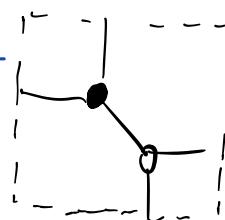


## Dimer models

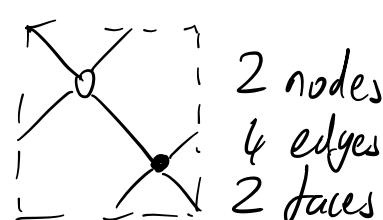
Defn Let  $\Sigma$  be a closed oriented surface. A dimer model  $\mathcal{D}$  on  $\Sigma$  is a finite bipartite graph drawn in  $\Sigma$  such that every connected component of  $\Sigma \setminus \mathcal{D}$  is an open disc.

We are most interested in  $\Sigma$  being the torus.

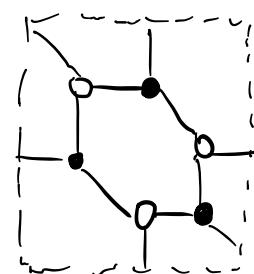
Eg



2 nodes  
3 edges  
1 face



2 nodes  
4 edges  
2 faces

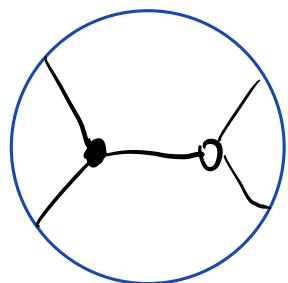


6 nodes  
9 edges  
3 faces

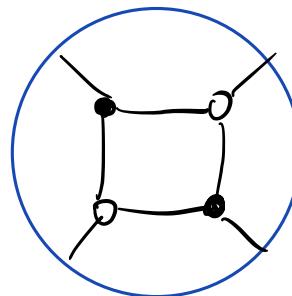
Defn Let  $\Sigma$  be an oriented surface with boundary. A dimer model  $\mathcal{D}$  in  $\Sigma$  is a finite bipartite graph in  $\Sigma^\circ$  together with finitely many half-edges, connecting nodes of the graph to  $\partial \Sigma$ . Each  $p \in \partial \Sigma$  is incident with at most one half edge, and  $\Sigma \setminus \mathcal{D}$  is a union of open discs.

We are most interested in  $\Sigma$  being the disc.

Eg



2 nodes  
1 edge + 4 half-edges  
4 faces (all boundary)

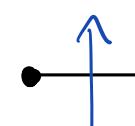
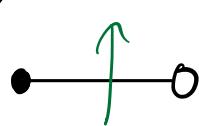


4 nodes  
4 edges + 4 half-edges  
5 faces (4 boundary)

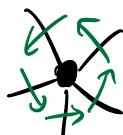
The dimer quiver  $\mathcal{D} \rightsquigarrow$  quiver  $Q = Q_{\mathcal{D}}$  'with faces'.

$Q_0 =$  faces of  $\mathcal{D} =$  conn. components of  $\Sigma^\circ \setminus \mathcal{D}$ .

$Q_1 =$  edges of  $\mathcal{D}$ , oriented with  $\bullet$  on the left:



$Q_2$  'faces' = nodes of  $\mathcal{D}$ :

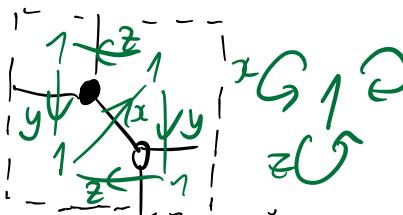


distinguished cycles.

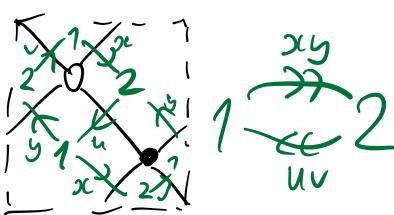
$Q$  has a 'frozen' subquiver  $F$ :  $F_0 = \text{boundary faces of } D$   
 $F_1 = \text{half-edges of } D$ .

$\Sigma$  closed  $\Rightarrow F = \emptyset$ .

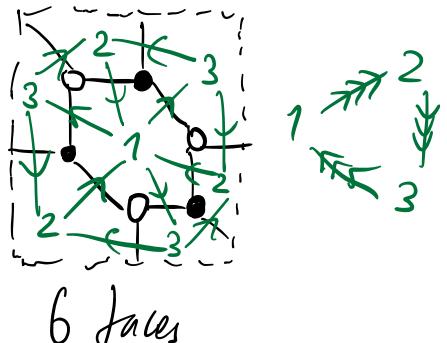
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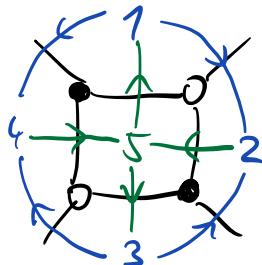
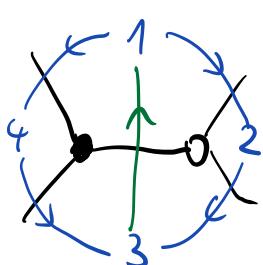
Faces:  $xyz, xzy$



Faces:  $vyuw, vxuw$



6 faces

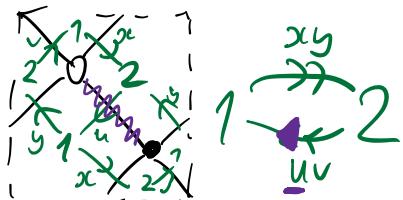


## Perfect matchings and the dimer algebra

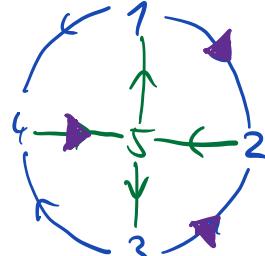
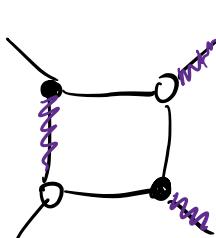
Let  $Q$  be a quiver with faces. We assume the 'unifield condition': every  $\alpha \in Q_1$  is in the boundary of some face.

Defn A perfect matching of  $Q$  is  $\mu \in Q_1$  such that  $\forall f \in Q_2$ ,  $f$  contains exactly one arrow in  $\mu$ .

When  $Q = Q_D$ , a perfect matching of  $Q$  is just a perfect matching of  $D$ !



Faces:  $vyuw, vxuw$





A perfect matching of  $C_n$  is a choice of  $x_i$  or  $y_i$  for each  $i=1, \dots, n$ , i.e. a partition  $X \cup Y = \{1, \dots, n\}$ .

Let  $\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{C}[[t]]$ .

Given a perfect matching  $\mu$ , define a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -representation  $V_\mu$  by:

$$V_i = \mathbb{Z} \text{ for all } i \in Q_0 \quad V_\alpha = \begin{cases} t, & \alpha \in \mu \\ 1, & \alpha \notin \mu. \end{cases}$$

'perfect matching module'.

Defn  $V \in \text{rep } \mathbb{Q}$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -matrix factorisation (of  $t$ ) if

- 1)  $V_i$  free over  $\mathbb{Z}$  for all  $i \in Q_0$
- 2)  $V_\alpha$   $\mathbb{Z}$ -linear for all  $\alpha \in Q_1$
- 3)  $V_p = t \cdot \text{id}: V_i \rightarrow V_i$  whenever  $p: i \rightarrow i$  is the boundary of a face  $f \in Q_2$

Since  $\mathbb{Z}$  is an integral domain, (3) plus the manifold condition implies that  $V_\alpha$  is injective  $\forall \alpha \in Q_1$ .

If  $Q$  is connected, it then follows (by the manifold condition again) that  $\text{rank } V_i$  is constant; call this  $\text{rank } V$ .

Note A perfect matching module is a rank 1  $\mathbb{Q}$ -matrix factorisation.

Lem Let  $p, q: i \rightarrow j$  be paths in  $Q$ . If  $\exists$  a path  $r: i \rightarrow j$  such that  $r_p, r_q: i \rightarrow i$  both bound a face, then  $V_p = V_q$ .

Proof  $V_r \circ V_p = V_{r_p} = t \cdot \text{id} = V_{r_q} = V_r \circ V_q$ , and  $V_r$  is injective.

Special cases: 1)  $r = e_i$ , i.e.  $p$  and  $q$  both bound a face

$$2) \text{ Pa}^{\bullet} \text{ (Diagram)} \Rightarrow V_{\text{Pa}^{\bullet}} = V_{\text{Pa}^{\circ}}$$

Cor 1) For  $Q = C_n$ , any  $V_\mu \in \text{mod } T$  for  $T = \widehat{\mathbb{C}Q}/(\overline{xy - yx})$ .  
(complete) preprojective algebra of type  $\tilde{A}_{n-1}$ .

Exercise Recall,  $\mu$  is equivalent to choosing  $\{1, \dots, n\} = X \cup Y$ .  
Show that, if  $\#X = k$ , so  $\#Y = n-k$ , then  $V_\mu$  is a module for  
 $C = \widehat{\mathbb{C}Q}/(\overline{xy - yx, y^k - x^{n-k}})$ .

2) For  $Q = Q_D$ , any  $V_\mu \in \text{mod } A$  for

$$A = A_D = \widehat{\mathbb{C}Q}/\left( \begin{array}{l} p-q : p, q : i \rightarrow i \text{ bound a face} \\ p_a^{\bullet} - p_a^{\circ} : a \in Q_1 \setminus F_1 \end{array} \right) \text{ 'dimer algebra'}$$

(cf. Beil's quiver algebra — more relations, e.g.  $p=q$  when  $\exists$  any path  $r$  such that  $prqr$  bound a face).

Defn For  $Q = Q_D$ , define potential  $W = \sum \bullet \circ - \sum \circ \bullet$   
(linear comb. of cyclic equivalence classes of cycles).

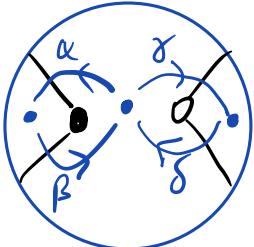
Then  $J(Q, F, W) = \widehat{\mathbb{C}Q}/(\partial_a W : a \in Q_1 \setminus F_1)$  'superpotential /  
frozen Jacobian algebra'

$$(p = \alpha_n \dots \alpha_1 \text{ cycle} \Rightarrow \partial_p p = \sum_{\alpha_i = p} \alpha_{i-1} \dots \alpha_1 \alpha_n \dots \alpha_{i+1}).$$

Prop Assume  $D$  is connected. Then  $A \cong J(Q, F, W)$ .

Hint  $\partial_a W = p_a^{\bullet} - p_a^{\circ}$ . So enough to show that these imply the extra relations in  $A$  when  $D$  is connected.

Eg



$$J(Q, F, W) = \widehat{\mathbb{C}Q} \quad (Q_1 = F_1)$$

$$\text{but } A = \widehat{\mathbb{C}Q}/(\beta\alpha - \delta\gamma).$$

Rem  $\Sigma$  closed, genus  $g$ . Then  $A_{\mathbb{D}}$  is  
 1) infinite-dimensional for  $g \geq 1$  (this is good!)  
 2) Noetherian for  $g \leq 1$   
 $\Rightarrow$  best surface is  $T^2$ !

## Calabi-Yau algebras

Defn Let  $A$  be a Noetherian  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra, with enveloping algebra  $A^{\mathcal{E}} = A \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} A^{\mathfrak{P}}$ .  
 $(A^{\mathcal{E}}\text{-Mod} = A\text{-Bimod}).$

Say  $A$  is  $d$ -Calabi-Yau,  $d \geq 0$ , if

- 1)  $A \in \text{per } A^{\mathcal{E}}$  (homologically smooth)
- 2)  $\mathcal{R} = R\text{Hom}_{A^{\mathcal{E}}}(A, A^{\mathcal{E}}) \cong \Sigma^{-d} A$  in  $\text{per } A^{\mathcal{E}}$ .

Why?

Thm (Keller) If  $A$  is homologically smooth, then  $R\text{Hom}_A(\mathcal{R}, -)$  is a (right) Serre functor on  $D^b(A)$ .

$(D^b(A) = \text{complexes of } A\text{-modules with finite dimensional total cohomology.})$   
 Sometimes write  $\text{perv}(A)$  — perfectly valued derived category.

Cor If  $A$  is  $d$ -Calabi-Yau, then  $R\text{Hom}_A(\mathcal{R}, -) \cong R\text{Hom}_A(\Sigma^{-d} A, -) \cong \Sigma^d$  is a Serre functor on  $D^b(A)$ .

Thus (by definition)  $D^b(A)$  is a  $d$ -Calabi-Yau triangulated category.

Cor Let  $M, N$  be finite-dimensional  $A$ -modules,  $A$   $d$ -CY. Then

$$\text{Ext}_A^i(M, N) = \text{Ext}_A^{d-i}(N, M)^{\otimes} \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{Z}. \quad (-)^{\otimes} = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(-, \mathbb{C}).$$

Proof  $\text{Ext}_A^i(M, N) = \text{Hom}_{D^b(A)}(M, \Sigma^i N) \xrightarrow{\text{Serre}} \text{Hom}_{D^b(A)}(\Sigma^i N, \Sigma^d M)^{\otimes}$   
 $\xrightarrow{\Sigma^d \text{ right Serre functor}} \text{Hom}_{D^b(A)}(N, \Sigma^{d-i} M)^{\otimes} = \text{Ext}_A^{d-i}(N, M)^{\otimes}.$

Cor A d-CY for  $d > 0 \Rightarrow \dim_{\mathbb{C}} A = \infty$ , or  $A = 0$ .

Proof If  $\dim A < \infty$  then  $\text{Hom}_A(A, A) = \text{Ext}_A^d(A, A)^{\otimes} = 0$ .

Cor A d-CY  $\Rightarrow \text{gldim } A \leq d$ .

Proof  $\text{Ext}_A^{d+1}(M, N) = \text{Ext}_A^{-1}(N, M)^{\otimes} = 0$ .

Eg Let  $\pi$  be a preprojective algebra of affine type. Then  
(Reiten-van den Bergh)  $\pi$  is 2-CY.

Note 'McKay correspondence'  $D^b(\pi) \cong D^b(\text{coh } X)$  for  $X$  a  
crepant resolution of a Kleinian (2d Gorenstein) singularity.  
So  $D^b(\text{coh } X)$  is also 2-CY.

Now let  $A$  be a Noetherian  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra and  $e \in A$  idempotent. ( $e^2 = e$ )  
Write  $\underline{A} = A/AeA$ , and  $D_e^b(A) = \{X \in D^b(A) : eX = 0\}$ .

(i.e. an  $A$ -module  $M$  is in  $D_e^b(A)$  iff  $M$  is a fin. dim.  $\underline{A}$ -module).

Defn  $(A, e)$  is internally (or relatively) d-Calabi-Yau if

- 1)  $A \in \text{per } A^{\text{op}}$  and  $\text{gldim } A \leq d$
- 2)  $\exists$  triangle  $\mathcal{S}^{-d} A \rightarrow \mathcal{S} A \rightarrow X \rightarrow$  in  $D(A^{\text{op}})$  such that  
 $R\text{Hom}_A(X, M) = 0 = R\text{Hom}_{A^{\text{op}}}(X, N)$  for any  $M \in D_e^b(A)$ ,  $N \in D_e^b(A^{\text{op}})$

Consequence (1)  $\Rightarrow R\text{Hom}_A(\mathcal{S}, -)$  is a Serre functor on  $D^b(A)$   
(2)  $\Rightarrow R\text{Hom}_A(\mathcal{S}, -) \cong \mathcal{S}^d$  on  $D_e^b(A)$ .

So if  $M \in D_e^b(A)$ ,  $N \in D^b(A)$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Hom}_A(M, N) &= \text{Hom}_A(N, R\text{Hom}_A(\mathcal{S}, M))^{\otimes} \\ &= \text{Hom}_A(N, \mathcal{S}^d M)^{\otimes}.\end{aligned}$$

Cor  $M, N$  finite-dimensional  $A$ -modules,  $M \in A\text{-mod}$ . Then

$$\text{Ext}_A^i(M, N) = \text{Ext}_A^{d-i}(N, M)^{\otimes i}$$

Eg  $A = \begin{pmatrix} n-1 & & & \\ & 2 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & n+1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $e = \sum_{i=1}^n e_i$ . is internally  $(n+1)$ -CY

Note 1) Now there are finite dimensional examples!

2) If  $(A, e)$  is int. dCY, and  $e'$  is idempotent with  $e'e = e = ee'$ ,  
then  $(A, e')$  is inf. dCY.  
(standard example:  $e$  is a sum of vertex idempotents,  $e'$  adds more)

3) If  $A$  is  $dCY$ , then  $(A, 0)$  is int.  $dCY$ , hence  $(A, e)$  is  
inf.  $dCY$  for all idempotent  $e$ .

4)  $(A, \mathfrak{I})$  is int.  $d$ -CY iff  $\operatorname{gldim} A \leq d$ .

Thm (P'7) Let  $(A, e)$  be int. dCY, and assume  $A$  is Noetherian.  
 $A = A/AeA$  is finite dimensional. Write  $B = eAe$  (boundary algebra), then:

1)  $B$  is g-Iwanaga-Gorenstein:  $B$  Noetherian,  $\text{injdim}_B B = \text{injdim}_B B_B = g < \infty$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{GP}(B) = \{X \in \text{mod } B : \text{Ext}_B^{>0}(X, B) = 0\}$  (in fact  $g \leq d$ )

is a Frobenius (exact) category: enough projectives and injectives, projective = injective.  
 $\text{Coh}(\mathcal{B}) \subset \text{Coh}(\mathcal{B})^{\perp \perp}$  (i.e.  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{B}$  if and only if  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{B}^{\perp}$ )

2)  $\underline{GP}(B) = GP(B)/_{\text{proj}} B$  is a  $(d-1)$ -CY triangulated category. ( $= \text{proj } B$ )

3)  $eA \in \text{CP}(B)$  is  $(d-1)$ -cluster-bilby:

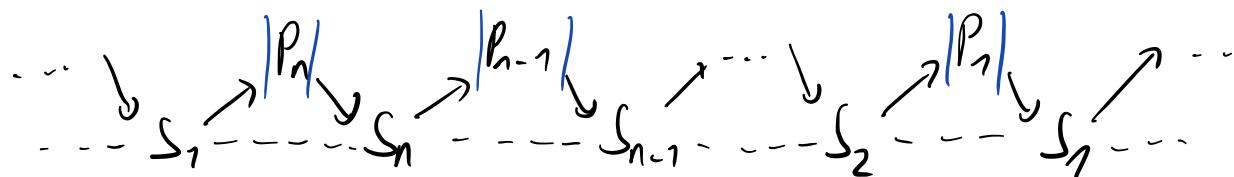
$$\text{add}(eA) = \left\{ X \in GP(B) : \text{Ext}_B^{1 \leq i \leq d-2}(X, eA) = 0 \right\}$$

$$4) A \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{End}_B(eA)^{\text{op}}, \quad A \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{End}_B(eA)^{\text{op}} \left( := \text{End}_{\underline{\text{AP}}(B)}(eA)^{\text{op}} \right).$$

When  $d=3$ , categories like  $\text{GP}(B)$  above have applications to cluster algebras (with frozen variables).  
 (cf. results for dgvs: W.K. Yeung, Y. Wu)

Eg  $A = \begin{array}{c} n-1 \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ n \end{array} \Rightarrow B = \begin{array}{c} n-1 \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ 1 \end{array}$ , i.e.  $n$  cycle / rad $^2$ .

$B$  selfinjective ( $=$  D-Iwanaga-Korenstein)  $\Rightarrow \text{GP}(B) = \text{mod } B$ .



$\underline{\text{GP}}(B) = n\text{-cluster category of type } A_1$   
 $\underline{\text{CA}} = B \oplus S_1$  is  $n$ -cluster-bilby;  $n-1$  mutations  $B \oplus S_i$ ,  $2 \leq i \leq n$ .

Obs  $n=2 \Rightarrow B = \begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ \curvearrowleft & \curvearrowright \end{smallmatrix}$ , preprojective algebra of type  $A_2$ .  
 cf. Geiß-Lederc-Schröer.

Eg 2 Let  $A =$  preprojective algebra of affine type.  $\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \curvearrowleft & \curvearrowright & \curvearrowleft & \curvearrowright & \curvearrowleft \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 5 \end{smallmatrix}$   
 $e = e_0$ ,  $0$  extending vertex.

$A$  2-CY  $\Rightarrow (A, e)$  int. 2-CY.

$\underline{A} = A/AeA$  is a Dynkin type pre-proj algebra  $\Rightarrow$  fin. dim.

$B = eAe \cong Z(A) = R$ , a Kleinian singularity

Now: 1)  $\text{GP}(B) = \text{CM}(B)$  is additively finite, with additive generator  
 $(= 1\text{-cluster-bilby object})$   $eA$ .  
 2)  $\underline{\text{GP}}(B)$  is 1-CY, i.e.  $\tau \cong \text{id}$ .

3)  $A \cong \text{End}_B(eA)^{\text{op}}$   $\Rightarrow$  AR quiver of  $\text{GP}(B)$  is preproj. quiver.

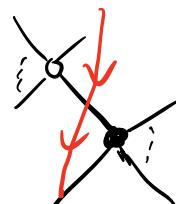
Moreover,  $A$  is an NCCR for  $R$ ,  $D^b(A) \cong D^b(\text{coh } X)$  (2CY) for  $X \rightarrow \text{fp } R$  crepant, J-Vassiliev (VdB, Kapranov, Vassiliev)  
 $\underline{\text{GP}}(B) \cong D_{\text{sg}}(R)$  (1CY) (Buchweitz)

## § Consistency

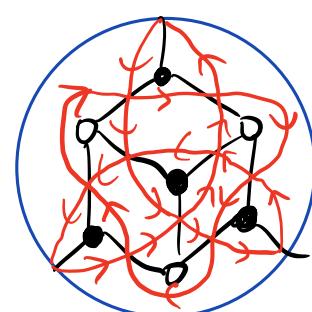
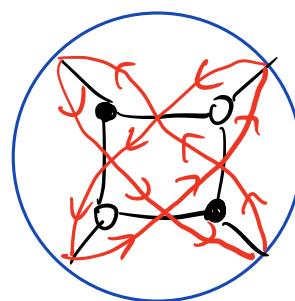
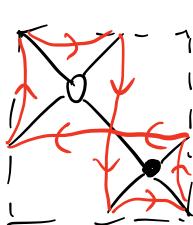
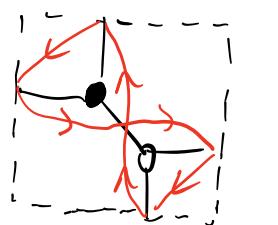
We return to the setting of dimer models: let  $\mathcal{D}$  be a dimer model on  $\Sigma$ , a surface with or without boundary.

Let  $\tilde{\Sigma}$  be the universal cover of  $\Sigma$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}$  the lift of  $\mathcal{D}$  (to an infinite, but periodic, dimer model on  $\tilde{\Sigma}$ ).

$\mathcal{D}$  (and  $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}$ ) has zig-zag paths (or strands) as follows:

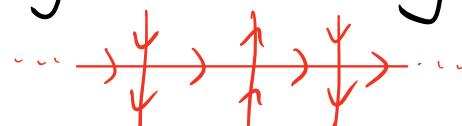


E.g.



These strands always satisfy:

- 1) finitely many strands with finitely many transverse pairwise crossings (modulo deck transformations)
- 2) signs of crossings alternate along each strand



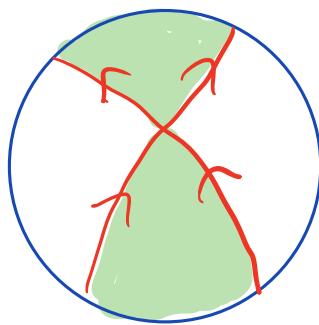
We say  $\mathcal{D}$  is consistent if

- 3) strands do not intersect themselves.
- 4) on  $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}$ , there are no bad lenses

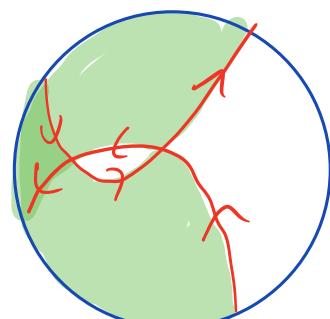


That is, if two strands cross, there are no more crossings following both strands forwards (or backwards).

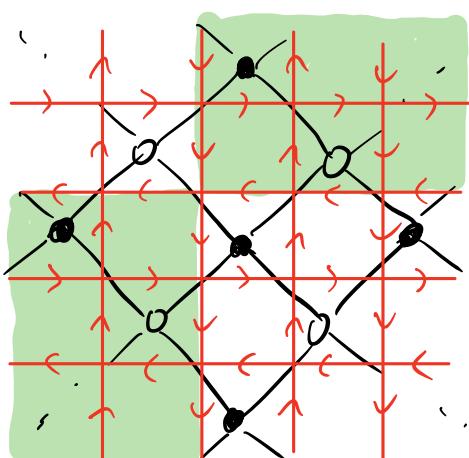
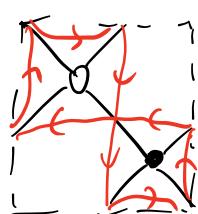
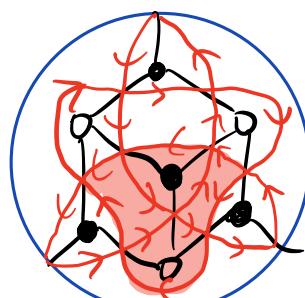
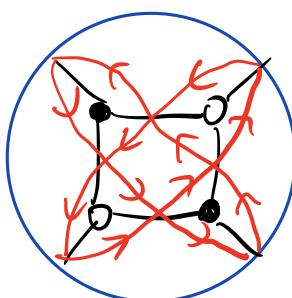
On disc:



(or )



Examples



Thm let  $\mathcal{D}$  be a consistent connected dimer model on a surface  $\Sigma$ .  
let  $A$  be the dimer algebra,  $e = \sum_{i \in F_0} e_i$  frozen/boundary idempotent  
(Note  $e=0$  if  $\Sigma$  is closed).

Then  $(A, e)$  is int. 3CY if :

- 1)  $\Sigma = T^2$  torus (Broomhead '12) }  $A$  is 3CY.
- 2)  $\Sigma = \Sigma_g$ ,  $g \geq 1$  (Davidson '11) }  $A$  is 3CY.
- 3)  $\Sigma = D^2$  disc (P '19+).

Hope True for any surface, without assuming  $\mathcal{D}$  is connected.

Proof strategy:  $\mathcal{D}$  connected  $\Rightarrow A \cong \mathbb{J}(Q, F, W)$  frozen Jacobian algebra.

This provides a canonical bimodule complex:

$$0 \rightarrow A \otimes (Q_0 \setminus F_0)^\vee \otimes A \rightarrow A \otimes (Q_1 \setminus F_1)^\vee \otimes A \rightarrow A \otimes Q_1 \otimes A \rightarrow A \otimes Q_0 \otimes A \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$$

↑ internal vertices      ↑ internal arrows      ↑ arrows      ↑ vertices  
 ↓ syzygies      ↓ relations

Exactness of this complex  $\Rightarrow (A, e)$  is int. 3CY (Linzburg / Broomhead if  $F = \emptyset$ , P'17 in general.)

Use consistency to prove exactness.

Key property: 'thinness on the universal cover'

- in  $\tilde{A}$  ( $= A$  for  $\Sigma = \mathcal{D}^2$ ) for any  $i, j \in \tilde{Q}_0$ ,  $\exists p_{\min}: i \rightarrow j$  in  $\tilde{Q}$  such that  $e_j \tilde{A} e_i \cong \prod_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{C} p_{\min} t^n$ ,  $t$  bounding a face. (i.e.  $e_j \tilde{A} e_i$  free rank 1 over  $\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{C}[\tilde{t}]]$ ).

Applications) First take  $\Sigma = T^2$ ,  $A = A_{\mathcal{D}}$ . (see Broomhead)  
Choose any vertex  $0 \in Q_0$ ,  $e = e_0$ .

Then  $A$  3CY (Broomhead)  $\Rightarrow (A, e)$  int. 3CY.

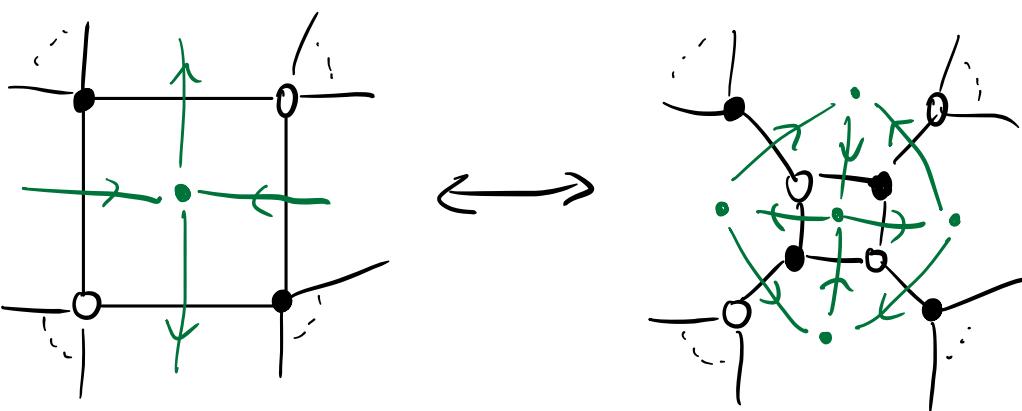
$B = eAe = \mathcal{Z}(A) = R$  is a Gorenstein toric 3-fold singularity.

Thm (Gubeladze '08) every such  $R$  appears this way.

$\mathrm{GP}(B) = \mathrm{CM}(R)$  admits the 2-cluster-filling object  $eA$ ,  
 $A \cong \mathrm{End}_R(eA)^{\mathrm{op}}$  is an NCCR of  $R$ .

$\mathrm{GP}(B) = \mathcal{D}_{sg}(R)$  2-CY,  
(Buchweitz)  $\mathcal{D}^b(A) \cong \mathcal{D}^b(\mathrm{coh} X)$ ,  $X \rightarrow \mathrm{Spec} R$  crepant resolution.  
(Bridgeland - King - Reid, Van den Bergh).

Mutation? Some mutations correspond to Seiberg duality (see Vitoria '09):



For  $D \leftrightarrow D'$  related by this move, consider  $A = A_D$ ,  $A' = A_{D'}$ . Pick  $e = e_0$  for  $D$  different from mutated file.

Then  $eAe = B \cong B' = eA'e$ ,  $eA, eA' \in GP(B)$  ( $= CMR$ ) related by mutation.

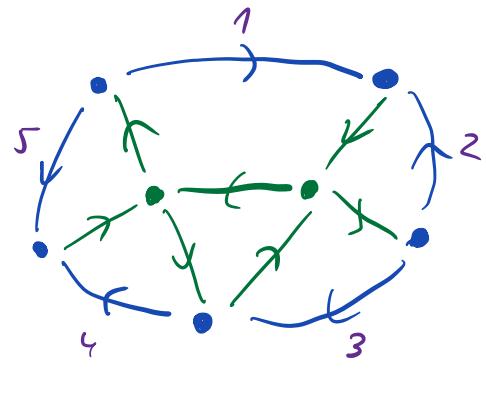
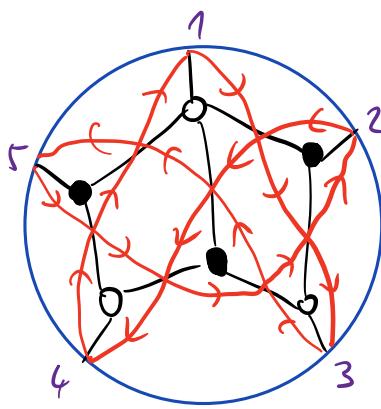
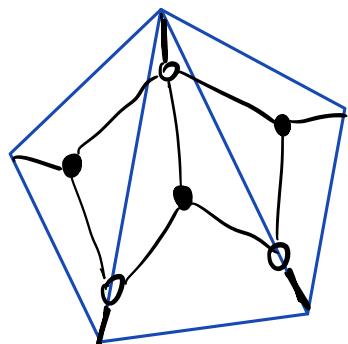
Get two crepant resolutions  $X \xleftarrow{\text{flip}} X'$ ,  $D^b(\text{coh } X) \cong D^b(A) \cong D^b(A') \cong D^b(\text{coh } X')$

$\downarrow$   
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2) Now take  $\Sigma = D^2$ . Then  $GP(B)$  is a Frobenius categorification of a cluster algebra structure on a positroid variety in the Grassmannian  $Gr_n^\Sigma$  (see next time).

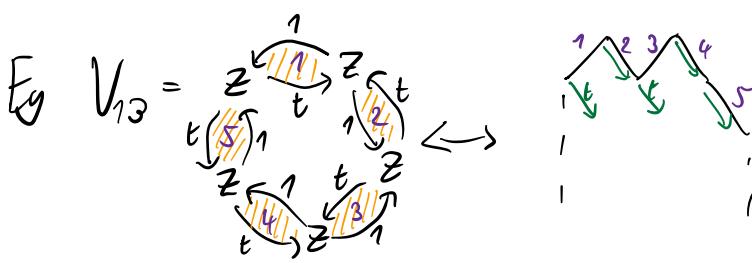
Key example: Scott '06, cluster algebra structure on  $Gr_n^\Sigma$  via Postnikov diagrams = zig-zag paths of consistent dimers in  $D^2$ .

$k=2$ :



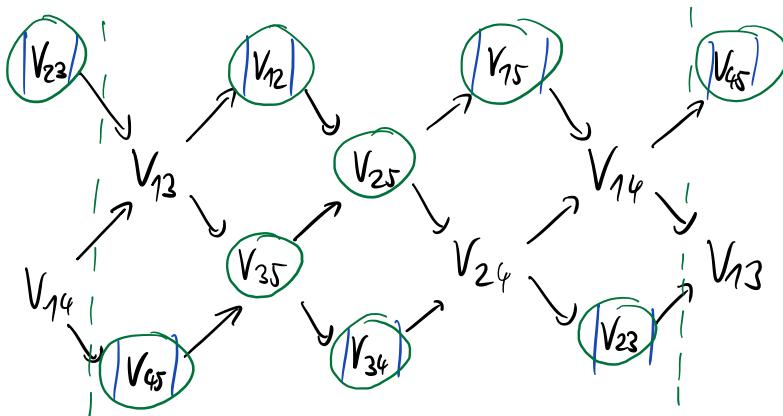
$$B = \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram of a hexagon with orange shaded regions and arrows} \\ \text{Diagram of a hexagon with blue shaded regions and arrows} \end{array} / \begin{array}{l} xy = yz \\ y^2 = x^3 \end{array}$$

In this case indecomposables in  $GP(B)$  are precisely  $V_\mu$  for  $\mu$  a matching.  $\hookrightarrow \{1, \dots, n\} = X \cup Y$ ,  $\#X=2$ . Write  $V_X := V_{\mu_X}$ .



$\text{CP}(B)$ :

$$eA = B \oplus V_{25} \oplus V_{35}.$$



See Jensen-King-Su, Baur-King-March, Demonet-Luo.

Categorification of posibroids w/ I. Canukci, A. King

$\text{Gr}_k^n = \{V \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n : \dim V = k\}$  projective variety 'Grassmannian'.  
 $\wedge$  affine cone

System of projective coordinates  $\Delta_I : \widehat{\text{Gr}}_k^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  'Plücker coordinates'  
 indexed by  $I \in \binom{[n]}{k} = \{I \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\} : |I| = k\}$ .

$V = \text{rowspan}(M)$ ,  $M = (m_1, \dots, m_n) \in \mathbb{C}^{k \times n} \Rightarrow \Delta_{\{i_1, \dots, i_k\}}(V) = \det(m_{i_1}, \dots, m_{i_k})$ ,

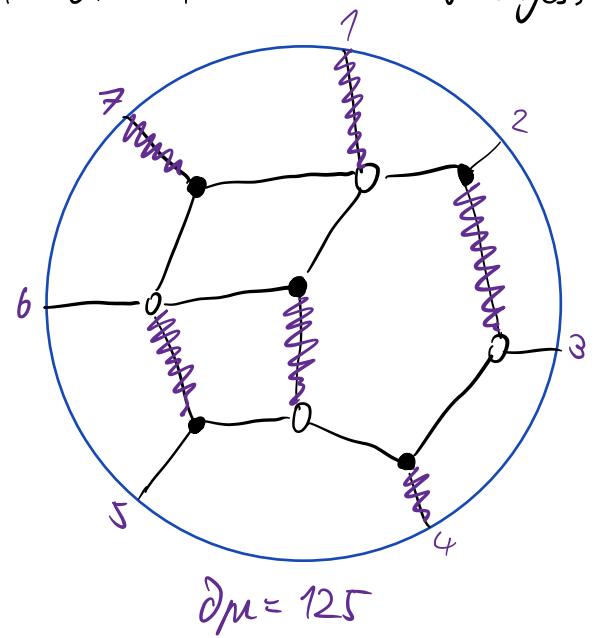
Now fix  $\mathcal{D}$ , a consistent dimer model in the disc with  $n$  half-edges.

A perfect matching  $\mu$  of  $\mathcal{D}$  has a boundary value

$$\partial\mu = \{i : i \text{ is } \bullet \in \mu\} \cup \{i : i \text{ is } \circ \notin \mu\}$$

$$\#\partial\mu = k = \#\circ - \#\bullet + \#(-)$$

$$\text{so } \partial\mu \in \binom{[n]}{k}.$$



Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{\partial\mu : \mu \text{ p.m. of } D\} \subseteq \binom{[n]}{k}$  'positroid'

$\mathcal{T} = \{V \in \mathrm{Gr}_n^k : \Delta_I(V) = 0 \text{ for } I \notin \mathcal{P}\}$  'closed positroid variety'

Face labels Recall strands = zig-zag paths

↓ face  $\rightarrow I_f = \{i : \text{strand } i \text{ crosses } f\}$

$$\# I_f = k$$

Let  $\mathcal{I} = \{I_f : f \in \partial Q_0\}$ . 'necklace'.

Then 1)  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{P}$  (not obvious - see later)

2)  $\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{P}$  are equivalent data, as  
is  $\pi_D \in \mathbb{S}_n$ :  $i \rightsquigarrow \pi_D(i)$ .

Changing  $D$  by Seiberg duality does not change this data.

Thm (Okonev-Paschke-Späyer)  $\pi_D = \pi_{D'}$   $\Leftrightarrow D$  and  $D'$  are linked by  
a sequence of Seiberg duality moves.

$\mathcal{T}^o = \{V \in \mathcal{T} : \Delta_I(V) \neq 0 \vee I \in \mathcal{I}\}$ . 'open positroid variety'.

Thm (Gasharov-Lam) Let  $A$  be the cluster algebra with invertible  
frozen variables associated to  $Q_D$ , with initial variables  $x_I, I \in Q_0$ .

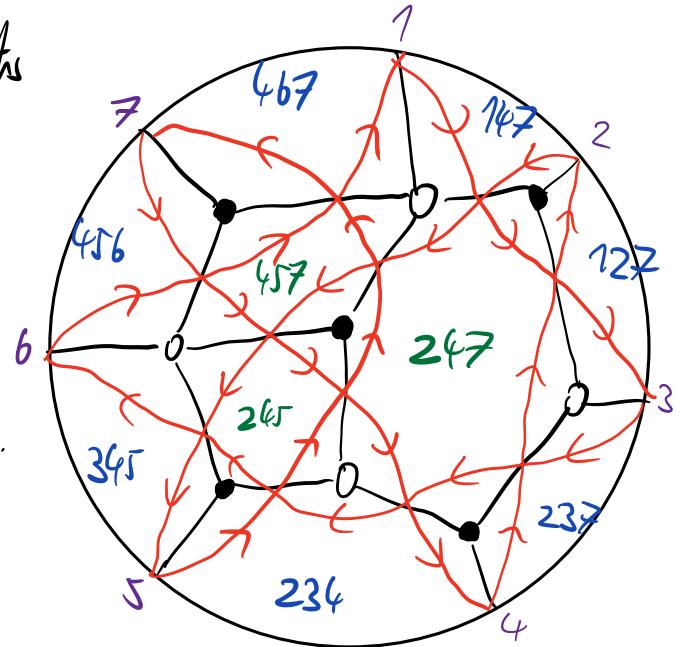
Then the map  $A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[\mathcal{T}^o]$  is an isomorphism.

$$x_I \mapsto \Delta_{I_f}$$

Note  $A$  is the cluster algebra categorified by  $\mathrm{GP}(B)$ ,  $B = eAe$ ,  
 $A = A_D$  dimer algebra.

Let  $C = \mathbb{C}C_n / \left( \begin{matrix} xy - yx \\ y^h - x^{n-h} \end{matrix} \right)$  circle algebra (Tensen-King-Su).

Let  $\Lambda = A, B$  or  $C$ .



Prop  $\Lambda$  is a  $\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{C}[[t]]$ -algebra, and is thin: for primitive idempotents  $e_i, e_j \in \Lambda$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}(e_j \Lambda e_i)$  is free of rank 1.  
 (GKP for  $A, B$ , Jensen-King-Liu for  $C$ ).

In particular,  $\Lambda$  is free and finitely generated over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

Write  $CM(\Lambda) = \{M \in \text{mod } \Lambda : \mathbb{Z}M \text{ is free and f.g.}\}$ .

Note 1)  $CM(C) = CP(C)$ .  $CM(B) \supseteq GP(B)$ , often strict.

2)  $A, C$  (but not  $B$ ) given by quivers with faces.

In this case, thinness  $\iff$  every indecomposable projective  $P_f = \Lambda e_f$  is a rank 1  $\mathbb{Q}$ -matrix factorisation.

$B = eAe \Rightarrow$  restriction functor  $e : CM(A) \rightarrow CM(B)$ .

Prop (GKP)  $\exists$  a canonical algebra map  $C \rightarrow B$  such that the restriction functor  $\rho : CM(B) \rightarrow CM(C)$  is fully faithful.

Claim Face labels are explained algebraically by the fact that

$$\rho(eP_f) \cong V_{I_f} \in CM(C)$$

Prop (GKP) Let  $Q$  be a quiver with faces such that  $H^1(I(Q)) = 0$ . Then every rank 1  $\mathbb{Q}$ -matrix factorisation  $V$  is isomorphic to a perfect matching module.

Proof  $t \in \mathbb{C}[[t]]$  is prime, so  $\mu = \{\alpha \in Q_1 : V_\alpha \text{ not invertible}\}$  is a perfect matching. We claim  $V \cong V_\mu$ .

For each  $\alpha \in Q_1$ ,  $\exists \lambda_\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^\times$  s.t.  $V_\alpha = \lambda_\alpha t^\alpha$ , and if  $\rho$  bounds a face then  $\prod_{\alpha \in \rho} \lambda_\alpha = 1$ .

Thus  $(\lambda_\alpha)_{\alpha \in Q_1}$  is a cochain in  $\mathbb{Z}^1(I(Q), \mathbb{Z}^\times)$ . Since  $H^1(I(Q), \mathbb{Z}^\times) = 0$ ,  $(\lambda_\alpha)_{\alpha \in Q_1}$  is the boundary of  $(\eta_i)_{i \in Q_0} \in (\mathbb{Z}^\times)^{Q_0}$ .

$$\lambda_\alpha = \frac{\eta_{i\alpha}}{\eta_{t\alpha}} \text{ for all } \alpha \in Q_1.$$

Then  $\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{\lambda^{\alpha t^\xi}} & \mathbb{Z} \\ \downarrow \text{ta} \uparrow \text{t}^\xi & \curvearrowleft & \uparrow \text{ta} \\ \mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{t^\xi} & \mathbb{Z} \end{array}$  gives an isomorphism  $V_\mu \xrightarrow{\sim} V$ .

Cor  $\forall f \in Q_0$ ,  $P_f \cong V_\mu$  for some perfect matching  $\mu$ .

Obs  $\rho(eV_\mu) \cong V_{\partial\mu}$ . ( $\partial\mu \rightsquigarrow$  matching  $\{x_i : i \in \partial\mu\} \cup \{y_i : i \notin \partial\mu\}$  of  $C_n$ )

So just need to identify  $\mu_s$  from projectives, calculate boundary values.

Thm (FKP)  $P_f \cong V_\mu$  for  $\mu$  the 'downstream wedge' matching (Muller-Speyer '17).

$$\mu = \left\{ \alpha : \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram showing a circle with red arrows pointing outwards, a green shaded region, and a central cross.} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right\}. \xrightarrow[\text{MS}]{} \partial\mu = I_f.$$

So face labels are categorified by projective  $A$ -modules.

Cor  $I \subseteq S$ : all face labels are boundary values.

Proof of theorem is via calculation of projective resolution of all  $V_\mu$ .

The limit For fixed  $D$ , get map  $m: (\mathbb{C}^\times)^{Q_0} \rightarrow \Pi^\circ$  by

$$D_I(m(x)) = \sum_{\mu: \partial\mu = I} m(\mu), \quad m(x) = \prod_{\alpha \in \mu} \frac{x_{\alpha}}{x_{-\alpha}}. \quad (\text{Paschnikov})$$

Get map  $c: \Pi^\circ \dashrightarrow (\mathbb{C}^\times)^{Q_0}$  by  $V \mapsto (D_{I_f}(V))_{f \in Q_0}$ .

The composition  $(\mathbb{C}^\times)^{Q_0} \xrightarrow{m} \Pi^\circ \dashrightarrow (\mathbb{C}^\times)^{Q_0}$  is not an iso, but

(Muller-Speyer '17)  $\exists b_\mu: \Pi^\circ \rightarrow \Pi^\circ$  such that  $(\mathbb{C}^\times)^{Q_0} \xrightarrow{m} \Pi^\circ \xrightarrow{b_\mu} \Pi^\circ \dashrightarrow (\mathbb{C}^\times)^{Q_0}$  is.

Consider the function  $CC: CM(B) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[[\mathbb{C}^\times]^{Q_0}]$  given by:

$$CC(V) = x^{[FV]} \sum_{N \in GV} x^{-[N]}$$

where  $FV = \underline{\text{Hom}}_B(eA, V)$ ,  $GV = \underline{\text{Ext}}_B^1(eA, V) \in \text{mod } A$ . ( $A \cong \text{End}_B(eA)^{op}$ )

- $[X] = \text{class of } X \text{ in } K_0(\text{mod } A) \cong \bigoplus_{f \in Q_0} \mathbb{Z}[P_f]$ .

- count infinite families of submodules by  $\chi(\text{Gr}_{\dim N}(GV))$ .

Rem  $CC$  restricts to a cluster character on  $GP(B)$  ( $\text{JKS}'16, P'19^+$ ).

$$\overline{CC}(V) = CC(V) \Big|_{x_f = \Delta_{I_f}} \in \mathbb{C}[[\mathbb{C}]] \quad \text{for } x_f = x^{[P_f]}.$$

Remark  $CC(eP_f) = x_f$ , so  $\overline{CC}(eP_f) = \Delta_{I_f}$ ;  $\rho(eP_f) \cong V_{I_f}$ .

Thm Let  $V \in CM(B)$  such that  $\rho(V) \cong V_I$ ,  $I \in \binom{[n]}{k}$   
(equiv.  $V = eV_\mu$  for  $\mu$  p.m. of  $Q_0$ ).

Then  $\Delta_I \circ \text{tw} = \frac{\overline{CC}(S2V)}{\overline{CC}(PV)}$  where  $0 \rightarrow S2V \rightarrow PV \rightarrow V \rightarrow 0$ , and  
PV is projective.

Slogan: twist =  $S2$  ('syzygy').

Key step:  $G S2V = \underline{\text{Hom}}_B(eA, V) = FV / F'V$  for  $F'V = \{eA \rightarrow V \text{ factorings}\}$   
over proj  $B$

$$\text{so } \{N \in GS2V\} \leftrightarrow \{F'V \leq M \leq FV\}$$

Prop  $\{F'V \leq M \leq FV\} \leftrightarrow \{\mu: \partial_\mu = I\}$ .

Sketch proof of Thm

- 1) thinness  $\Rightarrow$  all  $M_\mu$  are  $r/r = 1$   $\mathbb{Q}$ -rfts, hence p.m. modules.
- 2)  $eF'V = eFV = V \Rightarrow eM = V \Rightarrow \rho(eM) \cong V_I \Rightarrow$  bdy value must be  $I$ .

3) For  $N \in \text{GJ}V$ :  $0 \rightarrow FV \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow [N] = [\bar{M}] - [F'V]$

$$0 \rightarrow J_2 V \rightarrow PV \rightarrow V \rightarrow 0 \rightsquigarrow 0 \rightarrow FJ_2 V \rightarrow FPV \rightarrow FV \rightarrow 0 \\ \Rightarrow [F'V] = [FPV] - [FJ_2 V]$$

$$\text{So } [FJ_2 V] - [N] = [FPV] - [M]$$

$$\text{Hence } CC(J_2 V) = \sum_{F'V \leq M \leq FV} x^{[FPV] - [M]}$$

$$= CC(PV) \sum_{F'V \leq M \leq FV} x^{-[M]}$$

4) Using proj. res. of p.m. module  $M = V/\mu$ , show that

$$\mu(x) = x^{-[M]}.$$