

# Branching in Schubert calculus

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# Grassmannians I

## General setup: partial flag varieties

- $G$  complex algebraic group,  $T \subset B \subset G$ ,  $W = N(T)/T$ ,
- For  $B \subset P$  a parabolic,  $(G/P)^T \cong W_P \backslash W \cong W/W_P$ .

Study multiplication and restriction for  $H_T^*(G/P)$  in a “nice” basis:

$$H_T^*(G/P) \otimes H_T^*(G/P) \rightarrow H_T^*(G/P)$$

$$H_S^*(G/P) \rightarrow H_S^*(H/Q)$$

where  $H \leq G$  with compatible parabolic  $Q$  and torus  $S$ . Also,

$$H_T^*(G/P) \otimes H_T^*(G/R) \rightarrow H_T^*(G/(P \cap R))$$

For  $G$  of type  $A_n/B_n/C_n/D_n$ ,  $P$  maximal,  $G/P$  is a **Grassmannian**.

$$E.g. \operatorname{Gr}(k; n) := GL_n/P_{k, n-k} \cong \{V \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n \mid \dim V = k\}$$

$$SpGr(k; 2n) := Sp_{2n}/P_{k, 2n-k}^{Sp} \cong \{V \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{2n} \mid \dim V = k, V \subseteq V^\perp\}$$

# Schubert classes

Schubert classes For  $\pi \in W_P \setminus W$ , the corresp. **Schubert class** is

$$S_\pi := \left[ \overline{B^- \pi^{-1} P / P} \right] \in H_T^*(G/P).$$

Then  $\{S_\pi\}_{\pi \in W_P \setminus W}$  freely generate  $H_T^*(G/P)$  as an  $H_T^*(pt)$ -module.

Classical question: Determine the structure constants,

$$S_\lambda \cdot S_\mu = \sum_\nu c_{\lambda\mu}^\nu S_\nu$$

Note: if  $G/P \cong Gr(k; n)$ , then (in  $H^*$ , not  $H_T^*$ )  $V_\lambda \otimes V_\mu = \bigoplus_\nu V_\nu^{\oplus c_{\lambda\mu}^\nu}$

$c_{\lambda\mu}^\nu$  = the Littlewood-Richardson coefficients for  $GL_k$

E.g. In  $Gr(2; 4)$ ,  $(H_T^*(pt) \cong \mathbb{Z}[y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4])$ :

$$S_{\square} \cdot S_{\square} = S_{\square\square} + S_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square \\ \square \end{smallmatrix}} + (y_2 - y_3) S_{\square} \quad (\text{in } H_T^*)$$

# Grassmannian puzzles

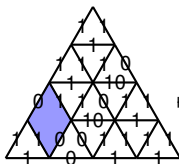
Let  $\lambda, \mu, \nu \in \text{Gr}(k; n)^T \cong 0^k 1^{n-k}$  (binary strings).

A **puzzle**  $P$  of type  $(\lambda, \mu, \nu)$  is a tiling of  $\triangle_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}^k$  by the pieces:

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \triangle_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}^k \\ \text{pieces} \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{w} 1$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{the equivariant piece} \\ \text{piece} \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{w} y_i - y_j.$$

E.g.



$$\xrightarrow{w} w(P) = \prod_{\substack{p \in \text{puzzle} \\ \text{pieces of } P}} w(p) = y_1 - y_2 \in \mathbb{Z}[y_1, \dots, y_n]$$

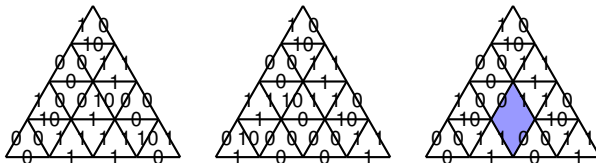
# Schubert calculus via puzzles I

Theorem (Knutson-Tao '03, many extensions since)

For  $\lambda, \mu \in 0^k 1^{n-k}$ , the product of  $S_\lambda$  and  $S_\mu$  in  $H_T^*(Gr(k; n))$  is

$$S_\lambda \cdot S_\mu = \sum_{\nu} w \left( \begin{array}{c} \lambda \quad \mu \\ \nu \end{array} \right) S_\nu, \text{ for } w \left( \begin{array}{c} \lambda \quad \mu \\ \nu \end{array} \right) = \sum_{P \in (\lambda, \mu, \nu)} w(P) \in H_T^*(pt).$$

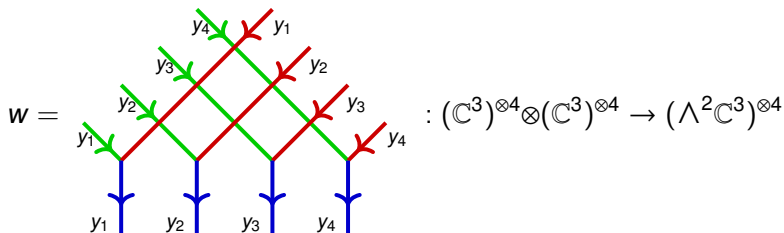
E.g.  $S_{0101} \cdot S_{0101} = S_{0110} + S_{1001} + (y_2 - y_3)S_{0101}$



# Scattering diagrams

[Zinn-Justin (ZJ) '09, Wheeler–ZJ '16, Knutson–ZJ '17]

- Reinterpret puzzles as (dual) scattering diagrams involving (rational) 5-vertex  $R$ -matrices and fusion. Upgrade to the 6-vertex model.



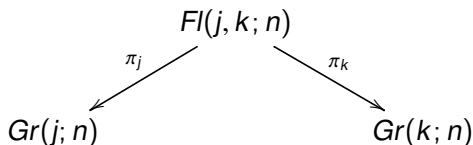
- Recast AJS/Billey formula for restriction to  $T$ -fixed points  $S_\lambda|_\mu$ .

# Schubert calculus via puzzles II

## Theorem (H–Knutson–Zinn–Justin '18)

Let  $\lambda \in 0^j 1^{n-j}$ ,  $\mu \in 0^k 1^{n-k}$ ,  $\nu \in 0^j (10)^{k-j} 1^{n-k}$ , defining equivariant Schubert classes  $S_\lambda, S_\mu, S_\nu$  on  $Gr(j; n), Gr(k; n), Fl(j, k; n)$  respectively. The product in  $H_T^*(Fl(j, k; n))$  can be computed as:

$$\pi_j^*(S_\lambda) \cdot \pi_k^*(S_\mu) = \sum_{\nu} w \left( \begin{array}{c} \lambda \quad \mu \\ \nu \end{array} \right) S_\nu$$

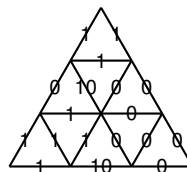
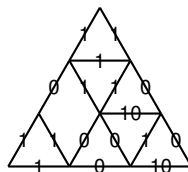




# Example

For instance, for  $Fl(1, 2; 3)$ ,  $Gr(1; 3)$ , and  $Gr(2; 3)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_1^*(S_{101}) \cdot \pi_2^*(S_{100}) &= S_{10,0,1} \cdot S_{1,0,10} \\ &= (y_1 - y_2)S_{1,0,10} + S_{1,10,0}\end{aligned}$$



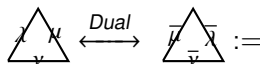
# Grassmann duality

## Grassmann duality

There is a ring isomorphism (from a homeom. of Grassmannians):

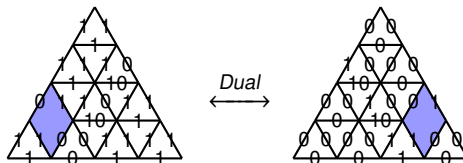
$$H_T^*(Gr(k, 2n)) \cong H_T^*(Gr(2n - k, 2n)), \quad S_\lambda \mapsto S_{\bar{\lambda}}$$

$$S_\lambda \cdot S_\mu \leftrightarrow S_{\bar{\mu}} \cdot S_{\bar{\lambda}} \quad \bar{\lambda} = (\text{reverse } \lambda \text{ and switch } 0 \leftrightarrow 1)$$



reflect through vertical axis  
and swap 0 and 1

For instance,



# Branching from $A$ to $C$

We are interested in the cohomology pullback of the inclusion

$$SpGr(k; 2n) \xhookrightarrow{\iota} Gr(k; 2n).$$

Involution:  $Sp_{2n} = GL_{2n}^{\sigma}$ , for  $J = \text{Antidiag}(-1, \dots, -1, 1, \dots, 1)$ ,

$$\sigma : GL_{2n} \rightarrow GL_{2n}, X \mapsto J^{-1}(X^{-1})^{\text{tr}} J$$

**Main question:**  $\boxed{\iota^*(S_{\lambda}) = \sum_{\nu} c_{\nu}^{\lambda} S_{\nu}}$        $c_{\nu}^{\lambda} = ??$

- Pragacz '00: (building on work of Stembridge) positive tableau formulæ for  $H^*(Gr(n; 2n)) \rightarrow H^*(SpGr(n; 2n))$
- Coşkun '11: positive geometric rule for  $H^*(Gr(k; 2n))$


# A combinatorial branching rule

## Theorem (H–Knutson–Zinn–Justin '18)

For  $\lambda \in 0^k 1^{2n-k}$ ,  $H_T^*(Gr(k; 2n)) \xrightarrow{\iota^*} H_T^*(SpGr(k; 2n))$  takes  $S_\lambda$  to

$$\iota^*(S_\lambda) = \sum_{\nu} w \left( \begin{array}{c} \lambda \\ \nu \end{array} \right) S_\nu$$

where  $w \left( \begin{array}{c} \lambda \\ \nu \end{array} \right) \in H_T^*(pt) = \mathbb{Z}[y_1, \dots, y_n]$  is computed via  $R$ - and  $K$ -matrices from the 5-vertex model, and fusion.

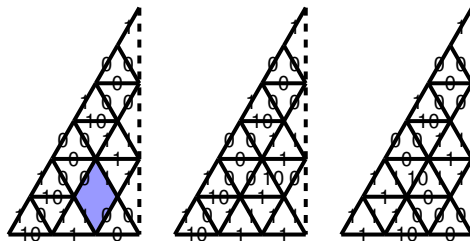
Note:  is half of a “self-dual” puzzle under Grassmann duality.

$$w \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{puzzle} \\ j \end{array} \right) = \begin{cases} y_i - y_j, & j \leq n \\ y_i + y_{2n+1-j}, & n < j \end{cases}$$

$$w \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{puzzle} \\ Y \end{array} \right) = 1 \quad (X, Y) = (0, 1), (1, 0)$$

# Example and goal

Example:  $\iota^*(S_{110101}) = (y_2 - y_3)S_{10,1,0} + S_{10,1,1} + S_{1,10,0}$



*Goal*: generalize to the 6-vertex model,  
understand the underlying geometry,  
obtain a generalized puzzle rule.

# Grassmannians II

Idea of proof:

I. Inclusion of  $T$ -fixed points:

$$\widetilde{\iota}(\nu) := (\nu\bar{\nu} \text{ with } 10\text{'s turned into } 1\text{'s}).$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (10)^{n-k}\{0,1\}^k \cong \mathrm{SpGr}(k,2n)^T & \xrightarrow{f_2} & \mathrm{SpGr}(k,2n) \\
 \downarrow \widetilde{\iota} & & \downarrow \iota \\
 0^k 1^{2n-k} \cong \mathrm{Gr}(k,2n)^T & \xrightarrow{f_1} & \mathrm{Gr}(k,2n)
 \end{array}$$

Note: We interchangeably consider binary strings  $\pi \in 0^k 1^{2n-k}$  (i.e. in  $W_P \setminus W$ ) and  $\pi^{-1} \in W/W_P$ .

# Cohomology rings

In equivariant cohomology, we get:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 H_T^*(SpGr(k; 2n)^T) & \xleftarrow{f_2^*} & H_T^*(SpGr(k; 2n)) \\
 (\iota)^* \uparrow & & \uparrow \iota^* \\
 H_T^*(Gr(k; 2n)^T) & \xleftarrow{f_1^*} & H_T^*(Gr(k; 2n))
 \end{array}$$

- Since each  $f_i^*$  is injective (Kirwan), to understand  $\iota^*$  we can instead compute in the left column.
- Use the Andersen-Jantzen-Soergel, Billey formula ('94,'97) for restriction to  $T$ -fixed points,  $S_\lambda|_\mu$ .

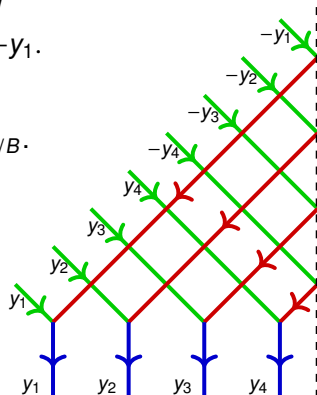
# Scattering diagrams

II. We get a **scattering diagram** with NW spectral parameters:  $y_1, \dots, y_n, -y_n, \dots, -y_1$ .

Each coloured strand carries a copy of  $\mathbb{C}_G^3, \mathbb{C}_R^3$ , or  $\wedge^2 \mathbb{C}_B^3$ , with basis  $\{0, 10, 1\}_{R/G/B}$ .

New ingredient:

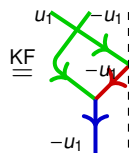
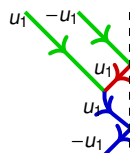
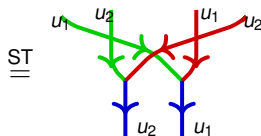
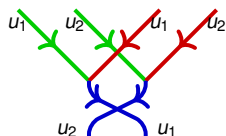
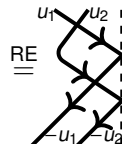
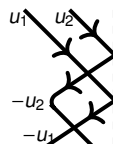
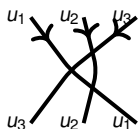
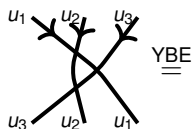
$$K_C(a) = \begin{array}{c} C \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \nwarrow \quad \nearrow \\ D \end{array} : \mathbb{C}_C^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_D^3, \quad (a \mapsto -a)$$





# Relations

We ask that these maps satisfy the following identities:



$$\text{E.g. } K_B(u_1) \circ U_{GR}(u_1) \circ (\text{Id} \otimes K_G(-u_1)) \stackrel{\text{KF}}{=} U_{GR}(-u_1) \circ (\text{Id} \otimes K_G(u_1)) \circ R_{GG}(2u_1)$$

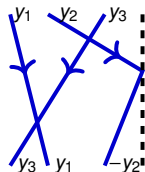
# The AJS/Billey formula

## Restriction to $T$ -fixed points via scattering diagrams:

For  $\lambda, \mu \in W_P \setminus W$ , in the Grassmannian case, the AJS/Billey formula can be expressed as

$$S_{\lambda}|_{\mu} = w(\mu)_{id}^{\lambda} = \begin{array}{l} \text{the scattering diagram for } \mu \\ \text{evaluated at } (\lambda, id) \end{array}$$

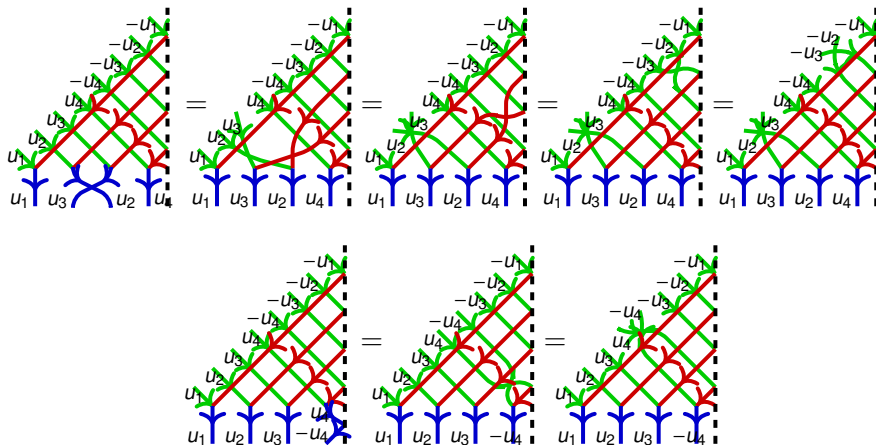
For  $SpGr(1; 6)$ ,  $\mu = 10, 10, 0 \leftrightarrow s_2 s_3 s_1$ , the scattering diagram is



$$(R_{BB}(y_1 - y_3) \otimes Id) \circ (Id^{\otimes 2} \otimes K_B(y_2)) \circ (Id \otimes R_{BB}(y_2 - y_3)) : (\wedge^2 \mathbb{C}_B^3)^{\otimes 3} \rightarrow (\wedge^2 \mathbb{C}_B^3)^{\otimes 3}$$

# Theorem proof (sketch)

We show  $\iota^*(S_\lambda)|_\mu = (\bar{\iota})^*(S_{\lambda|_{\bar{\iota}(\mu)}}) = \sum_\nu w \left( \begin{smallmatrix} \lambda \\ \nu \end{smallmatrix} \right) S_{\nu|_\mu}$  using:



# 6-vertex upgrade

- Non-compact, symplectic resolution upgrade: We upgrade the Grassmannians  $G/P$  to their cotangent bundles  $T^*G/P$ .
- Additional puzzle pieces and  $R_{GR}(a)$ :



and its rotation,



, (equivariant pieces).

	0v0	0v10	0v1	10v0	10v10	10v1	1v0	1v10	1v1
0Λ0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{h}{h-a}$	0
0Λ10	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	$\frac{h}{h-a}$
0Λ1	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{a}{h-a}$	0	0
10Λ0	0	$\frac{a}{h-a}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10Λ10	0	0	$\frac{h}{h-a}$	0	1	0	0	0	0
10Λ1	$\frac{h}{h-a}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1Λ0	0	0	1	0	$\frac{h}{h-a}$	0	0	0	0
1Λ10	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{a}{h-a}$	0	0	0
1Λ1	0	0	0	$\frac{h}{h-a}$	0	0	0	0	1

# Maulik–Okounkov classes

For a regular circle action  $S \curvearrowright T^*G/P$  and a fixed pt.  $\lambda \in W/W_P$ , the Maulik–Okounkov stable envelope construction produces a cycle

$$MO_\lambda = \overline{BB}_\lambda + \sum_{\mu \leq \lambda} a_{\lambda,\mu} \overline{BB}_\mu, \quad a_{\lambda,\mu} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$$

$BB_\lambda = \text{Attr}(\lambda) = CX_\lambda^o :=$  conormal bundle of the Bruhat cell  $X_\lambda^o$ .

This in turn gives a class  $[MO_\lambda] \in H_{T \times \mathbb{C}^\times}^*(T^*G/P) \cong H_T^*(G/P)[\hbar]$ .

Segre–Schwartz–MacPherson:

$$SSM_\lambda = \frac{[MO_\lambda]}{[\text{zero section}]} \in \widetilde{H}_{T \times \mathbb{C}^\times}^0(T^*G/P)$$

$$\Rightarrow SSM_\lambda = \hbar^{-\ell(\lambda)} S_\lambda + \text{l.o.t.}(\hbar) \quad \Rightarrow S_\lambda = \lim_{\hbar \rightarrow \infty} (SSM_\lambda \cdot \hbar^{\ell(\lambda)})$$

$$\text{Structure constants: } c_{\lambda\mu}^\nu = \lim_{\hbar \rightarrow \infty} ((c')_{\lambda\mu}^\nu \cdot \hbar^{\ell(\lambda) + \ell(\mu) - \ell(\nu)})$$

# Geometric interpretation

A **Lagrangian correspondence**  $L$  between two symplectic manifolds  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $A \xleftrightarrow{L} B$ , is:

A Lagrangian cycle  $L$  in  $(-A) \times B$   
(equivalently  $L$  in  $A \times (-B)$ ).

If  $T \curvearrowright A, B$  and  $L$  is  $T$ -invariant, then

$$H_T^*(A) \xrightarrow{(\pi_A)^*} H_T^*(A \times B) \xrightarrow{\cup[L]} H_T^*(A \times B) \xrightarrow{(\pi_B)_*} H_T^*(B) \cong H_T^*(B)$$

*Note:* In our setting, will work with  $T^*G/P$ .

# Examples

## 1 *Symplectic reduction*

For  $T \subseteq G \curvearrowright X$  Hamiltonian action, have a moment map  $X \xrightarrow{\mu} \mathfrak{g}^*$ . Take a regular point  $a$  for  $\mu$  s.t.  $a \in (\mathfrak{g}^*)^G$ . Let  $Z = \mu^{-1}(a)$ ,  $Y = \mu^{-1}(a) // G$ . Then  $X \leftrightarrow Z \twoheadrightarrow Y$ .  
[Marsden-Weinstein '74]  $\exists!$  symplectic structure on  $Y$  s.t.  $Z \subseteq (-X) \times Y$  is Lagrangian.

## 2 *Maulik–Okounkov stable envelopes*

Suppose  $S \curvearrowright X$  is a sympl. res. with a circle action.  
Let  $C$  be a fixed point component.

The **stable envelope construction** produces a certain Lagrangian cycle  $L = \overline{\text{Attr}(C)} + \dots$  in  $(-C) \times X$ .

# Correspondences from graphs

## General setting

Let  $A \xrightarrow{f} B$  be a morphism of oriented manifolds.  $\Gamma(f)$  = graph of  $f$ .  
 $\Gamma(f)^{tr} \subseteq B \times A$  is a correspondence inducing  $f^* : H^*(B) \rightarrow H^*(A)$ .

*Examples:*

- Diagonal inclusion  $M \xhookrightarrow{\Delta} M \times M$ . Then  $\Gamma(\Delta)^{tr}$  induces

$$H^*(M) \otimes H^*(M) \xrightarrow{m} H^*(M).$$

- The graph of the inclusion  $Fl(j, k; n) \hookrightarrow Gr(j; n) \times Gr(k; n)$  induces multiplication

$$H^*(Gr(j; n)) \otimes H^*(Gr(k; n)) \xrightarrow{m} H^*(Fl(j, k; n)).$$

- The graph of  $SpGr(k; 2n) \xhookrightarrow{\iota} Gr(k; 2n)$  induces the restriction

$$H^*(Gr(k; 2n)) \rightarrow H^*(SpGr(k; 2n)).$$



# Lifting to cotangent bundles

Assume we have a torus action  $T \curvearrowright A, B$ . We have the following commutative diagram of correspondences. It allows us to study the bottom row in cohomology via the symplectic setting of the top row.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 T^*B & \xrightarrow{C(\Gamma(f))^{\text{tr}}} & T^*A \\
 \uparrow \Gamma(\iota_B) & & \uparrow \Gamma(\iota_A) \\
 B & \xrightarrow{\Gamma(f)^{\text{tr}}} & A
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \widetilde{H}_{T \times \mathbb{C}^\times}^*(T^*B) & \longrightarrow & \widetilde{H}_{T \times \mathbb{C}^\times}^*(T^*A) \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 \widetilde{H}_{T \times \mathbb{C}^\times}^*(B) & \xrightarrow{f^*} & \widetilde{H}_{T \times \mathbb{C}^\times}^*(A)
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 \beta & \longmapsto & \alpha \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 \frac{\beta}{[B \subseteq T^*B]} & \longmapsto & \frac{\alpha}{[A \subseteq T^*A]}
 \end{array}$$

# The $Sp_{2n}$ case

Theorem in progress (H–Knutson–Zinn–Justin '20)

*There are Lagrangian correspondences*

$$\lambda \xleftrightarrow{L_1} T^*Gr(k, 2n) \xleftrightarrow{L_2} T^*OGr(k, 4n) \xleftrightarrow{L_3} T^*SpGr(k, 2n)$$

*that compute the restriction of SSM classes, and together with the 6-vertex  $R$ - and  $K$ -matrices and fusion realize a puzzle rule.*

- $L_1 = MO_\lambda$  is the stable envelope for the circle action

$$S_1 \cong \text{Diag}(t, t^2, \dots, t^{2n}).$$

- $L_2 = \text{Attr}(T^*Gr(k, 2n))$  is the stable envelope for the circle

$$S_2 \cong \text{Diag}(t, \dots, t, t^{-1}, \dots, t^{-1}).$$

- $L_3$  is obtained by symplectic reduction.

The end

*Thank you!*