

## Cluster categories from Postnikov diagrams

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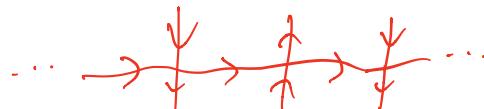
Take oriented disc with marked pts  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  in bdy.

A Postnikov diagram  $\mathcal{D}$  consists of  $n$  strands s.t.:

P0) One strand starts/ends at each marked pt.

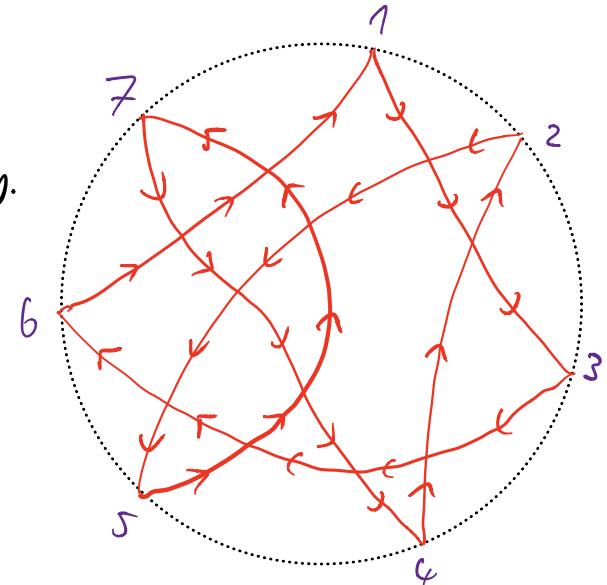
P1) Crossings transverse, pairwise, <math>\leq \infty</math> many.

P2) Signs of crossings alternate along strands



P3) Strands don't self intersect

P4) Consistency:



$\rightsquigarrow \sigma_{\mathcal{D}} \in S_n$  by

$$i \rightsquigarrow \sigma_{\mathcal{D}}(i)$$

$k = \text{'average length'}$  of strands

Say  $\mathcal{D}$  has type  $(k, n)$ .

Example has type  $(3, 7)$ .

## The quiver

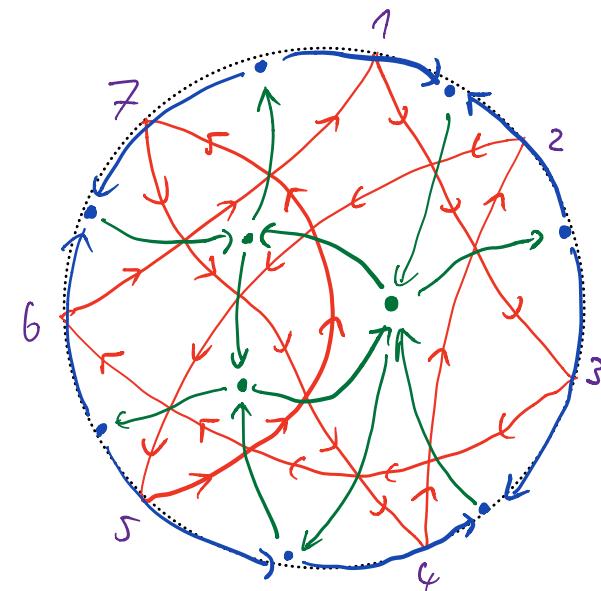
$\mathcal{D} \rightsquigarrow$  quiver  $Q_{\mathcal{D}}$ .

vertices  $\leftrightarrow$  alternating regions

arrows  $\leftrightarrow$  crossings

Boundary vertices (and arrows) are frozen.

$Q_{\mathcal{D}} \rightsquigarrow$  cluster algebra  $A_{\mathcal{D}}$   
(with invertible free. vars.)



Thm (Craoashin-Lam, cf. Serhiyenko-Sherman-Bennett-Williams)

$A_{\mathcal{D}} \cong \mathbb{C}[\overline{\text{PT}}^{\circ}(\sigma_{\mathcal{D}})]$  for  $\overline{\text{PT}}^{\circ}(\sigma_{\mathcal{D}}) \subseteq \text{Gr}_k^n$  open positroid variety in  
the Grassmannian (Postnikov). Initial cluster variables map to restr. Plücker coords.

Special case:  $\sigma_D(i) = i+k \bmod n \Rightarrow \pi^*(\mathcal{O}_D) \subseteq \mathcal{L}(r_n)$  is dense.

In this case theorem is due to Scott.

For this case  $A_D$  has a categorification  $CM(C(k,n))$  by Jensen-King-Sai:

- stably 2-CY Frobenius category
- (reachable) rigid objects  $\leftrightarrow$  cluster monomials, indec. projectives  $\leftrightarrow$  frozen vars.
- (reachable) cluster-filling objects  $\leftrightarrow$  clusters
- mutation  $\leftrightarrow$  mutation etc.

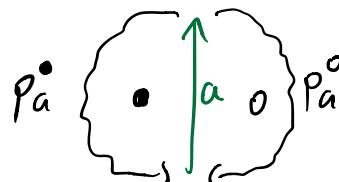
Aim Categorify in general.

### The dimer algebra

Def  $A_D$  dimer algebra

$Q$  has distinguished set of  
anticlockwise ( $\bullet$ ) and clockwise ( $\circlearrowright$ )  
cycles.

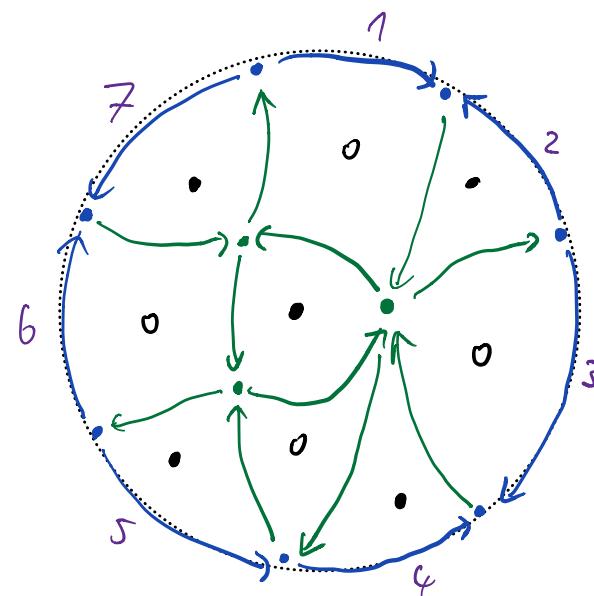
$$A_D = \widehat{\mathbb{C}Q_D} / \text{relations } p_a^\bullet = p_a^\circlearrowright$$



$$C(k,n) = \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram showing a directed graph with nodes labeled 1 through 7. Directed edges are: } \\ \begin{aligned} &1 \xrightarrow{x} 2, 2 \xrightarrow{y} 3, 3 \xrightarrow{z} 4, 4 \xrightarrow{x} 5, 5 \xrightarrow{y} 6, 6 \xrightarrow{z} 7, 7 \xrightarrow{x} 1, \\ &1 \xleftarrow{z} 2, 2 \xleftarrow{y} 3, 3 \xleftarrow{x} 4, 4 \xleftarrow{z} 5, 5 \xleftarrow{y} 6, 6 \xleftarrow{x} 7, 7 \xleftarrow{z} 1. \end{aligned} \\ (n=7) \end{array}$$

$xy = yx$

$y^k = x^{n-k}$



Let  $e = e^2 \in A_D$  be sum of boundary idempotents,  $B := eA_De$  (boundary algebra).

Our categorification is  $GP(B) := \{X \in \text{mod } B : \text{Ext}_{B^e}^{i>0}(X, B) = 0\}$ .

Precisely:

Thm (P) Let  $D$  be a connected Postnikov diagram with dimer algebra  $A_D$ , boundary algebra  $B$ . Then:

1)  $B$  is  $\leq 3$ -Iwanaga-Gorenstein, i.e. Noetherian,  $\text{injdim } B, \text{injdim } B^e \leq 3$ .

$\Rightarrow \text{GP}(\mathcal{B})$  is a Frobenius category

2) Stable category  $\underline{\text{GP}}(\mathcal{B}) = \text{GP}(\mathcal{B})/\text{proj } \mathcal{B}$  is 2-Calabi-Yau triangulated.

3)  $A_{\mathcal{D}} = \text{End}_{\mathcal{B}}(eA_{\mathcal{D}})^{\text{op}}$  and  $eA_{\mathcal{D}} \in \text{GP}(\mathcal{B})$  is cluster-finite, i.e.

$$\text{add}(eA_{\mathcal{D}}) = \{X \in \text{GP}(\mathcal{B}) : \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{B}}^1(X, eA) = 0\}.$$

Follows from general result, using properties of  $A_{\mathcal{D}}$ :

1) Noetherian    2)  $\dim A_{\mathcal{D}}/A_{\mathcal{D}}eA_{\mathcal{D}} < \omega$     3)  $A_{\mathcal{D}}$  internally 3-CY wrt.  $e$ .

$A$  internally 3CY wrt.  $e \Rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^i(X, Y) = \text{Ext}_A^{3-i}(Y, X)^*$  for  $X, Y \in \text{mod } A$ ,  $eY = 0$ .  
and  $\text{gldim } A \leq 3$ .

(Def is slightly stronger, technical.)

Lemma (Canakci-King-P)  $\mathcal{D}$  connected  $\Rightarrow A_{\mathcal{D}}$  has central subalgebra  $\mathcal{Z} \cong C[[t]]$ ,  
and  $e_j A_{\mathcal{D}} e_i \cong \mathcal{Z} \quad \forall i, j \in Q_0$ .

Lemma  $\Rightarrow$  (1), (2) directly, and plays a role in proof of (3).

Remarks 1) Like  $A_{\mathcal{D}} \cong C[\pi^0(\sigma_{\mathcal{D}})]$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  depends only on  $\sigma_{\mathcal{D}}$ .

2)  $A_{\mathcal{D}}$  can be equivalently defined from a consistent dimer model  
in the disc. Int. 3-CY property analogous to 3-CY property  
for algebras from consistent dimer models in the torus (Broomhead).

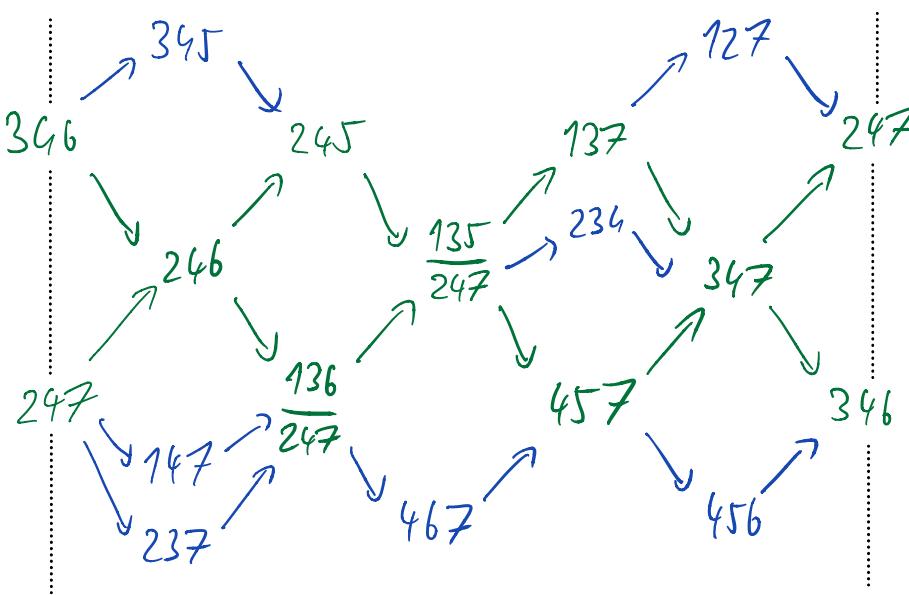
3) If  $\sigma_{\mathcal{D}}(i) = i + k \bmod n$ , then  $\mathcal{B} \cong C(k, n)$  (Baur-King-Marsh)  
and  $\text{GP}(\mathcal{B}) = \text{CM}(\mathcal{B}) \rightarrow$  recover JKLS category

Relationship to JKLS category

Prop (Canakci-King-P) If  $\mathcal{D}$  has type  $(k, n)$ , there is a canonical ring morphism  
 $C(k, n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ , inducing a fully faithful functor  $\rho: \text{GP}(\mathcal{B}) \rightarrow \text{CM}(C(k, n))$ .

$\rightsquigarrow$  our categorifications embed in the appropriate JKJ category.

Example For running example  $D$ ,  $CP(B) \subseteq CM(3,7)$  is

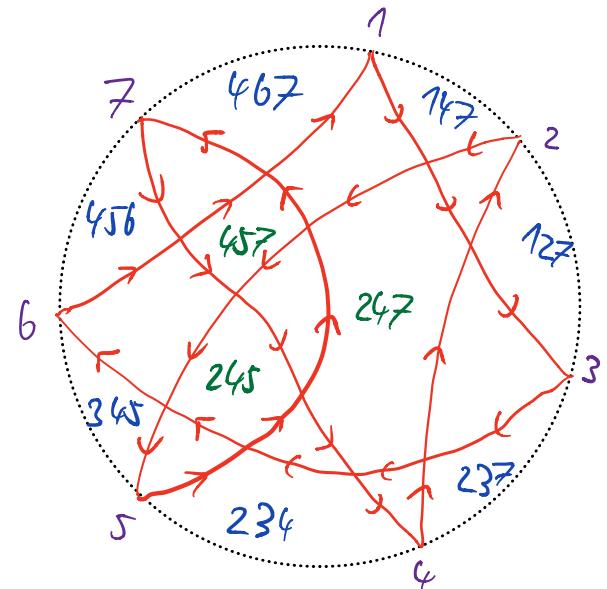


### Labelling

Label alternating region (giver vertex)  
by  $i$  if it is left of strand starting at  $i$   
 $\rightsquigarrow I_j \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\} \wedge j \in Q_0, |I_j| = k$ .

$$A_D \cong C[\pi^0(\sigma_D)]$$

$$\alpha_j \mapsto \Delta(I_j)/_{\pi^0(\sigma_D)} \text{ Pl\"ucker coordinate}$$



JKJ category  $CM(C(k,n))$  has rank 1 indecomposable rigid object  $M_I$   
 $\forall I \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}, |I|=k$ .

Thm (Ganekar-King-P)  $\forall j \in Q_0, \rho(e_A e_j) \cong M_{I_j}$ .

+ earlier results  $\Rightarrow A_D \cong \text{End}_{C(k,n)} \left( \bigoplus_{j \in Q_0} M_{I_j} \right)^{\text{op}}$ . (cf. Baur-King-Marsh)