

Classification of gauge groups over 4-manifolds

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Let M be an orientable, smooth, closed 4-manifold and let G be a simple, simply-connected, compact Lie group. Given a principal G -bundle P over M with its second Chern class k , the associated *gauge group* $\mathcal{G}_k(M)$ is defined to be the group of G -equivariant automorphisms of P which fix M . Although there are infinitely many classes of principal G -bundles over M , there are only finitely many homotopy types of gauge groups over M . Over the last twenty years, topologists have been studying the homotopy types of gauge groups over 4-manifolds for many cases, especially when M is a simply-connected spin 4-manifold. In this seminar I will talk about the classification of gauge groups over simply-connected 4-manifolds and introduce my work on the cases where M is a simply-connected non-spin 4-manifold or a non-simply-connected 4-manifold.