

The relative cup products and  
quandle cocycle invariants of knots

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**Q’dl cocycle invariant** [Carter-Jelsovsky-Kamada-Langford-Saito’ 99]

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} X : \text{quandle} \\ \phi : X^2 \rightarrow A : \text{“2-cocycle”} \end{array} \right) \implies \text{‘Col}_X(D) \rightarrow A\text{’}.$$

**Rem.** Few top. meaning so far.

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Def.

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### Classical subjects

- Blanchfield pairing  
of knots.
- Casson-Gordon's  
related signatures

### $\infty$ -ld coverings

**Twisted** version of  
Blanchfield pairings  
w/ non-degeneracy  
(cf. Milnor duality)

### 4-dim objects

**Def.** invariants of  
4-dim Lefschetz  
fibrations over  $S^2$ .  
(Not told today)



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**Thm.** [Ishii-Iwakiri-Jang-Oshiro. '12]

They found new handlebody knots which are achiral.

(Here they used q'dl cocycles in [N.'12])

**Thm.** [N. '14]

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$\exists$  closed 4-mfd ( $\cong$  K3 surface) has

$\infty \exists$  Lefschetz fibration structures with the same SW inv.

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**Rem.** This is a survey, without proofs (17 sheets).  
Several statements today hold for links in  $S^3$ .  
However, we focus on only knots.

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can be described as a “quandle cocycle inv.” diagrammatically.

**Rem.**

$\smile_{\psi}$  seems *uncomputable* (cf.  $\Sigma$  & longitude  $\in \pi_1(\partial Y)$ ).

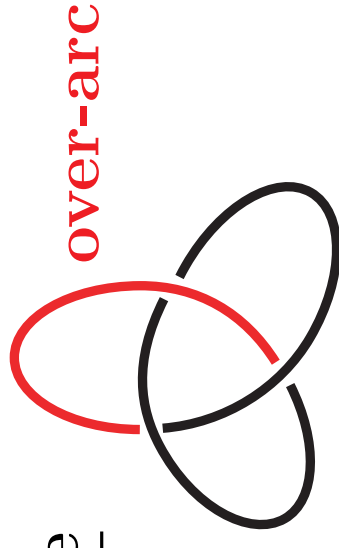
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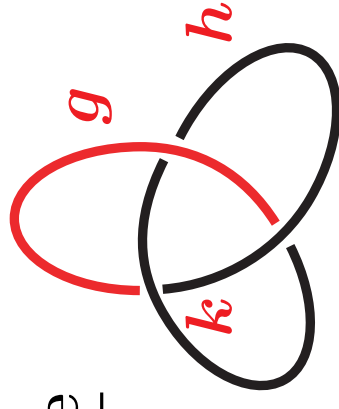
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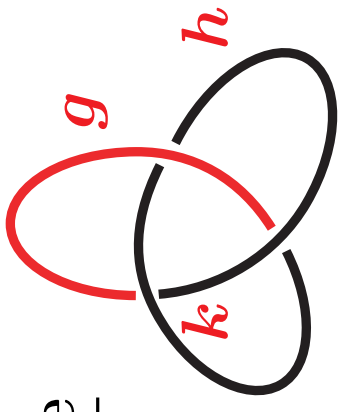
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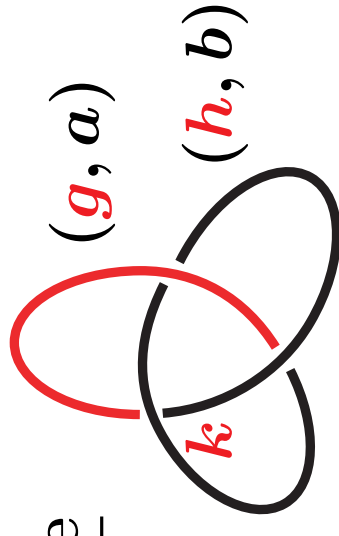
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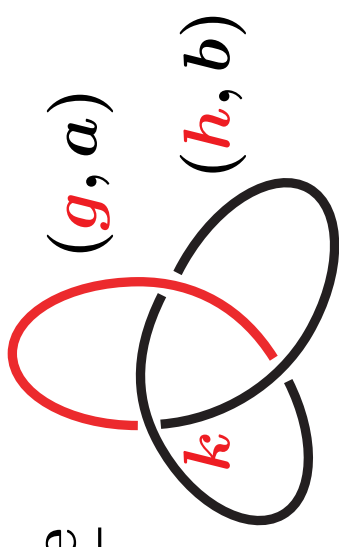
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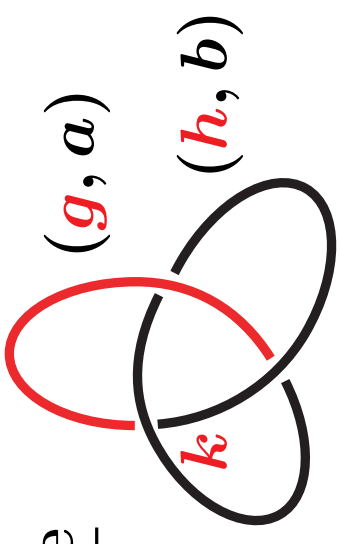
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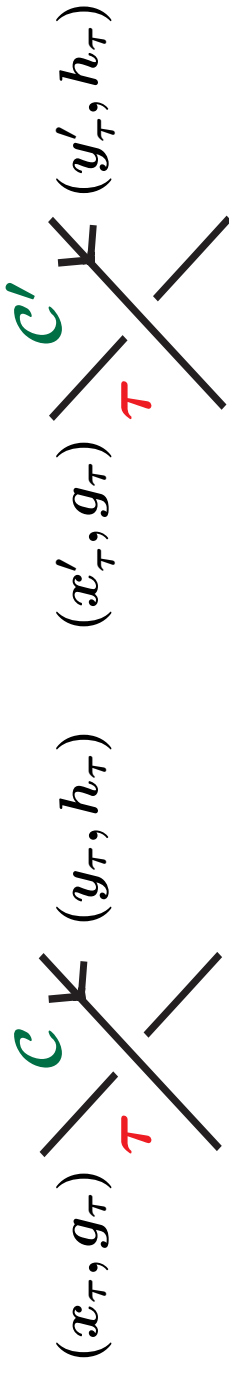
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**Def.**[N.] cf. diagonally [CJKLS].)

**Quandle cocycle inv. of  $f$**  is the binary map

$$\mathcal{Q}_\psi : (\text{Col}(D_f))^2 \longrightarrow A \quad \cup \quad (C, C') \longmapsto \sum (-1)^{\epsilon_\tau} \psi(x_\tau - y_\tau, y'_\tau (1 - h_\tau^{-1})).$$

$\tau$ : crossing



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Alexander module

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**Main thm (again).** Apply  $M = \Lambda/(\Delta_K)$  to the thm. :

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Key (Poincaré duality) [Trotter, Levine]

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$\Downarrow$  with some discussion in quandle theory.

**Cor.** (topological meaning)

$\nabla$  the **2-cocycle** inv. w.r.t  $\nabla$  Alexander q'dl recover from  $\text{Bl}_K$   
i.e., the inv. is a complete inv. of the “S-equivalence”.

Corollary :  $\text{Bl}_K$  of the torus knot  $K = T_{m,n}$ .

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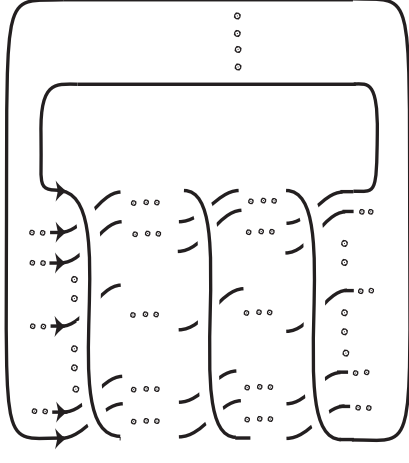
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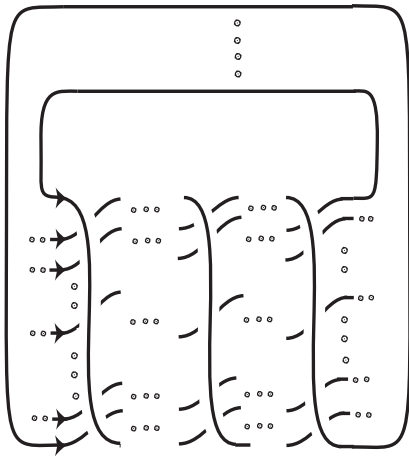
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**Rem.** (I) The proof is done within **One**-page.

(II) Seifert matrix is of rank  $g_* = (n-1)(m-1)/2$ .

(cf. signature [T. Matsumoto, '77])



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- Infinite cyclic covering & Non-degeneracy
- Casson-Gordon “related” signatures.

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$\text{Sign}_w(\text{Int}(W_{\text{ab} \otimes \hat{\chi}}) - \text{Int}(W_{\text{tri}})) \in \mathbb{Q}$ . concordance inv.

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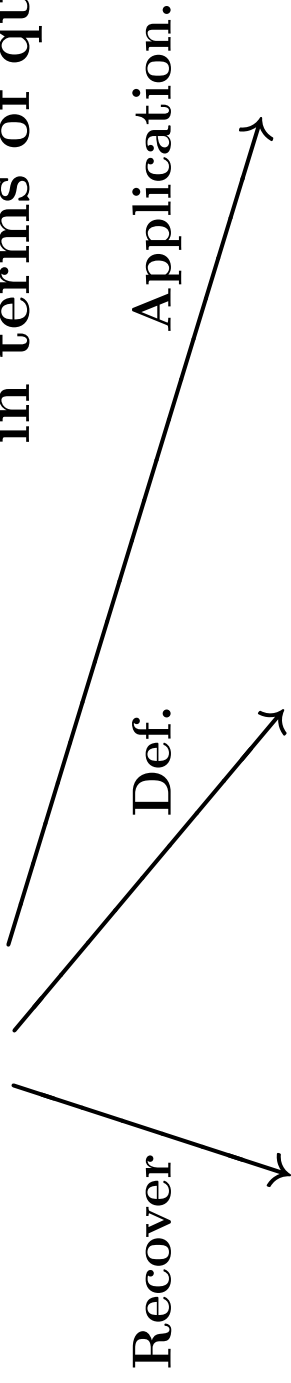
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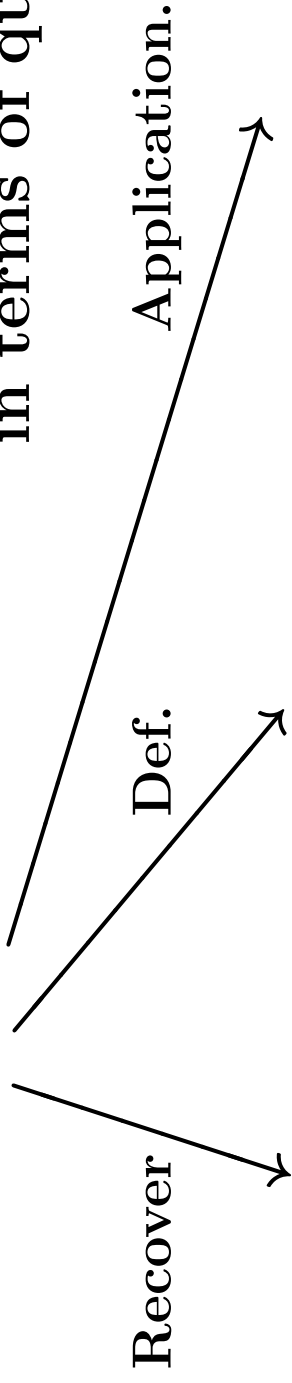
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