# Matrix product operator algebras arXiv:2204.05940

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# (Intrinsic) Topological order

#### Gapped phases

- $\blacktriangleright$  Degenerate ground space, number of GS  $\sim$  topology
- ▶ Different GS are locally indistinguishable ⇒ no local order parameter for PT
- Excitations: point-like, free, anyons

# Toy models for spin systems



String-net models



Unitary fusion categories

- Groups
- C\*-Hopf algebras
- C\*-Weak Hopf algebras

Hamiltonian: commuting projectors Anyons described by "doubled" object PEPS description

[Kitaev:quant-ph/9707021, Levin:cond-mat/0404617, Gu:0809.2821, Buerschaper:1007.5283, Jia:2302.08131]

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#### The MPO symmetries



G-injective PEPS: MPOs elements of G

String-net models: MPO = elements of fusion category  $\mathcal{C}$ 

$$- a \in Obj(\mathcal{C})$$





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The product for fusion categories:

$$O_a \cdot O_b = \sum_c N^c_{ab} O_c, \quad N^c_{ab} \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

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Then a symmetric PEPS tensor is:



[Bultinck:1511.08090, Lootens:2008.11187]

### Our perspective

Open boundary MPOs are also symmetries:



Open boundary MPOs form an algebra:  $\forall B, C \exists D \text{ s.t.}$ 



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- ► Fusion category = Weak Hopf algebras [Etingof:math/0203060, Kitaev:1104.5047]

# Use of algebraic formulation

 Transfer operator of topological PEPS: renormalization fixed point MPDO

[Ruiz-de-Alarcón:2204.06295]

 Phase classification of RFP MPDO [Ruiz-de-Alarcón:2204.06295]

 Characterization of symmetries in topologically ordered PEPS [Molnar: in preparation]

Other possibly interesting states with topological properties

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# Taft-Hopf-injective PEPS

- The PEPS is non-zero on finite region, torus
- The PEPS is zero on a sphere
- ► The GS of the parent Hamiltonian is the expected one
- Rotation: local unitaries
- Not zero correlation length
- Nicer Hamiltonian? Excitations?
- Connection to non-semisimple TQFTs?

# Conclusion

- Topological order: MPO symmetries
- Topological GS degeneracy, anyons
- MPO from fusion categories
- Alternative formulation: weak Hopf algebra

# MPO injectivity of string-net models



- MPOs built from fusion categories
- 2 types of MPO tensors (incoming vs outgoing index)
- Blue and green tensors: quantum dimensions

