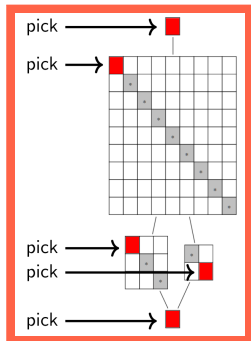


# Representations of monoidal categories

Or: Reps of categories of reps

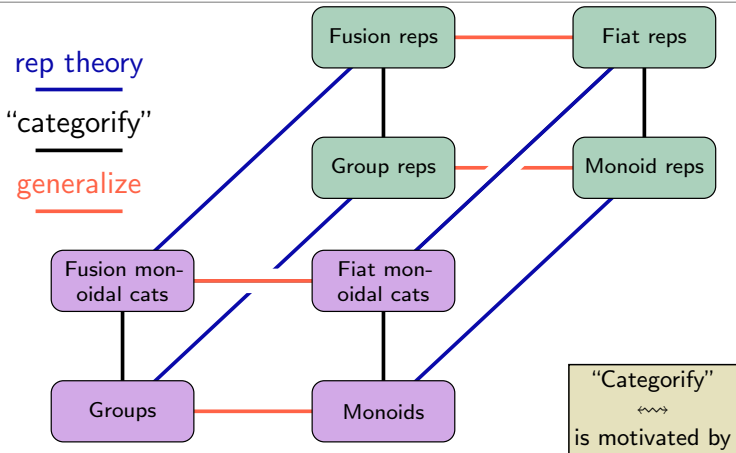
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# Where do we want to go?



- ▶ **Green, Clifford, Munn, Ponizovskii ~1940++ + many others**  
Representation theory of (finite) monoids
- ▶ **Goal** Find some categorical analog



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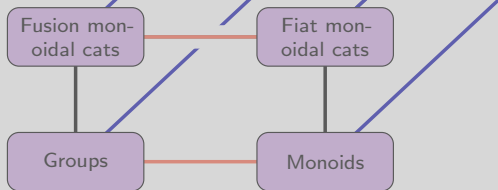
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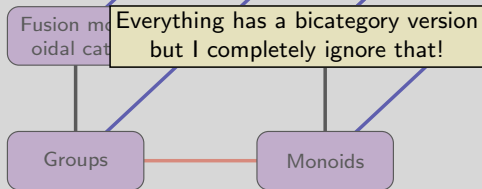
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Fusion monoidal categories

Everything has a bicategory version but I completely ignore that!

## Examples

$\mathcal{V}ec$

$\mathcal{V}ec_G / \mathcal{V}ec_S$  for a finite group  $G$ /monoid  $S$

$\mathcal{R}ep(G, \mathbb{C})$ ,  $\mathcal{P}roj(G, \mathbb{K})$  or  $\mathcal{I}nj(G, \mathbb{K})$  for a finite group  $G$

$\mathcal{R}ep(G, \mathbb{K})$  for a finite group  $G$  sometimes works (details in a sec)

$\mathcal{R}ep(S, \mathbb{K})$  for a finite monoid  $S$  sometimes (but rarely) works

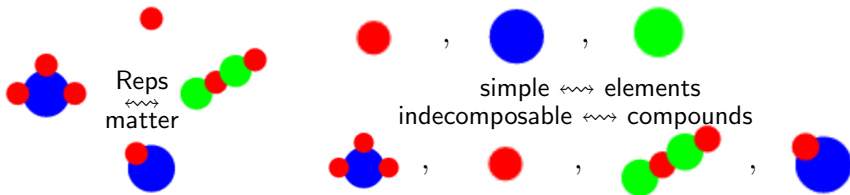
Categories  $\mathcal{S}(V^{\otimes d} | d \in \mathbb{N})$  with  $\otimes$ -generator  $V$  sometimes work (details later)

Quotients of tilting module categories

Projective functor categories  $\mathcal{C}_A$

Soergel bimodules  $\mathcal{S}bim$  for finite Coxeter types

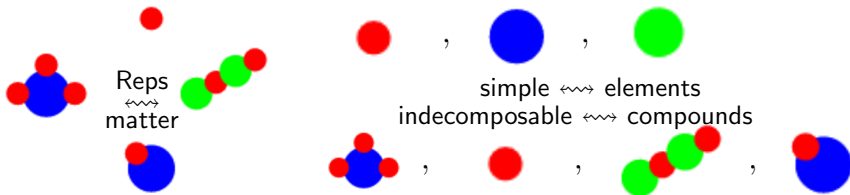
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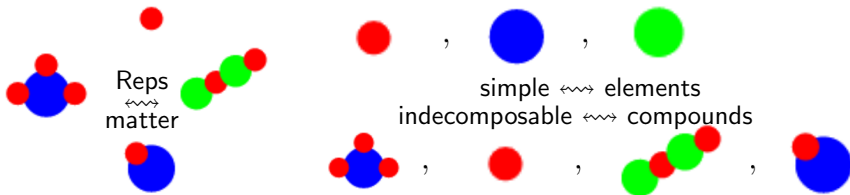
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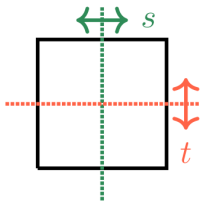
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$$\begin{aligned}
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$$s \cdot (a + ib) = -a + ib$$

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or

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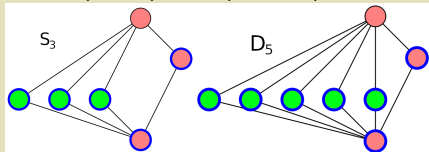
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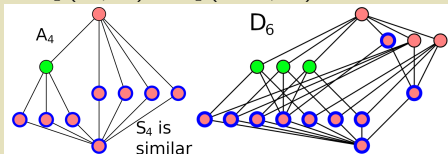
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### Examples and nonexamples

$\mathcal{R}ep(S_3, \mathbb{F}_2), \mathcal{R}ep(D_{\text{odd}}, \mathbb{F}_2)$  are fiat



$\mathcal{R}ep(S_4, \mathbb{F}_2), \mathcal{R}ep(D_{\text{even}}, \mathbb{F}_2)$  are not fiat



Blue circle = cyclic subgroups, green = 2-Sylows

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$Z_{2l}$ : Together with  $\mathcal{P}roj(G, \mathbb{K})$  and  $\mathcal{I}nj(G, \mathbb{K})$  (these are always fiat) Higman's theorem provides many examples of fiat categories

$Z_{2l+1}$ :  $\bullet \xleftarrow{X} \bullet \xrightarrow{Y} \bullet \xleftarrow{X} \bullet \xrightarrow{Y} \bullet \xleftarrow{X} \dots \xrightarrow{Y} \bullet$

A Higman theorem for monoids is widely open but one shouldn't expect it to be very nice, e.g.

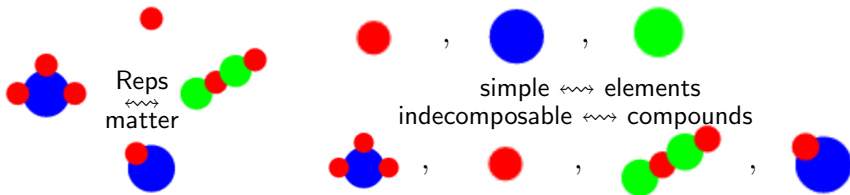
$T_n = \text{End}(\{1, \dots, n\})$  has finite representation type over  $\mathbb{C} \Leftrightarrow n \leq 4$

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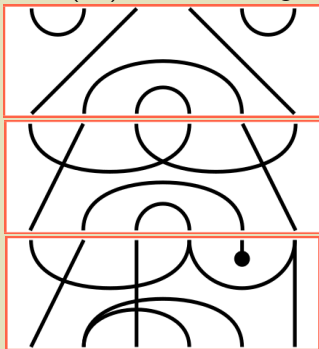


- ▶ Let  $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{S}(V^{\otimes d} | d \in \mathbb{N})$  (+  $\mathbb{K}$ -linear +  $\oplus$  +  $\otimes$ ) for some nice  $V$
- ▶  $\mathcal{S}$  is monoidal ✓
- ▶  $\mathcal{S}$  is  $\mathbb{K}$ -linear ✓
- ▶  $\mathcal{S}$  is additive ✓
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Almost examples

Temperley–Lieb (TL), Brauer or Digne categories



and other diagram categories in the same spirit

**Catch** These usually have infinitely many indecomposable objects  
 $\Rightarrow$  truncate these appropriately

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## Example/Theorem (Alperin, Kovács ~1979)

"Finite TL", i.e.  $V$  any simple of  $G = \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{F}_{p^k})$  over characteristic  $p$   
 $\mathcal{S}(V^{\otimes d} | d \in \mathbb{N})$  is **fiat**, e.g.  $p = 5$ ,  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{F}_5$ ,  $k = 2$ ,  $V = (\mathbb{F}_{25})^2$ :

simples in  $\mathcal{R}\mathrm{ep}(G, \mathbb{K})$ :

```
[
GModule of dimension 1 over GF(5),
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GModule of dimension 9 over GF(5),
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GModule of dimension 12 over GF(5),
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GModule of dimension 20 over GF(5),
GModule of dimension 24 over GF(5),
GModule of dimension 25 over GF(5),
GModule of dimension 30 over GF(5),
GModule of dimension 40 over GF(5)
]
```

indecomposables in  $\mathcal{R}\mathrm{ep}(G, \mathbb{K})$ :

```
G:=SpecialLinearGroup(2,5^2);
IsCyclic(SylowSubgroup(G,5));
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false

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GModule of dimension 16 over GF(5),
GModule of dimension 30 over GF(5),
GModule of dimension 40 over GF(5),
GModule of dimension 20 over GF(5),
GModule of dimension 40 over GF(5),
GModule of dimension 60 over GF(5),
+ a few more (45 in total)
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## Example/Theorem (folklore)

$V$  any 2d simple of a finite group  $G$

$\mathcal{S}(V^{\otimes d} | d \in \mathbb{N})$  is **finitary**,

e.g.  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{F}_2$ ,  $V$  the two dim simple of  $G = D_6$ :

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G:=DihedralGroup(6);  
IsCyclic(SyLowSubgroup(G,2));  
false
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## Algebraic modules à la Alperin

provide many examples of finitary/flat categories

The state of the arts for algebraic modules is roughly the same as for algebraic numbers:  
there are some results, but not so many

$z$	$w$	$z^w$
2 algebraic	$\log 3 / \log 2$ transcendental	3 algebraic
2 algebraic	$i \log 3 / \log 2$ transcendental	$3^i$ transcendental
$e^i$ transcendental	$\pi$ transcendental	-1 algebraic
$e$ transcendental	$\pi$ transcendental	$e^\pi$ transcendental
$2^{\sqrt{2}}$ transcendental	$\sqrt{2}$ algebraic	4 algebraic
$2^{\sqrt{2}}$ transcendental	$i\sqrt{2}$ algebraic	$4^i$ transcendental

TABLE 1. Possibilities for  $z^w$  when  $z$  or  $w$  is transcendental.

In the monoid case next to nothing is known

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## Example/Theorem (Craven ~2013)

$V$  any simple of  $M_{11}$  in characteristic 2

$\mathcal{S}(V^{\otimes d} | d \in \mathbb{N})$  is finitary,

e.g.  $V$  the 10 dim simple of  $G = M_{11}$ :

simples in  $\mathcal{R}ep(G, \mathbb{K})$ :

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  GModule of dimension 32 over GF(2),  
  GModule of dimension 44 over GF(2)  
]
```

indecomposables in  $\mathcal{R}ep(G, \mathbb{K})$ :

```
G := sub<Sym(11)|(1,10)(2,8)(3,11)(5,7),(1,4,7,6)(2,11,10,9)>;  
IsCyclic(SylowSubgroup(G,2)); false
```

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  GModule of dimension 90 over GF(2),  
  GModule of dimension 32 over GF(2),  
  GModule of dimension 96 over GF(2),  
  GModule of dimension 144 over GF(2),  
  GModule of dimension 112 over GF(2)  
]
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There are many similar results known, but they all look a bit random, e.g.

**Proposition 8.9** *Let  $G$  be the Held sporadic group  $He$ . If  $p = 2$  then a simple module is algebraic if and only if it is trivial or lies outside the principal block. If  $p = 3$  then a simple module is algebraic if and only if it does not have dimension 6172 or 10879, and if  $p = 5$  then the simple modules with dimension 1, 51, 104, 153, 4116, 4249, and 6528 are algebraic.*

## Cells in monoidal cats

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The categorical cell orders and equivalences for the set of indecomposables  $B$ :

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$$X \leq_R Y \Leftrightarrow \exists Z': Y \in \oplus XZ'$$

$$X \leq_{LR} Y \Leftrightarrow \exists Z, Z': Y \in \oplus ZXZ'$$

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$$X \sim_R Y \Leftrightarrow (X \leq_R Y) \wedge (Y \leq_R X)$$

$$X \sim_{LR} Y \Leftrightarrow (X \leq_{LR} Y) \wedge (Y \leq_{LR} X)$$

Left, right and two-sided cells (a.k.a.  $L$ ,  $R$  and  $J$ -cells): equivalence classes

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▶ **H-cells** = intersections of left and right cells

▶ **Slogan** Cells measure information loss

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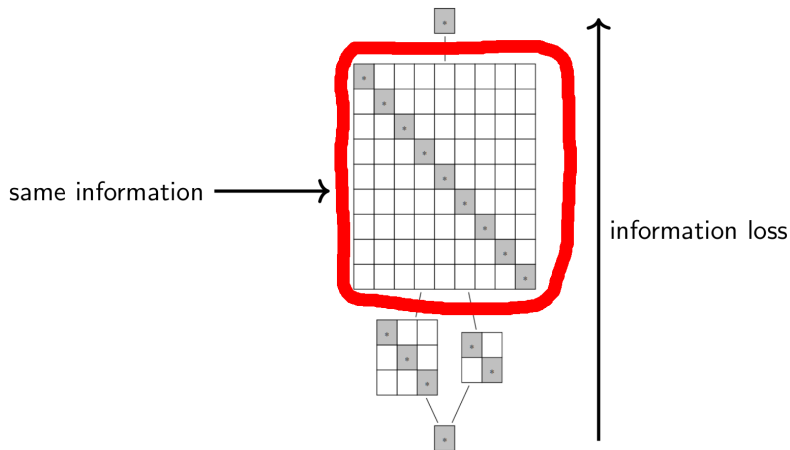
Green cells in categories

$B = \{X, Y, Z, \dots\}$  set of indecomposables of a finitary monoidal category  $\mathcal{S}$

$\in$  = is direct summand of

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## Cells in monoidal cats



- ▶ Cells given a partial order on  $\text{inde}(\mathcal{S})$ , in a matrix style fashion
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## Example ( $\mathcal{R}ep(S_3, \mathbb{C})$ )

Indecomposable objects  $Z_1 \cong 1 \leftrightarrow \square\square\square$ ,  $Z_2 \leftrightarrow \begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square \\ \square & \end{smallmatrix}$ ,  $Z_3 \leftrightarrow \begin{smallmatrix} \square \\ \square \\ \square \end{smallmatrix}$

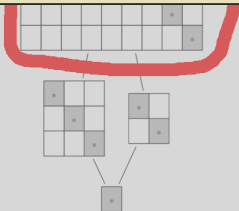
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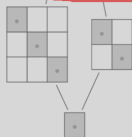
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### Warning

For  $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{R}\text{ep}(S, \mathbb{K})$   
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Dualities are helpful

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## Example/theorem (folklore)

$\mathcal{S}(V^{\otimes d} | d \in \mathbb{N})$  for “finite TL” over  $\mathbb{F}_p$

There are  $(k + 1)$  cells

same i

$$\mathcal{J}_t \quad Z_{p^k-1}, \dots, Z_{2p^k-2} \quad \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}} \cong \mathcal{V}er_{p^k}$$

$\vdots$

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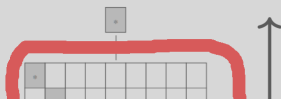
$$\mathcal{J}_1 \quad Z_{p-1}, \dots, Z_{p^2-2} \quad \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}} \cong \mathcal{V}er_p$$

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where  $\mathcal{V}er$  is the semisimplification of  $SL_2(\overline{\mathbb{F}_p})$  tilting modules and the other  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}$  are “higher” Verlinde cats

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## Example (projective functors)

Let  $A$  be some reasonable algebra,  $1 = e_1 + e_2$  primitive orthogonal idempotents  
 $\mathcal{C}_A$  finitary monoidal category of projective functors + id functor

There are 2 cells

$$\mathcal{I}_t \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline Ae_1 \otimes e_1 A & Ae_1 \otimes e_2 A \\ \hline Ae_2 \otimes e_1 A & Ae_2 \otimes e_2 A \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}} \cong ??$$

$$\mathcal{I}_b \quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline A \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}} \cong Z(A\text{-Mod})$$

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## Example (Soergel bimodules)

$\mathcal{S}^{\text{bim}}$  is fiat monoidal category for finite Coxeter type

Cells =  $p$  cells

For type  $B_2$  (dihedral group  $D_4$ ) one has e.g.

$\mathcal{I}_{w_0}$	$B_{1212}$	$\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}} \cong_{\text{deg}=0} \mathcal{V}ec$				
$\mathcal{I}_m$	<table style="border-collapse: collapse; margin: auto;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"><math>B_1, B_{121}</math></td> <td style="padding: 5px;"><math>B_{12}</math></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"><math>B_{21}</math></td> <td style="padding: 5px;"><math>B_2, B_{212}</math></td> </tr> </table>	$B_1, B_{121}$	$B_{12}$	$B_{21}$	$B_2, B_{212}$	$\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}} \cong_{\text{deg}=0} \mathcal{V}ec_{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}}$
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VON G. FROBENIUS.

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(Von Herrn J. Schur in Berlin.)

Varying the source/target gives slightly different theories

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Some flavors, varying source/target

Categorical reps of groups (subfactors, fusion cats, etc.)  
à la **Jones, Ocneanu, Popa, others** ~1990

Categorical reps of Lie groups/Lie algebras  
à la **Chuang–Rouquier, Khovanov–Lauda, others** ~2000

Categorical reps of algebras (**abelian**, tensor cats, etc.)  
à la **Etingof, Nikshych, Ostrik, others** ~2000

Categorical reps of monoids/algebras (**additive**, finitary/fiat monoidal cats, etc.)  
à la **Mazorchuk, Miemietz, others** ~2010

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- ▶ Let  $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{R}ep(G, \mathbb{K})$
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(I really like them!)

Theory

**Rep(G,  $\mathbb{C}$ )**  
**M(K,  $\varphi$ )** more...

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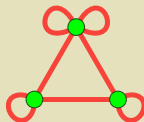
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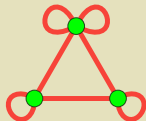
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$\#$	1	1	1	1
$H^2$	1	1	1	1
rk	1	2	3	3

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## Example/theorem (Etingof, Ostrik ~2003)

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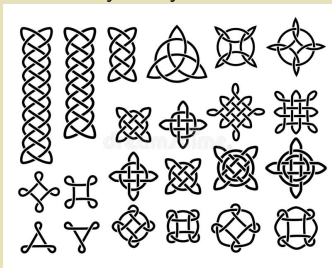
$T$  is the Taft algebra (a well known but nasty example in Hopf algebras)

$\mathcal{R}ep(T, \mathbb{C})$  is fiat monoidal with two cells

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but only finitely many Grothendieck classes of simple reps

There are infinity many twists of the actions



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(Recall from the exercises that  $b_{12} - b_{1212} \pm$  was a pseudo idempotent)

# Cells and reps of monoidal cats

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## Example/theorem (folklore)

$\mathcal{S}(V^{\otimes d} | d \in \mathbb{N})$  for "finite TL" over  $\mathbb{F}_{p^k}$

There are  $(k + 1)$  cells

$$\mathcal{I}_t \quad Z_{p^k-1}, \dots, Z_{2p^k-2} \quad \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}} \cong \mathcal{V}_{\text{er}_{p^k}}$$

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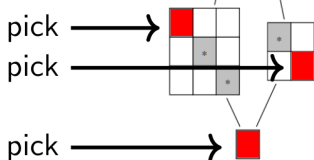
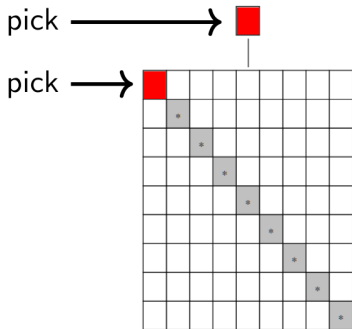
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### Example ( $\mathcal{S}bim$ )

$H$ -reduction reduces the classification problem a lot  
but one needs extra work to complete it (the  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}$  are complicated)

$5_{3,3}$	$3_{3,3}$	$4_{3,4}$	$5_{3,1}$	$2_{3,1}$
$3_{3,3}$	$5_{3,3}$	$4_{3,4}$	$2_{3,1}$	$5_{3,1}$
$4_{4,3}$	$4_{4,3}$	$9_{4,4}$	$6_{4,1}$	$6_{4,1}$
$5_{1,3}$	$2_{1,3}$	$6_{1,4}$	$9_{1,1}$	$3_{1,1}$
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type  $F_4$

$$5_{3,3} : \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{H}} \simeq \mathcal{R}ep(S_4)$$

$3_{10,10}$	$2_{50,10}$	$1_{20,10}$
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type  $E_6$

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**Theorem (Digne –1988, Solikov)**

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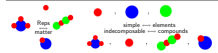
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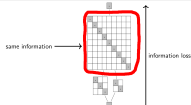
### Finitary/fat monoidal cats



- Let  $\mathcal{F} = \text{Rep}(G, K)$
- $\mathcal{F}$  is monoidal ✓
- $\mathcal{F}$  is  $K$ -linear ✓
- $\mathcal{F}$  is additive ✓
- $\mathcal{F}$  is idempotent complete ✓
- $\mathcal{F}$  has fin dim hom spaces ✓
- $\mathcal{F}$  often has infinitely many indecomposable objects!
- $\mathcal{F}$  has dualities ✓

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### Cells in monoidal cats



- Cells given a partial order on  $\text{ind}(\mathcal{F})$ , in a matrix style fashion
- Get monoidal information loss  $\mathcal{S}_L, \mathcal{S}_R$  by killing higher order terms

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**Theorem (Higman –1954)**

$\text{Rep}(G, K)$  is fat **iff** and only **iff** either

(A)  $\text{char}(K)$  does not divide  $|G|$  or  
 (B)  $\text{char}(K) = p$  divides  $|G|$  and the  $p$ -Sylow subgroups of  $G$  are cyclic

**Examples and nonexamples**

► Let  $\mathcal{F} = \text{Rep}(G, \mathbb{F}_p)$ ,  $\mathcal{F}' = \text{Rep}(G, \mathbb{F}_q)$  are fat

►  $\mathcal{F} = \text{Rep}(G, \mathbb{F}_p)$ ,  $\mathcal{F}' = \text{Rep}(G, \mathbb{F}_q)$  are not fat

► Take  $G = S_3$   
 $\text{Rep}(G, \mathbb{C})$  ✓  
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 Blue circle = cyclic subgroups, green = 3-Sylow

### Reps of monoidal cats



- Start with examples **in a net**
- Choose the type of categories you want to represent: **Finitary/fat monoidal**
- Choose the type of categories you want as a target: **Finitary**
- Build a theory **Depends critically on the setting**

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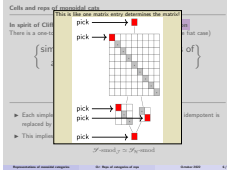
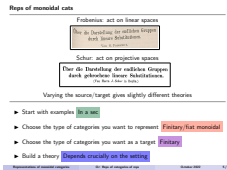
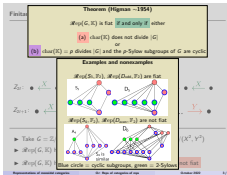
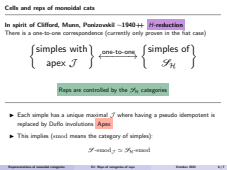
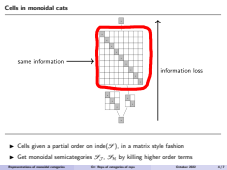
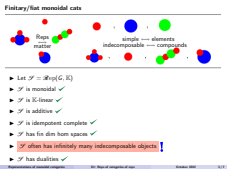
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Thanks for your attention!