

Orbifolds of defect TQFTs

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Goal.

Generalise and unify **orbifold** and **state sum constructions**

Slogans.

- “State sum models = orbifolds of the trivial theory”
- “General orbifolds = state sum constructions internal to some QFT”

Result.

Worked out for any n -dimensional **defect TQFT**

Applications.

- new equivalences between singularity categories
- “spherical fusion categories internal to Gray categories with duals”
- surface defects in Reshetikhin-Turaev theory
- topological quantum computation(?)

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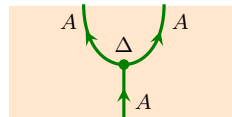
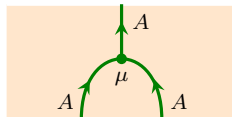
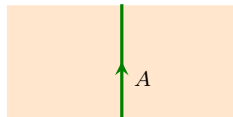
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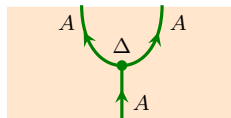
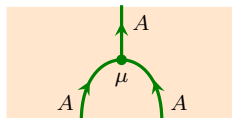
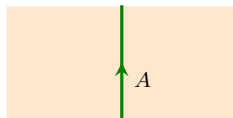
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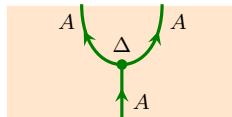
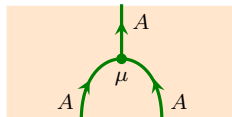
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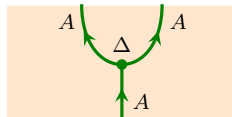
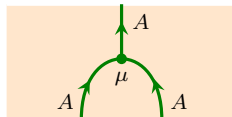
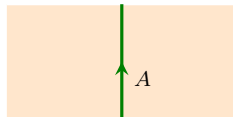
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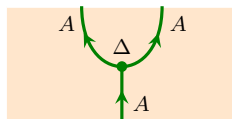
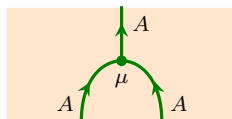
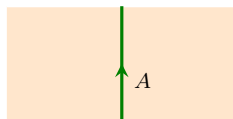
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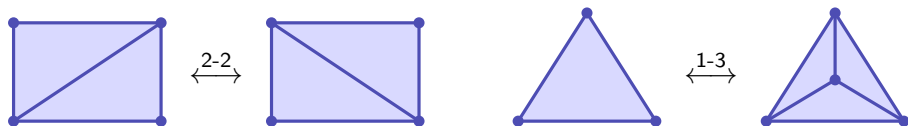
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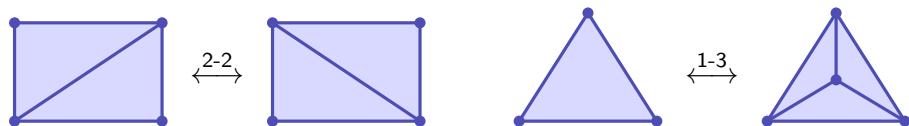


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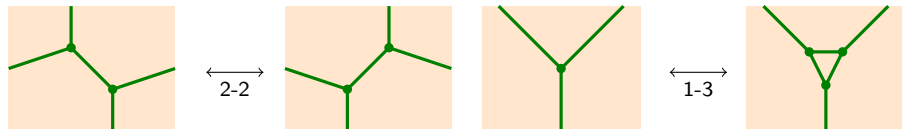
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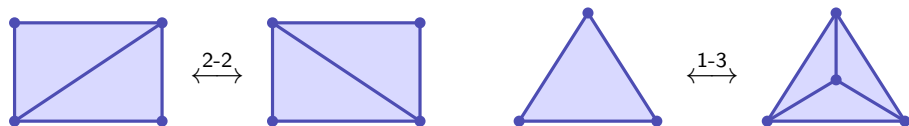


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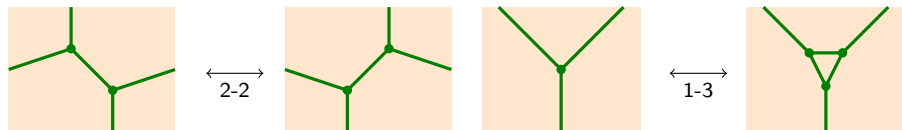
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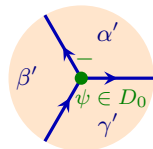
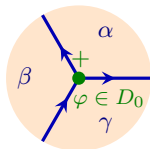
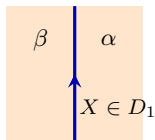
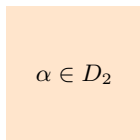
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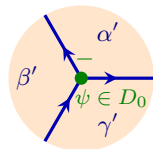
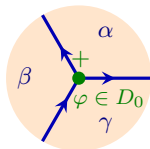
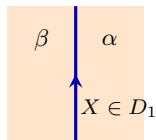
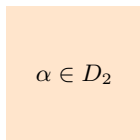
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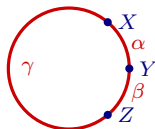
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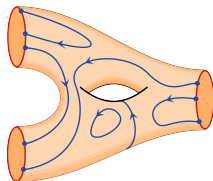


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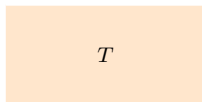
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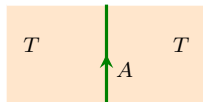
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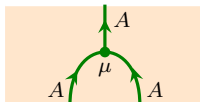
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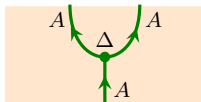
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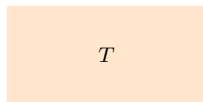


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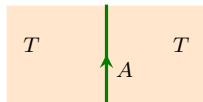
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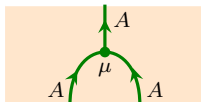
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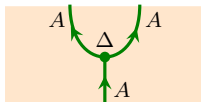
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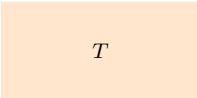
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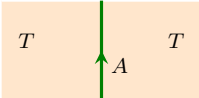
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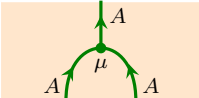
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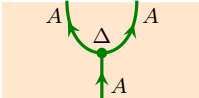
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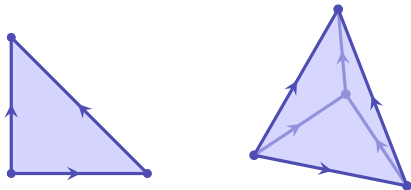
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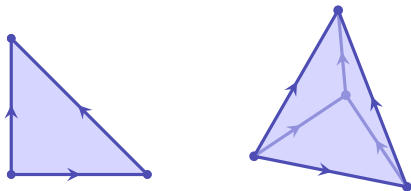
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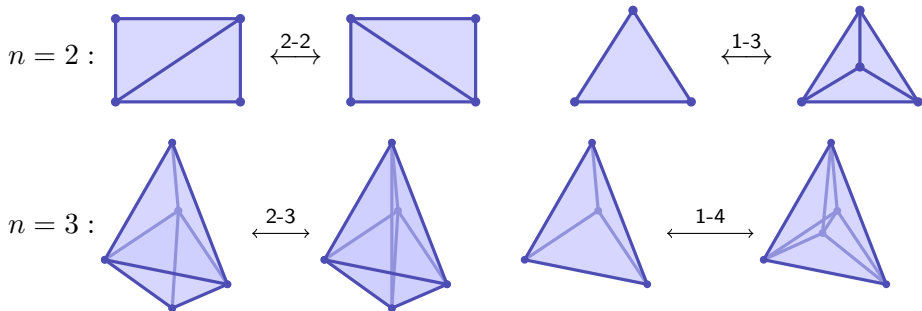
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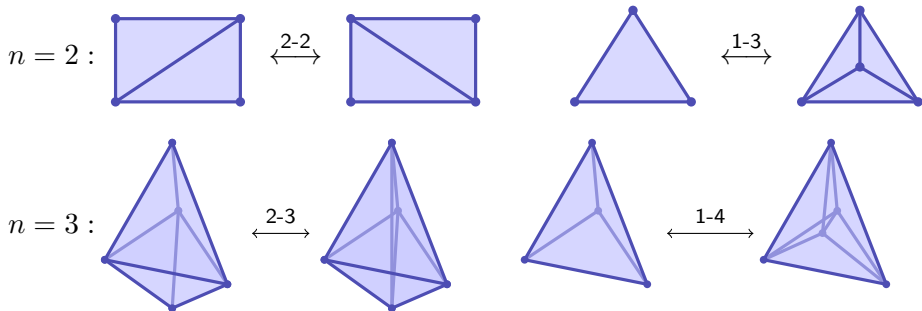


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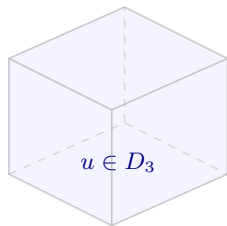
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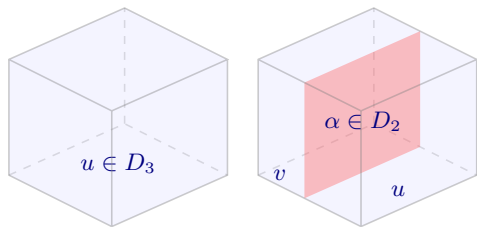
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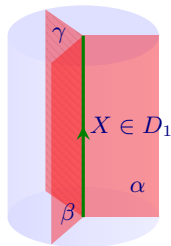
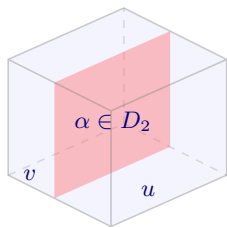
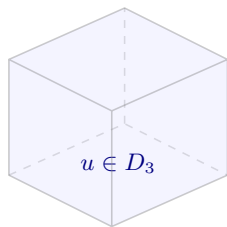
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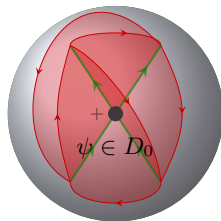
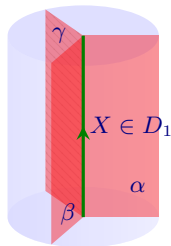
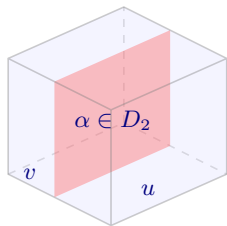
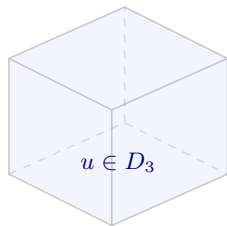
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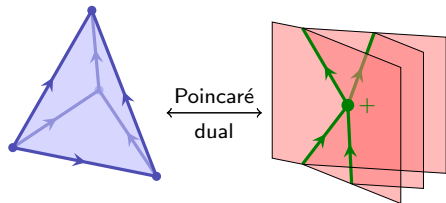
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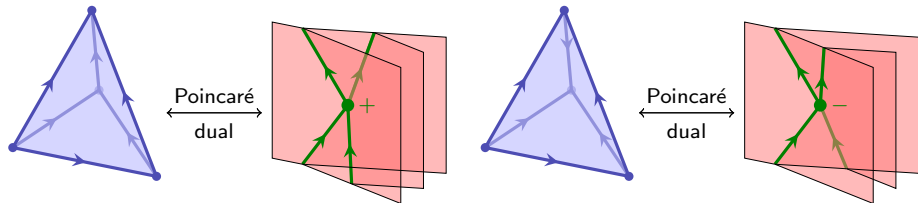
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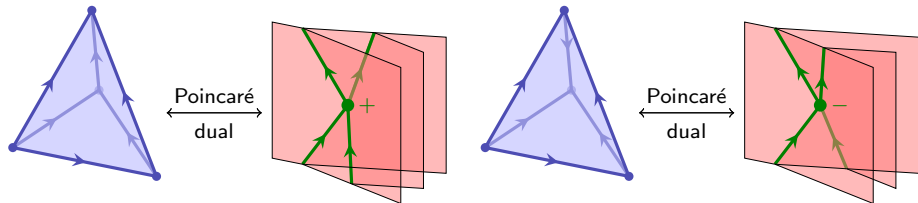
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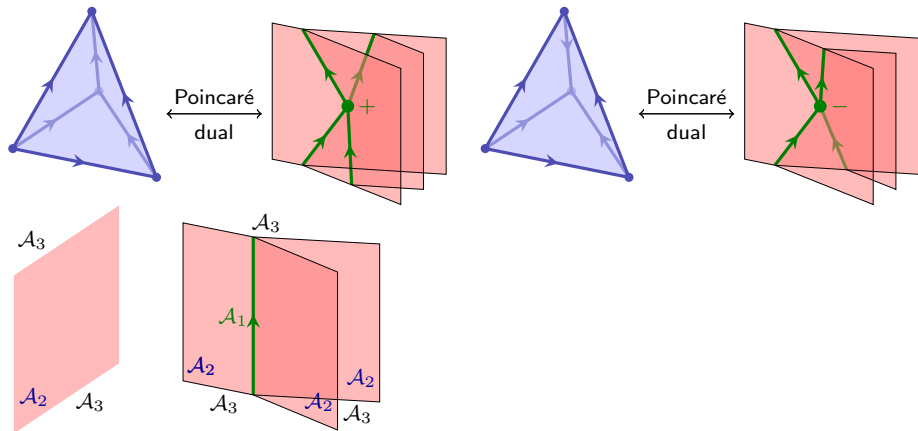
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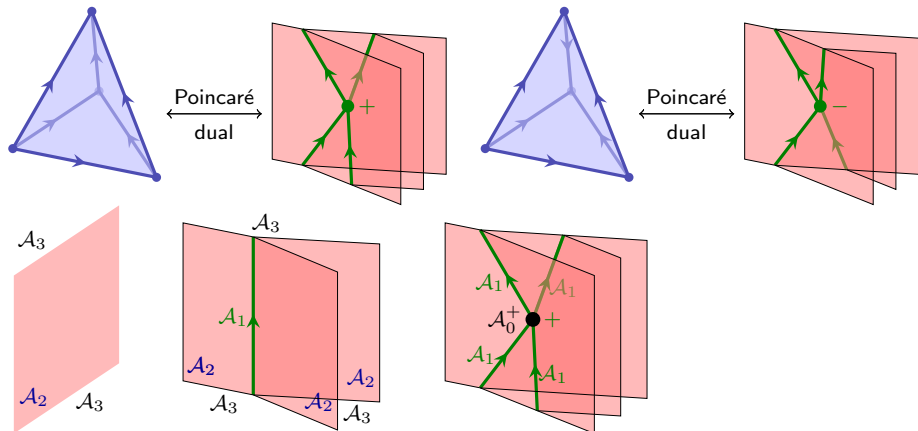
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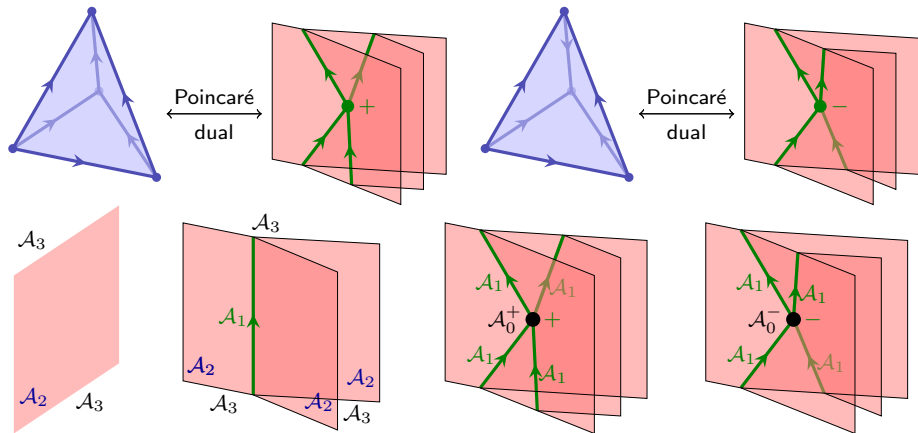
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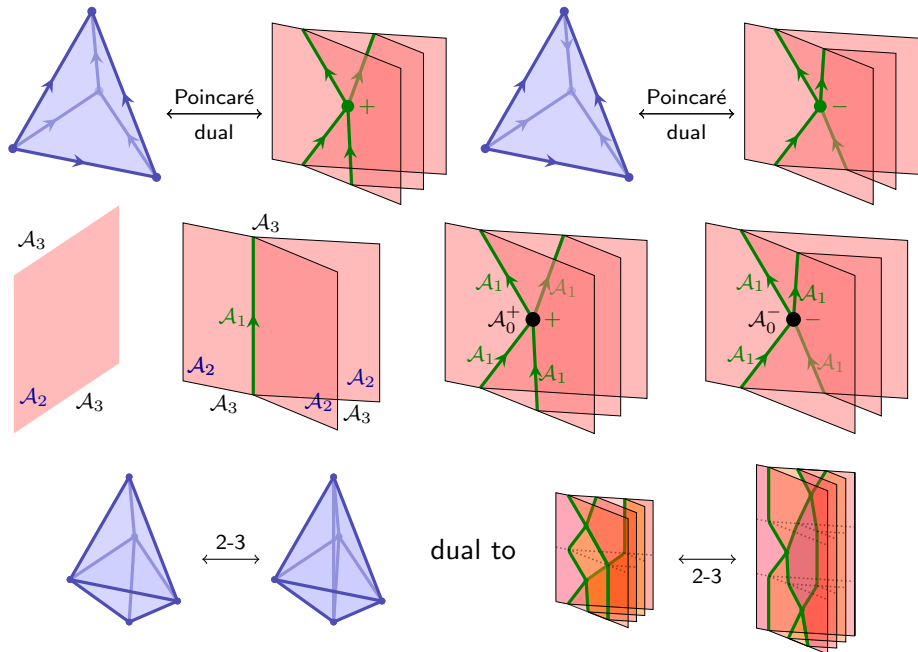
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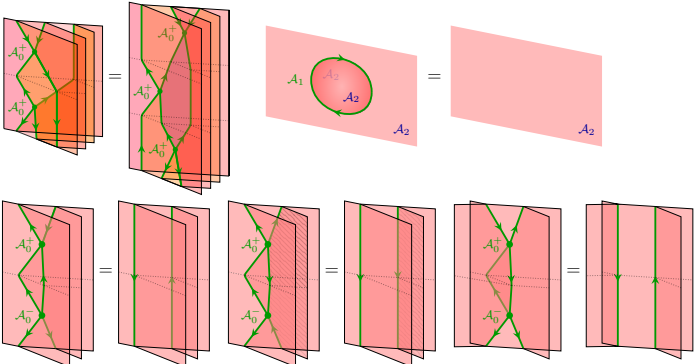
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