

Tensor C^* -categories and their representations

- ① Operator algebras
- ② 2 - W^* - categories
- ③ Examples
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Within *-algebra context, we have

| Unitaries |

$$u^* u = I = u u^*$$

| self-adjoints |

$$x^* = x$$

| positive elements |

$$x = y^* y$$

| isometries |

$$v^* v = I$$

| projections |

$$P^* = P = P^2$$

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"Positive representations"

(Fock, Gondarow, Shen, Shapiro, Schrader, Ip, Kim, Frenkel, Bytsko, Telesh, Kashaev, ...)

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Slogan : IF A is W^* -algebra, then
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A -modules $A\mathcal{H}$ are boring ... \rightsquigarrow IF $A \subseteq B(H)$, take
 $\mathcal{H} = \bigoplus p_i H$, $p_i \in \text{Proj}(A')$.

A -bimodules $A\mathcal{H}_A$ are interesting!
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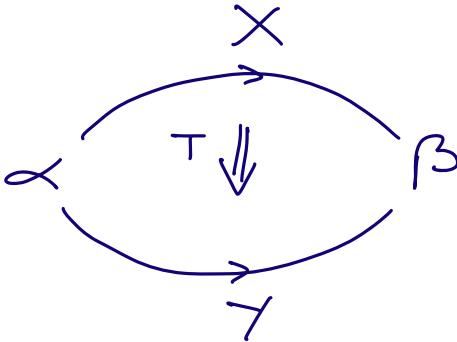
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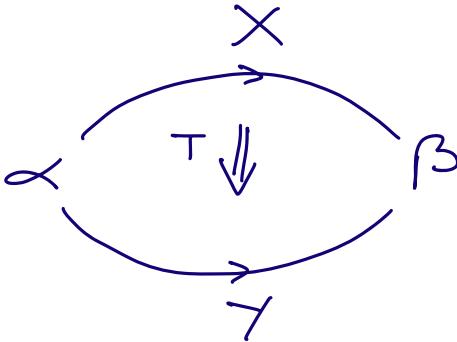
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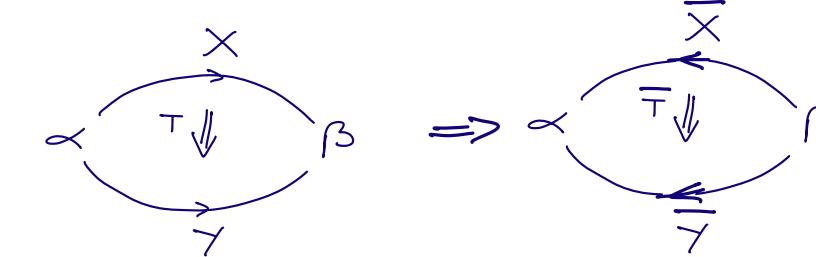
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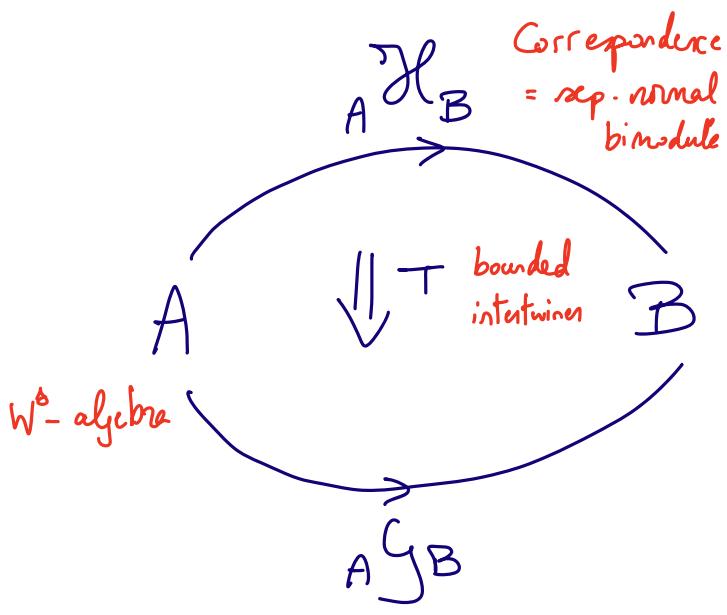
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 Penneys-Henriques '17)
 So $\bar{-} : \text{Hom}(X, Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\bar{X}, \bar{Y})$ $*$ -Functor
 anti-linear

with given $\bar{\bar{X}} \cong X$, $\bar{X \otimes Y} \cong \bar{Y} \otimes \bar{X}$ + coherence

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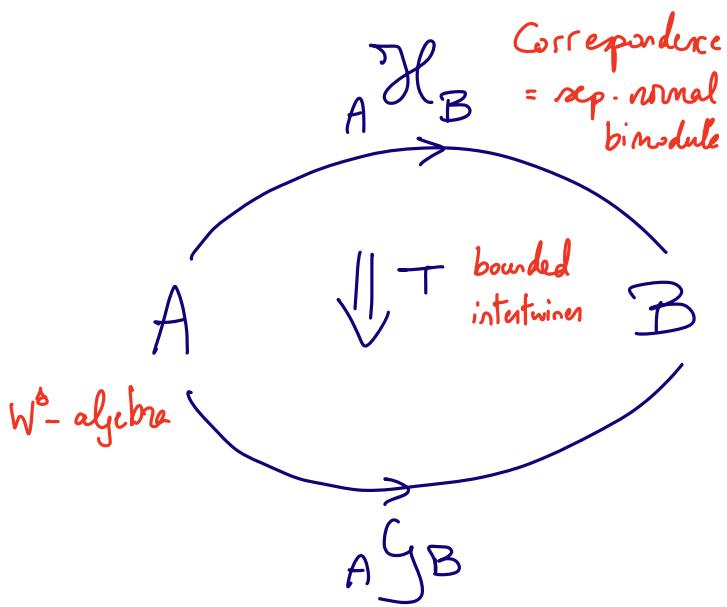
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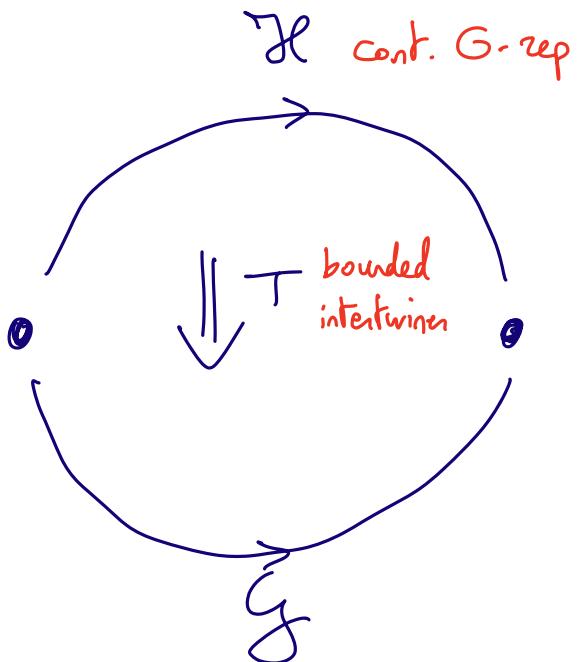


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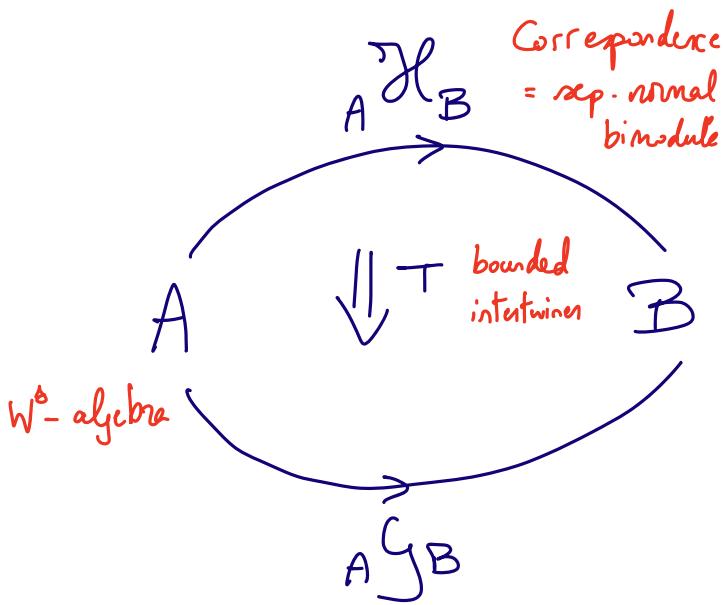
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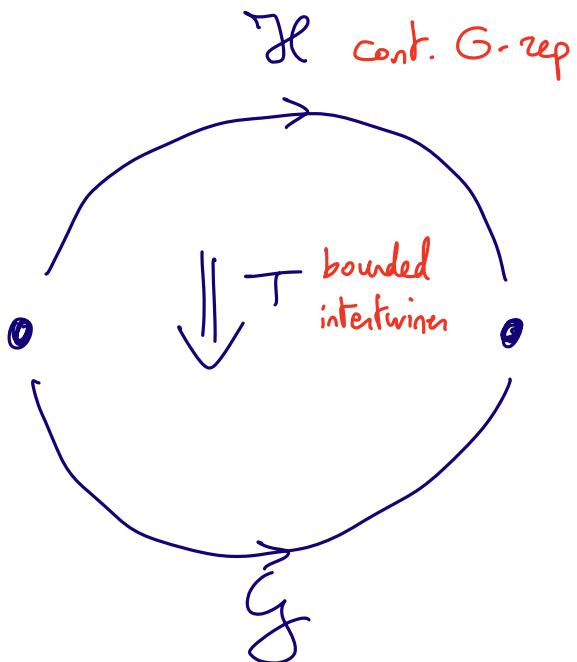
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w/ unitary coherence conditions

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Joined together: 2- W^* -category

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$$(\mathcal{C}, \otimes^{\text{op}})$$

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B) IF G locally compact quantum group

$$\text{End}_{\text{Rep}(G)}(\text{Hilb}) \cong \text{Rep}(\widehat{G}) \quad (\text{cf. Müger '03})$$

③ IF $0 < q < 1$:

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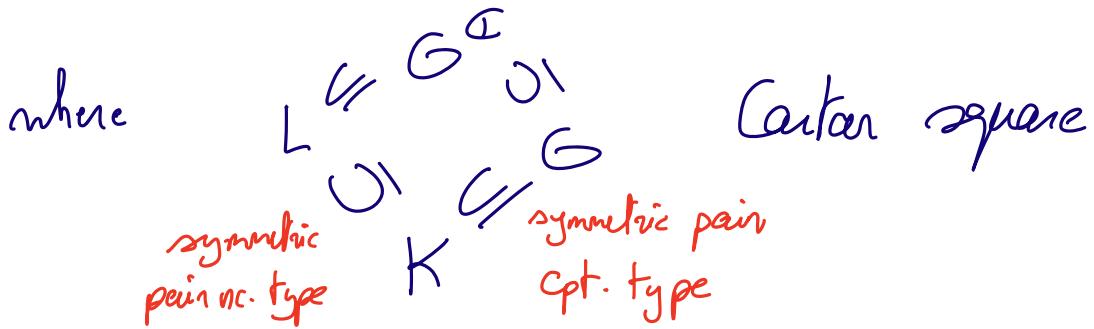
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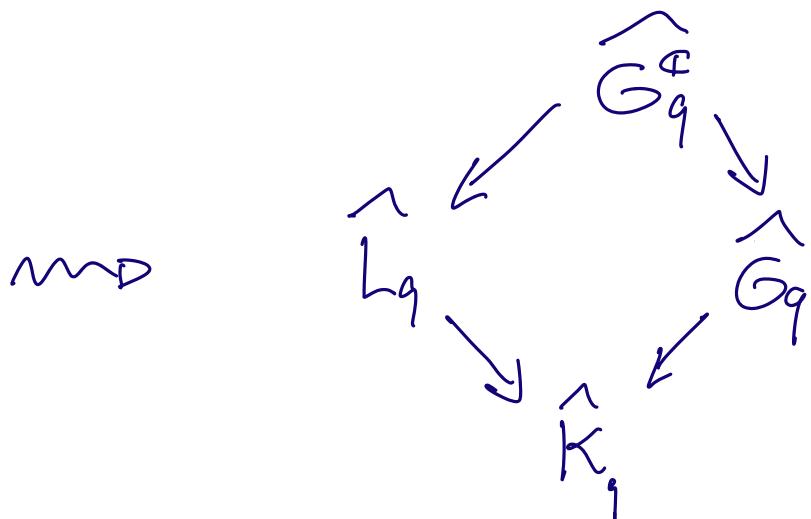
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Hom-spaces via planar graph morphisms
(F. Mancinska - Roberson)

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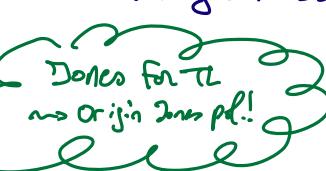
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(Yamagami '03;
Bratteli,
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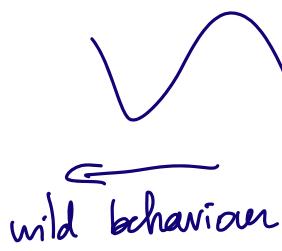
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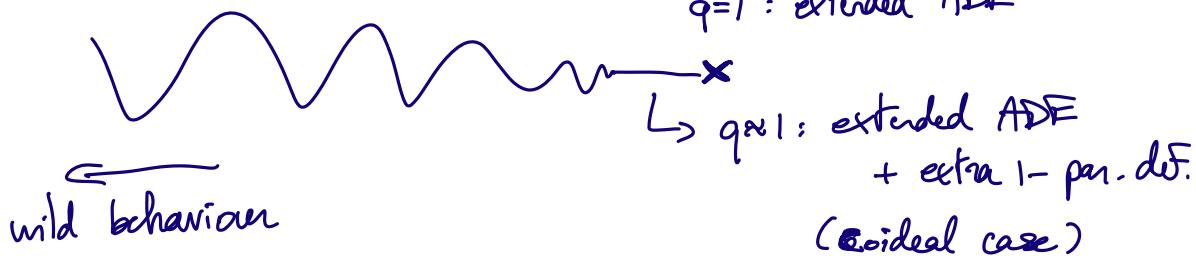
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Further results + Prospects

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- Dynamical properties of unitary W^* -categories
+ boundary theory: Neshveyev, Yamashita, Hataishi,
Habbestad, ...
- Actions unitary W^* - \otimes -cat's on C^* -algebras:
→ Evington's talk!
- 2- C^* -Cat and balanced Deligne - Kelley product:
Antoun + Voigt
- Links w.r.t e.g. conformal Field theory:
Longo, Kawahigashi, Giinetti, ...
- Links w.r.t (classification of) subfactors:
Jones, Popa, Ocneanu, Morrison, Snyder, Penneys, ...

Prospects

(A) What are "good" monoidal W^* -categories / 2- W^* -categories?

→ Existence of bi-involutive structure ✓

→ Existence of monoidal sub- W^* -category
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→ Existence of Fell topology (?)

(B) Classification results $\mathcal{Irr}\text{-Rep}(\text{Rep}(G_q))$?

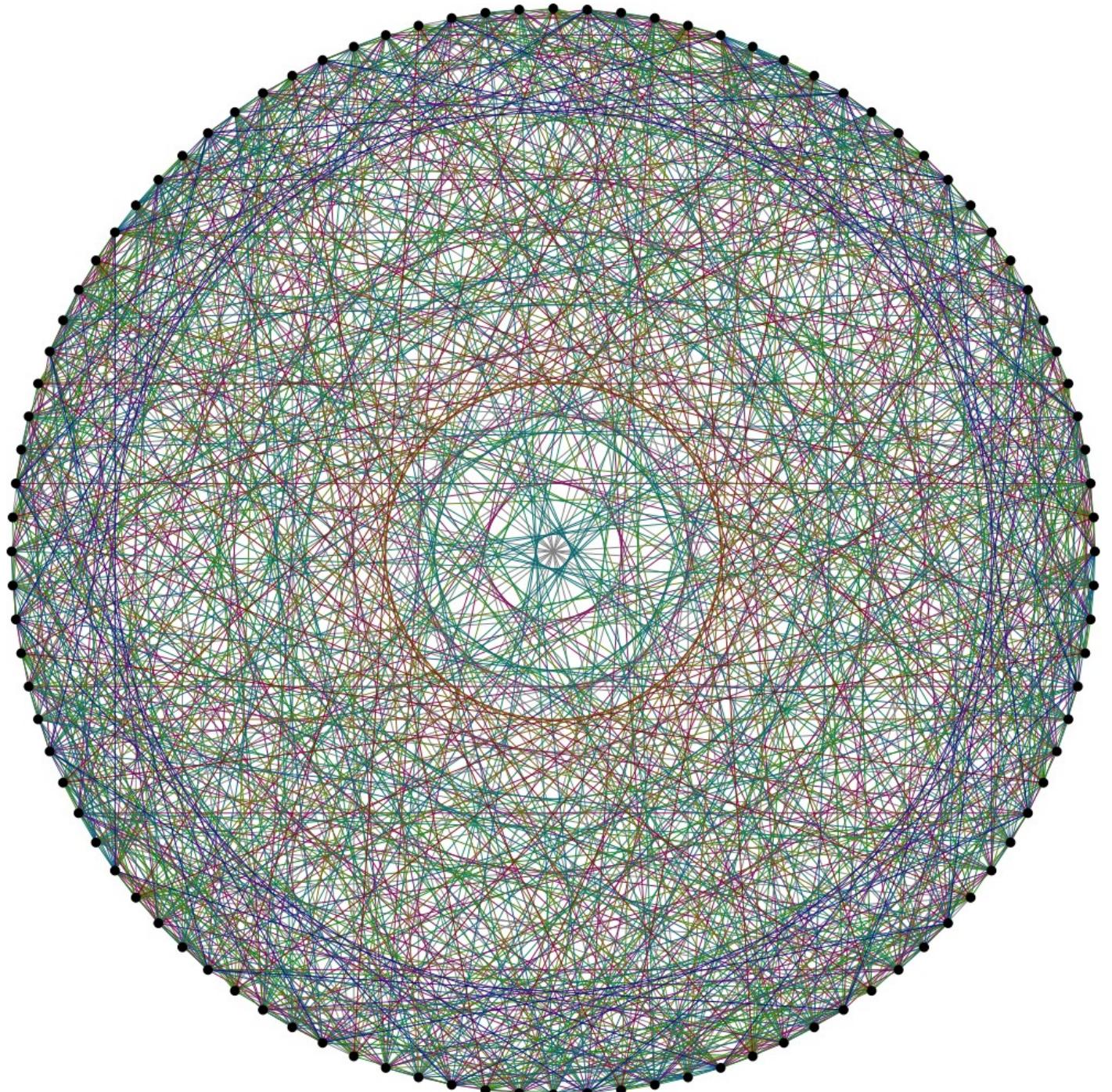
"Exotic" cases ?

(C) Approximation theories for non-discrete setting ?

Thanks

for your

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