

$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -extensions of pointed fusion categories  
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## A fusion category $\mathcal{C}$ :

- ▶ A tensor category with associativity isomorphisms  $\alpha(X, Y, Z) : (X \otimes Y) \otimes Z \mapsto X \otimes (Y \otimes Z)$  ( $X, Y, Z \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ ) satisfying the **Pentagon condition** :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 ((W \otimes X) \otimes Y) \otimes Z & \xrightarrow{\alpha(W, X, Y) \otimes \text{id}_Z} & (W \otimes (X \otimes Y)) \otimes Z \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \alpha(W, X \otimes Y, Z) \\
 \alpha(W \otimes X, Y, Z) & & W \otimes ((X \otimes Y) \otimes Z) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{id}_W \otimes \alpha(X, Y, Z) \\
 (W \otimes X) \otimes (Y \otimes Z) & \xrightarrow{\alpha(W, X, Y \otimes Z)} & W \otimes (X \otimes (Y \otimes Z))
 \end{array}$$

- ▶ A semisimple category with duality  $\text{ev}_X : X^* \otimes X \mapsto \mathbf{1}$  and  $\text{coev}_X : \mathbf{1} \mapsto X \otimes X^*$ , finitely many (classes of) simple objects  $(X_i)_{i=1, \dots, \text{rk}(\mathcal{C})}$  and finite dimensional Hom-spaces :

$$X_i \otimes X_j = \bigoplus_k N_{ij}^k X_k \quad (\text{fusion rule}) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{1} = X_{i_0}.$$

We suppose that the ground field is  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $X = \mathbf{1} \otimes X = X \otimes \mathbf{1}$ .

## Dimensions

**Frobenius-Perron dimension** of  $X_i$  - the largest nonnegative eigenvalue of  $N_{ij}^k$ . We have

$$FPdim(X_i \otimes X_j) = FPdim(X_i)FPdim(X_j),$$

$$FPdim(X_i \oplus X_j) = FPdim(X_i) + FPdim(X_j)$$

which gives a homomorphism of the **fusion ring** of  $\mathcal{C}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .  
By definition,  $FPdim(\mathcal{C}) = \sum_i FPdim(X_i)^2$ .

**Proposition** ([ENO1], 2005) If  $FPdim(\mathcal{C}) \in \mathbb{N}$ , then :

1)  $\mathcal{C}$  admits a unique **pivotal structure** (i.e., a family of isomorphisms  $a_X : X \mapsto X^{**}$  such that  $a_{X \otimes Y} = a_X \otimes a_Y$ ) satisfying  $Tr(a_X) = FPdim(X)$ , where  $Tr(a_X) := ev_{X^*} \circ (a_X \otimes id_{X^*}) \circ coev_X \in End(\mathbf{1}) \cong \mathbb{C}$ ,  $X, Y \in Ob(\mathcal{C})$ .

Such categories are called **pseudo-unitary**, they are automatically **spherical**, i.e.,  $Tr(a_X) = Tr(a_{X^*})$ .

2)  $Tr(a_{X_i}) = FPdim(X_i) = \sqrt{N_i}$ , where  $N_i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

## Examples of fusion categories

1) The category of finite dimensional vector spaces (rank 1 fusion category), representation categories of finite groups or finite dimensional semisimple Hopf algebras.

2)  $\mathcal{C} = \text{Vec}_G^\omega$  : simple objects are  $g, h, k \in G$ , fusion rule :  $g \otimes h = gh$ , duality :  $g^* = g^{-1}$ ,  $\alpha(g, h, k) = \omega(g, h, k) \text{Id}_{ghk}$ , where  $\omega$  is a 3-cocycle on a finite group  $G$  -

**Pointed fusion categories.**

3) Categories of bimodules coming from the theory of Von Neumann subfactors of finite index and finite depth.

In particular, **Yang-Lee fusion category** :

$\text{Ob}(\mathcal{C}) = \{\mathbf{1}, X\}$ ,  $X \otimes X = \mathbf{1} \oplus X$ ,

so  $(\text{FPdim}(X))^2 = 1 + \text{FPdim}(X) \implies \text{FPdim}(X) = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ .

## Graded fusion categories :

$$\mathcal{C} = \bigoplus_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \mathcal{C}_\gamma, \quad \mathcal{C}_a \otimes \mathcal{C}_b \subset \mathcal{C}_{ab}, \quad a, b \in \Gamma \quad (\Gamma \text{ is a finite group}).$$

We want to classify  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -extensions  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}_0 \oplus \mathcal{C}_1$  of  $\mathcal{C}_0 = \text{Vec}_G^\omega$

**Proposition** If  $\mathcal{C}_0 = \text{Vec}_G^\omega$ , then :

- ▶  $G$  acts transitively on both sides on the set  $\text{Irr}(\mathcal{C}_1) = G/A$  of simple objects of  $\mathcal{C}_1$ , these actions commute and the stabilizer of any simple object is  $A \triangleleft G$ .
- ▶ Fusion rules and duality : for  $g, h \in G, M, N \in G/A$ ,  
 $g \otimes M = g \cdot M, M \otimes g = M \cdot g, (g \cdot M)^* = M^* \cdot g^{-1},$   
 $M \otimes N = \bigoplus_{M=g \cdot N^*} g, \text{ and } \{g \in G \mid M = gN^*\} - \text{an } A\text{-coset.}$

**Corollary**  $FPdim(g) = 1, \forall g \in G, FPdim(M) = \sqrt{|A|},$   
 $\forall M \in G/A, \text{ so } FPdim(\mathcal{C}) = 2|G| \text{ and } \mathcal{C} \text{ is pseudo-unitary.}$

**Example : Tambara-Yamagami categories** ([TY], 1998), where  $\text{Irr}(\mathcal{C}_1) = \{M = M^*\}$ . Then  $A = G$  must be abelian and  $\omega = 1$ . They are classified by triples  $(A, \chi, \tau)$ , where  $\chi : A \times A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  is a symmetric non-degenerate bicharacter on  $A$  and  $\tau = \pm|A|^{-1/2}$ .

# The structure of graded fusion categories ([ENO2], 2010)

**Right  $\mathcal{C}$ -module category  $(\mathcal{M}, \tilde{\mu}^r)$**  : a bifunctor  $\odot : \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  equipped with associativity isomorphisms  $\tilde{\mu}^r : M \odot (X \otimes Y) \mapsto (M \odot X) \odot Y$  satisfying the **Pentagon conditions** :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 M \odot ((X \otimes Y) \otimes Z) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\mu}^r(M, X \otimes Y, Z)} & (M \odot (X \otimes Y)) \odot Z \\
 \downarrow id_{M \odot \alpha(X, Y, Z)} & & \downarrow \\
 M \odot (X \otimes (Y \otimes Z)) & & \tilde{\mu}^r(M, X, Y) \odot id_Z \\
 \downarrow \tilde{\mu}^r(M, X, Y \otimes Z) & & \downarrow \\
 (M \odot X) \odot (Y \otimes Z) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\mu}^r(M \odot X, Y, Z)} & ((M \odot X) \odot Y) \odot Z
 \end{array}$$

**Right module functor  $(F, \gamma)$**  :  $(\mathcal{M}_1, \tilde{\mu}_1^r) \rightarrow (\mathcal{M}_2, \tilde{\mu}_2^r)$  is a functor  $F : \mathcal{M}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_2$  equipped with a family of isomorphisms  $\gamma(M, X) : F(M \odot X) \rightarrow F(M) \odot X$  satisfying

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 F(M \odot ((X \otimes Y))) & \xrightarrow{\gamma(M, X \otimes Y)} & F(M) \odot (X \otimes Y) \\
 \downarrow F(\tilde{\mu}_1^r(M, X, Y)) & & \downarrow \\
 F((M \odot X) \odot Y) & & \tilde{\mu}_2^r(F(M), X, Y) \\
 \downarrow \gamma(M \odot X, Y) & & \downarrow \\
 F(M \odot X) \odot Y & \xrightarrow{\gamma(M, X) \odot id_Y} & (F(M) \odot X) \odot Y
 \end{array}$$

Two right module functors,  $(F^1, \gamma^1)$  and  $(F^2, \gamma^2)$ , are said to be **isomorphic** if there is a family of isomorphisms  $\eta(M) : F^1(M) \mapsto F^2(M)$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 F^1(M \odot X) & \xrightarrow{\eta(M \odot X)} & F^2(M \odot X) \\
 \downarrow \gamma^1(M, X) & & \downarrow \gamma^2(M, X) \\
 F^1(M) \odot X & \xrightarrow{\eta(M) \odot id_X} & F^2(M) \odot X
 \end{array}$$

## Bimodule categories

A  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$ -bimodule category is a module category over  $\mathcal{C} \boxtimes \mathcal{D}^{op}$ , where  $\mathcal{D}^{op}$  is the opposite fusion category to  $\mathcal{D}$  (i.e., with reversed order of tensor product and inverted associativity isomorphisms) and  $\boxtimes$  is Deligne's tensor product of finite abelian linear categories.

Alternatively, a  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$ -bimodule category, is defined by three structures : right  $\mathcal{D}$ -module category as above, a **left  $\mathcal{C}$ -module category** defined by a bifunctor  $\odot : \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  equipped with associativity isomorphisms  $\tilde{\mu}^l : (X \otimes Y) \odot M \mapsto X \otimes (Y \odot M)$ , and also **left-right compatibility isomorphisms** :

$$\tilde{\chi}(X, M, Y) : (X \odot M) \odot Y \mapsto X \odot (M \odot Y)$$

satisfying the corresponding pentagon conditions ([Greenough], 2010).

Then one can define bimodule functors and their isomorphisms.



## Tensor product of module categories over $\mathcal{C}$

Let  $(\mathcal{M}, \tilde{\mu}^r)$  and  $(\mathcal{N}, \tilde{\mu}^l)$  be right and left  $\mathcal{C}$ -module categories and  $\mathcal{A}$  be an abelian category. A bifunctor  $F : \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is  **$\mathcal{C}$ -balanced** if there is a family of isomorphisms

$$b_{M,X,N} : F(M \odot X, N) \rightarrow F(M, X \odot N)$$

satisfying some pentagon condition with respect to  $\tilde{\mu}^r$  and  $\tilde{\mu}^l$ .

**Tensor product**  $\mathcal{M} \boxtimes_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{N}$  is an abelian category equipped with a  $\mathcal{C}$ -balanced bifunctor  $B(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}) : \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{M} \boxtimes_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{N}$  satisfying the **universal property** : for any  $\mathcal{C}$ -balanced bifunctor  $F : \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  there is a unique functor  $F' : \mathcal{M} \boxtimes_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  such that  $F = F' \circ B(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})$ .

**Theorem**  $\mathcal{M} \boxtimes_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{N} \cong \text{Func}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{M}^{op}, \mathcal{N})$  - the category of left  $\mathcal{C}$ -module functors, where  $\mathcal{M}^{op}$  is the opposite (left)  $\mathcal{C}$ -module category to  $\mathcal{M}$  with  $X \odot_{op} M = M \odot X^*$  and  $\tilde{\mu}$  inverted. Moreover, if  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{N}$  are  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$ - and  $(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{E})$ -bimodule categories, respectively, then  $\mathcal{M} \boxtimes_{\mathcal{D}} \mathcal{N}$  is a  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E})$ -bimodule category.

A  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$ -bimodule category  $\mathcal{M}$  is **invertible** if  $\mathcal{M}^{op} \boxtimes_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{M} \cong \mathcal{D}$ ,  $\mathcal{M} \boxtimes_{\mathcal{D}} \mathcal{M}^{op} \cong \mathcal{C}$  ( $\mathcal{M}^{op}$  is the opposite  $(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{C})$ -bimodule category). **Brauer-Picard** group of  $\mathcal{C} := \{\text{Classes of invertible } \mathcal{C}\text{-bimodule categories with product } \boxtimes_{\mathcal{C}} \text{ and unit } \mathcal{C}\}$  is finite.

**Theorem** ([ENO2], 2010) If  $\mathcal{C} = \bigoplus_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \mathcal{C}_{\gamma}$ , then :

- 1) Each  $\mathcal{C}_{\gamma}$  is an invertible  $\mathcal{C}_e$ -bimodule category.
- 2) For all  $a, b \in \Gamma$ , the tensor product of  $\mathcal{C}$  restricts to a  $\mathcal{C}_e$ -balanced bifunctor  $\otimes : \mathcal{C}_a \times \mathcal{C}_b \cong \mathcal{C}_{ab}$  which gives rise to a  $\mathcal{C}_e$ -bimodule **equivalence**  $M_{a,b} : \mathcal{C}_a \boxtimes_{\mathcal{C}_e} \mathcal{C}_b \cong \mathcal{C}_{ab}$  such that the  $\mathcal{C}_e$ -bimodule functors  $F_{a,b,c} := M_{a,bc}(Id_{\mathcal{C}_a} \boxtimes_{\mathcal{C}_e} M_{b,c})$  and  $G_{a,b,c} := M_{ab,c}(M_{a,b} \boxtimes_{\mathcal{C}_e} Id_{\mathcal{C}_c})$  are isomorphic.
- 3) For all  $a, b, c \in \Gamma$ , isomorphisms  $\alpha_{a,b,c}$  of the above functors viewed as  $\mathcal{C}_e$ -bimodule functors  $(\mathcal{C}_a \boxtimes_{\mathcal{C}_e} \mathcal{C}_b) \boxtimes_{\mathcal{C}_e} \mathcal{C}_c \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_a \boxtimes_{\mathcal{C}_e} (\mathcal{C}_b \boxtimes_{\mathcal{C}_e} \mathcal{C}_c)$  satisfy some pentagon conditions.

**Vice versa**, given a homomorphism  $c : \Gamma \rightarrow BrPic(\mathcal{C}_e) : \gamma \mapsto \mathcal{C}_{\gamma}$  and a collection of equivalences  $M_{a,b} : \mathcal{C}_a \boxtimes_{\mathcal{C}_e} \mathcal{C}_b \cong \mathcal{C}_{ab}$ , one can, if some cohomological obstructions vanish, construct a  $\Gamma$ -extension of  $\mathcal{C}_e$  with tensor product  $\boxtimes_{\mathcal{C}_e}$  and associativity isomorphisms  $\alpha_{a,b,c}$ .

## Classification of module and bimodule categories over $\text{Vec}_G^\omega$

**Left  $\text{Vec}_G^\omega$ -module categories** are of the form  $\mathcal{M}(L, \mu)$ , where  $L < G$  such that  $\omega|_{L \times L \times L} = 1$  in  $H^3(L, \mathbb{C}^\times)$  and  $\mu \in C^2(L, \mathbb{C}^\times)$  satisfies  $\partial^2 \mu = \omega|_{L \times L \times L}$  ([Ostrik], 2006). Then  $\text{Irr}(\mathcal{M}(L, \mu)) = G/L$  and the induced 2-cochain  $\tilde{\mu} \in C^2(G, \text{Fun}(G/L, \mathbb{C}^\times))$  defines the associativities. Similarly - **right module categories**.

**Remark** If  $\omega = 1$ , then  $\tilde{\mu}^r(M, \cdot, \cdot) \mapsto \tilde{\mu}^r(\mathbf{1}, \cdot, \cdot)|_{L \times L} := \mu^r(\cdot, \cdot)$  ( $\mathbf{1} = L$ ) defines, due to **Shapiro's lemma**, an isomorphism

$$H^n(G, \text{Fun}(G/L, \mathbb{C}^\times)) \cong H^n(L, \mathbb{C}^\times).$$

The associativity isomorphisms of  $\mathcal{M}(L, \mu)^{op}$  are defined by the 2-cochain induced from  $\mu^{op}(s, t) := \mu^{-1}(t^{-1}, s^{-1})$ .

Then **bimodule categories** over  $\text{Vec}_G^\omega$  are classified by pairs  $(L, \mu)$ , where  $L < G \times G^{op}$  and  $\mu \in C^2(L, \mathbb{C}^\times)$  satisfies  $\partial^2 \mu = (\omega \otimes \omega^{op})|_{L \times L \times L}$ . Here

$$\omega^{op}(s^{op}, t^{op}, u^{op}) := \omega^{-1}(s^{-1}, t^{-1}, u^{-1}).$$

## Cohomology related to $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -extensions of $\text{Vec}_G^\omega$ :

Alternatively, let  $A_1 < G$ ,  $A_2 < G^{op}$  be such that  $L \cap (G \times \{e\}) = A_1 \times \{e\}$  and  $L \cap (\{e\} \times G^{op}) = \{e\} \times A_2$ . One can identify  $(G \times G^{op})/L$  with  $G/A_1$  and  $G^{op}/A_2$  and show, putting

$$\mu^l := \mu|_{(A_1 \times \{e\}, A_1 \times \{e\})}, \quad \mu^r := \mu|_{(\{e\} \times A_2, \{e\} \times A_2)},$$

$$\chi := \mu|_{(A_1 \times \{e\}, \{e\} \times A_2)}, \quad \text{that for all}$$

$$(s_1, s_2^{op}), (t_1, t_2^{op}) \in G \times G^{op}, M \in (G \times G^{op})/L :$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mu}((s_1, s_2^{op}), (t_1, t_2^{op}), M) &= \\ &= \tilde{\chi}(s_1, t_1 \cdot M, t_2) \mu^l(s_1, t_1, M) \mu^r((s_1 t_1) \cdot M, t_2, s_2). \end{aligned}$$

The pentagon conditions for the  $C_0$ -bimodule category structure  $\tilde{\mu}$  give the following cohomological equations :

$$\tilde{\mu}^r(M \cdot s, t, u) \tilde{\mu}^r(M, s, tu) \omega(s, t, u) = \tilde{\mu}^r(M, s, t) \tilde{\mu}^r(M, st, u),$$

$$\tilde{\mu}^r(M, t, u) \tilde{\chi}(s, M, tu) = \tilde{\chi}(s, M \cdot t, u) \tilde{\chi}(s, M, t) \tilde{\mu}^r(s \cdot M, t, u),$$

and similar equations connecting the 2-cochains  $\tilde{\mu}^l$  and  $\tilde{\chi}$ .

## An invertible $\mathcal{C}_0$ -bimodule structure on $\mathcal{C}_1$

As  $\Gamma = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}_1$  is invertible and  $\mathcal{C}_1 \cong \mathcal{C}_1^{op}$ , so  $Fun_{\mathcal{C}_0}(\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_1) \cong \mathcal{C}_0$  if  $\mathcal{C}_1$  is viewed as a right  $\mathcal{C}_0$ -module category (equivalent to  $\mathcal{M}(A_2, \mu^r)$ ). As  $\mathcal{C}_0$  is pointed, this is possible iff  $A_2 \triangleleft G$  and is **abelian** ([Naidu], 2007). Similarly for  $A_1$ . One can also show that  $\chi : A_1 \times A_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  must be a **non-degenerate bicharacter**.

The equivalence  $\mathcal{C}_1 \cong \mathcal{C}_1^{op}$  implies :  $A_1 = A_2 = A$ ,  $\mu^r(a, b) \cong \mu^l(b^{-1}, a^{-1})^{-1}$  and also that the bicharacter  $\chi$  is **symmetric**. As  $A \triangleleft G$  is abelian, we have  $G \cong A \rtimes_{\rho} (G/A)$  - a twisted semidirect product, where  $G/A$  acts on  $A$  and  $\rho \in Z^2(G/A, A)$ .

**Example** :  $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rtimes_{\rho} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  (action is trivial,  $\rho$  is nontrivial).

We also show that  $L \cong (A \times A) \rtimes_{\tilde{\rho}} (G/A)$ , where  $G/A$  acts on  $A \times A$  by  $t \cdot (a, b) = (t \cdot a, \varepsilon(t) \cdot b)$ ,  $\varepsilon \in Aut(G/A)$  such that  $\varepsilon^2 = Ad(\delta)$ ,  $\varepsilon(\delta) = \delta$  for some  $\delta \in S/A$ , and  $\tilde{\rho} \in Z^2(G/A, A \times A)$  coming from  $\rho$ .

Next, we calculate explicitly the equivalences  $M_{a,b}$  and the functors  $F_{a,b,c}$ ,  $G_{a,b,c}$  as above, for all  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ , in terms of the triple  $(\omega, \tilde{\mu}^r, \tilde{\chi})$ , and show that these functors are isomorphic. This means that the cohomological obstruction  $O_3(c)$  (see [ENO2], 2010) vanishes. So we are able to equip  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}_0 \oplus \mathcal{C}_1$  with a **quasi-tensor** product, i.e., with a bifunctor  $\otimes : \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  such that  $\otimes \circ (\otimes \times id_{\mathcal{C}}) \cong \otimes \circ (id_{\mathcal{C}} \times \otimes)$ .

Let  $\alpha_{a,b,c}$  be isomorphisms of the functors  $F_{a,b,c}$  and  $G_{a,b,c}$ . According to [ENO2], (2010), there is a choice of  $\alpha_{a,b,c}$  satisfying the pentagon conditions iff some cohomological obstruction  $O_4(c, M) \in H^4(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{C}^\times)$  vanishes. As  $H^4(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{C}^\times) = \{0\}$ , such a choice exists. Moreover, the classes of equivalence of such  $\alpha_{a,b,c}$  are described by  $H^3(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{C}^\times) = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ , so there are exactly 2 of them, and one can choose representatives that differ only by the sign of  $\alpha_{1,1,1}$ . In fact, we are able to calculate  $\alpha_{a,b,c}$  explicitly.

This analysis allows to prove :

## A characterization of $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -extensions of $\text{Vec}_G^\omega$

**Theorem** ([VV], 2012)

(case  $G = A \rtimes (G/A), \omega = 1$ ) :

$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -extensions of  $\text{Vec}_G^1$  are parameterized by collections

$(A, \chi, \tau, \varepsilon, \delta, \psi, \nu)$ , where :

- ▶  $A$  is a normal abelian subgroup of  $G$ ,
- ▶  $\chi$  is a symmetric non-degenerate bicharacter on  $A$ ,
- ▶  $\tau = \pm |A|^{-1/2}$ ,
- ▶  $\varepsilon$  is an isomorphism of  $G/A$ ,
- ▶  $\delta \in G/A$  is such that  $\varepsilon^2 = \text{Ad}(\delta), \varepsilon(\delta) = \delta$ ,
- ▶  $\psi \in Z^1(G/A, \text{Fun}(A \times A, \mathbb{C}^\times))$  such that  $\frac{\chi}{t\chi} = \partial^1 \psi$  and  $\psi^{-1}(t, a, b) \cong \psi(\varepsilon(t), b^{-1}, a^{-1})$ ,
- ▶  $\nu \in Z^2(G/A, \mathbb{C}^\times)$  such that  $\nu^{-1} \cong \nu \circ (\varepsilon \times \varepsilon)$ .

Then  $\text{Irr}(c(0)) = G, \text{Irr}(c(1)) = G/A$  and the fusion rule is :

$$x^* = x^{-1}, \quad M^* = \varepsilon^{-1}(M^{-1})\delta, \quad x \otimes y = xy,$$

$$x \otimes M = x \cdot M, \quad M \otimes x = M\varepsilon(p(x)), \quad M \otimes N = \bigoplus_{M=xN^*} x,$$

here  $p(x)$  is an  $A$ -coset containing  $x$ .

# The associativity isomorphisms of $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -extensions of $Vec_G^\omega$

One can express  $\alpha(X, Y, Z)$  for  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}_0 \oplus \mathcal{C}_1$  in terms of  $\tilde{\chi}$  :

- ▶  $\alpha_{0,0,0}(x, y, z) = \omega(x, y, z)id_{xyz}$
- ▶  $\alpha_{1,0,0}(K, x, y) = id_{Kxy}$
- ▶  $\alpha_{0,1,0}(x, K, y) = \tilde{\chi}(x, K, y)id_{xKy}$
- ▶  $\alpha_{0,0,1}(x, y, K) = id_{xyK}$
- ▶  $\alpha_{0,1,1}(x, K, L) = \bigoplus_{K=sL^*} id_{xs}$
- ▶  $\alpha_{1,1,0}(K, L, x) = \bigoplus_{K=sL^*} id_{sx}$
- ▶  $\alpha_{1,0,1}(K, x, L) = \bigoplus_{Kx=sL^*} \tilde{\chi}(s, (xL)^*, x)id_s$
- ▶  $\alpha_{1,1,1}(K, L, M) = \text{the matrix } (\tau \tilde{\chi}^{-1}(s, L^*, t)id_{sM})_{K=sL^*; L=tM^*}$

**Remarks.** 1. The Tambara-Yamagami case :  $A = G$ .

2. More complicated description of  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -extensions of  $Vec_G^\omega$  was obtained by J. Liptrap (2010)



## Examples

1. If  $G$  is **abelian**,  $|G| = 2p$  ( $p$  is prime),  $A < G$  is non-trivial and such that  $\omega|_{A \times A \times A} = 1$ .

Analyzing symmetric non-degenerate bicharacters and 2-cocycles on  $A$  in various special cases, we have :

### **Proposition.**

(i) If  $p=2$  and  $G = \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $A = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ , there are 2 fusion rules and 4 non equivalent fusion categories for each of them (in part, this result was obtained earlier by P. Bonderson, 2007).

(ii) If  $p=2$  and  $G = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ , there are 16 non equivalent fusion categories for any of 3 non-trivial subgroups of  $G$ .

(iii) If  $p$  is odd prime, so  $G = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ , then :

a) if  $A = (0, \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})$ , there are 8 non equivalent fusion categories ;

b) if  $A = (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}, 0)$ , there are 6 non equivalent fusion categories.

## Examples and applications

2. **Alternating group**  $G = A_4 \cong A \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $A = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ .  
There are 8 non equivalent fusion categories.

3. **Dihedral group**  $G = D_p := \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  ( $p$  is odd prime).  
 $A = (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}, 0)$ . There are 8 non equivalent fusion categories.

**Application to the subfactor theory** will be discussed by  
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