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In a previous paper (joint work with Thang Le) we constructed a TQFT for the LMO invariant, along with a series of truncated TQFTs. Recently, Habiro and Le have proved the existence of universal quantum invariants  $\tau_M^{\mathfrak{g}} \in \Lambda$ , and recovered from these the Ohtsuki series. The later is also known to be recovered via weight systems from the LMO invariant.

Here we attempt to create a similar "commutative diagram" for manifolds with boundary, to construct a TQFT for  $\tau$ , and to derive information about the induced representation of the Mapping Class Group. (Received September 14, 2004)