

# FUSION CATEGORIES

## MISSION OBJECTIVES

- Complete the classification of all (braided) (pivotal) multiplicity-free fusion categories up to rank 7.
- Create a package containing
  - all explicit data of these categories,
  - functions for working with fusion categories, and
  - functions for finding more fusion categories.
- Make the data available online for other researchers.

## ARSENAL - ANYONICA

Anyonica is a Mathematica package that provides an arsenal of tools to deal with pentagram and hexagram equations.

- FindZeroValues
- BreakMultiplicativeSymmetry
- ReduceByBinomials
- ReduceByLinearity
- IncrementalGroebnerBases
- SolveViaReduce

## MISSION OVERVIEW

To break symmetry and reduce the system we need to know which variables can be zero. This is done by mapping the system to a logical proposition: we map each variable to a boolean which is False if the variable is zero and True otherwise. Each polynomial equation becomes a proposition saying it is impossible for exactly one term to be non-zero. The invertibility of the pentagram maps becomes the proposition that the determinant polynomials of the F-matrices must have at least one non-zero term. Finding all zero values then reduces to an ALLSAT problem from computer science: find all boolean vectors satisfying a proposition.

"Cutting off the sources of the invasion as soon as possible was as hard as it was useful. In the end, only in a few cases did we manage to avoid a full invasion at this point."

"What used to be pure energy flowing down the tower had a somewhat more macabre nature."

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Once the zeros are known we start breaking symmetry. For every solution  $\{F_d^{ab}\}$  to the pentagram equations there are an infinite number of other solutions of the form

$$\left\{ \frac{g_a^b g_c^d}{g_d^b g_c^a} [F_d^{ab}]_f \right\}$$

Since none of the F-symbols is zero, one can set F-symbols with freedom to 1 and solve for the gauge variables.

The remaining system is often too big to tackle so we use subsystems of a simpler form to simplify the harder equations. First the equations with only two terms are used. Then the equations that are linear in a variable, are used. Often assumptions need to be added and the number of systems to solve grows.

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"Chance of Overflow: HIGH!"

"Danger Level: CRITICAL!"

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**PIVOTAL EQUATIONS**

$$\frac{p_e}{p_a p_b} = [F_1^{abc}]_a^c [F_1^{bca}]_b^a [F_1^{cab}]_c^b$$

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If  $d_a = d_a$  for all objects  $a$ , then the category is called a spherical fusion category. These are useful to calculate 3-manifold invariants.

If also braided, one can also extract knot invariants.

[ $F_e^{fed}]_l^g [F_e^{abf}]_k^f = \sum_h [F_g^{abf}]_h^f [F_e^{ahd}]_k^h [F_k^{bcd}]_l^h$

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**BRAIDED FUSION CATEGORIES** come with a braided structure:  $\beta: a \otimes b \rightarrow b \otimes a$

This structure provides representations of the braid group and thus also solutions to the Yang-Baxter equations.

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**UNITARY FUSION CATEGORIES** come with a Hermitian structure,  $\dagger$ , that induces a canonical spherical structure for which the quantum dimensions are positive real numbers. For a unitary fusion category there always exists a basis for which the F-matrices are unitary. Having unitary F-matrices only implies that the category is unitary if equipped with the canonical spherical structure.

Unitarity is often required for applications to anyonic systems in low-dimensional quantum physics. Here the evolution of such a system is described by the morphisms of a unitary (modular) fusion category and unitarity guarantees conservation of probability. For mathematical purposes such as the calculation of topological invariants, unitarity is not required, so we never assumed such property when searching for fusion categories.

This is a form of quantum computation where calculations are performed braiding anyons around each other. The outcome of such computations is independent of the trajectory of the anyons and is therefore protected against perturbations.

The chances that specific processes occur in the lab are related to knot invariants, which can be calculated exponentially faster this way.

**MODULAR FUSION CATEGORIES** are spherical braided fusion categories for which the S-matrix

$$[S]_b^a = d_a d_b \sum_c [\tilde{F}_a^{ab}]_1^1 R_c^{b*} R_c^{a*} [F_a^{ab}]_1^1$$

is invertible. The name comes from the fact that such a fusion category provides a representation of the modular group  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ .

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## RESULTS

All multiplicity-free fusion categories (973 in total) up to rank 7 have been found. The number of categories with specific properties are shown in the Venn diagram. The number of categories per fusion ring are shown in the bar chart.

### GENERAL PROPERTIES

Every multiplicity-free fusion category up to rank 7 admits a pivotal structure.

Not all fusion rings with modular data are categorifiable.

If a multiplicity-free modular with rank up to 7 is categorifiable, then it has at least one modular category.

Some fusion categories of rank 7 have different configurations of zero values for the F-symbols. All these configurations form a chain of inclusions, however.

All the data on fusion rings and categories are part of the Anyonica package. Anyonica also contains all methods for finding fusion categories and useful functions for working with these rings and categories.

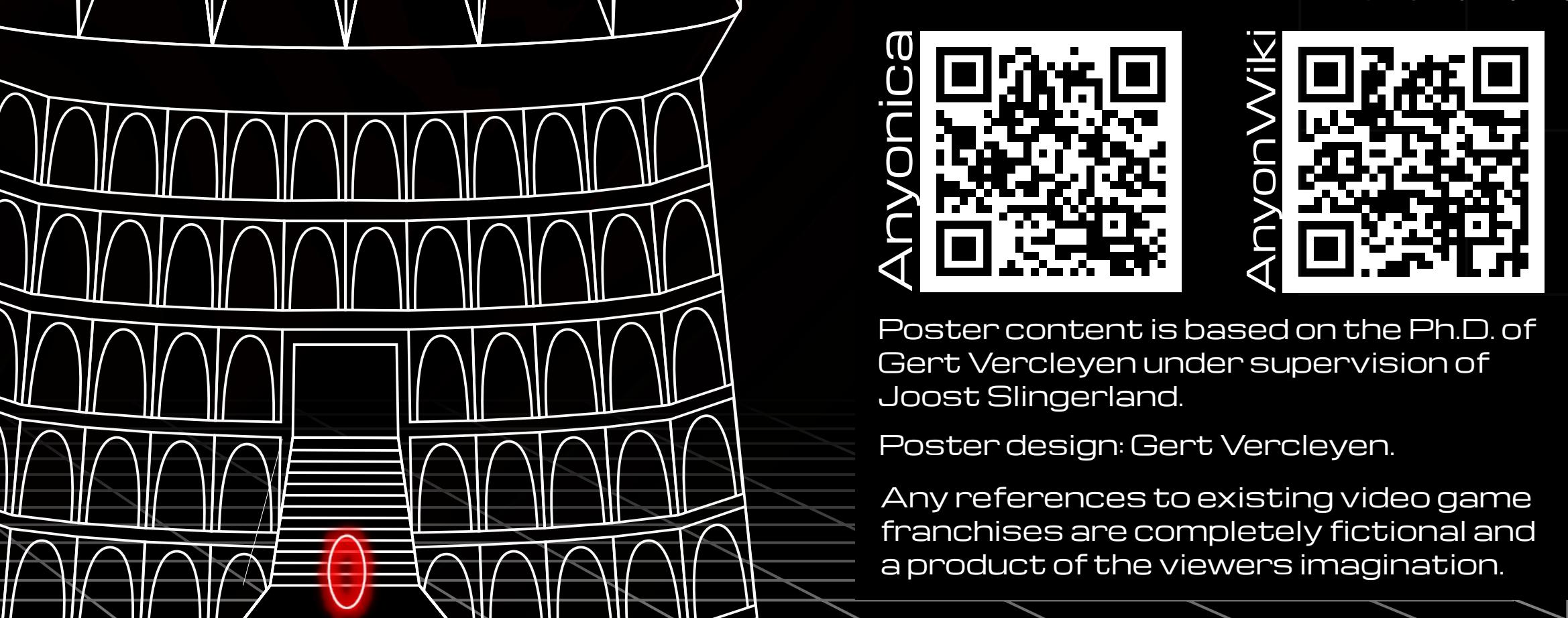
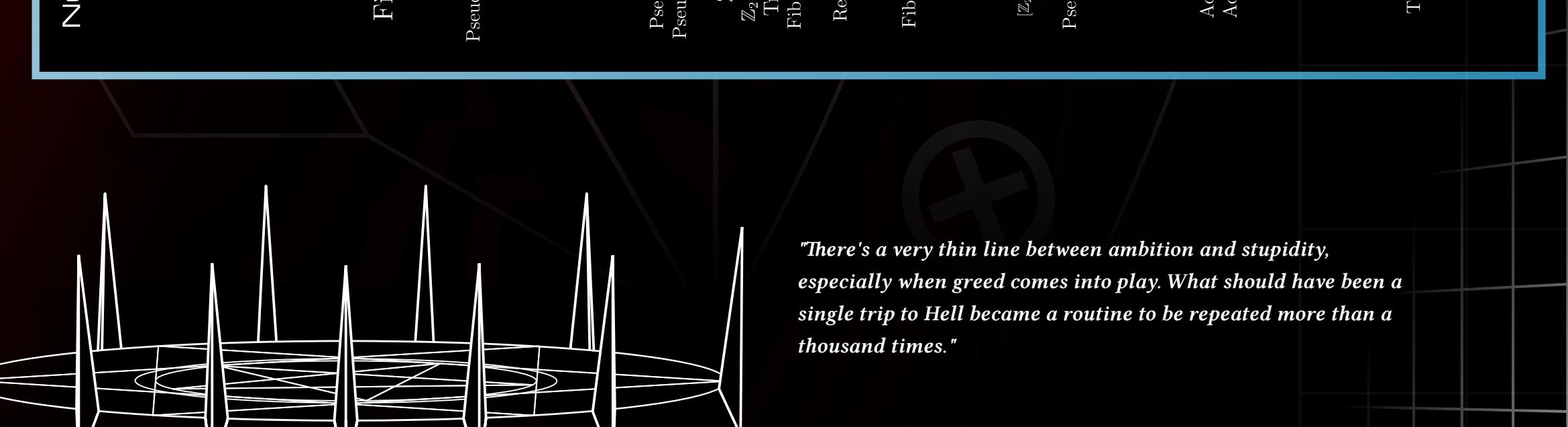
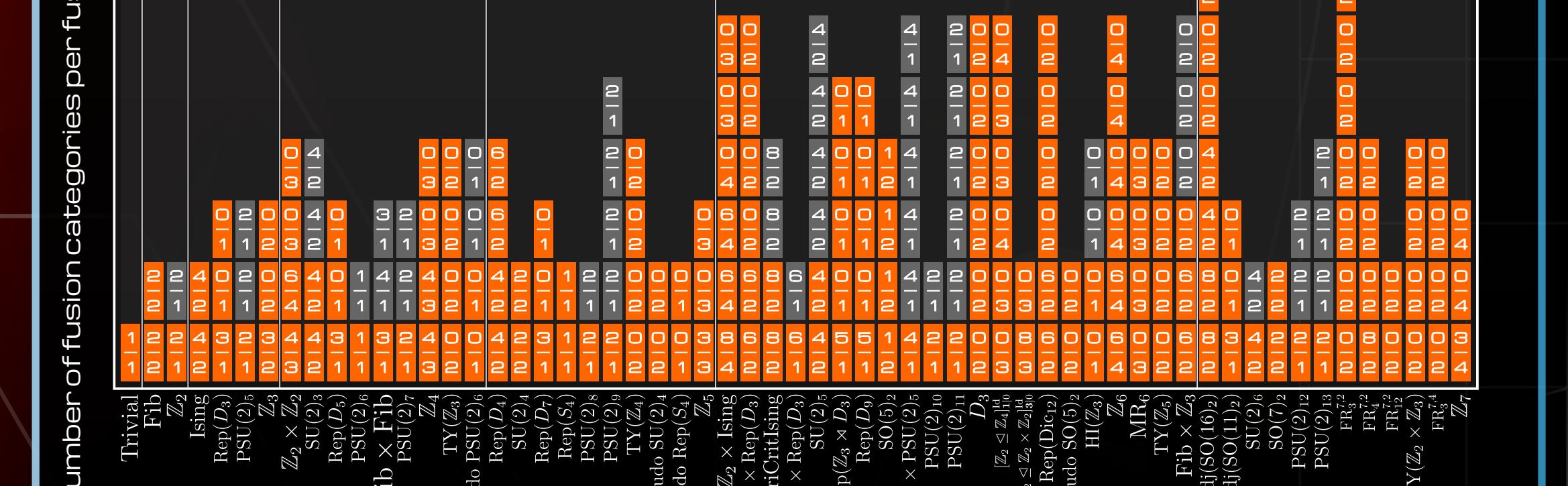
All F-symbols and R-symbols are available online on the AnyonWiki.

**Unitary F-symbols**

**Non-Unitary F-symbols**

**# Solutions to Hexagram Equations**

**# Solutions to Pivotal Equations**



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