

# The quest of a finite purely-quantum group

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We will explain what would be a *finite purely-quantum group*.

→ its existence is related to famous open problems.

- Non-existence would be an excellent result,
- Existence/construction should be one of the most important discovery: a mathematical analogous to meeting an alien!



Based on joint works with Zhengwei Liu, Yunxiang Ren and Jinsong Wu, we will show that a construction could be workable.

- 1 Motivations: subfactors and fusion categories
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# Original motivation from subfactor theory

Without going into details, let think a subfactor as an inclusion  $(N \subseteq M)$  which admits an index  $|M : N|$ , multiplicative with intermediate:

$$N \subseteq P \subseteq M \Rightarrow |M : N| = |M : P| \cdot |P : N|,$$

and satisfying:

## Theorem (Jones, 1983)

The set of possible indices  $|M : N|$  is exactly:

$$\left\{ 4 \cos^2 \left( \frac{\pi}{n} \right) \mid n \geq 3 \right\} \sqcup [4, \infty].$$

## Sieve of Eratosthenes

If the index  $|M : N|$  is in the set  $S = \{4 \cos^2(\frac{\pi}{n}) \mid n \geq 3\}$  or

$$(4, 8) \setminus \left( 2S \cup \left\{ 16 \cos^4\left(\frac{\pi}{5}\right), 16 \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{5}\right) \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \right\} \right)$$

then the subfactor  $(N \subseteq M)$  admits no (proper) intermediate.

A subfactor without intermediate is called **maximal** (Bisch, 1994).

→ “quantum analogous” of prime numbers!

What about natural numbers? See my papers on Ore’s theorem.

## Examples of maximal subfactors (irreducible and finite depth)

- index  $< 4$  → ADE:  $A_m, D_{2m}, E_6, E_8$ ,
- index in  $(4, 5 + \sqrt{3})$ : Haagerup, ... (12 ones, up to dual),
- maximal subgroup subfactors:  $S_{n-1} \subset S_n, \dots$

The finite group subfactors ( $R^G \subset R$ ) are in a specific class called *finite index, irreducible, depth 2*, completely characterized by:

**Theorem (Longo, Szymanski, 1994; David, 1996)**

Every finite index, irreducible, depth 2 subfactor is of the form ( $R^H \subset R$ ), where  $H$  is a finite quantum group (i.e. finite dimensional Hopf  $C^*$ -algebra, also called Kac algebra).

The only known maximal ones of this class are the finite group subfactors ( $R^G \subset R$ ), with  $G$  is cyclic of prime order.

**Question 1 (P. 2012)**

Is there a finite index, irreducible, depth 2 maximal subfactor which is not a group subfactor?

→ such ones would be the **closest** analogues of the prime numbers.

# Transition to fusion category theory

All the fusion categories mentioned in this talk are over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

## Theorem (Izumi, Longo, Popa, 1998)

There is a 1-1 correspondence between

- intermediates of finite quantum group subfactor  $R^H \subseteq P \subseteq R$ ,
- *left coideal*  $*$ -subalgebras  $L \subseteq H$ , i.e.  $\Delta(L) = H \otimes L$ ,

given by  $P = R^L$ .

## Theorem (Folklore, Burciu, 2012)

There is a 1-1 correspondence between

- *normal* left coideal  $*$ -sub.  $L \subseteq H$ , i.e.  $h_1 L S(h_2) \subseteq L, \forall h \in H$ ,
- fusion subcategories  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $\text{Rep}(H)$ ,

given by  $\mathcal{C} \simeq \text{Rep}(H//L)$ .

The last theorem holds for any finite dimensional semisimple Hopf algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Open problem: existence of a Kac structure.

### Theorem (G. Kac, 1972)

Let  $H$  be a finite quantum group. Then  $\text{Rep}(H)$  is a unitary integral fusion category of *Frobenius type*, i.e.  $\dim(\text{irrep}) \mid \dim(H)$ .

A fusion category without (non-trivial) fusion subcategory is called *simple*. Then, here is a weaker version of Question 1:

### Question 2

Is there a (unitary) integral simple fusion category (of Frobenius type) which is not group-like, up to Grothendieck equivalence?

A fusion category is *weakly group-theoretical* if its Drinfeld center is equivalent to the one coming from a sequence of group extensions.

### Theorem (Etingof, Nikshych, Ostrik, 2011)

A weakly group-theoretical simple fusion category is Grothendieck equivalent to  $\text{Rep}(G)$ , with  $G$  a finite simple group.



This leads to the *ultimate weaker version* of Question 1:

### Question 3 (Etingof, Nikshych, Ostrik, 2011)

Is there an integral fusion category not weakly group-theoretical?

In particular, the existence of the following is open.

#### A finite purely-quantum group:

It would be a finite quantum group  $H$  such that  $\text{Rep}(H)$  admits no weakly group-theoretical fusion subcategory (other than  $\text{Vec}$ ).

Here is the strategy of the quest:

- classify simple integral fusion rings of Frobenius type,
- filter them by all known (unitary) categorification criteria,
- try to (unitarily) categorify the remaining non group-like ones,
- find associated finite quantum groups (if exist).

# Classification of simple integral fusion rings

From far, the SageMath code (15 pages) looks like:

The image displays four vertical columns of code, likely SageMath, arranged side-by-side. Each column contains a dense block of text, which appears to be a mix of comments and code lines. The code is too small and blurry to read, but it represents the 15 pages of SageMath code mentioned in the text above. The columns are roughly equal in height and width, and they are separated by small gaps.

**Atlas:** <https://sites.google.com/view/sebastienpalcoux/fusion-rings>

## Computation result (Liu, P., Wu, 2019)

Under the following bounds

rank	$\leq 5$	6	7	8	9	10	all
FPdim $<$	1000000	150000	15000	4080	504	240	132

there are exactly 34 simple integral fusion rings of Frobenius type (and  $\text{FPdim} \neq p^a q^b, pqr$  [ENO, 2011]), 4 of them are group-like:

#	rank	FPdim	type	group
1	5	60	[1, 3, 3, 4, 5]	PSL(2, 5)
1	6	168	[1, 3, 3, 6, 7, 8]	PSL(2, 7)
2	7	210	[1, 5, 5, 5, 6, 7, 7]	
2	7	360	[1, 5, 5, 8, 8, 9, 10]	PSL(2, 9)
4	7	7980	[1, 19, 20, 21, 42, 42, 57]	
15	8	660	[1, 5, 5, 10, 10, 11, 12, 12]	PSL(2, 11)
5	8	990	[1, 9, 10, 11, 11, 11, 11, 18]	
2	8	1260	[1, 6, 7, 7, 10, 15, 20, 20]	
2	8	1320	[1, 6, 6, 10, 11, 15, 15, 24]	

# Categorification criteria and TPE

In the framework of *Quantum Fourier Analysis*, we get:

## Commutative Schur Product Criterion (Liu, P., Wu, 2019)

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a commutative fusion ring, let  $(M_i)$  be its fusion matrices, and let  $(\lambda_{i,j})$  be the table given by their simultaneous diagonalization, with  $\lambda_{i,1} = \|M_i\|$ . If  $\exists(j_1, j_2, j_3)$  such that

$$\sum_i \frac{\lambda_{i,j_1} \lambda_{i,j_2} \lambda_{i,j_3}}{\lambda_{i,1}} < 0$$

then  $\mathcal{F}$  admits no unitary categorification.

This criterion rules out 28 among the 30 non group-like simple integral fusion rings of the previous classification (more than 93%).

The remaining 2 are denoted  $\mathcal{F}_{210}$  and  $\mathcal{F}_{660}$  (according to FPdim).

In the framework of the *Triangular Prism Equation* (TPE), we get:

### Zero Spectrum Criterion (Liu, P., Ren, 2020)

For a fusion ring  $\mathcal{F}$ , if there are indices  $i_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq 9$ , such that  $n_{i_4, i_1}^{i_6}$ ,  $n_{i_5, i_4}^{i_2}$ ,  $n_{i_5, i_6}^{i_3}$ ,  $n_{i_7, i_9}^{i_1}$ ,  $n_{i_2, i_7}^{i_8}$ ,  $n_{i_8, i_9}^{i_3}$  are non-zero, and

$$\sum_k n_{i_4, i_7}^k n_{i_5^*, i_8}^k n_{i_6, i_9}^k = 0;$$

$$n_{i_2, i_1}^{i_3} = 1;$$

$$\sum_{k \in I} n_{i_5, i_4}^k n_{i_3, i_1^*}^k = 1 \text{ or } \sum_k n_{i_2, i_4^*}^k n_{i_3, i_6^*}^k = 1 \text{ or } \sum_k n_{i_5^*, i_2}^k n_{i_6, i_1^*}^k = 1,$$

$$\sum_{k \in I} n_{i_2, i_7}^k n_{i_3, i_9}^k = 1 \text{ or } \sum_k n_{i_8, i_7^*}^k n_{i_3, i_1^*}^k = 1 \text{ or } \sum_k n_{i_2^*, i_8}^k n_{i_1, i_9}^k = 1,$$

then  $\mathcal{F}$  cannot be categorified (at all) over any field.

→ This criterion rules out  $\mathcal{F}_{660}$ .

(see also our classification of mult. 1,  $\text{rk} \leq 6$ , Grothendieck rings).

## Theorem (Liu, P., Ren, 2020)

A unitary simple integral fusion category of Frobenius type with the above bounds is Grothendieck equivalent to:

- $\text{Rep}(\text{PSL}(2, q))$  with  $q$  prime power and  $4 \leq q \leq 11$ ,
- a “possible” categorification of  $\mathcal{F}_{210}$ .

By TPE method, we also proved that such a categorification must have a simple object with a negative Frobenius-Schur indicator.

The simple integral fusion ring  $\mathcal{F}_{210}$  is of rank 7, FPdim 210 and type  $[1, 5, 5, 5, 6, 7, 7]$ , with fusion matrices:

1000000	0100000	0010000	0001000	0000100	0000010	0000001
0100000	1101011	0010111	0100111	0011111	0111111	0111111
0010000	0010111	1110011	0001111	0101111	0111111	0111111
0001000	0100111	0001111	1011011	0110111	0111111	0111111
0000100	0011111	0101111	0110111	1111111	0111121	0111112
0000010	0111111	0111111	0111111	0111121	1111212	0111122
0000001	0111111	0111111	0111111	0111112	0111122	1111221

The next section will explain a *very cool* reason why  $\mathcal{F}_{210}$  is so robust to all the (known) categorification criteria...

# Interpolated simple integral fusion rings of Lie type

As pointed out by Lübeck (in private), the generic character table of  $\text{Rep}(\text{PSL}(2, q))$  is available on GAP4. We must distinguish 3 cases ( $q$  prime-power):  $q$  even,  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , or  $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

## Case $q$ even

classparam $k$ \ charparam $c$	{1}	{1}	$\{1, \dots, \frac{q-2}{2}\}$	$\{1, \dots, \frac{q}{2}\}$
{1}	1	1	1	1
$\{1, \dots, \frac{q}{2}\}$	$q-1$	-1	0	$-2 \cos(\frac{2\pi kc}{q+1})$
{1}	$q$	0	1	-1
$\{1, \dots, \frac{q-2}{2}\}$	$q+1$	1	$2 \cos(\frac{2\pi kc}{q-1})$	0
class size	1	$q^2-1$	$q(q+1)$	$q(q-1)$

## Theorem (Schur's orthogonality relations for every finite group)

Let  $(\chi_{i,j})$  be the character table. Then the fusion rules are:

$$n_{i,j}^k = \sum_s \frac{\chi_{i,s} \chi_{j,s} \overline{\chi_{k,s}}}{\sum_t |\chi_{t,s}|^2}$$

## Theorem (Liu, P., Ren, 2020)

In the case  $q$  even, the fusion rules of  $\text{Rep}(\text{PSL}(2, q))$  are:

$$x_{q-1, c_1} x_{q-1, c_2} = \delta_{c_1, c_2} x_{1, 1} + \sum_{\substack{c_3 \text{ such that} \\ c_1 + c_2 + c_3 \neq q+1 \\ \text{and } 2\max(c_1, c_2, c_3)}} x_{q-1, c_3} + (1 - \delta_{c_1, c_2}) x_{q, 1} + \sum_{c_3} x_{q+1, c_3},$$

$$x_{q-1, c_1} x_{q, 1} = \sum_{c_2} (1 - \delta_{c_1, c_2}) x_{q-1, c_2} + x_{q, 1} + \sum_{c_2} x_{q+1, c_2},$$

$$x_{q-1, c_1} x_{q+1, c_2} = \sum_{c_3} x_{q-1, c_3} + x_{q, 1} + \sum_{c_3} x_{q+1, c_3},$$

$$x_{q, 1} x_{q, 1} = x_{1, 1} + \sum_c x_{q-1, c} + x_{q, 1} + \sum_c x_{q+1, c},$$

$$x_{q, 1} x_{q+1, c_1} = \sum_{c_2} x_{q-1, c_2} + x_{q, 1} + \sum_{c_2} (1 + \delta_{c_1, c_2}) x_{q+1, c_2},$$

$$x_{q+1, c_1} x_{q+1, c_2} = \delta_{c_1, c_2} x_{1, 1} + \sum_{c_3} x_{q-1, c_3} + (1 + \delta_{c_1, c_2}) x_{q, 1} + \sum_{\substack{c_3 \text{ such that} \\ c_1 + c_2 + c_3 \neq q-1 \\ \text{and } 2\max(c_1, c_2, c_3)}} x_{q+1, c_3} + \sum_{\substack{c_3 \text{ such that} \\ c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = q-1 \\ \text{or } 2\max(c_1, c_2, c_3)}} 2x_{q+1, c_3},$$

and the **interpolation** to  $q$  non prime-power is still a fusion ring.

→ they automatically check all the known categorification criteria.

*Cool observation:*  $\mathcal{F}_{210}$  corresponds to  $q = 6$ .



Here are the generic character tables for the two other cases:

### Case $q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

classparam $k$ \ charparam $c$	{1}	{1, 2}	$\{1, \dots, \frac{q-5}{4}\}$	$\{\frac{q-1}{4}\}$	$\{1, \dots, \frac{q-1}{4}\}$
{1}	1	1	1	1	1
{1, 2}	$\frac{q+1}{2}$	$\frac{1+(-1)^{k+c}\sqrt{q}}{2}$	$(-1)^k$	$(-1)^k$	0
$\{1, \dots, \frac{q-1}{4}\}$	$q-1$	-1	0	0	$-2 \cos(\frac{4\pi kc}{q+1})$
{1}	$q$	0	1	1	-1
$\{1, \dots, \frac{q-5}{4}\}$	$q+1$	1	$2 \cos(\frac{4\pi kc}{q-1})$	$2(-1)^c$	0
class size	1	$\frac{q^2-1}{2}$	$q(q+1)$	$\frac{q(q+1)}{2}$	$q(q-1)$

### Case $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$

classparam $k$ \ charparam $c$	{1}	{1, 2}	$\{1, \dots, \frac{q-3}{4}\}$	$\{1, \dots, \frac{q-3}{4}\}$	$\{\frac{q+1}{4}\}$
{1}	1	1	1	1	1
{1, 2}	$\frac{q-1}{2}$	$\frac{-1+i(-1)^{k+c}\sqrt{q}}{2}$	0	$(-1)^{k+1}$	$(-1)^{k+1}$
$\{1, \dots, \frac{q-3}{4}\}$	$q-1$	-1	0	$-2 \cos(\frac{4\pi kc}{q+1})$	$-2(-1)^c$
{1}	$q$	0	1	-1	-1
$\{1, \dots, \frac{q-3}{4}\}$	$q+1$	1	$2 \cos(\frac{4\pi kc}{q-1})$	0	0
class size	1	$\frac{q^2-1}{2}$	$q(q+1)$	$q(q-1)$	$\frac{q(q-1)}{2}$

Similarly, we can compute the generic fusion rules and interpolate them to  $q$  non prime-power.

## Future step

Compute the generic F-symbols for  $q$  prime-power, and see how they could be interpolated to  $q$  non prime-power...

## Philosophy

This interpolation method should work for every family ( $G(q)$ ) of finite simple groups of Lie type ( $q$  is the order of the associated finite field, a prime-power), at least at the fusion ring level. The interpolated case could be seen “intuitively” as over a finite “virtual” field of non prime-power order, in the same flavor than

- the field with one element,
- the noncommutative geometry.

**Joke** (about these “virtual” fields): a “quantum” field theory...

- **Published:**

- Ore's theorem for cyclic subfactor planar algebras, **PJM** (2018)
- Euler totient of subfactor planar algebras, **PAMS** (2018),
- Ore's theorem on subfactor planar algebras, **QT** (2020).

- **Under review** (with Zhengwei Liu and Jinsong Wu):

- Fusion Bialgebras and Fourier Analysis , **arXiv**:1910.12059

- **Current works** (with Zhengwei Liu and Yunxiang Ren):

- Triangular prism equations and categorification,
- Classification of Grothendieck rings of complex fusion categories of multiplicity one up to rank six, **arXiv**:2010.10264.
- Categorical approach to Izumi's equations of near groups,
- Interpolated family of non group-like simple integral fusion rings of Lie type.

Thanks for your attention!



# Formal table characterization of commutative fusion ring

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a commutative fusion ring. Let  $(M_i)$  be its fusion matrices, and let  $D_i = \text{diag}(\lambda_{i,j})$ , be their simultaneous diagonalization. The *eigentable* of  $\mathcal{F}$  is the table given by  $(\lambda_{i,j})$ .

## Theorem

Let  $(\lambda_{i,j})$  be a formal  $r \times r$  table. Consider the space of functions from  $\{1, \dots, r\}$  to  $\mathbb{C}$  with some inner product  $\langle f, g \rangle$ . Consider the functions  $(\lambda_i)$  defined by  $\lambda_i(j) = \lambda_{i,j}$ , and assume that  $\langle \lambda_i, \lambda_j \rangle = \delta_{i,j}$ . Consider the pointwise multiplication  $(fg)(i) = f(i)g(i)$ , and the multiplication operator  $M_f : g \mapsto fg$ . Consider  $M_i := M_{\lambda_i}$ , and assume that for all  $i$  there is  $j$  (automatically unique, denoted  $i^*$ ) such that  $M_i^* = M_j$ . Assume that  $M_1$  is the identity. Assume that for all  $i, j, k$ ,  $n_{i,j}^k := \langle \lambda_i \lambda_j, \lambda_k \rangle$  is a nonnegative integer. Then  $(n_{i,j}^k)$  are the structure constants of a commutative fusion ring and  $(\lambda_{i,j})$  is its eigentable. Moreover, every eigentable of a commutative fusion ring satisfies all the assumptions above.

## Theorem (Nikshych, 2013)

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a non-degenerate integral braided fusion category. If there is a simple object of prime-power FPdim then there is a nontrivial symmetric subcategory.

## Corollary

For  $q$  non prime-power. If the interpolated fusion ring has a simple object of prime-power FPdim then no braided categorification.

Here is the list of  $q < 200$  such that the associated fusion ring has no simple object of prime-power FPdim (so that the existence of a braided categorification is not excluded by above corollary):

- $q$  even: 34, 56, 76, 86, 92, 94, 116, 118, 134, 142, 144, 146, 154, 160, 176, 184, 186, 188,
- $q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ : 69, 77, 153, 185, 189,
- $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ : 91, 111, 115, 155, 171, 175, 183, 187.

# Simple integral fusion rings NOT of Frobenius type

Open: existence of a fusion  $\mathbb{C}$ -category not of Frobenius type (FT).

Theorem (ENO, 2011)

Any weakly group-theoretical fusion category is FT.

There are 21 simple integral fusion rings not FT of rank  $\leq 7$  and  $\text{FPdim} < 1500$  (and  $\neq p^a q^b, pqr$ ), 4 ones pass the Schur criterion:

#	rank	FPdim	type	mult.
1	6	924	[1, 7, 8, 12, 15, 21]	10
1	6	1320	[1, 9, 10, 11, 21, 24]	11
1	7	560	[1, 6, 7, 7, 10, 10, 15]	6
1	7	798	[1, 7, 8, 9, 9, 9, 21]	8

Only the two in the middle pass the *Drinfeld center criterion* (i.e. each formal codegree divides  $\text{FPdim}$ ).

Other problem: existence of a NC simple integral fusion ring.

# Classification: multiplicity one up to rank 6

## Theorem (Liu, P., Ren, 2020)

The complex Grothendieck rings of multiplicity one up to rank six:

- known fusion categories:
  - $\text{Vec}(G)$  with finite group  $G = C_n$  ( $n \leq 6$ ),  $C_2^2$ ,  $S_3$ ,
  - $\text{Rep}(G)$  with finite group  $G = S_3, S_4, D_n$  ( $4 \leq n \leq 7$ ),  $D_9, Q_8, C_3 \rtimes C_4, C_3 \rtimes S_3$ ,
  - near-group  $C_n + 0$ ,  $n \leq 5$  (Tambara-Yamagami  $\text{TY}(C_n)$ ),
  - $\text{SU}(2)_n$  ( $n \leq 5$ ),  $\text{PSU}(2)_n$  ( $3 \leq n \leq 11$ ),  $\text{SO}(3)_2, \text{SO}(5)_2$ ,
  - even part of a 1-supertransitive subfactor of index  $3 + 2\sqrt{2}$ ,
  - products of two ones above.
- new ones (# rings), none modular, some come from zesting\*:

#	FPdim	rank	type	zesting(s) of
3	8	6	$[1, 1, 1, 1, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}]$	$\text{Vec}(C_2) \otimes \text{SU}(2)_2$
1	12	5	$[1, 1, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3}, 2]$	$\text{SO}(3)_2$
1	20	6	$[1, 1, 2, 2, \sqrt{5}, \sqrt{5}]$	$\text{SO}(5)_2$
1	24	5	$[1, 1, 2, 3, 3]$	

\*zesting construction: Delaney-Galindo-Plavnik-Rowell-Zhang, 2020.