

# Discrete subfactors, realization of algebra objects, and Q-system completion

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# IPAM: Actions of tensor categories on $C^*$ -algebras

Today,  $C^*$ -algebras stand at an analogous stage to vNAs in the '80s when Jones pioneered subfactor theory. This virtual workshop will bring together researchers at the interface of structure and classification of  $C^*$ -algebras and subfactor theory/tensor categories to set foundations for actions of tensor categories on  $C^*$ -algebras.

- ▶ Thurs 21 (8am - 11:30 am), Fri 22 Jan (8am - 10:30am): Expository overview talks by Courtney Carrion, Szabo, Vaes, Yamashita on classification of simple nuclear  $C^*$ -algebras; group actions on the hyperfinite  $II_1$  factor and on classifiable  $C^*$ -algebras; tensor categories associated to subfactors.
- ▶ Mon 25 Jan - Thurs 28 Jan (8am - 11am): Research talks, discussion of overview talks, ask expert sessions.

Participation is open to all. Current speakers and registration information can be found here:

<http://www.ipam.ucla.edu/programs/workshops/actions-of-tensor-categories-on-c-algebras/?tab=overview>

# Overview

- ▶ Unitary tensor categories (UTCs) encode quantum symmetry and act on operator algebras via unitary tensor functors

$$\mathbf{H} : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Bim}(A) = \text{End}(\text{Mod}(A))$$

- ▶ A (...) subfactor  $N \subset M$  can be viewed a triple  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{A})$  where  $\mathcal{C}$  is a UTC,  $\mathbf{H} : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Bim}(N)$  is an action, and  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  is an (...) algebra object.

$$N \subset N \rtimes_{\mathbf{H}} A = M$$

- ▶ Q-systems in UTCs are particularly nice algebra objects where the above construction is easy. They are *higher idempotents*, and we can take a *higher idempotent completion*.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \text{QSys}(\mathcal{C}) \\ & \nearrow & \downarrow \exists! \\ \mathcal{C} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{D} \end{array}$$

# Unitary (multi)tensor categories

A *unitary multitensor category* is a semisimple tensor  $C^*$  category

- ▶ (linear) hom spaces  $\mathcal{C}(a \rightarrow b)$  finite dimensional vector spaces
- ▶ (Cauchy complete) admits finite direct sums, and all idempotents split
- ▶ ( $C^*$ ) For all  $a, b \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $\dagger : \mathcal{C}(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(b \rightarrow a)$  such that  $(g \circ f)^\dagger = f^\dagger \circ g^\dagger$  and  $f^{\dagger\dagger} = f$ , and all endomorphism algebras are  $C^*$  algebras under  $\dagger$ .
- ▶ (tensor)  $\dagger$ -functor  $\otimes : \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$   $((f \otimes g)^\dagger = f^\dagger \otimes g^\dagger)$  with *unitary* ( $u^{-1} = u^\dagger$ ) coherence isomorphisms  $\alpha, \lambda, \rho$
- ▶ (rigid) every object admits left and right duals

We call  $\mathcal{C}$  a *unitary tensor category* if the unit is simple.

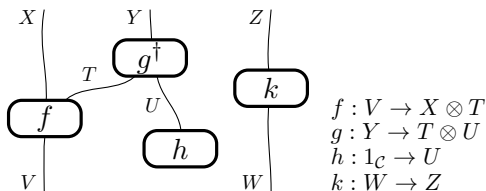
We call  $\mathcal{C}$  a *unitary (multi)fusion category* if there are only finitely many isomorphism classes of simple objects.

## Fact

Every UMC is *semisimple*, i.e., every object is a finite direct sum of simples ( $\text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(c) = \mathbb{C}$ )

## 2D graphical calculus for UMCs

0. Objects denoted by labelled strands, oriented bottom to top.
1. 1-morphisms denoted by coupons

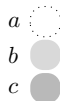
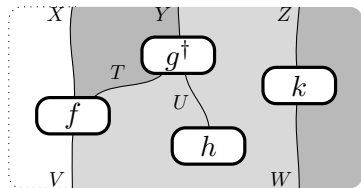


- ▶ vertical stacking is composition
- ▶ horizontal juxtaposition is  $\otimes$
- ▶ vertical reflection is  $\dagger$
- ▶ suppress unit  $1_{\mathcal{C}}$  and all coheretors  $\alpha, \lambda, \rho$

## 2D graphical calculus for $C^*/W^*$ 2-categories

A tensor category is a 2-category with one object. For 2-categories, we have a dimension shift.

0. shadings for regions to denote objects
1. 1-morphisms denoted by strands
2. 2-morphisms denoted by coupons



$T : c \rightarrow b$   
 $U : b \rightarrow b$   
 $V : a \rightarrow b$   
 $W : b \rightarrow c$   
 $X : a \rightarrow c$   
 $Y : c \rightarrow b$   
 $Z : b \rightarrow c$

$f : V \Rightarrow X \otimes T$   
 $g : Y \Rightarrow T \otimes U$   
 $h : 1_c \Rightarrow U$   
 $k : W \Rightarrow Z$

# Where do UTCs come from?

1. Subfactor standard invariants  $A \subset B \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{C}(A \subset B)$
2. Compact groups  $G \rightsquigarrow \text{Rep}(G)$
3. Discrete/compact quantum groups (Tannaka-Krein duality)

$$\mathbb{G} \rightsquigarrow (\text{Rep}(\mathbb{G}), \mathbf{F} : \text{Rep}(\mathbb{G}) \rightarrow \text{Hilb})$$

4. Generators and relations [VV19]
5. Constructions of new UTCs from existing UTCs

Many people care about UTCs because of physics

- ▶ conformal field theory ( $\text{Rep}(\mathcal{A})$  of a conformal net)
- ▶ unitary fusion categories give Turaev-Viro TQFTs
- ▶ unitary modular categories give Reshetikhin-Turaev TQFTs
- ▶ topological phases of matter (UMTCs)

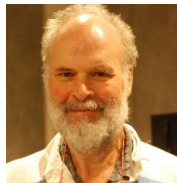
# Subfactors

- ▶ A  $\text{II}_1$  *factor* is an infinite dimensional von Neumann algebra with trivial center and a trace. (Eg:  $L\Gamma := \mathbb{C}[\Gamma]'' \subset B(\ell^2\Gamma)$ )
- ▶ A  $\text{II}_1$  *subfactor* is a unital inclusion of type  $\text{II}_1$  factors.

## Jones' Index Rigidity Theorem [Jon83]

The index  $[B : A] := \dim({}_A L^2 B)$  of a  $\text{II}_1$  subfactor  $A \subset B$  takes values in:

$$[B : A] \in \{4 \cos^2(\pi/n) \mid n \geq 3\} \cup [4, \infty].$$



## Example

Given a finite index  $\text{II}_1$  subfactor  $A \subset B$ , the UTC  ${}_A \mathcal{C}_A$  is the category of  $A - A$  bimodules generated by  $L^2 B$  under

- ▶  $\oplus$  direct sum
- ▶  $\boxtimes$  Connes' fusion relative tensor product over  $A$
- ▶  $\subseteq$  sub-bimodules
- ▶  $\bar{\cdot}$  conjugates



# The standard invariant

## Definition

The *standard invariant* of  $A \subset B$  is the collection of all  $A - A$ ,  $A - B$ ,  $B - B$ , and  $B - A$  bimodules generated by  $L^2 B$  under

- ▶  $\oplus$  direct sum
- ▶  $\boxtimes$  Connes' fusion relative tensor product (over  $A$  or  $B$ )
- ▶  $\subseteq$  sub-bimodules
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We can think of this as a  $2 \times 2$  UMC of bimodules of  $A \oplus B$

$$\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}(A \subset B) := \begin{pmatrix} {}^A\mathcal{C}_A & {}^A\mathcal{C}_B \\ {}_B\mathcal{C}_A & {}_B\mathcal{C}_B \end{pmatrix} \subset \text{Bim}(A \oplus B)$$


with the *generator*  ${}_A L^2 B_B$ .


- ▶ If there are only finitely many isomorphism classes of simple bimodules, we call  $A \subset B$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  *finite depth*.



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

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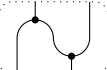

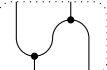
Alternatively, we can define the standard invariant as the UTC  ${}_A\mathcal{C}_A$  of  $A - A$  bimodules generated by  $L^2B$  with the  $Q$ -system  ${}_AL^2B_A$ .



$$\text{multiplication} : L^2B \boxtimes L^2B \rightarrow L^2B$$




$$\text{unit} : L^2A \rightarrow L^2B$$


► (associative)  = 

► (unital)  =  = 

► (Frobenius)  =  = 

► (separable)  = 

► (minimal/standard)  =  $\dim_{\min}(Q)$  

# Classification of subfactors/UTCs

## Example

The subfactor  $R \subset R \rtimes G$  for a finite group  $G$  ‘remembers’  $G$ . So classifying hyperfinite subfactors is hopeless. We must restrict to some notion of ‘smallness.’

Strategy for small index classification:

1. Classify possible standard invariants with  $\dim({}_A L^2 B_B)$  small
2. Determine how many subfactors give each standard invariant.

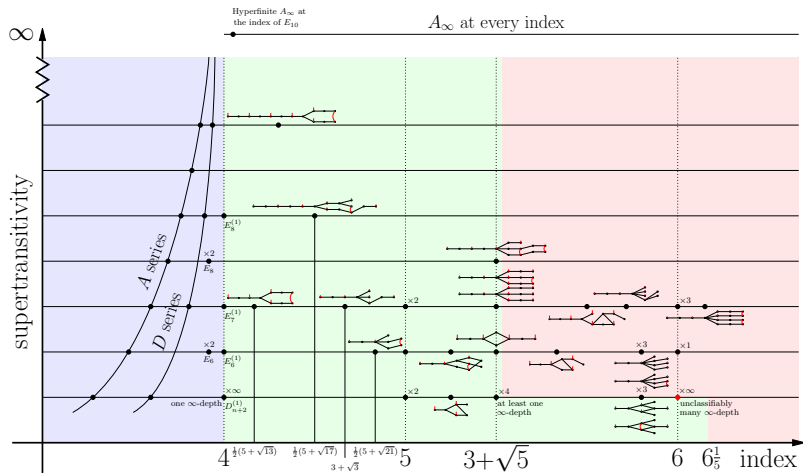
## Popa's Subfactor Reconstruction Theorem [Pop90, Pop95]

Every standard invariant comes from a subfactor. If the standard invariant is *strongly amenable* (eg: finite depth), the subfactor can be taken to be hyperfinite.

## Theorem [BHP12], cf. [PS03]

Every UTC admits a fully faithful embedding into  $\text{Bim}_{\text{ext}}(L_{\mathbb{F}_\infty})$ .

# Known small index standard invariants



## Theorem [AMP15, Liu15]

We know all standard invariants up to index  $5\frac{1}{4} > 3 + \sqrt{5}$ , the first interesting composite index.

# Amenability

Amenability arises in *two places* when subfactors can be classified:

1. We restrict to subfactors of the amenable  $\text{II}_1$  factor  $R$
2. We embed amenable unitary tensor categories into  $\text{Bim}(R)$ .

## Question

How many ways can  $\text{Ad}(A_3 * A_4)$  embed into  $\text{Bim}(R)$ ?

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How many ways can  $TLJ(d)$  embed into  $\text{Bim}(R)$  for  $d > 2$ ?

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- ▶ Actions of unitary tensor categories on  $C^*$ -algebras
  - ▶ Use Q-system completion to induce new actions from existing actions

# Discrete subfactors

With Corey Jones [JP19], we characterize the class of extremal irreducible discrete subfactors  $(N \subset M, E)$  with  $N$  type  $\text{II}_1$  with trace  $\tau$  and  $E : M \rightarrow N$  a f.n. conditional expectation.



- ▶ (discrete) Setting  $\phi := \tau \circ E$ ,  ${}_N L^2(M, \phi)_N$  decomposes as a direct sum of dualizable  $N - N$  bimodules (generates a UTC!)
- ▶ (irreducible)  $N' \cap M = \text{End}_{N-M}(L^2(M, \phi)) = \mathbb{C}$
- ▶ (extremal) For every  $N - N$  sub-bimodule  ${}_N K_N \subset {}_N L^2(M, \phi)_N$ ,  $\dim({}_N K) = \dim(K_N)$ .

## Examples

- ▶ Any finite depth, finite index irreducible  $\text{II}_1$  subfactor is automatically extremal and discrete.
- ▶ If  $\alpha : \Gamma \curvearrowright N$  is an outer action of a discrete countable group, then  $N \subset N \rtimes_{\alpha} \Gamma$  is an extremal irreducible discrete subfactor.

# Characterization of discrete subfactors

Such a subfactor  $(N \subset M, E)$  can be viewed as a triple  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{H})$ :

1. Unitary tensor category  $\mathcal{C}$ ,
2. Connected  $W^*$  algebra object  $\mathbf{A} \in \text{Vec}(\mathcal{C}) := \text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Vec})$   
( $\text{Vec}(\mathcal{C})$  is a model for  $\text{ind}(\mathcal{C}^{\natural})$ , where  $\natural$  means forget  $\dagger$ ),
3. Fully faithful unitary tensor functor  $\mathbf{H} : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Bim}_{\text{ext}}(N)$  which lands in extremal  $N - N$  bimodules.

The *standard invariant* of  $(N \subset M, E)$  is the pair  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathbf{A})$ .

# $W^*$ algebra objects

## Definition

A connected  $W^*$  algebra object  $\mathbf{A} = \underline{\text{End}}_{\mathcal{C}}(m)$  for some simple object  $m$  in some  $\mathcal{C}$ -module  $C^*/W^*$ -category  ${}_C\mathcal{M}$ .

$$\mathbf{A}(c) := \mathcal{M}(c \triangleright m \rightarrow m) \in \text{Vec}$$

## Example

For an irreducible extremal discrete subfactor  $(N \subset M, E)$  and  $K \in \mathcal{C} = \langle {}_N L^2(M, \phi)_N \rangle$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}(K) &:= \text{Hom}_{N-N}(K \rightarrow L^2(M, \phi)) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}_{N-M}(K \boxtimes_N L^2(M, \phi) \rightarrow L^2(M, \phi)). \end{aligned}$$

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- Gives new examples of subfactors from an embedding of  $\mathcal{C}$ , a  $\mathcal{C}$ -module  $C^*/W^*$ -category  $\mathcal{M}$ , and a simple object  $m \in \mathcal{M}$ .

## Example

$\mathbf{F} : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Hilb}$  a fiber functor (discrete quantum group) and  $m = \mathbb{C}$ .  
 $M$  is type  $\text{II}_1$  iff  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathbf{F})$  is Kac-type; otherwise  $M$  is type III!

## Example: quantum homogeneous spaces

Recall Tannaka-Krein duality for compact quantum groups:

$$\mathbb{G} \longleftrightarrow (\mathrm{Rep}(\mathbb{G}), \mathbf{F} : \mathrm{Rep}(\mathbb{G}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hilb}_{\mathrm{fd}})$$

The articles [DCY13, DCY15] give a Tannaka-Krein duality for *quantum homogeneous spaces*, which is a coaction

$$\alpha : C(\mathbb{X}) \rightarrow C(\mathbb{X}) \otimes C(\mathbb{G})$$

satisfying certain properties.

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A lax monoidal functor gives an algebra object in  $\text{Vec}(\text{Rep}(\mathbb{G}))$ .

It is  $C^*$  by [DCY13, Lem. 6.1]:

$$\mathbf{A}(K) := \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{G}}(K \rightarrow C(\mathbb{X})) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{G}-C(\mathbb{X})}(K \otimes C(\mathbb{X}) \rightarrow C(\mathbb{X}))$$

so  $\mathbf{A} \cong \underline{\text{End}}_{\text{Rep}(\mathbb{G})}(C(\mathbb{X}))$ .

## Realization [JP19]

The main tool we provide is *realization*. Given  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{H})$ , we reconstruct a subfactor

$$N = \underbrace{A(1_{\mathcal{C}})}_{\mathbb{C}} \otimes \underbrace{\mathbf{H}^{\circ}(1_{\mathcal{C}})}_N \subset \overline{\bigoplus_{c \in \text{Irr}(\mathcal{C})} \mathbf{A}(c) \otimes \underbrace{\mathbf{H}^{\circ}(c)}_{\text{bdd. vects.}}}^{W^*} =: \begin{cases} N \rtimes_{\mathbf{H}} \mathbf{A} \\ |\mathbf{A}|_{\mathbf{H}} \end{cases}$$

This is much easier when  $\mathbf{A}$  is a Q-system in  $\mathcal{C}$  rather than a  $W^*$ -algebra object in  $\text{Vec}(\mathcal{C})$ . In this case,

$$|\mathbf{A}|_{\mathbf{H}} = \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{A})^{\circ} := \text{Hom}_{-N}(L^2 N \rightarrow \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{A}))$$

is easily equipped with the structure of a unital  $C^*$ -algebra which has a predual and is thus a von Neumann algebra:

$$f_1 \cdot f_2 := \text{diagram}, \quad 1_{|\mathbf{A}|_{\mathbf{H}}} := \text{diagram}, \quad \text{and} \quad f^* := \text{diagram}.$$

The diagrams represent string operations in a graphical calculus. The first diagram shows two circles labeled  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  connected by a vertical line. The second diagram shows a single circle labeled  $1_{|\mathbf{A}|_{\mathbf{H}}}$ . The third diagram shows a circle labeled  $f^*$  with a vertical line passing through it.



# Realization is a $\dagger$ -2-functor

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we extend realization to a  $\dagger$ -2-functor in the  $C^*$  setting (proof also works in  $W^*$  setting).

- ▶ Given a  $C^*/W^*$  2-category  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $Q$ -systems, separable bimodules, and intertwiners in  $\mathcal{C}$  form a  $C^*/W^*$  2-category  $QSys(\mathcal{C})$ .
- ▶ Have canonical inclusion  $\iota_{\mathcal{C}} : \mathcal{C} \hookrightarrow QSys(\mathcal{C})$ .  $\mathcal{C}$  is  $Q$ -system complete if  $\iota_{\mathcal{C}}$  is a  $\dagger$ -2-equivalence.
- ▶ Realization inverse  $\dagger$ -2-functor  $|\cdot| : QSys(C^*Corr) \rightarrow C^*Corr$ .  $C^*Corr$  is  $Q$ -system complete (as is  $W^*Corr \simeq vNA$ ).

# Idempotents and condensation

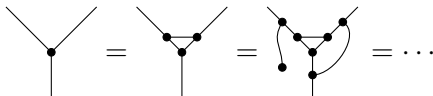
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# Q-systems are higher categorical idempotents

A Q-system is a unitary (co)unital *higher categorical idempotent*.



Now strands and tri/univalent vertices can replicate freely.

## Warning

Unitary condensation (in progress with Reutter and Steinebrunner) is extremely nuanced, and you don't want to use Q-systems!

Definition based on

[Yam04, EGNO15, BKL15, CR16, NY16, DR18, GY20]

The *Q-system completion*  $\text{QSys}(\mathcal{C})$  of a  $C^*/W^*$  2-category  $\mathcal{C}$  has




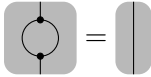
- ▶ objects are Q-systems,
- ▶ 1-morphisms are unitarily separable bimodules, and
- ▶ 2-morphisms are intertwiners.

## Q-systems

Recall that a Q-system in a  $C^*/W^*$  2-category  $\mathcal{C}$  is a 1-morphism  $Q \in \mathcal{C}(b \rightarrow b)$  together with

$$\text{multiplication} : Q \otimes_b Q \rightarrow Q \quad \text{unit} : 1_b \rightarrow Q$$

such that the following relations hold:

- ▶ (associative) 
- ▶ (unital) 
- ▶ (Frobenius) 
- ▶ (unitarily separable) 
- ▶ (standard)  $\bullet \in \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(1_b)^{\times}$

Frobenius actually follows from associative, unital, and unitarily separable by [LR97]; see [BKLR15, Lem. 3.7].




# Unitarily separable bimodules

Suppose  $P \in \mathcal{C}(a \rightarrow a)$ ,  $Q \in \mathcal{C}(b \rightarrow b)$  are Q-systems and  $X \in \mathcal{C}(a \rightarrow b)$ .

$$\text{cap} : P \otimes_a X \xrightarrow{\text{left action}} X$$


$$\text{cup} : X \otimes_b Q \xrightarrow{\text{right action}} X$$







► (bimod)  = ,  = , and  = 

► (unitarily separable)  =  = 

[BKLR15, Lem. 3.23]

A unitarily separable  $P - Q$  bimodule  ${}_P X_Q$  over Q-systems  $P, Q$  is automatically unital and Frobenius:

► (unital)  =  and  = 

► (Frobenius)  =  =  and  =  = .

# Intertwiners

## Definition

If  $P \in \mathcal{C}(a \rightarrow a)$  and  $Q \in \mathcal{C}(b \rightarrow b)$  are  $Q$ -systems and  ${}_aX_b, {}_aY_b \in \mathcal{C}(a \rightarrow b)$  are  $P - Q$  bimodules, we define  $\text{QSys}(\mathcal{C})({}_aX_b \Rightarrow {}_aY_b)$  as the set of  $f \in \mathcal{C}({}_aX_b \Rightarrow {}_aY_b)$  such that






$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{[Diagram: A box containing a circle with 'f' and a red line passing through it, with a black line entering from the bottom left and exiting from the top left.] \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{[Diagram: A box containing a circle with 'f' and a red line passing through it, with a black line entering from the top left and exiting from the bottom left.] \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{[Diagram: A box containing a circle with 'f' and a red line passing through it, with a black line entering from the top left and exiting from the bottom left.] \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{[Diagram: A box containing a circle with 'f' and a red line passing through it, with a black line entering from the bottom left and exiting from the top left.] \\ \hline \end{array} .$$

## Lemma

$f^\dagger \in \mathcal{C}({}_aY_b \Rightarrow {}_aX_b)$  is also a  $P - Q$  bimodule map.

## Proof.

Step 1:  = 

Step 2: Apply  $\dagger$  to  =  =  =  =  .



# Composition of 1-morphisms

To compose the  $P - Q$  bimodule  ${}_a X_b$  and the  $Q - R$  bimodule  ${}_b Y_c$ , we unitarily split the separability projector

$$p_{X,Y} := \text{diagram} := \text{diagram} = \text{diagram} = u_{X,Y}^\dagger u_{X,Y}$$

for a coisometry  $u_{X,Y}$ , unique up to unique unitary.

$$\text{diagram} = X \otimes_Q Y \qquad \text{diagram} = u_{X,Y}.$$

As in [NY16, Rem. 2.6], associator  $\alpha^{\text{QSys}(\mathcal{C})}$  uniquely determined by

$$\text{diagram} = \text{diagram} : (X \otimes_{\mathcal{C}} Y) \otimes_{\mathcal{C}} Z \rightarrow X \otimes_Q (Y \otimes_R Z).$$



# Main results

Theorem\* cf. [DR18]

QSys is a 3-functor on  $C^*/W^*$  2-categories.

Universal property for Q-system completion cf. [DR18]

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \text{QSys}(\mathcal{C}) \\ & \nearrow \iota_{\mathcal{C}} & \downarrow \exists! \\ \mathcal{C} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{D} \end{array}$$

for every  $\dagger$ -2-functor from  $\mathcal{C}$  to a Q-system complete  $\mathcal{D}$ .

Theorem cf. [GY20]

$C^*\text{Corr}$ ,  $W^*\text{Corr}$ ,  $\text{vNA}$  are Q-system complete.

Corollary cf. [GY20]

Can induce action  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Bim}(A) \subset R \in \{C^*\text{Corr}, W^*\text{Corr}, \text{vNA}\}$

$$\text{QSys}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \text{QSys}(\text{Bim}(A)) \rightarrow \text{QSys}(R) \xrightarrow{\cong} R$$

# Main idea for $C^*$ Corr Q-system complete

Realization  $|\cdot| : \text{QSys}(C^*\text{Corr}) \rightarrow C^*\text{Corr}$  is inverse to natural inclusion  $\iota : C^*\text{Corr} \rightarrow \text{QSys}(C^*\text{Corr})$ .

## Definition

Q-system  $Q \in C^*\text{Corr}(B \rightarrow B)$  maps to  $|Q| := \text{Hom}_{C-B}(B \rightarrow Q)$

$$q_1 \cdot q_2 := \text{diagram}, \quad 1_{|Q|} := \text{diagram}, \quad \text{and} \quad q^* := \text{diagram}.$$

The diagrams are string diagrams in a grey rectangular box with a vertical dashed line on the left. The first diagram shows two circles labeled  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  connected by a line. The second diagram shows a single dot on the dashed line. The third diagram shows a circle labeled  $q^\dagger$  connected to a dot on the dashed line.

For  $P - Q$  bimod  ${}_A X_B$ , define  $|X| := \text{Hom}_{C-B}(B \rightarrow A \boxtimes_A X)$ .

$$p \triangleright \xi := \text{diagram}, \quad \xi \triangleleft q := \text{diagram}$$

The diagrams are string diagrams in a grey rectangular box with a vertical dashed line on the left. The first diagram shows a circle labeled  $p$  connected to a circle labeled  $\xi$  by a red line. The second diagram shows a circle labeled  $\xi$  connected to a circle labeled  $q$  by a red line.

$$\begin{aligned} \forall f \in |P|, \\ \forall \eta \in |M|, \text{ and} \\ \forall g \in |Q|. \end{aligned}$$

# Induced actions on $C^*$ -algebras

## Theorem [Jon20]

Every pointed unitary fusion category  $\text{Hilb}_{\text{fd}}(G, \omega)$  admits an action on  $C(X)$  where  $X$  is some 'nice' compact Hausdorff space (e.g. closed connected  $n$ -manifold for  $n \geq 3$ ).

- ▶ Can use our results to get actions of group-theoretical unitary fusion categories on continuous trace  $C^*$ -algebras.

# Thank you for listening!

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https:

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