# Anyon condensation in mixed-state topological order

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[Kitaev '97]

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## $\Rightarrow$ need mixed-state TO

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mixed-state TOs are conjectured to be **classified** by **pre**modular fusion categories (Pre-MFCs),

 $\{\text{Mixed-state TOs}\} \cong \{\text{Pre-MFCs}\}.$ 

[Sohal-Prem '24][Ellison-Cheng '24]  $\{Mixed-state TOs\} \cong \{Pre-MFCs\}$ 

[Ellison-Cheng '24] also conjectured **topological invariants** of mixed-state TOs by condensing all transparent bosonic anyons.

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Clarified how to condense general anyons including

- non-invertible anyons,
- successive condensation.

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## fusion category =analogue of representation

### 2-dim. irrep. of SU(2) obeys

### $2 \otimes 2 = 4 = 1 \oplus 3.$

 $(c_i \otimes c_i^* = 1 \oplus \dots)$ 

Analogously, fusion category C has

- simple objects  $c_i \in C$ ,
- dual objects  $c_i^*$  of  $c_i \in C$
- fusion product  $\otimes$ ,
- direct sum  $\oplus$ .

Example: Ising fusion category (FC)

Ising FC= $\{1,\eta,N\}$ i.e., rank=3

It has fusion product

 $\eta \otimes \eta = 1, \quad \eta \otimes N = N = N \otimes \eta, \quad N \otimes N = 1 \oplus \eta.$ 

<u>Example</u>: Ising FC The product  $\eta \otimes \eta = 1$ ,  $\eta \otimes N = N = N \otimes \eta$ ,  $N \otimes N = 1 \oplus \eta$ is described by fusion matrices (in the basis  $\{1,\eta,N\}$ )

**Definition**.  $i \otimes j = \bigoplus_{k \in C} (N_i)_j^k k$ 

$$N_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad N_\eta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad N_N = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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Quantum dimensions obey the same multiplication rule

$$\operatorname{rank}_{i}(C) \\ d_{i}d_{j} = \sum_{k=1}^{k} N_{ij}^{k}d_{k}.$$

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From fusions  $\eta \otimes \eta = 1$ ,  $\eta \otimes N = N = N \otimes \eta$ ,  $N \otimes N = 1 \oplus \eta$ , we get

$$d_1 = 1, \quad d_\eta = 1, \quad d_N = \pm \sqrt{2}.$$

• Fusion category C may have braiding  $c_{c_1,c_2}: c_1 \otimes c_2 \to c_2 \otimes c_1$ .  $(c_1,c_2 \in C)$ 

Braided fusion category (BFC):=fusion category w/ braiding c.
 (w/ consistency conditions)

Pre-modular fusion category (Pre-MFC):=spherical BFC.

• The braiding is characterized by **conformal dimension**  $h_i$  of  $c_i$ :

$$\widetilde{S}_{ij} := \operatorname{tr}(c_{c_j,c_i}c_{c_i,c_j}) = \sum_{k=1}^{\operatorname{rank}(C)} N_{ij}^{k} \frac{e^{2\pi i h_k}}{e^{2\pi i (h_i+h_j)}} d_k.$$

• Modular fusion category (MFC):=pre-MFC w/ det( $\tilde{S}$ )  $\neq 0$ .

Example: Ising FC

The FC has (in basis  $\{1,\eta,N\}$ )

$$\widetilde{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \sqrt{2} \\ 1 & 1 & -\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & -\sqrt{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The full Ising FC is an MFC, but fusion subcategory  $\{1,\eta\}$  is **not** modular.

• **Transparent** object:= $c_i \in \text{pre-MFC}$  s.t.  $\forall c_j, c_{c_j,c_i} c_{c_i,c_j} = id_{c_i \otimes c_j}$ .

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cf)[Kong '13]



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#### Theorem 2.

[2406.14320 (KK-Kam-Huang)]

Proof.

Use mathematical

Theorem. [Bruguières '00][Mueger '98, '12]

A connected étale algebra  $A \in P$  gives a surjective

functor  $F: P \rightarrow M$  if all transparent objects have

 $e^{2\pi i h} = 1$  and A condenses all transparent simple objects.  $\Box$ 

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  - Preservation of quantum dim.,
    Consistency w/ original fusion,
    Associativity,
    Duality, etc

**Example**.  $\text{Rep}(S_3) = \{1, X, Y\}$ 

[2406.14320 (KK-Kam-Huang)]



Quantum dimensions:  $(d_1, d_X, d_Y) = (1, 1, 2)$ 

Conformal dimensions:  $(h_1, h_X, h_Y) = (0,0,0)$ , all bosons

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$$(d_1, d_X, d_Y, h_1, h_X, h_Y) = (1, 1, 2, 0, 0, 0)$$

 $\operatorname{Rep}(S_3)$  has 4 connected étale algebras

[KK '23]

 $A = 1, 1 \oplus X, 1 \oplus Y, 1 \oplus X \oplus 2Y.$ 

**Example 1**.  $1 \oplus Y \in \operatorname{Rep}(S_3)$ 

[2406.14320 (KK-Kam-Huang)]

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X		1	Y
Y			$1 \oplus X \oplus Y$

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2. Consistency

 $X \otimes Y = Y$  reduces to

$$X \oplus (X \otimes_A Y_1) = \underline{0} \oplus Y_1.$$

Since X is not condensed,  $X \neq \underline{0} \Rightarrow X = Y_1, Y_1 \otimes_A Y_1 = \underline{0}$ .

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With  $Y \to \underline{0} \oplus X$ ,  $Y \otimes Y = 1 \oplus X \oplus Y$  reduces to

 $(\underline{0} \oplus X) \oplus_A (\underline{0} \oplus X) = 2\underline{0} \oplus 2X,$ 

consistent.

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2. Consistency

 $Y \otimes Y = 1 \oplus X \oplus Y$  reduces to

$$Y_1 \oplus (Y_1 \otimes_A Y_1) = 2\underline{0}.$$

We need  $Y_1 = \underline{0}$ .

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(This can also be obtained from the last example by  $X \rightarrow \underline{0}$ .)

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Pre-MFC $\mathcal{B}$	Condensable anyon $A$	New phase $\mathcal{B}^0_A$	Topolog	gical invariant $\mathcal{A}^{\min}$	
$\operatorname{Vec}^1_{\mathbb{Z}_Z} \boxtimes \operatorname{Fib}$	$1 \oplus X$	Fib		Fib	
$\operatorname{Rep}(D_7)$	$1 \oplus X \oplus 2Y \oplus 2Z \oplus 2W$	$\operatorname{Vec}_{\mathbb{C}}$		$\operatorname{Vec}_{\mathbb{C}}$	
$\operatorname{Rep}(S_4)$	$1 \oplus X$	$\mathcal{C}(\mathrm{FR}^{4,2})$		$\operatorname{Vec}_{\mathbb{C}}$	
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	$1\oplus X\oplus 2Y$	$\operatorname{Vec}_{\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2}$ or $\operatorname{Vec}_{\mathbb{Z}_4}$			
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			$\operatorname{Vec}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}^{-1} \boxtimes \operatorname{Vec}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}^{-1}$	$(h_W = \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}),$	
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$$d_1 = d_X = d_Y = d_Z = 1, \quad d_W = 2$$

$$(h_1, h_X, h_Y, h_Z, h_W) = (0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{n}{8}) \text{ W/ } n = 0, 1, \dots, 7$$

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The pre-MFC has  $A = 1 \oplus X$ .

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2. Consistency

 $X \otimes Y = Z$  reduces to

$$\underline{0} \otimes_A Y = Z,$$

or Y = Z.

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2. Consistency

 $W \otimes W = 1 \oplus X \oplus Y \oplus Z$  reduces to

 $W \otimes_A W = 20 \oplus 2Y.$ 

We find W must **split**. Why?

**Example**.  $TY(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2) = \{1, X, Y, Z, W\}$ 

[2406.14320 (KK-Kam-Huang)]

$$W \otimes_A W = 2\underline{0} \oplus 2Y$$

Claim. W splits.

Proof.

Assume the opposite. Since *W* is self-dual,

the RHS contains only one vacuum  $\underline{0}$ , contradiction.  $\Box$ 

$$\Rightarrow W \rightarrow W_1 \oplus W_2 \le d_{W_1} = 1 = d_{W_2}.$$
 (Recall  $d_W = 2.$ )

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The fusion is now

 $(W_1 \oplus W_2) \otimes_A (W_1 \oplus W_2) = 2\underline{0} \oplus 2Y.$ 

There are 2 possibilities.

**Example**.  $\operatorname{TY}(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2) = \{1, X, Y, Z, W\}$  [2406.14320 (KK-Kam-Huang)]  $(W_1 \oplus W_2) \otimes_A (W_1 \oplus W_2) = 2\underline{0} \oplus 2Y$ Since  $W_1^* \oplus W_2^* = W_1 \oplus W_2$ , 1)  $W_{1,2}$  are self-dual, or 2)  $W_1^* = W_2$ . 1)  $W_1 \otimes_A W_1 = \underline{0} = W_2 \otimes_A W_2 \Rightarrow W_1 \otimes_A W_2 = Y = W_2 \otimes_A W_1$ .

2)  $W_1 \otimes_A W_2 = \underline{0} = W_2 \otimes_A W_1 \implies W_1 \otimes_A W_1 = Y = W_2 \otimes_A W_2.$ 

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<u>Claim</u>.  $Y \otimes_A W_1 = W_2$ ,  $Y \otimes_A W_2 = W_1$ .

Proof.

Consider when  $W_{1,2}$  are self-dual, i.e.,  $W_1 \otimes_A W_1 = \underline{0}$ .

Assume the opposite  $Y \otimes_A W_1 = W_1$ ,

and fuse  $W_1$  from the right to get  $Y = \underline{0}$ , a contradiction. Similarly for  $W_1^* = W_2$  case.  $\Box$ 

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(The difference originated from duality.)

## Summary

- Pure-state TO  $\Rightarrow$  fault-tolerant computation.
- Real computer interacts w/ environment ⇒ Mixed-state TO.
- {Mixed-state TOs}  $\cong$  {Pre-MFC}. [Sohal-Prem '24][Ellison-Cheng '24]
- Topological inv. are obtained by condensation.
- Studied anyon condensation in mixed-state TOs. [2406.14320 (KK-Kam-Huang)]

## Summary

[2406.14320 (KK-Kam-Huang)]

- Condensable anyon = connected étale algebra.
- Clarified how to condense general anyons.
- Clarified when Mixed-state TO  $\Rightarrow$  Pure-state TO.

#### • Computed topological invariants:

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## Appendix

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⇒Cooper pairs are **bosons** 

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 $\Rightarrow A \in B_1$  is an algebra object w/ unit morphism  $u : 1 \rightarrow A$ 

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 $\Rightarrow A \otimes_{B_2} A \cong A$  giving multiplication morphism  $\mu : A \otimes_{B_1} A \rightarrow A$ 

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 $\Rightarrow A \otimes_{B_1} A \cong A \oplus X$ , or A is separable

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 $\Rightarrow c_{A,A}^{B_1} \cong id_{A \otimes_{B_1} A}$ , or A is commutative

# connected étale algebra :=commutative separable alg. w/ unique vacuum

<u>Theorem 1</u>.

[2406.14320 (KK-Kam-Huang)]

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