb{Z}_2) \otimes H^*(B(S(U(3) \times U(2))), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6, as shown in figure 21.

The E_2 page is shown in figure 22. Here we have used the correspondence between $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure and the E_2 page shown in figure 37, 38 and 39.

Thus we obtain the bordism group $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \frac{SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6}}$ shown in table 15.

By (1.22), we obtain the cobordism group $\text{TP}_d(\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \frac{SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6})$ shown in table 16.

Bordism group		
d	$\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6}}$	bordism invariants
0	$\mathbb{Z}$	
1	$\mathbb{Z}_4$	η'
2	$\mathbb{Z}$	$c_1(\text{U}(3))$
3	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$ac_1(\text{U}(3))$
4	$\mathbb{Z}^4$	$\frac{\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F}}{8}, \frac{a^2 c_1(\text{U}(3)) + c_1(\text{U}(3))^2}{2}, c_2(\text{U}(2)), c_2(\text{U}(3))$
5	$\mathbb{Z}_2^2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_{16}$	$ac_2(\text{U}(3)), ac_2(\text{U}(2)), c_1(\text{U}(3))^2 \eta', \eta(\text{PD}(a))$
6	$\mathbb{Z}^5$	$c_1(\text{U}(3)) \frac{\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F}}{8}, c_1(\text{U}(3))^3, \frac{a^2 c_2(\text{U}(2)) + c_1(\text{U}(2)) c_2(\text{U}(2))}{2},$ $\frac{a^2 c_2(\text{U}(3)) + c_1(\text{U}(3)) c_2(\text{U}(3)) + c_3(\text{U}(3))}{2}, c_3(\text{U}(3))$

Table 15. Bordism group. η' is a $\mathbb{Z}_4$ valued 1d eta invariant explained in table 9. η is the 4d eta invariant. σ is the signature of manifold. $c_i(G)$ is the Chern class of the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle. a is the generator of $H^1(\text{B}\mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_2)$. F is the characteristic 2-surface [75] in a 4-manifold M^4 , it satisfies the condition $\text{F} \cdot x = x \cdot x \pmod{2}$ for all $x \in H_2(M^4, \mathbb{Z})$. Here $\cdot$ is the intersection form of M^4 . By the Freedman-Kirby theorem, $(\frac{\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F}}{8})(M^4) = \text{Arf}(M^4, \text{F}) \pmod{2}$. The PD is the Poincaré dual. Here $c_1(\text{U}(3))$ is identified with $c_1(\text{U}(2))$. Note that $c_1(\text{U}(3))^2 = \text{Sq}^2 c_1(\text{U}(3)) = (w_2 + w_1^2) c_1(\text{U}(3)) = a^2 c_1(\text{U}(3)) \pmod{2}$. $c_1(\text{U}(3)) c_2(\text{U}(3)) + c_3(\text{U}(3)) = \text{Sq}^2 c_2(\text{U}(3)) = (w_2 + w_1^2) c_2(\text{U}(3)) = a^2 c_2(\text{U}(3)) \pmod{2}$. $c_1(\text{U}(2)) c_2(\text{U}(2)) = \text{Sq}^2 c_2(\text{U}(2)) = (w_2 + w_1^2) c_2(\text{U}(2)) = a^2 c_2(\text{U}(2)) \pmod{2}$. The $\eta(\text{PD}(a))$ is explained in table 9.

Cobordism group		
d	$\text{TP}_d \left(\text{Spin} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6} \right)$	topological terms
0	0	
1	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_4$	$\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(3)}, \eta'$
2	0	
3	$\mathbb{Z}^4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mu, \frac{a^2 \text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(3)} + \text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(3)} c_1(\text{U}(3))}{2}, \text{CS}_3^{\text{U}(2)}, \text{CS}_3^{\text{U}(3)}, ac_1(\text{U}(3))$
4	0	
5	$\mathbb{Z}^5 \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_{16}$	$\mu(\text{PD}(c_1(\text{U}(3)))) , c_1(\text{U}(3))^2 \text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(3)}, \frac{a^2 \text{CS}_3^{\text{U}(2)} + \text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(3)} c_2(\text{U}(2))}{2} \sim \frac{a^2 \text{CS}_3^{\text{U}(2)} + c_1(\text{U}(3)) \text{CS}_3^{\text{U}(2)}}{2},$ $\frac{a^2 \text{CS}_3^{\text{U}(3)} + \text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(3)} c_2(\text{U}(3)) + \text{CS}_5^{\text{U}(3)}}{2} \sim \frac{a^2 \text{CS}_3^{\text{U}(3)} + c_1(\text{U}(3)) \text{CS}_3^{\text{U}(3)} + \text{CS}_5^{\text{U}(3)}}{2}, \text{CS}_5^{\text{U}(3)},$ $ac_2(\text{U}(3)), ac_2(\text{U}(2)), c_1(\text{U}(3))^2 \eta', \eta(\text{PD}(a))$

Table 16. Topological phase classification ($\equiv$ TP) as a cobordism group, following table 15. η' is a $\mathbb{Z}_4$ valued 1d eta invariant explained in table 9. η is the 4d eta invariant. $c_i(G)$ is the Chern class of the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle. CS_{2n-1}^G is the Chern-Simons form of the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle. a is the generator of $H^1(\text{B}\mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_2)$. The PD is the Poincaré dual. The μ is the 3d Rokhlin invariant. If $\partial M^4 = M^3$, then $\mu(M^3) = (\frac{\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F}}{8})(M^4)$, thus $\mu(\text{PD}(c_1(\text{U}(3))))$ is related to $\frac{c_1(\text{U}(3))(\sigma - \text{F} \cdot \text{F})}{8}$ in table 15. The $\eta(\text{PD}(a))$ is explained in table 9.

In table 16, note that $CS_1^{U(3)}c_2(U(3)) = c_1(U(3))CS_3^{U(3)}$ and $CS_1^{U(2)}c_2(U(2)) = c_1(U(2))CS_3^{U(2)}$ up to a total derivative term (vanishing on a closed 5-manifold). Note that $c_1(U(2)) = c_1(U(3))$ and $CS_1^{U(2)} = CS_1^{U(3)}$. See footnote 23.

4 Pati-Salam models

Now we consider the co/bordism classes relevant for Pati-Salam GUT models [8]. There are actually two different cases for modding out different discrete normal subgroups.

4.1 $\frac{\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(4) \times (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2))}{\mathbb{Z}_2}}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}$ Pati-Salam model

We consider $G = \frac{\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(4) \times (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2))}{\mathbb{Z}_2}}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}$.

Note that $\frac{\text{SU}(4)}{\mathbb{Z}_2} = \frac{\text{Spin}(6)}{\mathbb{Z}_2} = \text{SO}(6)$, and $\frac{\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2)}{\mathbb{Z}_2} = \frac{\text{Spin}(4)}{\mathbb{Z}_2} = \text{SO}(4)$.

We have a homotopy pullback square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} BG & \longrightarrow & B(\text{SO}(6) \times \text{SO}(4)) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow w'_2 + w''_2 \\ BSO & \xrightarrow{w_2} & B^2\mathbb{Z}_2. \end{array} \quad (4.1)$$

Here $w'_2 = w_2(\text{SO}(6))$, $w''_2 = w_2(\text{SO}(4))$.

BG sits in a fibration sequence

$$BG \rightarrow BSO \times BSO(6) \times BSO(4) \xrightarrow{w_2(TM) + w_2(V_1) + w_2(V_2)} B^2\mathbb{Z}_2. \quad (4.2)$$

Map the three-fold product to itself by the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -V_1 + 6 & -V_2 + 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4.3)$$

we find that BG is homotopy equivalent to $B\text{Spin} \times BSO(6) \times BSO(4)$.

So we can identify $BG \rightarrow \text{BO}$ with $B\text{Spin} \times BSO(6) \times BSO(4) \rightarrow \text{BO}$: $(W, V_1, V_2) \mapsto -W - (V_1 + V_2 - 10)$.

Hence the Madsen-Tillmann spectrum MTG of the group G is

$$MTG = M\text{Spin} \wedge \Sigma^{-6}MSO(6) \wedge \Sigma^{-4}MSO(4). \quad (4.4)$$

For the dimension $d = t - s < 8$, since there is no odd torsion (see footnote 21), by (1.27), we have the Adams spectral sequence

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s,t}(\text{H}^{*+6}(MSO(6), \mathbb{Z}_2) \otimes \text{H}^{*+4}(MSO(4), \mathbb{Z}_2), \mathbb{Z}_2) \Rightarrow \Omega_{t-s}^{\frac{\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(4) \times (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2))}{\mathbb{Z}_2}}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}}. \quad (4.5)$$

$\text{H}^{*+6}(MSO(6), \mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2[w'_2, w'_3, w'_4, w'_5, w'_6]U$, $\text{H}^{*+4}(MSO(4), \mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2[w''_2, w''_3, w''_4]V$. Here in this subsection, w'_i is the Stiefel-Whitney class of $\text{SO}(6)$ bundle, and w''_i is the

Figure 23. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^{*+6}(MSO(6), \mathbb{Z}_2) \otimes H^{*+4}(MSO(4), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6.

Stiefel-Whitney class of $SO(4)$ bundle. Here U and V are Thom classes with $Sq^1 U = 0$, $Sq^2 U = w'_2 U$, $Sq^1 V = 0$ and $Sq^2 V = w''_2 V$.

The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^{*+6}(MSO(6), \mathbb{Z}_2) \otimes H^{*+4}(MSO(4), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ and the E_2 page are shown in figure 23, 24. Here we have used the correspondence between $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure and the E_2 page shown in figure 36, 40, 41, 43 and 46.

Thus we obtain the bordism group Ω_d $\frac{\text{Spin} \times \frac{SU(4) \times (SU(2) \times SU(2))}{\mathbb{Z}_2}}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}$ shown in table 17.

By (1.22), we obtain the cobordism group $TP_d \left(\frac{\text{Spin} \times \frac{SU(4) \times (SU(2) \times SU(2))}{\mathbb{Z}_2}}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} \right)$ shown in table 18.

Figure 24. Ω_* $\frac{\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(4) \times (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2))}{\mathbb{Z}_2}}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}$.

Bordism group		
d	Ω_d $\frac{\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(4) \times (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2))}{\mathbb{Z}_2}}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}$	bordism invariants
0	$\mathbb{Z}$	
1	0	
2	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$w'_2 \sim w''_2$
3	0	
4	$\mathbb{Z}^4$	p'_1 from $w_2'^2$, e'_4 from $w_4' + w_2'w_2''$, p_1'' from $w_2''^2$, e_4'' from w_4''
5	$\mathbb{Z}_2^2$	$w_2'w_3', w_2''w_3''$
6	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^4$	e_6' from w_6' , $w_2'w_2''^2, w_2''w_4'', w_2'^2w_2'' \sim w_2'^3 + w_3'^2, w_2'w_4'$

Table 17. Bordism group. Here w'_i is the Stiefel-Whitney class of the $\text{SO}(6) = \frac{\text{SU}(4)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ bundle, w''_i is the Stiefel-Whitney class of the $\text{SO}(4) = \frac{\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ bundle. p'_i is the Pontryagin class of the $\text{SO}(6) = \frac{\text{SU}(4)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ bundle, p_i'' is the Pontryagin class of the $\text{SO}(4) = \frac{\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ bundle. e'_i is the Euler class of the $\text{SO}(6) = \frac{\text{SU}(4)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ bundle, e_i'' is the Euler class of the $\text{SO}(4) = \frac{\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ bundle. Here $w_2 = w_2' + w_2''$, $w_3 = w_3' + w_3''$. Since $w_2 + w_1^2 = 0$ on 2-manifold, we have $w_2 = w_2' + w_2'' = w_1^2 = 0$ on oriented 2-manifold. Since $\text{Sq}^2(w_2'^2) = w_3'^2 = (w_2 + w_1^2)w_2'^2 = (w_2' + w_2'')w_2'^2$ on oriented 6-manifold by Wu formula, we have $w_2''w_2'^2 = w_2'^3 + w_3'^2$. Since $w_2'^2 = \text{Sq}^2(w_2') = (w_2 + w_1^2)w_2' = (w_2' + w_2'')w_2'$ on oriented 4-manifold by Wu formula, we have $w_2'w_2'' = 0$ on oriented 4-manifold. On a 4-manifold, the oriented bundle of rank 6 splits as the direct sum of an oriented bundle of rank 4 and a trivial plane bundle, the Euler class e_4' is the Euler class of the subbundle of rank 4.

Cobordism group		
d	$\text{TP}_d \left(\frac{\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(4) \times (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2))}{\mathbb{Z}_2}}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} \right)$	topological terms
0	0	
1	0	
2	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$w'_2 \sim w''_2$
3	$\mathbb{Z}^4$	$\text{CS}_3^{\text{SO}(6)}, \text{CS}_3^{\text{SO}(4)}, \text{CS}_{3,e}^{\text{SO}(6)}, \text{CS}_{3,e}^{\text{SO}(4)}$
4	0	
5	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2$	$\text{CS}_{5,e}^{\text{SO}(6)}, w'_2 w'_3, w''_2 w''_3$

Table 18. Topological phase classification ($\equiv \text{TP}$) as a cobordism group, following table 17. CS_{2n-1}^G is the Chern-Simons form of the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle (associated to the Chern/Pontryagin class). $\text{CS}_{2n-1,e}^G$ is the Chern-Simons form of the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle (associated to the Euler class). w'_i is the Stiefel-Whitney class of the $\text{SO}(6) = \frac{\text{SU}(4)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ bundle, w''_i is the Stiefel-Whitney class of the $\text{SO}(4) = \frac{\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ bundle.

4.2 $\frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(4) \times (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2))}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}$ Pati-Salam model

We consider $G = \frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(4) \times (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2))}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}$, let $G' = \frac{\text{SU}(4) \times (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2))}{\mathbb{Z}_2}$, then we have a fibration

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{BG}' \\ \downarrow \\ \text{BSO}(6) \times \text{BSO}(4) \xrightarrow{w'_2 + w''_2} \text{B}^2 \mathbb{Z}_2. \end{array} \quad (4.6)$$

Here $w'_2 = w_2(\text{SO}(6))$, $w''_2 = w_2(\text{SO}(4))$.

We have a homotopy pullback square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{BG} & \longrightarrow & \text{BG}' \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow w'_2 = w''_2 \\ \text{BSO} & \xrightarrow{w_2} & \text{B}^2 \mathbb{Z}_2. \end{array} \quad (4.7)$$

There is a homotopy equivalence $f : \text{BSO} \times \text{BG}' \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{BSO} \times \text{BG}'$ by $(V, W) \mapsto (V - W + 10, W)$, and there is obviously also an inverse map. Note that the pullback $f^*(w_2) = w_2(V - W) = w_2(V) + w_1(V)w_1(W) + w_2(W) = w_2 + w'_2$. Then we have the following homotopy pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{BG} & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \text{BSpin} \times \text{BG}' & & \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ \text{BSO} \times \text{BG}' & \xrightarrow{f} & \text{BSO} \times \text{BG}' & \xrightarrow{w_2 + 0} & \text{B}^2 \mathbb{Z}_2 \\ \downarrow (V,W) \mapsto V & \swarrow (V,W) \mapsto V+W-10 & \downarrow w_2 + w'_2 & \nearrow & \\ \text{BSO} & & & & \end{array} \quad (4.8)$$

This implies that the two classifying spaces $\text{BG} \sim \text{BSpin} \times \text{BG}'$ are homotopy equivalent.

By definition, the Madsen-Tillmann spectrum MTG of the group G is $MTG = \text{Thom}(BG; -V)$, where V is the induced virtual bundle (of dimension 0) by the map $BG \rightarrow BO$.

We can identify $BG \rightarrow BO$ with $B\text{Spin} \times BG' \xrightarrow{V-W+10} BSO \hookrightarrow BO$.

So the spectrum MTG is homotopy equivalent to $\text{Thom}(B\text{Spin} \times BG'; -(V-W+10))$, which is

$$MTG = M\text{Spin} \wedge \Sigma^{-10} MG'. \quad (4.9)$$

For the dimension $d = t - s < 8$, since there is no odd torsion (see footnote 21), by (1.27), we have the Adams spectral sequence

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s,t}(\mathbb{H}^{*+10}(MG', \mathbb{Z}_2), \mathbb{Z}_2) \Rightarrow \Omega_{t-s}^{\frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(4) \times (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2))}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}}. \quad (4.10)$$

There is a fibration

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B\mathbb{Z}_2 & \longrightarrow & BG' \\ & & \downarrow \\ & & BSO(6) \times BSO(4). \end{array} \quad (4.11)$$

So we have the Serre spectral sequence

$$\mathbb{H}^p(BSO(6) \times BSO(4), \mathbb{H}^q(B\mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_2)) \Rightarrow \mathbb{H}^{p+q}(BG', \mathbb{Z}_2). \quad (4.12)$$

Let a be the generator of $\mathbb{H}^1(B\mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_2)$, then we have the differentials $d_2(a) = w'_2 + w''_2$, $d_3(a^2) = \text{Sq}^1 d_2(a) = w'_3 + w''_3$, $d_5(a^4) = \text{Sq}^2 d_3(a^2) = w'_2 w'_3 + w'_5 + w''_2 w''_3$ and so on. So in $\mathbb{H}^*(BG', \mathbb{Z}_2)$, we have $w'_2 = w''_2$, $w'_3 = w''_3$ and $w'_5 = 0$.

So below degree 6, we have

$$\mathbb{H}^{*+10}(MG', \mathbb{Z}_2) = ((\mathbb{Z}_2[w'_2, w'_3, w'_4, w'_5, w'_6] \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2[w''_2, w''_3, w''_4]) / (w'_2 = w''_2, w'_3 = w''_3, w'_5 = 0))U \quad (4.13)$$

where U is the Thom class with $\text{Sq}^1 U = 0$, $\text{Sq}^2 U = w'_2 U = w''_2 U$. Here in this subsection, w'_i is the Stiefel-Whitney class of $\text{SO}(6)$ bundle, and w''_i is the Stiefel-Whitney class of $\text{SO}(4)$ bundle.

The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $\mathbb{H}^{*+10}(MG', \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6 and the E_2 page are shown in figure 25, 26. Here we have used the correspondence between $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure and the E_2 page shown in figure 35, 36, 37, 42, 44 and 45.

Thus we obtain the bordism group $\Omega_d^{\frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(4) \times (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2))}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}}$ shown in table 19.

By (1.22), we obtain the cobordism group $\text{TP}_d\left(\frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(4) \times (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2))}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}\right)$ shown in table 20.

5 $\text{SO}(10)$, $\text{SO}(18)$ and $\text{SO}(n)$ Grand Unifications

Now we consider the co/bordism classes relevant for Fritzsch-Minkowski $\text{SO}(10)$ GUT [7]. There are actually two cases, depending on whether the gauged $\text{SO}(10)$ GUT allows gauge-invariant fermions, or whether the gauged $\text{SO}(10)$ GUT only allows gauge-invariant bosons.

Figure 25. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^{*+10}(MG', \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6.

Figure 26. $\Omega_*^{\frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(4) \times (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2))}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}}$. The red part will be explained in appendix D.

The first case requires the bordism group computation of $\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n)$ structure shown in section 5.1, while the second case requires the bordism group computation of $\frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}$ structure shown in section 5.3. Because the matter fields are in the 16-dimensional complex spinor representation of $\text{Spin}(10)$ instead of the 10-dimensional vector representation of $\text{SO}(10)$, we should *not* consider the $\text{Spin} \times \text{SO}(n)$ structure for $\text{SO}(10)$ GUT. However, we list down bordism group computation of $\text{Spin} \times \text{SO}(n)$ in section 5.2 merely for the convenience of comparison.

Bordism group		
d	$\Omega_d^{\frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(4) \times (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2))}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}}$	bordism invariants
0	$\mathbb{Z}$	
1	0	
2	0	
3	0	
4	$\mathbb{Z}^4$	$(p'_1 \text{ from } w_2'^2, e'_4 \text{ from } w_4', e''_4 \text{ from } w_4'', (f^*)^{-1}(c_2(\text{SU}(2))))$
5	$\mathbb{Z}_2^3$	$(w_2'w_3', w_4''\tilde{\eta}, (f^*)^{-1}(c_2(\text{SU}(2))\tilde{\eta}))$
6	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^5$	$(\frac{e'_6}{2} \text{ from } w_6', w_2'w_4', w_2'w_4'', w_4''\text{Arf}, w_2'w_3'\tilde{\eta}, (f^*)^{-1}(c_2(\text{SU}(2))\text{Arf}))$

Table 19. Bordism group. Here w'_i is the Stiefel-Whitney class of the $\text{SO}(6) = \frac{\text{SU}(4)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ bundle, w''_i is the Stiefel-Whitney class of the $\text{SO}(4) = \frac{\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ bundle. p'_i is the Pontryagin class of the $\text{SO}(6) = \frac{\text{SU}(4)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ bundle, p''_i is the Pontryagin class of the $\text{SO}(4) = \frac{\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ bundle. e'_i is the Euler class of the $\text{SO}(6) = \frac{\text{SU}(4)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ bundle, e''_i is the Euler class of the $\text{SO}(4) = \frac{\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ bundle. Here $w_2 = w_2' = w_2''$, $w_3 = w_3' = w_3''$. $\tilde{\eta}$ is a mod 2 index of 1d Dirac operator. Arf is a 2d Arf invariant. Since $\text{Sq}^2 w_4' = w_2'w_4' + w_6' = (w_2 + w_1^2)w_4' = w_2'w_4'$ on oriented 6-manifold by Wu formula, we have $e'_6 = w'_6 = 0 \pmod{2}$. On a 4-manifold, the oriented bundle of rank 6 splits as the direct sum of an oriented bundle of rank 4 and a trivial plane bundle, the Euler class e'_4 is the Euler class of the subbundle of rank 4. Here $f : \Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4)} \rightarrow \Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \mathbb{Z}_2(\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4))}$ is the natural group homomorphism, f^* is the induced map between bordism invariants. $c_2(\text{SU}(2))$ is one of the bordism invariants of $\Omega_4^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4)}$, $c_2(\text{SU}(2))\tilde{\eta}$ is one of the bordism invariants (related to Witten anomaly) of $\Omega_5^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4)}$, while $c_2(\text{SU}(2))\text{Arf}$ is one of the bordism invariants of $\Omega_6^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4)}$. Here $\tilde{\eta}$ is the mod 2 index of 1d Dirac operator, Arf is the Arf invariant. The three bordism invariants which involve f correspond to the red part of figure 26 and will be explained in appendix D.

5.1 $\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n)$ for $n \geq 7$: $\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(10)$ and $\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(18)$

Here we consider $G = \text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n)$ for $n \geq 7$, especially for $\text{Spin}(10)$ and $\text{Spin}(18)$. The Madsen-Tillmann spectrum MTG of the group G is

$$MTG = M\text{Spin} \wedge (\text{BSpin}(n))_+. \quad (5.1)$$

The $(\text{BSpin}(n))_+$ is the disjoint union of the classifying space $\text{BSpin}(n)$ and a point, see footnote 17.

For the dimension $d = t - s < 8$, since there is no odd torsion (see footnote 21), by (1.27), we have the Adams spectral sequence

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s,t}(\text{H}^*(\text{BSpin}(n), \mathbb{Z}_2), \mathbb{Z}_2) \Rightarrow \Omega_{t-s}^{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n)}. \quad (5.2)$$

By [85]’s Theorem 6.5, we have

$$\text{H}^*(\text{BSpin}(n), \mathbb{Z}_2) = \text{H}^*(\text{BSO}(n), \mathbb{Z}_2)/(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{h(n)}) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2[e] \quad (5.3)$$

where

$$\text{H}^*(\text{BSO}(n), \mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2[w_2', w_3', \dots, w_n'], \quad (5.4)$$

Cobordism group		
d	$\text{TP}_d \left(\frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(4) \times (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2))}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} \right)$	topological terms
0	0	
1	0	
2	0	
3	$\mathbb{Z}^4$	$\text{CS}_3^{\text{SO}(6)}, \text{CS}_{3,e}^{\text{SO}(6)}, \text{CS}_{3,e}^{\text{SO}(4)}, g^{-1}(\text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(2)})$
4	0	
5	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^3$	$\frac{1}{2}\text{CS}_{5,e}^{\text{SO}(6)}, w'_2 w'_3, w''_4 \tilde{\eta}, (f^*)^{-1}(c_2(\text{SU}(2))\tilde{\eta})$

Table 20. Topological phase classification ($\equiv \text{TP}$) as a cobordism group, following table 19. CS_{2n-1}^G is the Chern-Simons form of the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle (associated to the Chern/Pontryagin class). $\text{CS}_{2n-1,e}^G$ is the Chern-Simons form of the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle (associated to the Euler class). w'_i is the Stiefel-Whitney class of the $\text{SO}(6) = \frac{\text{SU}(4)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ bundle, w''_i is the Stiefel-Whitney class of the $\text{SO}(4) = \frac{\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ bundle, $\tilde{\eta}$ is the mod 2 index of 1d Dirac operator. Here $g : \text{TP}_3(\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4))) \rightarrow \text{TP}_3(\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4))$ is the induced group homomorphism from the f explained in table 19. Both f and g are examined in appendix D. $\text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(2)}$ is one of the topological terms of $\text{TP}_3(\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4))$.

and

$$r_1 = w'_2, \quad r_2 = \text{Sq}^1 w'_2, \quad r_3 = \text{Sq}^2 \text{Sq}^1 w'_2, \quad \dots, \quad r_h = \text{Sq}^{2^{h-2}} \dots \text{Sq}^2 \text{Sq}^1 w'_2, \quad \dots \quad (5.5)$$

The value of the function h is

$$\begin{aligned} h(8k+1) &= 4k, \quad h(8k+2) = 4k+1, \quad h(8k+3) = h(8k+4) = 4k+2, \\ h(8k+5) &= h(8k+6) = h(8k+7) = h(8k+8) = 4k+3. \end{aligned} \quad (5.6)$$

Here $2^{h(n)}$ is the dimension of the real spinor representation of $\text{Spin}(n)$, it is also called the Hurwitz-Radon number. $e \in H^{2^{h(n)}}(\text{BSpin}(n), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ is the $2^{h(n)}$ -th Stiefel-Whitney class of the real spinor representation $\Delta : \text{BSpin}(n) \rightarrow \text{BO}(2^{h(n)})$. Here in this subsection, w'_i is the Stiefel-Whitney class of $\text{SO}(n)$ bundle.

Since $\text{Sq}^1 w'_2 = w'_3$, $\text{Sq}^2 \text{Sq}^1 w'_2 = \text{Sq}^2 w'_3 = w'_2 w'_3 + w'_5$, for $n \geq 7$, we have

$$H^*(\text{BSpin}(n), \mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2[w'_4, w'_6, w'_7, \dots] \quad (5.7)$$

where the $\dots$ are generators in higher degrees.

For $n \geq 7$, the $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^*(\text{BSpin}(n), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6 is shown in figure 27.

The E_2 page is shown in figure 28. Here we have used the correspondence between $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure and the E_2 page shown in figure 35 and 44.

Thus we obtain the bordism group $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n)}$ for $n \geq 7$ shown in table 21.

By (1.22), we obtain the cobordism group $\text{TP}_d(\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n))$ for $n \geq 7$ shown in table 22.

Figure 27. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^*(B\text{Spin}(n), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6 for $n \geq 7$.

Figure 28. $\Omega_*^{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n)}$ for $n \geq 7$.

Bordism group		
d	$\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n)}$ for $n \geq 7$	bordism invariants
0	$\mathbb{Z}$	
1	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\tilde{\eta}$
2	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	Arf
3	0	
4	$\mathbb{Z}^2$	$\frac{\sigma}{16}, e'_4$
5	0	
6	0	

Table 21. Bordism group. Here e'_4 is the Euler class of the $\text{Spin}(n)$ bundle. $\tilde{\eta}$ is a mod 2 index of 1d Dirac operator. Arf is a 2d Arf invariant. σ is the signature of manifold. On a 4-manifold, the oriented bundle of rank n splits as the direct sum of an oriented bundle of rank 4 and a trivial bundle of rank $n - 4$, the Euler class e'_4 is the Euler class of the subbundle of rank 4.

Cobordism group		
d	$\text{TP}_d(\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n))$ for $n \geq 7$	topological terms
0	0	
1	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\tilde{\eta}$
2	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	Arf
3	$\mathbb{Z}^2$	$\frac{1}{48}\text{CS}_3^{TM}, \text{CS}_{3,e}^{\text{Spin}(n)}$
4	0	
5	0	

Table 22. Topological phase classification ($\equiv$ TP) as a cobordism group, following table 21. $\tilde{\eta}$ is a mod 2 index of 1d Dirac operator. Arf is a 2d Arf invariant. The TM is the spacetime tangent bundle. CS_{2n-1}^V is the Chern-Simons form of the vector bundle V (associated to the Chern/Pontryagin class). $\text{CS}_{2n-1,e}^G$ is the Chern-Simons form of the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle (associated to the Euler class).

5.2 $\text{Spin} \times \text{SO}(n)$ for $n \geq 7$: $\text{Spin} \times \text{SO}(10)$ and $\text{Spin} \times \text{SO}(18)$

Here we consider $G = \text{Spin} \times \text{SO}(n)$ for $n \geq 7$, especially for $\text{SO}(10)$ and $\text{SO}(18)$. The Madsen-Tillmann spectrum MTG of the group G is

$$MTG = M\text{Spin} \wedge (\text{BSO}(n))_+. \quad (5.8)$$

The $(\text{BSO}(n))_+$ is the disjoint union of the classifying space $\text{BSO}(n)$ and a point, see footnote 17.

For the dimension $d = t - s < 8$, since there is no odd torsion (see footnote 21), by (1.27), we have the Adams spectral sequence

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s,t}(\text{H}^*(\text{BSO}(n), \mathbb{Z}_2), \mathbb{Z}_2) \Rightarrow \Omega_{t-s}^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SO}(n)}. \quad (5.9)$$

We have

$$\text{H}^*(\text{BSO}(n), \mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2[w'_2, w'_3, \dots, w'_n]. \quad (5.10)$$

Here in this subsection, w'_i is the Stiefel-Whitney class of $\text{SO}(n)$ bundle.

We also have the Wu formula

$$\text{Sq}^j w'_i = \sum_{k=0}^j \binom{i-k-1}{j-k} w'_{i+j-k} w'_k \text{ for } 0 \leq j \leq i. \quad (5.11)$$

For $n \geq 7$, the $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $\text{H}^*(\text{BSO}(n), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6 is shown in figure 29.

The E_2 page is shown in figure 30. Here we have used the correspondence between $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure and the E_2 page shown in figure 35, 36 and 42.

Thus we obtain the bordism group $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SO}(n)}$ for $n \geq 7$ shown in table 23.

By (1.22), we obtain the cobordism group $\text{TP}_d(\text{Spin} \times \text{SO}(n))$ for $n \geq 7$ shown in table 24.

Figure 29. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^*(BSO(n), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6 for $n \geq 7$.

Figure 30. $\Omega_*^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SO}(n)}$ for $n \geq 7$.

5.3 $\frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}$: $\frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(10)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}$ and $\frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(18)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}$

Let $G = \frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}$, we have a homotopy pullback square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} BG & \longrightarrow & BSO(n) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow w'_2 \\ BSO & \xrightarrow{w_2} & B^2\mathbb{Z}_2. \end{array} \quad (5.12)$$

Here $w'_2 = w_2(\text{SO}(n))$.

Bordism group		
d	$\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SO}(n)}$ for $n \geq 7$	bordism invariants
0	$\mathbb{Z}$	
1	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\tilde{\eta}$
2	$\mathbb{Z}_2^2$	Arf, w'_2
3	0	
4	$\mathbb{Z}^2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	$\frac{\sigma}{16}, \frac{p'_1}{2}, w'_4$
5	0	
6	$\mathbb{Z}_2^2$	$w_2'^3, w'_6$

Table 23. Bordism group. Here w'_i is the Stiefel-Whitney class of the $\text{SO}(10)$ bundle, p'_1 is the Pontryagin class of the $\text{SO}(10)$ bundle. $\tilde{\eta}$ is a mod 2 index of 1d Dirac operator. Arf is a 2d Arf invariant. σ is the signature of manifold.

Cobordism group		
d	$\text{TP}_d(\text{Spin} \times \text{SO}(n))$ for $n \geq 7$	topological terms
0	0	
1	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\tilde{\eta}$
2	$\mathbb{Z}_2^2$	Arf, w'_2
3	$\mathbb{Z}^2$	$\frac{1}{48} \text{CS}_3^{TM}, \frac{1}{2} \text{CS}_3^{\text{SO}(n)}$
4	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	w'_4
5	0	

Table 24. Topological phase classification ($\equiv$ TP) as a cobordism group, following table 23. Here w'_i is the Stiefel-Whitney class of the $\text{SO}(10)$ bundle, $\tilde{\eta}$ is a mod 2 index of 1d Dirac operator. Arf is a 2d Arf invariant. The TM is the spacetime tangent bundle. CS_{2n-1}^V or CS_{2n-1}^G is the Chern-Simons form of the vector bundle V or the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle (associated to the Chern/Pontryagin class).

There is a homotopy equivalence $f : \text{BSO} \times \text{BSO}(n) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{BSO} \times \text{BSO}(n)$ by $(V, W) \mapsto (V - W + n, W)$, and there is obviously also an inverse map. Note that the pullback $f^*(w_2) = w_2(V - W) = w_2(V) + w_1(V)w_1(W) + w_2(W) = w_2 + w'_2$. Then we have the following homotopy pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 BG & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \text{BSpin} \times \text{BSO}(n) & & \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 \text{BSO} \times \text{BSO}(n) & \xrightarrow{f} & \text{BSO} \times \text{BSO}(n) & \xrightarrow{w_2+0} & \text{B}^2\mathbb{Z}_2 \\
 \downarrow (V,W) \mapsto V & & \downarrow (V,W) \mapsto V+W-n & \nearrow w_2+w'_2 & \\
 \text{BSO} & & & &
 \end{array} \quad (5.13)$$

This implies that the two classifying spaces $BG \sim \text{BSpin} \times \text{BSO}(n)$ are homotopy equivalent.

Figure 31. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^{*+10}(MSO(10), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6. Here U is a Thom class.

By definition, the Madsen-Tillmann spectrum MTG of the group G is $MTG = \text{Thom}(BG; -V)$, where V is the induced virtual bundle (of dimension 0) by the map $BG \rightarrow \text{BO}$.

We can identify $BG \rightarrow \text{BO}$ with $\text{BSpin} \times \text{BSO}(n) \xrightarrow{V-V_n+n} \text{BSO} \hookrightarrow \text{BO}$.

So the spectrum MTG is homotopy equivalent to $\text{Thom}(\text{BSpin} \times \text{BSO}(n); -(V - V_n + n))$, which is $M\text{Spin} \wedge \Sigma^{-n} MSO(n)$.

We consider $G = \frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(10)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}$, the Madsen-Tillmann spectrum MTG of the group G is

$$MTG = M\text{Spin} \wedge \Sigma^{-10} MSO(10). \quad (5.14)$$

We have $w_2 = w'_2$, namely $w_2(TM) = w_2(\text{SO}(10))$.

For the dimension $d = t - s < 8$, since there is no odd torsion (see footnote 21), by (1.27), we have the Adams spectral sequence

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s,t}(H^{*+10}(MSO(10), \mathbb{Z}_2), \mathbb{Z}_2) \Rightarrow \Omega_{t-s}^{\frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(10)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}}. \quad (5.15)$$

We have

$$H^{*+10}(MSO(10), \mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2[w'_2, w'_3, \dots, w'_{10}]U \quad (5.16)$$

where U is the Thom class with $\text{Sq}^1 U = 0$, $\text{Sq}^2 U = w'_2 U$. Here in this subsection, w'_i is the Stiefel-Whitney class of $\text{SO}(n)$ bundle.

The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^{*+10}(MSO(10), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6 and the E_2 page are shown in figure 31, 32. Here we have used the correspondence between $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure and the E_2 page shown in figure 36, 43, and 46.

Figure 32. $\Omega_* \frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(10)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}$.

Bordism group		
d	$\Omega_d \frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(10)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}$	bordism invariants
0	$\mathbb{Z}$	
1	0	
2	0	
3	0	
4	$\mathbb{Z}^2$	p'_1 (from $w_2'^2$), e'_4 (from w_4')
5	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$w_2 w_3 = w_2' w_3'$
6	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$w_2 w_4' = w_2' w_4'$

Table 25. Bordism group. Here w_i is the Stiefel-Whitney class of the tangent bundle, w'_i is the Stiefel-Whitney class of the $\text{SO}(10)$ bundle, p'_1 is the Pontryagin class of the $\text{SO}(10)$ bundle. e'_4 is the Euler class of the $\text{SO}(10)$ bundle, on a 4-manifold, the oriented bundle of rank 10 splits as the direct sum of an oriented bundle of rank 4 and a trivial bundle of rank 6, the Euler class e'_4 is the Euler class of the subbundle of rank 4. Same result for $\Omega_d \frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(18)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}$ and $\Omega_d \frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}$ with $n \geq 7$ and $0 \leq d \leq 6$. Here, the p'_1 has another form, see appendix E.

Thus we obtain the bordism group $\Omega_d \frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(10)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}$ shown in table 25.

Actually $\Omega_d \frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F} = \Omega_d \frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n+1)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}$ for $n \geq 7$ and $0 \leq d \leq 6$.

By (1.22), we obtain the cobordism group $\text{TP}_d(\frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(10)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F})$ shown in table 26.

Cobordism group		
d	$\text{TP}_d\left(\frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(10)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}\right)$	topological terms
0	0	
1	0	
2	0	
3	$\mathbb{Z}^2$	$\text{CS}_3^{\text{SO}(10)}, \text{CS}_{3,e}^{\text{SO}(10)}$
4	0	
5	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$w_2 w_3 = w'_2 w'_3$

Table 26. Topological phase classification ($\equiv$ TP) as a cobordism group, following table 25. Here w_i is the Stiefel-Whitney class of the tangent bundle, w'_i is the Stiefel-Whitney class of the $\text{SO}(10)$ bundle, CS_{2n-1}^G is the Chern-Simons form of the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle (associated to the Chern/Pontryagin class). $\text{CS}_{2n-1,e}^G$ is the Chern-Simons form of the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle (associated to the Euler class). Same result for $\text{TP}_d\left(\frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(18)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}\right)$ and $\text{TP}_d\left(\frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}\right)$ with $n \geq 7$ and $0 \leq d \leq 5$.

6 $\text{SU}(5)$ and $\text{SU}(n)$ Grand Unifications: $\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(n)$: $\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(5)$

Now we consider the co/bordism classes relevant for Georgi-Glashow $\text{SU}(5)$ GUT [6].

We consider $G = \text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(5)$, the Madsen-Tillmann spectrum MTG of the group G is

$$MTG = M\text{Spin} \wedge (\text{BSU}(5))_+. \quad (6.1)$$

The $(\text{BSU}(5))_+$ is the disjoint union of the classifying space $\text{BSU}(5)$ and a point, see footnote 17.

For the dimension $d = t - s < 8$, since there is no odd torsion (see footnote 21), by (1.27), we have the Adams spectral sequence

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s,t}(\text{H}^*(\text{BSU}(5), \mathbb{Z}_2), \mathbb{Z}_2) \Rightarrow \Omega_{t-s}^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(5)}. \quad (6.2)$$

The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $\text{H}^*(\text{BSU}(5), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6 and the E_2 page are shown in figure 33, 34. Here we have used the correspondence between $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure and the E_2 page shown in figure 35 and 37.

Thus we obtain the bordism group $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(5)}$ shown in table 27.

Actually $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(n)} = \Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(n+1)}$ for $n \geq 3$ and $0 \leq d \leq 6$.

By (1.22), we obtain the cobordism group $\text{TP}_d(\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(5))$ shown in table 28.

7 Physics interpretations of topological terms, anomalies and invertible topological orders

Let us present some explicit examples of topological terms, anomalies and invertible topological orders, and their interpretations (see also [31]). We shall interpret the new results obtained in our tables in section 2–6 in a similar manner.

Figure 33. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^*(BSU(5), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6. Here, c_i is the Chern class of $SU(5)$ bundle.

Figure 34. $\Omega_*^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(5)}$.

Bordism group		
d	$\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(5)}$	bordism invariants
0	$\mathbb{Z}$	
1	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\tilde{\eta}$
2	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	Arf
3	0	
4	$\mathbb{Z}^2$	$\frac{\sigma}{16}, c_2$
5	0	
6	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\frac{c_3}{2}$

Table 27. Bordism group. $\tilde{\eta}$ is a mod 2 index of 1d Dirac operator. Arf is a 2d Arf invariant. σ is the signature of manifold. Here c_i is the Chern class of the $SU(5)$ bundle. Note that $c_3 = \text{Sq}^2 c_2 = (w_2 + w_1^2)c_2 = 0 \pmod 2$ on Spin 6-manifolds.

Cobordism group		
d	$\text{TP}_d(\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(5))$	topological terms
0	0	
1	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\tilde{\eta}$
2	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	Arf
3	$\mathbb{Z}^2$	$\frac{1}{48} \text{CS}_3^{TM}, \text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(5)}$
4	0	
5	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\frac{1}{2} \text{CS}_5^{\text{SU}(5)}$

Table 28. Topological phase classification ($\equiv$ TP) as a cobordism group, following table 27. $\tilde{\eta}$ is a mod 2 index of 1d Dirac operator. Arf is a 2d Arf invariant. The TM is the spacetime tangent bundle. CS_{2n-1}^V or CS_{2n-1}^G is the Chern-Simons form of the vector bundle V or the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle (associated to the Chern/Pontryagin class).

7.1 Interpretations of the $\mathbb{Z}$ classes of co/bordism invariants

- (1). The bordism generator of bordism group $\Omega_4^{\text{SO}} = \mathbb{Z}$ is the complex projective space $\mathbb{CP}^2, \overline{\mathbb{CP}^2}$ and their connected-sum manifolds, whose bordism invariant is the signature $\sigma = \frac{1}{3} \int_{M^3} p_1(TM)$ related to Pontryagin class of tangent spacetime TM of manifold M . Since $\sigma(\mathbb{CP}^2) = 1$ and all other SO-manifolds have quantized signatures, we can define a so-called θ -term whose partition function

$$\mathbf{Z} = \exp \left(i \frac{\theta}{3} \int_{M^4} p_1(TM) \right)$$

on non-spin manifolds with a compact periodic $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$, with a different θ specifying a different theory on non-spin manifolds.

The cobordism generator of cobordism group $\text{TP}_3(\text{SO}) = \mathbb{Z}$ is the 3d gravitational Chern-Simons (CS) theory given by a partition function

$$\mathbf{Z} = \exp \left(i \frac{k}{3} \int_{M^3} \text{CS}_{\text{grav}} \right) = \exp \left(i \frac{k}{3} \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{M^3} \text{Tr} \left(\omega d\omega + \frac{2}{3} \omega^3 \right) \right),$$

here $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ and ω is a connection of the tangent bundle of an oriented non-spin manifold M . The $\exp(i \frac{k}{3} \text{CS}_{\text{grav}})$ on the non-spin M^3 can be defined by extending the 3-manifold M^3 as a boundary of 4-manifold M^4 with a stable tangential SO structure. The extension from 3d to 4d is doable, thanks to $\Omega_3^{\text{SO}} = \Omega_3^{\text{SO}}(pt) = 0$. So $\exp(i \frac{k}{3} \int_{M^3} \text{CS}_{\text{grav}})|_{M^3=\partial(M^4)} = \exp(i \frac{k}{3} \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{M^4} \text{Tr}(R(\omega) \wedge R(\omega))) = \exp(i \frac{k}{3} (2\pi) \int_{M^4} p_1(TM))$, with $R(\omega) = d\omega + \omega \wedge \omega$ as the curvature 2-form of ω . We can show this definition is independent for any suitable M^4 extension. If $M^3 = \partial(M^4) = \partial(M'^4)$, then the two definitions are differed by an identity $\exp(i \frac{k}{3} (2\pi) \int_{(M^4) \cup (M'^4)} p_1(TM)) = \exp(ik(2\pi)\sigma) = 1$ on a closed SO manifold $(M^4) \cup (M'^4)$.

When $k = 1$, the 3d gravitational CS theory is the gravitational background field theory, which can probe the dynamical internal 3d CS gauge theory of gauge group

$(E_8)_1$. Namely, by integrating out the internal gauge fields of $(E_8)_1$, we should obtain back the 3d gravitational CS background field theory. Also this bulk internal field theory can be equivalently written as at least three CS descriptions:

- First, the 3d $(E_8)_1$ CS theory with a gauge group E_8 at the level 1.
- Second, a $SO(16)_1$ CS $\otimes$ (a spin TQFT $\{1, f\}$ with only a trivial line operator 1 and a single fermionic line f).
- Third, a rank-8 K_{E_8} matrix abelian CS theory $\mathbf{Z} = \int [Da] \exp(\frac{(K_{E_8})_{IJ}}{4\pi} \int_{M^3} a_I da_J)$

with an E_8 Cartan matrix $K_{E_8} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ as the symmetric bilinear form pairing the 1-form abelian *dynamical* gauge fields a_I and a_J , for $I, J \in \{1, 2, \dots, 8\}$.

Note that all these internal 3d CS theories can have a 2d boundary CFT with a chiral central charge $c_- = 8$, namely associated with a E_8 chiral boson theory with 8 chiral modes each with $c_- = 1$. This is a rank-8 K -matrix complex chiral boson theory whose $K = K_{E_8}$. Alternatively, this CFT can also be formed by gapless 16 multiple of chiral Majorana-Weyl modes, each mode with a $c_- = 1/2$.

- (2). The bordism generator of bordism group $\Omega_4^{\text{Spin}} = \mathbb{Z}$ is the complex K3 manifold (K3 surface, belonging to Calabi-Yau manifold and hyperkähler manifold), whose bordism invariant is the signature $\frac{1}{16}\sigma = \frac{1}{16} \frac{1}{3} \int_{M^4} p_1(TM)$ related to Pontryagin class of tangent spacetime TM of manifold M . Since $\frac{1}{16}\sigma(K3) = -1$ and all other spin manifolds have quantized signatures, we can define a so-called θ -term whose partition function is

$$\mathbf{Z} = \exp\left(i \frac{\theta}{48} \int_{M^4} p_1(TM)\right)$$

on spin manifolds with a compact periodic $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$, with any different θ value specifying a different theory on spin manifolds. The cobordism generator of cobordism group $TP_3(\text{Spin}) = \mathbb{Z}$ is the 3d gravitational Chern-Simons theory given by

$$\mathbf{Z} = \exp\left(\frac{i}{16} \frac{\nu}{3} \int_{M^3} \text{CS}_{\text{grav}}\right) = \exp\left(\frac{i}{16} \frac{\nu}{3} \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{M^3} \text{Tr}\left(\omega d\omega + \frac{2}{3}\omega^3\right)\right),$$

here $\nu \in \mathbb{Z}$. Similarly, the $\exp(i \frac{\nu}{16 \cdot 3} \int_{M^3} \text{CS}_{\text{grav}})$ on the spin M^3 can be defined by extending the 3-manifold M^3 as a boundary of 4-manifold M^4 with a stable tangential spin structure. The extension from 3d to 4d is doable, thanks to $\Omega_3^{\text{Spin}} = \Omega_3^{\text{Spin}}(pt) = 0$. So $\exp(i \frac{\nu}{16 \cdot 3} \int_{M^3} \text{CS}_{\text{grav}})|_{M^3=\partial(M^4)} = \exp(\frac{i}{16} \frac{\nu}{3} \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{M^4} \text{Tr}(R(\omega) \wedge R(\omega)) = \exp(i \frac{\nu}{16 \cdot 3} (2\pi) \int_{M^4} p_1(TM))$. We can show this definition is independent for any suitable M^4 extension. If $M^3 = \partial(M^4) = \partial(M'^4)$, then the two definitions are differed by an identity $\exp(i \frac{\nu}{16 \cdot 3} (2\pi) \int_{(M^4) \cup (M'^4)} p_1(TM)) = \exp(i \nu (2\pi) \frac{\sigma}{16}) = 1$ on a closed spin manifold $(M^4) \cup (M'^4)$. Note that the 3d CS theory can have a 2d boundary CFT with a chiral central charge $c_- = 1/2$, namely associated with a gapless real-valued chiral Majorana-Weyl mode χ with an action $\int dt dx i(\partial_t - \partial_x)\chi$.

- (3). Next let us consider the bordism group $\Omega_4^{\text{SO}}(\text{BSU}(2)) = \mathbb{Z}^2$ and $\Omega_4^{\text{Spin}}(\text{BSU}(2)) = \mathbb{Z}^2$ for the internal symmetry $\text{SU}(2)$. The two bordism invariants of $\Omega_4^{\text{SO}}(\text{BSU}(2)) = \mathbb{Z}^2$ are the signature σ and the second Chern class $c_2(V_{\text{SU}(2)})$ of the $\text{SU}(2)$ bundle. The two bordism invariants of $\Omega_4^{\text{Spin}}(\text{BSU}(2)) = \mathbb{Z}^2$ are $\frac{\sigma}{16}$ where σ is the signature and the second Chern class $c_2(V_{\text{SU}(2)})$ of the $\text{SU}(2)$ bundle. We had already discussed the invariants related to signature σ . Let us focus on the other, but common, bordism invariant $c_2(V_{\text{SU}(2)})$ of $\Omega_4^{\text{SO}}(\text{BSU}(2))$ and $\Omega_4^{\text{Spin}}(\text{BSU}(2))$. This, in fact, specifies the so-called θ -term of particle physics whose partition function contains

$$\mathbf{Z} = \exp \left(i\theta \int_{M^4} c_2(V_{\text{SU}(2)}) \right) = \exp \left(\frac{i\theta}{8\pi^2} \int_{M^4} \text{Tr}[F_{V_{\text{SU}(2)}} \wedge F_{V_{\text{SU}(2)}}] \right)$$

on both non-spin and spin manifolds with a compact periodic $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$, because the instanton number $\frac{i\theta}{8\pi^2} \int_{M^4} \text{Tr}(F \wedge F)$ for the $\text{SU}(2)$ gauge bundle on 4-manifolds is in $\mathbb{Z}$ value. Here the curvature 2-form is

$$F = dA + A \wedge A$$

where $A = A_\mu^\alpha T^\alpha$ is Lie algebra valued 1-form and we choose the Lie algebra $[T^\alpha, T^\beta] = f^{\alpha\beta\gamma} T^\gamma$ with an *anti-Hermitian* T^α and a structure constant $f^{\alpha\beta\gamma}$.²⁶

²⁶We warn the readers that mathematicians and physicists may prefer different conventions. For a vector bundle V :

- (a) Mathematicians may choose the curvature 2-form as

$$F = dA + A \wedge A$$

where $A = A_\mu^\alpha T^\alpha$ is Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}$ valued 1-form. The Lie algebra can be $[T^\alpha, T^\beta] = f^{\alpha\beta\gamma} T^\gamma$ with an *anti-Hermitian* T^α and a structure constant $f^{\alpha\beta\gamma}$. For some variable X , the following polynomial expansion computes the Chern classes of the vector bundle V :

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_k c_k(V) X^k &= \det \left(\mathbb{I} + X \left(i \frac{F}{2\pi} \right) \right) \\ &= \left[1 + \frac{\text{Tr}(F)}{2\pi} (iX) + (-1) \frac{\text{Tr}(F^2) - (\text{Tr}(F))^2}{8\pi^2} (iX)^2 + \frac{2\text{Tr}(F^3) - 3\text{Tr}(F^2)\text{Tr}(F) + \text{Tr}(F)^3}{48\pi^3} (iX)^3 + \dots \right]. \end{aligned}$$

The $\mathbb{I}$ is an identity matrix whose rank is equal to the rank of the matrix representation of Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}$. We use $\det(e^M) = e^{\text{Tr}(M)}$ and take $M = \log(\mathbb{I} + X(i \frac{F}{2\pi}))$. In that case,

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &= i \frac{\text{Tr}(F)}{2\pi}, \\ c_2 &= \frac{\text{Tr}(F^2) - (\text{Tr}(F))^2}{8\pi^2}, \\ c_3 &= -i \frac{2\text{Tr}(F^3) - 3\text{Tr}(F^2)\text{Tr}(F) + \text{Tr}(F)^3}{48\pi^3}, \text{ etc.}, \end{aligned}$$

also $\mathbf{Z} = \exp(ik(2\pi) \int_{M^3} \text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(2)})$ is related to $\exp(\frac{ik}{4\pi} \int_{M^3} \text{Tr}(A dA + \frac{2}{3} A^3))$.

- (b) Physicists may choose the curvature 2-form as

$$F = dA - iA \wedge A$$

where $A = A_\mu^\alpha T^\alpha$ is Lie algebra valued 1-form. The Lie algebra can be $[T^\alpha, T^\beta] = i f^{\alpha\beta\gamma} T^\gamma$ with a *Hermitian* T^α and a structure constant $f^{\alpha\beta\gamma}$. For some variable X , the following polynomial

Also $\text{TP}_3(\text{SO} \times \text{SU}(2)) = \mathbb{Z}^2$ and $\text{TP}_3(\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(2)) = \mathbb{Z}^2$. We had discussed one cobordism generator associated to a multiple of 3d CS_{grav} . There is another cobordism generator $\text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(2)}$ common to both $\text{TP}_3(\text{SO} \times \text{SU}(2))$ and $\text{TP}_3(\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(2))$. Here $\text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(2)}$ is the Chern-Simons 3-form of the $\text{SU}(2)$ gauge bundle given by

$$\mathbf{Z} = \exp \left(i k (2\pi) \int_{M^3} \text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(2)} \right) = \exp \left(\frac{ik}{4\pi} \int_{M^3} \text{Tr} \left(A dA + \frac{2}{3} A^3 \right) \right),$$

Here A is the connection of the $\text{SU}(2)$ gauge bundle. Similarly, the $\exp(ik(2\pi) \int_{M^3} \text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(2)})$ on the spin M^3 can be defined by extending the 3-manifold M^3 as a boundary of 4-manifold M^4 with a principal $\text{SU}(2)$ structure, thanks to. So $\exp(ik(2\pi) \int_{M^3} \text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(2)}) \Big|_{M^3=\partial(M^4)} = \exp(i \frac{k(2\pi)}{8\pi^2} \int_{M^4} \text{Tr}[F_{V_{\text{SU}(2)}} \wedge F_{V_{\text{SU}(2)}}]) = \exp(ik(2\pi) \int_{M^4} c_2(V_{\text{SU}(2)}))$, we can show this definition is independent for any suitable M^4 extension, thanks to $\Omega_3^{\text{Spin}}(\text{BSU}(2)) = \Omega_3^{\text{SO}}(\text{BSU}(2)) = 0$. If $M^3 = \partial(M^4) = \partial(M'^4)$, then the two definitions are differed by an identity $\exp(ik(2\pi) \int_{(M^4) \cup (M'^4)} c_2(V_{\text{SU}(2)})) = 1$ on $(M^4) \cup (M'^4)$, since the second Chern class is precisely the instanton number such that $c_2(V_{\text{SU}(2)}) \in \mathbb{Z}$ on both closed spin and non-spin manifolds.

We can interpret the $\mathbb{Z}$ class co/bordism invariants obtained in our tables in section 2–6 in a similar manner. In this next subsection, we enumerate the interpretations of the 4d anomalies (and 5d cobordism invariants) for various SM, BSM, and GUT obtained in section 2–6.

7.2 Interpretations of the 4d anomalies of SM and GUT from co/bordism invariants: beyond the Witten anomaly

We can interpret the classifications of all possible 4d perturbative local and non-perturbative global invertible anomalies for SM, BSM, and GUTs obtained in section 2–6 as follows:

expansion computes the Chern classes of the vector bundle V :

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_k c_k(V) X^k &= \det \left(\mathbb{I} + X \left(\frac{F}{2\pi} \right) \right) \\ &= \left[1 + \frac{\text{Tr}(F)}{2\pi} (X) + (-1) \frac{\text{Tr}(F^2) - (\text{Tr}(F))^2}{8\pi^2} (X)^2 + \frac{2\text{Tr}(F^3) - 3\text{Tr}(F^2)\text{Tr}(F) + \text{Tr}(F)^3}{48\pi^3} (X)^3 + \dots \right]. \end{aligned}$$

In that case,

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &= \frac{\text{Tr}(F)}{2\pi}, \\ c_2 &= -\frac{\text{Tr}(F^2) - (\text{Tr}(F))^2}{8\pi^2}, \\ c_3 &= \frac{2\text{Tr}(F^3) - 3\text{Tr}(F^2)\text{Tr}(F) + \text{Tr}(F)^3}{48\pi^3}, \text{ etc.}, \end{aligned}$$

also $\mathbf{Z} = \exp(ik(2\pi) \int_{M^3} \text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(2)})$ is related to instead $\exp(\frac{-ik}{4\pi} \int_{M^3} \text{Tr}(A dA - i \frac{2}{3} A^3))$.

1. In section 2, we find that their 5d cobordism invariants contain the following:

- A $\mathbb{Z}_2$ class from the well-known Witten anomaly $c_2(\text{SU}(2))\tilde{\eta}$ for $q = 1, 3$. This familiar Witten $\text{SU}(2)$ anomaly disappears from the global anomaly and can be cancelled by a local anomaly for $q = 2, 6$ with an internal $\text{U}(2)$ symmetry group, see [86] and more discussions below.
- Other $\mathbb{Z}^4$ classes from Chern-Simons 5 form like terms from the gauge bundles E of gauge group $\frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_q}$.
- A $\mathbb{Z}$ class from the more exotic $\mu(\text{PD}(c_1(\text{U}(p))))$ constructed from the 3d Rokhlin invariant μ of the Poincaré dual of $c_1(\text{U}(p))$, where $p = 1$ for $q = 1$, while $p = 2$ for $q = 2$ or 6 , and $p = 3$ for $q = 3$ or 6 . Note that for $q = 6$, we identify $c_1(\text{U}(2)) = c_1(\text{U}(3))$ by (2.22).

2. In section 3, we find that their 5d cobordism invariants contain the following:

- The $\mathbb{Z}^5$ classes are similar to section 2. Again one of a $\mathbb{Z}$ class is from the more exotic $\mu(\text{PD}(c_1(\text{U}(3))))$. The other four $\mathbb{Z}^4$ class are from Chern-Simons 5 form like terms from the gauge bundles E .
- For $q = 2, 6$, there is a new $\mathbb{Z}_2$ class anomaly as $ac_2(\text{U}(2))$.

For $q = 1, 3$, there is a new $\mathbb{Z}_4$ class $c_2(\text{SU}(2))\eta'$ via a short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_4 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow 0$. The original Witten anomaly $c_2(\text{SU}(2))\tilde{\eta}$ sits at the $\mathbb{Z}_2$ normal subgroup of $\mathbb{Z}_4$. The $c_2(\text{SU}(2))a = ac_2(\text{SU}(2))$ with $a \in H^1(\text{B}\mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_2)$ sits at the $\mathbb{Z}_2$ quotient. Thus the $\mathbb{Z}_4$ class generator $c_2(\text{SU}(2))\eta'$ sitting at the extended total group is beyond the Witten anomaly. The same structure occurs for the classes of the levels,

$$0 \rightarrow k \in \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow k_{\text{total}} \in \mathbb{Z}_4 \rightarrow k_Q \in \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow 0,$$

where k, k_{total} , and k_Q label the levels of those cobordism invariants respectively.²⁷

- A $\mathbb{Z}_{16}$ is $\eta(\text{PD}(a))$ from $\Omega_5^{\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4} = \mathbb{Z}_{16}$. On 5-manifolds with $\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4$ structure, there is a Pin^+ structure on $\text{PD}(a)$ and there is an isomorphism $\Omega_5^{\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4} \xrightarrow{\cap a} \Omega_4^{\text{Pin}^+}$ [81].
- A $\mathbb{Z}_4$ class is from $c_1(\text{U}(1))^2\eta'$ (for $q = 1$), or $c_1(\text{U}(2))^2\eta'$ (for $q = 2, 6$), or $c_1(\text{U}(3))^2\eta'$ (for $q = 3, 6$). The η' is a $\mathbb{Z}_4$ valued 1d eta invariant. Note that for $q = 6$, we have $c_1(\text{U}(2))^2\eta' = c_1(\text{U}(3))^2\eta'$ because we identify $c_1(\text{U}(2)) = c_1(\text{U}(3))$ by (2.22).
- A $\mathbb{Z}_2$ class is from $ac_2(\text{SU}(3))$ (for $q = 1, 2$) or $ac_2(\text{U}(3))$ (for $q = 3, 6$).

The last three cobordism invariants in 5d of $\mathbb{Z}_{16}$, $\mathbb{Z}_4$, and $\mathbb{Z}_2$, are also beyond the Witten anomaly.

²⁷Say in terms of the partition functions, they are $\exp(ik\frac{2\pi}{2}c_2(\text{SU}(2))\tilde{\eta})$, $\exp(ik_{\text{total}}\frac{2\pi}{4}c_2(\text{SU}(2))\eta')$. and $\exp(ik_Q\frac{2\pi}{2}c_2(\text{SU}(2))a)$.

3. In section 4, for $\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} (\text{SU}(4) \times_{\mathbb{Z}_q} (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2)))$,

- With $q = 2$, we have a $\mathbb{Z}$ class of a Chern-Simons 5-form in 5d from Euler class $e_6(\text{SO}(6))$ in 6d. We also have other two $\mathbb{Z}_2$ classes: $w_2(\text{SO}(6))w_3(\text{SO}(6))$ and $w_2(\text{SO}(4))w_3(\text{SO}(4))$ in 5d. Since $w_2 = w_2(\text{SO}(6)) + w_2(\text{SO}(4))$, $w_3 = w_3(\text{SO}(6)) + w_3(\text{SO}(4))$ and $w_2(\text{SO}(6))w_3(\text{SO}(4)) + w_2(\text{SO}(4))w_3(\text{SO}(6)) = \text{Sq}^1(w_2(\text{SO}(6))w_2(\text{SO}(4))) = w_1w_2(\text{SO}(6))w_2(\text{SO}(4)) = 0$ by Wu formula, we have $w_2w_3 = w_2(\text{SO}(6))w_3(\text{SO}(6)) + w_2(\text{SO}(4))w_3(\text{SO}(4))$.
- With $q = 1$, we also have a $\mathbb{Z}$ class of a Chern-Simons 5-form in 5d from Euler class $e_6(\text{SO}(6))$ in 6d, and other three $\mathbb{Z}_2$ classes: $w_2w_3 = w_2(\text{SO}(6))w_3(\text{SO}(6)) = w_2(\text{SO}(4))w_3(\text{SO}(4))$, $w_4(\text{SO}(4))\tilde{\eta}$, and $(f^*)^{-1}(c_2(\text{SU}(2))\tilde{\eta})$ in 5d. Here $f : \Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4)} \rightarrow \Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4))}$ is the natural group homomorphism, f^* is the induced map between bordism invariants.

4. In section 5, for $n \geq 7$, for $\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n)$ and $\text{Spin} \times \text{SO}(n)$, we have no cobordism invariants in 5d. For $\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \text{Spin}(n)$, we have $w_2w_3 = w_2(TM)w_3(TM) = w_2(V_{\text{SO}(n)})w_3(V_{\text{SO}(n)})$ in 5d.

5. In section 6, for $\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(5)$, we have Chern-Simons 5-form in 5d from the Chern class $c_3(\text{SU}(5))$ in 6d.

The difference between $q = 1$ and $q = 2$ cases in section 2 is that the Witten anomaly $c_2(\text{SU}(2))\tilde{\eta}$ of $\mathbb{Z}_2$ for $q = 1$ vanishes in $q = 2$, while in contrast the $\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(1)}c_2(\text{SU}(2)) \sim c_1(\text{U}(1))\text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(2)}$ of $\mathbb{Z}$ for $q = 1$ becomes $\frac{1}{2}\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(2)}c_2(\text{U}(2)) \sim \frac{1}{2}c_1(\text{U}(2))\text{CS}_3^{\text{U}(2)}$ in $q = 2$. The $\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(1)}c_2(\text{SU}(2))$ in 5d comes from $c_1(\text{U}(1))c_2(\text{U}(2))$ in 6d. Due to the nontrivial differential d_1 in figure 48 for $q = 2$, the $c_1(\text{U}(2))c_2(\text{U}(2)) \bmod 2$ in 6d and the Witten anomaly from the 5d term $c_2(\text{U}(2))\tilde{\eta}$ cancel with each other, while the $\frac{1}{2}c_1(\text{U}(2))c_2(\text{U}(2))$ remains for $q = 2$. Here the $c_1(\text{U}(2))c_2(\text{U}(2)) \bmod 2$ is the quotient $\mathbb{Z}_2$, the $c_1(\text{U}(2))c_2(\text{U}(2))$ is the total $\mathbb{Z}$, and the $\frac{1}{2}c_1(\text{U}(2))c_2(\text{U}(2))$ is the normal $\mathbb{Z}$ in the short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{2} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow 0$. Let us express the levels of those cobordism invariants of $\frac{1}{2}c_1(\text{U}(2))c_2(\text{U}(2))$, $c_1(\text{U}(1))c_2(\text{SU}(2))$, and $c_2(\text{SU}(2))\tilde{\eta}$ as $k_{q=2}$, $k_{q=1}$, and $k'_{q=1}$ respectively.²⁸ In fact, we can also understand the short exact sequence as the classes of the levels: $0 \rightarrow k_{q=1} \in \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{2} k_{q=2} \in \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow k'_{q=1} \in \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow 0$. There is yet another way to explain why $c_1(\text{U}(2))c_2(\text{U}(2)) \bmod 2$ vanishes for $q = 2$: namely by Wu formula, the $c_1(\text{U}(2))c_2(\text{U}(2)) = \text{Sq}^2c_2(\text{U}(2)) = (w_2 + w_1^2)c_2(\text{U}(2)) = 0 \bmod 2$ on the Spin 6-manifolds.

The difference between $q = 3$ and $q = 6$ cases in section 2 is that the Witten anomaly $c_2(\text{SU}(2))\tilde{\eta}$ of $\mathbb{Z}_2$ for $q = 3$ vanishes in $q = 6$, while in contrast the $\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(3)}c_2(\text{SU}(2)) \sim c_1(\text{U}(3))\text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(2)}$ of $\mathbb{Z}$ for $q = 3$ becomes the $\frac{1}{2}\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(3)}c_2(\text{U}(2)) \sim \frac{1}{2}c_1(\text{U}(3))\text{CS}_3^{\text{U}(2)}$ in $q = 6$. There is yet another way to explain why $c_1(\text{U}(3))c_2(\text{U}(2)) \bmod 2$ vanishes for $q = 6$:

²⁸In terms of their partition functions, they are $\exp(i(k_{q=2})(2\pi)\left(\frac{1}{2}\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(2)}c_2(\text{U}(2))\right))$ of $k_{q=2} \in \mathbb{Z}$ (meanwhile $\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(2)}c_2(\text{U}(2)) \in 2\mathbb{Z}$, thus $\frac{1}{2}\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(2)}c_2(\text{U}(2)) \in \mathbb{Z}$) for $q = 2$, $\exp(i(k_{q=1})(2\pi)\left(\text{CS}_1^{\text{U}(1)}c_2(\text{SU}(2))\right))$ of $k_{q=1} \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\exp(i(k'_{q=1})\frac{2\pi}{2}\left(c_2(\text{SU}(2))\tilde{\eta}\right))$ of $k'_{q=1} \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ for $q = 1$.

namely by Wu formula, $c_1(U(3))c_2(U(2)) = c_1(U(2))c_2(U(2)) = \text{Sq}^2 c_2(U(2)) = (w_2 + w_1^2)c_2(U(2)) = 0 \pmod 2$ on Spin 6-manifolds. In short, the situations of $q = 3$ and $q = 6$ are exactly parallel to the situations of $q = 1$ and $q = 2$ discussed above.

The difference between $q = 1$ and $q = 2$ cases in section 3 is that the global Witten SU(2) anomaly of $\mathbb{Z}_2$ class in $q = 1$ becomes a local anomaly $\frac{a^2 \text{CS}_3^{U(2)} + \text{CS}_1^{U(2)} c_2(U(2))}{2} \sim \frac{a^2 \text{CS}_3^{U(2)} + c_1(U(2)) \text{CS}_3^{U(2)}}{2}$ of $\mathbb{Z}$ class in $q = 2$. See appendix C for more details. As shown in figure 49, the left part which starts at $c_2(\text{SU}(2))$ for $q = 1$ becomes the right two part which start from $c_2(U(2))$ and $c_2(U(2))a$ respectively for $q = 2$. For $q = 1$, the left part which starts from $c_2(\text{SU}(2))$ contributes a $\mathbb{Z}_4$ class $c_2(\text{SU}(2))\eta'$ in 5d. For $q = 2$, the right part which starts from $c_2(U(2))a$ contributes a $\mathbb{Z}_2$ class $c_2(U(2))a$ in 5d, while the right part which starts from $c_2(U(2))$ contributes a $\mathbb{Z}$ class $\frac{a^2 c_2(U(2)) + c_1(U(2)) c_2(U(2))}{2}$ in 6d. There is yet another way to explain why $a^2 c_2(U(2)) + c_1(U(2)) c_2(U(2)) \pmod 2$ vanishes for $q = 2$. Namely by Wu formula, the $c_1(U(2))c_2(U(2)) = \text{Sq}^2(c_2(U(2))) = (w_2 + w_1^2)c_2(U(2)) = a^2 c_2(U(2)) \pmod 2$ on Spin 6-manifolds.

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What we have found here is consistent with the fact that the Witten anomaly as a *global non-perturbative anomaly* becomes a *local perturbative anomaly*, whenever we change from $q = 1$ to $q = 2$, or change from $q = 3$ to $q = 6$, which trades the SU(2) internal symmetry for the U(2) internal symmetry [86].

8 Conclusions, and explorations on non-perturbative and topological sectors of BSM

We have explored the cobordism theory relevant for SM and GUTs in section 2–6. We also have interpreted the classifications of various 4d perturbative local and non-perturbative global invertible anomalies for SM and GUTs in section 7. Below we summarize the results of co/bordism groups and conclude with further implications.

8.1 Summary

- In section 2, for $q = 1, 2, 3, 6$, we compute the bordism groups $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_q}}$ and the bordism invariants for $0 \leq d \leq 6$. We also determine the group $\text{TP}_d(\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_q})$ and the topological terms for $0 \leq d \leq 5$.

We find that there is only 2-torsion in these bordism groups, and the bordism groups $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}$ and $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_3}}$ are isomorphic, while $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}}$ and $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6}}$ are isomorphic.

We use the 3d Rokhlin invariant and Chern-Simons forms to express the topological terms.

- In section 3, for $q = 1, 2, 3, 6$, we compute the bordism groups $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_q}}$ and the bordism invariants for $0 \leq d \leq 6$. We also determine the group $\text{TP}_d(\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_q})$ and the topological terms for $0 \leq d \leq 5$.

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We also use the 3d Rokhlin invariant and Chern-Simons forms to express the topological terms. Compared to section 2, there are new bordism invariants. For example, in 1d, $\tilde{\eta}$ becomes η' which is $\mathbb{Z}_4$ valued. In 4d, the $\frac{\sigma}{16}$ becomes $\frac{\sigma - F \cdot F}{8}$ where F is the characteristic 2-surface [75] in a 4-manifold M^4 , it satisfies the condition $F \cdot x = x \cdot x \pmod{2}$ for all $x \in H_2(M^4, \mathbb{Z})$. Here $\cdot$ is the intersection form of M^4 . By the Freedman-Kirby theorem, $(\frac{\sigma - F \cdot F}{8})(M^4) = \text{Arf}(M^4, F) \pmod{2}$. When M^4 is Spin, F can be chosen to be 0 since the intersection form of M^4 is even ($x \cdot x = 0 \pmod{2}$). So in this case, $\frac{\sigma}{8}(M^4) = 0 \pmod{2}$, thus the bordism invariant is $\frac{\sigma}{16}$. In 5d, there is a new $\eta(\text{PD}(a))$ since there is an induced Pin^+ structure on $\text{PD}(a)$ where η is the 4d eta invariant, PD is the Poincaré dual.

- In section 4, we compute the bordism groups $\Omega_d^{\frac{\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(4) \times (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2))}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}}$ and $\Omega_d^{\frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(4) \times (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2))}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}}$ for $0 \leq d \leq 6$. We also determine the group $\text{TP}_d\left(\frac{\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(4) \times (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2))}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}\right)$ and $\text{TP}_d\left(\frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(4) \times (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2))}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}\right)$ for $0 \leq d \leq 5$.

We find that there are three bordism invariants of $\Omega_d^{\frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(4) \times (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2))}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}}$ in dimensions 4, 5 and 6 which are hard to describe directly, while we express them in terms of the bordism invariants of $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4)}$ and the group homomorphism $f : \Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4)} \rightarrow \Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4))}$. See appendix D for more details.

We also find that Euler class appears in the bordism invariants and the Chern-Simons form for Euler class appears in the topological terms.

- In section 5, we compute the bordism groups $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n)}$, $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SO}(n)}$ and $\Omega_d^{\frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}}$ for $n \geq 7$ and $0 \leq d \leq 6$. We also determine the group $\text{TP}_d(\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n))$, $\text{TP}_d(\text{Spin} \times \text{SO}(n))$ and $\text{TP}_d(\frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F})$ for $n \geq 7$ and $0 \leq d \leq 5$.

We find that for $n \geq 7$, $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n)} = \Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n+1)}$, $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SO}(n)} = \Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SO}(n+1)}$ and $\Omega_d^{\frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}} = \Omega_d^{\frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n+1)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}}$ for $0 \leq d \leq 6$.

We also find that Euler class appears in the bordism invariants of $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n)}$ and $\Omega_d^{\frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F}}$ and the Chern-Simons form for Euler class appears in the topological terms of $\text{TP}_d(\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n))$ and $\text{TP}_d(\frac{\text{Spin} \times \text{Spin}(n)}{\mathbb{Z}_2^F})$.

- In section 6, we compute the bordism groups $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(5)}$ for $0 \leq d \leq 6$. We also determine the group $\text{TP}_d(\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(5))$ for $0 \leq d \leq 5$.

We find that for $n \geq 3$, $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(n)} = \Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(n+1)}$ for $0 \leq d \leq 6$.

8.2 Constraints on quantum dynamics

We have discussed and summarized potential anomalies and topological terms in SM, GUT and BSM. There are actually two versions of anomalies we are speaking of: one is the Anomaly (2) for the ungauged SM, GUT and BSM with the G is simply a global symmetry. Another is the Anomaly (3) for the gauged SM, GUT and BSM with the $\mathbb{G}_{\text{internal}}$ dynamically gauged inside G . In more details,

- I. For ungauged SM, GUT and BSM, we can use the 't Hooft anomaly (Anomaly (2)) to the gappability of these models' matter field sectors. For ungauged SM, GUT and BSM, we can simply have matter field contents (e.g. fermions: quarks and leptons) without dynamical gauge fields. In fact, refs. [51–53] use the all anomaly free conditions to support that a non-perturbative definition (lattice regularization) of $\text{SO}(10)$ GUT is doable, by checking. By anomaly free, there exists non-perturbative interactions for gapping the mirror world chiral fermions [55]. This mirror-fermion gapping can help to get rid of the mirror world chiral fermion doublers, surpassing the Nielsen-Ninomiya fermion doubling theorem (which is only true for the free non-interacting systems). The fact that all anomaly free gapless theories can be deformed to a fully gapped trivial vacuum is also consistent with the concept of Seiberg's deformation class [87]. More details can be found in [55].
- II. For gauged SM, GUT and BSM, we can use the dynamical gauge anomaly matching conditions (Anomaly (3)) to rule out inconsistent theories. Importantly, depending on the matter contents and their representations in $\mathbb{G}_{\text{internal}}$, we may gain or loss some global symmetries. For example, for fermions in the adjoint representation, we can have a 1-form center symmetry for the gauge theory. Thus, we should beware potentially additional new higher 't Hooft anomalies (see [31, 34]) for gauged SM, GUT and BSM can help us to constrain quantum dynamics (also more discussions below).

We use the path integral and the action to understand the basic *kinematics* and the *global symmetry* of the QFTs. We can apply the spacetime geometric topology properties to constrain QFTs, such as doing the spacetime surgery for QFTs [88–91]. We can also determine the *anomalies* of QFTs at UV. However, given the potentially complete anomalies, we can constrain the IR dynamics by UV-IR anomaly matching. The consequence of anomaly matching implies that the IR theories with 't Hooft anomalies in G -symmetry must be matched by at least one of the following *dynamics* scenarios:

1. Symmetry-breaking:
 - (say, discrete or continuous G -symmetry breaking).

2. Symmetry-preserving:

- Degenerate ground states (like the “Lieb-Schultz-Mattis theorem [92, 93]”),
- Gapless, e.g., conformal field theory (CFT),
- Symmetry-preserving TQFT: Intrinsic topological orders.

3. Symmetry-extension [94]: Symmetry-extension is a rather exotic possibility, which does not occur naturally without fine-tuning or artificial designed, explained in [94]. However, the symmetry-extension approach is a useful intermediate stepstone, to construct another earlier scenario: *symmetry-preserving TQFT*, via gauging the extended-symmetry [94].

In more details, suppose there are mixed anomalies between the ordinary 0-form global symmetries and higher-form symmetries (say 1-form symmetries) in the certain gauged SM, GUT, and BSM as in Model II, we have further refinement of possibilities:

- (i) Ordinary 0-form symmetry broken (spontaneously or explicitly).
- (ii) 1-form center discrete $\mathbb{Z}_{N,[1]}^e$ symmetry broken (spontaneously or explicitly) as *deconfinement*:
 - (2-i) 1-form $\mathbb{Z}_{N,[1]}^e$ -symmetry breaking and deconfined TQFTs, i.e., *topological order* in condensed matter terminology.
 - (2-ii) 1-form $\mathbb{Z}_{N,[1]}^e$ -symmetry breaking and deconfined gapless theories (e.g. CFTs).
- (iii) 1-form center discrete $\mathbb{Z}_{N,[1]}^e$ symmetry unbroken as *confinement*:
 - (3-i) 1-form symmetry-extended invertible TQFT: The exotic scenario of symmetry-extended invertible TQFT is systematically studied in ref. [94]. This idea is generalized to higher symmetries for higher-symmetry-extended invertible TQFT in ref. [29].
 - (3-ii) 1-form symmetry-preserving TQFT: In fact, under certain criteria, there is a no go theorem to match some specific anomalies by this scenario. Hinted by the obstruction of constructing the symmetry-extended TQFTs [18, 29], Cordova-Ohmori [95] proved a no go theorem for TQFTs preserving both the 1-form symmetry and time-reversal symmetry while saturating the 4d SU(N) YM anomaly with $\theta = \pi$.
- (iv) Full symmetry-preserving gapless theory (e.g. CFTs).

In summary, based on the kinematics, global symmetries (ordinary or higher symmetries), anomalies and spacetime topology constraints, we may suggest new quantum dynamical constraints.

8.3 Anomaly cancellation or anomaly-matched hidden sectors for Beyond Standard Models

The previous section also has phenomenology implications of the gauged SM, GUT, and BSM as in Model II.

- Suppose we prove that the theory is fully 't Hooft anomaly free (for global symmetries, not the dynamical gauge anomalies), then there is an application for gapping the mirror world chiral fermions (see refs. [51–53, 55] and references therein).
 - Suppose we prove that the theory has a certain 't Hooft anomaly (for global symmetries, not the dynamical gauge anomalies), then we discover either of the following (see more details in):
1. Anomaly-Matched Topological Field Theories: Anomaly-Matched Hidden Topological Sectors. The gapped topological sector has its low energy physics described by a certain TQFT. But the gapped topological sector may have a finite energy gap Δ_E (instead of infinite large gap $\Delta_E \rightarrow \infty$) which has experimental measurable consequences.
 2. Anomaly-Matched Hidden Gapless Sectors: This may be more surprising for phenomenology grounds with additional massless or gapless beyond SM around the energy scale Δ_E with anyonic excitations of particles, strings or branes (e.g. see [90, 91, 96] and references therein).
 3. Anomaly-Matched Symmetry-Breaking Sectors: Global symmetries can be spontaneously broken.
 4. All Anomaly-Free conditions are matched: This suggests the relation between the gapping criteria and defining fermion/gauge theories. In particular, the challenge of defining chiral fermion/gauge theories can be overcome by gapping the mirror world chiral fermions [51–53, 55].
 5. Swampland Implications and Defects: In the recent work of McNamara-Vafa [61], by combining the ideas of Quantum Gravity/String Landscape and Swampland (e.g. refs. [97, 98], see a review [99]) together with no internal global symmetry for quantum gravity [100–103], ref. [61] argues that all the cobordism classes in the full Quantum Gravity (QG) must be vanished as in the trivial class. Effectively, the effective cobordism classes of QG named Ω_k^{QG} must be vanished. This gives several powerful constraints for the cobordism class data in any dimension. If we find any anomalies or topological terms in lower dimensions, say $k = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ in our case, this suggests that in the full QG, their cobordism classes must be cancelled by some other new objects/excitations/extended operators. Two particular interesting possibilities are [61]:

- (1). Symmetry is broken: Mathematically, this suggests a map

$$\Omega_k^{\text{QG}} \rightarrow \Omega_k^{\text{QG}+\text{defects}}, \quad (8.1)$$

which means the cancellation of cobordism classes via new additional symmetry defects. Namely, the kernel in $\Omega_k^{\widehat{\text{QG}}}$ of this map is mapped to a trivial class in $\Omega_k^{\widehat{\text{QG}}+\text{defects}}$.

(2). Symmetry is gauged: Mathematically, this suggests a map

$$\Omega_k^{\widehat{\text{QG}}+\text{gauge sectors}} \rightarrow \Omega_k^{\widehat{\text{QG}}}, \quad (8.2)$$

which means the cancellation of cobordism classes via additional new gauge sectors. Namely, the cokernel in $\Omega_k^{\widehat{\text{QG}}}$ of this map is mapped reversely to a trivial class in $\Omega_k^{\widehat{\text{QG}}+\text{gauge sectors}}$.

We leave the further detailed explorations of the above predictions in upcoming works [27, 34, 82].

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²⁹The topological terms of 4d gauge theories in ref. [104] are related to the bordism invariants that we enumerate in our present work, and also those bordism invariants enumerated in ref. [18].

³⁰Although the methods of ours [31, 34] and theirs [50, 62] are rather different: ours is via Adams spectral sequence, while theirs is via Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence. In addition, we can conveniently read the iTQFT (namely, co/bordism invariants) from the Adams chart [31, 34], while iTQFT cannot be extracted easily from refs. [50, 62].

A The correspondence between $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure and the E_2 page

In this appendix, we list the correspondence between $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module L and its E_2 page used in our computation before.

Figure 35. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module $L = \mathbb{Z}_2$ and its E_2 page.

Figure 36. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module $L = \mathcal{A}_2(1)$ and its E_2 page.

Figure 37. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module $L = H^{*+2}(C\eta, \mathbb{Z}_2)$ and its E_2 page.

Figure 38. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module $L = H^{*+2}(\mathbb{RP}_2^\infty, \mathbb{Z}_2)$ and its E_2 page.

Figure 39. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module L_1 which appears in figure 14 and its E_2 page.

Figure 40. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module L_2 which appears in figure 23 and its E_2 page.

Figure 41. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module L_3 which appears in figure 23 and its E_2 page.

Figure 42. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module L_4 which appears in figure 25 and 29 and its E_2 page.

Figure 43. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module L_5 which appears in figure 23 and 31 and its E_2 page.

Figure 44. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module L_6 which appears in figure 25 and 27 and its E_2 page.

Figure 45. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module L_7 which appears in figure 25 and its E_2 page.

Figure 46. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module L_8 which appears in figure 23 and 31 and its E_2 page.

Figure 47. The local difference between the $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structures.

B Comment on the difference between Standard Models

There is a $\mathbb{Z}_2$ valued bordism invariant of $\Omega_5^{\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_q}}$ for $q = 1, 3$ while not for $q = 2, 6$. In this appendix, we will comment on this difference.

There is no odd torsion in the bordism groups $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_q}}$ (see footnote 21). So we only need to use the mod 2 Adams spectral sequence whose input is only the mod 2 cohomology. Since $H^*(B(\frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_3}), \mathbb{Z}_2) = H^*(B(\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ and $H^*(B(\frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6}), \mathbb{Z}_2) = H^*(B(\frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}), \mathbb{Z}_2)$. So the results of bordism groups $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}$ and $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_3}}$ are the same, while the results of bordism groups $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}}$ and $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6}}$ are the same. So we need only to comment on the difference between $q = 1$ and 2. For $q = 1$, there is an $\text{SU}(2)$ factor in $\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)$. While for $q = 2$, there is a $\text{U}(2)$ factor in $\frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_2} = \text{U}(2) \times \text{SU}(3)$. Consider the second Chern class c_2 in both cases. We have $H^*(\text{BSU}(2), \mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2[c_2]$ while $H^*(\text{BU}(2), \mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2[c_1, c_2]$. In $H^*(\text{BSU}(2), \mathbb{Z}_2)$, $\text{Sq}^2 c_2 = 0$, while in $H^*(\text{BU}(2), \mathbb{Z}_2)$, $\text{Sq}^2 c_2 = c_1 c_2$. The local difference between the $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structures is shown in figure 47.

The two parts of figure 47 are figure 35 and 37 respectively. The detail of figure 37 is shown in figure 48 where we have used the result of figure 35 and Lemma 1.

Note that the $\mathbb{Z}_2$ valued bordism invariant of $\Omega_5^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}$ is $c_2(\text{SU}(2))\tilde{\eta}$, while there is a $\mathbb{Z}$ valued bordism invariant $c_1(\text{U}(1))c_2(\text{SU}(2))$ of $\Omega_6^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}$.

Figure 48. The detail of figure 37. The arrows indicate the differential d_1 , the dashed line indicates the extension. The circled part is the key part.

Also note that there is no $\mathbb{Z}_2$ valued bordism invariant of $\Omega_5^{\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}}$, while there is a $\mathbb{Z}$ valued bordism invariant $\frac{c_1(\text{U}(2))c_2(\text{U}(2))}{2}$ of $\Omega_6^{\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}}$. The arrow from (2,0) to (1,1) in the circled part of figure 48 kills the $\mathbb{Z}_2$ at (1,1), also reduces the $\mathbb{Z}$ starting from (2,0) to its half. This explains the difference above.

C Comment on the difference between Standard Models with additional discrete symmetries

There is a $\mathbb{Z}_4$ valued bordism invariant $c_2(\text{SU}(2))\eta'$ of $\Omega_5^{\text{Spin} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_q}}$ for $q = 1, 3$ while there is a $\mathbb{Z}_2$ valued bordism invariant $c_2(\text{U}(2))a$ for $q = 2, 6$. In this appendix, we will comment on this difference.

There is no odd torsion in the bordism groups $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_q}}$ (see footnote 21). So we only need to use the mod 2 Adams spectral sequence whose input is only the mod 2 cohomology. Since $H^*(B(\frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_3}), \mathbb{Z}_2) = H^*(B(\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ and $H^*(B(\frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6}), \mathbb{Z}_2) = H^*(B(\frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}), \mathbb{Z}_2)$. So the results of bordism groups $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}$ and $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_3}}$ are the same, while the results of bordism groups $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}}$ and $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_6}}$ are the same. So we need only to comment on the difference between $q = 1$ and 2. For $q = 1$, there is an $\text{SU}(2)$ factor in $\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)$. While for $q = 2$, there is a $\text{U}(2)$ factor in $\frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_2} = \text{U}(2) \times \text{SU}(3)$. Consider the second Chern class c_2 in both cases. We have $H^*(B\text{SU}(2), \mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2[c_2]$ while $H^*(B\text{U}(2), \mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2[c_1, c_2]$. In $H^*(B\text{SU}(2), \mathbb{Z}_2)$, $\text{Sq}^2 c_2 = 0$, while in $H^*(B\text{U}(2), \mathbb{Z}_2)$, $\text{Sq}^2 c_2 = c_1 c_2$. While $MT(\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_4) = M\text{Spin} \wedge \Sigma^{-2} \mathbb{RP}_2^\infty$. The local difference between the tensor product of the $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structures shown in

Figure 49. The local difference between the tensor product of the $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structures shown in figure 47 and the $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^{*+2}(\mathbb{RP}_2^\infty, \mathbb{Z}_2)$ shown in figure 13.

figure 47 and the $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^{*+2}(\mathbb{RP}_2^\infty, \mathbb{Z}_2)$ shown in figure 13 is shown in figure 49.

The two parts of figure 49 are figure 38 and figure 37, 39 respectively. The detail of figure 38 is given in [83] and is based on Lemma 1.

Note that one of the $\mathbb{Z}_4$ valued bordism invariant of $\Omega_5^{\text{Spin} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}$ is $c_2(\text{SU}(2))\eta'$. Here η' is an extension of a by $\tilde{\eta}$ and $\tilde{\eta}$ is the mod 2 index of 1d Dirac operator. Also note that one of the $\mathbb{Z}_2$ valued bordism invariant of $\Omega_5^{\text{Spin} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_2}}$ is $c_2(\text{U}(2))a$. Figure 38 gives a $\mathbb{Z}_4$ in 1d which is shifted to 5d by $c_2(\text{SU}(2))$, while figure 39 gives a $\mathbb{Z}_2$ in 0d which is shifted to 5d by $c_2(\text{U}(2))a$. This explains the difference above.

D Pati-Salam model and bordism invariants

The red part in figure 26 corresponds to the three bordism invariants in table 19 which are hard to describe directly, but the reduction of $\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4)$ structure to $\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4))$ structure given by

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \text{B}(\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4)) & \\
 & \swarrow \quad \downarrow & \\
 M \longrightarrow & \text{B}(\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4))) &
 \end{array} \tag{D.1}$$

induces a natural group homomorphism $f : \Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4)} \rightarrow \Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} (\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4))}$. We will try to express the three bordism invariants corresponding to the red part in figure 26 with the help of f .

We can compute $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4)}$ using the Adams spectral sequence. For $G = \text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4)$, the Madsen-Tillmann spectrum MTG of the group G is

$$MTG = M\text{Spin} \wedge (\text{B}(\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4)))_+. \tag{D.2}$$

Figure 50. The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^*(B(SU(2) \times SU(2) \times SU(4)), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6.

Figure 51. $\Omega_*^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4)}$. Here the red part is related to the red part in figure 26.

The $(B(SU(2) \times SU(2) \times SU(4)))_+$ is the disjoint union of the classifying space $B(SU(2) \times SU(2) \times SU(4))$ and a point, see footnote 17.

For the dimension $d = t - s < 8$, since there is no odd torsion (see footnote 21), by (1.27), we have the Adams spectral sequence

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}_2(1)}^{s,t}(H^*(B(SU(2) \times SU(2) \times SU(4)), \mathbb{Z}_2), \mathbb{Z}_2) \Rightarrow \Omega_{t-s}^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4)}. \quad (\text{D.3})$$

The $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure of $H^*(B(SU(2) \times SU(2) \times SU(4)), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ below degree 6 and the E_2 page are shown in figure 50, 51. Here we have used the correspondence between $\mathcal{A}_2(1)$ -module structure and the E_2 page shown in figure 35 and 37.

Thus we obtain the bordism group $\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4)}$ shown in table 29.

By (1.22), we obtain the cobordism group $\text{TP}_d(\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4))$ shown in table 30.

We find that the red part in figure 26 is related to the red part in figure 51. More precisely, the image of the red part in figure 51 under the group homomorphism f is exactly the red part in figure 26. So we can express the three bordism invariants corresponding

Bordism group		
d	$\Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4)}$	bordism invariants
0	$\mathbb{Z}$	
1	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\tilde{\eta}$
2	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	Arf
3	0	
4	$\mathbb{Z}^4$	$\frac{\sigma}{16}, c_2(\text{SU}(2)), c_2(\text{SU}(2))', c_2(\text{SU}(4))$
5	$\mathbb{Z}_2^2$	$c_2(\text{SU}(2))\tilde{\eta}, c_2(\text{SU}(2))'\tilde{\eta}$
6	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2$	$\frac{c_3(\text{SU}(4))}{2}, c_2(\text{SU}(2))\text{Arf}, c_2(\text{SU}(2))'\text{Arf}$

Table 29. Bordism group. $\tilde{\eta}$ is a mod 2 index of 1d Dirac operator. Arf is a 2d Arf invariant. σ is the signature of manifold. Here $c_2(\text{SU}(2)), c_2(\text{SU}(2))'$ are the Chern classes of the two $\text{SU}(2)$ bundles respectively. $c_i(\text{SU}(4))$ is the Chern class of the $\text{SU}(4)$ bundle. Note that $c_3 = \text{Sq}^2 c_2 = (w_2 + w_1^2)c_2 = 0 \pmod{2}$ on Spin 6-manifolds.

Cobordism group		
d	$\text{TP}_d(\text{Spin} \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(4))$	topological terms
0	0	
1	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$\tilde{\eta}$
2	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	Arf
3	$\mathbb{Z}^4$	$\frac{1}{48}\text{CS}_3^{TM}, \text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(2)}, \text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(2)'}, \text{CS}_3^{\text{SU}(4)}$
4	0	
5	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2$	$\frac{1}{2}\text{CS}_5^{\text{SU}(4)}, c_2(\text{SU}(2))\tilde{\eta}, c_2(\text{SU}(2))'\tilde{\eta}$

Table 30. Topological phase classification ($\equiv \text{TP}$) as a cobordism group, following table 29. $\tilde{\eta}$ is a mod 2 index of 1d Dirac operator. Arf is a 2d Arf invariant. The TM is the spacetime tangent bundle. CS_{2n-1}^V or CS_{2n-1}^G is the Chern-Simons form of the vector bundle V or the associated vector bundle of the principal G -bundle (associated to the Chern/Pontryagin class).

to the red part in figure 26 as we did in table 19. Correspondingly, we can express the topological term corresponding to the $\mathbb{Z}$ valued bordism invariant as we did in table 20. Notice that a bordism invariant is a homomorphism from the bordism group to its cyclic factor, while by (1.22), the free parts of bordism group and cobordism group are related by

$$(\text{TP}_d(G))_{\text{free}} = \text{Hom}((\Omega_{d+1}^G)_{\text{free}}, \mathbb{Z}). \quad (\text{D.4})$$

So both f^* and g are dual to f .

E Another form of one of the bordism invariants of $\Omega_4^{\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \text{Spin}(n)}$

The group homomorphism $\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \text{Spin}(n) \rightarrow \text{SO}$ induces a reduction of $\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \text{Spin}(n)$ -structures to SO -structures, this yields a group homomorphism $h : \Omega_d^{\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \text{Spin}(n)} \rightarrow \Omega_d^{\text{SO}}$.

In particular, for $d = 4$, the bordism invariant of $\Omega_4^{\text{SO}} = \mathbb{Z}$ is the signature σ . There is a $\mathbb{Z}$ valued bordism invariant of $\Omega_4^{\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \text{Spin}(n)}$ which can be expressed as $h^*(\sigma)$. On the other hand, there is an $\text{SO}(n)$ bundle $V_{\text{SO}(n)}$ with $w_2(TM) = w_2(V_{\text{SO}(n)})$. In our computation in section 5.3, we find that there is a $\mathbb{Z}$ valued bordism invariant of $\Omega_4^{\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \text{Spin}(n)}$ which can be expressed as $p_1(V_{\text{SO}(n)})$. We find that $p_1(V_{\text{SO}(n)})$ and $h^*(\sigma)$ are the same. Since $p_1(V_{\text{SO}(n)}) = w_2(V_{\text{SO}(n)})^2 = w_2(TM)^2 \pmod{2}$ and $\sigma = 3\sigma = p_1(TM) = w_2(TM)^2 \pmod{2}$, $p_1(V_{\text{SO}(n)})$ and $h^*(\sigma)$ are the same modulo 2. While we can find the manifold generator for this $\mathbb{Z}$ valued bordism invariant, it is exactly $\mathbb{CP}^2$ with the natural $\text{Spin}^c = \text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \text{Spin}(2)$ structure. Since this Spin^c structure implies a $\text{Spin} \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \text{Spin}(n)$ structure for all $n \geq 2$ (just take $V_{\text{SO}(n)} = V_{\text{SO}(2)} \oplus \mathbb{R}^{n-2}$), $p_1(V_{\text{SO}(n)}) = p_1(V_{\text{SO}(2)}) = -c_2(V_{\text{SO}(2)} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}) = -c_2(V_{\text{SO}(2)} \oplus \overline{V_{\text{SO}(2)}}) = c_1(V_{\text{SO}(2)})^2 = 1$. On the other hand, $\sigma(\mathbb{CP}^2) = 1$. So $p_1(V_{\text{SO}(n)})$ and $h^*(\sigma)$ have the same value on the manifold generator $\mathbb{CP}^2$. So they are the same bordism invariant.

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