

# From 3-manifolds to modular categories

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# Motivation

- ▶ Tensor categories  $\rightarrow$  invariants of 3-manifolds
- ▶ 3 manifolds  $\rightarrow$  tensor categories?
- ▶ First proposed by [Cho-Gang-Kim JHEP 2020, 115\(2020\)](#)
- ▶ Mathematically improved by [Cui-Qiu-Wang arXiv: 2101.01674](#)
  - ▶ Representations  $\rho : \pi_1(X) \rightarrow \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{C}) \rightsquigarrow$  simple objects
  - ▶ classical Chern-Simons invariant  $\rightsquigarrow$  twist
  - ▶ adjoint-Reidemeister torsion  $\rightsquigarrow$  quantum dim
- ▶ "Inverse problem" of Volume Conjecture?

# Correspondence based on $(S, T)$

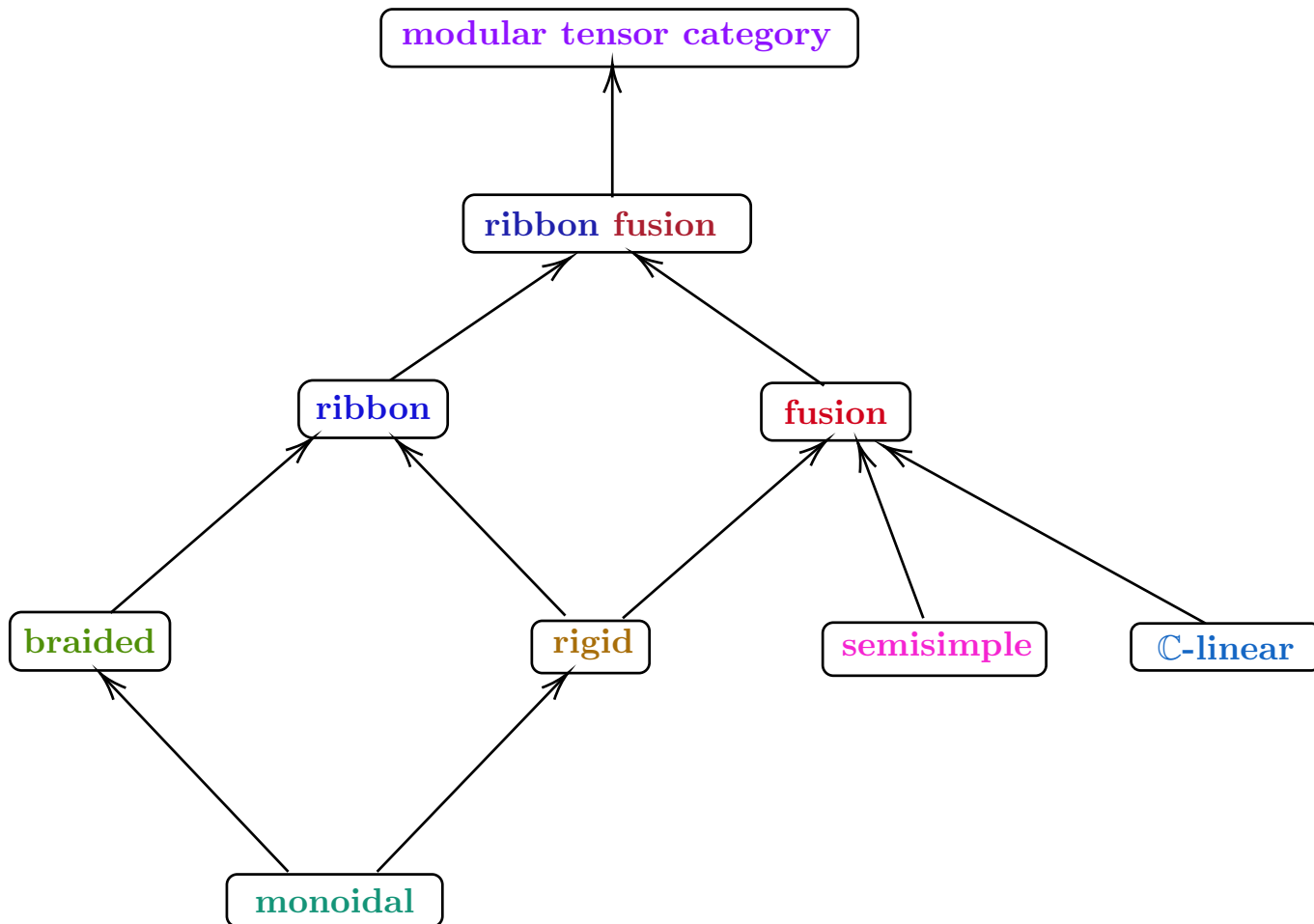
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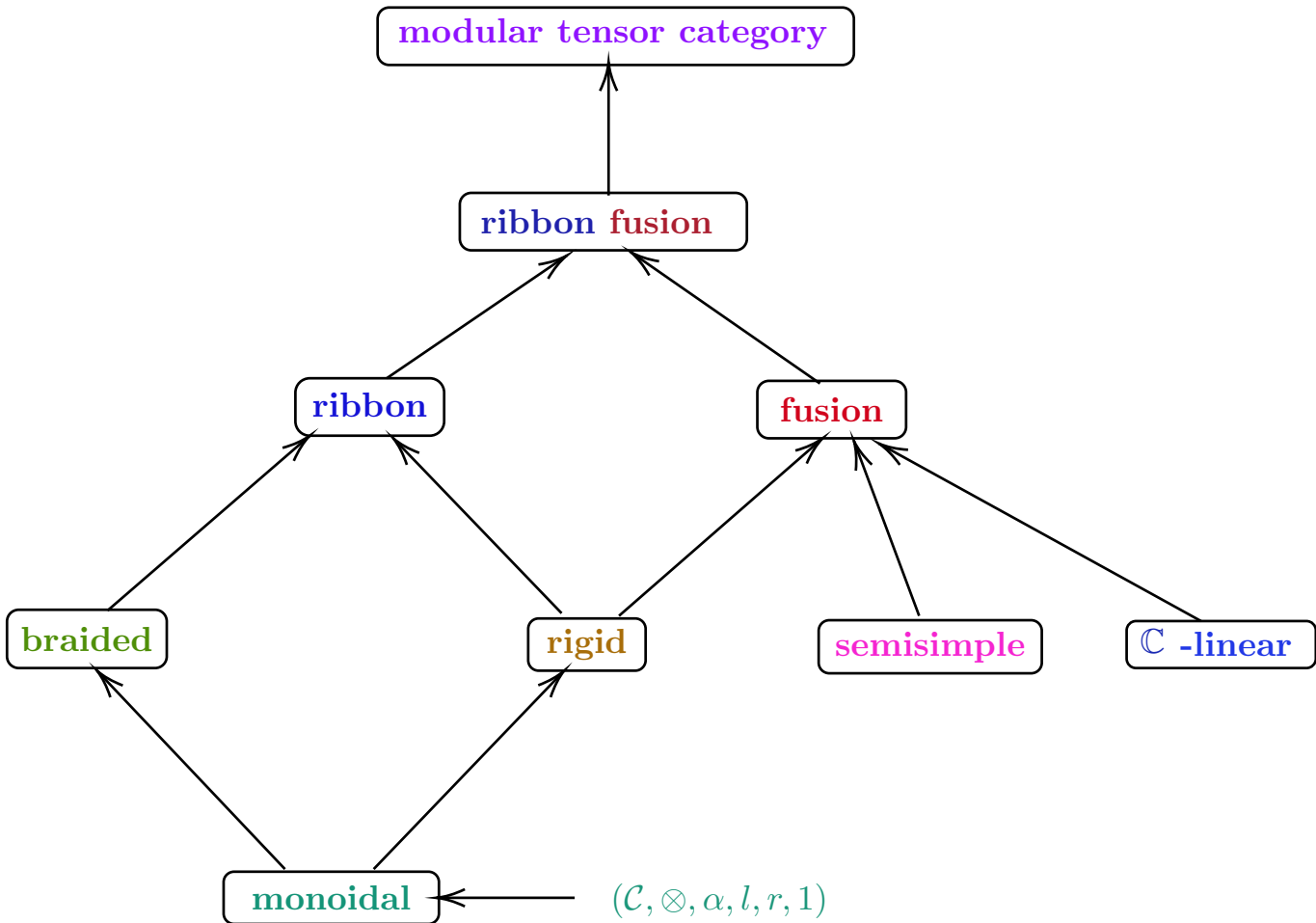
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# Rep(G)

A monoidal category  $(\mathcal{C}, \otimes, \alpha, l, r, \mathbf{1})$ , where

$$l_X : \mathbf{1} \otimes X \xrightarrow{\sim} X \text{ (left unitor)} \quad r_X : X \otimes \mathbf{1} \xrightarrow{\sim} X \text{ (right unitor)}$$
$$\alpha_{X,Y,Z} : (X \otimes Y) \otimes Z \xrightarrow{\sim} X \otimes (Y \otimes Z) \text{ (associator)}$$

Let  $G$  be a finite group.

$\mathcal{C} = \text{Rep}(G)$ , category of finite dimensional representations of  $G$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

▶ Monoidal

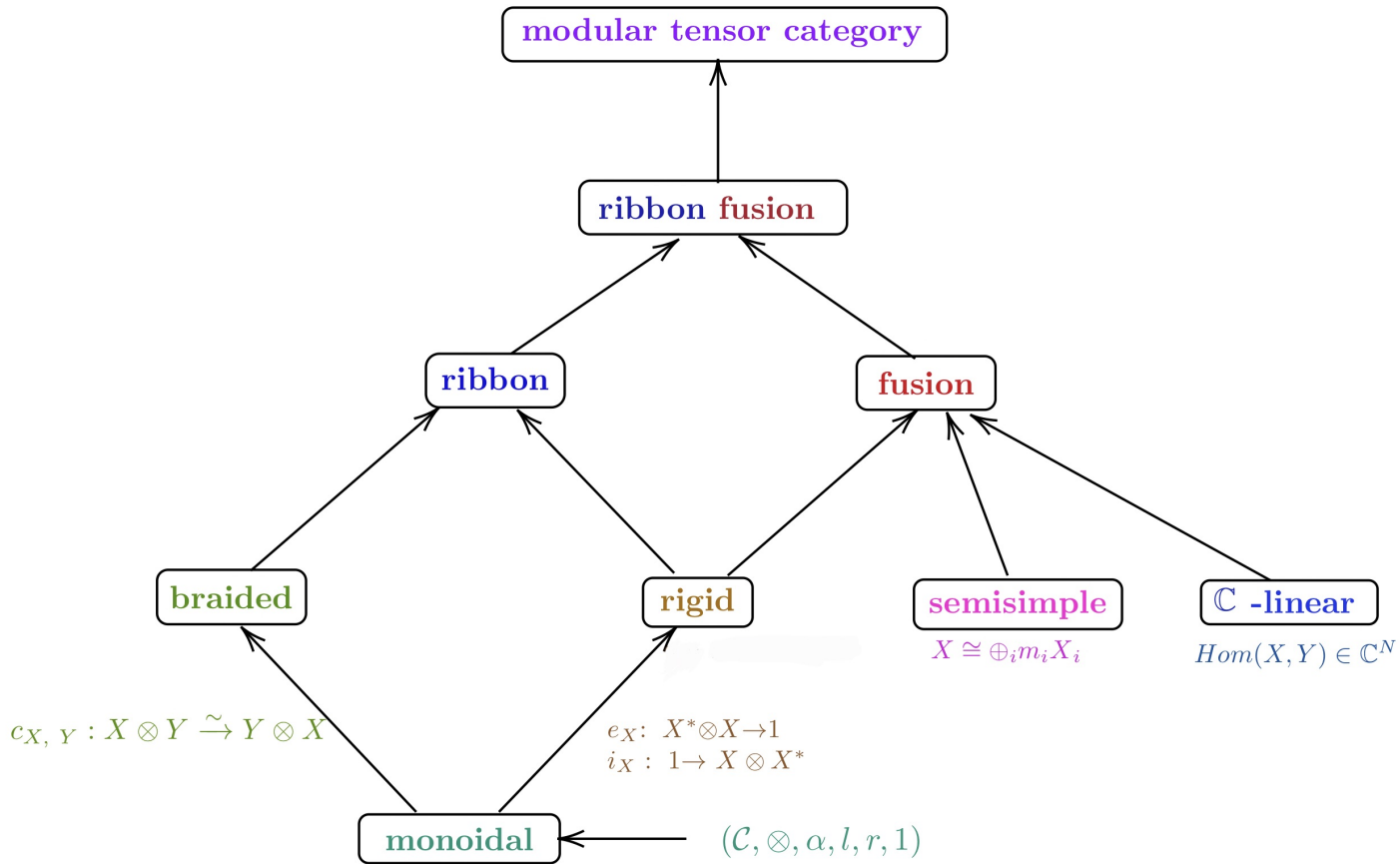
▶  $\text{End}(X) \cong \mathbb{C}$  if  $X$  is irreducible (Schur's lemma)

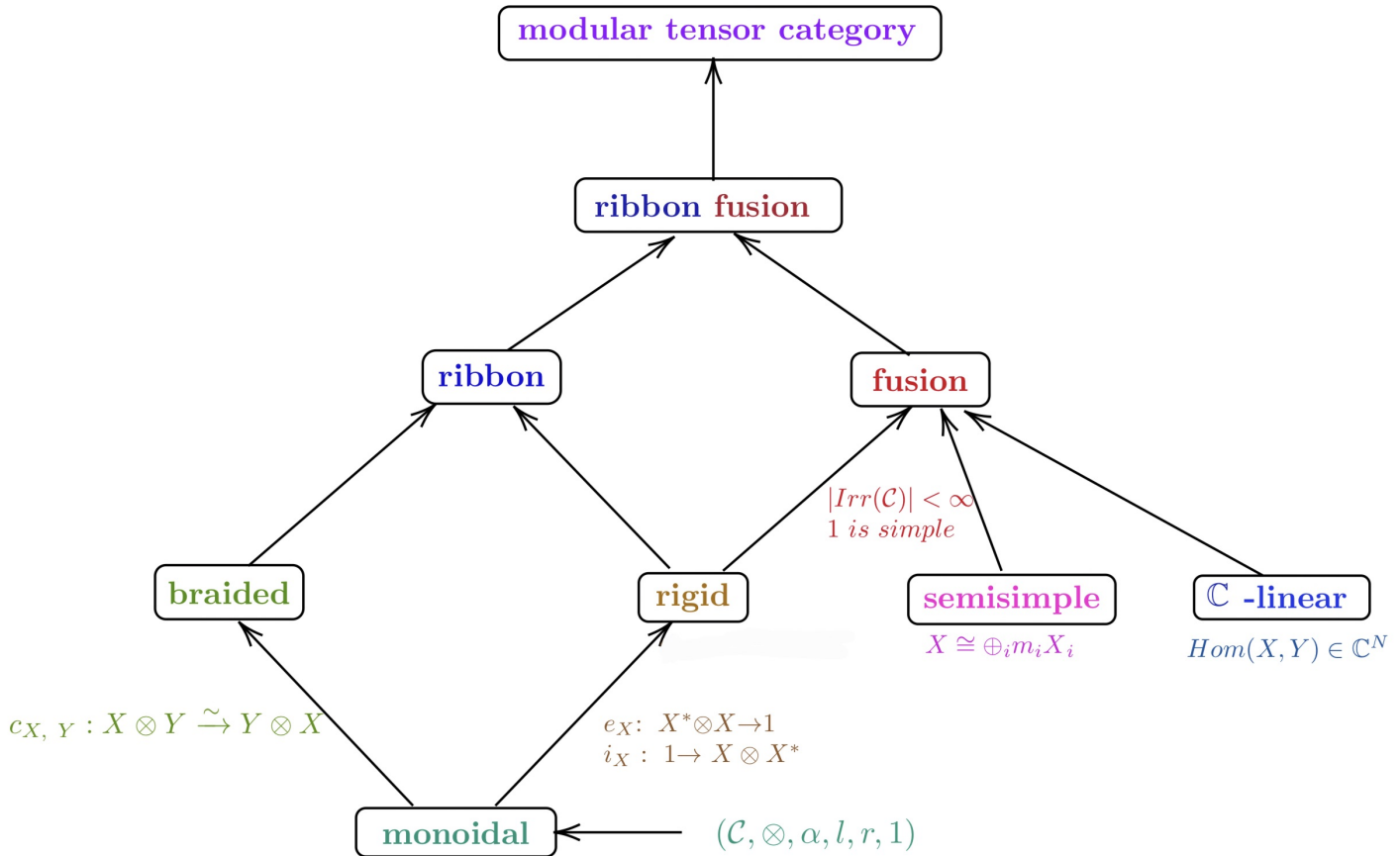
▶ Semisimple:  $X \cong \bigoplus_j m_j X_j$  (Maschke's theorem)

▶  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear:  $\text{Hom}(X, Y) = \mathbb{C}^N$ .

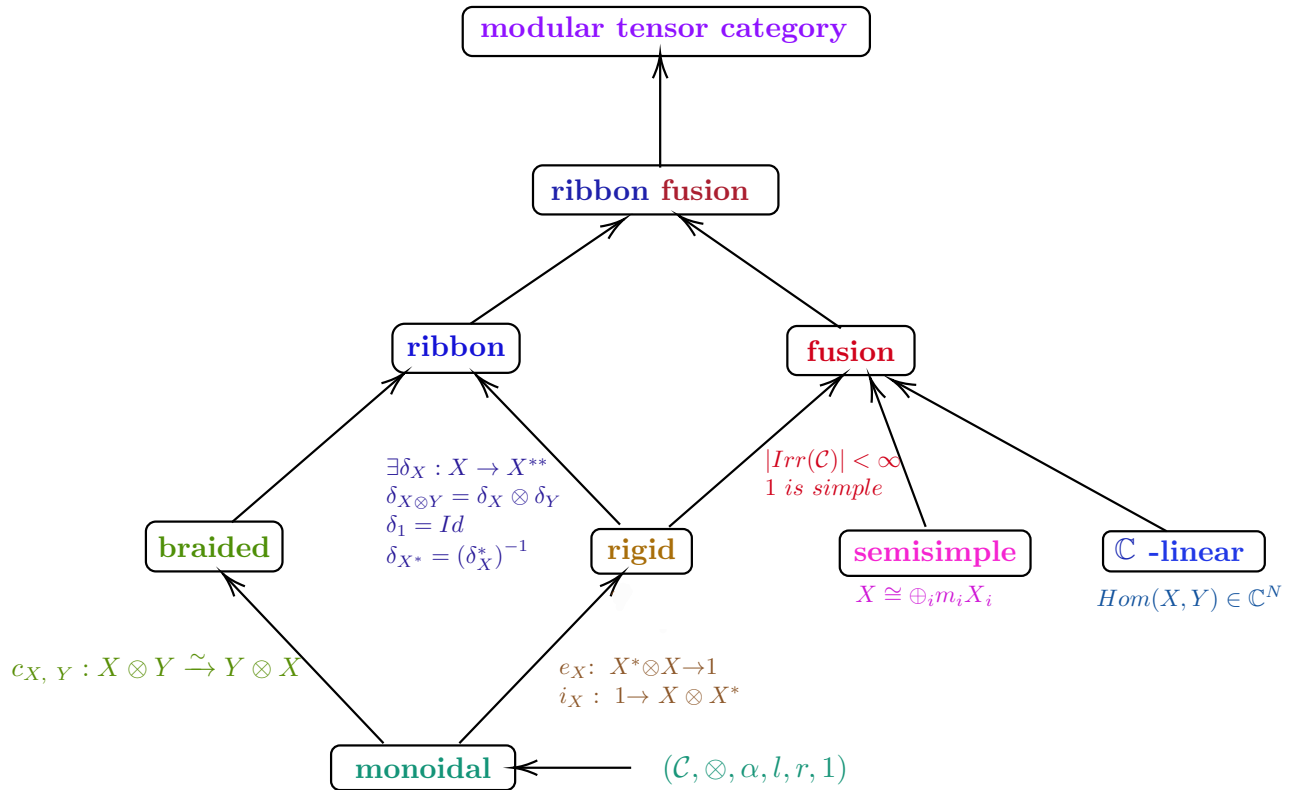
▶ Rigid

$$e_X : X^* \otimes X \rightarrow \mathbf{1}, \quad i_X : \mathbf{1} \rightarrow X \otimes X^*$$







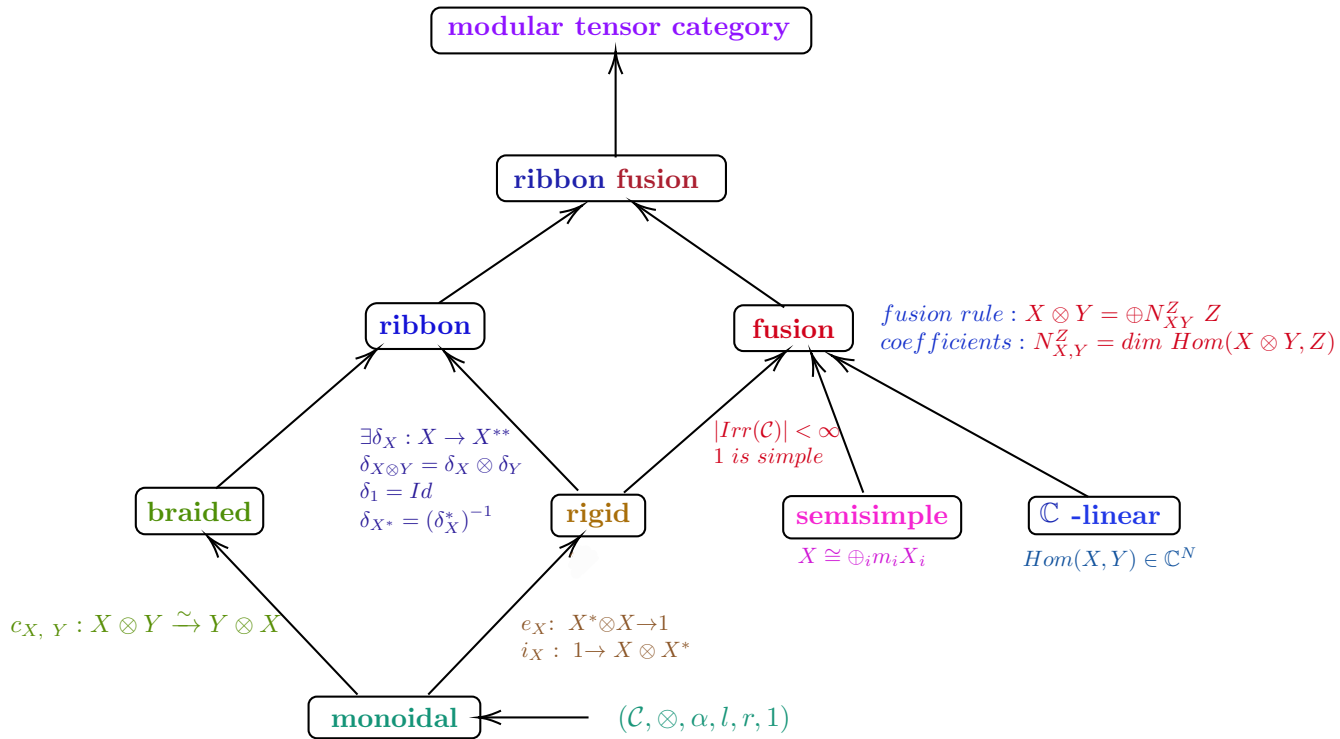


# Fusion rules

In a **fusion** category, we have

▶ *fusion rule* :  $X \otimes Y = \bigoplus N_{XY}^Z Z$

▶ *coefficients* :  $N_{X,Y}^Z = \dim \text{Hom}(X \otimes Y, Z)$



# S and T matrix

In a **ribbon fusion** category, let  $X_i \in \text{Irr}(\mathcal{C})$ .

► T matrix

$$\theta_X = \psi_X \delta_X : X \xrightarrow{\sim} X, \text{ where } \psi_X : X^{**} \rightarrow X.$$

$$\text{End}(X_i) = \mathbb{C}$$

$$\theta_{X_i} = \theta_i \text{Id}_{X_i}, \theta_i \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$T = \text{diag}(\theta_i)$$

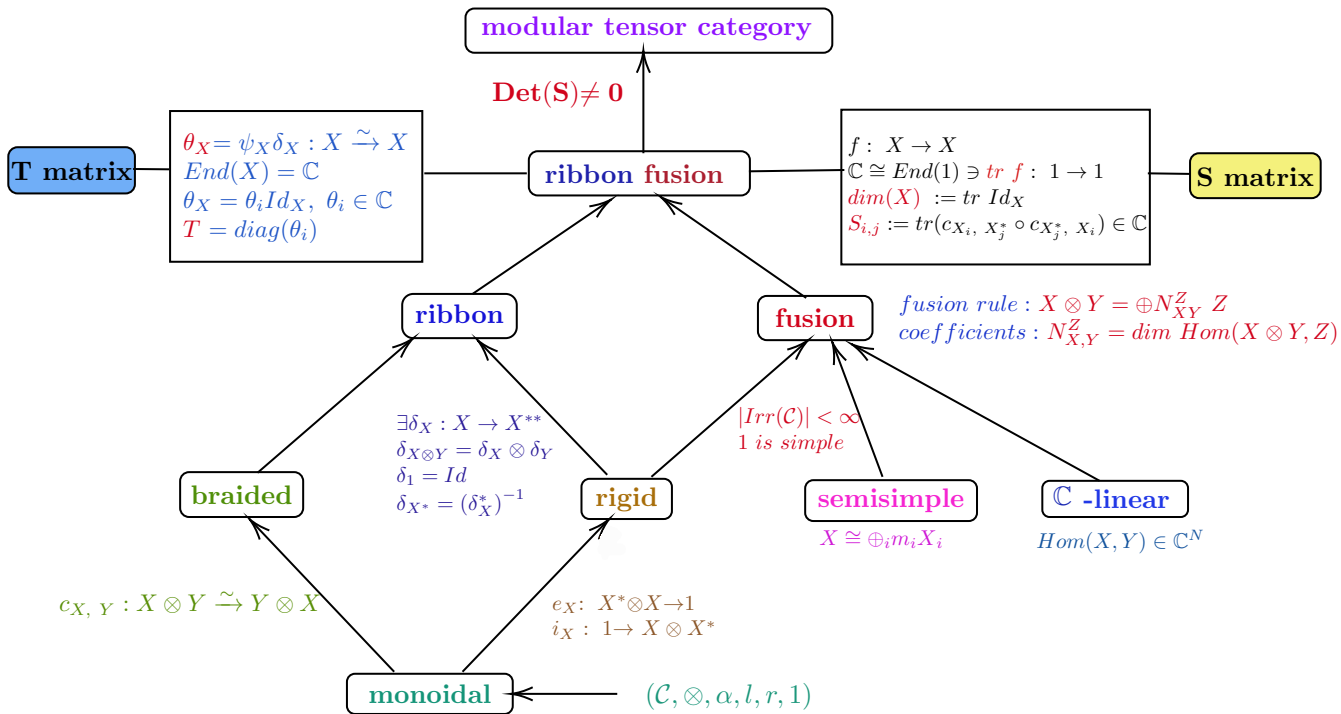
► S matrix

$$f : X \rightarrow X$$

$$\mathbb{C} \cong \text{End}(1) \ni \text{tr } f : \mathbf{1} \rightarrow \mathbf{1}$$

$$\dim(X_i) := \text{tr } \text{Id}_{X_i}, \quad D^2 = \sum \dim(X_i)^2$$

$$S_{i,j} := \text{tr}(c_{X_i, X_j^*} \circ c_{X_j^*, X_i}) \in \mathbb{C}$$



# Examples of modular categories

- ▶ **Pointed**:  $\mathcal{C}(A, Q)$ , finite abelian group  $A$ , non-deg. quadratic form  $Q$  on  $A$ .

- ▶ The **Drinfeld center**  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})$  of a spherical fusion category  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Objects of  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})$  are  $(Z, \gamma)$ , where  $Z$  is an object of  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\gamma$  is half braiding.

- ▶ From **quantum groups**:

$$\mathfrak{g} \rightsquigarrow U_q \mathfrak{g} \xrightarrow{q = e^{\pi i/l}} \text{Rep}(U_q \mathfrak{g}) \xrightarrow{/\langle \text{Ann}(Tr) \rangle} \mathcal{C}(\mathfrak{g}, l)$$

# $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ representation

Given a modular category with (unnormalized) modular data  $(S, T)$ .

▶  $S^4 = \dim(\mathcal{C})^2 \text{Id}$ ,  $(ST)^3 = p^+ S^2$ , where  $p^\pm = \sum_i \theta_i^\pm d_i^2$ .

▶  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) = \langle \mathfrak{s}, \mathfrak{t} \rangle$ , where  $\mathfrak{s} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathfrak{t} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

▶  $\mathfrak{s}^4 = \text{Id}$ ,  $(\mathfrak{s}\mathfrak{t})^3 = \mathfrak{s}^2$ .

▶  $\mathfrak{s} \mapsto S$ ,  $\mathfrak{t} \mapsto T$  gives a **projective representation**  $\bar{\rho}_{\mathcal{C}}$  of  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ .

▶ [Ng-Schaueburg '10]

If  $N = \text{ord}(T)$ ,

▶  $\bar{\rho}_{\mathcal{C}}$  factors through  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})$ .

▶  $\mathbb{Q}(S) \subset \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_N)$ ,  $N = \text{ord}(T)$ .

## $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ representation (continued)

▶  $s := \frac{1}{\sqrt{\dim(\mathcal{C})}} S$  and  $t := \frac{1}{\gamma} T$ , where  $\gamma$  is any third root of the multiplicative central charge  $\xi = p^+(\mathcal{C})/\sqrt{\dim(\mathcal{C})}$ .

▶  $\mathfrak{s} \mapsto s, \mathfrak{t} \mapsto t$  gives a linear representation  $\rho$  of  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ .

▶ [Dong-Lin-Ng '15]

If  $n = \text{ord}(t)$ ,

- ▶  $\rho$  factors through  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})$
- ▶  $\text{im}(\rho) \subset GL_r(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n))$



# $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ representation (continued)

- ▶  $\rho$  factors through  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})$ .
- ▶ Chinese Remainder Theorem  $\rightarrow SL_2(\mathbb{Z}/p^k\mathbb{Z})$ .
- ▶ [Nobs 1976, Nobs and Wolfart 1976] Irreducible representations of  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z}/p^k\mathbb{Z})$  are classified using subrepresentations of Weil representations.
- ▶ [Ng-Rowell-Wang-Wen '22] Reconstruction of modular data from irreducible representations of  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})$ .  
Classification up to modular data, rank = 6.

# Chern-Simons invariant

▶  $X$ : a closed oriented 3-manifold

▶  $\rho : \pi_1(X) \rightarrow \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{C})$

▶  $\chi_\rho = \mathrm{Tr}_\rho : \pi_1(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

▶ Chern-Simons invariant

$$\mathrm{CS}(\rho) = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int_X \mathrm{Tr}(dA_\rho \wedge A_\rho + \frac{2}{3}A_\rho \wedge A_\rho \wedge A_\rho) \pmod{1},$$

where  $A_\rho \in \Omega^1(X; \mathfrak{sl}_2)$  connection 1-form with holonomy  $\rho$ .

# Adjoint Reidemeister Torsion

▶  $C = (0 \longrightarrow C_n \xrightarrow{\partial_n} \cdots \xrightarrow{\partial_1} C_0 \longrightarrow 0)$  is acyclic if  $H_i(C) = 0$ .

▶ Fix a basis  $c_j$  of  $C_j$ .

Choose a basis  $b_j$  of  $\text{Im}(\partial_j)$ ,  $b_j \sqcup \tilde{b}_{j-1}$  is a basis of  $C_j$ .

▶ Let  $D_j$  be the transition matrix from  $b_j \sqcup \tilde{b}_{j-1}$  to  $c_j$ .

▶ **Torsion** of  $C$

$$\tau(C, c) := \left| \prod_{i=0}^n \det(D_i)^{(-1)^{i+1}} \right|$$

▶  $\rho : \pi_1(X) \rightarrow \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{C})$

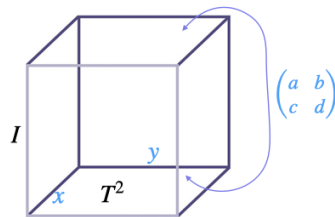
▶  $C(\tilde{X}) \otimes_{\text{adj}_\rho} \mathbb{C}^3 = (\cdots \rightarrow C_i(\tilde{X}) \otimes_{\text{adj}_\rho} \mathbb{C}^3 \xrightarrow{\partial_i} C_{i-1}(\tilde{X}) \otimes_{\text{adj}_\rho} \mathbb{C}^3 \rightarrow \cdots)$

▶ **Adjoint Reidemeister Torsion**

$$\text{Tor}(\rho) := \tau \left( C(\tilde{X}) \otimes_{\text{adj}_\rho} \mathbb{C}^3 \right)$$

# Torus bundles over the circle

- ▶ Let  $M$  be a torus bundle over  $S^1$  with the monodromy map



$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z}), \text{ where } |a + d + 2| > 4.$$

- ▶  $N := |a + d + 2| > 4 \iff$  SOL geometry.
- ▶ Its fundamental group has the presentation,  
 $\pi_1(M) = \langle x, y, h \mid x^a y^c = h^{-1} x h, x^b y^d = h^{-1} y h, x y x^{-1} y^{-1} = 1 \rangle$

- ▶ **An example:**

Consider  $M$  to be a torus bundle over  $S^1$  with  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

We will use this example as we go through the program.

# Program: Simple object types

- ▶  $\mathcal{R}(X) = \{\rho : \pi_1(X) \mapsto \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{C})\}$  representation variety
- ▶  $\chi(X) = \{\chi_\rho \mid \rho \in \mathcal{R}(X)\}$  character variety. Call  $\rho$  a preimage of  $\chi_\rho$

## Definition

- ▶ A  $\chi \in \chi(X)$  is **non-Abelian**, if at least one preimage  $\rho$  is non-Abelian, i.e., it has non-Abelian image in  $\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{C})$ .
  - ▶ A non-Abelian  $\chi$  is **adjoint-acyclic**, if all of its non-Abelian preimages  $\rho$  are adjoint-acyclic.
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- ▶ **Postulate 1:** a simple object type is an adjoint-acyclic non-Abelian  $\chi$ .
  - ▶ **Postulate 2:** a label set  $L(X)$  is a finite set of simple object types with a prechosen type  $\chi_0$  such that

$$CS(\chi) - CS(\chi_0) \in \mathbb{Q}, \quad \forall \chi \in L(X).$$

The tensor unit is  $\chi_0$ .

# Program: Simple object types (continued)

## Example (Label set of $M$ )

▶  $\pi_1(M) = \langle x, y, h \mid x^2yh^{-1}xh, xy = h^{-1}yh, xy = yx \rangle$

▶ Irreducibles  $\rho_k, \quad k = 1, 2$

$$x \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} e^{\frac{2\pi ik}{5}} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-\frac{2\pi ik}{5}} \end{pmatrix}, y \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} e^{\frac{4\pi ik}{5}} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-\frac{4\pi ik}{5}} \end{pmatrix}, h \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

▶ Reducibles  $\rho_{\pm}$

$$x \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, y \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & u \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, h \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} v_{\pm} & 0 \\ 0 & v_{\pm}^{-1} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\text{with } u = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}, \quad v_{\pm} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}.$$

▶  $L(M) = \{\rho_+, \rho_-, \rho_1, \rho_2\} \quad \rho_0 := \rho_+ \quad \text{Identifying } \rho \text{ with } \chi_{\rho}$

▶  $\text{CS} = \{0, 0, \frac{1}{5}, -\frac{1}{5}\} \quad \text{Tor} = \{5, 5, \frac{5}{4}, \frac{5}{4}\}$

# Program: Simple object types (continued)

$$\begin{aligned} H^1(X; \mathbb{Z}_2) &= \text{Hom}(\pi_1(X), \mathbb{Z}_2) \\ &= \{\sigma : \pi_1(M) \rightarrow \{\pm I_2\} \subset \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{C})\} \quad \text{central representations} \end{aligned}$$

▶  $H^1(X; \mathbb{Z}_2) \curvearrowright \mathcal{R}(X) \quad (\sigma.\rho)(\cdot) := \sigma(\cdot)\rho(\cdot) \quad \Rightarrow \quad H^1(X; \mathbb{Z}_2) \curvearrowright \chi(X)$

▶  $s(X) := H^1(X; \mathbb{Z}_2) \rho_0 \subset L(X)$

▶ The label set needs to satisfy:

$$\sum_{\rho_\alpha \in L(X)} \frac{1}{2 \text{Tor}(\rho_\alpha)} = 1, \quad \left| \sum_{\rho_\alpha \in L(X)} \frac{\exp(-2\pi i \text{CS}(\rho_\alpha))}{2 \text{Tor}(\rho_\alpha)} \right| = \frac{\sqrt{|s(X)|}}{\sqrt{2 \text{Tor}(\rho_0)}}$$

## Example (Label set of M (continued))

The two conditions are satisfied

$$H^1(M; \mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2 \quad \rho_+ \leftrightarrow \rho_- \quad s(X) = \{\rho_+, \rho_-\}$$

# Program: Twists and dimensions

Postulate 3: the twist is

$$\theta_\alpha = e^{-2\pi i(\text{CS}(\rho_\alpha) - \text{CS}(\rho_0))}$$

Postulate 4: the quantum dimension is

$$D^2 = 2 \text{Tor}(\rho_0) \quad \frac{d_\alpha^2}{D^2} = \frac{1}{2 \text{Tor}(\rho_\alpha)}$$

## Example (Twists and dimensions for $M$ )

- ▶  $L(M) = \{\rho_+, \rho_-, \rho_1, \rho_2\}$      $\rho_0 := \rho_+$
- ▶  $\text{CS} = \{0, 0, \frac{1}{5}, -\frac{1}{5}\}$      $\text{Tor} = \{5, 5, \frac{5}{4}, \frac{5}{4}\}$
- ▶  $\theta = \left\{1, 1, e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{5}}, e^{\frac{2\pi i}{5}}\right\}$
- ▶  $D = \sqrt{10}$      $|d| = \{1, 1, 2, 2\}$



# Program: S-matrix

## Definition

- ▶ A **loop operator** is a pair  $(a, R)$  where  $a$  is a conjugacy class of  $\pi_1(X)$ , and  $R$  is an irrep of  $\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{C})$ .
- ▶ The **weight** of  $\rho \in \mathcal{R}(X)$  w.r.t  $(a, R)$  is

$$W_\rho(a, R) := \mathrm{Tr}_R(\rho(a))$$

For example,

$$\mathrm{Sym}^j := (j + 1)\text{-dim irrep}, \quad W_\rho(a, \mathrm{Sym}^1) = \mathrm{Tr}(\rho(a)) = \chi_\rho(a)$$

- ▶ **Postulate 5**: each type is associated with some loop operators,

$$\rho_\alpha \mapsto \{(a_\alpha^\kappa, R_\alpha^\kappa)\}_\kappa \quad \text{guess-and-trial}$$

$$W_\beta(\alpha) := \prod_\kappa W_{\rho_\beta}(a_\alpha^\kappa, R_\alpha^\kappa) = \prod_\kappa \mathrm{Tr}_{R_\alpha^\kappa}(\rho_\beta(a_\alpha^\kappa)), \quad \rho_\alpha, \rho_\beta \in L(X)$$

## Program: S-matrix (continued)

**Postulate 6:** the un-normalized S-matrix is given by,

$$\tilde{S}_{\alpha\beta} = W_{\beta}(\alpha)W_0(\beta) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad W_{\beta}(\alpha) = \frac{\tilde{S}_{\alpha\beta}}{\tilde{S}_{0\beta}}$$

In particular,  $d_{\alpha} = W_0(\alpha)$ .

### Example (S-matrix for $M$ )

$$\rho_{\pm} \mapsto (x, \text{Sym}^0), \quad \rho_k \mapsto (x^{-3k}, \text{Sym}^1), \quad k = 1, 2$$

$$W_0(k) = \text{Tr}_{\text{Sym}^1}(\rho_0(x^{-3k})) = 2$$

$$W_j(k) = \text{Tr}_{\text{Sym}^1}(\rho_j(x^{-3k})) = 2 \cos \frac{4\pi jk}{5}$$

$$\tilde{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \cos \frac{4\pi}{5} & 4 \cos \frac{2\pi}{5} \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \cos \frac{2\pi}{5} & 4 \cos \frac{4\pi}{5} \end{pmatrix}, \quad T = \text{diag}(1, 1, e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{5}}, e^{\frac{2\pi i}{5}}),$$

which corresponds to a subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}(\mathfrak{so}_5, e^{-\frac{3\pi i}{10}}, 10)$ .

# Modular data from torus bundle over $S^1$

## Theorem (Cui-Qiu-Wang)

Let  $M$  be the *torus bundle over  $S^1$* , with the monodromy matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  such that  $N = a + d + 2 > 4$  is odd and  $(c, N)$  are coprime. The modular data constructed from  $M$  matches that of  $\mathcal{C}(\mathfrak{so}_N, q, 2N)_{ad}$ .

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# $(S, T)$ from Seifert fibered space

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- ▶ Conjecturally, the resulting category from a general  $M$  is modular iff  $H^1(M; \mathbb{Z}_2) = 0$ .

# Future questions

- ▶ For hyperbolic 3-manifolds?

Conjecture: (W.-Yang '21)

Suppose for  $r$  sufficiently large, a hyperbolic cone metric on  $M$  with singular locus  $L$  and cone angles  $\theta^{(r)}$  exists. We denote  $M$  with such a hyperbolic cone metric by  $M^{(r)}$ .

As  $r$  varies over all positive odd integers, the relative Reshetikhin-Turaev invariants

$$\text{RT}_r(M, L, \mathbf{m}^{(r)}) = C \frac{e^{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n \mu_k H^{(r)}(\gamma_k)}}{\sqrt{\pm \mathbb{T}_{(M \setminus L, \nu)}([\rho_{M^{(r)}}])}} e^{\frac{r}{4\pi} (\text{Vol}(M^{(r)}) + i \text{CS}(M^{(r)}))} \left( 1 + O\left(\frac{1}{r}\right) \right),$$

where  $C$  is a quantity of norm 1 independent of the geometric structure on  $M$ .

- ▶ Construction beyond modular data. E.g., F-matrices, R-matrices.
- ▶ Operations on MTCs  $\leftrightarrow$  Constructions of 3-manifolds.
- ▶ .....

Thank you!