

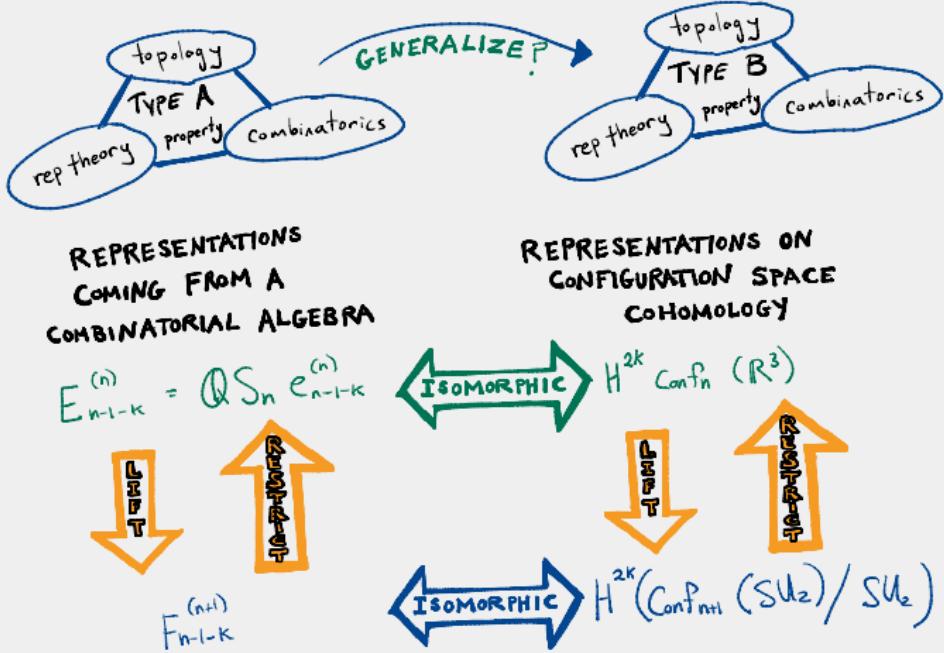
# A TYPE B ANALOG OF THE WHITEHOUSE REPRESENTATION

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# BIG IDEA

## TYPE A STORY:



**THEOREM** (B, 2021<sup>+</sup>) This picture generalizes to **TYPE B**

**GOAL:**

- (1) Understand this picture
- (2) Explain Type B generalization

# OUTLINE

I. EULERIAN REPRESENTATIONS & THEIR LIFTS

II. TOPOLOGICAL INTERPRETATION

III. THE TYPE B REPRESENTATIONS

IV. THE TYPE B TOPOLOGY

# I. EULERIAN REPRESENTATIONS & THEIR LIFTS

Let  $S_n$  be the symmetric group.

For  $\sigma = (\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n) \in S_n$ ,

$$\text{Des}(\sigma) := \{ i \in [n-1] : \sigma_i > \sigma_{i+1} \}$$

CLAIM:

Each  $\text{Des}(\sigma)$  defines an (INTEGER) COMPOSITION of  $n$ ,  $\text{sh}(\sigma)$

EXAMPLE:

If  $\sigma = (1, 5, 3, 4, 2) \in S_5$

$$\text{Des}(\sigma) = \{ \quad \}$$

$$\text{sh}(\sigma) =$$

# SOLOMON'S DESCENT ALGEBRA (Solomon, 1976):

$\Sigma_n \subset \mathbb{Q}[S_n]$  is the subalgebra of  $\mathbb{Q}[S_n]$  spanned by sums of elements with the same DESCENT SET

equivalently: the same set composition  $sh(\sigma)$

\* EXAMPLE:  $\Sigma_3 \subset \mathbb{Q}[S_3]$  looks like

INTEGER COMPOSITION	ELEMENT OF $\Sigma_3$
(3)	(1, 2, 3)
(2, 1)	(1, 3, 2) + (2, 3, 1)
(1, 2)	(2, 1, 3) + (3, 1, 2)
(1, 1, 1)	(3, 2, 1)

UPSHTOT:  $\Sigma_n \subset \mathbb{Q}[S_n]$  has basis indexed by compositions of n

**INTUITION:** To understand an algebra, one can study its idempotents, e.g. elements  $e$  s.t.  $e^2 = e$ .

**FOR  $\Sigma_n$ :** In 1989, Garsia and Reutenauer defined a complete family of orthogonal idempotents for  $\Sigma_n$ .

$e_\lambda$  for  $\lambda$  a partition of  $n$

We are interested in the coarser family of idempotents

called the **EULERIAN IDEMPOTENTS**:

$e_K^{(n)} := \sum_{\lambda: l(\lambda) = K+1} e_\lambda$  for  $K = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$

**EXAMPLE:** For  $n = 5$ :

$$e_0^{(5)} = e_{\square\square\square\square\square}$$

$$e_1^{(5)} = e_{\square\square\square} + e_{\square\square\square\square}$$

$$e_2^{(5)} = e_{\square\square\square\square} + e_{\square\square\square\square\square}$$

$$e_3^{(5)} = e_{\square\square\square\square\square}$$

$$e_4^{(5)} = e_{\square\square\square\square\square\square}$$

Garsia - Reutenauer showed the Eulerian idempotents satisfy:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} e_k +^{k+1} = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \binom{t-1+n-|\text{Des}(\sigma)|}{n} \sigma$$

EXAMPLE: In  $S_3$ , the Eulerian idempotents are

$K=2$ :

$$e_2^{(3)} = \frac{1}{6} ((1,2,3) + (2,1,3) + (3,1,2) + (1,3,2) + (2,3,1) + (3,2,1))$$

$K=1$ :

$$e_1^{(3)} = \frac{1}{2} ((1,2,3) - (3,2,1))$$

$K=0$ :

$$e_0^{(3)} = \frac{1}{6} (2(1,2,3) - (2,1,3) - (3,1,2) - (1,3,2) - (2,3,1) + 2(3,2,1))$$

# REPRESENTATIONS OF THE SYMMETRIC GROUP

- \* Irreducible representations of  $S_n$  are indexed by partitions of  $n$

\* For an irreducible rep  $S^\lambda$ , I will write  $\lambda$   
e.g.  $S^{(2,1)} \longleftrightarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|}\hline & \square \\ \hline \square & \end{array}$

## BRANCHING RULES:

$$\text{Res}_{S_n}^{S_{n+1}} S^\lambda = \bigoplus_{\mu \vdash n:} S^\mu$$

$\mu$  is obtained by  
removing a box from  $\lambda$

## EXAMPLE:

$$\text{Res}_{S_2}^{S_3} \begin{array}{|c|c|}\hline & \square \\ \hline \square & \end{array} =$$

DEFINE: Each  $e_k^{(n)}$  generates an  $S_n$  representation  
called the **K-th EULERIAN REPRESENTATION**

defined by  $E_k^{(n)} := \mathbb{Q}[S_n] e_k^{(n)}$

FOR EXPERTS:  $E_0^{(n)} \cong \text{Lie}_n$ , the multilinear component of the free Lie algebra

### EXAMPLE:

For  $S_3$ , the Eulerian representations are

$$E_2^{(3)} =$$

$$E_1^{(3)} =$$

$$E_0^{(3)} =$$

## SURPRISING OBSERVATION:

There is a way to encode the Eulerian representations in  $S_{n+1}$

## THE IDEA:

We say a representation  $V$  of  $S_n$  has a  
**LIFT** to  $S_{n+1}$

if there is an  $S_{n+1}$  representation  $W$  such that

$$\text{Res}_{S_n}^{S_{n+1}} W = V$$

**PREVIEW:** Eulerian representations have a lift

THEOREM (Whitehouse, 1997)

The Eulerian representation

$E_k^{(n)}$

WHITEHOUSE  
REPRESENTATION

LIFTS

to the  $S_{n+1}$  representation

$F_k^{(n+1)}$

EXAMPLE:  $S_3$  (and secretly  $S_4$ )

$K$	Eulerian reps	Whitehouse reps
2		
1		
0		

# BEWARE!

- Not all representations have a lift

EXAMPLE : 

- Lifts are not necessarily unique !

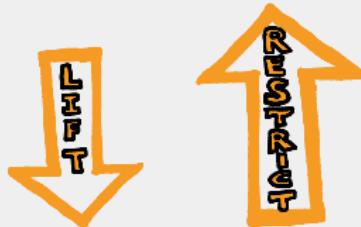
EXAMPLE :  lifts to ...

## RECAP (SO FAR...):

- $\Sigma_n$ : SOLOMON'S DESCENT ALGEBRA in  $\mathbb{Q}S_n$

•  $e_K^{(n)}$  =  $\sum_{l(\lambda)=k-1} e_\lambda$ : a family of  $n$  idempotents in  $\Sigma_n$   
EULERIAN IDEMPOTENTS

- $E_K^{(n)}$ : EULERIAN REPRESENTATIONS generated by  $e_K^{(n)}$



- $F_K^{(n+1)}$ : WHITE HOUSE REPRESENTATIONS "lifting"  
the  $E_K^{(n)}$  to a representation of  $S_{n+1}$

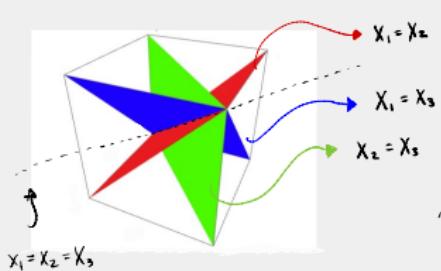
## II. TOPOLOGICAL INTERPRETATION

DEFINE: The  $n^{\text{th}}$  ORDERED CONFIGURATION SPACE OF  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is

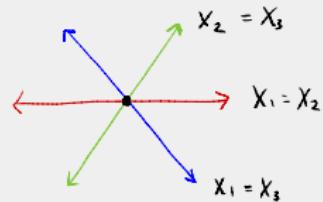
$$\text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^d) := \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{dn} : x_i \neq x_j\}$$

### EXAMPLE:

When  $d=1$ ,  $\text{Conf}_3(\mathbb{R}) = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x_i \neq x_j\}$



PROJECT  
along  
 $x_1 = x_2 = x_3$



# QUESTION: What is $H^* \text{Conf}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ?

THEOREM (Arnold, d=2, F. Cohen, d ≥ 2.)

$$\text{For } d \geq 2, H^* \text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^d) \cong \mathbb{Z}\langle u_{ij} \rangle / I$$

cohomological degree d-1

where  $i, j \in [n]$  and  $I$  is generated by:

$$(1) u_{ij} u_{kl} = (-1)^{d+1} u_{lk} u_{ij} \quad (2) u_{ij}^2 = 0 \quad (3) u_{ij} = (-1)^{d+1} u_{ji}$$
$$(4) u_{ij} u_{jk} + u_{jk} u_{ki} + u_{ki} u_{ij} = 0$$

- \* Presentation depends on parity of  $d$
- \*  $H^* \text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^d)$  has  $n$  non-zero graded pieces
- \*  $S_n$  acts on  $\text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^d)$  by permuting coordinates
  - e.g.  $(12) \cdot (x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_2, x_1, x_3)$

This induces an  $S_n$ -representation on  $H^* \text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^d)$

## KEY CONNECTION:

There is an isomorphism of  $S_n$ -representations:

$$E_{n+k}^{(n)} \cong H^{(d-1)k} \text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

for every  $K = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ , and  $d \geq 3$  and odd

- \* originally deduced by character comparison from work of Hanlon (1990) and Sundaram-Welker (1997)
- \* (B, 2021): Proved in the context of Coxeter groups

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## EXAMPLE:

For  $S_3$  and  $d = 3$  ...

abc-basis for  
 $H^{2K} \text{Conf}_3(\mathbb{R}^3)$ :

$$E_2^{(3)} \cong \boxed{\square \square} \cong H^0 \text{Conf}_3(\mathbb{R}^3) \longleftrightarrow 1$$

$$E_1^{(3)} \cong \boxed{\square} \oplus \boxed{\square} \cong H^2 \text{Conf}_3(\mathbb{R}^3) \longleftrightarrow u_{12}, u_{13}, u_{23}$$

$$E_0^{(3)} \cong \boxed{\square} \cong H^4 \text{Conf}_3(\mathbb{R}^3) \longleftrightarrow u_{12}u_{23}, u_{12}u_{13}$$

# WHAT ABOUT THE LIFTS?

GOAL: Topologically interpret  $F_K^{(n+1)}$

d-sphere

IDEA: \* The 1-point compactification of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is  $S^d$ ...

\* When  $d=3$ ,  $S^3 \cong SU_2$

group of  $2 \times 2$  matrices  
with determinant 1

\* If we consider

$$\text{Conf}_{n+1}(SU_2) = \{(p_1, \dots, p_{n+1}) \in SU_2^{n+1} : p_i \neq p_j\}$$

Now,  $SU_2$  acts diagonally by multiplication...

\* Somehow this will topologically interpret our lifts!

The space we care about:

$$\text{Conf}_{n+1}(\text{SU}_2) / \text{SU}_2$$

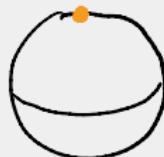
↗ diagonal action

EXAMPLE: If  $n+1=4$ , a typical point is

$$(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) \sim (p_4^{-1} p_1, p_4^{-1} p_2, p_4^{-1} p_3, 1)$$

INTUITION: A typical representative of  $\text{Conf}_{n+1}(\text{SU}_2) / \text{SU}_2$   
is  $(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n, 1)$

PICTURE: (WARNING - WRONG DIMENSION!)



There is a natural ACTION by  $S_{n+1}$  ...

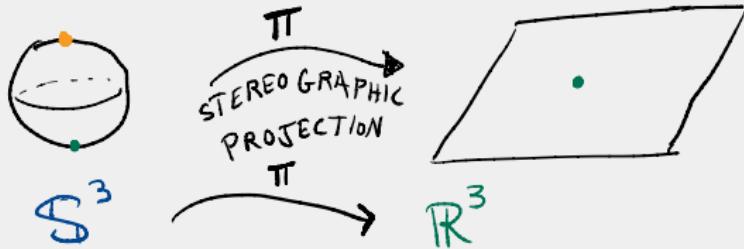
- $S_{n+1} \hookrightarrow \text{Conf}_{n+1}(\text{SU}_2) / \text{SU}_2$  by permuting coordinates...  
 $\sigma \cdot (p_1, \dots, p_{n+1}) = (P_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, P_{\sigma(n+1)}).$

We can also consider the restricted action by  $S_n$ :

- $S_n \hookrightarrow \text{Conf}_{n+1}(\text{SU}_2) / \text{SU}_2$  by permuting the first  $n$  coordinates  
 $\pi \cdot (p_1, \dots, p_n, p_{n+1}) = (P_{\pi(1)}, P_{\pi(2)}, \dots, P_{\pi(n)}, p_{n+1})$

Can we relate  $\text{Conf}_{n+1}(\text{SU}_2)/\text{SU}_2$  to  $\text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^3)$ ? ↗  
Space related to the Eulerian representations

INTUITION: (WRONG DIMENSION)



CLAIM:

$$\text{Conf}_{n+1}(\text{SU}_2)/\text{SU}_2 \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^3)$$

↗  $S_n$ -equivariant homeomorphism

$$(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n, 1) \mapsto$$

UPSHOT: This homeomorphism tells us that

$$\text{Conf}_{\text{nti}}(\text{SU}_2) / \text{SU}_2$$

captures a "hidden"  $S_{\text{U}(1)}$  action on  
 $\text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^3)$

IN COHOMOLOGY...

homeomorphic topological spaces  
+  
 $S_n$ -equivariance

FUNCTIONALITY

isomorphic  $S_n$ -modules  
in cohomology!

MEANING THAT...

$H^{2k} \text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^3)$  LIFTS to  $H^{2k} \text{Conf}_{\text{nti}}(\text{SU}_2) / \text{SU}_2$

**QUESTION:** Are the two lifts equivalent?

**ANSWER:** YES!

**THEOREM** (Early - Reiner, 2017)

For every  $K = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$

the isomorphism of  $S_n$ -representations:

$$H^{2K} \text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^3) \cong E_{n-1-K}^{(n)}$$

LIFTS to  $S_{n+1}$ :

$$H^{2K} \left( \text{Conf}_{n+1}(SU_2) / SU_2 \right) \cong F_{n-1-K}^{(n+1)}$$

$\curvearrowright$  isomorphism of  
 $S_{n+1}$  representations

# IN SUMMARY...

$$E_{n-k}^{(n)} = \mathbb{Q} S_n e_{n-k}^{(n)}$$

EULERIAN  
IDEMPOTENTS



$$H^{2k} \text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^3)$$

CONFIGURATION  
SPACE



WHITE HOUSE  
REPRESENTATIONS

$$F_{n-k}^{(n)}$$



$$H^{2k}(\text{Conf}_n(SU_2)/SU_2)$$

QUOTIENT  
CONFIGURATION  
SPACE

## OTHER KEY FEATURES:

(\*) Recursion relating  $E_k^{(n)}$  and  $F_k^{(n)}$

(\*) Connections to equivariant cohomology for

BOTH  $H^* \text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^3)$  and  $H^*(\text{Conf}_n(SU_2)/SU_2)$

# NEXT UP:

## TYPE A

### PERMUTATIONS

e.g.  $(1, 3, 2) \leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

### PARTITIONS

e.g.  $\lambda = (2, 1)$

(INTEGER)

### COMPOSITIONS

e.g.  $(2, 1, 3, 1)$

## TYPE B

### SIGNED PERMUTATIONS

e.g.  $(1, -3, 2) \leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

### SIGNED PARTITIONS

e.g.  $(\lambda^+, \lambda^-) = ((2, 1), (3, 3))$

(INTEGER)

### SIGNED COMPOSITIONS

e.g.  $(\bar{2}, 1, \bar{3}, 1)$

### III. THE TYPE B REPRESENTATIONS

GOAL : Find a Type B analog  
for ...

group of  
signed permutations

EULERIAN REPRESENTATIONS

$$E_{n-l-k}^{(n)} = Q S_n e_{n-l-k}^{(n)}$$



$$F_{n-l-k}^{(n)}$$

WHITEHOUSE REPRESENTATIONS

STEP 1:

Generalize

$$\Sigma_n \subset Q[S_n]$$

SOLOMON'S DESCENT ALGEBRA

combinatorial algebra with basis  
indexed by integer compositions of n

The right generalization of  $\Sigma_n$  is the

## MANTACI-REUTENAUER ALGEBRA

$$\sum_n^{+/-} \subset \mathbb{Q}[B_n]$$

UPSHOT:  $\sum_n^{+/-}$  is a combinatorially defined subalgebra of  $\mathbb{Q}[B_n]$   
with basis indexed by

SIGNED INTEGER COMPOSITIONS of  $n$

Compositions of  $n$

where parts can be positive or negative

e.g.  $(3, -1, 2, -2)$  is a signed composition of 8

In 1993, Vazirani defined a complete family of orthogonal idempotents

for  $\sum_n^{+-} : g_{(\lambda^+, \lambda^-)}$  for  $(\lambda^+, \lambda^-)$  a signed partition of  $n$   
 $\uparrow$   
 $|\lambda^+| + |\lambda^-| = n$ .

DEFINE: For  $0 \leq k \leq n$ , define

$$g_k^{(n)} := \sum_{\substack{(\lambda^+, \lambda^-) \\ l(\lambda^+) = k}} g_{(\lambda^+, \lambda^-)}$$

IDEA:  $g_{(\lambda^+, \lambda^-)}$  generalize the idempotents  $e_\lambda$

$g_k^{(n)}$  generalize the Eulerian idempotents  $e_k^{(n)}$

For each  $k=0, 1, \dots, n$ , we get a  $B_n$  representation

$$G_k^{(n)} := \mathbb{Q}[B_n] g_k^{(n)}$$

**THEOREM** (B, 2022)

Each  $B_n$  representation  $G_k^{(n)}$

LIFTS  
to a  $B_{n+1}$  representation  $I_k^{(n+1)}$

**PREVIEW:** To understand where these lifts come from,  
we must return to topology...

## IV. THE TYPE B TOPOLOGY

GOAL:

Find a Type B analog for

$$\begin{array}{c} H^{2k} \text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^3) \\ \downarrow \quad \uparrow \\ H^{2k}(\text{Conf}_{\text{int}}(\text{SU}_2)/\text{SU}_2) \end{array}$$

TYPE A:

CONFIGURATION SPACES

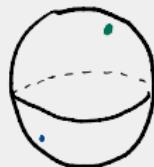


TYPE B:

ORBIT CONFIGURATION SPACES

CONSIDER  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \subset \mathrm{SU}_2 \cong \mathbb{S}^3$  via the antipodal action

WRONG DIM'L PICTURE



Antipodal action:  $p \mapsto -p$  for  $p \in \mathrm{SU}_2$ .

DEFINE:  $\mathrm{Conf}_{n+1}^{\mathbb{Z}_2}(\mathrm{SU}_2) := \{(p_1, \dots, p_{n+1}) \in \mathrm{SU}_2^{n+1} : p_i \neq \pm p_j\}$

Again...  $\mathrm{SU}_2$  acts diagonally:

$$\mathrm{Conf}_{n+1}^{\mathbb{Z}_2}(\mathrm{SU}_2) / \mathrm{SU}_2 \longleftrightarrow \text{REPRESENTATIVES } (q_1, \dots, q_n, 1)$$

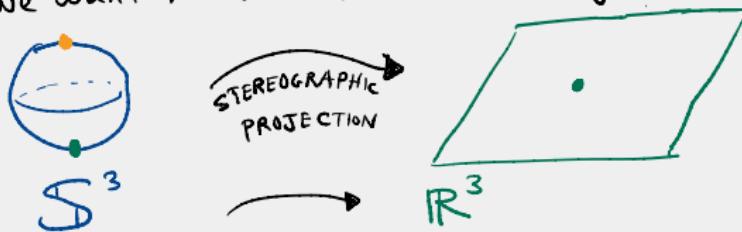


AGAIN, we have two natural actions...

$B_{n+1} \hookrightarrow \text{Conf}_{n+1}^{\mathbb{Z}_2}(\text{SU}_2) / \text{SU}_2$  by permuting + negating coordinates  
 $\sigma \cdot (p_1, \dots, p_{n+1}) = (P_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, P_{\sigma(n+1)})$

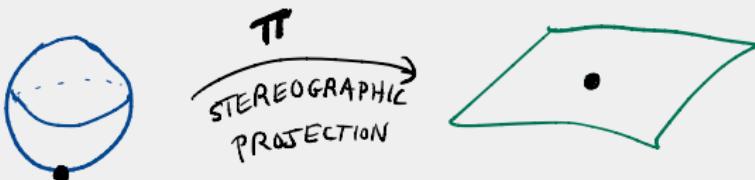
$B_n \hookrightarrow \text{Conf}_{n+1}^{\mathbb{Z}_2}(\text{SU}_2) / \text{SU}_2$  by permuting + negating the first  $n$  coordinates..  
 $\pi \cdot (p_1, \dots, p_n, p_{n+1}) = (P_{\pi(1)}, P_{\pi(2)}, \dots, P_{\pi(n)}, p_{n+1})$

AGAIN, we want to obtain an orbit configuration space of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ..



BUT : (1) Point at  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^3$  must be removed  
(2) We have to be careful about the antipodal action!

ANTIPODAL ACTION : In  $\text{SU}_2$ :  $P \mapsto$   
In  $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}$ :  $q \mapsto$



TYPE A:

$$\text{Conf}_n^+(\mathrm{SU}_2) / \mathrm{SU}_2 \xleftarrow{\sim} \text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^3)$$

$\nwarrow$

\$S\_n\$ - equivariant homeomorphism

TYPE B:

$$\text{Conf}_n^{\mathbb{Z}_2}(\mathrm{SU}_2) / \mathrm{SU}_2$$

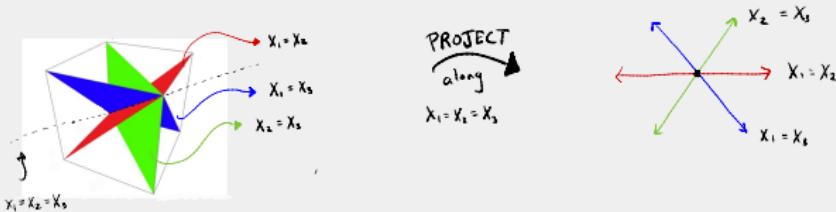
$\xleftarrow{\sim}$

\$B\_n\$ - equivariant homeomorphism

$$\text{Conf}_n^{(\Psi)}(\mathbb{R}^3) := \left\{ (p_1, \dots, p_n) \in (\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\})^n : p_i \neq p_j, p_i \neq \Psi(p_j) = \frac{-p_j}{|p_j|^2} \right\}$$

# RECALL in TYPE A:

When  $d=1$ ,  $\text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R})$  is the complement of the Braid arrangement:



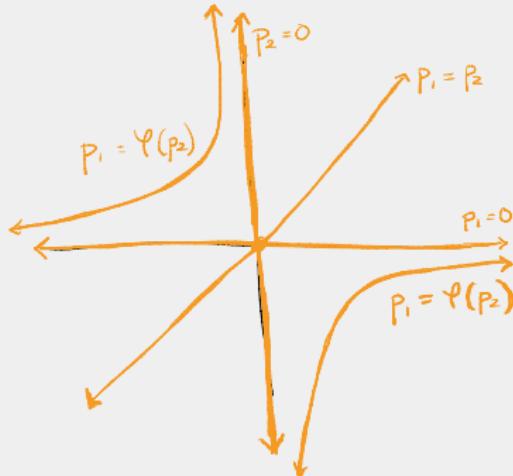
In Type B  $\text{Conf}_n^{<\leftrightarrow}(\mathbb{R})$  is not a complement of hyperplanes!

EXAMPLE:

$$\text{Conf}_2^{<\leftrightarrow}(\mathbb{R}) =$$

$$\left\{ (p_1, p_2) \in (\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\})^2 : p_1 \neq p_2, p_1 \neq \varphi(p_2) \right\}$$

indicates  
forbidden points



# THEOREM (B, 2022)

(1) For every  $K = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$

there is an isomorphism of  $B_n$ -representations:

$$H^{2k} \text{Conf}_n^{\langle \varphi \rangle}(\mathbb{R}^3) \cong G_{n-k}^{(n)}$$

coming from the  
Mantaci - Reutenauer  
algebra

(2) This **LIFTS** to the  $B_{n+1}$  representation

$$H^{2k} \text{Conf}_{n+1}^{\mathbb{Z}_2}(\text{SU}_2) / \text{SU}_2 := I_{n-k}^{(n+1)}$$

(3) There are **RECURSIONS** relating  $G_k^{(n)}$  and  $I_k^{(n)}$

(4) Analogous connections to **EQUIVARIANT COHOMOLOGY**  
hold in Type B.

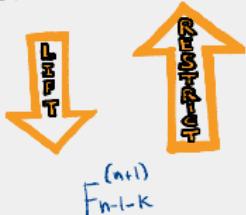
# TO SUMMARIZE:

## TYPE A

REPRESENTATIONS  
COMING FROM A  
COMBINATORIAL ALGEBRA

From the Descent algebra

$$E_{n-k}^{(n)} = \mathbb{Q} S_n e_{n-k}$$



$$\xleftarrow{\text{ISOMORPHIC}} H^{2k} \text{Conf}_n(R^3)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{ISOMORPHIC}} H^{2k}(\text{Conf}_n(SU_2) / SU_2)$$

REPRESENTATIONS ON  
CONFIGURATION SPACE  
COHOMOLOGY

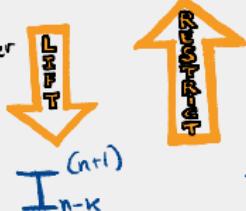
## TYPE B

THEOREM (B, 2022)

REPRESENTATIONS  
COMING FROM A  
COMBINATORIAL ALGEBRA

From the  
Mantaci - Reutenauer  
algebra

$$G_{n-k}^{(n)} = \mathbb{Q} B_n g_{n-k}$$



$$\xleftarrow{\text{ISOMORPHIC}} H^{2k} \text{Conf}_n^{typ}(R^3)$$

$$\xleftarrow{\text{BY DEFINITION}} H^{2k}(\text{Conf}_n^{\mathbb{Z}_2}(SU_2) / SU_2)$$

REPRESENTATIONS ON  
ORBIT  
CONFIGURATION SPACE  
COHOMOLOGY

NEXT STEPS: Understand LIFTS of representations more generally, especially for wreath products!

THANK  
YOU!

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## DETAILS FOR EXPERTS (PT I)

In Type A, we had the **QUESTION**: What is  $H^* \text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ?

Important special cases:  $d=1$  and  $d=3$

Moseley, 2016: there is a torus action on  $\text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^3)$

By computing  $H_T^* \text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^3)$  one obtains

$d=1$ : a nice **combinatorial** presentation for  $H^* \text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R})$

$d=3$ : a nice presentation for  $H^* \text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^3)$

associated  
graded

The **isomorphism**

$$\text{gr}(H^* \text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R})) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^* \text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^3)$$

$d=1$                                      $d=3$

Moseley - Proudfoot - Young, 2017: torus actions and presentations **LIFT**

Varchenko-  
Gelfand ring

## DETAILS FOR EXPERTS, (PT II)

In Type B, we can ask : What is  $H^* \text{Conf}_n^{(Y)}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ?

AGAIN: Special cases  $d=1$  and  $d=3$

B, 2021<sup>+</sup>: . There is a torus action on  $\text{Conf}_n^{(Y)}(\mathbb{R}^3)$

By computing  $H_T^* \text{Conf}_n^{(Y)}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  one obtains

$d=1$ : a nice combinatorial presentation for  $H^* \text{Conf}_n^{(Y)}(\mathbb{R})$

$d=3$ : a nice presentation for  $H^* \text{Conf}_n^{(Y)}(\mathbb{R}^3)$

associated graded The isomorphism:

$$\text{gr}(H^* \text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R})) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^* \text{Conf}_n(\mathbb{R}^3)$$

$d=1$   $d=3$

AND: torus action and presentations LIFT!

RECURSIONS:

$$\text{TYPE A: } E_k^{(n)} = F_{k-1}^{(n)} \oplus (S^{(n-1, 1)} \otimes F_k^{(n)})$$

reflection rep of  $S_n$

$$\text{TYPE B: } G_k^{(n)} = I_{k-1}^{(n)} \oplus (V \otimes I_k^{(n)})$$

reflection rep  
of  $B_n$

where

$$V = X_{((n-1), 1), \emptyset} + X_{((n-1), 1), (1)}$$

irreps of  $B_n$  indexed by  
double partitions

# PROPERTIES OF $\Sigma_n^{+/-}$ , I

- \*  $\Sigma_n^{+/-}$  contains the Type A & B Descent algebras
- \* Let  $R(W)$  be the representation ring of  $W$ .

There are surjections:

Solomon, (1976), F. Bergeron - N. Bergeron - Howlett - Taylor, (1992):

$$\Theta_{S_n}: \Sigma_n \rightarrow R(S_n),$$

$$\text{and} \quad \ker \Theta_{S_n} = \text{Rad}(\Sigma_n)$$

Bonnafe' - Hohlweg (2006):

$$\Theta_{B_n}: \Sigma_n^{+/-} \rightarrow R(B_n),$$

$$\text{and} \quad \ker \Theta_{B_n} = \text{Rad}(\Sigma_n^{+/-})$$

## PROPERTIES OF $\Sigma_n^{+/-}$ , II

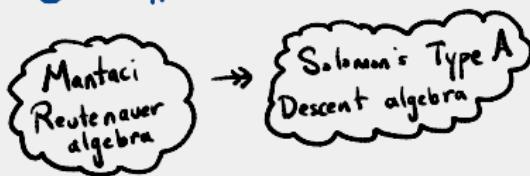
\* Let  $\mathcal{T}: B_n \rightarrow S_n$  forget the signs of permutations  
e.g.  $(-1, 3, -2) \mapsto (1, 3, 2)$

Aguiar - N. Bergeron - Nyman, (2004):

$\mathcal{T}$  is an algebra homomorphism

$$\mathcal{T}: \mathbb{Q}[B_n] \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}[S_n]$$

and a surjection  $\mathcal{T}: \Sigma_n^{+/-} \twoheadrightarrow \Sigma_n$



# PROPERTIES OF $\sum_n^{+/-}$ , III : IDEMPOTENTS!

1993: Vazirani defined a complete family of orthogonal idempotents for  $\sum_n^{+/-}$

$g_\lambda$  for  $\lambda = (\lambda^+, \lambda^-)$  a SIGNED partition of  $n$   
 $\hookrightarrow |\lambda^+| + |\lambda^-| = n.$

DEFINE: For  $0 \leq k \leq n$ , define  $g_k^{(n)} := \sum_{\substack{\lambda = (\lambda^+, \lambda^-) \\ l(\lambda^+) = k}} g_\lambda$

THINK :  $g_n$  generalize the idempotents  $e_n$   
 $g_k^{(n)}$  generalize the Eulerian idempotents  $e_k^{(n)}$

THEOREM (B. 2022) : The map  $\tau : \sum_n^{+/-} \rightarrow \sum_n$  sends

$$\tau(g_k) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } k=0 \\ e_{k-1} & \text{if } k>0. \end{cases}$$

