Composition of group-subgroup subfactors

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- Planar algebras and subfactors
- Automorphisms of planar algebras

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- Planar fixed-point subfactors
- Examples and applications

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Today: Construct planar algebras abstractly, obtain new subfactors.

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Planar operad:

- Planar tangles
- Labelled internal disks
- Checkerboard shading
- Distinguished boundary region
- Composition via gluing

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So we can find new subfactor planar algebras as small planar subalgebras of BGPAs. This provides new subfactors.

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To show $\alpha \in \operatorname{Aut} P$, it suffices to show that it commutes with a convenient generating set of the planar operad. In general computing $\operatorname{Aut} P$ is hard, but the group may be completely described when P is a BGPA (B '10). $\operatorname{Aut} P$ is generated by

- Graph automorphism operators (from $Aut\Gamma$)
- Multiplication operators (from unitaries in V_1^+)

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- Principal graph determined by $G \subset \text{Out}M$
- Planar algebra determined by groups plus scalar 3-cocycle obstruction: ω ∈ H³(G, S¹)
- IRF model for planar algebra (BDG)
- ▶ Determined by subfactor pair: $M \subset M \rtimes H$, $M \subset M \rtimes K$

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- Let N be the result of the downward basic construction on M ⋊ A ⊂ M ⋊ H. (i.e. M ⋊ H is isomorphic to the basic construction on N ⊂ M ⋊ A).
- ► Then N ⊂ M ⋊ K is the group type subfactor obtained from the above group quadrilateral.
- ▶ This is a generalization of the Bisch-Haagerup construction $M^H \subset M \rtimes K$.

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- Then the planar fixed point subfactor obtained from P^G_r is a generalized Bisch-Haagerup subfactor (group quadrilateral).
- Moreover, the planar algebra of any such subfactor may be obtained in this way (B '10).

All of these irreducible subfactors have (composite) integer index, and have an intermediate subfactor.

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- Let ρ be a map from some group G to AutP_Γ, such that P^G_Γ produces a subfactor.
- Let E be the center of the group of multiplication operators

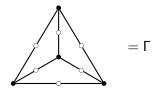
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- Generalized Bisch-Haagerup planar algebras are determined by (A, H, K, G) plus ω ∈ H³(G, S¹), with the restriction that ω has trivial image under the inflation map H³(G, S¹) →³ (H *_A K, S¹).
- ▶ From some elementary group cohomology, all such cocycles can be obtained from elements of H¹(G, E) (c.f. Jones)
- This sometimes allows enumeration of BH subfactors with specified G, H, K (c.f. IK '93)

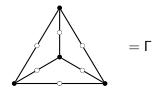
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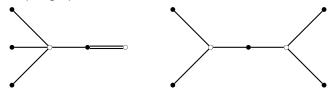
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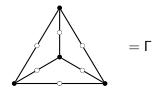
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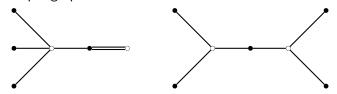
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- The cohomology computation implies that there are two (hyperfinite) subfactors with this principal graph.
- ► They are distinguished by whether or not the representation of G in OutR lifts to AutR.

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- Infinitely many of these produce mutually nonisomorphic subfactors