A TQFT FROM QUANTUM TEICHMÜLLER THEORY

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By using quantum Teichmüller theory of [1], a new type of three-dimensional TQFT is constructed with the following distinguishing features: it takes its values in the space of tempered distributions; the fundamental building block of the theory is given by Faddeev's quantum dilogarithm [2]. The semi-classical behavior and the geometrical ingredients suggest that the constructed TQFT gives an exact solution of quantum Chern-Simons theory with gauge group $SL(2,\mathbb{C})$.

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