

A CATEGORIFICATION OF THE TUBE ALGEBRA

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Unitary, spherical
fusion category
 \mathcal{C}

String-net

Topological lattice
Hamiltonian

Center

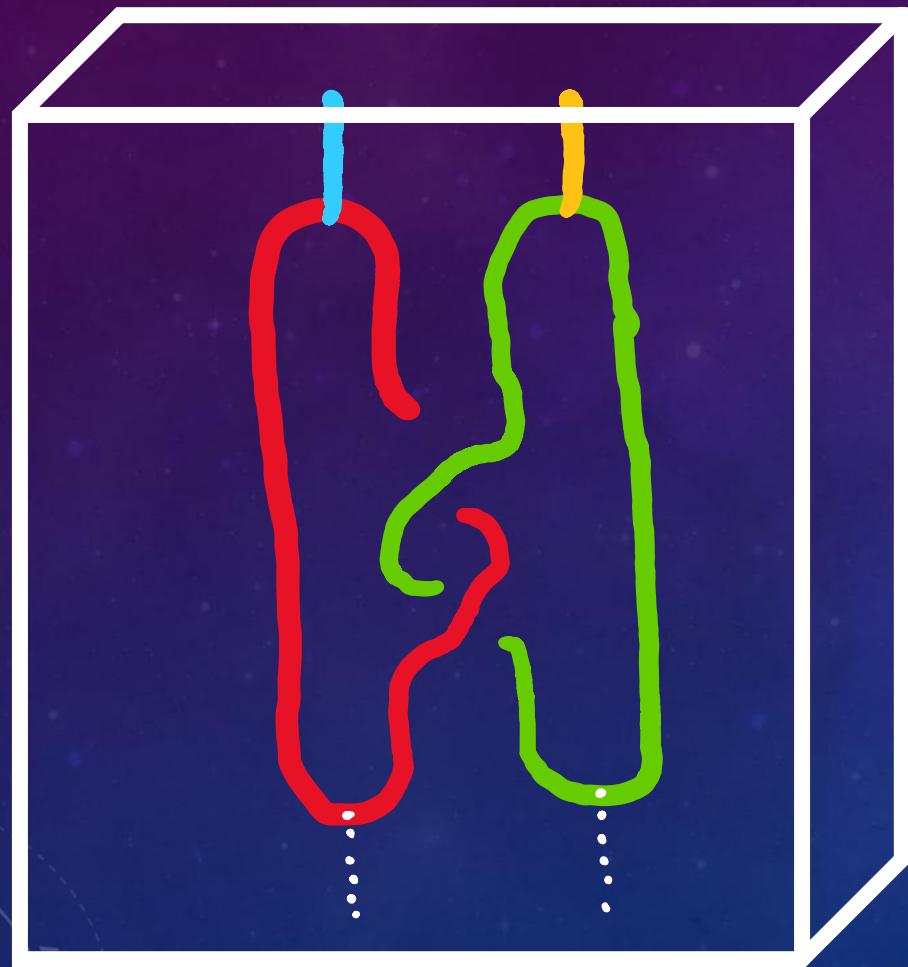
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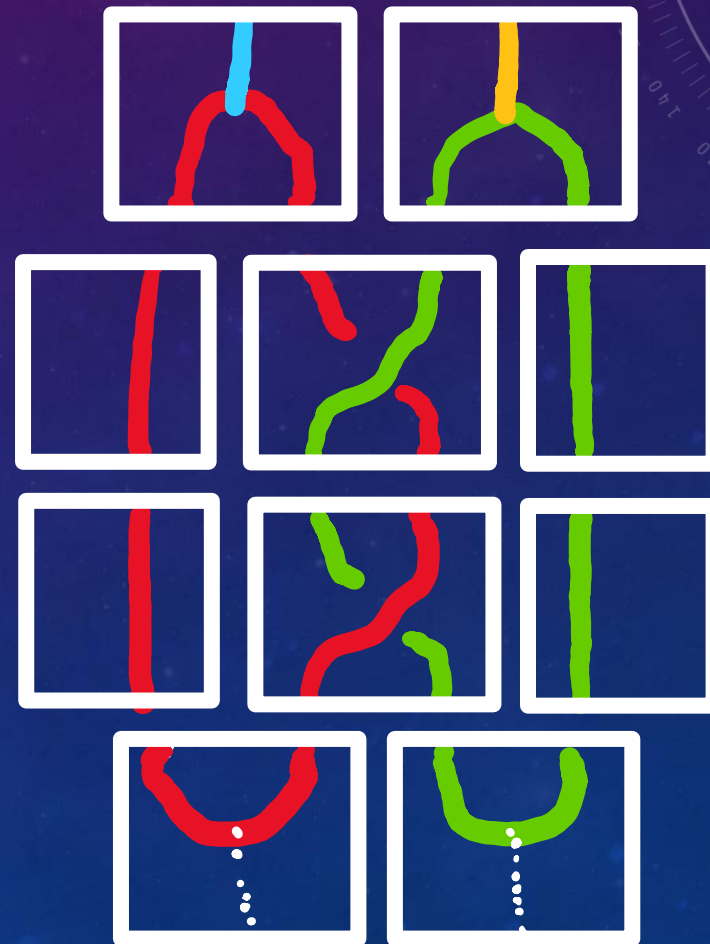
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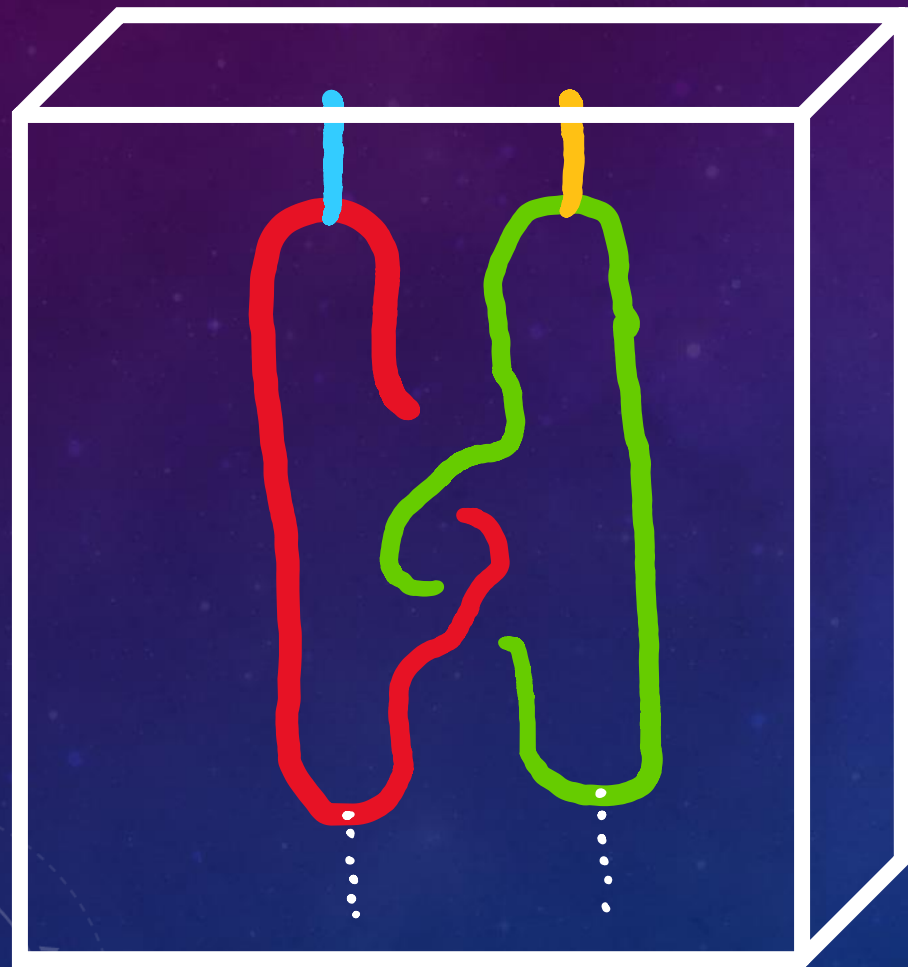


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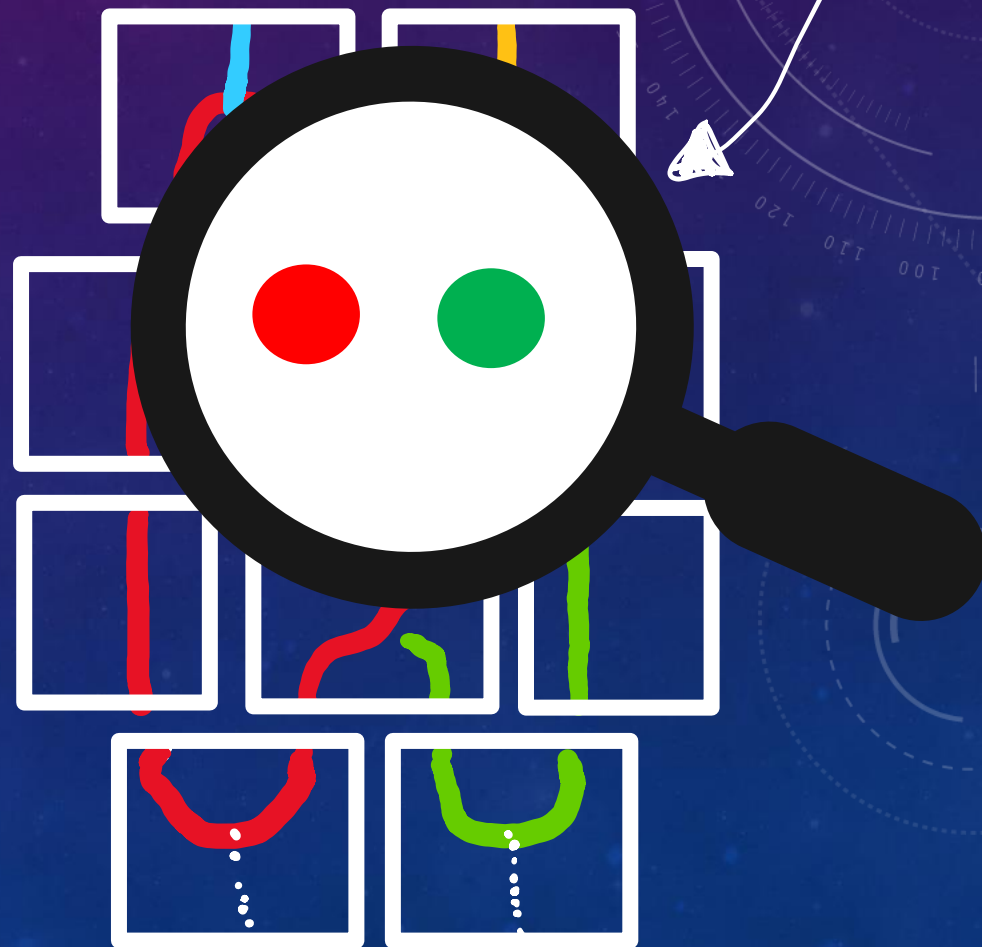


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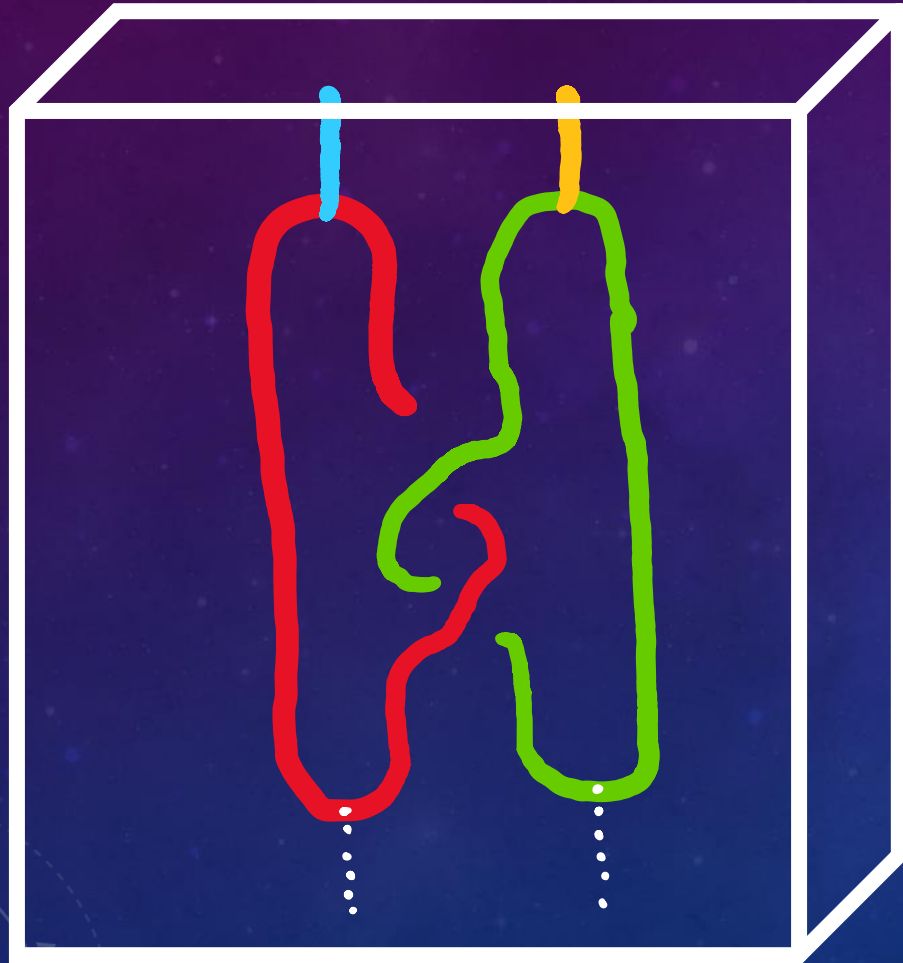


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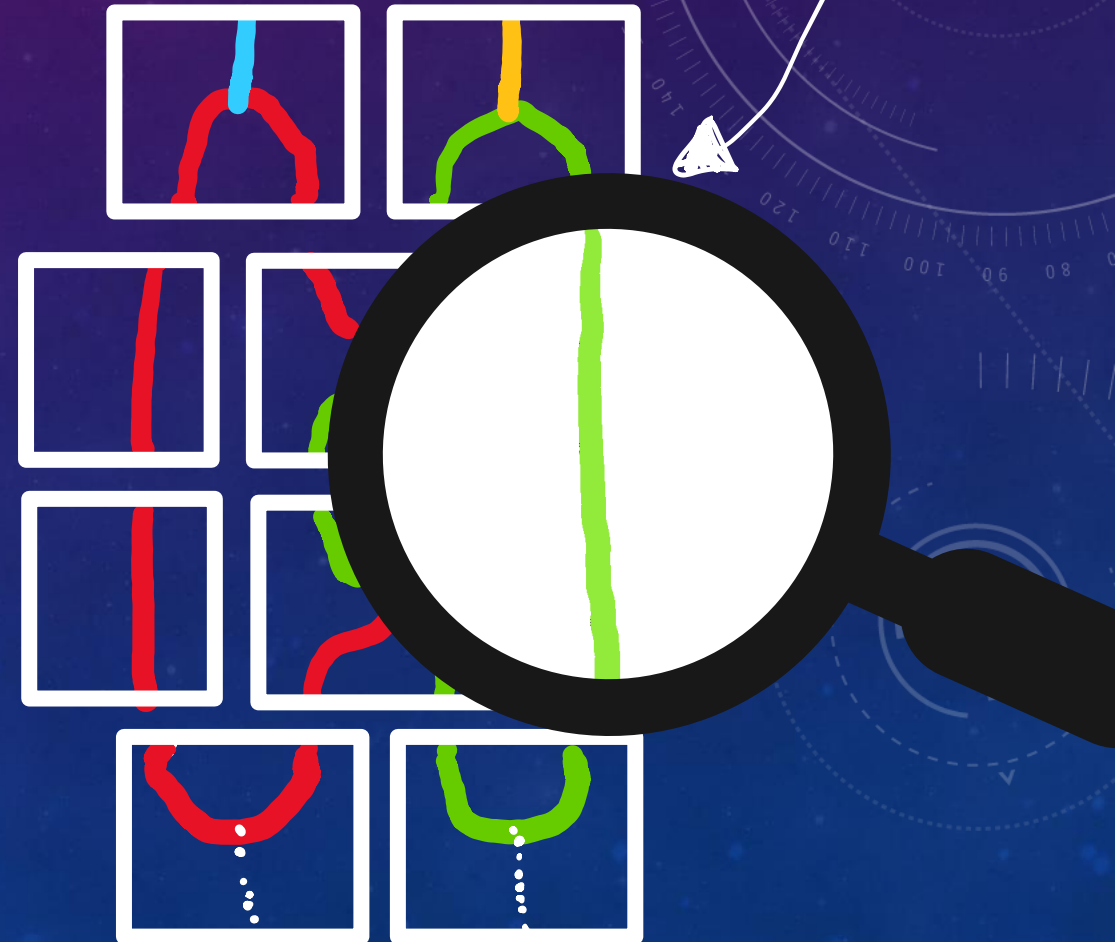


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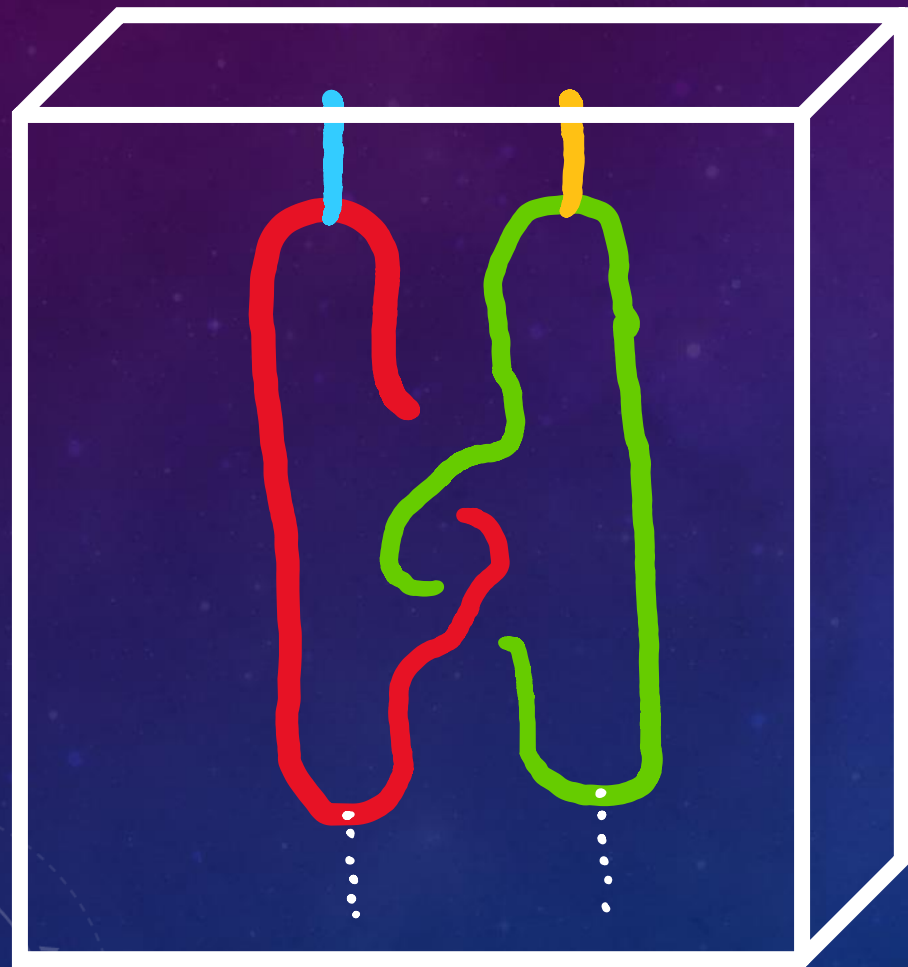
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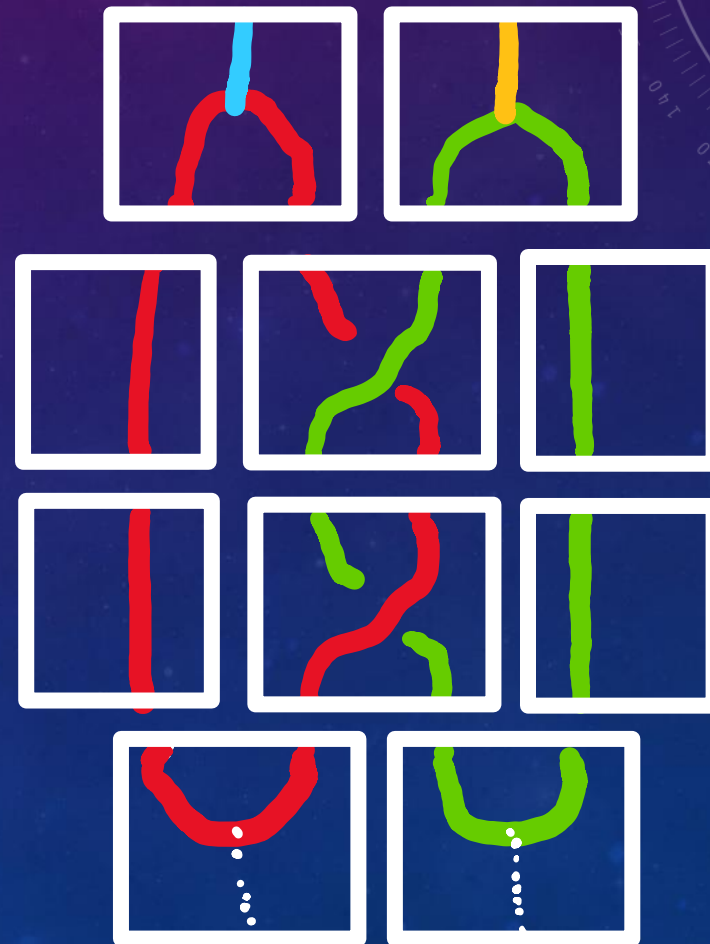
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DW theory
 $2\text{Vect}_G^{\text{tr}}$

see
YinTian
talk

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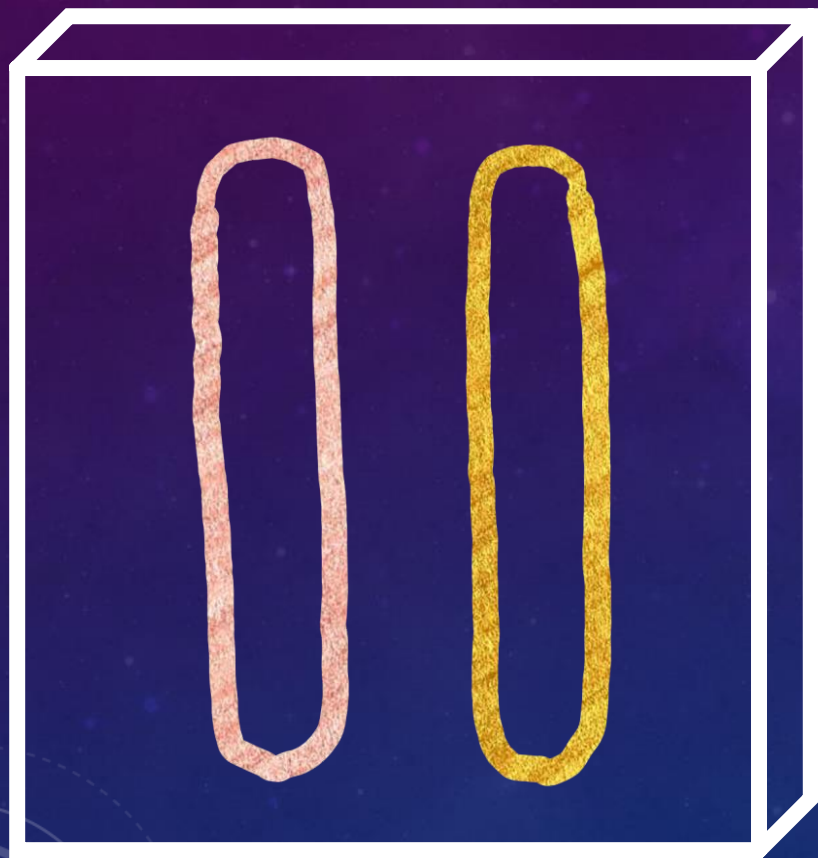
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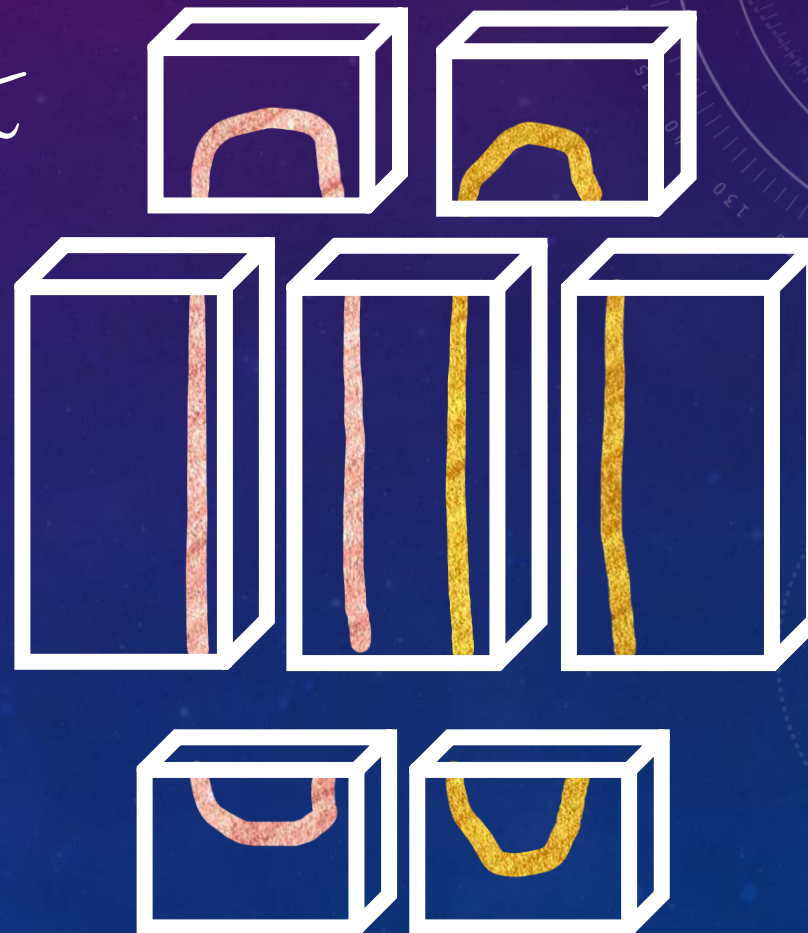
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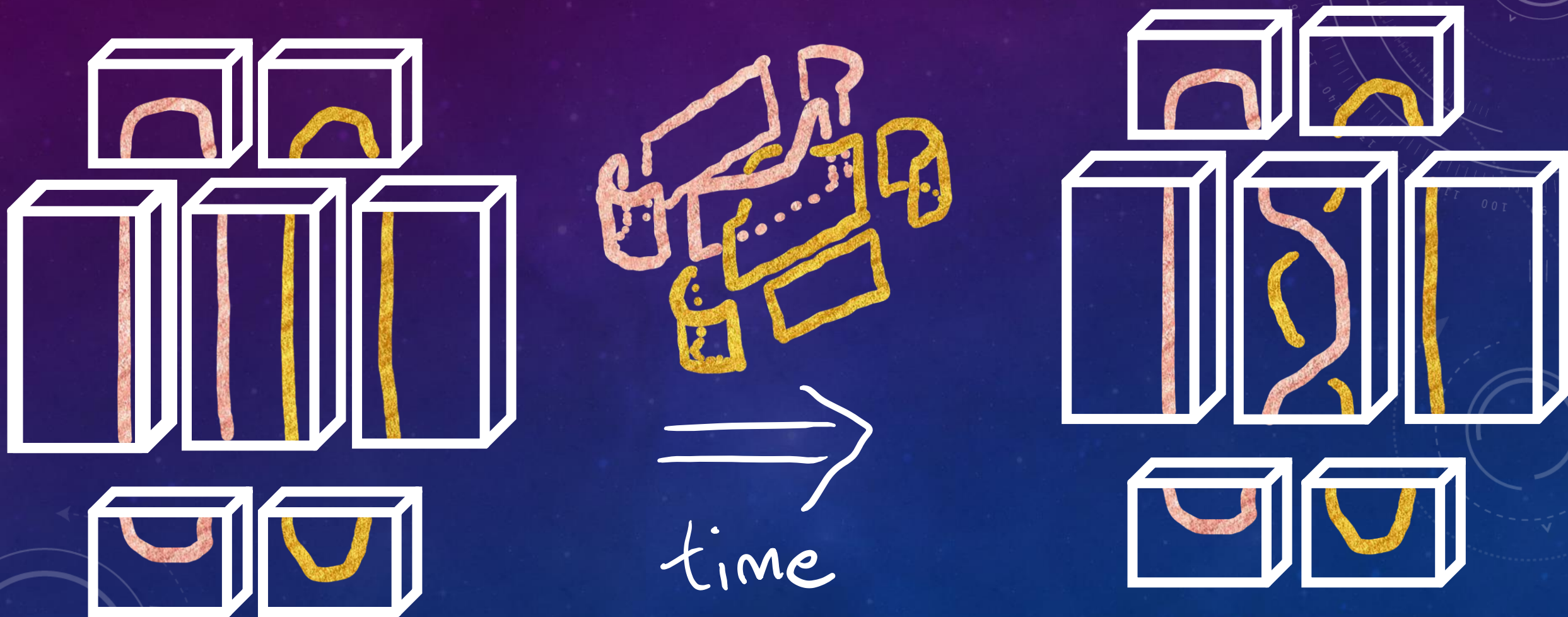
Braided monoidal
2-category + extra conditions



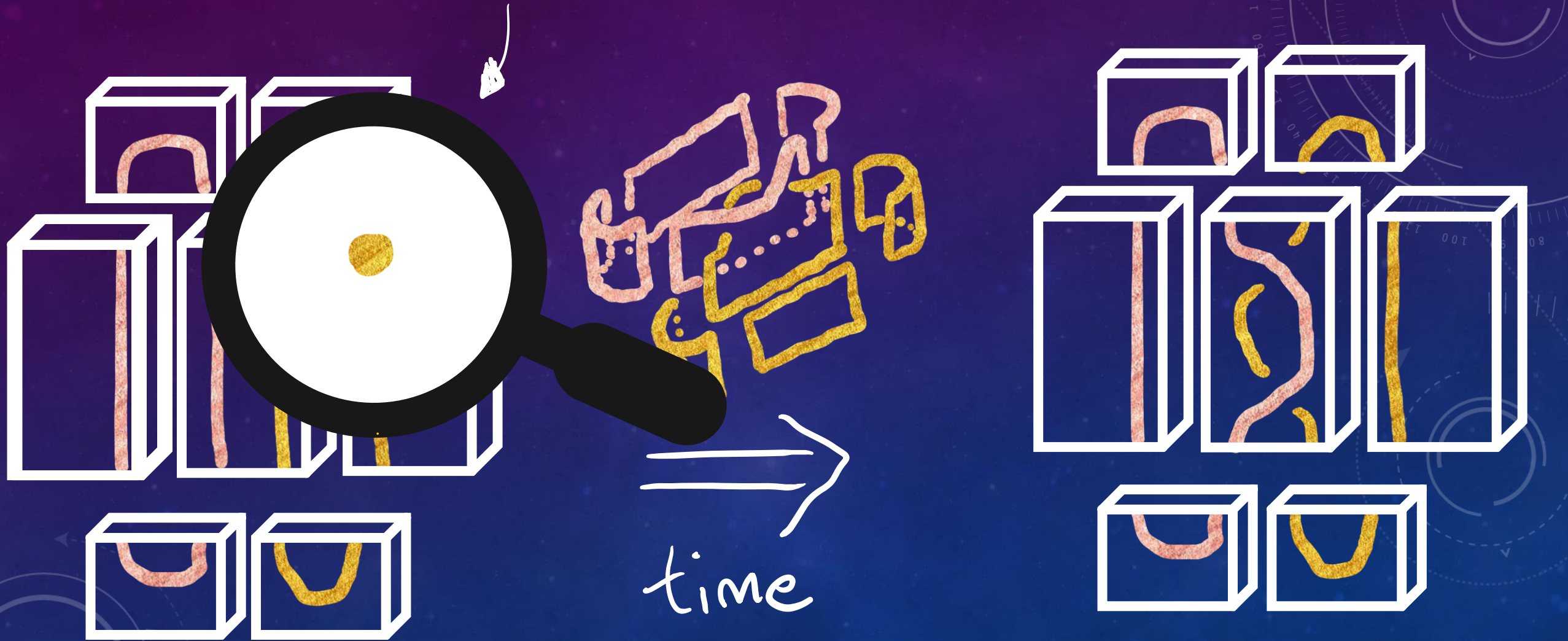
Cut Hilbert
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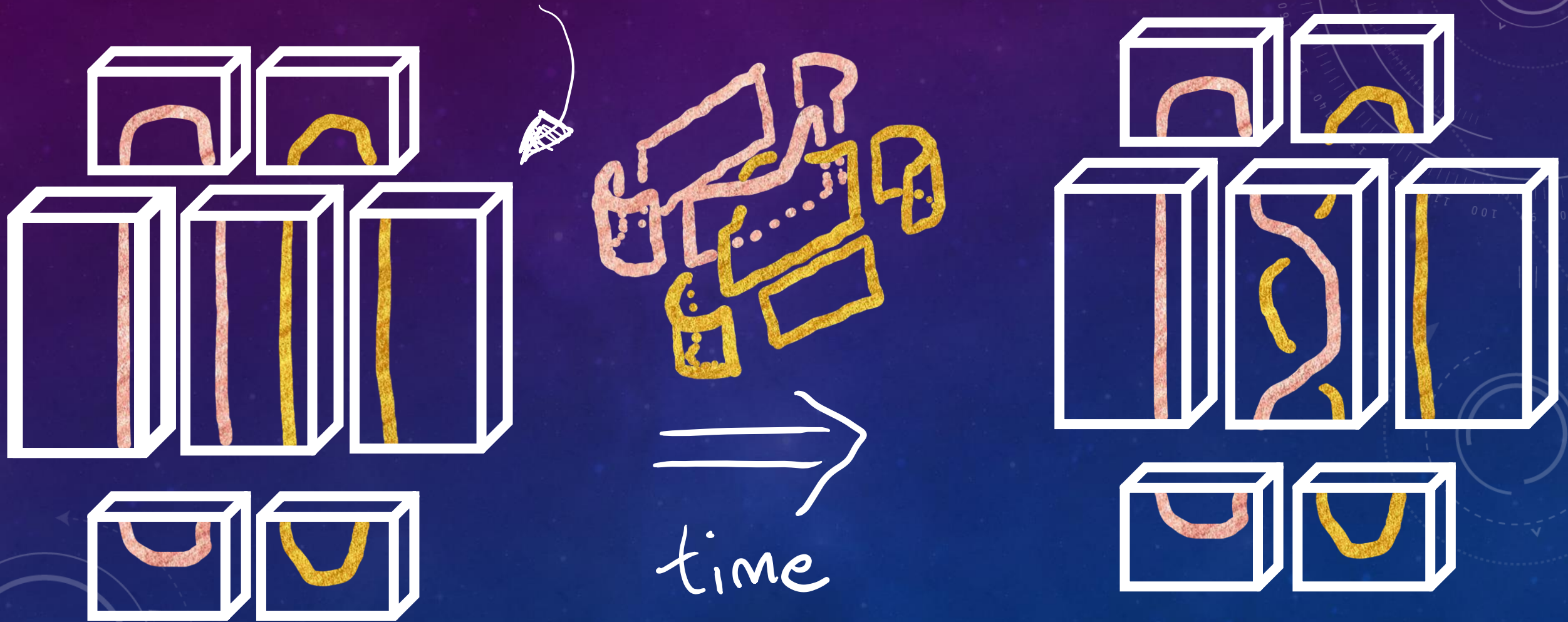
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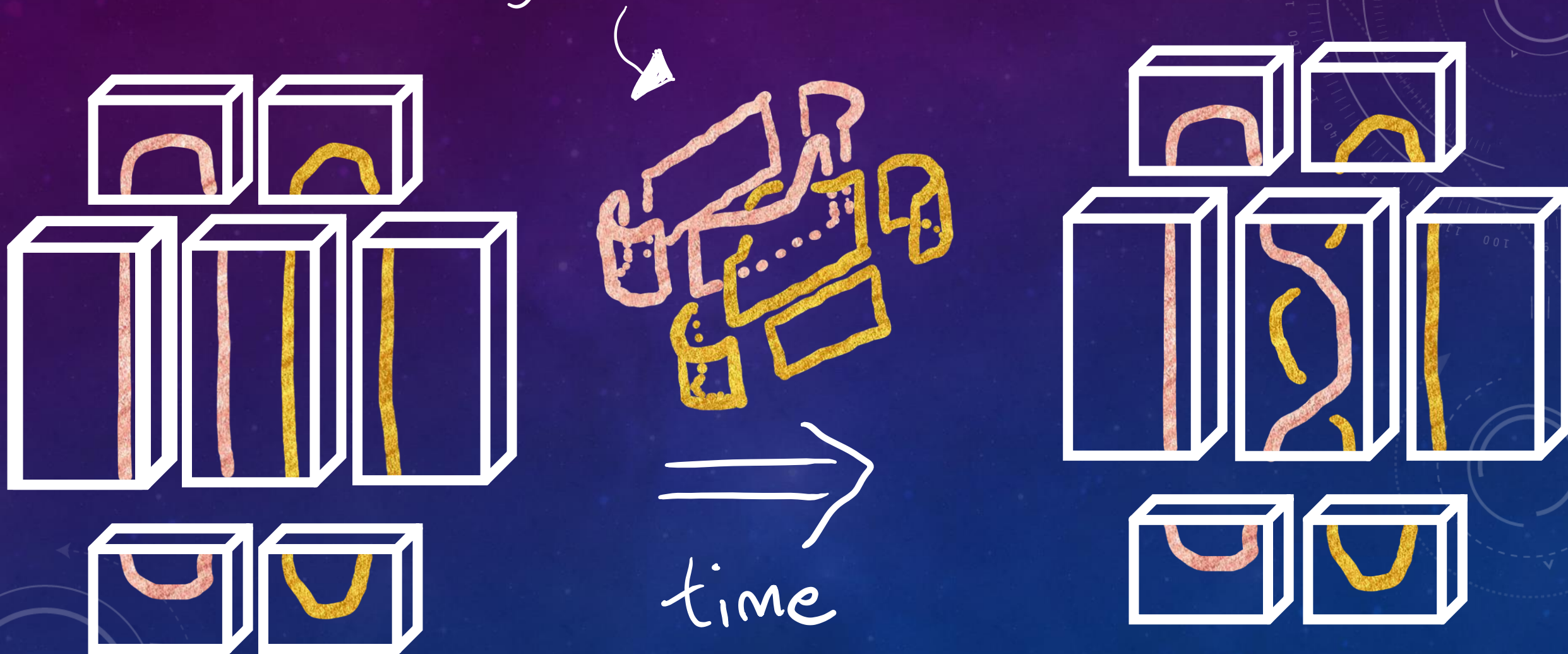
objects: Anyons in gapped boundary condition
for 2-disk



1-morphisms: Hilbert space for 3-disk with open-string terminating on gapped boundary



2- Morphisms: Isotopy classes of
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knotted surface in 4D
- Amplitude depends only on
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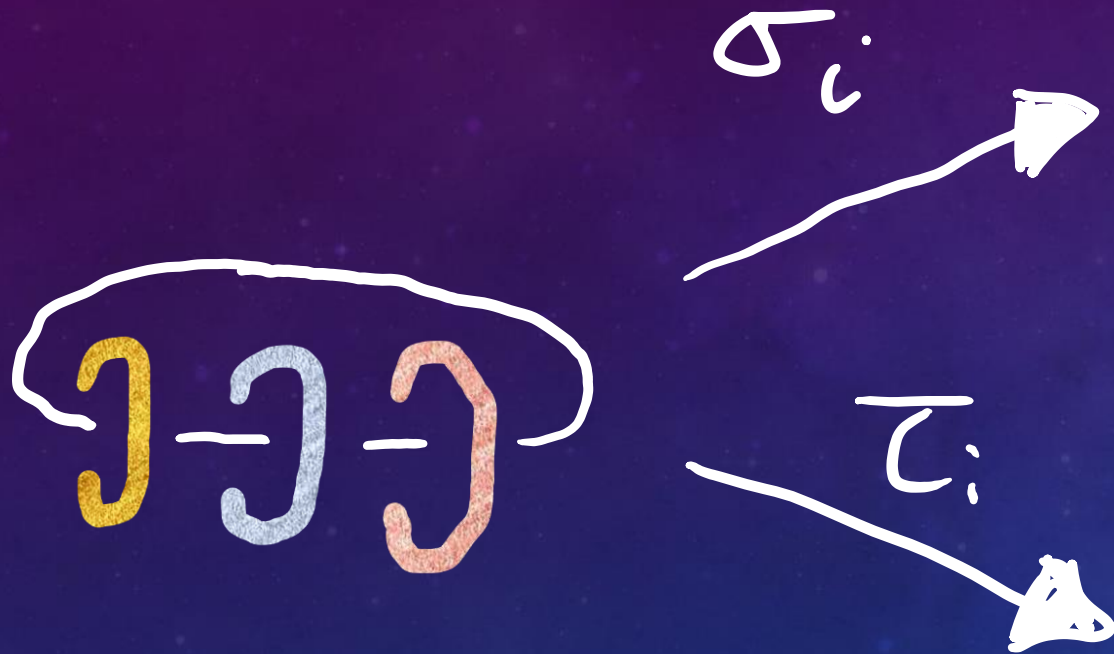
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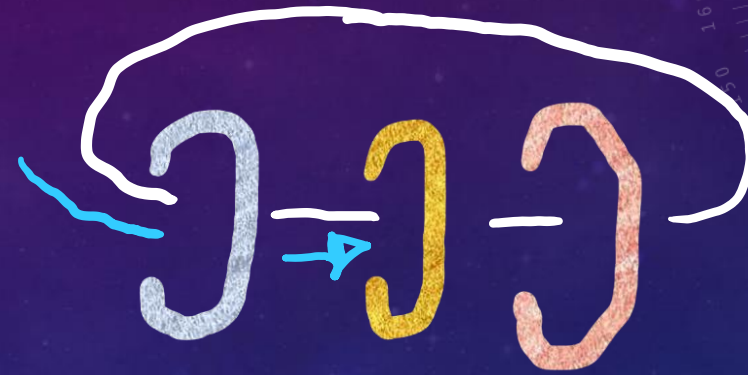
linking of excitations

AB, Kimball, Martin, Rowell, 2018, CMP

AB, Delcamp, 2019, JHEP

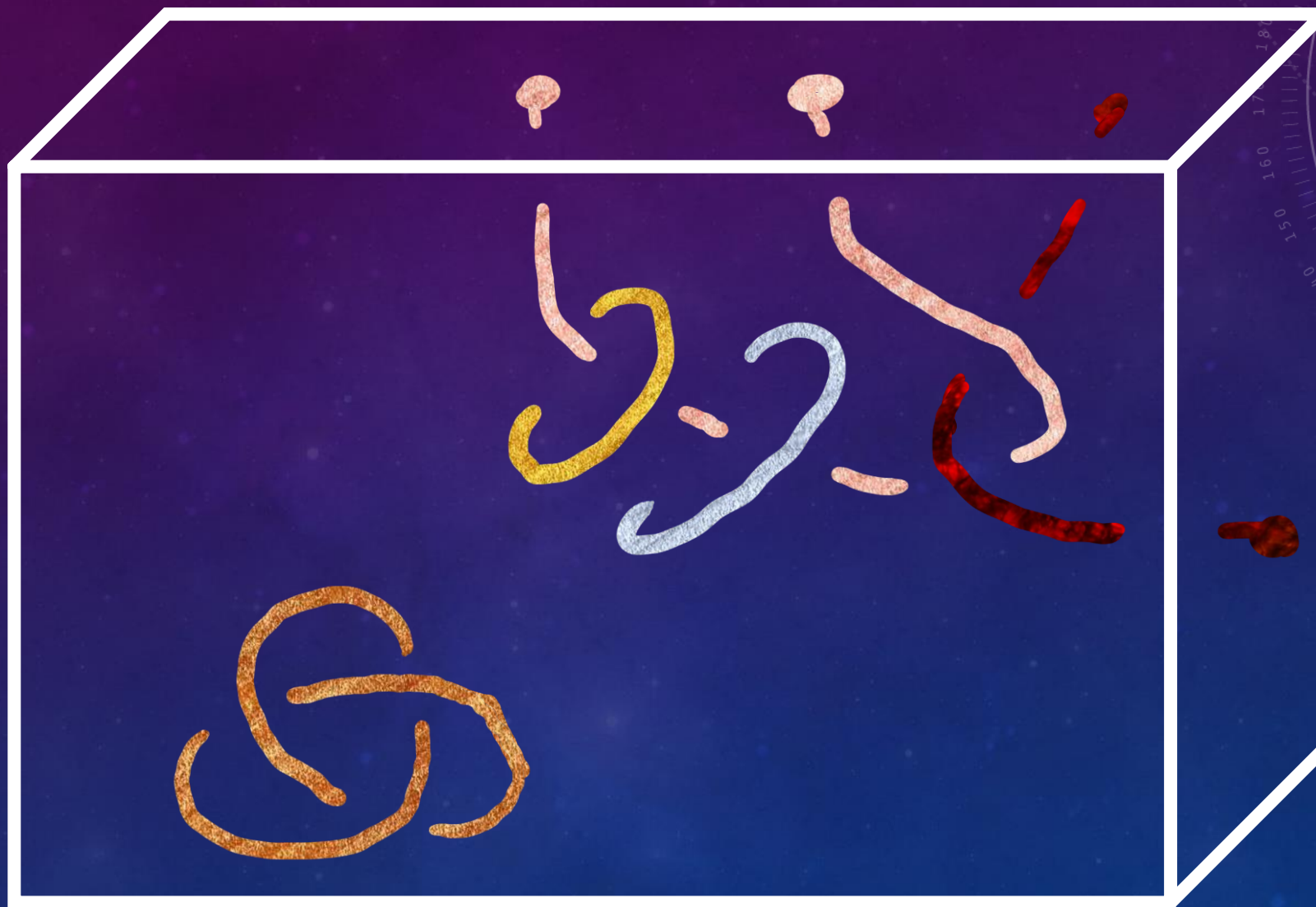


heap-frog move



Passing around
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Topological Lattice Models

* oriented d -manifold Σ equipped w. discretisation Σ_Δ
- discretisation := Δ -complex + branching structure

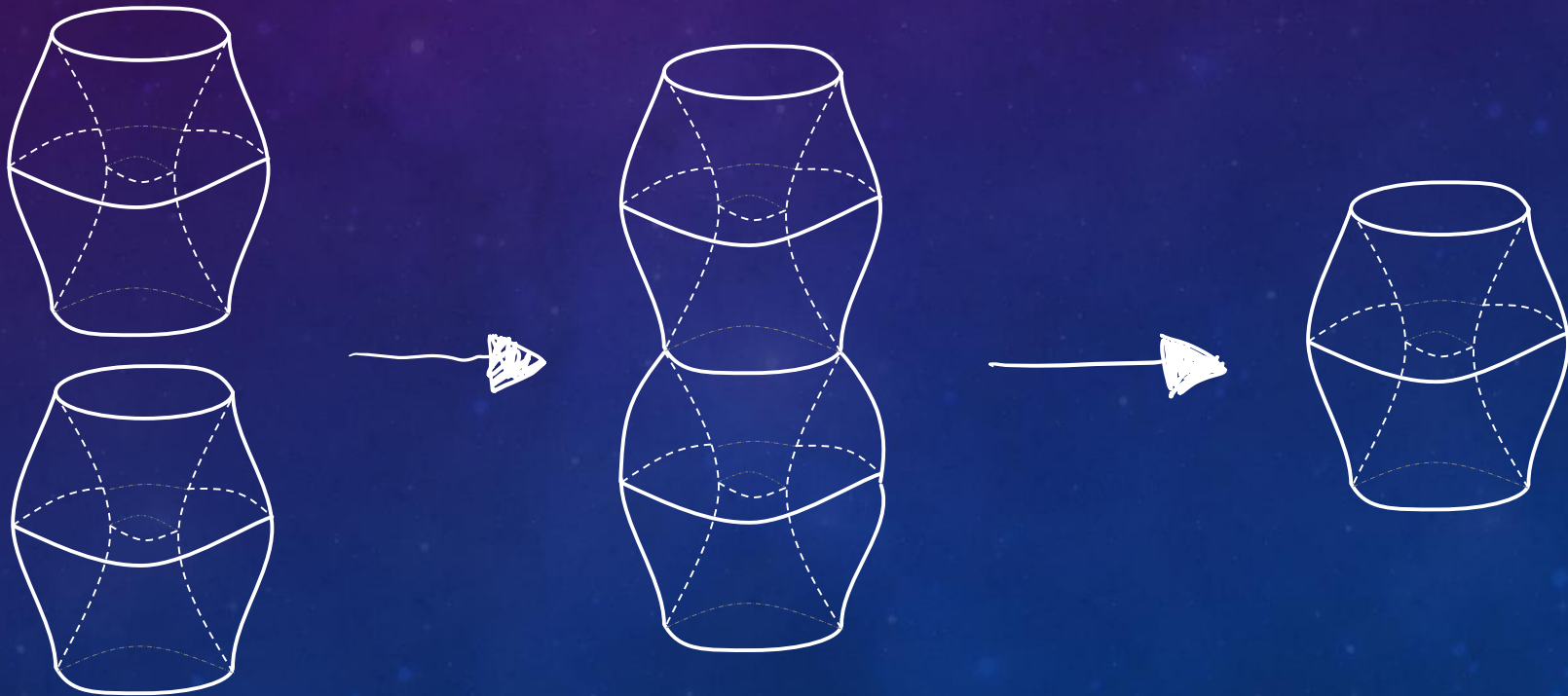
* $\mathcal{H}[\Sigma_\Delta] := \text{Span}_{\mathbb{C}} \{ \phi: \Sigma_\Delta \rightarrow S \}$

* Local Hamiltonian $H = - \sum_{\Delta^0 \subset \text{Int}(\Sigma_\Delta)} H_{\Delta^0}$ s.t. $H_{\Delta^0} \cdot H_{\Delta^0} = H_{\Delta^0}$, $[H_{\Delta^0}, H_{\Delta^0}] = 0$

* Family of unitary isomorphisms $U: \text{GS}[\Sigma_\Delta] \rightarrow \text{GS}[\Sigma_{\Delta'}]$ whenever $\partial \Sigma_\Delta = \partial \Sigma_{\Delta'}$
- "symmetries" of ground state subspace

$$U \circ \left[\prod_{\Delta^0 \subset \text{Int}(\Sigma_\Delta)} H_{\Delta^0} \right] = \left[\prod_{\Delta^0 \subset \text{Int}(\Sigma_{\Delta'})} H_{\Delta^0} \right] \circ U$$

CATEGORIFIED TUBE ALGEBRAS



Algebra

Given a monoidal category \mathcal{C} an
and morphism $p: A \otimes A \rightarrow A$

Algebra (A, p) is an object $A \in \mathcal{C}^0$
s.t. following commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (A \otimes A) \otimes A & \xrightarrow{p \otimes A} & A \otimes A \\ \downarrow \alpha_{A,A,A} & & \searrow p \\ A \otimes (A \otimes A) & \xrightarrow{A \otimes p} & A \otimes A \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \nearrow p \\ \nearrow p \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} A \\ A \end{array}$$

2-Algebra

Given a monoidal 2-category \mathcal{B} a 2-algebra (A, P, Q) is an object $A \in \mathcal{B}^0$
 a 1-morphism $p: A \boxtimes A \rightarrow A$ and 2-isomorphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (A \boxtimes A) \boxtimes A & \xrightarrow{p \boxtimes A} & A \boxtimes A \\
 \downarrow \alpha_{A,A,A} & \swarrow \text{Q} & \downarrow p \\
 A \boxtimes (A \boxtimes A) & \xrightarrow{A \boxtimes p} & A \boxtimes A
 \end{array}$$

satisfying some coherence data...

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categorified tube algebra $\in 2\text{Vect} :=$ symmetric monoidal
 2-category of Vect-module categories

Construction outline:

1) Define 2Vector-space := semisimple Abelian category \sim module category for semisimple algebra to cylinder $\text{Mod}(\text{cylinder})$

2) Form 2-algebra $\otimes : \text{Mod}(\text{cylinder}) \boxtimes \text{Mod}(\text{cylinder}) \rightarrow \text{Mod}(\text{cylinder})$
inspired by



3) "Extended anyon theory" \sim Representation theory for $\text{Mod}^{\otimes}(\text{cylinder})$

Step 1:

The 2-Vector space of the cylinder

Mod ()

Given 3+1D TLM \Rightarrow

$$G.S. \left[\text{Diagram of a 3D object with dashed lines} \right] = G.S. \left[S' \times \text{Diagram of a bigon} \right]$$

↑ equipped w.
triangulation

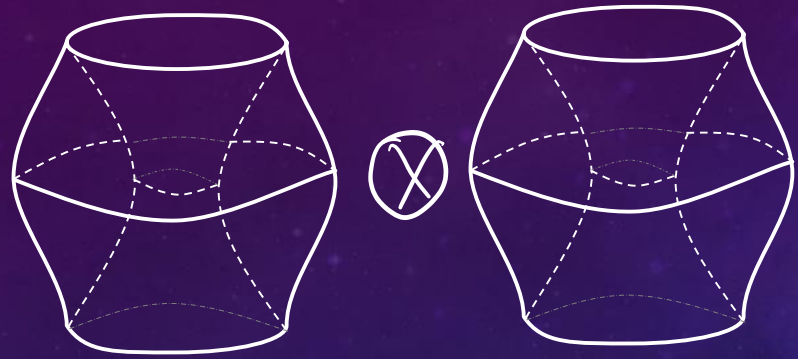
↖ bigon \simeq 2-disk

We can enrich this Hilbert space w.

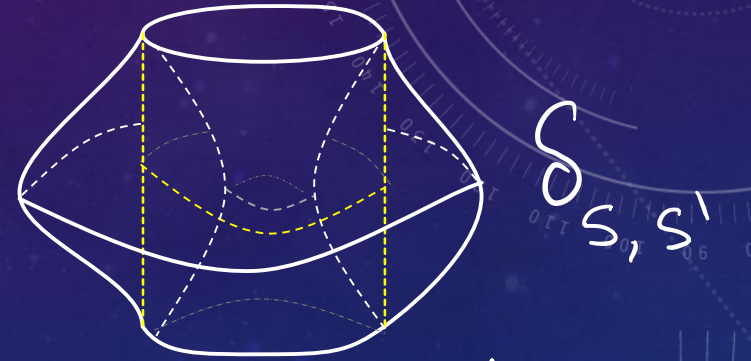
finite-dimensional, associative, $*$ -algebra in Vect
 \Rightarrow semisimple algebra

$$0 : G.S. \left[\text{Diagram} \right] \otimes G.S. \left[\text{Diagram} \right] \longrightarrow G.S. \left[\text{Diagram} \right]$$

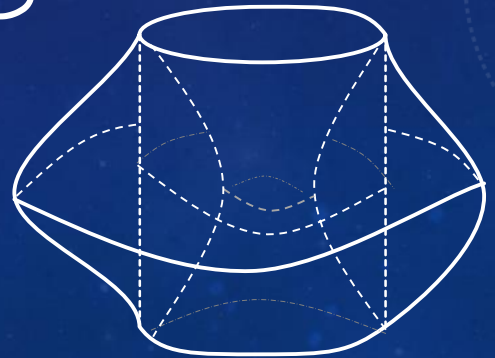
The diagram is a hand-drawn representation of a 3D object, possibly a hyperboloid of two sheets, enclosed in square brackets. It features a central horizontal ellipse, a top circular rim, and a bottom circular rim. Dashed lines connect the top and bottom rims to the central ellipse, suggesting a curved surface. The entire expression is written in white on a dark blue background.



identify boundary
 field configs



project to
 groundstate
 subspace



triangulation changing
 unitary isomorphism



$\text{Mod}(\text{cylinder}) := \text{Category of } \text{G.S.}[\text{hyperboloid}] - \text{modules}$
(right)

\Rightarrow Semisimple Abelian category $\in 2\text{Vect}$

Step 2 :

Categorified tube algebra

$$\otimes : \text{Mod}(\text{cylinder}) \boxtimes \text{Mod}(\text{cylinder}) \longrightarrow \text{Mod}(\text{cylinder})$$

$$G.S. [S' \times \text{elliptical shape}]$$

For ease
of drawing
 \Rightarrow

$$G.S. [\text{elliptical shape}]$$

used for defining categorified tube
algebra for pt in 2+1D

$\text{Mod}(|)$



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linear bifunctor

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\circ
glue G.S.



glue



isomorphism of
right modules



Associator

triangulation
invariance
of ground state
subspaces



$$(m_1 \otimes m_2) \otimes m_3$$

$$\cong$$

$$m_1 \otimes (m_2 \otimes m_3)$$

Example: Topological gauge theory w. finite group G

- theory of flat G -connections + gauge transformations

$$\text{Mod}^{\otimes}(\text{cylinder}) \Rightarrow \text{Vect}_{G//G}^{\otimes} \quad (\text{multifusion category})$$

objects: finite vector spaces graded by $\{g \xrightarrow{h} k'gh\}_{V, g, h \in G} := V_{g \xrightarrow{h}}$

morphisms: grading preserving linear maps

$$\text{2-product: } \otimes: V_{g \xrightarrow{h}} \otimes W_{g' \xrightarrow{h'}} \mapsto (V \otimes W)_{g \xrightarrow{h} g'gh'}$$

Zero vector space

if $g' = k'gh$
else

Conjecture:

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{ Assume true from now on }

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Step 3 :

$\text{Mod}^{\otimes}(\text{cylinder})$ - Representation theory
+ extended anyon theory

2-Category of module categories

- similarly to modules of an algebra, we can define module categories for a 2-algebra

$$\triangleright : \text{Mod}^{\otimes}(\text{cylinder}) \boxtimes \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M} \quad (\text{linear functor} + \text{coherence})$$

$$\text{MOD}(\text{circle}) := \begin{aligned} \text{objects} &: \text{Mod}^{\otimes}(\text{cylinder}) - \text{module categories} \\ \text{morphisms} &: \text{Mod}^{\otimes}(\text{cylinder}) - \text{module functors} \\ \text{2-morphisms} &: \text{Mod}^{\otimes}(\text{cylinder}) - \text{module natural trans} \end{aligned}$$

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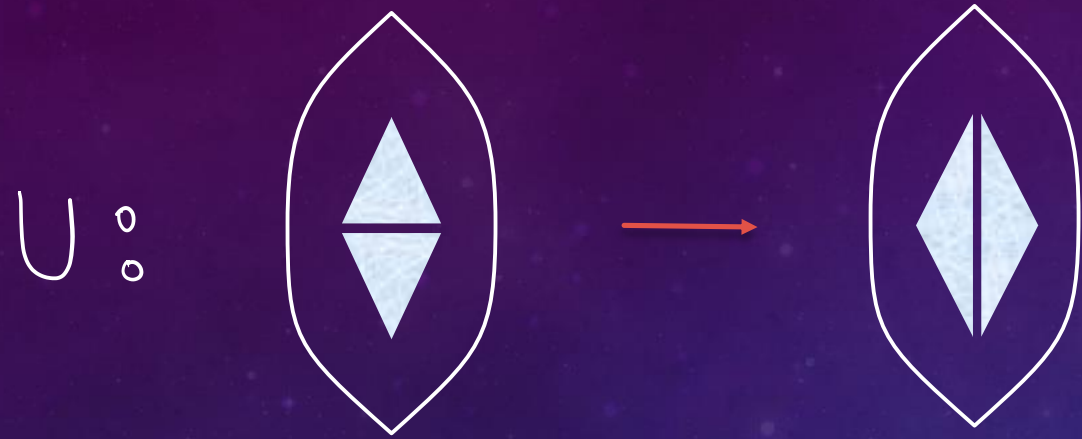
$\text{Mod}^\otimes(\text{cylinder}) - \text{module categories} \sim \text{Category of modules for a separable algebra in } \text{Mod}^\otimes(\text{cylinder})$

$\text{Hom}(\text{Mod}(A), \text{Mod}(B)) \sim \text{Category of } A\text{-}B\text{-bimodules in } \text{Mod}^\otimes(\text{cylinder})$

hom-categories

see Douglas + Reutter 1812.1193
and Gaiotto + Johnson-Freyd 1905.09566
+ Regs for nice intro

Morphisms in $\text{Mod}(I)$



Unitary isomorphism
for triangulation change
of interior



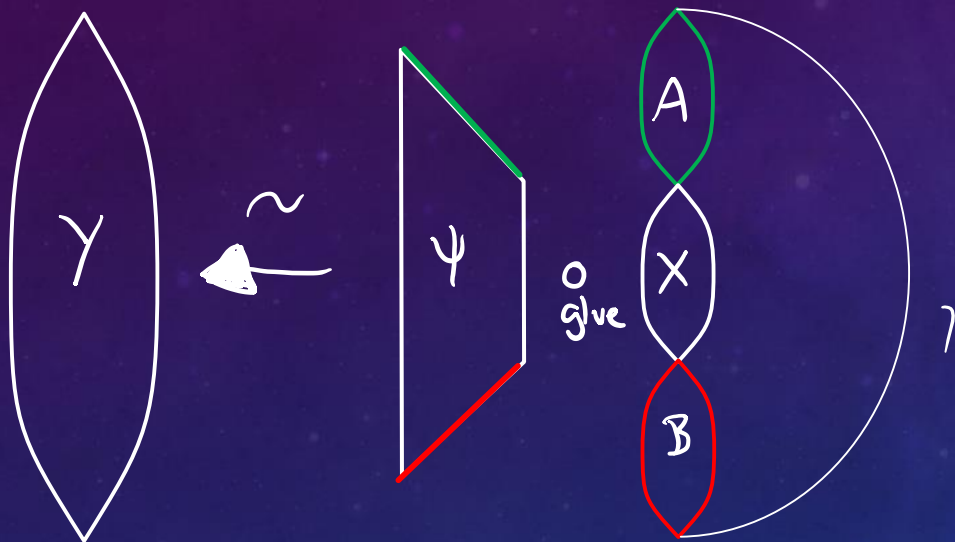
$|\psi\rangle \in \text{G.S.}$ 

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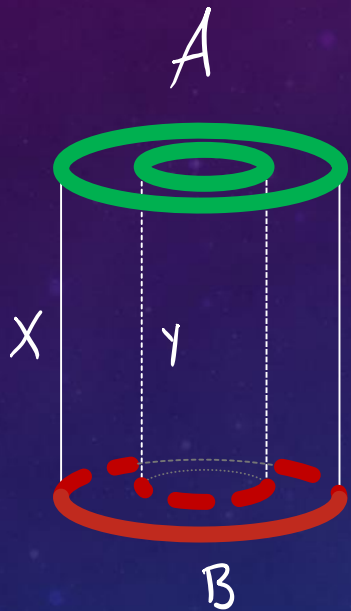


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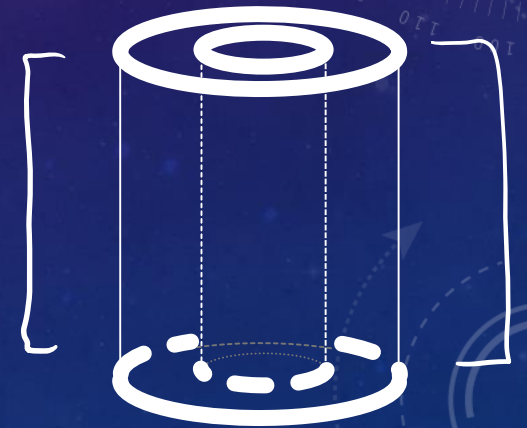


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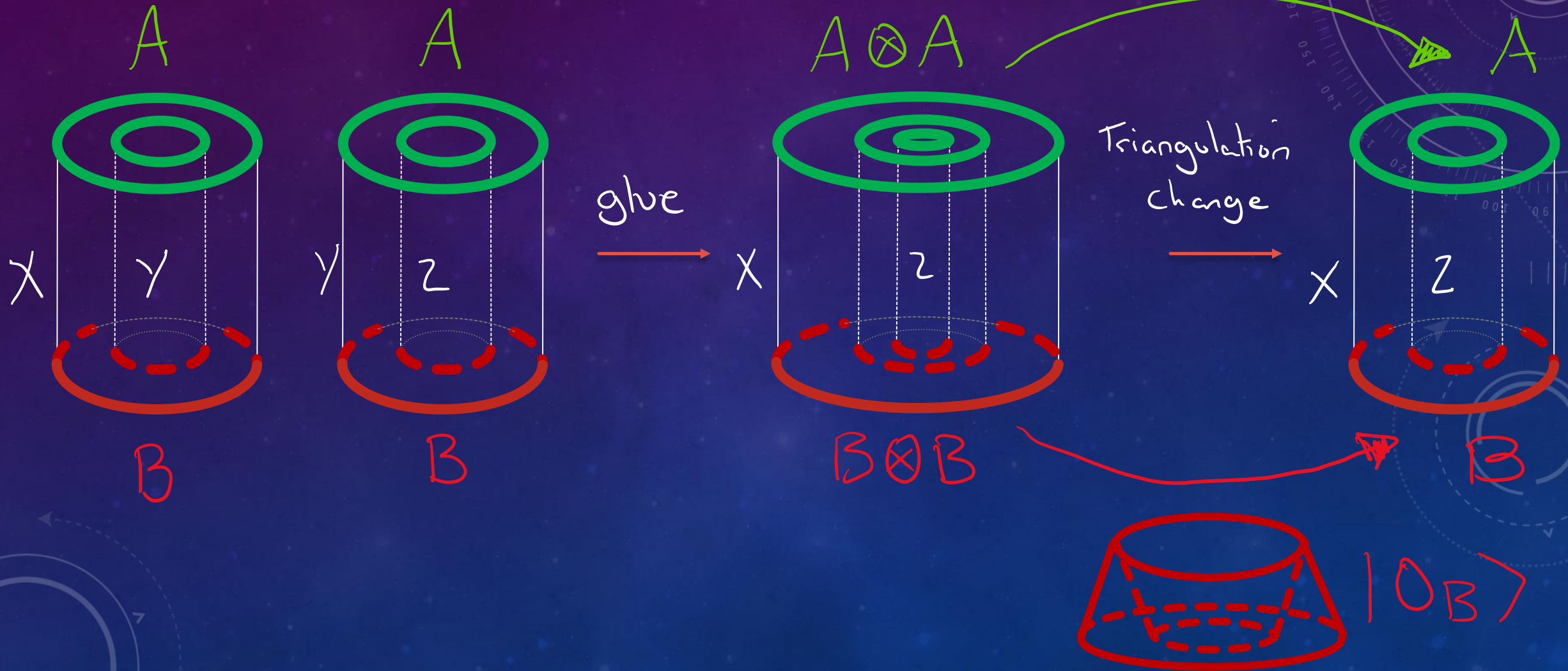
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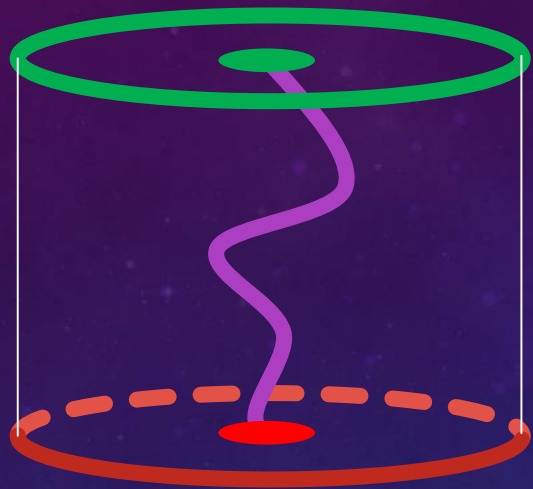


Composition rule $\text{Alg}_{A|B}$

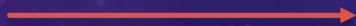


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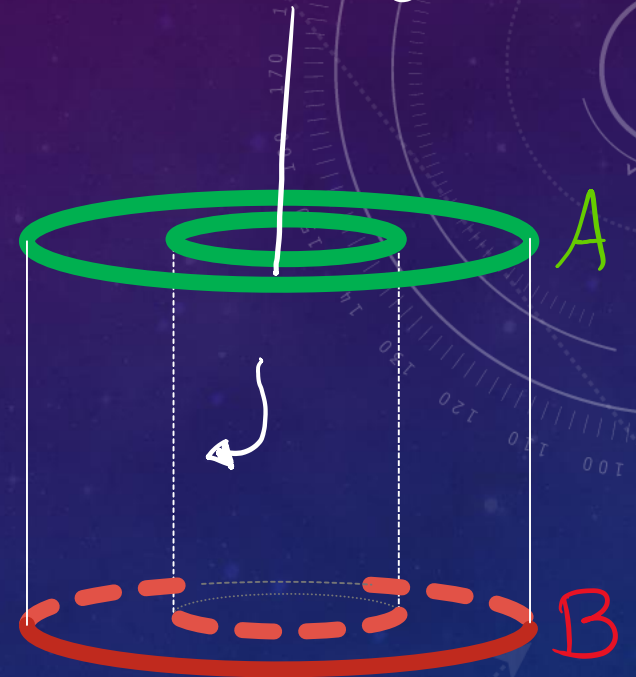
$$S_A \propto |\partial A| - \gamma + S_{\text{excite}}$$



cut away a local
neighbourhood of excitation

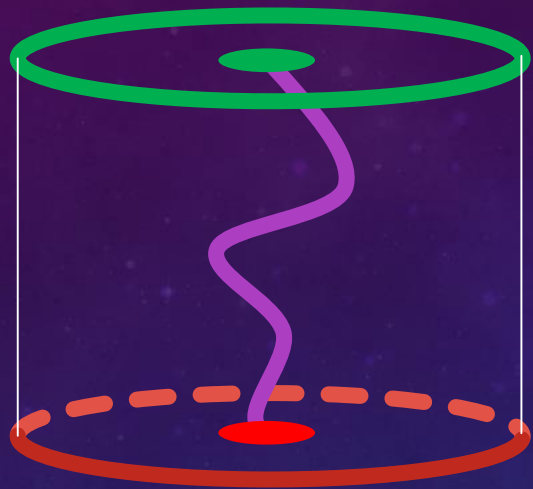


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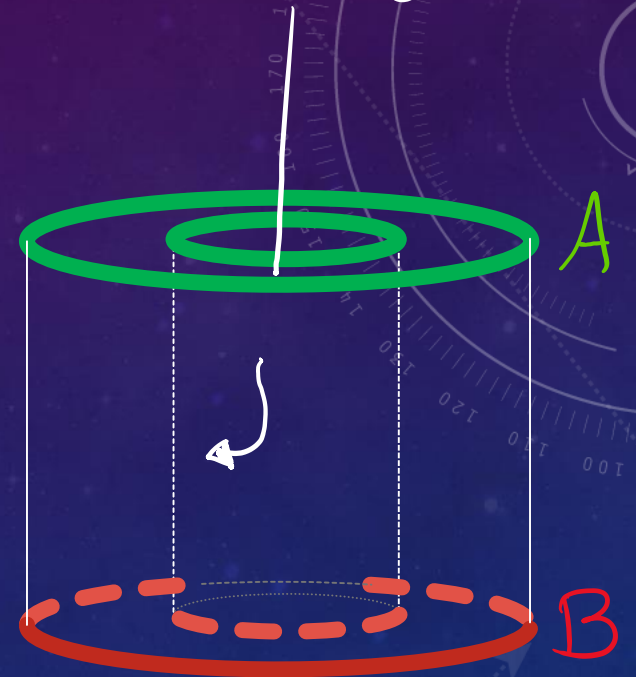
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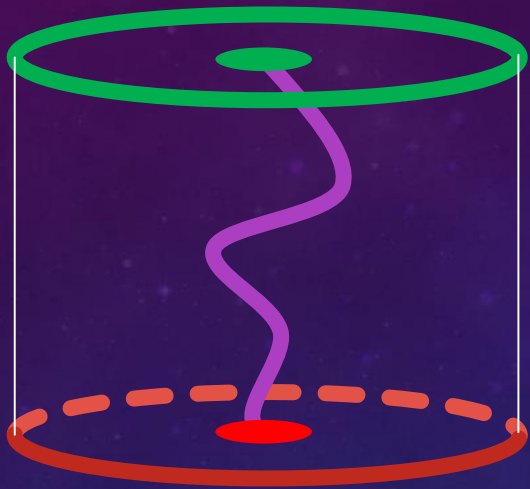
$SAlg_{A|B}$ -module : Length scale invariant Hilbert space for open string

\sim topological string upto local excitation

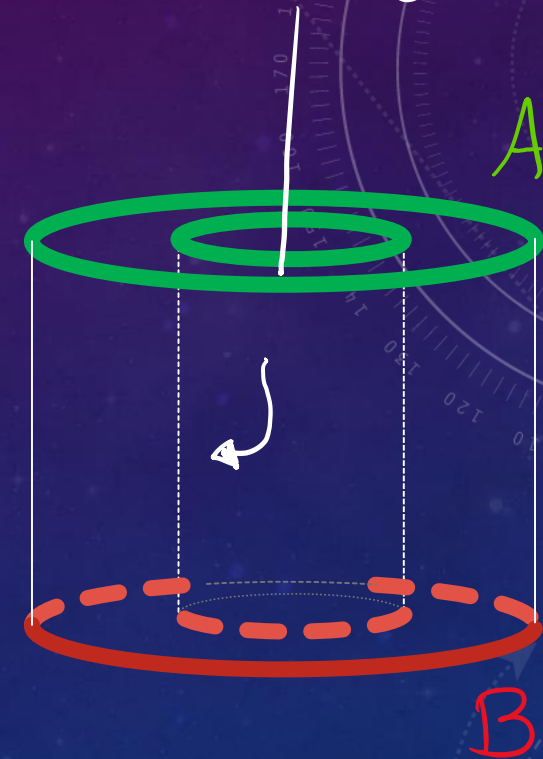
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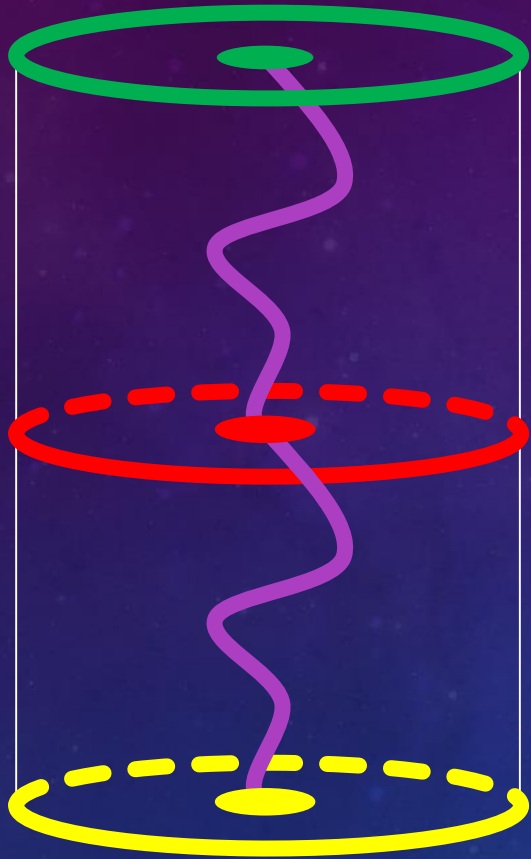
$\text{Mod}(A) \Rightarrow$ Boundary conditions for endpoint of an open string
 \sim boundary anyons upto local excitation.

MOD(0)

Comp

g

1-morph



$\text{MOD}(\bigcirc)$

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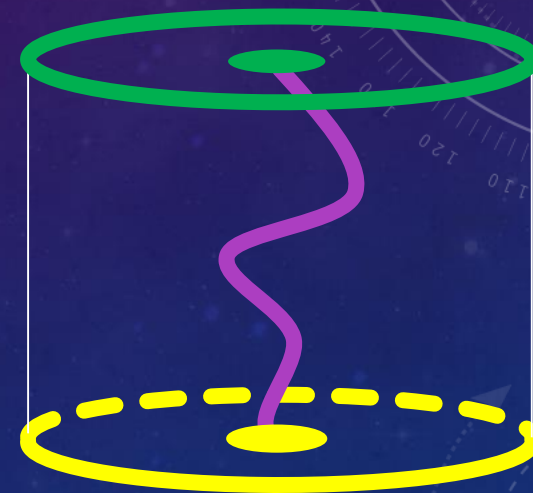
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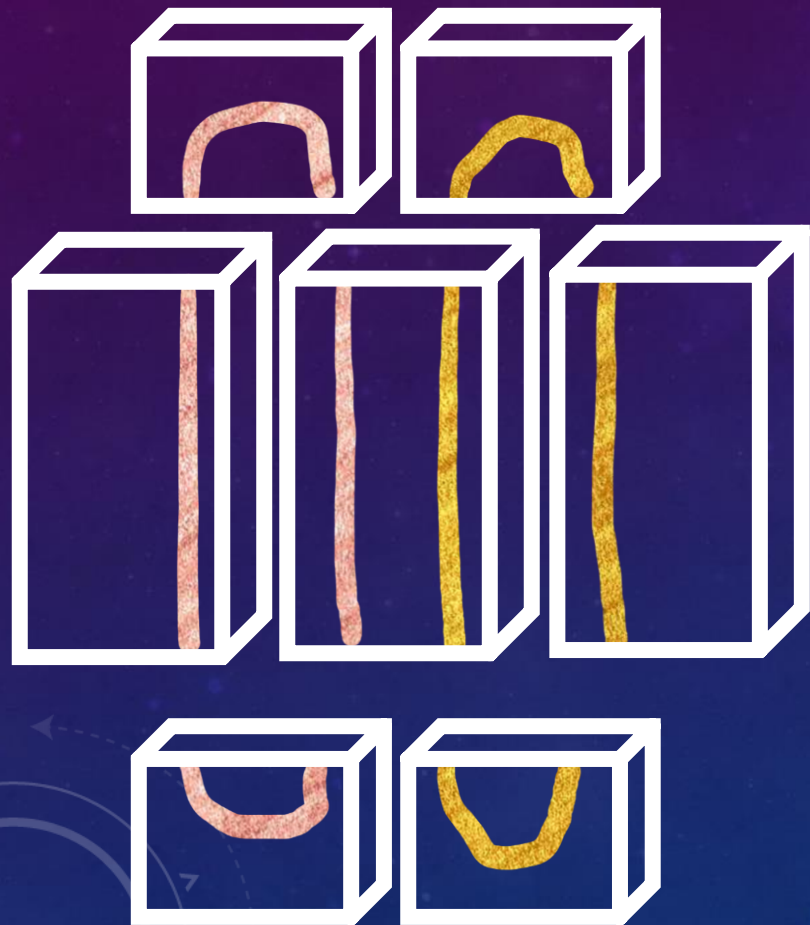
2-morphism



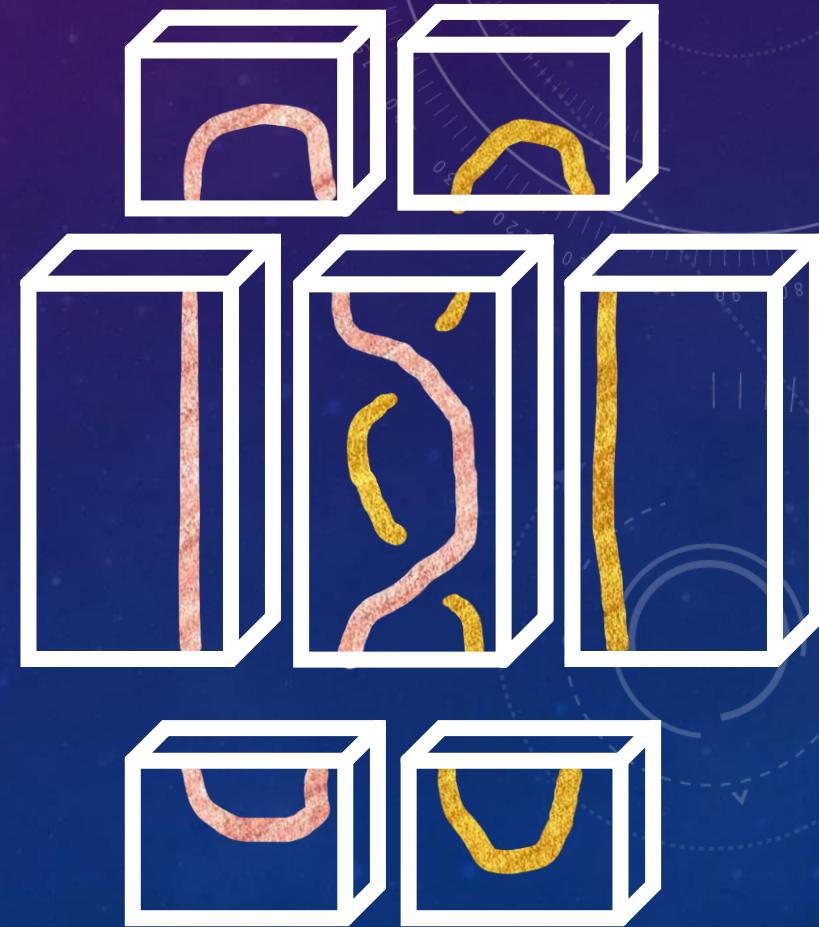
"renormalisation"



What about monoidal + braiding for $\text{MOD}(\bigcirc)$



\Rightarrow
time



Braiding + Monoidal structure on $\text{MOD}(\bigcirc)$

* For topological gauge theory $\text{Mod}^{\otimes}(\text{cylinder}) = \text{Vect}_{G//G}^{\otimes}$

* $\text{Vect}_{G//G}^{\otimes}$ defines "quasitriangular Hopf category"

- see thesis of Neuchl

* $\Rightarrow \text{MOD}(\text{Vect}_{G//G}^{\otimes, \mathbb{R}})$ is braided + monoidal 2-category

* Kong, Tian, Zhou $\mathcal{Z}(\text{2Vect}_G^{\pi}) \simeq \text{MOD}(\text{Vect}_{G//G}^{\pi, \otimes, \mathbb{R}})$

Open questions:

1) Can we canonically put quasi-triangular hopf category
(or weakened variant) on $\text{Mod}^\otimes(\text{cylinder})$?

2) Assuming true:

Given spherical fusion 2-category \mathcal{B}

\Rightarrow We can define 3+1D TLM canonically

$$\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{B}) \stackrel{?}{\cong} \text{MOD}^{\otimes, \mathcal{B}_r}(\bigcirc)$$

Following Delcamp's talk: For 3+1D TLM we can classify loop-like excitations using

$$\text{Mod} \left(\bigcirc \right) \equiv \text{Category of (right) G.S.} \left[\underbrace{\bigcirc \bigcirc}_{T^2 \times I} \right] \text{-modules}$$

Dimension and crossing w. circle

$$\begin{aligned} \dim [\text{Mod}(\bigcirc)] &\simeq \mathbb{Z}[\text{G.S.}[\bigcirc\bigcirc]] \simeq \text{G.S.}[\underbrace{\bigcirc \times S^1}_{\text{3-torus}}] \\ &:= \text{Nat}(\text{id}, \text{id}) \qquad \qquad \qquad := \text{center of algebra} \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow Ground state-degeneracy of 3-torus = # of simple loop-like excitations

Dimension and crossing w. circle

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Dim}[\text{MOD}(\bigcirc)] &\cong \mathbb{Z}[\text{Mod}^{\otimes}(\text{cylinder})] \\ &\equiv \text{pseudoNat}(\text{id}, \text{id}) && \equiv \text{Drinfeld center} \end{aligned}$$

$$\cong \text{Mod}^{\text{Br}}(\bigcirc)$$

"3-loop braiding"



Thanks



for

Listening!