

# QFT and UQM - Overview

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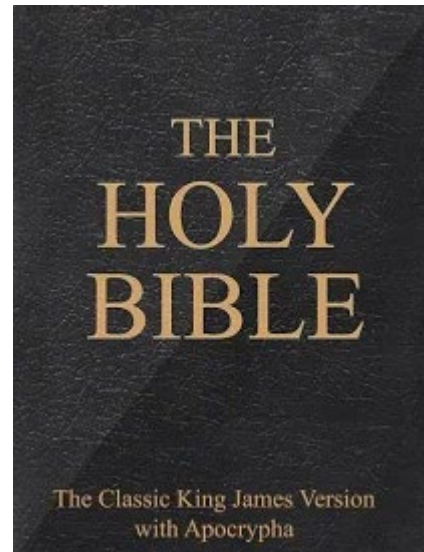
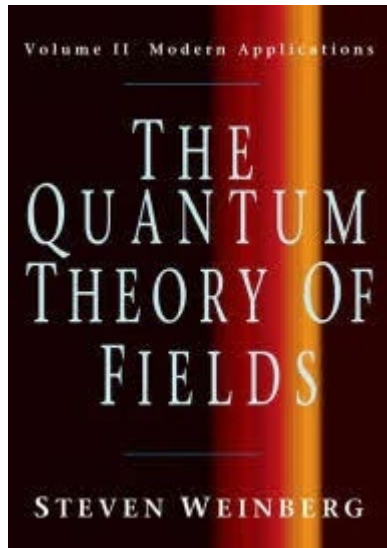
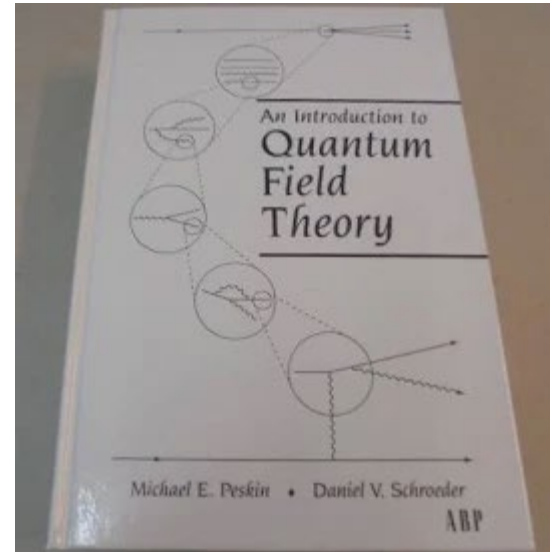
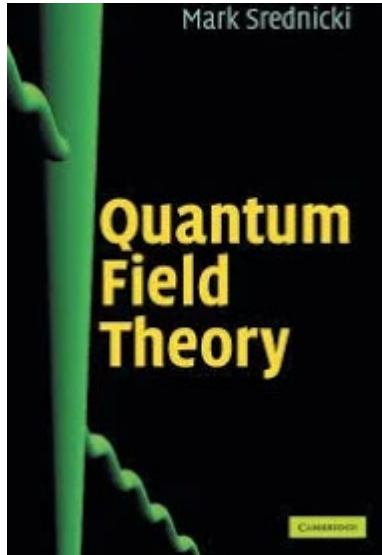
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**What is QFT?**

# Big Question - Big Answers



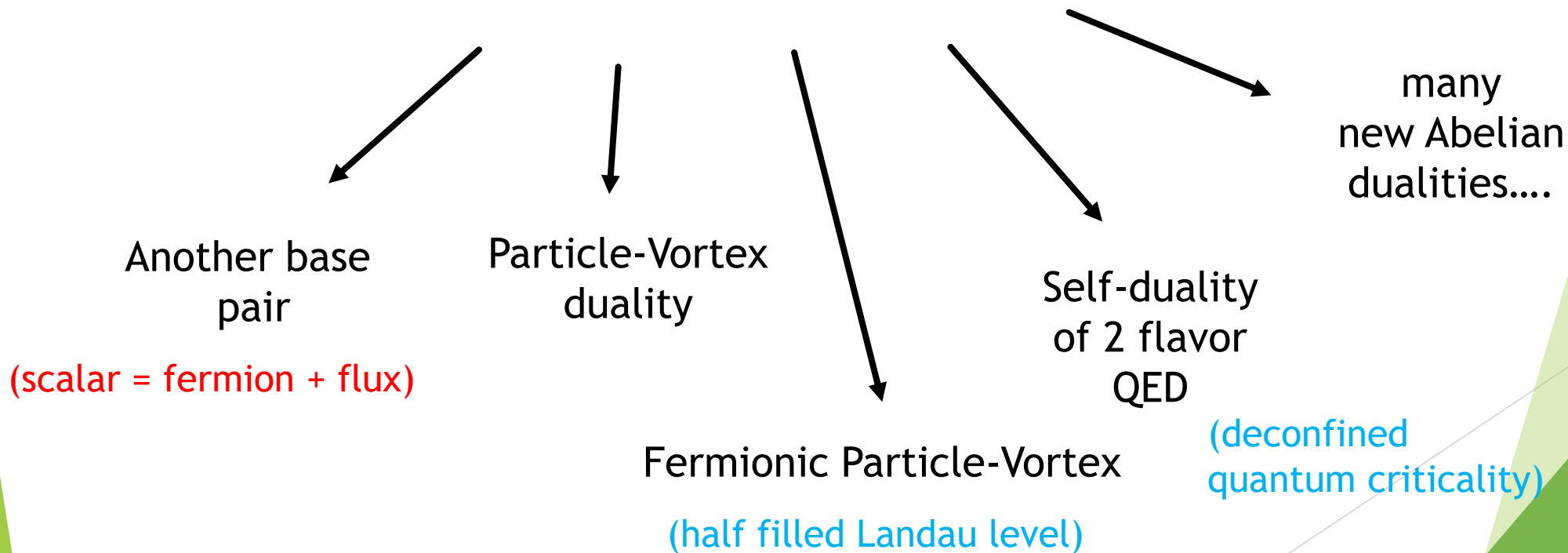
What's up with dualities  
in  $2+1$  dimensions?

# Abelian Duality Web

(Tong, AK, Seiberg, Senthil, Wang, Witten)  
(2016)

## Base pair

(Wilson Fisher scalar + flux = free fermion)



# Outline

- **Patterns**
- **Defects**
- **Beyond**



# Non-Abelian Dualities Galore

**Baryons, monopoles and dualities in  
Chern-Simons-matter theories**

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**Bose/Fermi duality for  $SU(N)$  with fundamental matter  
obeying “flavor bound”**

# Dualities Galore

Chern-Simons-matter dualities  
with  $SO$  and  $USp$  gauge groups

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Duality and bosonization of  $(2+1)d$  Majorana fermions

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Bose/Fermi duality for  $SO(N)$  and  $Sp(N)$  with fundamental matter  
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# Dualities Galore

## A Symmetry Breaking Scenario for $\text{QCD}_3$

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Bose/Fermi duality for  $\text{SU}(N)$ ,  $\text{SO}(N)$  and  $\text{Sp}(N)$  with fundamental matter  
**beyond “flavor bound”**. Multiple transitions and quantum phase.

# Duality Galore

## A master bosonization duality

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## Three-dimensional dualities with bosons and fermions

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**Bose + Fermi/ Bose + Fermi** duality for  $SU(N)$ ,  $SO(N)$  and  $Sp(N)$   
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# Duality Galore

## Generalization of $\text{QCD}_3$ Symmetry-Breaking and Flavored Quiver Dualities

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**Not so fast!**

# More dualities galore

- **Fermi/Fermi** dualities with a single **rank-2 tensor**

- adjoint (Gomis, Komargodski, Seiberg)

- symmetric and anti-symmetric (Choi, Delmastro, Gomis, Komargodski)

- **Bose/Bose** dualities with a single **rank-2 tensor**

(Aitken, Baumgartner, AK)

- Even more interesting Fermi/Fermi dualities

(Choi, ...)



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- Fermi/Fermi dualities with  $\rho$  tensor

- adjoint

(

berg)

- symmetric

(Choi, Delmastro,  
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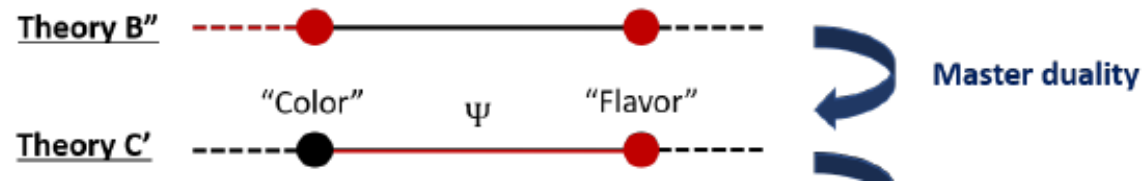
PATTERNS??

# Some Order in the Chaos:

## New dualities from old:

- Gauge Global Symmetries:

F flavors,  $SU(F)$  Global Symmetry, Gauge: Quiver



(Jensen, AK; Aitken, Baumgartner, AK)

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Claim: adjoint rank-2 tensor theory from  
Master by Orbifolding 2-node quiver

(Aitken, Choi, AK)

# Some Order in the Chaos:

Still: far from clear that Master is all we need

Holy Grail: 3d Poulriot duality

(If you ever thought 4d N=1 SUSY Seiberg duality had a pattern to it, try to explain “SO with spinors”)

# 2+1 Dualities and Defects

- Duality **with** boundaries

3d bulk / 2d surface

- Duality **on** boundaries/interfaces

4d bulk / 3d surface

# Duality on Defects

3d Chern-Simons matter theories can arise on interfaces and domain walls of 4d gauge theories.

(Gaiotto, Komargodski, Seiberg)

- Universal language to understand these recently developed: “Anomalies in the Space of Coupling Constants”

(Cordova, Freed, Lam, Seiberg)

- Relation to duality via “holography”

(Aitken, Baumgartner, AK)

# Duality with Defects

- Beautiful Story when supersymmetry is added:

(Dimofte, Gaiotto, Paquette)

- Without Supersymmetry we barely scratched the surface:

(Gaiotto; Aitken, Robinson, AK)

Is any of this relevant to “real” physics?

Beyond....

What about 3+1 dimensions?

What about 1+1 dimensions?

Fractons?