

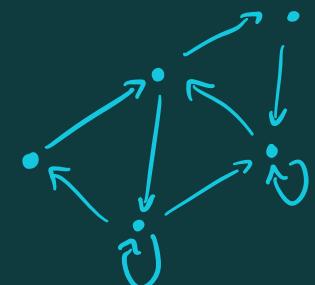
# Algebras from surfaces: deformation, duality, quotients



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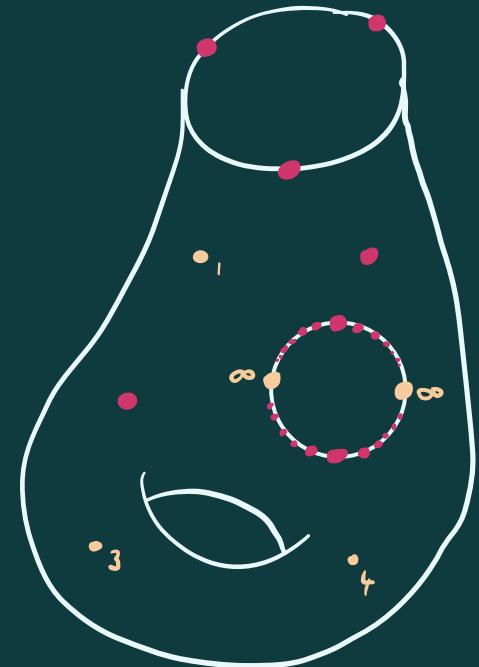
# Outline

- Mixed-angulations on surfaces
- Gentle algebras
- Relative, graded Brauer graph algebras
- Ginzburg-type algebras
- Perverse schober perspective, stability conditions

Based on joint work with Merlin Christ and Yu Qiu:  
*“Perverse schobers, stability conditions, and quadratic differentials”*  
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# Weighted marked surfaces

- $S$  — compact, oriented surface
- $M \subset S$  — marked points (vertices)
- $\Delta \subset S$  — singular points (centers of polygons)
- $d: \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1} \cup \{\infty\}$  — degree
- $\nu \in \Gamma(\text{PTS}; S \setminus (M \cup \Delta))$  — grading structure



$$\textcircled{1} \quad d(x) = \infty \Leftrightarrow x \in \partial S$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad M \cap \Delta = \emptyset$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad |M \cap \text{int}(S)| < \infty$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad B \subset \partial S \text{ component} \Rightarrow B \cap M \neq \emptyset$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad M \subset S \setminus \Delta \text{ discrete}$$

$$B \subset \partial S \setminus \Delta \text{ open component} \Rightarrow |B \cap M| = \infty$$

$$\textcircled{6} \quad x \in \Delta \cap \text{int}(S) \Rightarrow \text{ind}_\nu(x) = d(x)$$

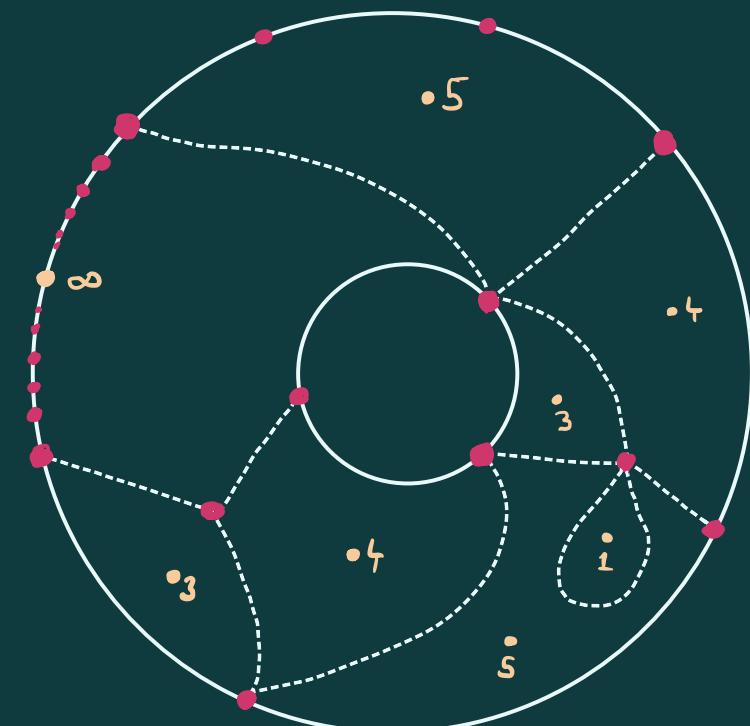
e.g.



# Mixed-angulation of weighted marked surface

- Collection of arcs in  $S \setminus \Delta$

- ① endpoints in  $M$
- ② arcs intersect only in endpoints
- ③ arcs cut  $S$  into polygons with vertices in  $M$ , each  $n$ -gon contains exactly one point  $x$  of  $\Delta$  and  $d(x) = n$



# Dual graph of mixed-angulation (S-graph)

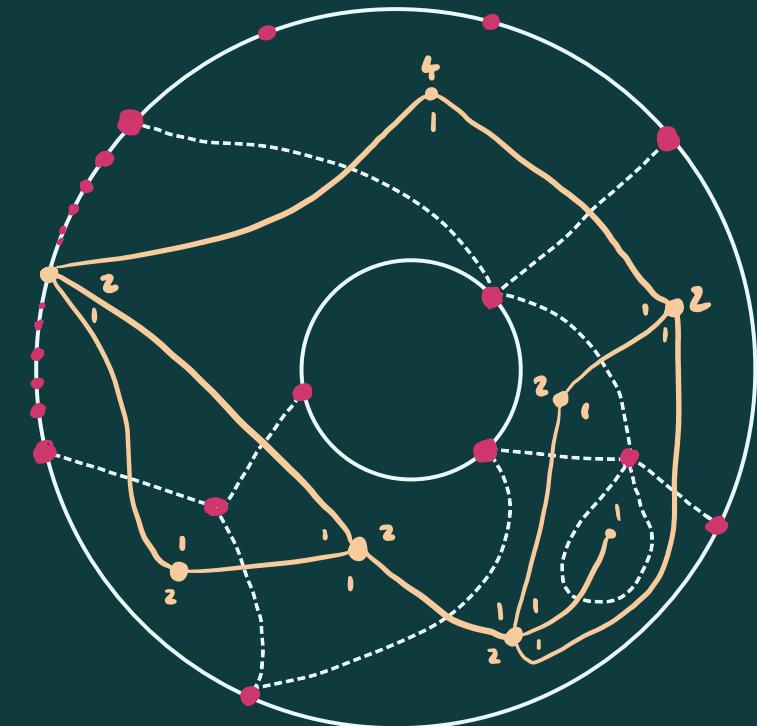
- Vertices =  $\Delta$
- Edges : dual to internal edges of mixed-angulation

S-graph: Graph  $S$  with

- linear or cyclic order on halfedges meeting any vertex



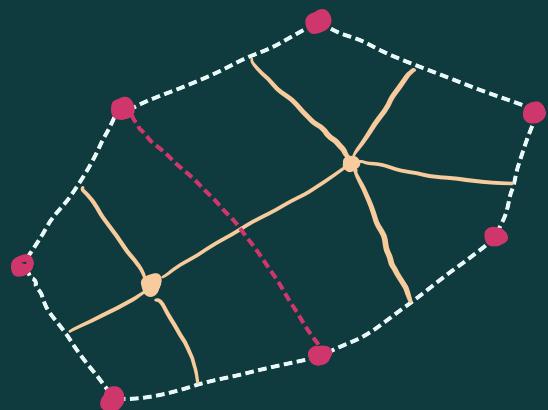
- $d(i, i+1) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$  for any pair  $(i, i+1)$  of consecutive halfedges



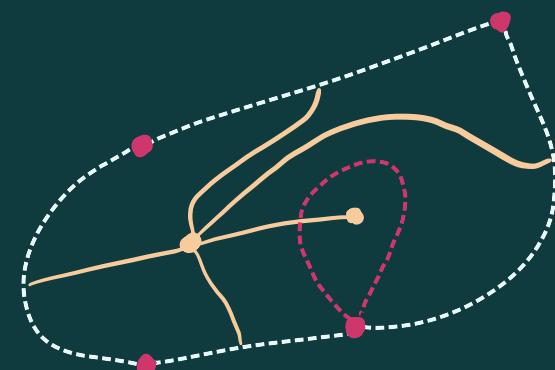
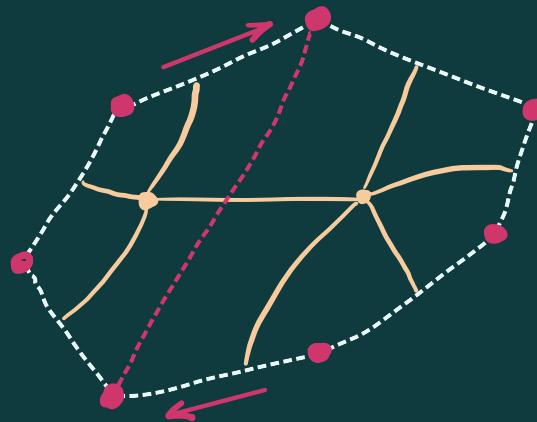
H-Katzarkov-Kontsevich: "Flat surfaces and stability structures"

# Flips

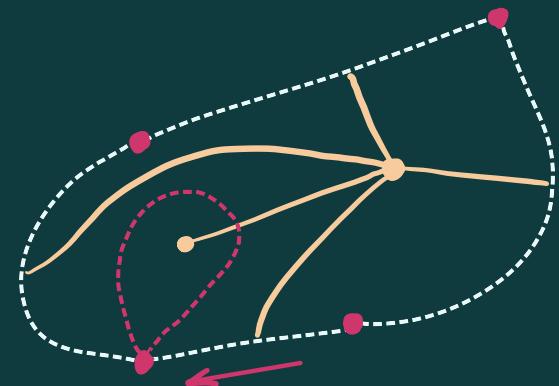
For any internal (not boundary) edge of a mixed-angulation there is a forward/backward flip giving a new mixed-angulation.



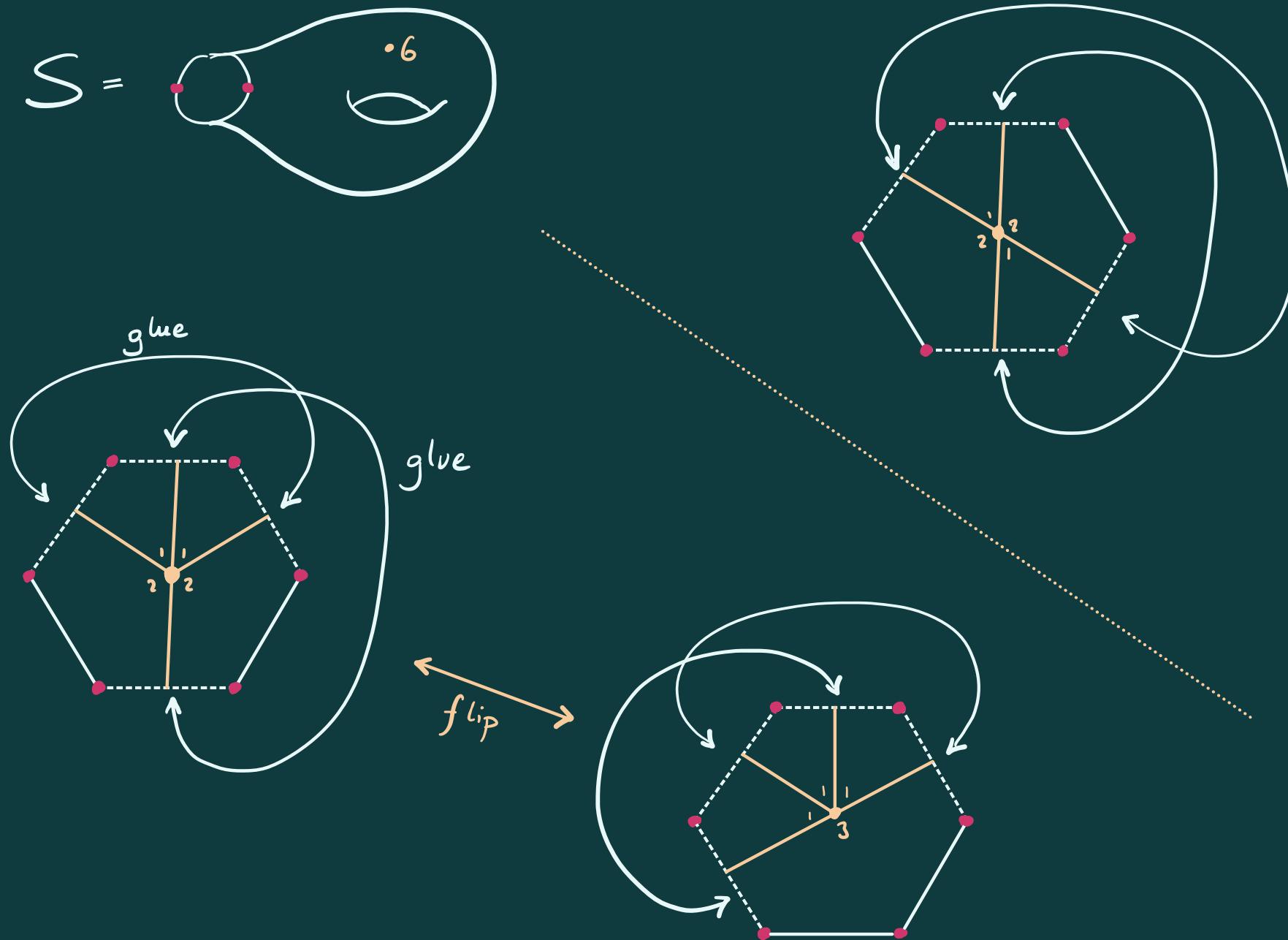
forward  
flip



(monogon case)



# Example of non flip-equivalent mixed-angulations



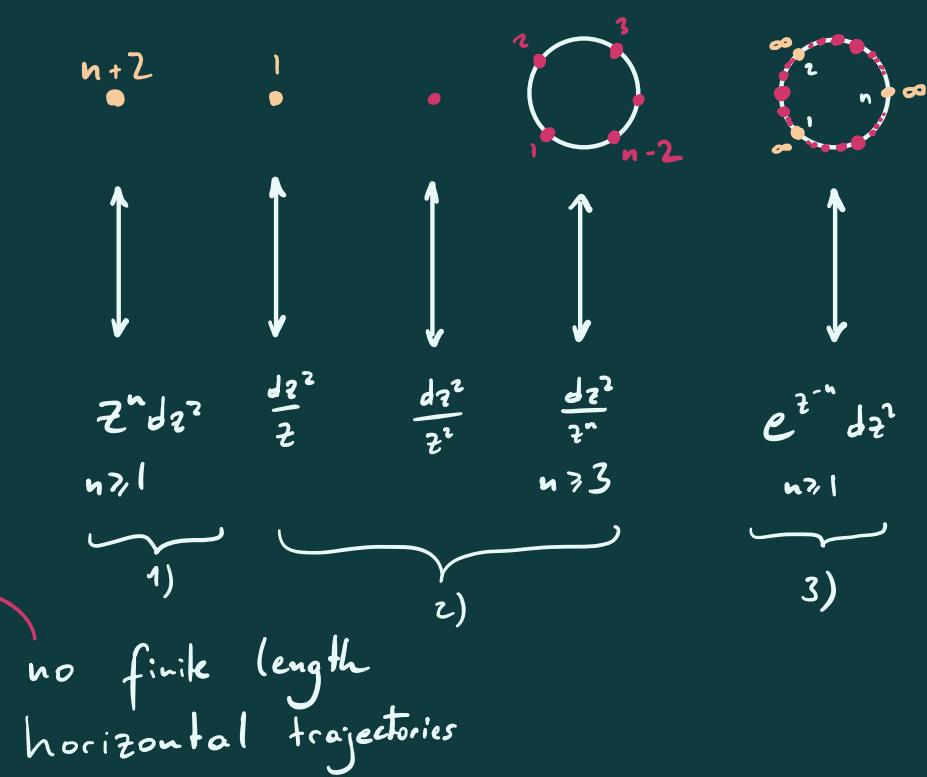
# Mixed-angulations and quadratic differentials

There is a correspondence:

Surfaces with mixed-angulation  
 and numbers  $z_e \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\operatorname{Im}(z_e) > 0$ , for  
 every internal edge  $e$



Compact Riemann surfaces  
 with generic quadratic differential  
 with 1) zeros, 2) poles  
 3) exponential singularities  
 $e^{z^{-n}} f(z) dz^2$



# Graded gentle algebra of an S-graph

$S$ -graph  $S$



graded algebra  $G(S)$  given by  
graded quiver with relations

edge

vertex  $i$

corner

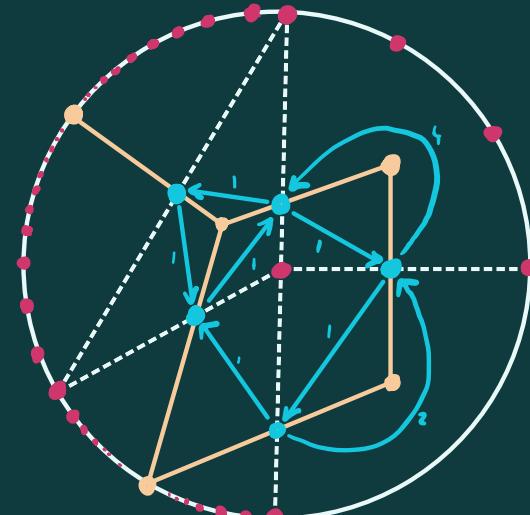
arrow  $a_i : i \rightarrow i+1$

$d(i, i+1) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$

$|a_i| \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$

pair of corners  
on same side of edge

$a_i a_j = 0$

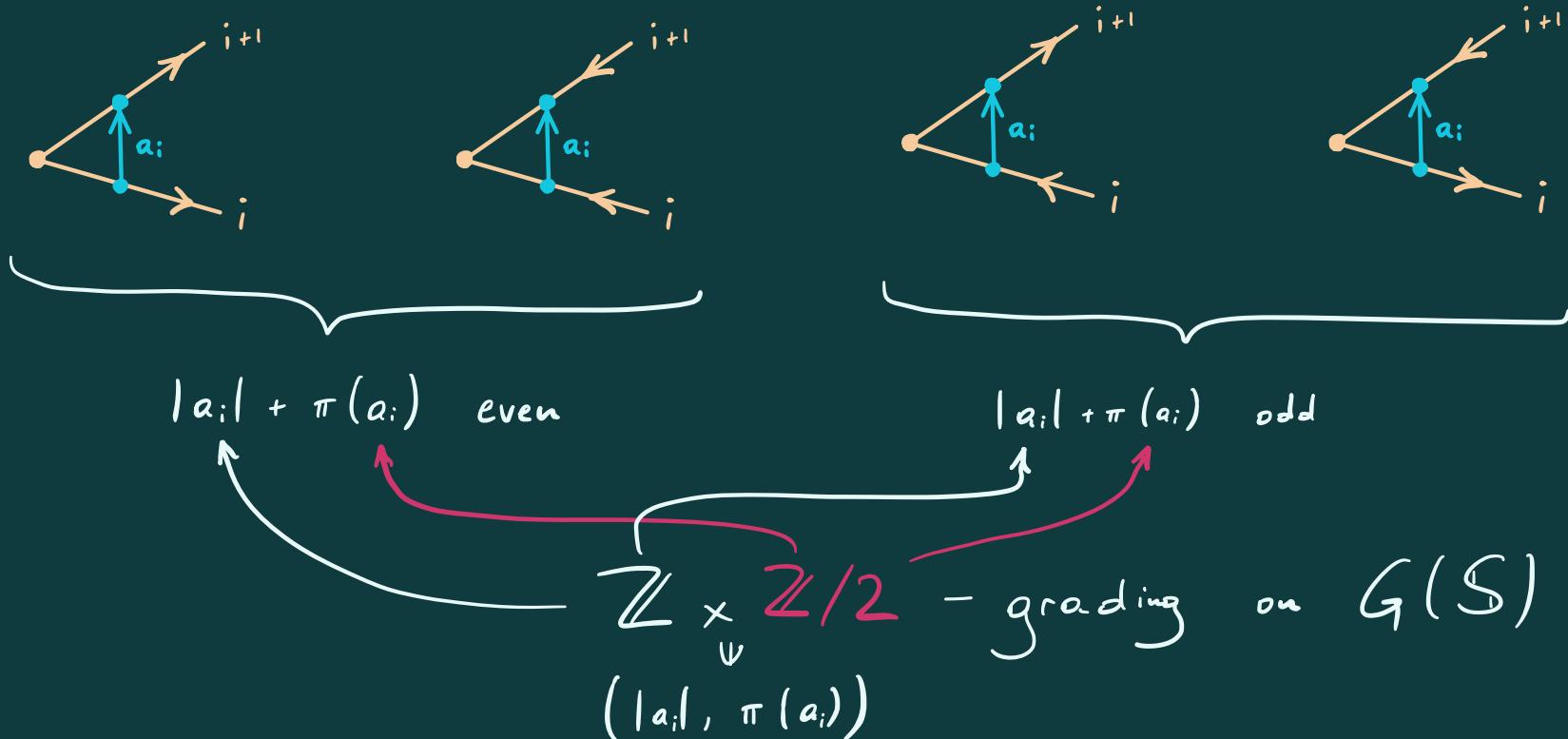


$\text{Perf}(G(S))$  is in  
general a full subcategory  
of a partially wrapped  
Fukaya category

# Extra mod 2 grading

$S$  —  $S$ -graph with chosen orientation of all edges

extra  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -grading on  $G(S)$ :



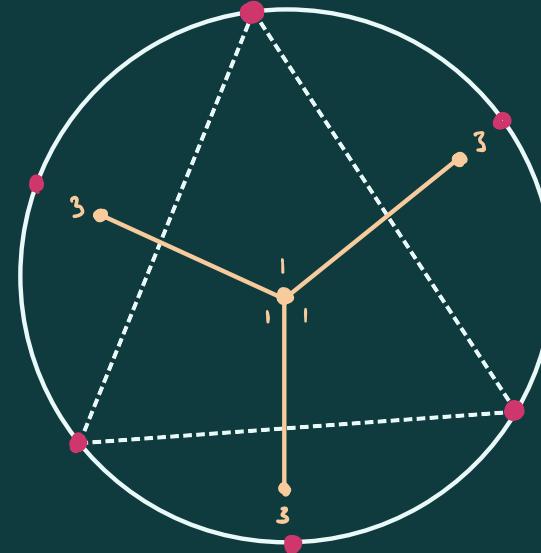
# Mixed-angulated as quotient of n-angulated

mixed-angulated surface  
with only  $\infty$ -gons and  
 $n$ -gons for some fixed  $n \geq 1$

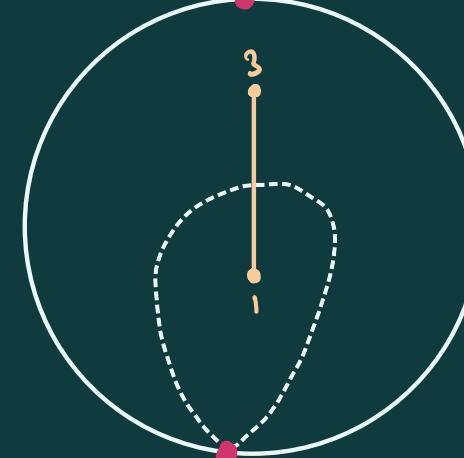
↓ finite-sheeted  
cover

mixed-angulated  
surface

(such covering exists for  
any mixed-angulated surface)



↓ 3:1



# Deforming the gentle algebra

Fix  $n \geq 1$  which is common multiple of all degrees of vertices of  $S$ .

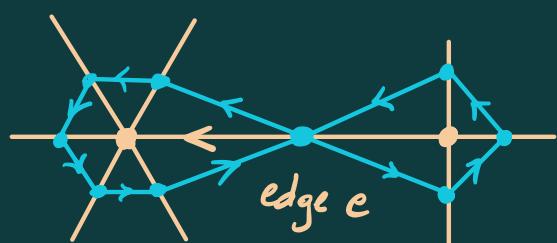
$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2$ -graded  
algebra

$G(S)$

$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2$ -graded  
DG-algebra

$(G(S)[\tau], d)$

$$|\tau| = n - 1, \quad \pi(\tau) = n \bmod 2 \quad (\Rightarrow \tau^2 = 0)$$



cycle  $c_{e,+}$       cycle  $c_{e,-}$

$(c_{e,\pm} = 0 \text{ if vertex with } d(v) = \infty)$

$$d(\tau) = \sum_{\substack{w \leftarrow v \\ e}} c_{e,\pm}^{n/d(w)} + (-1)^n c_{e,\pm}^{n/d(v)}$$

# Graded Brauer graph algebras

1)  $S$ -graph  $S$

assume  $d(v) < \infty \forall v$

2) multiple of degrees:  $n \geq 1$

finite-dimensional graded algebra

$$A(S, n)$$

(quasi-isomorphic to  $G(S)[\tau]$ )



$$C_{e,+}^{n/d(\omega)} = (-1)^{n-1} C_{e,-}^{n/d(\nu)}$$

In ungraded case ( $n=0$ ), is different from usual sign  $\oplus$  of Donovan - Freislich

# n-Calabi-Yau structure

For a graded algebra  $A$  over  $k$ , an nCY structure is a functional  $\text{tr}: A^n \rightarrow k$  such that

1)  $(a, b) \mapsto \text{tr}(ab)$  is non-degenerate pairing  $A \otimes A \rightarrow k$

2)  $\text{tr}(ab) = (-1)^{|a| \cdot |b|} \text{tr}(ba)$

sufficient conditions for existence of nCY structure on  $A(S, n)$ :

A)  $n$  odd

B)  $n$  even,  $\exists$  orientation of edges of  $S$  such that  $|a_i| \equiv \pi(a_i) \pmod{2}$ , i.e.



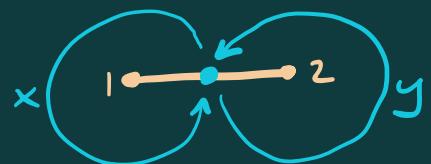
$\Rightarrow d(i, i+1)$  even



$\Rightarrow d(i, i+1)$  odd

# Non Calabi-Yau example

Sometimes,  $A(S, n)$  is not Calabi-Yau for any choice of signs in the defining relations:



$$A = A(S, 2) = k\langle x, y \rangle /_{xy, yx, x^2 = y} \quad , |x|=1, |y|=2$$

degree	0	1	2
basis	1	x	$x^2$

$$\dim(A^\perp) = 1 \Rightarrow \nexists \text{ skew symmetric bilinear form } A' \times A' \rightarrow k$$

but  $(a, b) \mapsto \text{tr}(ab)$  would give such a form

Note: Example is  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -quotient of  $\overset{\circ}{2} \rightarrow \overset{\circ}{1} \rightarrow \overset{\circ}{2}$  which does have  $\mathcal{LCY}$  structure, but not an invariant one.

# Relative graded Brauer graph (RGB) algebras

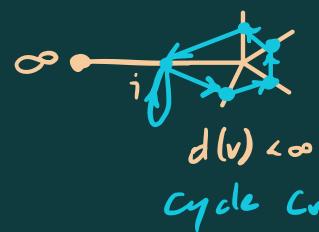
1)  $\mathbb{S}$ -graph  $\mathbb{S}$  (any)  $\rightsquigarrow$  finite-dimensional DG-algebra  $A(\mathbb{S}, n)$   
 2) multiple of degrees:  $n \geq 1$  (quasi-isomorphic to  $G(\mathbb{S})[\tau]$ )

additionally:

halfedge attached to vertex with  $d = \infty$    $\longleftrightarrow$  arrow  $\tau_i : i \rightarrow i$ ,  $|\tau_i| = d - 1$

  $\longleftrightarrow$   $a_i \tau_i = (-1)^{|a_i|} \tau_{i+1} a_i$

  $\longleftrightarrow$   $\tau_i = (-1)^n \tau_j$

  $\longleftrightarrow$   $d \tau_i = (-1)^n c_v^{n/d(v)}$

# Koszul duality

(Keller, Lefèvre-Hasegawa, Van den Bergh)

$k$  - field,  $R = k^r$  (semisimple  $k$ -algebra)

$A$  - DG algebra /  $R$  with augmentation  $A = R \oplus \bar{A}$

assume  $\dim_k A < \infty$ , all  $x \in \bar{A}$  nilpotent

Koszul dual of  $A$ :  $A^\vee = \text{Cobar}(\bar{A}^\vee) = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} (\bar{A}^\vee[i])^{\otimes i}$

$\text{Hom}_R(\bar{A}, R)$   
coalgebra

$\text{End}_{A^\vee}(R) \xrightarrow{\sim} A$   
QIS

$A$

basis  $e_1, \dots, e_n$

$$de_i = \sum_j d_j e_j$$

$$e_i \cdot e_j = \sum_k m_{ij}^{ik} e_k$$

$A^\vee$

generators  $e^1, \dots, e^n$ ,  $|e^i| = 1 - |e_i|$

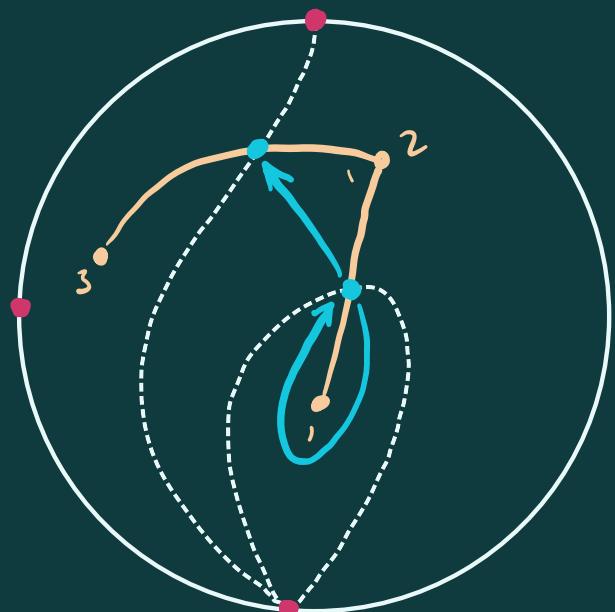
$$d e^k = - \sum_i d_k^i e^i + \sum_{i,j} (-1)^{|e^i|} m_{kj}^{ii} e^i \otimes e^j$$

# Koszul dual of RGB algebra

Generalizes:

- 1) Ginzburg algebra of triangulated surface  
(without term in potential for interior marked points)
- 2) (Relative) Ginzburg algebra of  $n$ -angulated surface (M. Christ)

Example:



$A(S, 3)^!$  = Ginzburg DG-algebra  
of quiver with potential

$$\alpha \xrightarrow{\beta} \omega \quad \omega = \alpha^3$$

c.f. Labardini-Fragoso, Mou: *Gentle algebras arising from surfaces with orbifold points of order 3, Part I: scattering diagrams*

# Perverse schober perspective

A perverse schober  $\mathcal{E}$  (Kapranov - Schechtman) on a surface  $S$  is roughly:

- 1) A local system of stable  $\infty$ -categories on  $S \setminus \Delta$ ,  $\Delta \subset S$  discrete
- 2) A spherical adjunction for each  $x \in \Delta$

→ stable  $\infty$ -category of global sections  $\mathcal{F}(S; \mathcal{E})$

"Fukaya category of  $S$  with coefficients in  $\mathcal{E}$ "

Slogan: Derived categories attached to surfaces arise as  $\mathcal{F}(S; \mathcal{E})$  for various choices of  $\mathcal{E}$ .

(e.g. derived categories of gentle algebras,  
Ginzburg-type algebras, RCB algebras)

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Christ - H - Qiu

# Stability conditions

$S$  — weighted marked surface

$\mathcal{E}$  — perverse sheaf on  $S$  with "arc system kit"

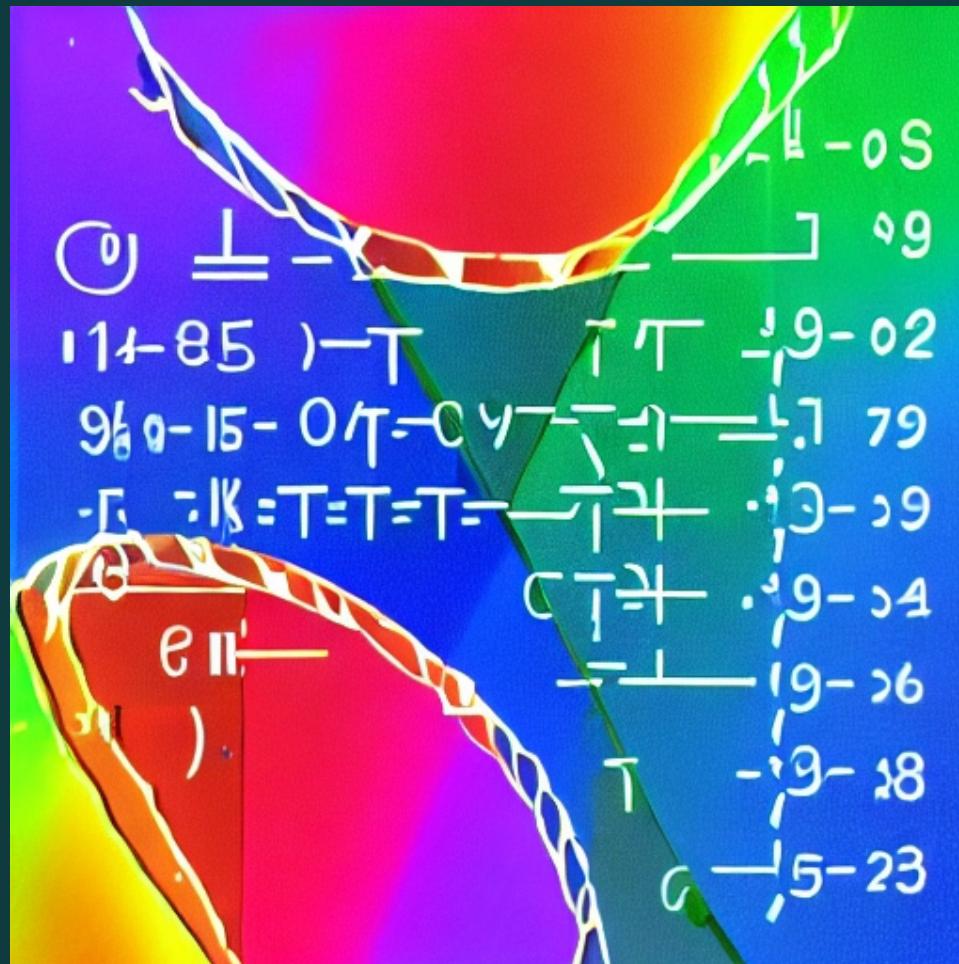
$\mathcal{C}(S; \mathcal{E}) \subset \mathcal{F}(S; \mathcal{E})$  full subcategory generated by edges of some  $S$ -graph  $\mathbb{S}$  on  $S$

Theorem (Christ - H - Qin): There is a map, biholomorphic onto a union of connected components

$$FQuad(S) \rightarrow \text{Stab}(\mathcal{C}(S; \mathcal{E}))$$

moduli space of framed quadratic differentials

space of Bridgeland stability conditions



*RGB algebra*