

# Tensor categories without groups

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## **Algebraic group $G$ , $Rep(G)$ the category of f.d. rep-s of $G/\mathbb{C}$ .**

- Symmetric monoidal category: operation  $\otimes$ , unit ( $G \curvearrowright \mathbb{C}$ ), associativity and commutativity.
- Duals of objects, categorical dimension  $\dim(V) \in \text{End}_G(\mathbb{C})$ :

$$\mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{1 \mapsto \sum_i e_i \otimes e_i^*} V \otimes V^* \xrightarrow{v \otimes f \mapsto f \otimes v} V^* \otimes V \xrightarrow{e_i^* \otimes e_j \mapsto \delta_{i,j}} \mathbb{C}$$

- Recover  $G$  from  $Rep(G)$  using Tannakian reconstruction!

## **Similar categories which are not of the form $Rep(G)$ for any $G$ ?**

- Vector superspaces ( $V = V_{\bar{0}} \oplus V_{\bar{1}}$ );  $Rep(G)$  for supergroup  $G$ .
  - ★ Dimensions are integers:  $\dim(V) = \dim V_{\bar{0}} - \dim V_{\bar{1}}$ .
  - ★ Category not necessarily semisimple, rich representation theory.
- Deligne interpolation categories:  $Rep(\underline{GL}_t)$ ,  $Rep(\underline{S}_t)$  for  $t \in \mathbb{C}$ .
  - ★ Complex dimensions.
  - ★ Category not necessarily semisimple.
  - ★ Representation stability: behaviour of rep-s of  $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $S_n$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .