Topological Quantum Field Theories: Knots and Links in Three-dimensions and Black Holes in 3 + 1 Dimensions

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