

# A Defect Verlinde Formula [1901.08285]

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The mathematical structure of a  $(2+1)D$  bulk topological order(TO) is described by **unitary modular tensor category**(UMTC) [Fredenhagen-Rehren-Schroer:89, Moore-Seiberg:89, Kitaev:05]

TO	UMTC
anyon	simple object
fusion	Grothendieck ring
braiding	$S$ matrix ( $S_{ab} \in \mathbb{Z}(\zeta_N)$ [Ng-Schauenburg:07, Ng-Schauenburg:10] )
spin $h_a$	$T$ matrix ( $T_{aa} = e^{2\pi i h_a}$ , $h_a \in \mathbb{Q}$ [Vafa:88] )
...	...

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## Verlinde Formula (1988)

$$N_{ij}^k = \sum_r \frac{S_{ir} S_{jr} \overline{S_{kr}}}{S_{0r}}$$

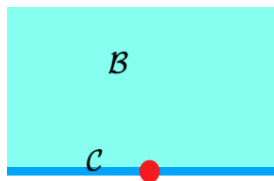
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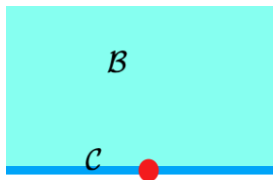


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- Gapped boundary is described by **unitary fusion category** (UFC).  
[Kitaev-Kong:12, Kong:13]
- Bulk = Center(Boundary):  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})$  [Kong-Wen-Zheng:15, Kong-Wen-Zheng:2017]



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Mathematical: (indecomposable module over) boundary UFC is equivalent to **Lagrangian algebra**  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{B}$ . [Davydov-Müger-Nikshych-Ostrik:10, Fuchs-Schweigert-Valentino:12, Kitaev-Kong:12, ...]

Bulk to boundary condensation is captured by

$$F_{\mathcal{A}} : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$$
$$a \mapsto a \otimes \mathcal{A}$$

## Informal definition

**Condensed anyons** form kernel of  $F_{\mathcal{A}}$

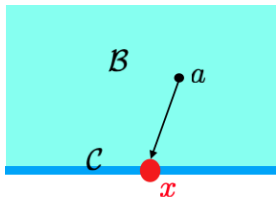
**Confined anyons** label image of  $F_{\mathcal{A}}$

# Bulk-Boundary Relation

Bulk-to-boundary  $W$  matrix [Bais-Schroer-Slingerland:02, Bais-Slingerland-Haaker:09]

$$a = \bigoplus_x W_{ax} x, \quad W_{ax} \in \mathbb{Z}^{\geq}$$

$W_{ax}$  is the “multiplicity” of  $a$  decomposing into  $x$



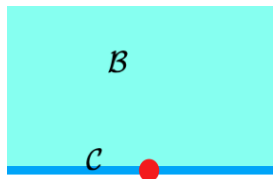
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Condensate:  $C = \bigoplus_c W_{c0} c$ .

Condensed anyon:  $c \in \mathcal{B}$  s.t.  $W_{c0} > 0$

Condensed anyons condense to trivial boundary excitation  $x = 0$ .

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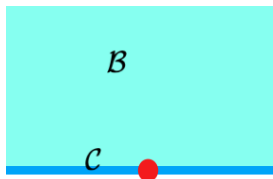
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Boundary excitation.

$$\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}) = \mathcal{B}$$

# Boundary Excitation v.s. Boundary Defect

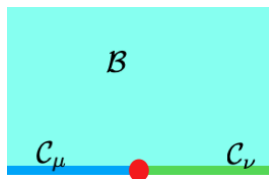
- Boundary excitations: live on one boundary, objects of boundary UFC
- Boundary defects: localized at the junction between two (different) boundaries, objects of **multi fusion category**. They're related to topological defect lines in CFT. [Petkova-Zuber:01, Fuchs-Runkel-Schweigert:08, Fuchs-Schweigert-Valentino:13, Cong-Cheng-Wang:17, ...]



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Boundary defect.

$$\mathcal{Z}(C_\mu) = \mathcal{Z}(C_\nu) = \mathcal{B}$$

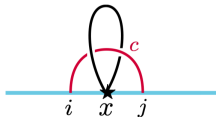
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# Half-linking $\gamma_x c_{(i,j)}$

A natural topological number **half-linking** (non-abelian generalization of [Kapustin-Saulina:11] )

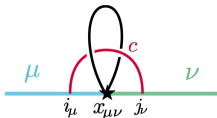
- ① create a boundary excitation  $x$  and its antiparticle
- ② create a condensed anyon  $c$  from the boundary, move it around  $x$  in the bulk, and finally annihilate it at the boundary
- ③ annihilate the pair of  $x$  (close up  $x$  line)



Half-linking  $\gamma_x c_{(i,j)}$ .

- $x$ : boundary excitation
- $c$ : condensed anyon
- $i, j$ : condensation channel (when  $W_{c0} > 1$ )

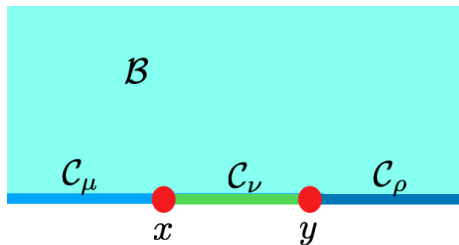
For a boundary defect



Half-linking  $\gamma_{x c}^{(\mu|\nu)}(i_\mu, j_\nu)$

- $x_{\mu\nu}$ : boundary defect
- $c$ :  $c \in C_\mu \cap C_\nu$  is shared condensed anyon
- $i_\mu$ : condensation channel (when  $W_{c0}^{(\mu)} > 0$ )
- $j_\nu$ : condensation channel (when  $W_{c0}^{(\nu)} > 0$ )

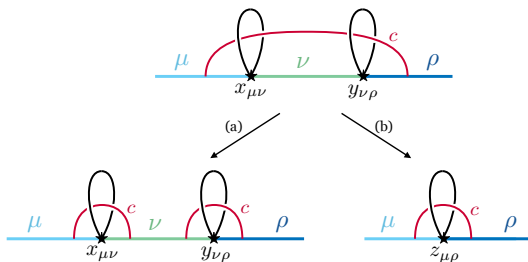
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$$x \otimes y = \bigoplus_z n_{x y}^z z$$

## Defect Verlinde Formula

$$n_{x y}^z = \sum_{c \in C_\mu \cap C_\nu \cap C_\rho} \sum_{i_\mu, i_\nu, i'_\nu, i_\rho} \gamma_{x c(i_\mu, i_\nu)}^{(\mu|\nu)} (M_c^\nu)^{-1}_{i_\nu i'_\nu} \gamma_{y c(i'_\nu, i_\rho)}^{(\nu|\rho)} (\gamma^{(\mu|\rho)})^{-1}_{c(i_\rho, i_\mu) z}$$



Normalization factor  $(M_c^\nu)_{i_\nu i'_\nu} = \gamma_{0 c(i_\nu, i'_\nu)}^{(\nu|\nu)}$

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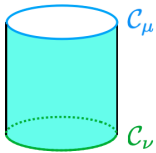
# Basis Transformation on a Cylinder

[Cong-Cheng-Wang:16]

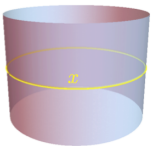
$$\#(\text{defects}) = \sum_{c \in \mathcal{B}} W_{c0}^{(\mu)} W_{c0}^{(\nu)} = \text{GSD on a cylinder.}$$

The ground state subspace of a TO on a cylinder has two sets of basis.

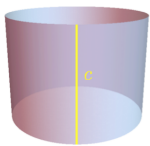
[Wang-Wen:15, Hung-Wan:15, Lou-Shen-Hung:19]



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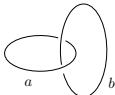
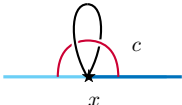
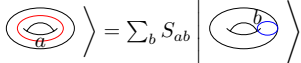
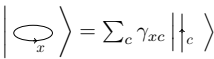
Wilson loop basis.

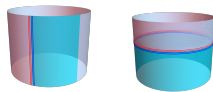


Wilson line basis.

$$\left| \begin{array}{c} \text{loop } x \end{array} \right\rangle = \sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}_\mu \cap \mathcal{C}_\nu} \sum_{i_\mu, i_\nu} \gamma_{x c}^{(\mu|\nu)} \left| \begin{array}{c} i_\mu \\ c \\ i_\nu \end{array} \right\rangle.$$

# Similarity between $S_{ab}$ and $\gamma_{xc}$

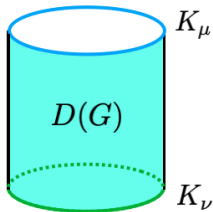
<p>Definition</p>	$S_{ab} = \frac{1}{D} \text{Diagram}(a, b)$ 	$\gamma_{xc} = \text{Diagram}(x, c)$ 
<p>Fusion</p>	$N_{ab}^c = \sum_r \frac{S_{ar} S_{br} \overline{S_{cr}}}{S_{0r}}$	$n_{xy}^z = \sum_c \gamma_{xc} M_c^{-1} \gamma_{yc} \overline{\gamma_{cz}}$
<p>(2+1)D TO</p>	$  \text{Diagram}(a) \rangle = \sum_b S_{ab}   \text{Diagram}(b) \rangle$ 	$  \text{Diagram}(x) \rangle = \sum_c \gamma_{xc}    c \rangle$ 
<p>(1+1)D CFT</p>	$\chi_a(-\frac{1}{\tau}) = \sum_b S_{ab} \chi_b(\tau)$	$\chi_x^{(\text{open})} = \sum_c \gamma_{xc} \chi_c^{(\text{closed})}$



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# Example: Abelian Quantum Double $D(G)$



Quantum double with gapped boundaries.

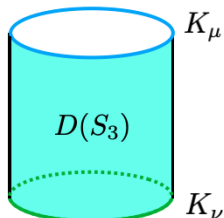
$G$  is an abelian group,  $K_\mu, K_\nu$  are subgroups.

$$\#(\text{defects}) = |K_\mu \backslash G / K_\nu| \cdot |K_\mu \cap K_\nu|$$

$$\gamma_{xc}^{(\mu|\nu)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{D}} \frac{\sqrt{|K_\mu| \cdot |K_\nu|}}{|K_\mu \cap K_\nu|} \cdot \tilde{S}_{xc}$$

$$n_{xy}^z = \sum_{c \in C_\mu \cap C_\nu \cap C_\rho} \frac{\gamma_{xc}^{(\mu|\nu)} \gamma_{yc}^{(\nu|\rho)} \overline{\gamma_{zc}^{(\mu|\rho)}}}{\gamma_{0c}^{(\nu|\nu)}} = \delta_{x+y,z}$$

# Example: Quantum Double $D(S_3)$



Quantum double  
 $D(S_3)$  with gapped  
boundaries.

$\mathfrak{C}$	$\mathcal{A}_1$	$\mathcal{A}_2$	$\mathcal{A}_3$	$\mathcal{A}_4$
$\mathcal{A}_1 = A \oplus B \oplus 2C$ $K_1 = \{1\}$	$\text{Vec}_{S_3}$	$\{\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3}\}$	$\{\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}\}$	$\{\sqrt{6}\}$
$\mathcal{A}_2 = A \oplus B \oplus 2F$ $K_2 = \mathbb{Z}_3$	$\{\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3}\}$	$\text{Vec}_{S_3}$	$\{\sqrt{6}\}$	$\{\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}\}$
$\mathcal{A}_3 = A \oplus C \oplus D$ $K_3 = \mathbb{Z}_2$	$\{\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}\}$	$\{\sqrt{6}\}$	$\text{Rep}(S_3)$	$\{\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3}\}$
$\mathcal{A}_4 = A \oplus F \oplus D$ $K_4 = S_3$	$\{\sqrt{6}\}$	$\{\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}\}$	$\{\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3}\}$	$\text{Rep}(S_3)$

Table: Boundary defects of  $D(S_3)$ . [Cong-Cheng-Wang:17]

- Diagonal: boundary fusion category
- Off-diagonal: quantum dimension of defects



# Example: Quantum Double $D(S_3)$

$$\gamma^{(3|2)} = 1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{matrix} A \\ (\sqrt{6}) \end{matrix} \{A\}$$

$$\gamma^{(3|1)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} A & C^1 & C^2 \\ \sqrt{2} & 1 & \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{2} & 1 & -\sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{2} & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \{A\} \\ \{F, p_1\} \\ \{F, p_2\} \end{matrix}$$

$$\gamma^{(3|4)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} A & D \\ \sqrt{3} & \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & -\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \{A\} \\ \{B\} \end{matrix}$$

$$\gamma^{(1|1)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} A & B & C^{1,1} & C^{1,2} & C^{2,1} & C^{2,2} \\ 1 & 1 & \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2} \\ 1 & -1 & \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 & -\sqrt{2} \\ 1 & 1 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} & \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 1 & -1 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} & -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 1 & 1 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} & -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 1 & -1 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} & \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \{e\} \\ \{sr\} \\ \{r\} \\ \{sr^2\} \\ \{r^2\} \\ \{sr^2\} \end{matrix}$$

$$\gamma^{(3|3)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} A & C & D \\ 1 & \sqrt{2} & \sqrt{3} \\ 1 & \sqrt{2} & -\sqrt{3} \\ 2 & -\sqrt{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \{A\} \\ \{B\} \\ \{F\} \end{matrix}$$



# Example: Quantum Double $D(S_3)$

Fusion of defects between  $\mathcal{A}_1 = A \oplus B \oplus 2C / \mathcal{A}_3 = A \oplus C \oplus D$ ,  
 consider  $\mathcal{A}_3 | \mathcal{A}_1 | \mathcal{A}_3$  defects fusion

$$n_{xy}^z = \frac{\gamma_{xA}^{(3|1)} \gamma_{yA}^{(1|3)} \overline{\gamma_{zA}^{(3|3)}}}{\gamma_{\{e\}A}^{(1|1)}} + \sum_{\mu, \nu=1,2} \gamma_{xC^\mu}^{(3|1)} \left( \gamma_{\{e\}}^{(1|1)} \right)_{C^\mu C^\nu}^{-1} \gamma_{yC^\nu}^{(1|3)} \overline{\gamma_{zC}^{(3|3)}}$$

the normalization  $M$  matrix is  $\gamma_{\{e\}}^{(1|1)} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \{A\}^{(3|1)} \otimes \{A\}^{(1|3)} &= \{A\}^{(3|3)} \oplus \{B\}^{(3|3)} \\ \{F, p_1\}^{(3|1)} \otimes \{F, p_1\}^{(1|3)} &= \{A\}^{(3|3)} \oplus \{B\}^{(3|3)} \\ \{F, p_2\}^{(3|1)} \otimes \{F, p_2\}^{(1|3)} &= \{A\}^{(3|3)} \oplus \{B\}^{(3|3)} \\ \{A\}^{(3|1)} \otimes \{F, p_1\}^{(1|3)} &= \{F\}^{(3|3)} \\ \{A\}^{(3|1)} \otimes \{F, p_2\}^{(1|3)} &= \{F\}^{(3|3)} \\ \{F, p_1\}^{(3|1)} \otimes \{F, p_2\}^{(1|3)} &= \{F\}^{(3|3)} \end{aligned}$$

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## Summary:

- Boundary excitations and defects on/between gapped boundaries of TO
- Fusion algebra of boundary excitations/defects (defect Verlinde formula)
- Abelian and non-Abelian  $D(S_3)$  examples.

## Outlook:

- Generalize to fermionic boundary
- More algebraic properties of  $\gamma$  matrix.

# Thanks!