## EASY QUANTUM ACTIONS ?

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- The action is ergodic if $A^{\alpha}=\{x \in A \mid \alpha(x)=x \otimes 1\}=\mathbb{C} .1_{A}$
- Classically, ergodic $\Leftrightarrow$ minimal.


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Then, this is the restriction of $\mathscr{F}_{\alpha}$ for some ergodic action $\alpha$ of $\mathbb{G}$.

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## Theorem (Jones, Martin)

Set $V=\mathbb{C}^{N}$ with the permutation representation of $S_{N}$. Then, for any $k, \ell$,

$$
\operatorname{Mor}_{S_{N}}\left(V^{\otimes k}, V^{\otimes \ell}\right)=\operatorname{Span}\left\{T_{p} \mid p \in P(k, \ell)\right\}
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where $P(k, \ell)$ is the set of partitions of $\{1, \cdots, k+\ell\}$.

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## Theorem (F.-TAIPE-WANG)

Let $\mathscr{C}$ be a category of partitions, let $\mathscr{P}$ be a module of projective partitions over $\mathscr{C}$ and let $N$ be an integer. Then, the spaces

$$
K_{n}^{\mathscr{P}}=\operatorname{Span}\left\{T_{p}\left(e_{1}^{\otimes n}\right) \mid p \in \mathscr{P}_{n}\right\} \subset\left(\mathbb{C}^{N}\right)^{\otimes n}
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and the maps $\varphi_{k, \ell}(r): T_{p}\left(e_{1}^{\otimes k}\right) \mapsto T_{r p r}\left(e_{1}^{\otimes \ell}\right)$ satisfy the assumptions of the Theorem.

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If $\mathscr{C}$ is non-crossing and $\mathscr{P}=\operatorname{Proj}_{\mathscr{C}}=\left\{p \in \mathscr{C} \mid p \circ p=p=p^{*}\right\}$, then the previous action is the standard action on the first column space.

Examples: $O_{N}^{+} \curvearrowright S_{+}^{N-1, \mathbb{R}} ; S_{N}^{+} \curvearrowright \mathbb{C}^{N} ; H_{N}^{+} \curvearrowright \mathbb{C}^{2 N}$.

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## What about other quantum groups ?

- $H_{N}^{+}$: same status as $S_{N}^{+}$;
- $O_{N}^{+}$: does not act non-trivially on any classical space !


