

# Symmetries in Quantum Field Theory beyond Groups

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The image features a dark blue, starry background. In the center, there is a complex, glowing structure of overlapping elliptical orbits in shades of yellow, orange, and red, resembling a quantum mechanical model of an atom. The text "Quantum Theory" is centered over this structure in a white, sans-serif font with a thin black outline.

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$$\phi_n = \phi \otimes \text{id}: M \otimes \text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow N \otimes \text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{C})$$

are positive.

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Global Symmetries in QFT

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## Remark

We get a unitary  $U_\alpha$  by  $U_\alpha m \Omega = \alpha_O(m) \Omega$ , which implements  $\alpha$ , i.e.  $\alpha_O(\cdot) = U_\alpha \cdot U_\alpha^*$  for all  $O$  and  $U_\alpha$  commutes with space-time symmetries.

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### Slogan

Global symmetries and superselection rules are completely described by (super-)groups.

Most of this fails for low-dimensional QFT.



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Can we orbifold by something more general than a group?

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## Motivation

- ▶ axiomatizes Unitary Chiral Conformal Field Theory
- ▶ describes edge of Topological Phases of Matter, Topological Quantum Computing
- ▶ 3-manifold invariants, 3-2-1 Topological Field Theories, 2+1d Quantum Gravity (Witten)

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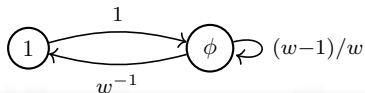
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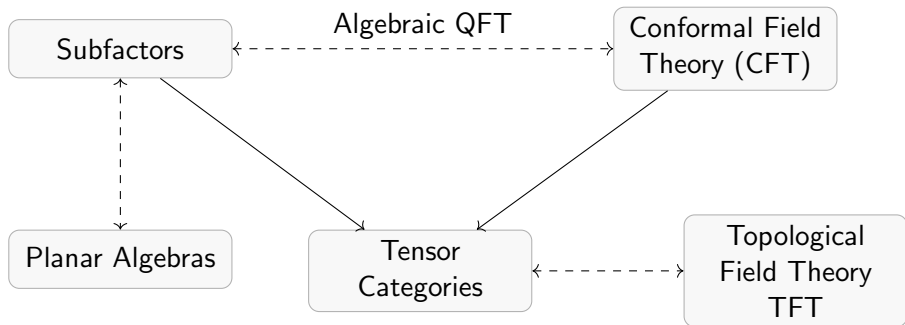
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If  $H$  finite Hopf algebra acting on  $\mathcal{A}$ , then  $H = \mathbb{C}G$  for a finite group  $G$ .

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# Superselection Theory



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## Twisted representations (after Müger)

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# Models and Applications

**Chiral Wess–Zumino–Witten model** ( $\chi$ WZW) given by:

**Loop group net** of  $G$  at level  $k$ .  $G$  compact Lie group,  $LG = C^\infty(S^1, G)$

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gives a net on  $S^1$  and by restriction a net on  $\mathbb{R} \cong S^1 \setminus \{-1\}$ .



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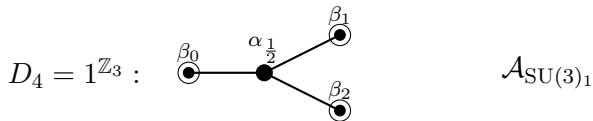
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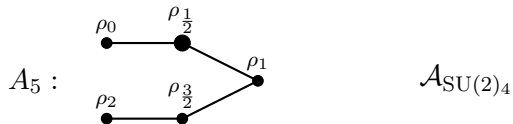
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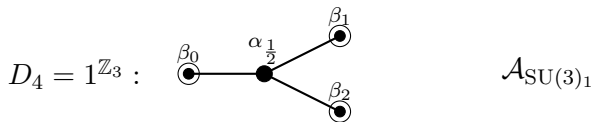
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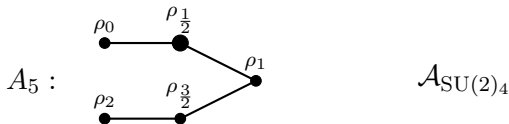
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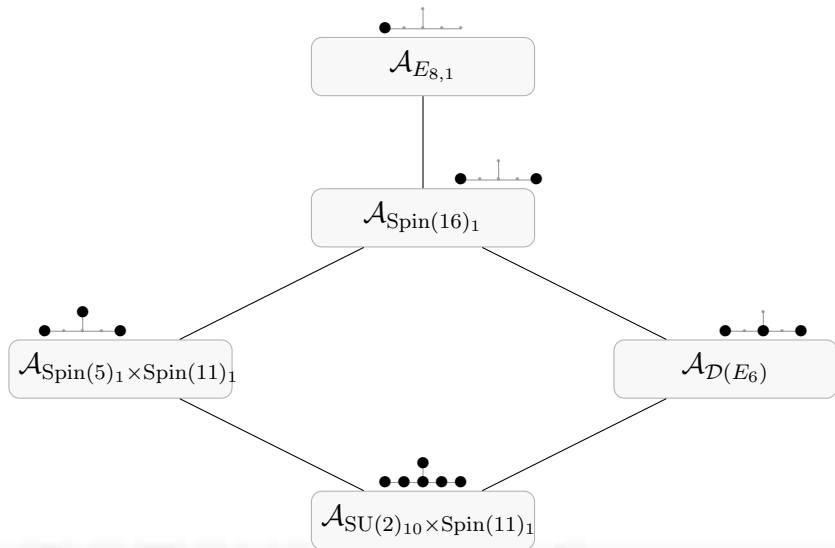


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# Quantum Galois Correspondence: $E_6$ example

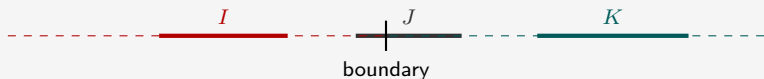


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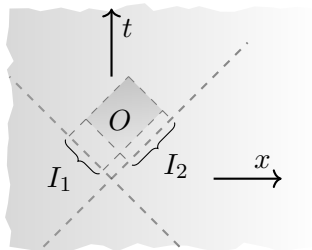
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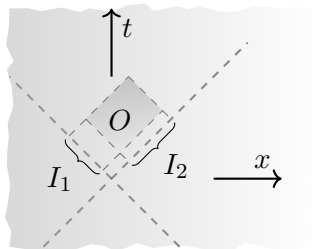
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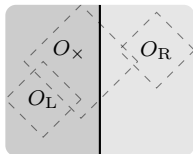
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such that  $\mathcal{B}_2$  has only the vacuum sector.

- ▶ **Locality.**  $[\mathcal{B}_2(O_1), \mathcal{B}_2(O_2)] = \{0\}$  if  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  are space like separated.
- ▶ Physically, the conformal net  $\mathcal{A}_2$  describes (generalized) **symmetries** of the full CFT  $\mathcal{B}_2$ .





$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} O_L \\ O_x \\ O_R \end{array} \right\} \mapsto \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{B}_L(O_L) \\ \mathcal{D}(O_x) \\ \mathcal{B}_R(O_R) \end{array} \right\} \supset (\mathcal{A}_2)(O_\bullet)$$

- ▶ Defect line invisible for the subnet  $\mathcal{A}_2$  (conserves symmetries prescribed by  $\mathcal{A}$ )
- ▶ Different realization  $\leftrightarrow$  different boundary conditions
- ▶  $\mathcal{A}$ -topological  $\mathcal{B}_L$ - $\mathcal{B}_R$  defect line.

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Assume  $Q \subset \text{QuOp}(\mathcal{A})$  is a finite hypergroup and  $\mathcal{A}$  rational conformal net on  $S^1$ .

Consider  $\mathcal{A}^Q \otimes \mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{B}_2$ , where  $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{B}_2$  is the canonical Longo–Rehren extension (Cardy case).

Then there is a one-to-one correspondence between  $\mathcal{A}^Q \otimes \mathcal{A}$ -topological  $\mathcal{B}_2$ - $\mathcal{B}_2$  defects and sectors in  $Q$ - $\text{Rep}(\mathcal{A})$ .

## Kramers–Wannier duality of the conformal Ising model:

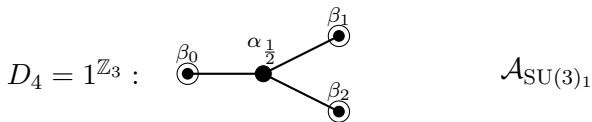
The unique full CFT  $\mathcal{B}_2 \supset \text{Vir}_{1/2} \otimes \overline{\text{Vir}}_{1/2}$  has a duality defect which gives rise to the duality

$$(1, \sigma, \varepsilon) \longleftrightarrow (1, \mu, -\varepsilon)$$

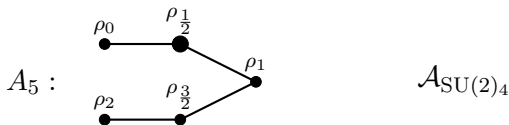
Generalizes to a duality defect  $\alpha_{\frac{1}{2}}$  for  $\mathcal{B}_2 \supset \mathcal{A}_{\text{SU}(3)_1}^{\mathbb{Z}_2} \otimes \bar{\mathcal{A}}_{\text{SU}(3)_1}$ :

$$(1, \sigma_{\chi_1}, \sigma_{\chi_2}, \varepsilon) \longleftrightarrow (1, \mu_{\chi_1}, \mu_{\chi_2}, -\varepsilon)$$

with  $\hat{\mathbb{Z}}_3 = \{1, \chi_1, \chi_2\}$ . Remember  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{SU}(3)_1}^{\mathbb{Z}_2} = \mathcal{A}_{\text{SU}(2)_4} \subset \mathcal{A}_{\text{SU}(3)_1}$



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More general, for every  $1^A$  (Tambara–Yamagami) fusion category.

## Generalized Orbifolds

- ▶ Find all finite hypergroups in  $\text{QuOp}(\mathcal{A}_{E_{8,1}})$ , construct the hypothetical Haagerup CFT of (Evans–Gannon '11).
- ▶ Infinite, e.g. compact hypergroup actions  $\leadsto$  analytical and approximation properties
- ▶ Is  $\text{QuOp}(\mathcal{A})$  always a compact hypergroup and  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{QuOp}(\mathcal{A})} = \text{Vir}_{\mathcal{A}}$ ?
- ▶ What is  $\text{Rep}(\text{Vir}_c)$  for  $c \geq 1$  and can we classify all rational conformal nets by a nice structure similar to  $\text{Rep}(\text{TLJ})$ ?

## Reconstruction Program:

- ▶ Given algebraic data of **planar algebra**, **fusion category** or **subfactor** construct a conformal net such that defects recover the **planar algebra**, **fusion category** or **subfactor**, respectively.

A close-up photograph of a copper coin, likely an Ohio University seal, showing embossed text and Roman numerals. The text "OHIO UNIVERSITY" is visible around the perimeter, and Roman numerals are arranged in a circular pattern in the center. The coin has a textured, aged appearance.

Thank you for your attention!



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