



# Bidimensionality

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# Preliminaries

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  - A small bracket on the left side groups the last three items: "Grid( $t$ )", " $\Gamma(t)$ ", and "Excluded grid theorem<sup>[1]</sup>".
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  - ▶ Vertex-subset problem and Edge-subset problem
  - ▶  $\varphi$ -Minimization and Maximization Problems
  - ▶ OPT
  - ▶ Contraction Closed and Minor closed
  - ▶ Grid( $t$ )
  - ▶  $\Gamma(t)$
  - ▶ Excluded grid theorem<sup>[1]</sup>
  - ▶ Planar excluded grid theorem<sup>[2]</sup>
  - ▶ Planar excluded grid theorem for edge contractions<sup>[3]</sup>

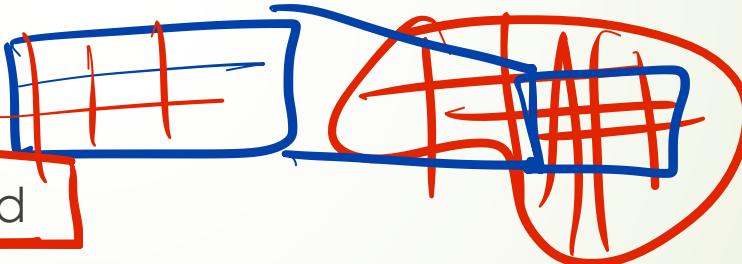
## Preliminaries

### Win\Win Approaches

→ win

Construct a good tree decomposition of the input graph

- ▶ Small Treewidth : Dynamic programming → win
- ▶ Large Treewidth : Existence of an obstacle
  - ▶ No-Instance ✓ →
  - ▶ Yes-Instance ✓
  - ▶ Reduction ✓
- ▶ Treewidth is minor-closed



$H \leq G$   $\Leftrightarrow$   $\text{tw}(G) \geq \text{tw}(H)$

$\text{tw}(H) \leq k$   $\Leftrightarrow$   $\text{tw}(G) \leq k$

NO YES

LP LC

## Preliminaries

# Vertex-subset problem and Edge-subset problem\*

Input : Graph G and a parameter k

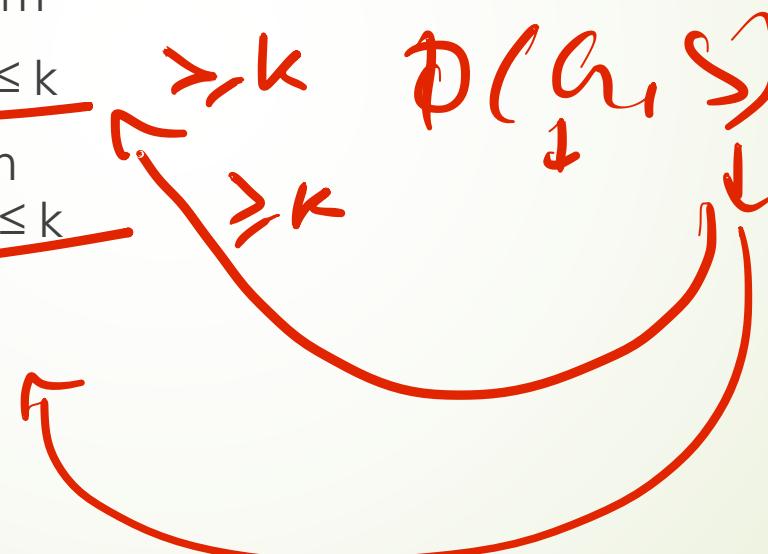
Goal : Decide whether there exists  $S$  and  $\varphi(G, S) = \text{true}$  where :

- Vertex-subset problem

$S \subseteq V(G)$  and  $|S| \leq k$

- Edge-subset problem

$S \subseteq E(G)$  and  $|S| \leq k$



\* for minimization

# $\phi$ -Minimization and Maximization Problems\*

Input : Graph  $G$  and a parameter  $k$

Goal : Decide whether there exists a set  $S \subseteq V(G)$  and  $\phi(G, S) = \text{true}$  and :

- **$\phi$ -Minimization**

$$|S| \leq k$$



- **$\phi$ -Maximization**

$$|S| \geq k$$



\*for vertex-subset problem

## Preliminaries

### Lets define OPT

- $\phi$ -Minimization problem Q

$$\text{OPT}_Q(G) = \min\{k : (G, k) \in Q\}$$

If for no  $k$   $(G, k) \in Q$ , then  $\text{OPT}_Q(G) = +\infty$

- $\phi$ -Maximization problem Q

$$\text{OPT}_Q(G) = \max\{k : (G, k) \in Q\}$$

If for no  $k$   $(G, k) \in Q$ , then  $\text{OPT}_Q(G) = -\infty$ .

$\arg \min_k (G, k)$   
pack  
true  
 $\arg \max_k (G, k)$   
unpack  
true  
 $(b_i, l_i)$   
open  
true

# Contraction Closed and Minor closed

Vertex-subset problem Q

► Contraction-closed

If for every contraction H of G,  $\text{OPT}_Q(H) \leq \text{OPT}_Q(G)$  for all G

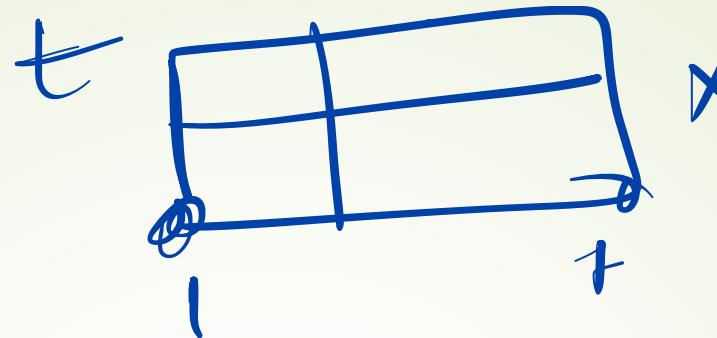
► Minor-Closed

If for every minor H of G,  $\text{OPT}_Q(H) \leq \text{OPT}_Q(G)$  for all G



## Preliminaries

### Grid( $t$ )

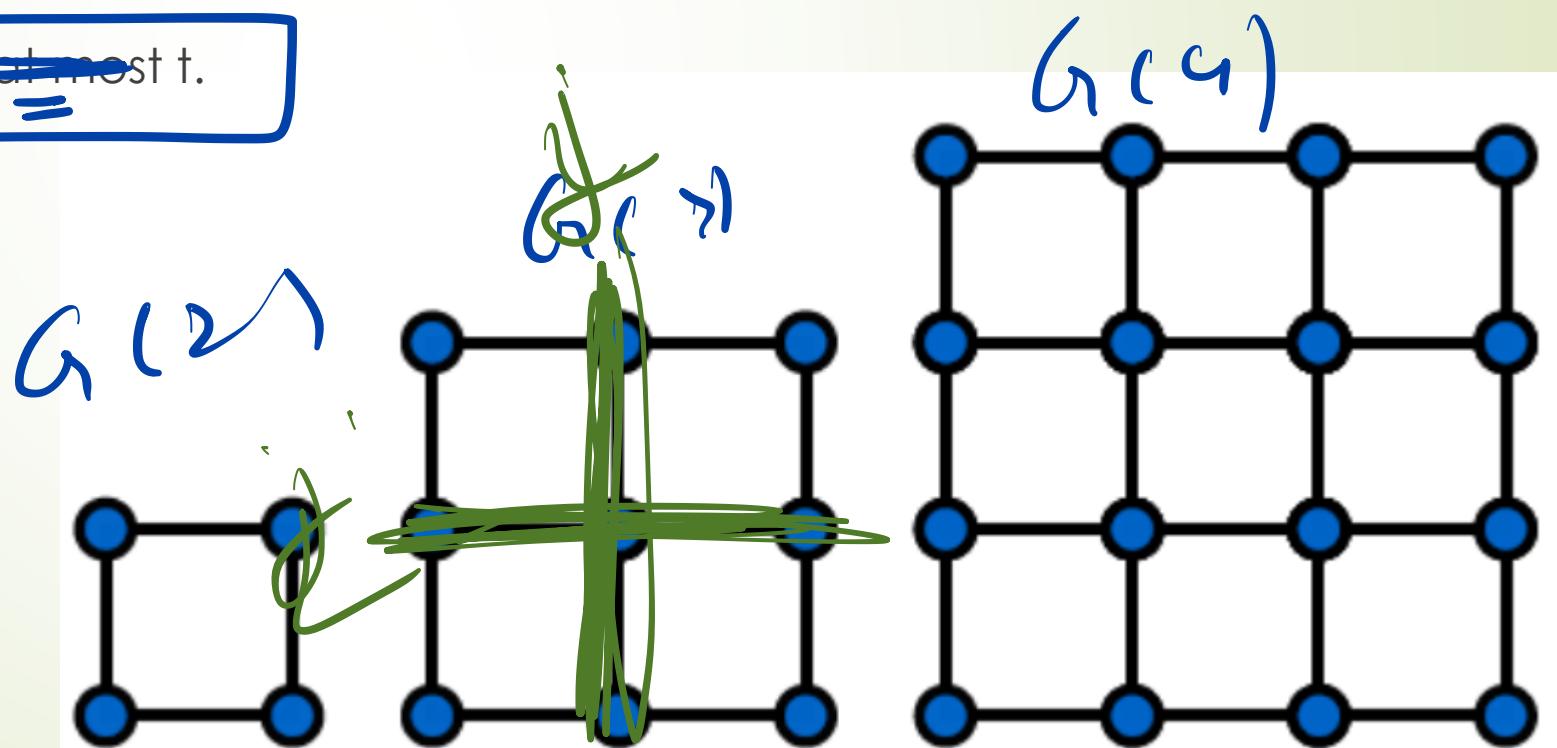


- Graph with vertex set  $\{(x, y) : x, y \in \{1, \dots, t\}\}$ . Thus  $t$  has exactly  $t^2$  vertices.
- Two different vertices  $(x, y)$  and  $(x', y')$  are adjacent if and only if  $|x - x'| + |y - y'| = 1$ .

► Treewidth is almost  $t$ .

$c_{ij}$  →  
Example

$$\text{tw}(\text{Grid}) = t$$



## Preliminaries

$\Gamma(t)$

- Obtained from the Grid( $t$ ) by
  - adding, for all  $1 \leq x, y \leq t-1$ , the edge  $(x+1, y), (x, y+1)$ , and additionally making vertex  $(t, t)$  adjacent to all the other vertices  $(x, y)$  with  $x \in \{1, t\}$  or  $y \in \{1, t\}$ , i.e., to the whole border of  $t$ .

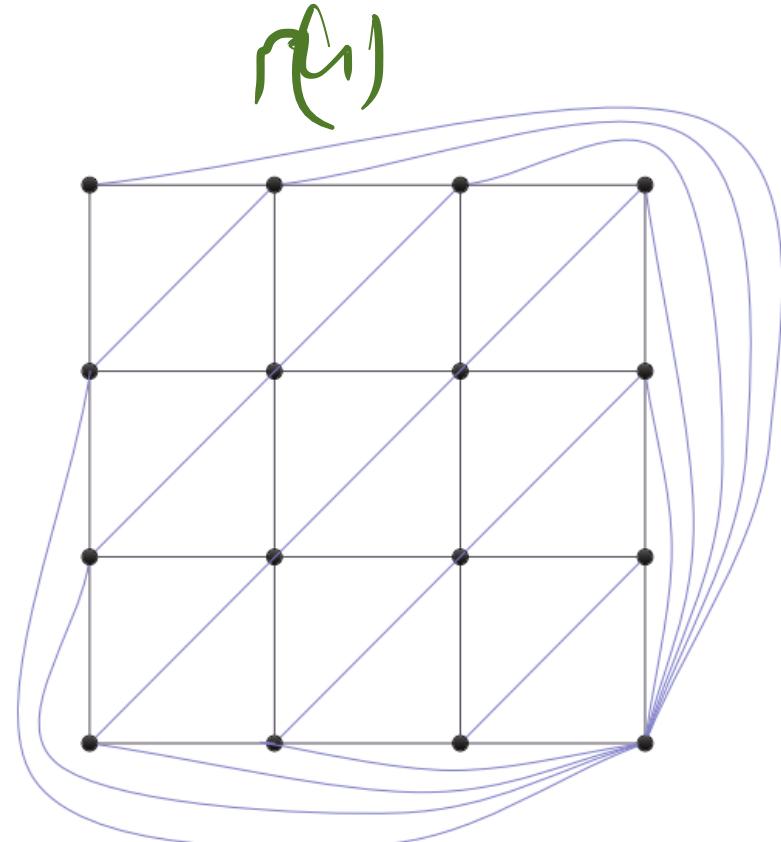


more closed  
 $\Gamma(H)$   $\xleftarrow{\text{cyclic}}$

$\text{fw}(\Gamma(H)) \geq t$

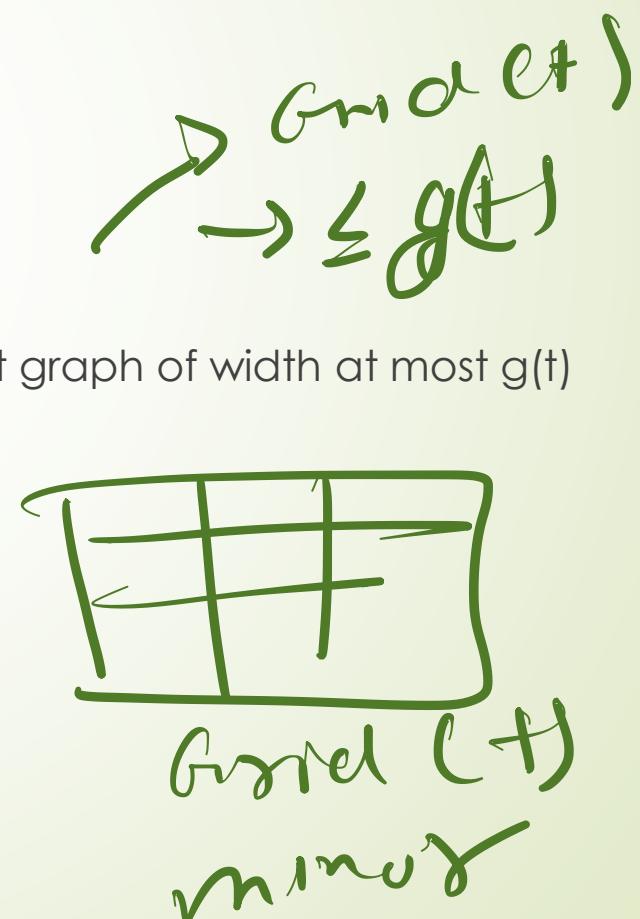
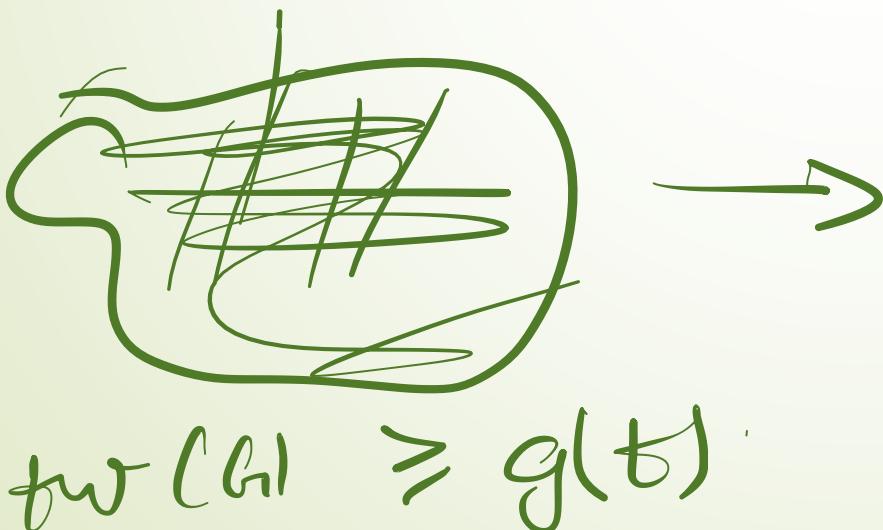
contractivity:

Grid  $t$   
 $\text{fw}() \geq t$



# Excluded grid theorem<sup>[1]</sup>

- ▶  $\exists g(t) = O(t^{98+o(1)})$  such that every graph of treewidth larger than  $g(t)$  contains  $\text{Grid}(t)$  as minor
- ▶ Robertson and Seymour  $g(t) = 2^{O(t^5)}$
- ▶ Randomized poly-time algorithm :
  - ▶ Either constructs a  $\text{Grid}(t)$  minor model
  - ▶ Or finds a tree decomposition of the input graph of width at most  $g(t)$



## Preliminaries : Excluded grid theorem

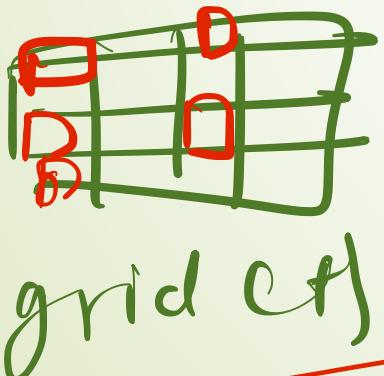
### Lets Apply it on Cycle Packing

$$\geq k \text{ v.d.c}$$

FPT cycle packing  
X

If  $G$  has treewidth larger than  $g(t) = O(k^{49+o(1)})$  :

- ▶  $G$  contains a Grid( $t$ ) minor model for  $t = 2\sqrt{k}$
- ▶ Then in this model one can find  $(\sqrt{k})^2 \geq k$  vertex-disjoint cycles
- ▶ Run the approximation algorithm for parameter  $g(t)$ 
  - ▶ If  $\text{tw}(G) > g(t)$ , then  $(G, k)$  is a yes-instance
  - ▶ Otherwise, we obtain a tree decomposition of  $G$  of width at most  $4g(t)+4$



grid  $C(t)$

$$\geq t^2$$

N.d.C

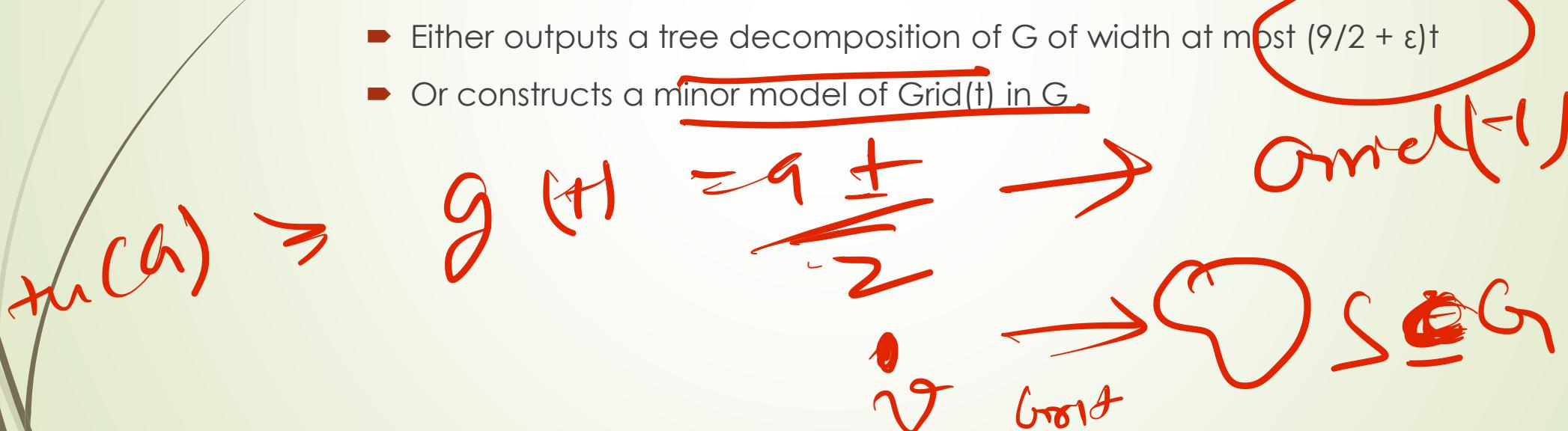
$$\leq 4(g(t)) + 4$$

YES  
 $\text{tw} > g(t)$   
 $\geq k \text{ v.d.c}$

## Preliminaries

### Planar excluded grid theorem<sup>[2]</sup>

- Every planar graph  $G$  of treewidth at least  $9t/2$  contains  $\text{Grid}(t)$  as a minor
- For every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists an  $O(n^2)$  algorithm that, for a given  $n$ -vertex planar graph  $G$  and integer  $t$ 
  - Either outputs a tree decomposition of  $G$  of width at most  $(9/2 + \varepsilon)t$
  - Or constructs a minor model of  $\text{Grid}(t)$  in  $G$



# A Useful Corollary

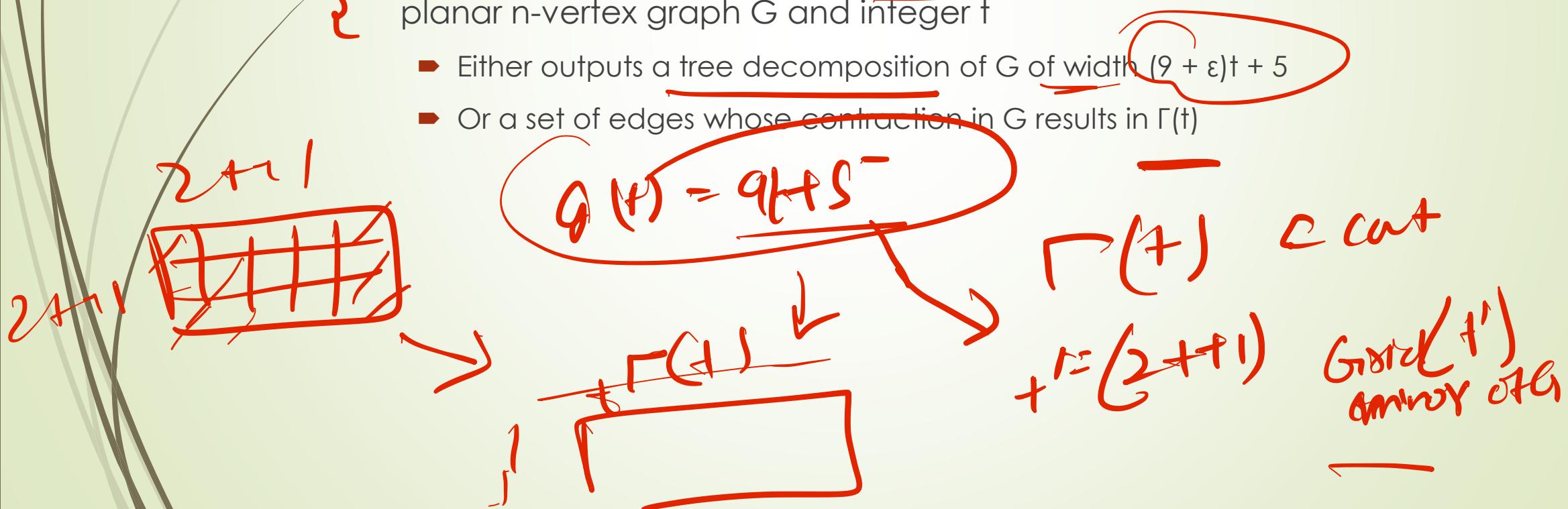
- { ➔ Treewidth of an  $n$ -vertex planar graph  $G$  is less than  $\left\lceil \frac{9}{2}\sqrt{n+1} \right\rceil$
- └ ➔ For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , a tree decomposition of  $G$  of width at most  $\left\lceil \left(\frac{9}{2} + \varepsilon\right)\sqrt{n+1} \right\rceil$  can be constructed in  $O(n^2)$  time.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \overbrace{\text{Grid}(t)}^{t \sqrt{n}} \rightarrow G \\
 \downarrow \\
 t \sqrt{n} \leq n \\
 t \leq \sqrt{n}
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 \overbrace{\text{Grid}(t+1)}^{q(t+1) > \text{tw}(G)} \rightarrow G \\
 q(t+1) \geq \frac{9}{2}(\sqrt{n+1}) + \text{tw}(G)
 \end{array}$$

## Planar excluded grid theorem for edge contractions<sup>[3]</sup>

*mimor*

- ▶ For every connected planar graph  $G$  and integer  $t \geq 0$ , if  $\text{tw}(G) \geq 9t+5$  then  $G$  contains  $\Gamma(t)$  as a contraction
- { ▶ For every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists an  $O(n^2)$  algorithm that, given a connected planar  $n$ -vertex graph  $G$  and integer  $t$ 
  - ▶ Either outputs a tree decomposition of  $G$  of width  $(9 + \varepsilon)t + 5$
  - ▶ Or a set of edges whose contraction in  $G$  results in  $\Gamma(t)$



# Bidimensional Problem

A vertex-subset problem  $Q$  is bidimensional if

- $Q$  is contraction-closed
- $\exists$  constant  $c > 0$  such that

$$\text{OPT}_Q(\Gamma(t)) \geq ct^2$$

minor-closedness

for every  $t > 0$

$$\text{OPT}_Q(\Gamma(t)) \geq ct^2$$

## Thm : Parameter-treewidth bound<sup>[4]</sup>

$Q$  be a bidimensional problem, then

- $\exists$  a constant  $a_Q$  such that for any connected planar graph  $G$  ✓  
$$\boxed{\text{tw}(G) \leq a_Q \cdot \sqrt{\text{OPT}_Q(G)}}$$
- $\exists$  a poly-time algorithm that for a given  $G$  constructs a tree decomposition of  $G$  of width at most  $a_Q \cdot \sqrt{\text{OPT}_Q(G)}$

$$f(G) \leftarrow \alpha \text{OPT}(G)$$

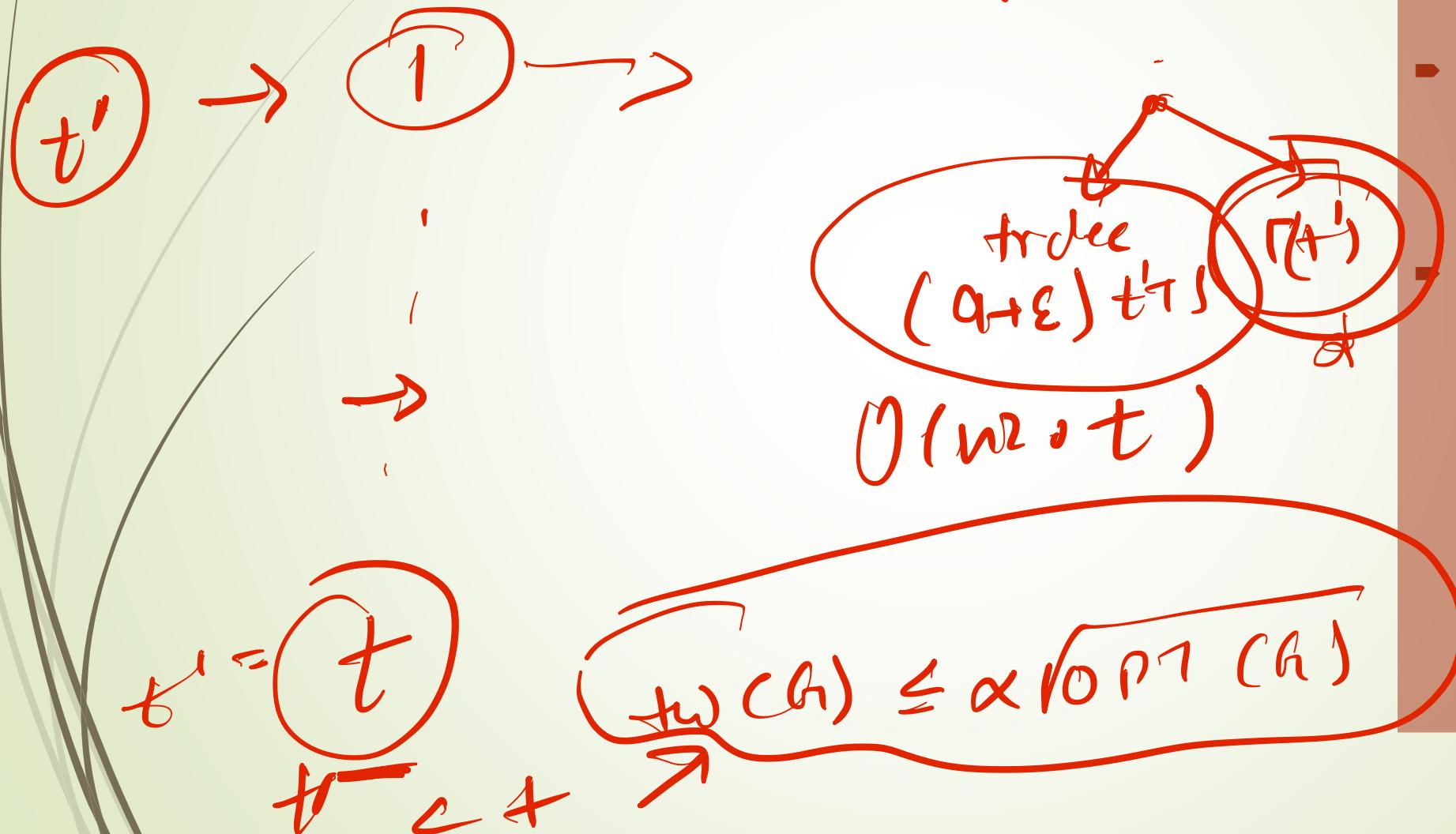
✓

*tree k blowup*

$\text{tw} \leq \alpha \sqrt{\text{OPT}(G)}$

# Thm : Parameter-treewidth bound<sup>[4]</sup>

Proof:  $\varepsilon \geq 1$ ,  $\alpha = \frac{2^4}{\sqrt{c}}$



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### Planar excluded grid theorem for edge contractions<sup>[3]</sup>

- For every **connected** planar graph  $G$  and integer  $t \geq 0$ , if  $tw(G) \geq 9t+5$  then  $G$  contains  $\Gamma(t)$  as a contraction
- For every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists an  $O(n^2)$  algorithm that, given a connected planar  $n$ -vertex graph  $G$  and integer  $t$ 
  - Either outputs a tree decomposition of  $G$  of width  $(9 + \varepsilon)t + 5$
  - Or a set of edges whose contraction in  $G$  results in  $\Gamma(t)$

## BP – Theorem<sup>[5]</sup>

Given : Bidimensional problem Q such that

Q can be solved in time  $2^{O(t)} \cdot n^{O(1)}$

provided a tree decomposition of given G of width t

Then :

Q is solvable in time  $2^{O(\sqrt{k})} \cdot n^{O(1)}$  on **connected** planar graphs

$$\text{FPT } 2^{O(\sqrt{k})} n^{O(1)} + O(\sqrt{k}) n^{O(1)}$$

(connected)

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Bi dim} \cdot 2^{O(t)} n^{O(1)}} \text{Planar}$$

$$t^{O(1)} n^{O(1)}$$

BP - Theorem<sup>[5]</sup>

Proof:

$$tw(G) \leq$$

$$\alpha^{P + \epsilon(0)}$$

$$\sqrt{OPT(G)}$$

$$tw(G) \geq \alpha \sqrt{k}$$

$$OPT(G) \geq k$$

Yes  $\rightarrow$  max

No  $\rightarrow$  min

win

$$tw(G) \leq \alpha \sqrt{k}$$

$$\alpha \sqrt{k}$$

$$O(\alpha \sqrt{k}) \quad n^{O(1)}$$

$$O(\sqrt{k})$$

$$n^{O(1)}$$

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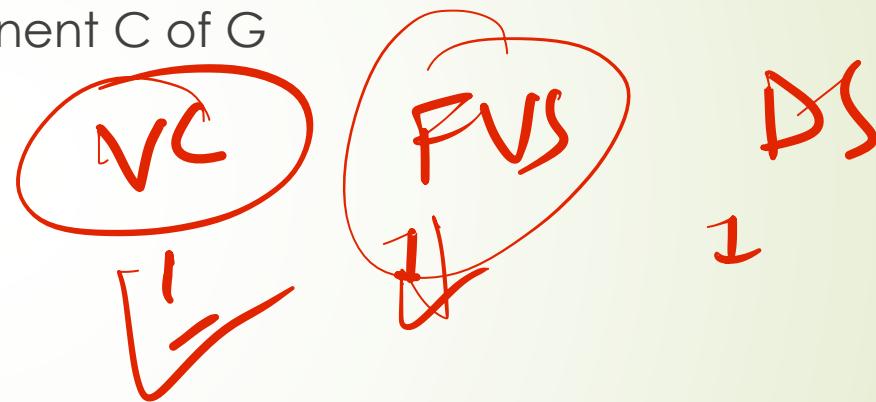
- $\exists$  a poly-time algorithm that for a given G constructs a tree decomposition of G of width at most  $a_Q \cdot \sqrt{OPT_Q(G)}$

## BP - Theorem

### Requirement of connectivity

- Problems monotone under removal of connected components
- For every connected component C of G

$$\text{OPT}_Q(G - C) \leq \text{OPT}_Q(G)$$



B problems

# Bidimensionality Intuition : Planar Vertex Cover

Planar  $G$  To  
minors

Properties :

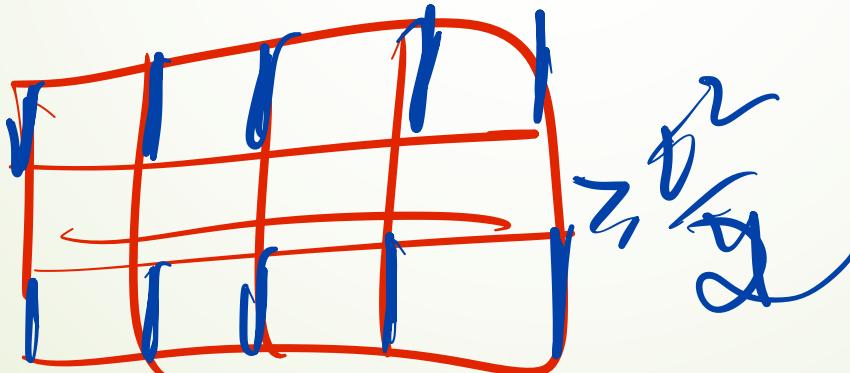
**P1** : Lower limit on size of vertex cover of Grid( $t$ )

$$\geq t^2/2$$

**P2** : Given a tree decomposition of width  $t$  of  $G$ , how fast can we solve Vertex Cover

$$2^{O(t)} n^{O(t)}$$

**P3** : Minor Closed Property on Vertex Cover



# Bidimensionality Intuition : Planar Vertex Cover

## Algorithm

$$t \geq \sqrt{2k+2}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Final } \sum_{e \in E} \frac{t^2}{2} \geq k+1 \text{ NO}$$

For  $t = \sqrt{2k+2}$  and some  $\varepsilon > 0$ , use of the constructive part of Planar excluded grid theorem:

- Either compute in time  $O(n^2)$  a tree decomposition of  $G$  of width at most  $(9 + \varepsilon)t$
- Or we conclude that  $G$  has  $t$  as a minor.  $\rightarrow$  NO

DP

$$\begin{aligned} f(\pi)(w) &= O(1) \\ O(1^8) n^0 &= O(1) \\ 2^2 O(\sqrt{w}) n^{O(\epsilon)} &= O(1) \\ \rightarrow 2^2 &= O(1) \end{aligned}$$

## Bidimensionality Intuition : Planar Vertex Cover

### Generalization to other problems

LP

LC

APX  $\kappa$

properties which were essential for obtaining a sub-exponential parameterized algorithm:

Arrived at

P1 : Size of any solution in  $t$  is of order  $\Omega(t^2)$

P2 : Given a tree decomposition of width  $t$ , the problem can be solved in time  $2^{O(t)} \cdot n^{O(1)}$

FPT  $\delta$   $3b(t)$   $n^{O(1)}$   $\rightarrow +\infty$

P3 : Problem is minor-monotone

Go higher tests monotone

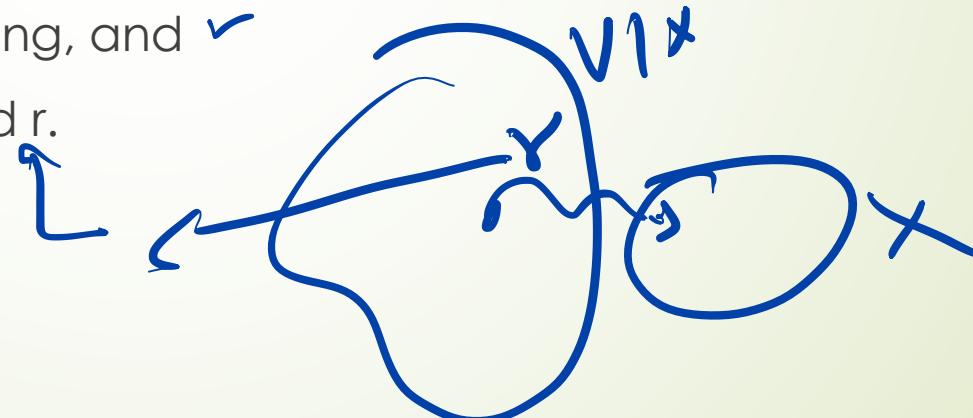
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## BP - Theorem

### Corollary : BP-Theorem<sup>[6]</sup>

Following parameterized problems can be solved in time  $2^{O(\sqrt{k})} n^{O(1)}$  :

- Planar Vertex Cover ✓ Bide mor
- Planar Independent Set ✓
- Planar Dominating Set ✓
- Planar Scattered Set for fixed d ✓ DP  $2^{O(k)} n^{O(1)}$
- Planar Induced Matching, and ✓
- Planar r-Center for fixed r.



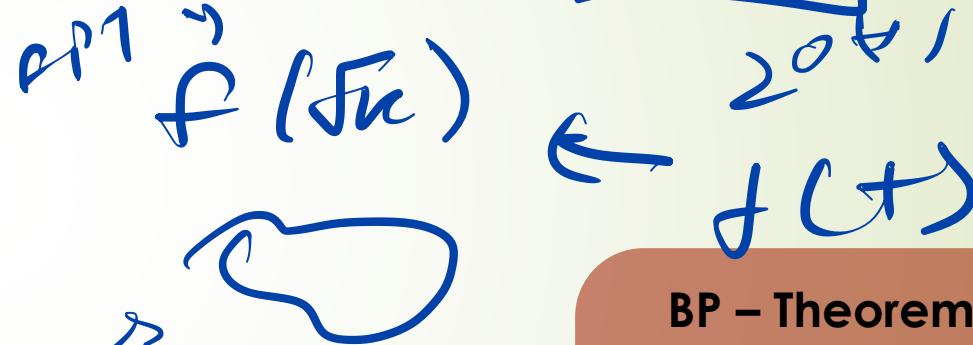
# Corollary : Parameter-treewidth bound<sup>[7]</sup>

$$+ \frac{T_m}{k^{O(\sqrt{k})}} \cdot n^{O(1)} \rightarrow$$

*+ tree decomposition +*

Following parameterized problems can be solved in time  $k^{O(\sqrt{k})} n^{O(1)}$ :

- ▶ Planar Feedback Vertex Set
- ▶ Planar Longest Path
- ▶ Planar Longest Cycle
- ▶ Planar Cycle Packing
- ▶ Planar Connected Vertex Cover
- ▶ Planar Connected Dominating Set
- ▶ Planar Connected Feedback Vertex Set



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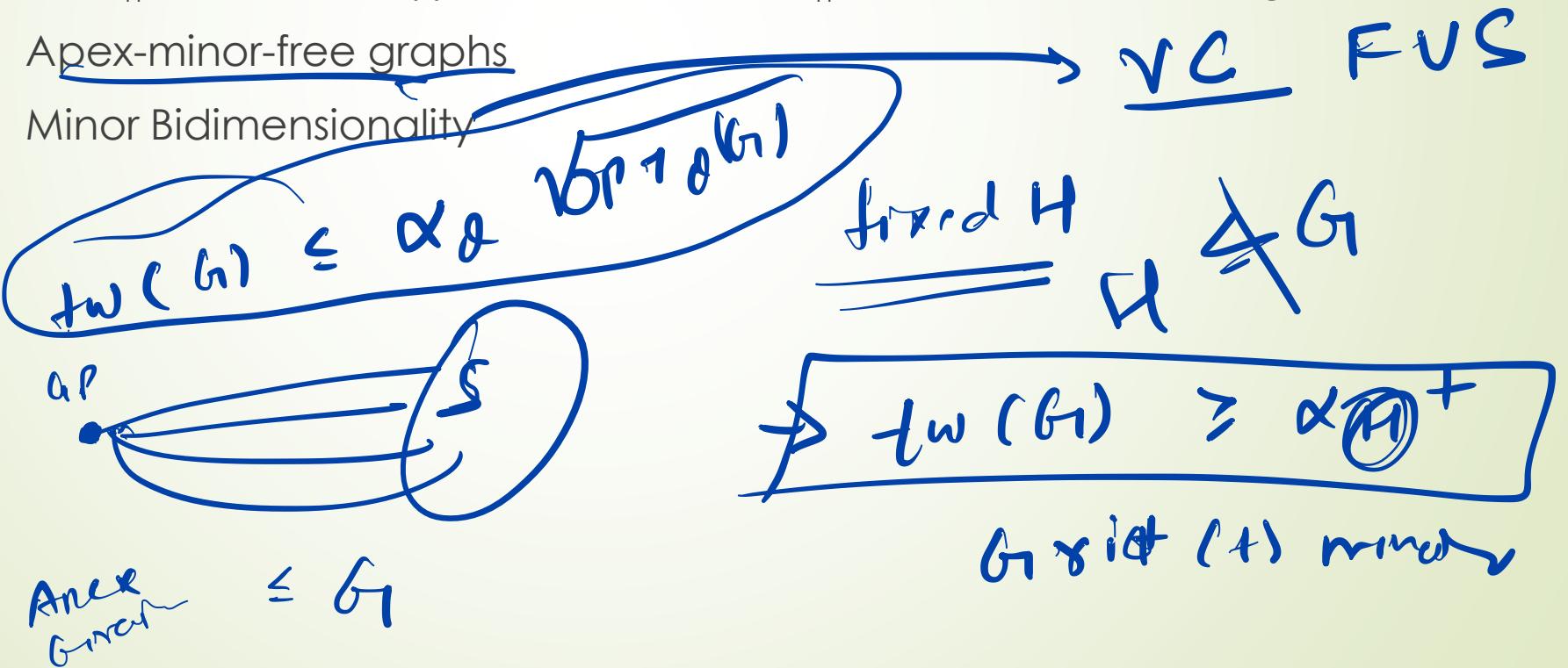
provided a tree decomposition of given G of width t

**Then :**

Q is solvable in time  $2^{O(\sqrt{k})} \cdot n^{O(1)}$  on **connected** planar graphs

# Possible Extensions

- ▶ Planar excluded grid theorem can be generalized to H-minor-free graphs:
  - ▶ For every fixed graph  $H$ ,  $t > 0$ , every  $H$ -minor-free graph  $G$  of treewidth more than  $a_H t$  contains  $\text{Grid}(t)$  as a minor, where  $a_H$  is a constant depending on  $H$  only.
- ▶ Apex-minor-free graphs
- ▶ Minor Bidimensionality



# References

- [1] Theorem 7.22 \*
- [2] Theorem 7.23 \*
- [3] Theorem 7.25 \*
- [4] Theorem 7.28 \*
- [5] Theorem 7.29 \*
- [6] Corollary 7.30 \*
- [7] Corollary 7.31 \*

From Book on Parameterized Algorithms by Marek Cygan et al