# Four dimensional localisation with motivic neutrinos

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**Abstract.** Quantum gravity traditionally begins with path integrals for four dimensional spacetimes, where the subtlety is in smooth structures. From a motivic perspective, the same diagrams belong to ribbon categories for quantum computation, based on algebraic number fields. Here we investigate this divide using the principle of the neutrino CMB correspondence, which introduces a mirror pair of ribbon diagrams for each Standard Model state. Categorical condensation for gapped boundary systems extends the modular structure to encompass Kirby diagrams.

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#### 1. Introduction

In motivic gravity we study the localisation to four dimensions from a categorical perspective, which is radically different from the traditional one. From this viewpoint [1][2], physical axioms become increasingly complex, beyond the knot and ribbon categories [3][4][5] in dimension 3, which underlie topological quantum computation for anyon and gapped boundary systems [6][7][8][9][10]. We permit additional time directions, since every string in a quantum circuit is permitted to twist in its time domain, prior to the consideration of a global spacetime. In six dimensions, three times for mass generation are localised to a single time coordinate by the neutrino CMB correspondence [11][12], which associates one right handed neutrino mass to the present day CMB temperature. This thermal gravity is potentially evidenced by experiments on the topological thermal Hall effect [13][14].

In the gauge theory setting, the Jones polynomial appears [15] with Wilson loops for the Chern-Simons action. Inspired by a holographic principle for a computational mirror, or Majorana holography [16], we study Witten's tower of dimensions [17][18] using categorical algebra and number theory. The Jones invariant [19] is interpreted [17] in 4D using electric magnetic duality, and this is extended to 5D with categorification for Khovanov homology [20][21].

Electric magnetic duality is associated to the dyonic structure of ribbon particle states, which appear as mirror pairs. In the basic scheme,  $B_3$  diagrams in  $S^3$  acquire a U(1) ribbon twist to give an  $SU(2) \times U(1)$  compactified Minkowski space as an emergent feature of discrete SU(2) braid group representations. Since the gauge groups determine the spacetime, a complexification of the Chern-Simons action immediately suggests a six dimensional setting. Motivic gravity starts here [2] with two copies of CSFT: one for QCD and one for the IR scale of neutrino mass [22][23].

Topology change is morally a topos theoretic concept [24]. Exotic structures on 4-manifolds are defined by the integral form and associated knot and link diagrams [25]. In quantum topos

theory, real analysis is not a good starting point for emergent geometries in low dimensions, and one expects the axioms to merge algebraic number theory and combinatorics, just as Feynman amplitudes are evaluated in a ring of periods rather than  $\mathbb{C}$ . The appendix shows how algebraic number theory is linked to basic observables in quantum mechanics. We insist that observables dictate algebra, in order to minimise the analytical baggage that must be carried around, and analysis should be re-axiomatised in quantum logic.

The associahedron [26][27] polytope is an axiom for an *n*-category. In this paper we explain how the associahedra are closely related to knots. The connection between instanton moduli and knots is studied using fermion condensates [28], both for (supersymmetric) QCD and an IR counterpart, which we attribute to neutrino gravity [2]. Knots are extended to ribbons, which are the building blocks of template diagrams. All diagrams are interpreted category theoretically, focusing on Fibonacci anyon categories and condensation algebras, which we relate to the Kirby calculus.

The essential claim is that mass generation in gapped boundary systems has an abstract analog under the neutrino CMB ansatz, which is the true origin of inertial mass in quantum gravity. Here we do not discuss entanglement measures, black holes or AdS geometries, although obvious connections exist.

## 2. Towards 4-manifolds

## 2.1. The golden ring and Fibonacci categories

Experimental precision does not actually require  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ , except in axiomatic questions of computability. Like the adeles, where  $\mathbb{R}$  appears as the infinite prime, we imagine real manifolds emerging in infinite dimensional computations, whereas a qudit state space makes do with algebraic numbers, canonically selected by the quantum mechanical question.

Consider the various triangles in the pentagram of the appendix. The little blue triangle below the bisected top spike of the pentagram is equivalent to the top blue right angled triangle, with an angle of  $18^\circ = \tan^{-1}(\phi\rho)^{-1}$ , with  $\phi = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$  the golden ratio and  $\rho = \sqrt{\phi + 2}$  the diagonal of the golden rectangle. The little  $18^\circ$  bisects the  $36^\circ$  at the red chord, which is a piece of a smaller red pentagon, initiating a discrete zoom-in quasilattice of pentagonal coordinates for the plane. In [29] it is shown that the 8 dimensional rational half integers  $\mathbb{Z}^8/2$  may be embedded in  $\mathbb{C}$  using the golden ring  $\mathbb{Z}[\rho]$  (see the appendix). One basis of  $\mathbb{R} \subset \mathbb{C}$  is given by

$$x = x_0 + x_1\phi + x_2\rho + x_3\phi\rho$$
 (1)

for integral  $x_i$ . Eight dimensions, in the form x + iy, is an obvious setting for the  $e_8$  lattice and its intersection form.

There are four types [30] of Fibonacci ribbon category that use golden geometry: two based on minimal models and two for the affine chiral algebras  $G_{2,1}$  and  $F_{4,1}$ . Note that  $G_{2,1} \times F_{4,1} \subset E_{8,1}$ . The affine VOAs correspond to a central charge

$$c = \frac{k \dim(\mathbf{g})}{k + h^{\vee}} \tag{2}$$

at level k, and in general the deformation parameter u is given by

$$u^{-1} = e^{\pi i c/2}.$$
 (3)

For  $\phi(u^2 + 1) = -u$ , we have the usual Fibonacci objects I and X with the quantum dimension of X equal to  $\phi$ . The Yang-Lee model at the tenth root  $u = e^{\pi i/5}$  is the representations of the model M(2,5) with c = -22/5. In the modular categories, for a unitary VOA, the ribbon twist is given by the conformal weight. The modular matrices here take the form

$$S = \rho^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \phi \\ \phi & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T = u^{1/6} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & u^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (4)

For  $G_{2,1}$  at  $u = e^{3\pi i/5}$  the phase  $u^{1/6}$  in T is still golden, and similarly for  $F_{4,1}$ .

If we wanted a basic deformation of  $\omega = (-1 + \sqrt{-3})/2$  for the Eisenstein integers, we would require c = 6, which appears in a (4, 4) superconformal theory for Mathieu moonshine.

We do not use gauge theory to evaluate knot invariants. The Jones or HOMFLYPT polynomials are evaluated using skein relations, and the Khovanov complex is defined as usual using smoothings. Since our link strands are not geometric in the classical sense, what matters is the information content, or complexity, of a diagram.

#### 2.2. The role of $\mathbf{e_8}$

A 4-manifold is characterised by its integral form [25], and a key component in the classification of integral forms is the  $\mathbf{e_8}$  form

$$E_8 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$
(5)

But an **e**<sub>8</sub> manifold cannot be smooth because the form does not diagonalise over the rational integers. It does, however, diagonalise [31] over the golden integers  $\mathbb{Z}[\phi]$ , where  $\phi = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$  is the golden ratio. As is well known,  $E_8$  is positive definite, even and unimodular for closed manifolds. Let  $\sigma(Q)$  be the signature of the form Q and r(Q) its rank. All such quadratic forms take the form [25]

$$Q = \frac{\sigma(Q)}{8} E_8 \oplus \frac{r(Q) - |\sigma(Q)|}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1\\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{6}$$

where the  $2 \times 2$  factors are forms for either the torus  $T^2$  (for  $H_1(T^2, \mathbb{Z}_2)$ ) or  $S^2 \times S^2$  in dimension 4. This ambiguity will matter later on.

One important smooth space, which contains a topological component that cannot be smoothed, is the Kummer (or K3) surface, with its 22 dimensional form

$$Q_{K3} = E_8 \oplus E_8 \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$
(7)

The construction uses a connected sum of three copies of the 4-manifold  $S^2 \times S^2$ , corresponding to the triple of  $\sigma_X$  flip matrices. A quotient of this sum by a certain embedding, related to the Kummer surface, yields a fake version of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , wherein a theorem of Freedman [32] characterises good copies of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  by the conditions: simply connected, non-compact, without boundary,  $H_2(M,\mathbb{Z}) = 0$ , homeomorphic to  $S^3 \times [0,\infty)$ . It turns out that there are an uncountable number of inequivalent smooth structures on  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , and this complexity is unique to dimension 4 due to surface knotting.

The elliptic genus for the K3 surface [33] is

$$Z_{K3}(\tau, z) = 8\left[\left(\frac{\theta_2(\tau, z)}{\theta_2(\tau, 0)}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\theta_3(\tau, z)}{\theta_3(\tau, 0)}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\theta_4(\tau, z)}{\theta_4(\tau, 0)}\right)^2\right],\tag{8}$$

for  $\theta_i(\tau, z)$  the Jacobi theta functions. Nowadays it is written in terms of dimensions of irreducible representations [34] for the Mathieu group  $M_{24}$ , in Mathieu moonshine [35] and

its umbral generalisation [36]. Moonshine for the Monster group uses the j-invariant, which is analogously defined by

$$j(q) = 32 \frac{(\theta_2(0,q)^8 + \theta_3(0,q)^8 + \theta_4(0,q)^8)^3}{(\theta_2(0,q)\theta_3(0,q)\theta_4(0,q))^8}.$$
(9)

The associated Eisenstein series  $E_4$  counts vectors in the shells of the  $\mathbf{e_8}$  root lattice. The lattices underlying modular forms are fundamental. Whenever we see a triplet of terms, as in (9), we think of some form of triality. In the Jordan algebra  $J_3(\mathbb{O})$ , triality acts on the three off-diagonal copies of  $\mathbb{O}$ , and this extends to generalised  $3 \times 3$  algebras for ribbon categories.

How about the physics? As in table 1, the exact gauge symmetries  $U(1)_Q$  and color  $SU(3)_C$ are directly associated, respectively, to ribbon twists and a triplet of ribbon strands, so that the 8 negative electric charges for  $\{\nu, e^-, d, \overline{u}\}$  lie on the vertices of a 3-cube [37][38], whose directions label ribbon strands. Such a 3-cube, in figure 1, determines a basis for the octonions  $\mathbb{O}$ . Complexification brings in antiparticles, for a total 4-cube of charges, and complex conjugation is charge conjugation in the  $\mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{O}$  ideal algebra, which extends to crossing flips in the ribbon picture. A 7-cube introduces magnetic data with 7-stranded ribbon diagrams, and in general the extended M theory dimension equals twice the number of ribbon strands.

Electroweak symmetries are broken back-to-front: the Higgs mass emerges from the inverse see-saw rule [2], which pairs the Planck scale and IR neutrino mass scale at 0.01 eV. There is no need to introduce further local states beyond the SM, because the new RH neutrino is associated to a cosmological scale.

#### 2.3. The Kirby calculus and electric charge

An axiomatic approach to invariants constructs state sums from categorical data. Barrett et al [39] consider a functor from a spherical fusion category into a ribbon fusion category for the 2-handlebody of the 4-manifold, in order to define smooth invariants by weakening the sliding law in a ribbon category. A 4-manifold is determined up to diffeomorphism by its 2-handlebody attachments, where a 2-handle piece is essentially a framed knot in the  $S^3$  boundary of the 0-handle.

For a 2-handle in 4 dimensions, the framing classes are characterised by  $\pi_1(O(2)) = \mathbb{Z}$  [25], whereas in 3 dimensions the only framings are 1 or  $\theta^{1/2}$ , where  $\theta$  represents a full ribbon twist. This distinction is crucial here, because quantised electric charge is given by ribbon twists. Three dimensions only permits two charges, whereas physics requires three values  $0, \pm 1$ . Often we denote these charges [1] by the cubed roots of unity 1,  $\omega$  and  $\overline{\omega}$ , when  $\theta$  behaves like a phase. To obtain this  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  we have to go to four dimensions, and quotient out by the natural  $3\mathbb{Z}$ : a triple of half twists  $\theta^{3/2}$  equals -1 under the cubed root representation, while  $B_2 = \mathbb{Z}$  represents -1by a single half twist. In other words, electric charge appears with the holographic extension of 2 + 1 dimensions through the Kirby interpretation of diagrams.

A Kirby diagram [40] of knots and balls accounts for all the attachments in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  for a 4-manifold (there are really no real numbers; just diagrams). A single knot in the Kirby diagram will cancel a 1-handle (two balls in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ) if it has ends attached to each  $S^2$  boundary. In an Akbulut diagram, the balls of a 1-handle are replaced by marked circles, so that the entire 4-manifold is specified by a diagram for a ribbon fusion category [5]. Let us stress, we wish to replace the  $S^2 \cup S^2$  by  $S^1 \cup S^1$ , introducing gapped boundary structures.

To start with, we consider modular ribbon categories, which have a finite number of isomorphism classes of simple objects, and an invertible matrix  $s_{ij}$  defined by Hopf links on the objects *i* and *j*. Kirby framed link diagrams are associated to ribbon vertices, and we see how simple ribbon pictures may give rise to complicated links.



Figure 1. Octonion units on a cube

#### 3. Knots and gravity

#### 3.1. Electric magnetic duality

Categorical axioms lie at the foundation of both condensed matter physics and computer science. It turns out that topological insulators, for instance, are a good intuition for the dyonic mirror [41] that defines holography in the ribbon particle scheme. Every diagram is interpreted categorically, so that a cube exists in the same sense as an associahedron, which appears as an axiom for an *n*-category. On the one hand we have polytopes, and dually we have generalised string diagrams. This emphasis is different from 4-categories for geometric quantisation based on symmetry [42], but we still have to consider arrows in dimensions 0 and 1, which are trivial for a braided monoidal category. The idea is to associate geometric duality to cohomological duality, where the mirror ribbon category occupies the dual dimensions.

The electric charges of the (massless) Standard Model are listed in table 1, as ribbon diagrams on three strands, built from Dirac strings. The mirror set of diagrams introduces the extra magnetic degrees of freedom, so that particles on either side of the mirror carry dyonic charge. Observe that all neutrino helicities occur, but there are no additional local particle states beyond the SM.

The Chern-Simons action is applied to gravity in 2 + 1 dimensions [43] using the Monster CFT of central charge 24. In motivic gravity, we build a mass gap for neutrinos, and there is a second CSFT for QCD and the strong CP problem [22][23]. The partition function of [43] is the modular *j*-invariant. Recall that this invariant is defined in terms of the Eisenstein forms  $E_4$  and  $E_6$ , where  $E_4$  counts roots on the **e**<sub>8</sub> lattice. The *j*-invariant itself counts irreps for the Monster moonshine module, and its special real values include the golden ratio  $\phi = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$  [44].

Compare the factor of 32 in (9) with the common normalisation of  $1728 = 64 \times 27$ . The  $2048 = 64 \times 32$  equals  $j(\pm \phi)$ , and the set  $\{\pm \phi, \pm \phi^{-1}\}$  is included in the critical set of real values of j. The conjugates of  $\phi$  solve the quadratic in x which results from insisting on (i) the geometric sequence  $F_{n+1} = xF_n$  and (ii) the Fibonacci recursion  $F_{n+2} = F_{n+1} + F_n$ . Thus  $\phi$  is a placeholder for all rationals  $F_{n+1}/F_n$ .

To understand duality, we need to look at combinatorial degrees of freedom. Braids will be related to the associahedra. Two copies of  $\mathbf{e_8}$  have 480 roots, in

$$496 = 2(28 + 28) + 2(8 \times 8 + 8 \times 8 + 8 \times 8) \tag{10}$$

dimensions, giving 8 copies of 14 in the adjoint part. These are our *basis associahedra*. The octonion factors of 8 will be associated to 3-cubes, so that everything is encoded in dimension 4, since the tensor product corresponds to a sum of basis cube dimensions. More conventionally, the 14 trees denote a 14 dimensional theory associated to the 3-time grading [45]

$$\mathbf{e}_{8(-24)} = 14 + 64 + (SO(11,3) + 1) + 64 + 14.$$
(11)

Here the 64 = 35 + 21 + 7 + 1 counts the ordered subsets of up to three distinct units in  $e_1, \dots, e_7$ , and another 64 counts the subsets of size  $\geq 4$ . That is, we have a 3-brane and magnetic 7-brane and the usual  $SO(9,1) \simeq SL_2(\mathbb{O})$  embeds in SO(11,3). As noted above, 7 dimensions means 7 ribbon strands, for a total of 14 braid strings. One may extend [45] this further to a (19,3) theory in the tower of exceptional periodicity. Eventually we find SO(28,4) breaking to  $SO(3,3) \times SO(25,1)$ , where 32 dimensions is high enough to obtain four copies of the integers  $\mathbb{Z}^8/2$ , used to define entries in  $GL_2(\mathbb{C})$ .

Note that all higher dimensional associahedra are products of the polytopes in dimension 2 and 3 [46]. The three dimensional associahedron of figure 12 is a model for the sheaf cohomology of  $\mathbb{RP}^2$ . As is well known, the associahedra also describe the compactification of the genus zero moduli spaces  $\mathcal{M}_{0,n}$  for Riemann spheres. At very high genus, which is relevant for  $H_2$  homology in the smooth category, the moduli  $\mathcal{M}_{\infty,1}$  has a completion  $\mathcal{M}^+_{\infty,1}$  [47] such that

$$\pi_3(\mathcal{M}^+_{\infty,1}) = \mathbb{Z}_{24} + G,\tag{12}$$

for some G. Recall the stable group  $\pi_{n+3}(S^n) = \mathbb{Z}_{24}$  for  $n \geq 5$ . Baez [47] describes  $\mathbb{Z}$  as the decategorification of a category of tangles, where the objects are strings of  $n \pm \text{signs}$ . Recall that 24 signs is the setting of the Golay code, underlying the Leech lattice [48][49]. Signs for tangles exist whenever duals are present, which is the case for all our categories.

Below we put braid group generators directly on the vertices of an associahedron. But there is another deep connection between links and the associahedra, as follows. Given any pair of rooted, binary trees  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  on d leaves, there is a pairing  $h(t_1, t_2)$  which defines an element of Thompson's F group [50][51]. A traced pairing diagram built from  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  is a trivalent planar graph, whose edges may be colored with 3 colors such that each vertex carries one edge of each color. A  $\pm$  sign is then attached to each vertex, as in figure 2, depending on whether the permutation of (123) is odd or even. The sign determines a link crossing when a trivalent vertex is extended to the crossing piece [51]. It turns out that all links may be obtained this way.



Figure 2. Trivalent vertex maps to link crossing

The four color theorem for planar maps is closely related to these questions, and the connection between this theorem and pentagons has a very long history. We show a 3-coloring of an associahedron in figure 11.

#### 3.2. Qutrit rest mass eigenvalues

A *loop* is a quasigroup with an identity, in analogy to a category with a nonassociative product and noncommutative braiding. For example, the integral octonions form a finite nonassociative loop. Product tables for finite loops are Latin squares. Two simple examples of order 3 are the left unit loop and the idempotent loop,

$$L_{lu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ b & 1 & a \\ a & b & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad L_I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & b & a \\ b & a & 1 \\ a & 1 & b \end{pmatrix},$$
(13)

which are 1-circulant and 2-circulant symmetric, respectively. In general, an order 3 table is selected [52] from 9 points in the Hamming graph H(3,3), which is the 27 points on the qutrit 3-cube (see below) of length 3 words on three letters  $\{1,2,3\}$ . For example, the pure state 221 puts a 1 in both the second row and second column of  $L_{lu}$ .

Hermitian  $3 \times 3$  matrices in a generalised Jordan algebra are the natural place for rest mass triplets in the low energy regime. They are necessarily 1-circulants, belonging to a group algebra  $\mathbb{F}S_3$  on the three object permutations, and diagonalised over  $\mathbb{C}$  by the quantum Fourier transform (15). Similarly, a real  $2 \times 2$  circulant has basis  $\{1, \sigma_X\}$ , where  $\sigma_X$  is the flip Pauli matrix of signature (1, -1). We view either spacetime or momentum space [2] as a six dimensional entity, based on three  $2 \times 2$  circulants, because under the action of the Lorentz group cover  $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$ 

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} n & m \\ p & q \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q & -m \\ -p & q \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} t+z & x+iy \\ x-iy & t-z \end{pmatrix}$$
(14)

is a vector (t, x, y, z) in Minkowski spacetime, with determinant  $t^2 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2$ . Clearly it must be tripled to obtain the full (x, y, z) degrees of freedom.

When our ring R is eight dimensional over  $\mathbb{Z}$ , as above, three dimensional spaces are secretly 24 dimensional. We therefore expect to encounter fundamental phases like  $\pi/4$  and  $\pi/6$  [2]. These phases appear automatically in mutually unbiased bases [53][54][55] for qubits and qutrits. In a prime power dimension  $d = p^r$  there are d + 1 MUBs and d - 1 mutually orthogonal Latin squares, like the pair above for d = 3. More general Gauss sums for modular categories appear in [56], and the connection [57] to Frobenius algebras is discussed below.

Let  $\omega = (-1 + \sqrt{-3})/2$  be the cubed root of unity. The qutrit Fourier transform is given, up to permutations, by

$$F_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1\\ 1 & \omega & \overline{\omega}\\ 1 & \overline{\omega} & \omega \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (15)

Its columns form one basis in a set of four MUBs for qutrits. The other 3 bases form a cyclic group  $C_3 \subset S_3$ , and a cyclic group  $C_d$  appears in any prime power dimension  $d = p^r$  [55]. The density matrices of these columns are the idempotents

$$B = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \omega & \overline{\omega} \\ \overline{\omega} & 1 & \omega \\ \omega & \overline{\omega} & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad C = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \overline{\omega} & \omega \\ \omega & 1 & \overline{\omega} \\ \overline{\omega} & \omega & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{16}$$

and a Hermitian mass operator is a combination of these idempotents. Let

$$\sqrt{M} = aA + bB + cC \tag{17}$$

for a, b, c real. Our masses are the squares of the three eigenvalues of  $\sqrt{M}$ , accounting for the chiral components of our mass states. Without loss of generality, fix a mass scale by the rule  $(a + b + c)^2 = 1$ . The Koide rule [58][59] follows from the eigenvalues of the charged lepton matrix

$$\sqrt{M} = \frac{\sqrt{\mu}}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & \theta & \overline{\theta} \\ \overline{\theta} & \sqrt{2} & \theta \\ \theta & \overline{\theta} & \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix},$$
(18)

where the scale  $\mu = 4/3$  follows from (a + b + c) = 1. For charged leptons, the 4 in  $\mu$  rescales to the mass of the proton, and the observed value of  $\theta$  is close to 2/9. The quarks have mass matrices whose phases are 1/3 and 2/3 of this value. The observed neutrino scale is around 0.01 eV, and its phases are  $2/9 \pm \pi/12$  [2][60].

We embed our Hermitian elements from  $J_3(\mathbb{C})$  in a higher dimensional exceptional Jordan algebra [2]. The 2/9 Koide parameter is associated to the charge  $U(1)_Q$  in the  $\mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{O}$  algebras, so that we can start with the fundamental  $\pm \pi/12$  neutrino phases in  $J_3(\mathbb{C}) \subset J_3(\mathbb{O})$ . Recall that triality acts on the three off-diagonal copies of  $\mathbb{O}$  in a 3 × 3 element of this algebra, and all circulants belong to a group algebra for the permutations  $S_3$ , which is our basic Hopf algebra [61]. Mass matrices use the cyclic group  $C_3 \subset S_3$ , and diagonal mass triplets are functions on  $C_3$ , so that under the Fourier transform the quantum double  $D(S_3)$  of  $S_3$  looks like an algebra  $\mathbb{F}C_3 \otimes \mathbb{F}C_3$ , in which electric magnetic duality will become completely transparent.

The Fibonacci  $B_3$  representation is  $2 \times 2$ , fitting in three ways into our generic  $3 \times 3$  matrices. A circulant mixing factor is automatically in  $SU(2) \times U(1)$ , and the product of  $F_3$  and the real form of the tribinaximal matrix gives a  $3 \times 3$  representation [60] of the arithmetic phase  $\pi/12$ . Fibonacci categories also have doubles, which are a natural setting for mirror pairs.

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$\overline{ u}$	$ \begin{matrix} \sigma_1 \sigma_2^{-1} \\ \sigma_1^{-1} \sigma_2 \end{matrix} $	$\sigma_2^{-1}\sigma_1\\\sigma_2\sigma_1^{-1}$			
$ \begin{array}{c} e^{-}\\ e^{+}\\ \overline{u}\\ d\\ \underline{u}\\ \overline{d} \end{array} $	()	(+++)	(0) (-00) (++0) (+00)	(0)(0 - 0)(0 + +)(0 + 0)	(-0-) (0) (+0+) (00+)

 Table 1. Standard Model electric braid states

#### 4. The categorical perspective

## 4.1. Beyond set theory

Axiomatically, quantum gravity is about categorical logic for propositions involving the quantum vacuum, whose structure begins with the cosmological neutrino ansatz [1][2]. Recall that classical logic employs sets and distributive lattices, where Stone's theorem [62] states that the space associated to a lattice is Hausdorff if and only if the lattice is Boolean, defining a category of Stone spaces, which is a special limit of the category of finite sets. Ordered Stone spaces are essentially *coherent* spaces, and coherent locales are essentially locales of ideals in a distributive lattice. Distributive lattices are Boolean only if all prime ideals are maximal. In short, classical spaces are derived from lattice algebras with a number theoretic flavour.

Quantum mechanics immediately requires nondistributive lattices, and axioms for higher dimensional categories [63][64]. The polytopes of scattering theory [64] associate particle number with dimension, naturally introducing infinite dimensional categories, starting with the 1-operad of the associahedra. The category of Hilbert spaces for quantum mechanics is a symmetric monoidal category, but for gravity we permit a non trivial braiding.

Replacing the Boolean truth values  $\{0, 1\}$  with  $\mathbb{R}$  takes us from Stone duality to either Gelfand duality (for commutative rings) or  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} = S^1$  in Pontryagin duality. But we need not give  $S^1$ 

a real structure immediately when algebraic number fields are in play, so long as we note that  $S^1$  should contain a copy of every cyclic group. Quantum mechanical propositions localise to definite rational prime powers, like  $p = 2^2$  for two qubits. Only a maximal category of all possible state spaces would require a notion of real number. Thus our braid loops are not at all  $S^1$  spaces in the usual sense.

For nonperturbative structures, we need a monadic connection between algebra and geometry, defining endofunctors on true categories of motives. If a ring R is commutative, its set of idempotents forms a Boolean algebra, and any commutative R is a ring of global sections for a sheaf on a Stone space [62]. The canonical such sheaf is the *Pierce sheaf*, based on the Stone space spec I(R), where I(R) are the idempotents of R. Pierce decompositions extend to noncommutative and nonassociative algebras based on  $\mathbb{H}$  and  $\mathbb{O}$ . In particular, the integral part of the exceptional Jordan algebra  $J_3(\mathbb{O})$  plays a key role in motivic gravity [2][45][65].

Nondistributive lattices in ordinary quantum mechanics are usually commutative, because for vector spaces the unions  $V \wedge W$  are commutative. Tensor products are also weakly commutative in the symmetric monoidal structure, just as Cartesian products are for sets. Our braidings break this symmetry, and this braiding characterises the particle spectrum of the Standard Model. Distributivity is discussed further in the last section.

## 4.2. Frobenius and Hopf algebras

Mutually unbiased bases [53][54][55] and related observables in ordinary quantum mechanics are associated to algebra objects in a symmetric monoidal category. A pair of complementary observables [57] determines a pair of interlaced Frobenius algebras, which form Hopf algebras as follows.

A dagger symmetric monoidal category has an involutive functor  $\mathcal{C}^o \to \mathcal{C}$  which equals the identity for objects, and an arrow f is self-adjoint if  $f^{\dagger} = f$ . In a strict monoidal category  $\mathcal{C}$ , we consider the subcategory  $\mathcal{P}$  generated under  $\otimes$  by a single object. For example, take all qubit spaces in the category of finite dimensional Hilbert spaces. Since the objects in such a subcategory are labelled by  $\mathbb{N}$ , it is called a PRO. A strict monoidal functor  $\mathcal{P} \to \mathcal{C}$  will be called a  $\mathcal{P}$ -algebra (the usual term is T-algebra, but this has multiple meanings for us). If there is a symmetric group action, a PRO is known as a PROP.

Now consider a PROP for commutative monoids, generated by an object P. There are multiplications  $\mu : P \otimes P \to P$  and unit maps  $\eta : 1 \to P$ , where as usual  $\mu$  is depicted as a trivalent vertex and associativity holds. Anything can be weakened in higher dimensions, but this is a reasonable setting for quantum mechanics. The cocommutative comonoids have upside down diagrams, with a coproduct  $\delta : P \to P \otimes P$  and counit  $\epsilon : P \to 1$ .

We care about the PROP [57] for commutative Frobenius algebras. These are bialgebras  $(\mu, \eta, \delta, \epsilon)$  such that string duality holds on the 4-valent diagrams  $\delta\mu : P \otimes P \to P \otimes P$ . If it is also the case that  $\mu\delta = 1$ , the algebra is special. For the special commutative Fronenius algebras in a dagger category, the spider theorem [66] says that all tree components (both upward and downward pointing arrows  $P^n \to P^m$ ) collapse to a single vertex, so that the fusion trees are unimportant. This PROP is equivalent to the category of cospans on finite sets.

It turns out that we have a *dagger special commutative Frobenius algebra* exactly when an orthonormal basis  $\{p_i\}$  for P satisfies

$$\delta_1: p_i \mapsto p_i \otimes p_i, \quad \epsilon_1: p_i \to 1 \tag{19}$$

for all *i*. That is, a basis vector is grouplike for the coproduct, meaning that it is copied like a classical operation. Our quantum monad for gravity is motivated by this concrete description of measurement, which singles out set like objects in a basis. For a Hilbert space of dimension n, let  $i, j \in 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ . Then there is an algebra with  $\mu_2 : p_i \otimes p_j \mapsto p_i + p_j$  and  $\eta_2 : p_0 \to 1$ . It is only weakly special, as  $\mu \delta = n \cdot 1$ , bringing in the normalisation factors for MUBs.

Another important coproduct, written here for a finite abelian group, is  $\delta_2 : g \mapsto \sum_{a+b=g} a \otimes b$ . The pair  $(\mu_2, \delta_2)$  form a Frobenius algebra. For quantum complementarity, the trick is to mix up the algebras and coalgebras on a Frobenius diagram, because with a Fourier transform, we are interested in interacting observables. So we color the  $\mu$  vertex differently from the  $\delta$  vertex, and the two mixed algebras  $(\mu_1, \delta_2)$  and  $(\mu_2, \delta_1)$  are Hopf algebras. For example, for a finite abelian group,  $(\mu_2, \delta_1)$  is the group algebra and  $(\mu_1, \delta_2)$  applies to group characters. Coproducts of the form  $\delta_2$  underlie the construction of Jordan algebra pairs. In these commutative Hopf algebras, the antipode always satisfies  $S^2 = 1$ .

For condensation in gapped boundary systems, where fusion becomes important, we permit a weakening of such structures, but the algebra object remains commutative, as we would expect for an observable that manifests itself in classical reality.

## 4.3. The pentagon of trees

Let us return to the basics of polytopes and braids. A finite dimensional module over a ring R typically has a basis set. For example, figure 1 is the lattice of subsets for a three element set  $\{I, J, K\}$ , which form a basis for space. Here we have reduced the 8 dimensions of  $\mathbb{O}$  to a 3 dimensional object, whose seven non trivial units give the Fano plane. Given a three element set  $\{I, J, K\}$ , its subsets are generated by the polynomial

$$(x+I)(x+J)(x+K),$$
 (20)

and similarly for any *n* point set. Setting I = J = K = 1 recovers the binomial coefficients, which generalise to the Gaussian polynomials when I = 1,  $J = t^2$ ,  $K = t^{-2}$ . For four variables, the Gaussian polynomials come from  $\{t^{-3}, t^{-1}, t, t^3\}$ , and so on. Thus polynomials in more variables may be obtained when I, J and K are not fixed in the usual fashion.

For quantum logic, elements are initially lines, rather than points. In figure 3, we replace words by line configurations. Each letter represents an intersection point, so if we look at the intersection points on the lines, the double letters (IJ etc.) disappear from the cube, leaving a 5-cell of five points. Such 5-cells often appear in higher dimensional lattices.



Figure 3. 5-cell from three lines

A planar projection of a 5-cell is a pentagon. The pentagon of figure 4 carries a variety of labellings. As the first polytope in the sequence of associahedra, it's vertices are the binary rooted trees with five leaves, including the root. The noncommutative forests are easily derived from the trees by looking at the areas between the tree edges. These labels exist for the associahedron in any dimension.



**Figure 4.** The pentagon vertices as (i) binary rooted trees (purple) (ii) noncommutative forests (brown) (iii) non-crossing partitions (orange)

Another natural labelling of the pentagon uses elements of the braid group  $B_3$ , which has generators  $\sigma_I$  and  $\sigma_J$  satisfying the group law

$$\sigma_I \sigma_J \sigma_I = \sigma_J \sigma_I \sigma_J. \tag{21}$$

Observe how the blue words on the pentagon match the non-crossing partitions of the dot triangle, when the vertices on the triangle are labelled I, J, K. Now we use the letters I, J and K to represent elements of  $B_3$  and include other elements of  $B_3$  to cover all vertices of the pentagon. A non-crossing partition indexes a braid [67][68] when the partition is assigned a permutation in  $S_3$ , such that the identity 1 is the source of the pentagon, as shown. Given 3 points in a disc, the permutation looks at the triangle defined by the 3 points and says where the braid will send each point around the triangle.

In this way, the braid group  $B_n$  in any dimension is mapped to the vertices of the associahedron in dimension n-1, and the generators of  $B_n$  are mapped to initial directions on the polytope. Our ribbon charges correspond to vertices on the cubes, and we combine all relevant polytopes in a higher dimensional operad for ribbon diagrams.

#### 4.4. Fibonacci braids and condensation

An example of a cyclic  $B_3$  representation in  $\mathbb{H}$  is [69]

$$\sigma_{12} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1+i), \quad \sigma_{23} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1+j), \quad \sigma_{13} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1+k).$$
(22)

The pentagon also includes the identity 1 and the product  $\sigma_{12}\sigma_{23}\sigma_{13}$ . Under the Pauli matrix representation for  $\mathbb{H}$  we have

$$\sigma_{12}\sigma_{23}\sigma_{13} = \frac{\mathbf{i}}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1\\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{23}$$

which is the Fourier transform. A rotation of this representation in SU(2) takes us to the Fibonacci anyon representation, which is  $2 \times 2$  for  $B_3$ . Consider now the closely related  $3 \times 3$  cyclotomic representation of the four strand braid group  $B_4$  in [70], namely

$$\sigma_{1} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{3\pi i/5} + \phi e^{-3\pi/5} & 0 & 0\\ 0 & e^{3\pi i/5} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & e^{3\pi i/5} \end{pmatrix},$$
(24)  
$$\sigma_{2} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{3\pi i/5} + \phi^{-1}e^{-3\pi i/5} & 0 & \phi^{-1/2}e^{-3\pi i/5}\\ 0 & e^{3\pi i/5} & 0\\ \phi^{-1/2}e^{-3\pi i/5} & 0 & e^{3\pi i/5} + e^{-3\pi i/5} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\sigma_3 = \begin{pmatrix} e^{3\pi i/5} & 0 & 0\\ 0 & e^{3\pi i/5} + \phi^{-1}e^{-3\pi i/5} & \phi^{-1/2}e^{-3\pi i/5}\\ 0 & \phi^{-1/2}e^{-3\pi i/5} & e^{3\pi i/5} + e^{-3\pi i/5} \end{pmatrix}.$$

A similar representation exists for all  $B_n$  with  $n \ge 3$  in a dimension given by the corresponding Fibonacci number, and is universal for quantum computation. The qutrit components for the Fibonacci anyon are labeled by the words IX, XI and II, where I and X are the two objects and  $X \otimes X \simeq I + X$  is the non trivial fusion rule.

Fibonacci fusion is an example of near-group fusion [71] on a not necessarily invertible object X, namely

$$X \otimes X \simeq G + kX,\tag{25}$$

for a group G and ordinal k. For |G| = k+1, the category exists only when G is the multiplicative part of a finite field, the cyclic group  $C_{p^r-1}$ . Examples of interest include  $(G, k) = (C_2, 1)$ , which has three  $\otimes$  structures [71], and  $(C_{p-1}, p-1)$  for a prime p, which defines a sequence Fib<sub>p</sub> of Fibonacci categories, starting at p = 2. At p = 3 we obtain the rule

$$X \otimes X \simeq I_1 + I_2 + 2X, \tag{26}$$

where we write  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  for the objects in G. This is known as the  $\mathbf{e}_6/2$  rule. The prime p corresponds to the qudit dimension of the discrete cubes, where the usual parity cubes give qubit states. Thus the trit at p = 3 gives a cube whose dimension is fixed by the number of X letters in a word. For example, the 9 point square holds all words with only one X, such as  $I_1XI_1$  at 11 or  $I_2X$  at 20.

Hopf algebras graded by G generalise supersymmetry [72], which we see here at p = 3. Here the object  $I_1 + (I_1 + I_2)$  in the category of vector spaces has a unique  $C_2$ -graded Hopf structure which is a quotient of  $\mathbb{C}[x, y]$  with an antipode S(x) = x and S(y) = -y. The category of  $C_2$ graded vector spaces is thought of as a condensation of the modules for the Hopf structure, which happen to give the category of representations of the permutation group  $S_3$ . Recall that the double  $D(S_3)$  governs electric magnetic duality, as discussed below.

The ordinary Fibonacci category Fib<sub>2</sub> is a condensation of its double category, with special object 2I + X [72]. In this case we have an unconventional antipode satisfying  $S^{10} = 1$ , where

$$S = \mathbf{1}_{I_1} + \mathbf{1}_{I_2} - \frac{\phi^{-1} + \rho i}{2} \mathbf{1}_X,$$
(27)

with  $\rho = \sqrt{\phi + 2}$ .

By definition [72], an algebra object A in a braided fusion category is *condensable* if (i)  $m\sigma_{UV} = m$  is commutative (ii) Hom(1, A) is equivalent to the underlying field, and (iii) the multiplication m comes with a splitting map  $A \to A \otimes A$ . Compare this to the commutative Frobenius algebras. The only new thing is connectedness, condition (ii), which is true for Hilbert spaces by linearity. A condensation functor  $\mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{C}_A$  has a right adjoint, and the composition of adjoints is a Hopf comonad. Thus condensation is the correct setting for the quantisation of classical monads, such as the power set monad for classical logic.

A monad T with its structure map  $T^2 \to T$  is the ultimate generalisation of an idempotent for measurement. Abstract condensation is encoding the collapse of the wave function. Observe how the Fibonacci fusion rule  $X \otimes X \simeq X \oplus I$  may be interpreted: as a projective idempotent of the form  $X^2 = IX$ .

For the Fibonacci anyons,  $\phi$  is the quantum dimension of X. Including a mirror, we obtain both electric and magnetic diagrams, forming dyonic matter at the cosmological horizon. Alternatively, we start with a duality between the 3 point set and the 7 pieces in the intersecting

Venn diagram for the subsets of the 3 point set. Adding antimatter, we get the 4 + 7 = 11 dimensions of M theory, within a much larger geometric framework.

Now consider ribbon representations, starting with representations for the quantum double of a finite group. These categories arise with the condensation of anyons to a surface boundary. The Dijkgraaf-Witten model in [9] uses an inner and outer rectangle of plaquettes in a discrete gauge theory for  $G = S_3$ , and an initial Kitaev quantum double Hamiltonian. Here a ribbon is a chain of simplices in the lattice, and each simplex carries a qudit. The ribbon operators on the lattice form a Hopf algebra dual to D(G).

Gapped boundary types correspond to subgroups of G, such as our  $C_3 \subset S_3$ . Recall that  $D(C_3)$  uses the Fourier transform  $F_3$  to make electric magnetic duality manifest [61]. Elementary excitations, for a finite group G [9], are dyonic pairs (m, e), where the magnetic charge m is a conjugacy class for G and the electric charge e is an irrep for its centraliser. In other words, a dyon is an irrep for the quantum double. For example,  $m = \{(231), (312)\}$  and  $e = C_3$ . This explains the choice of particle braids in table 1.

Anyon fusion occurs when two excitations are brought to the same simplex on the lattice. Compare this to figure 7, where two types of overlap triangle are possible. In defects on the boundary, these two options define two distinct tensor products. A gapped boundary in [9] is a condensable algebra object  $\mathcal{A}$ , in a unitary modular tensor category, which is also Lagrangian, meaning that the quantum dimension of  $\mathcal{A}$  is the square root of the full category dimension.

A collection of n gapped boundaries (internal rectangles on the lattice) models n marked points on a Riemann sphere, and hence n anyons for the fusion trees on the associahedron with n leaves. A sequence of splittings from the vacuum object, followed by condensation of n objects to the vacuum, is exactly a choice of two trees on the associahedron, which defines an element of Thompson's F group, as described in section 3.1. These are ground state degeneracies. Thus two boundaries  $\mathcal{A}_1$  and  $\mathcal{A}_2$ , along with the vacuum, define a pair of pants diagram, and in this case a bulk anyon particle/antiparticle pair (which condenses) may be represented by a (Wilson) line connecting the two holes on a surface.

Condensation introduces 3j symbols into the structure of the category, for the diagram that first fuses two bulk anyons and then condenses them. The symbols have six indices: three for the 2 + 1 bulk anyons and three for the condensation vertices on both this diagram, and the diagram where the two anyons condense straight away. The required axiom is a pentagon with four 3j arrows and one fusion arrow [9], and the commutativity of condensation relates the 3jto the braiding operator. Finally, a 6j symbol is defined across the boundary by a mirror pair of 3j equations, summing over both the input bulk fusion and the mirror fusion index.

The  $3 \times 3$  algebras for  $B_4$  are augmented by MUBs for Dirac operators, including a  $4 \times 4$ Fourier MUB for the  $\gamma_5$  matrix. This now appears in the Lie algebraic triality automorphism  $\tau$ for  $D_4$  in terms of the modular S and T matrices for the toric code fusion category, for which  $G = S_2$  in the above. That is,

The 4-basis is  $\{1, e, m, em\}$  [9], and the Lagrangian algebras are  $\mathcal{A}_1 = 1 + e$  and  $\mathcal{A}_2 = 1 + m$ . Condensation sends 1 and e to 1, and m and em to m, and the braiding moves one hole around another.

Consider again the planar pants diagram, with a bulk anyon line connecting the circles. A pair of  $S^1$  circles is a toric analog of the pair of  $S^2$  which form a 1-handle in a Kirby diagram. Thus a single bulk anyon ribbon is a natural surface analog of the cancelling 2-handle, and for both  $T^2$  and  $S^2 \times S^2$  the  $2 \times 2$  intersection form is given by  $\sigma_X$  in (6).

Thus we interpret the three copies of  $\sigma_X$  in (7) as three gapped boundaries for mass generation. Then for  $D(C_3)$  we have two condensates:  $1 + e + \overline{e}$  and  $1 + m + \overline{m}$ . This category is the same as  $SU(3)_1 \times \overline{SU(3)}_1$ , which we can represent with two surface layers, so that the bulk line between two holes is categorified to a cylinder handle connecting the holes on different sheets. Sliding tubes around each other in this 3-space is analogous to the spherical category functors used in [39] to define smooth 4-manifold invariants.

The usual Fibonacci category is a condensation of its double. The representation of  $B_n$  in (24) comes with a ribbon twist map  $\theta_X = -e^{\pm \pi i/5} \mathbf{1}_X$ . We assume that the  $\sqrt{\phi}$  appears as a Lagrangian dimension for some higher dimensional structure, and the antipode of (27) also requires rings with the number  $\rho$ , as expected. Recall that the scale factors  $(1, \phi)$  are associated to one copy of  $\mathbf{e_8}$ , introducing a (4, 4) metric under the negative norms involving  $\phi$ .

#### 4.5. Templates and ribbons

Categorification is inevitable in quantum computation, where lines are thickened to ribbon strips, used to build surfaces with boundaries. A *template* is a branched surface which includes ribbon vertices, as shown in figures 5 and 6. In 1995, Ghrist [73] showed that there exists a template with four holes containing *all* knots and links, as one would expect for a DNA code.



Figure 5. A two-holed Lorenz attractor with blue path

Everything happens in either three or six dimensions, because the higher dimensions of extended M theory just correspond to extra strands in our braid diagrams. This has been discussed elsewhere. Figure 6 illustrates the standard product and coproduct diagrams for a bialgebra, reading the processes down the page. Templates [74] also include up and down ribbon caps for duality, as in the Lorenz template of figure 5.



Figure 6. Template vertices

A template diagram has a framed link equivalent, as shown in figure 7. Kirby moves act on the framed links.

For the  $B_3$  diagrams, there exists a universal representation of SU(2) using the Fibonacci anyons [70][75]. Our Standard Model particle braids [76][64][37][38] assign SU(3) color to a choice of one in three twisted ribbon strands, and the twist is a U(1) charge, as in table 1.



Figure 7. Framed links for template vertices

### 4.6. Simplices and polytopes

A discrete cube is a cubic piece of the integral lattice with d points along each edge segment. Its vertex coordinates are noncommutative words in the integer letters. For commutative coordinates, we take diagonal slices. For example, the two words (10) and (01) sit at either end of a diagonal line across the square in the plane. We replace letters with the variables X and Y, so that the integers count the number of appearances of X and Y in a word. Then X and Y are directions in space. For a three letter qutrit alphabet, we get a 2-simplex, as in the examples of figure 8.



Figure 8. Discrete simplices on three letters

A pentagon has natural integer coordinates [77], as in figure 9, so that three pentagons sit inside the tetractys simplex on the right. The three corresponding cubes represent the three mass generations of the Standard Model. Observe the correspondence between these coordinates and words on the pentagon of figure 4. We can do this for the associahedron in every dimension, using discrete simplices with d + 1 points on each edge.



Figure 9. Coordinates for a pentagon

The three dimensional associahedron of figure 11, with 14 vertices, has 24 triangular faces when each of its six pentagons is divided into three triangles. When all faces are triangulated, the associahedron is dual to the 24 vertex permutohedron for  $S_4$ . Coordinates for the associahedron are extended [1] to the 120 vertex polytope of figure 10, which is a pentagon blow up of the permutohedron. Two copies of this polytope catalog the 240 roots of  $\mathbf{e_8}$ , which are associated to the integral points of the Jordan algebra  $J_3(\mathbb{O})$  [65]. The two copies are scaled by the factors  $(1, \phi)$  in the icosian integers. The scaling  $\rho$  introduces another two copies, putting 16 dimensions into the 6 dimensions of gravity. The  $\mathbf{e_8}$  roots in the magic plane attach Jordan algebra elements to the six points of the star, lying inside the six points of the  $\mathbf{a_2}$  plane. These are the 12 points of  $\mathbf{g_2}$  coming from the vertices of the cuboctahedron on the three qutrit cube.

Again, the 24 vertices of the permutohedron are each blown up to obtain the 120 vertex permutoassociahedron of figure 10. Let us divide the 24 pentagons into two sets, green and red. The green lines connecting the 12 green pentagons form the icosahedron, with 20 triangular faces.



Figure 10. Icosahedron inside the permutoassociahedron

The 12 vertices of the icosahedron have traditional coordinates of the form  $(0, \pm 1, \pm \phi)$ , with cyclic permutations. The 6 lines through a centred pentagon on the icosahedron come from a 6 dimensional lattice. In figure 10, the 8 green triangles inside a 12-gon form a square on 8 out of 20 vertices of the dodecahedron. These are the vertices  $(\pm 1, \pm 1, \pm 1)$ , where the other 12 coordinates are cycles of  $(0, \pm \phi, \pm (\phi - 1))$ . The 12 vertices of the icosahedron are similar to the 12 vertices of the cuboctahedron, inscribed on the 12 edges of a cube.

The golden number  $\rho$  appears in the right angled triangle with an angle of 36° and side lengths ( $\sqrt{5}, 2\rho, \phi\rho$ ). A pentagram component is the right angled triangle (1,  $\sqrt{\phi}, \phi$ ). To include  $1/\sqrt{\phi}$ , as in (24), we need integers of degree 8, or 16 with the complexification of (27).

A discrete direction in our computational space is labelled by the toric paths 1, X, XX, and so on. Given the qudit interpretation, we want an auxilliary space whose directions are given by prime powers, so that all qubit cubes are given by a discrete edge, as in the sides of triangles in figure 8. The figure 8 simplices then belong to higher dimensional qutrit cubes, where the dimension is determined by the number of letters in the word labelling a point. Thus as usual the commutative tetractys diagram gives the 27 points on the 3-cube. The central word XYZ holds 6 permutations for the six paths on the little cube with target point XYZ. But in dimension 4, the 81 path 2-simplex now labels points on a 4-cube. So we can either increase the number of points along an edge in dimension p, and take the diagonal simplex, or we can fix p points on an edge and increase the dimension. In the former case, the dimension is constrained by the qudits, and four dimensions carries 4-simplices for 5-dits, while two dimensions carries

the qutrits.



Figure 11. 3-coloring of the associahedron

Introducing the prime 7 in dimension six, we get the cubicuboctahedron and the Mathieu group  $M_{24}$  [78], starting with a permutoassociahedron model for the genus 3 surface. The seven primes (including 1) p that divide the order of  $M_{24}$  are precisely those such that p+1 is a divisor of 24.  $M_{24}$  has 26 irreps, and their dimensions satisfy nice properties. Only the largest irrep, at dimension 10395, has a new prime factor, namely the 24th prime 83.

#### 5. Motivic pairings

PROP categories rely on a higher dimensional notion of distributivity [57][79]. For quantum logic, where set cardinality is replaced by dimension, the reals are automatically infinite dimensional, and we would like to think of distributivity in  $\infty$ -categories. Here however, it depends on a braiding between  $\otimes$  and  $\oplus$  structures.

Observe that while all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  have a unique prime factorisation, all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  also have a unique sum decomposition  $\sum_i F_i$  into non consecutive Fibonacci numbers. So we think of the  $\infty$ category distributivity in terms of maps between the product and sum representations. Morally, this canonical category of motives underlies L functions, like the Riemann zeta function. The  $B_i$  matrix representations have increasing dimensions  $F_i$ , while there is also a state space of dimension  $n = p_1^{r_1} \cdots p_k^{r_k}$  under  $\otimes$ . Presumably the associahedra components within the operad build symmetric trees for a renormalisation Hopf algebra.

All computations are motivic. An integral is a pairing between universal homology and cohomology. The isomorphism between these spaces is natural in a category whose objects have both a geometric and algebraic interpretation, wherein our topological field theories become monadic endofunctors. Such a pairing is generically a functor  $F : \mathcal{C}^o \times \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{R}$ , so that a map between two such functors F and G is a dinatural transformation  $\alpha$  [80], which satisfies the hexagonal rule

$$F(D,C) \to F(C,C) \to^{\alpha_C} G(C,C) \to G(C,D) =$$

$$F(D,C) \to F(D,D) \to_{\alpha_D} G(D,D) \to G(C,D)$$
(29)

for every  $f: C \to D$  in C. So it's basically a natural transformation for the spans and cospans on an original category of sets. Given such a functor F, a *coend* of F is a pair  $(C, \alpha)$ , with Can object and  $\alpha$  a dinatural transformation  $F \to C$  that maps F to a constant.

Let C be a coend in a ribbon category C. A Kirby element in a ribbon category [81] is a morphism  $f : 1 \to C$  such that any framed link L on n strands defines a good invariant  $T(L, f) = a_L \circ f^{\otimes n}$ , where  $a_L : C^{\otimes n} \to 1$  is the unique arrow that attaches the link to an object  $X_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes X_n$ . In a ribbon fusion category, with a finite set s of simple objects, a coend has the form  $C = \bigoplus_{i \in s} X_i^* \otimes X_i$ . In the double Fibonacci category Fib<sub>2</sub>, this gives us the special object 2I + X.

Under the Thompson group construction of section 3.1, a fusion vertex can become a braid crossing on a link. But we can never obtain a 3-coloring at a vertex in the Fibonacci category. In a category where we can have three colors at a vertex, like an annihilation  $(e, \overline{e}, 1)$  interaction vertex, the bulk fusions in a ground state  $1 \rightarrow 1$  diagram are removed, and there are no vertices in the resulting link diagram. If the initial crossings lie inside a set of holes on the link diagram, the hole boundaries are then connected by non crossing lines, as for planar algebra diagrams. We see then that these holes add structure to the local cutouts used in skein relations.

Finally, figure 12 is a heuristic view of a proper helicity neutrino at the Thompson scattering mirror, with a collapsed RH braid representing the sterile state of the CMB.

The moral of the story is that motivic geometry cares about numbers. We do not start with messy real or complex analysis, or classical gauge groups, since these methods rightly exist only as a limit of local (meaning at a prime) computational diagrams.



Figure 12. Neutrino braid at mirror with RH line

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#### Appendix A. Number Theory

A good introduction to Number Theory is [82]. We introduce a selection of interesting fields and rings with a mind to applications in quantum computation and quantum gravity.

By definition, a number field extends the rationals by one special real number  $\alpha$ , containing all numbers of the form  $a + b\alpha$  for a and b in  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Multiplication and addition in this field  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ work in the obvious way. Given  $\alpha$ , there is a ring of integers in  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ , but this is not always the integer multiples of the form  $a + b\alpha$ . For example, when  $\alpha = \sqrt{5}$ , the ring of integers consists of numbers  $a + b\phi$ , where  $\phi = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$  is the golden ratio.

An algebraic number is a root of a finite polynomial with rational coefficients, such that the leading coefficient is 1. The golden ratio is algebraic as a root of  $X^2 - X - 1 = 0$ . Given an algebraic number, there exists a unique such polynomial (of a given degree) with  $\alpha$  as a root. It is useful to factorise the polynomial. Consider the quadratic  $X^2 - k = (X + \sqrt{k})(X - \sqrt{k}) = 0$  of degree 2. The set of roots  $\{+\sqrt{k}, -\sqrt{k}\}$  are called *conjugates* for the field  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{k})$ , and we use this term for polynomials of any degree d. In terms of the d conjugates, where  $\alpha = \alpha_1$ , the norm of a number  $\alpha$  is defined by

$$N(\alpha) = \prod_{i=1}^{d} \alpha_i.$$
(A.1)

Thus  $N(\phi) = \phi \cdot (-1/\phi) = -1$ , while  $X^2 + 3 = 0$  gives  $N(\sqrt{-3}) = 3$ .

Given a set of conjugates for  $\alpha$ , any other element  $\beta$  in  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$  may be written in the form

$$\beta = a_0 + a_1 \alpha + a_2 \alpha^2 + \dots + a_{d-1} \alpha^{d-1},$$
(A.2)

where the  $a_i$  are rational or integer as required. The *field conjugates* of  $\beta$  are the d-1 numbers of the form  $a_0\alpha_i + \cdots + a_{d-1}\alpha_i^{d-1}$ .

Take a basis  $\{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_d\}$  of  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ . Typically, we will choose the basis  $\{1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{d-1}\}$ . Now for any  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ , the basis defines a  $d \times d$  matrix  $M_{ij}$  with columns indexed by the basis and rows by the conjugates of  $\alpha$ . Many examples are given below. The *discriminant* of  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$  is defined by the determinant square  $\Delta = \text{Det}(M)^2$ .

#### Appendix A.1. Quadratic fields

The degree d is a quantum dimension, since  $2 \times 2$  matrices ought to be about qubits. When  $\alpha = \sqrt{k}$  for an integer k with no square factors, the polynomial  $X^2 - k = 0$  defines the field matrix

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \sqrt{k} \\ 1 & -\sqrt{k} \end{pmatrix} \tag{A.3}$$

with discriminant  $\Delta = 4k$ . But for  $\sqrt{-3}$ , the ring of integers has a basis  $\{1, (-1 + \sqrt{-3})/2\}$ , so that  $\Delta = -3$ . Similarly, other negative values of k give negative integral discriminants, in contrast to the positive example of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$ , which has  $\Delta = 5$  coming from

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \phi \\ 1 & -1/\phi \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (A.4)

There are no additional field conjugates in the quadratic case. The opposite sign in  $N(\phi) = -1$ , compared to an ordinary complex norm, is responsible for time in a Lorentzian metric, and 3+5=8 dimensions are associated to the adjoint representation of SU(3) and octonion algebras.

#### Appendix A.2. Fields on cube roots

Note that the signs in (A.4) give the 2 × 2 Hadamard matrix. In dimension 3, we see the qutrit  $3 \times 3$  Fourier transform in the field matrix. Let  $\omega = (-1 + \sqrt{-3})/2$  be the cube root of unity above. For the polynomial  $X^3 - k = 0$  with k cube free, we have

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k^{1/3} & k^{2/3} \\ 1 & \omega k^{1/3} & \overline{\omega} k^{2/3} \\ 1 & \overline{\omega} k^{1/3} & \omega k^{2/3} \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (A.5)

Hopefully it is clear that 27 is an important number! This is the determinant square of the Fourier transform, and we have in general  $\Delta = -27k^2$ .

An elliptic curve C of genus 1 takes the standard form  $Y^2 = X^3 + aX + b$  for rational coefficients, and has a cubic discriminant  $\Delta_C = 4a^3 + 27b^2$ , generalising the example above. If a prime p divides  $\Delta_C$ , then  $\Delta_C = 0$  in the finite field  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . The finite set of  $\mathbb{F}_p$  solutions to C defines a Mordell-Weil group for C, whose order  $N_p(C)$  appears in the zeta function for C.

## Appendix A.3. Fields on fourth roots

When  $\alpha$  is a fourth root, we find that  $\Delta = -k^3$  for  $X^4 - k = 0$ . The matrix is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & k^{1/4} & k^{1/2} & k^{3/4} \\ 1 & ik^{1/4} & -k^{1/2} & -ik^{3/4} \\ 1 & -k^{1/4} & k^{1/2} & -k^{3/4} \\ 1 & -ik^{1/4} & -k^{1/2} & ik^{3/4} \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (A.6)

Now let  $\rho = \sqrt{\phi + 2}$  be the diagonal of the golden rectangle. It is algebraic because  $\rho^4 - 5\rho^2 + 5 = 0$ . There are two nice bases for the integers in  $\mathbb{Q}(\rho)$ , namely

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho & \rho^2 & \rho^3 \\ 1 & -\rho & \rho^2 & -\rho^3 \\ 1 & \sqrt{5} & 5 & 5\sqrt{5} \\ 1 & -\sqrt{5} & 5 & -5\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho & \phi & \rho\phi \\ 1 & -\rho & \phi & -\rho\phi \\ 1 & \sqrt{5} & 3 & 3\sqrt{5} \\ 1 & -\sqrt{5} & 3 & -3\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix}, \tag{A.7}$$

both with  $\Delta = 1055.7281$ . The second basis forms the golden ring of integers of the form

$$x_0 + x_1\phi + x_2\rho + x_3\rho\phi \tag{A.8}$$

for  $x_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Note that  $\sqrt{5} = 2\phi - 1$ . In the complex field  $\mathbb{Q}(\rho, i)$ , the ring of integers defines a dense map of  $\mathbb{Z}^8$  into  $\mathbb{C}$ . Alternatively, use the half integer lattice  $\mathbb{Z}^8/2$  (used for **e**<sub>8</sub> roots).



Figure A1. Angle 36° bisection

Figure 14 indicates one of ten possible blue rectangles covering much of the pentagram. The 10 external blue points define a decagon. The chord length on a unit side decagon is  $\rho$ .

## Appendix A.4. Fields on fifth and higher roots

Using the golden phase  $e^{2\pi i/5}$ , the discriminant for  $X^5 - k = 0$  is  $\Delta = 5^5 k^4$ . For example, when k = 4 we have  $\Delta = 800000$ .

We are mostly interested in prime dimensions d for qudit computation spaces. Let  $\theta$  be the primitive d-th root of unity. For d prime, the phase coefficients  $\theta^{ij}$  for  $i, j \in \{0, 1, \dots, d-1\}$  always define the discrete Fourier transform. Then the  $\Delta$  for  $X^p - k = 0$  looks like  $p^p k^{p-1}$ .

#### Appendix A.5. Primes and lattices

For quadratic fields, there is a quadratic form that characterises the norm. As expected, the form  $f = aX^2 + bXY + cY^2$  comes with the discriminant  $\Delta_f = b^2 - 4ac$ . In particular, for  $\mathbb{Z}[\omega]$  in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})$  we have  $\Delta_f = -3$  from  $X^2 + XY + Y^2$ . For  $\mathbb{Z}[\phi]$  the form is  $X^2 + XY - Y^2$  and  $\Delta_f = 5$ . The form  $X^2 + Y^2$  matches the Gaussian integers  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ . Here  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$  requires  $\phi$  because 5 equals +1 mod 4. For positive primes  $p \geq 7$  that equal 3 mod 4, such as 7 and 11, the integers have the simple basis  $\{1, \sqrt{p}\}$ , while  $-7 = 1 \mod 4$  uses  $(-1 + \sqrt{-7})/2$ .

The Galois primes  $\{2, 3, 5, 7, 11\}$  give the angles for Lie algebra root systems, which satisfy the lattice condition

$$4\cos^2(\frac{2\pi}{p+1}) \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}.$$
(A.9)

Beyond Lie algebras there are other important lattices, notably the Leech lattice in dimension 24 [49].

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