

Title: Nonabelian Anyon Condensation in 2+1d topological orders: A String-Net Model Realization

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Abstract:

In this talk, we develop a comprehensive framework for realizing anyon condensation of topological orders within the string-net model by constructing a Hamiltonian that bridges the parent string-net model before and the child string-net model after anyon condensation. Our approach classifies all possible types of bosonic anyon condensation in any parent string-net model and identifies the basic degrees of freedom in the corresponding child models. Compared with the traditional UMTC perspective of topological orders, our method offers a finer categorical description of anyon condensation at the microscopic level. We also explicitly represent relevant UMTC categorical entities characterizing anyon condensation through our model-based physical quantities, providing practical algorithms for calculating these categorical data.



NON-ABELIAN ANYON CONDENSATION IN 2+1D

TOPOLOGICAL ORDERS: A STRING-NET MODEL

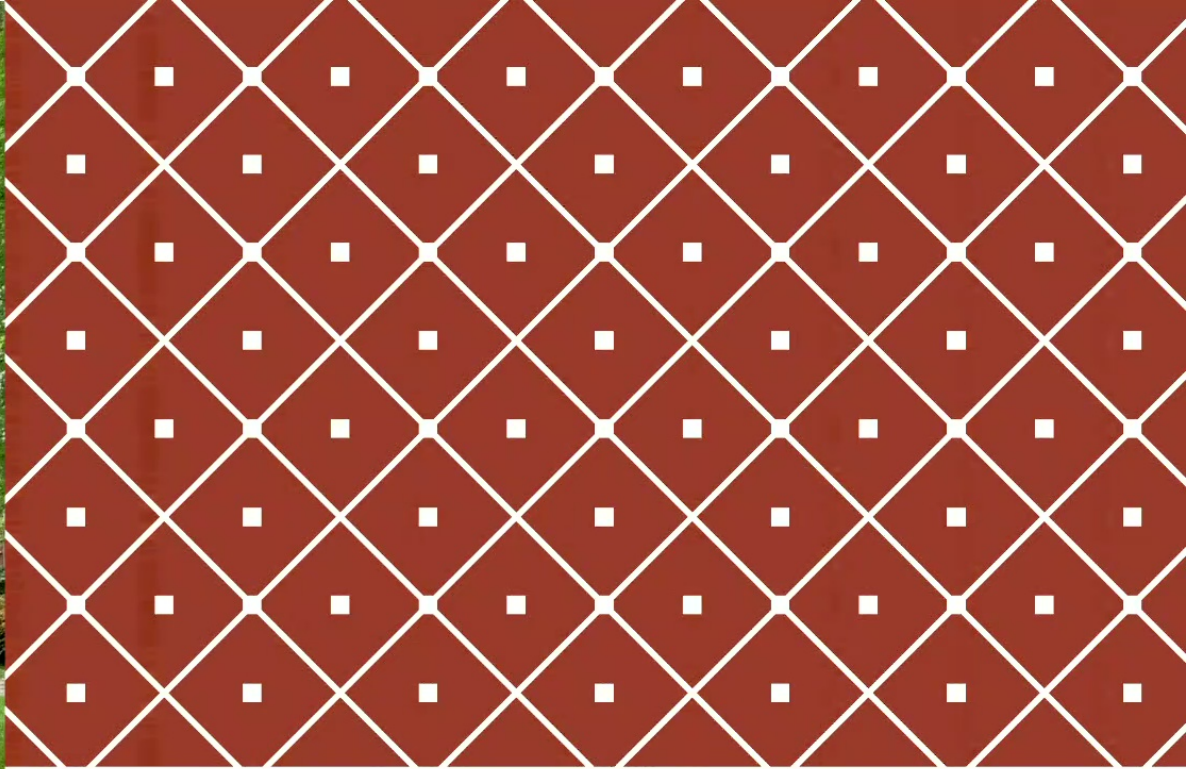
REALIZATION

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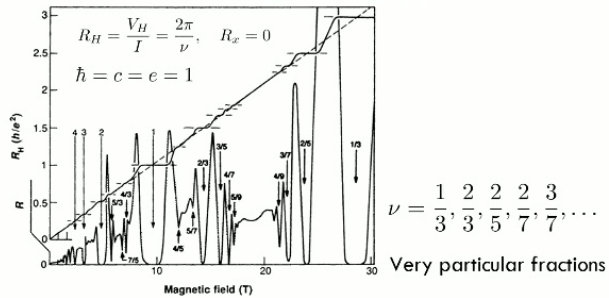
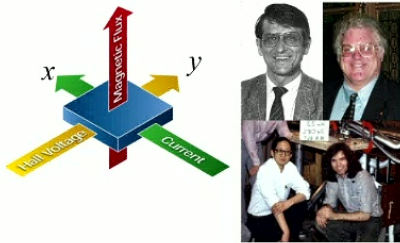
Yu Zhao

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COLLABORATOR

TOPOLOGICALLY ORDERED MATTER PHASES

Fractional quantum Hall states



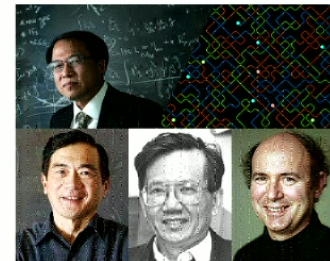
Distinct FQHS share the same symmetry



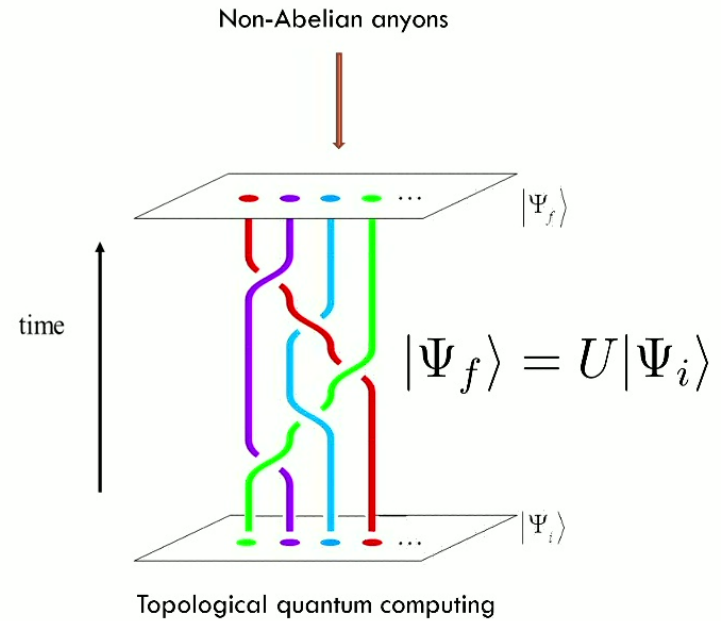
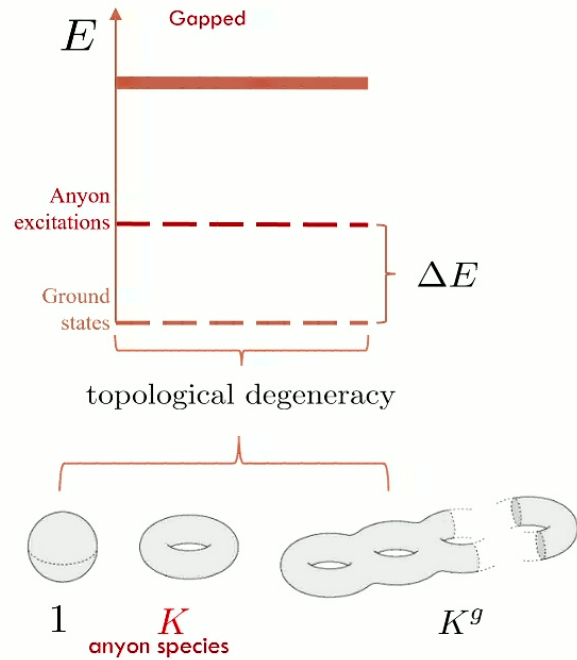
Landau-Ginzburg symmetry breaking **fails**



Topological orders



TOPOLOGICAL ORDERS IN 2D

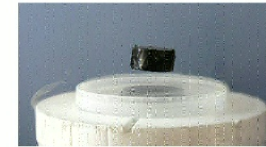




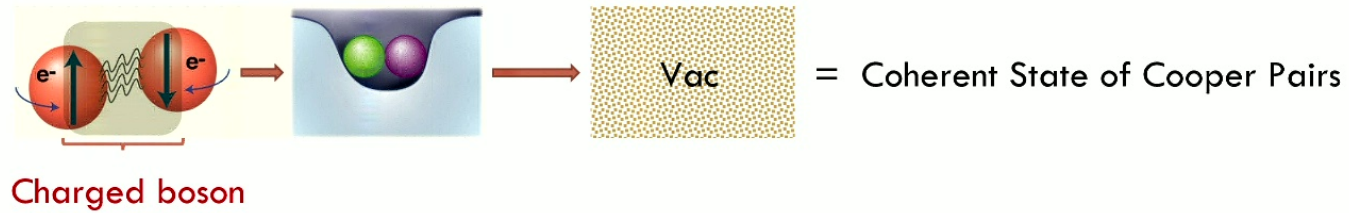
Certain **anyons** may condense like usual bosons do in the Higgs mechanism

Let's briefly review the **Cooper pair** condensation and **Higgs boson** condensation

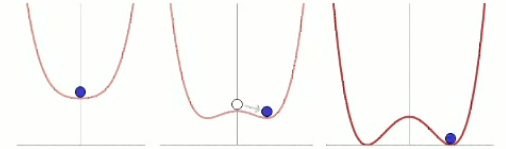
HIGGS MECHANISM: SUPERCONDUCTORS



Condense: Cooper pairs of electrons



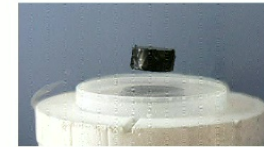
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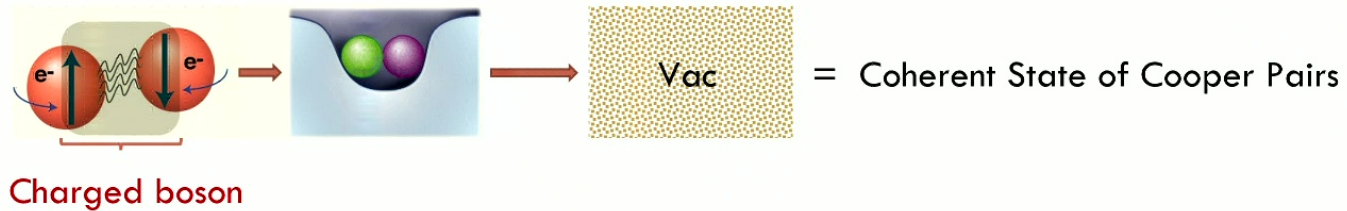
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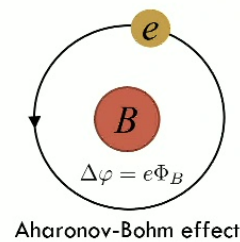
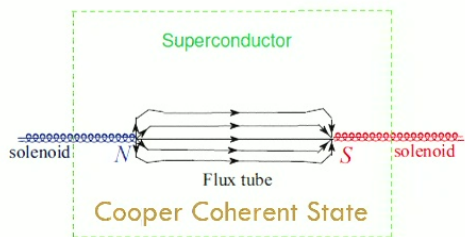


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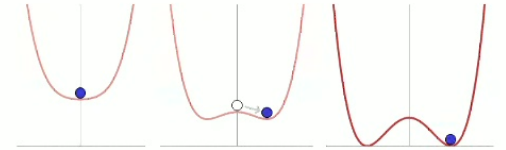


Gap: photons (gauge bosons) gapped (massive) by eating the Goldstone mode

Confinement: magnetic fluxes confined in Type-II superconductors:



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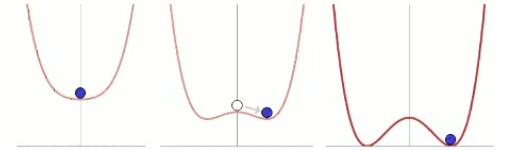
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Identification: e^L and e^R combine as a Dirac fermion

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} = e_L^\dagger (\phi_0 + i\phi_3) e_R$$

$$\mathcal{L}_e = m e_L^\dagger e_R$$

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ANYON CONDENSATION VS BOSON CONDENSATION

Anyon Condensation:

Anyons of certain types are condensed

Child Topological Phase:

Ground States = Coherent states with condensed anyons

Splitting:

An anyon may split into different sectors

Identification:

Different sectors from different anyons may be identified

Confinement:

Certain sectors are confined in the child phase

Gapped Gauge field:

Certain input dof (gauge fields) are gapped in the child phase

Analogy

Cooper-Pair/Higgs Boson Condensation



Vac = Coherent State of Cooper Pairs/Higgs bosons

e^L and ν_e^L splitting

e^L and e^R combine as a Dirac fermion

Magnetic Fluxes Confinement

Photon, W, and Z become massive

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TRADITIONAL CATEGORICAL DESCRIPTION OF ANYON CONDENSATION

Parent Topological Order

Unitary Modular Tensor Category (UMTC) \mathcal{C}

Parent Anyon Type J

Simple Objects $J \in \text{Irr}(\mathcal{C})$

Condensate

Twist-Free Commutative Separable Frobenius Algebra (CSFA)
Composite Object $\mathbf{A} = \bigoplus_{\text{Condensed } J} J$ in \mathcal{C}

Child Topological Order

$\text{Rep}_{\mathcal{C},0}(\mathbf{A})$

Child Vacuum

$\mathbf{A} = 1_{\mathbf{A}}$, trivial representation of \mathbf{A}

Child Anyon Types J_{child}

Irreducible representations of \mathbf{A}
braiding trivially with \mathbf{A}

Cons: Only Describe relationships of topological properties of parent and child topological orders!
Ignore fundamental physical details, e.g., basic degrees of freedom of the underlying system!
Need basic field configurations! Need Hilbert space! Need Hamiltonian! Need a *model!*

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ANYON CONDENSATION: NEED A MODEL

Certain types of anyons in the parent phase are condensed:

$$H_{\text{Parent}} \Rightarrow H_{\text{Parent}} - \Lambda P \quad \Lambda \in [0, +\infty): \text{phase transition parameter.}$$

Projector

= Sum of Condensed Anyon Creation Operators

Child phase:

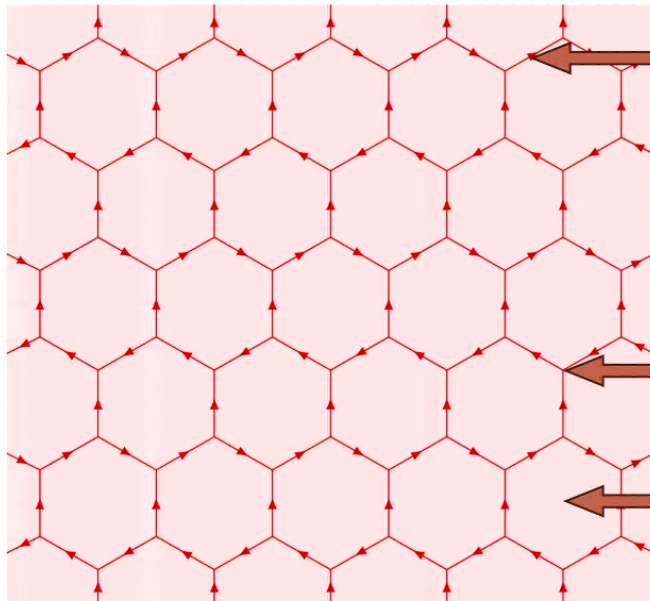
– Hilbert Space: $\mathcal{H}_{\text{Child}} = P\mathcal{H}_{\text{Parent}}$

– Hamiltonian: $H_{\text{Child}} = PH_{\text{Parent}}P$

– Ground States: $|\Phi\rangle_{\text{Child}} = P|\Phi\rangle_{\text{Parent}} = \text{Coherent states}$ with arbitrarily many condensed anyon types.

– Excited States: $|\psi\rangle_{\text{Child}} = P|\psi\rangle_{\text{Parent}}$

THE STRING-NET MODEL, BUT OUR VERSION



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Dofs \in Simple objects of \mathcal{F}

Vertices: A_V Operators
Detecting Charge Existence

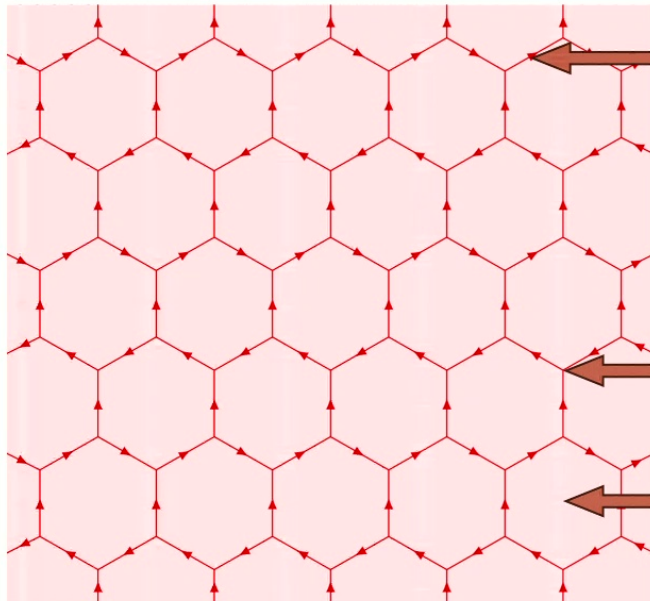
Plaquettes: B_P Operators
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Original String-Net Model; Input Fusion Category \mathcal{F}

$$H = - \sum_{\text{Vertices } V} A_V - \sum_{\text{Plaquettes } P} B_P$$

***Sum of Commuting Projectors!
Exactly Solvable!***

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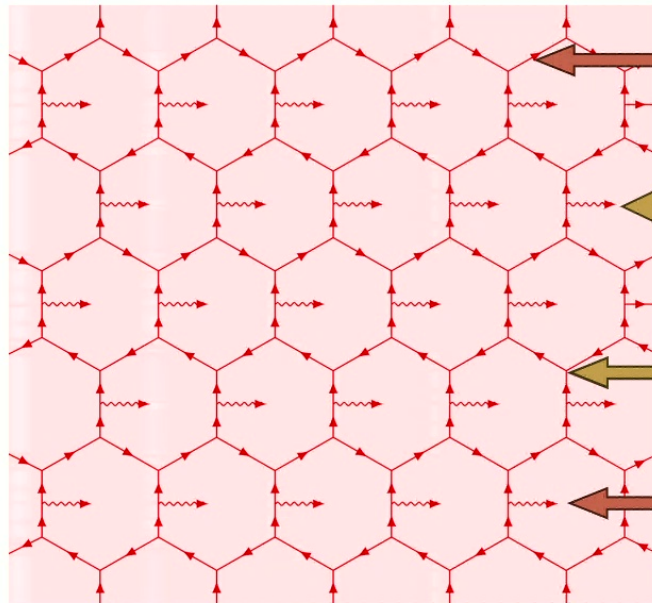
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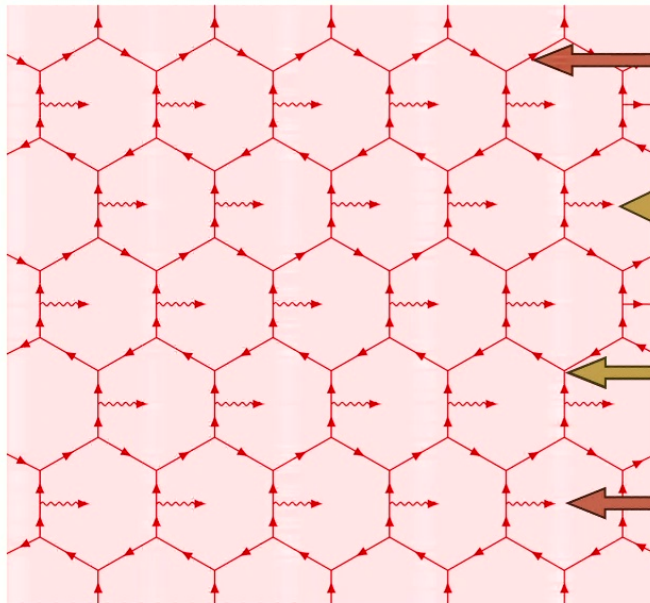
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THE STRING-NET MODEL: EXCITATIONS

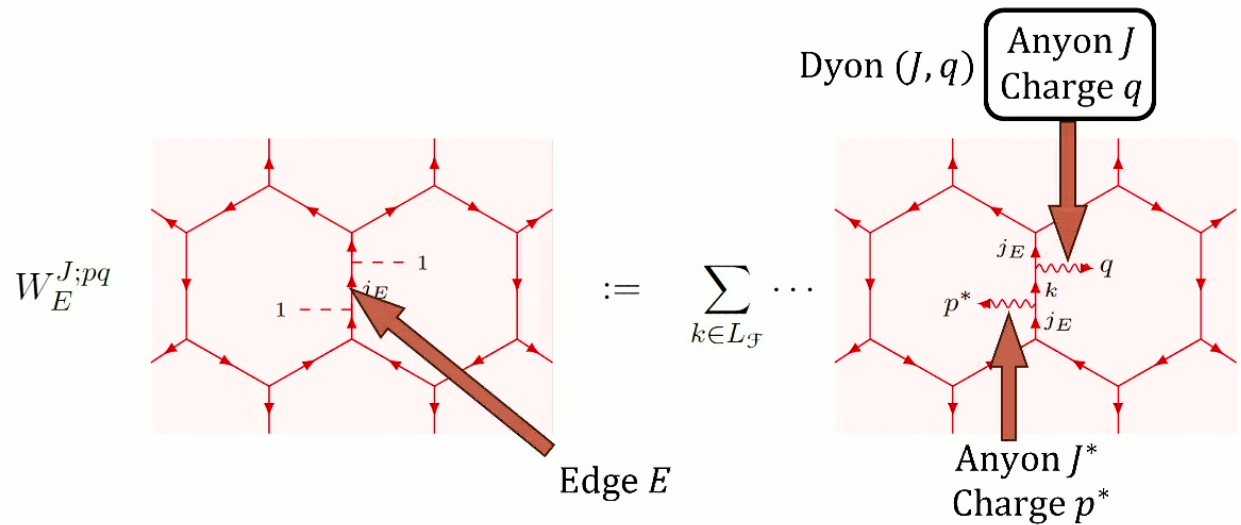
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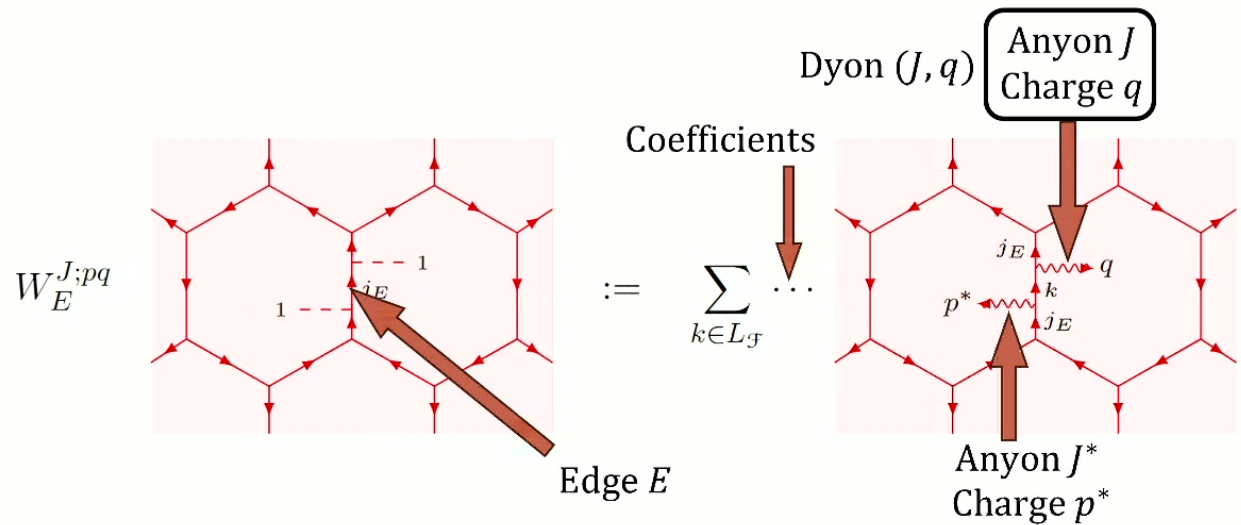
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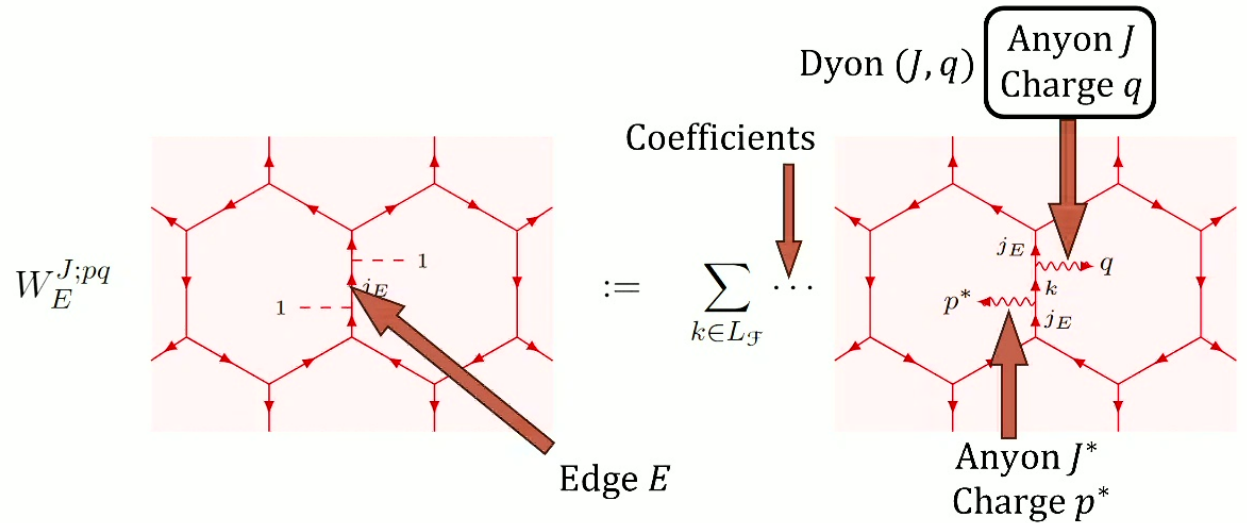
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- Example: Fibonacci Model
- Input UFC Fibo: $\text{Irr} = \{1, \tau\}$
- Anyon Types: $\text{Irr}(\mathcal{Z}(\text{Fibo}))$:
 $1\bar{1}, 1\bar{\tau}, \tau\bar{1}, \tau\bar{\tau}$
- Dyon Type:
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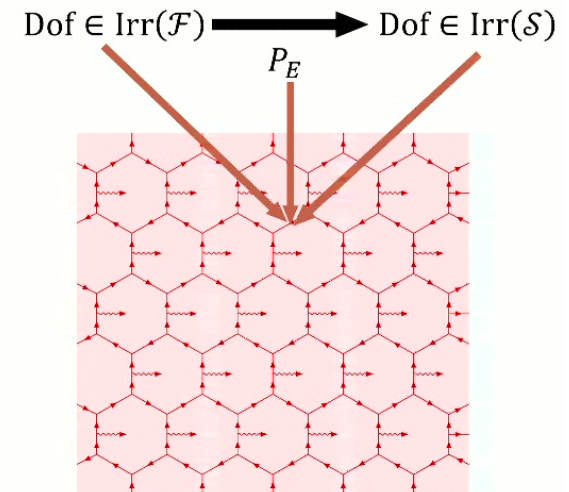
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EASE WITH FLUXON CONDENSATION

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Fluxons: $(J, 1)$

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Trivial!

Fluxons: $(1\bar{1}, 1), (\tau\bar{\tau}, 1)$

$$w_E^{1\bar{1}}(1) = w_E^{1\bar{1}}(\tau) = 1,$$

$$w_E^{\tau\bar{\tau}}(1) = 1, \quad w_E^{\tau\bar{\tau}}(\tau) = -\phi^{-2}.$$

$$P_E = \frac{1}{\phi^2 + 1} (W_E^{1\bar{1}} + \phi^2 W_E^{\tau\bar{\tau}}) = \delta_{j_E, 1}$$

Condensing Anyon $\tau\bar{\tau}$!

DIFFICULTIES WITH DYON CONDENSATION

There does exist non-fluxon condensation in the model!

They pose significant challenges:

Difficult to solve projector P_E !

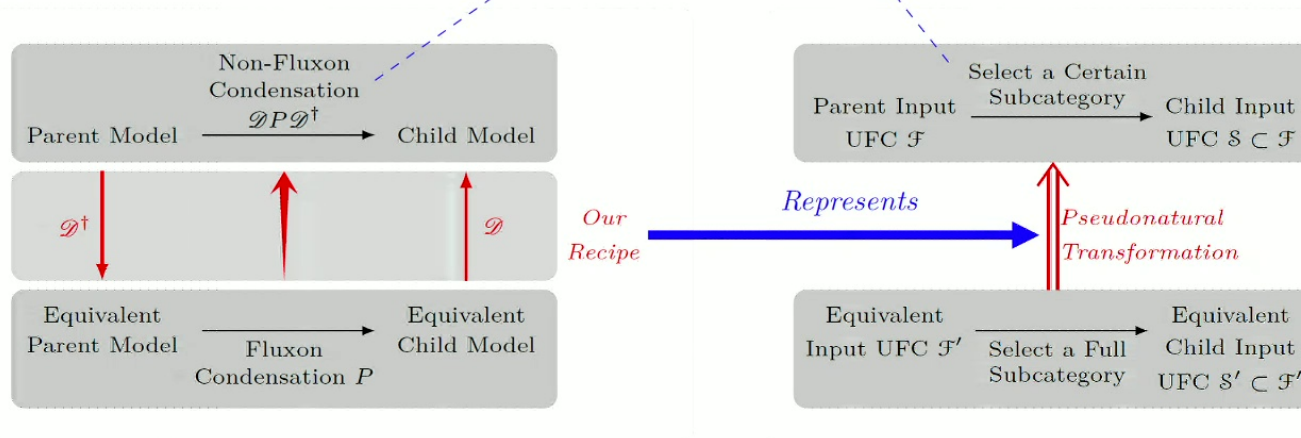
Difficult to identify the child model's degrees of freedom!

In general, $\text{Irr}(\mathcal{S}) \& \text{Irr}(\mathcal{F})!$

Degenerate
Quadratic
Multi-Variable
Matrix Equation

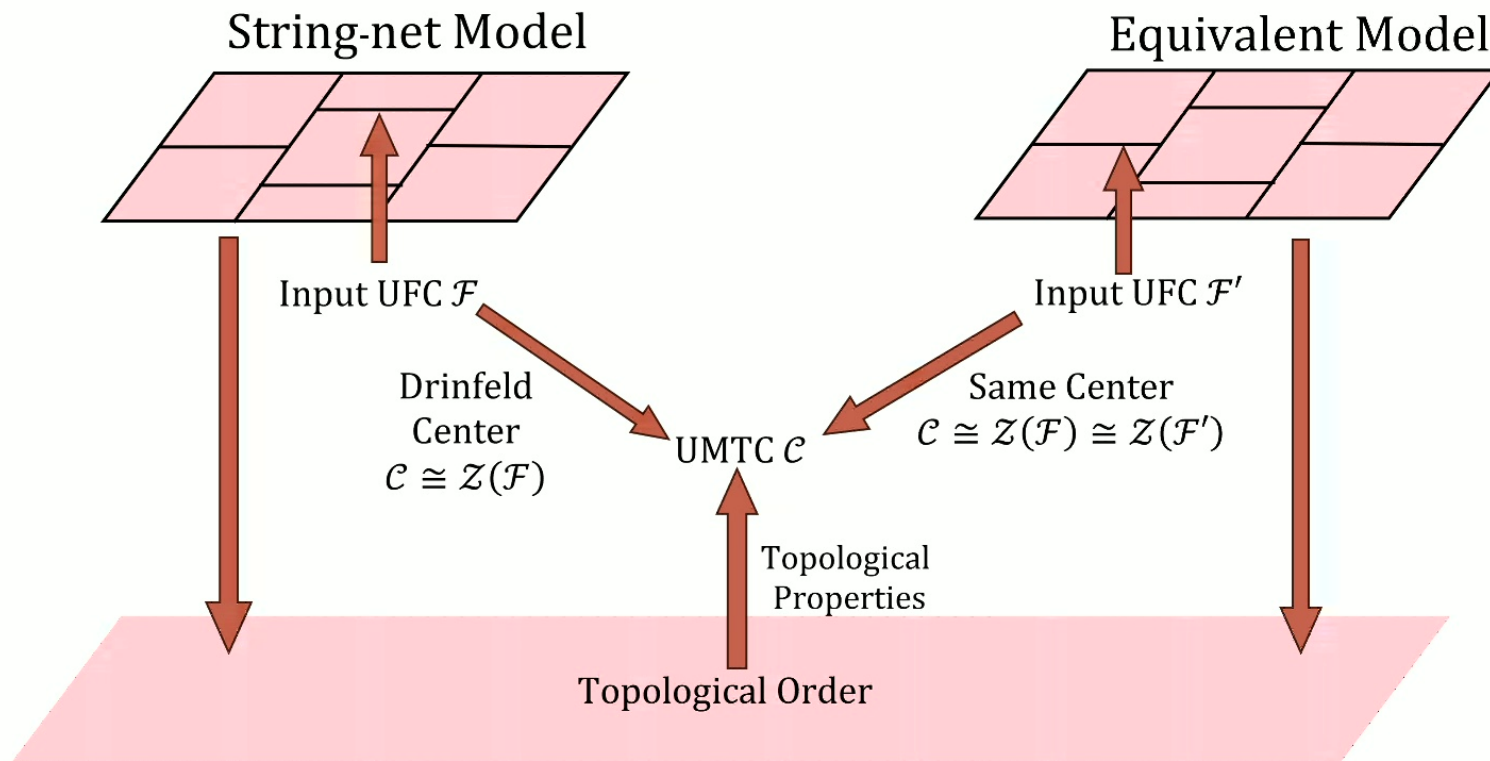
Solved By Duality Maps!

Previously Unknown!



$$P_E^2 = P_E$$

DUALITY MAPS: OVERVIEW



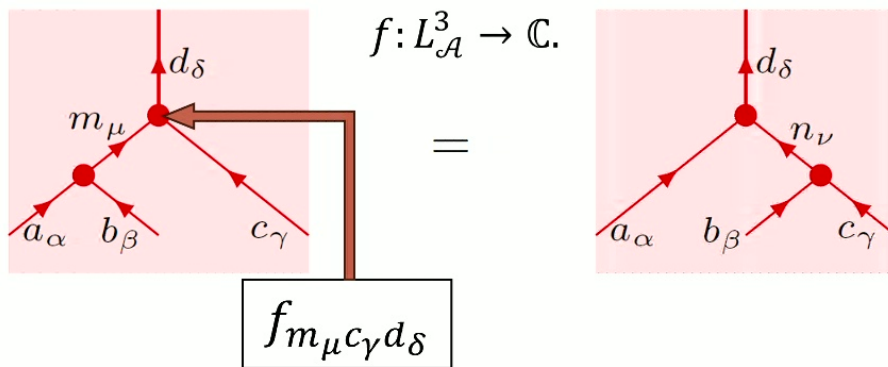
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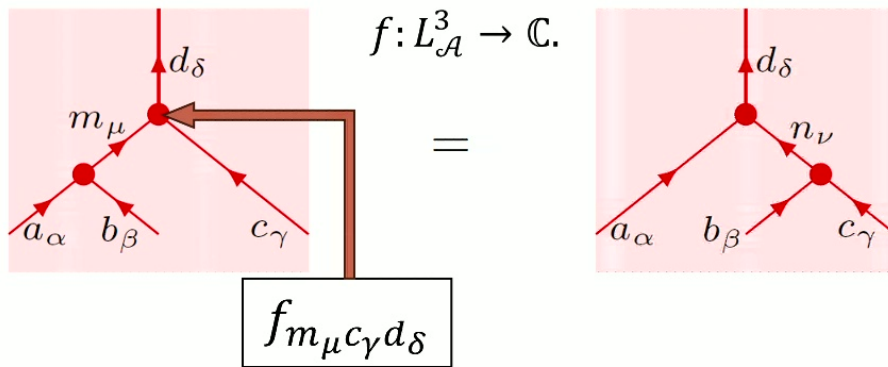
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$$f_{111} = f_{11\tau} = f_{1\tau 1} = f_{\tau\tau 1} = 1,$$

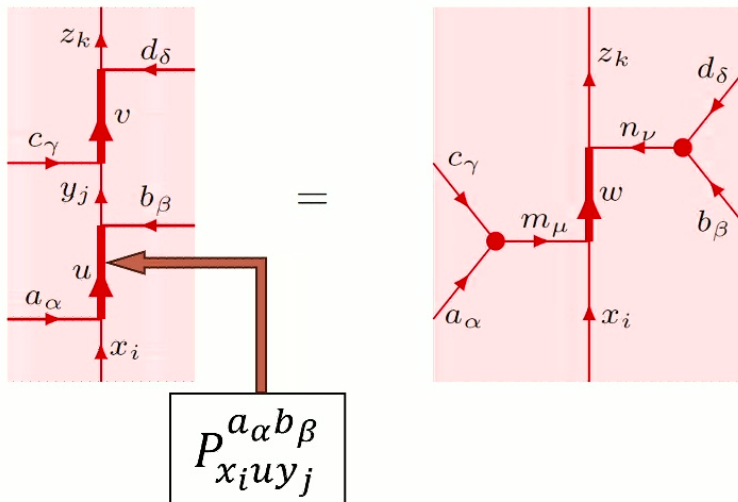
$$f_{\tau\tau\tau} = \phi^{-\frac{3}{4}}.$$

DUALITY MAPS: BIMODULES

Bimodules: $M = (L_M, P)$:

$$L_M = \{x_i | x \in \text{Irr}(\mathcal{F}), 1 \leq i \leq n_x^M\},$$

$$P: L_{\mathcal{A}}^2 \otimes L_M \otimes L_{\mathcal{F}} \otimes L_M \rightarrow \mathbb{C}.$$



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Two simple Bimodules over \mathcal{A} :

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- Nontrivial Bimodule M_τ :

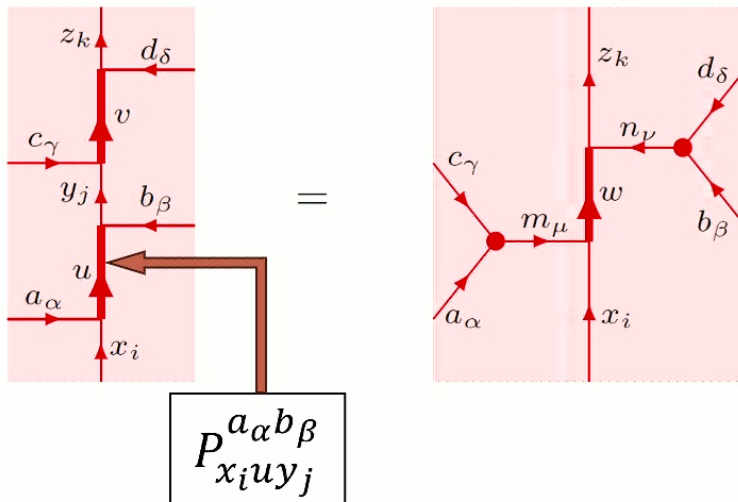
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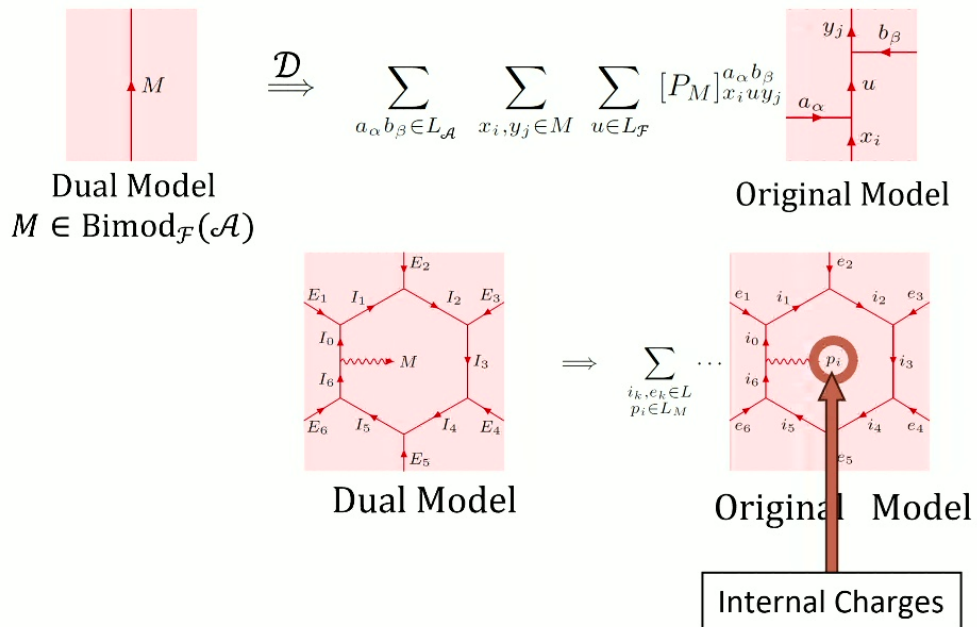
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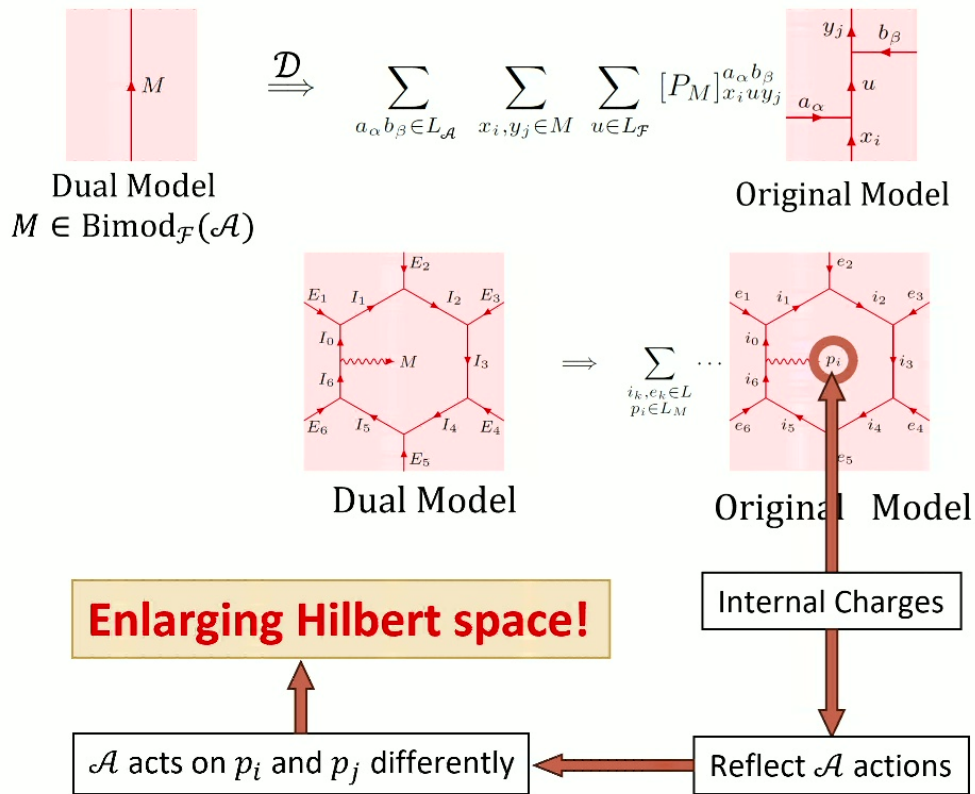
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$\{M_1, M_\tau\}$ forms the bimodule category of $\mathcal{A} = 1 \oplus \tau$

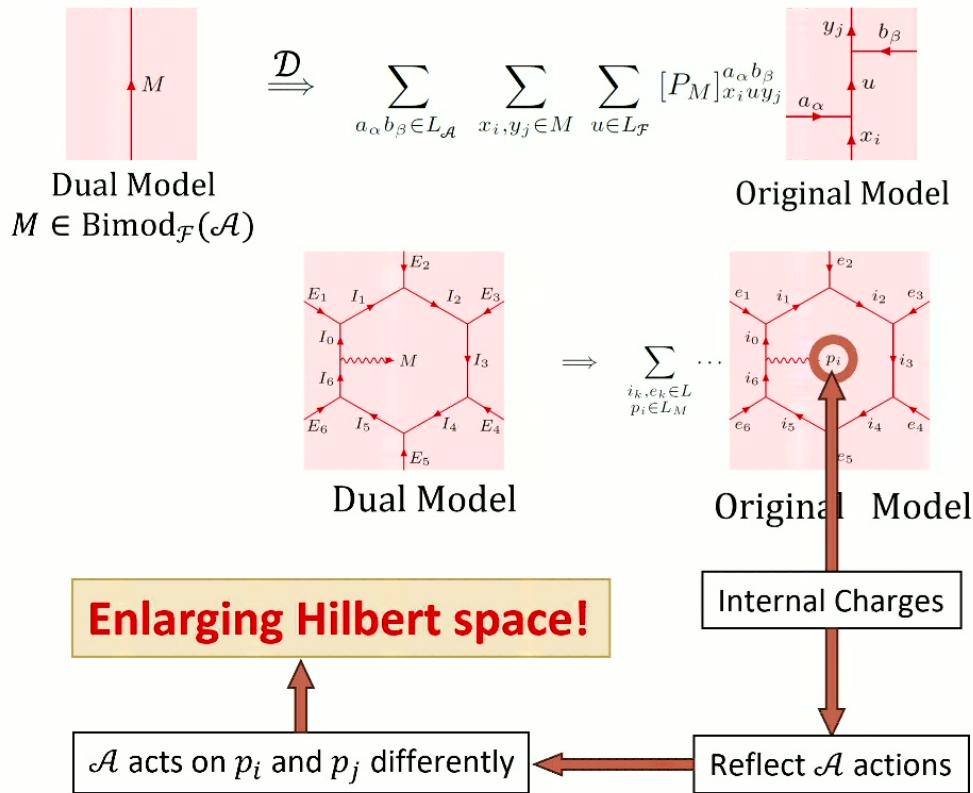
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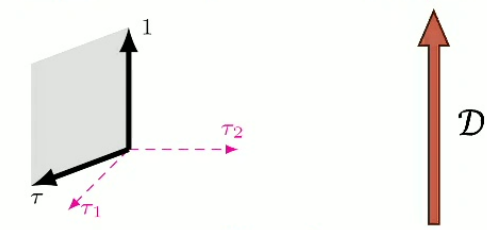


Example: Fibonacci UFC:

$$L_{M_1} = \{1, \tau\}, \quad L_{M_\tau} = \{1, \tau_1, \tau_2\}$$

Tail Dof Enlarging: $\{M_1, M_\tau\} \rightarrow \{1, \tau_1, \tau_2\}$

$$\tau \Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2\phi} + \frac{\sqrt{\phi}}{2}\right) \tau_1 + \left(\frac{1}{2\phi} - \frac{\sqrt{\phi}}{2}\right) \tau_2$$



Orthonormality:

$$\langle M_1 | M_\tau \rangle = 0 \text{ in dual model}$$

DYON CONDENSATION: FIBONACCI EXAMPLE

Dual Model



Original Model

Fluxon Creation Operator

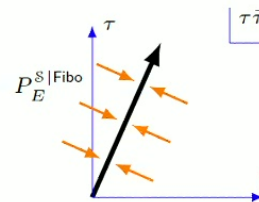
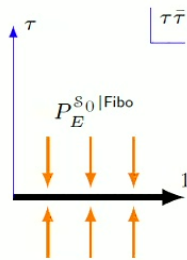
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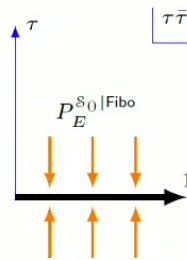
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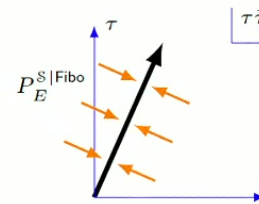
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Child Input UFC: $\text{Irr}(S) = \{1\}$
Trivial Subcategory of Fibo



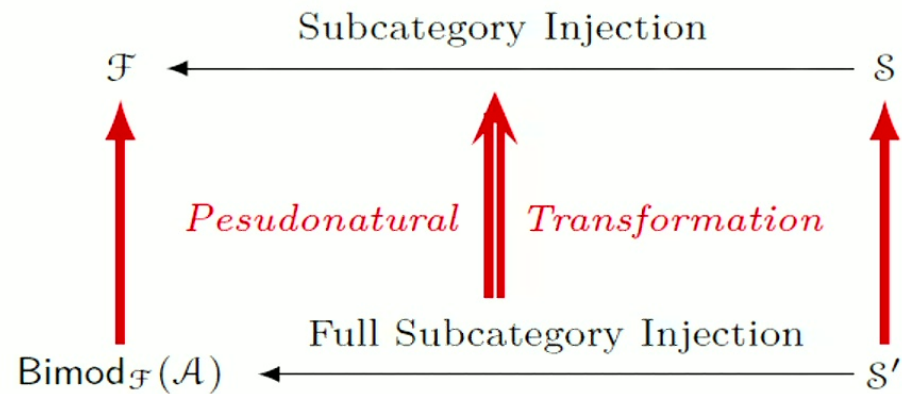
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Another Trivial Subcategory

PSEUDONATURAL TRANSFORMATION

A finer framework of anyon condensation than the UMTC-CSFA description

Gapping Certain basic degrees of freedom (gauge field) of the topological system



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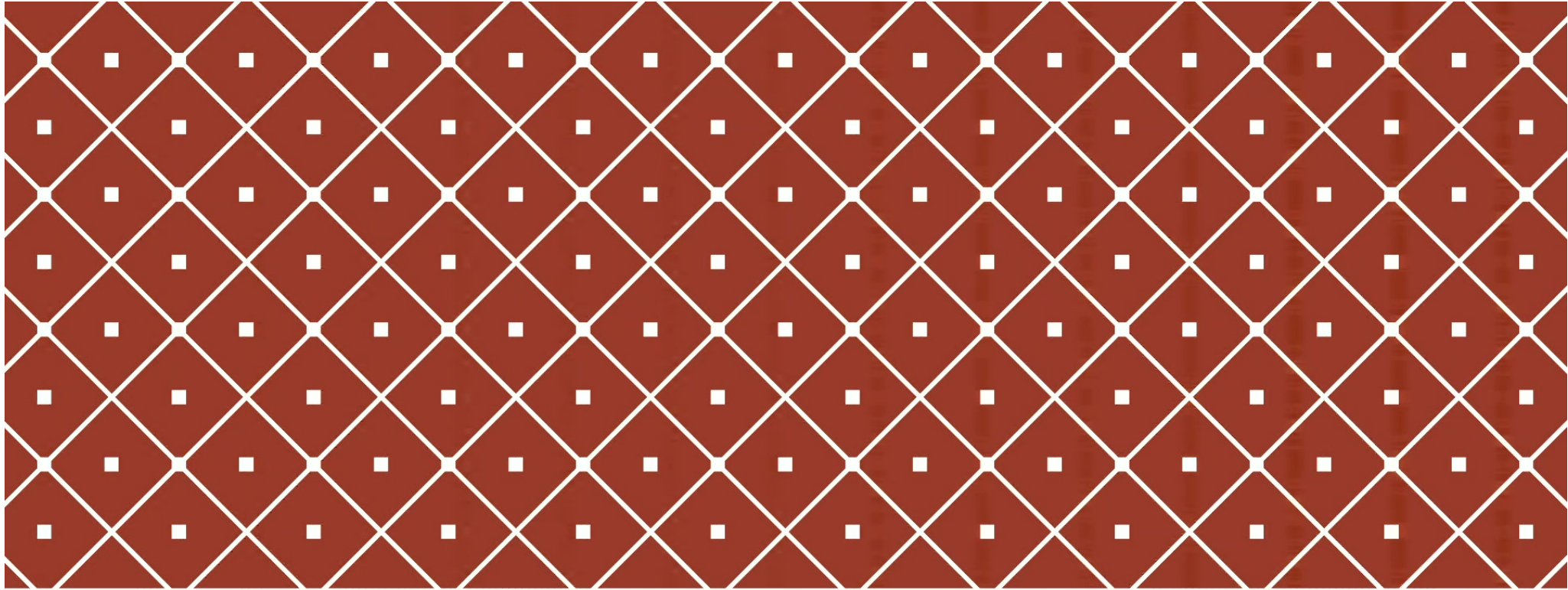
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