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We strengthen the relationship between Hopf algebras and 3-manifolds (following Greg Kuperberg and Rohit Thomas), by giving a correspondence between, on the algebraic side, open Hopf algebra expressions (with some free variables), and, on the geometric side, sutured 3-manifolds with markings. Among other benefits, this gives a purely geometric interpretation of the Drinfel'd Double construction.

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