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Construction and combinatorics  
of perfect bases

# I Perfect bases (mainly after Berenstein, Kazhdan, Zelevinsky)

## 1) Definition

$A = (\alpha_{ij})_{i,j \in I}$  symmetrizable Cartan matrix

$\mathfrak{g}(A) = n_- \oplus \mathfrak{h} \oplus n_+$  Kac-Moody algebra /  $\mathbb{C}$

$U = U(n_+)$  presented by generators  $e_i$  ( $i \in I$ )

$$\text{relations } \sum_{p+q=1-\alpha_{ij}} (-1)^p e_i^{(p)} e_j^{(q)} e_i^{(q)} = 0 \quad (i \neq j)$$

$$(e_i^{(n)} = \frac{e_i^n}{n!} \text{ divided power})$$

graded by  $Q_+ = \left\{ \sum n_i \alpha_i \mid n_i \in \mathbb{N} \right\} \subset \mathfrak{h}^*$  with  $\deg e_i = \alpha_i$

$$(\text{write } U = \bigoplus_{v \in Q_+} U_v)$$

endowed with an involutive anti-automorphism  $x \mapsto x^+$  which fixes the  $e_i$ .

Main problem: construct bases of  $U$  related to this presentation. Already a lot of work on this problem: Gelfand, Zelevinsky, Retakh, Berenstein, Mothieu, Lusztig, Kashiwara, Kazhdan, ...

$N = \exp n_+$  unipotent group with Lie algebra  $n_+$ .

$R = \mathbb{C}[N]$  algebra of regular functions on  $N$ .

$$\cong U^* \text{ graded dual} \quad R = \bigoplus_{v \in Q_+} R_{-v}, \quad R_{-v} = (U_v)^*$$

$n_+$  acts by derivations on  $R$  (left invariant vector fields on  $N$ )

$\eta \mapsto \eta^+$  the transpose of  $x \mapsto x^+$ .

For  $i \in I$  and  $\eta \in R - \{0\}$ , set  $\varepsilon_i(\eta) = \max \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid e_i^n \eta \neq 0\}$

$$\tilde{e}_i^{\max} \eta = e_i^{(\varepsilon_i(\eta))} \cdot \eta.$$

Definition: A linear basis  $B$  of  $R$  is perfect if:

- (P0)  $1 \in B$
- (P1)  $B$  is graded w.r.t the  $\mathbb{Q}_+$ -gradation

(P2)  $\forall b \in B, \forall i \in I, \tilde{\epsilon}_i^{\max} b \in B.$

Further,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\tilde{\epsilon}_i^{\max}$  is injective on  $\{b \in B \mid \epsilon_i(b) = n\}$ .

(P3)  $B$  is stable under  $+$ .

Observation: For  $i \in I$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , set  $K_{i,n} = \ker \epsilon_i^{n+1} \subset R$ .

•  $B$  perfect basis  $\Rightarrow \{b \in B \mid \epsilon_i(b) \leq n\}$  basis of  $K_{i,n}$ .

(proof: let  $\eta \in K_{i,n}$ . Write  $\eta = \sum_{b \in B} a_b b$ , set  $m = \max \{\epsilon_i(b) \mid a_b \neq 0\}$ .

If we had  $m > n$ , then we would have  $0 = \epsilon_i^{(m)} \eta = \sum_{b \in B} a_b (\underbrace{\tilde{\epsilon}_i^{\max} b}_{\epsilon_i(b)=m})$   
 which is impossible.)

•  $\epsilon_i^{(n)}$  induces a linear bijection  $K_{i,n} / K_{i,n-1} \longrightarrow K_{i,0}$

(proof of surjectivity:  $e_i$  is not a zero divisor in  $U$ )

•  $\tilde{\epsilon}_i^{\max}$  induces a bijection  $\{b \in B \mid \epsilon_i(b) = n\} \longrightarrow \{b \in B \mid \epsilon_i(b) = 0\}$ .

Conclusion: Each perfect basis carries a combinatorial structure:

• a map  $\text{wt}: B \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_-$

• maps  $\epsilon_i: B \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

• bijections  $\{b \in B \mid \epsilon_i(b) = n\} \xleftrightarrow[\tilde{\epsilon}_i^{\max}]{} \{b \in B \mid \epsilon_i(b) = n+1\}$

• the involution  $b \mapsto b^\dagger$  (Kashiwara's involution  $*$  / Lusztig's  $\sigma$ )

• for convenience, define  $\Psi_i(b) = \epsilon_i(b) + \langle \check{\alpha}_i, \text{wt } b \rangle$

and set  $\tilde{\epsilon}_i b = 0$  if  $\epsilon_i(b) = 0$

## 2) Usefulness

$P_+ = \{ \text{dominant integral weights} \}$

$\lambda \in P_+ \longrightarrow L(\lambda) \text{ irreducible integrable module with hw } \lambda$   
 $\Downarrow$   
 $v_\lambda \text{ hw vector}$

$\Psi_\lambda : L(\lambda) \hookrightarrow R$  the unique morphism of  $n_+$ -modules that maps  $v_\lambda \mapsto 1$

$W = \langle s_i, i \in I \rangle$  Weyl group

For  $w \in W, \lambda \in P_+$   $v_{w\lambda} \in L(\lambda)$  extremal weight vector (suitably normalized)

Flag minor: any element in  $R$  of the form  $\Psi_\lambda(w_\lambda)$ .

Proposition: Let  $B$  be a perfect basis of  $R$ . Then

- 1)  $B$  is compatible with all subspaces  $\text{im } \Psi_\lambda$  and contains all flag minors.
- 2) for each  $\lambda \in P_+$ , the basis  $\Psi_\lambda^{-1}(B)$  of  $L(\lambda)$  consists of weight vectors and is compatible with all subspaces  $\ker e_i^{n+1}$  and  $\ker f_i^{n+1}$ .

Proof: Let  $\lambda \in P_+$ , set  $n_i = (\alpha_i^\vee, \lambda)$ . Then  $\text{im } \Psi_\lambda = \{ \eta \in R \mid \eta^+ \in \bigcap_{i \in I} K_{i, n_i} \}$ .

Application: Let  $B$  be a perfect basis of  $R$ , let  $\lambda, \mu, \nu \in P_+$ . Then

$$\dim \text{Hom}_R(L(\lambda), L(\mu) \otimes L(\nu)) = \text{card } \{ b \in B \mid \text{wt } b = \mu + \nu - \lambda, \varepsilon_i(b) \leq \langle \alpha_i^\vee, \mu \rangle, \varepsilon_i(b^+) \leq \langle \alpha_i^\vee, \nu \rangle \}$$

Proof:  $f \mapsto \Psi_\nu(f(v_\lambda \otimes v_\mu^*))$  encodes bijectively  $\text{Hom}_R(L(\lambda) \otimes L(\mu)^*, L(\nu))$   
 sur  $\{ \eta \in R \mid \text{wt } (\eta) = \mu + \nu - \lambda, \eta \in \bigcap_{i \in I} K_{i, \langle \alpha_i^\vee, \mu \rangle}, \eta^+ \in \bigcap_{i \in I} K_{i, \langle \alpha_i^\vee, \nu \rangle} \}$ .

Theorem (Kashiwara):  $B$  perfect basis,  $\lambda \in P_+$ . The basis of  $L(\lambda)$  dual to  $\Psi_\lambda^{-1}(B)$  (w.r.t. a contravariant form) is compatible with the Demazure submodules.

(Reference: M. Kashiwara, The crystal base and Littelmann's refined Demazure character formula, §§ 3.1–3.2. Kashiwara proves this for the upper crystal basis, but the argument is general.)

## 3) Examples

Type A<sub>1</sub>:  $N = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid x \in \mathbb{C} \right\}$   $\mathbb{C}[N] = \mathbb{C}[x]$

$$e = \frac{d}{dx} \quad B = \{x^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \quad (\text{exists and is unique})$$

Type A<sub>2</sub>:  $N = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x & z \\ 0 & 1 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{C} \right\}$   $\mathbb{C}[N] = \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]$ .

$$e_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \quad e_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + x \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

Flag minors of  $L(\omega_1)$ :  $x, z$

Flag minors of  $L(\omega_2)$ :  $y, xy-z$

$$B = \{x^a z^b (xy-z)^c \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{y^a z^b (xy-z)^c \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

(exists and is unique)

(One can check here that in this basis,  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  act with coefficients in  $\mathbb{N}$ , and that the structure constants of the multiplication belong to  $\mathbb{N}$ .)

Type A<sub>3</sub>: Still have existence, uniqueness, and explicit formulas

(Reference: A. Berenstein, A. Zelevinsky, String bases for quantum groups of type A<sub>n</sub>. This paper is the starting point of the theory of cluster algebras.)

In general: no uniqueness; existence ensured by several constructions:

- Lusztig's dual canonical basis = Kashiwara's upper crystal basis (specialized at  $q=1$ ).
- basis arising from KLR algebras:  $R_{-\nu} \cong G_{\nu}(R(v)) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[q, q^{-1}]} \mathbb{C}$  (at  $q=1$ )  
(simple graded  $R(v)$ -modules up to isomorphism and up to a shift in the graduation give a perfect basis)
- Lusztig's dual semicanonical basis (A symmetric)
- the MV basis, arising from geometric Satake equivalence (A of finite type)  
(proof: see II)

#### 4) Uniqueness of crystal

Theorem (Berenstein-Kleshchev): Let  $B', B''$  be two perfect bases of  $R$ .

Then  $\exists!$  bijection  $B' \rightarrow B''$  that preserves the combinatorial data  $(\text{wt}, \varepsilon_i, \varphi_i, \tilde{e}_i, \tilde{f}_i)$ . In addition, it commutes with  $\dagger$ .

Notation:  $(B(\infty), \text{wt}, \varepsilon_i, \varphi_i, \tilde{e}_i, \tilde{f}_i, \dagger)$  the abstract set with combinatorial data common to all perfect bases of  $R$  (Kashiwara's crystal).

#### 5) Saito's reflections

For  $i \in I$  and  $b \in B$ , define  $\tilde{e}_i^+ b = (\tilde{e}_i b^\dagger)^\dagger$  (right action of  $U$  on  $R$ )

Theorem-Definition (Saito): Let  $i \in I$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \exists \text{ inverse bijections } & \left\{ b \in B(\infty) \mid \varepsilon_i(b) = 0 \right\} \xleftrightarrow[\sigma_i^+]{\sigma_i^-} \left\{ b \in B(\infty) \mid \varepsilon_i(b^\dagger) = 0 \right\} \\ \text{given by } & \left. \begin{aligned} \sigma_i(b) &= \tilde{f}_i^{\varphi_i(b^\dagger)} (\tilde{e}_i^+)^{\varepsilon_i(b^\dagger)} b \\ \sigma_i^+(b^\dagger) &= (\sigma_i(b))^\dagger \end{aligned} \right\} \quad \text{if } \varepsilon_i(b) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\text{wt } \sigma_i(b) = \text{wt } b - (\varphi_i(b^\dagger) - \varepsilon_i(b^\dagger)) \alpha_i = \text{wt } b - \langle \alpha_i^\vee, \text{wt } b^\dagger \rangle \alpha_i = s_i(\text{wt } b)$ .

For convenience, set  $\hat{\sigma}_i(b) = \sigma_i(\tilde{e}_i^{\max} b)$  for all  $b \in B(\infty)$ ,  $i \in I$ .

Remark (Tingley): If  $n \geq \underbrace{\varepsilon_i(b) + \varepsilon_i(b^\dagger) + \langle \alpha_i^\vee, \text{wt } b \rangle}_{(\text{always a } \geq 0 \text{ number})}$ , then  $\sigma_i(b) = (\tilde{e}_i^+)^{\max} \tilde{f}_i^n b$ .

Proposition: The  $\hat{\sigma}_i: B(\infty) \rightarrow B(\infty)$  satisfy the braid relations.

Proof: see III

Notation: For  $w = s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_k}$  reduced, set  $\hat{\sigma}_w = \hat{\sigma}_{i_1} \cdots \hat{\sigma}_{i_k}$ .

## 6) Minković-Vilonen polytopes

A of finite type

Notations:  $\Phi$  root system of  $\mathfrak{g}$

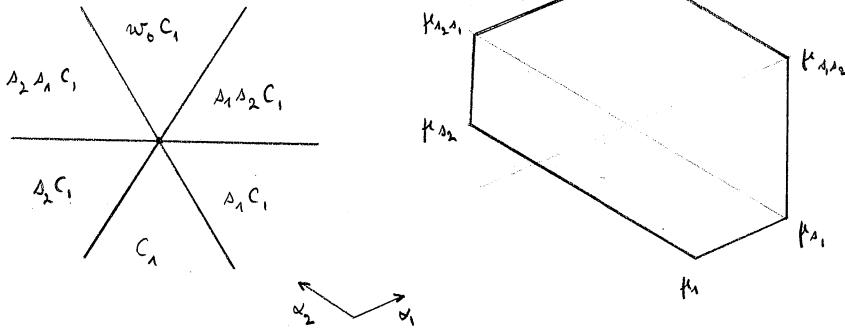
$\mathcal{W}$  Weyl fan in  $\mathfrak{f}_{\mathbb{R}}^*$  (described by the root hyperplanes)

$$\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_+ = \left\{ \sum a_i \alpha_i \mid a_i \in \mathbb{R}_+ \right\} \subset \mathfrak{f}_{\mathbb{R}}^*$$

Definition (Kannitzger): A Gelfand-Goresky-MacPherson-Serganova polytope is a convex polytope

$P \subset \mathfrak{f}_{\mathbb{R}}^*$  whose dual fan is a coarsening of  $\mathcal{W}$ .

Picture in type  $A_2$



To a chamber  $wC_1$  corresponds a vertex  $\mu_w$  of  $P$ . (Vertices are allowed to be non-distinct.)

Lemma (Kannitzger):  $\{ \text{GGMS polytopes} \} \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \{ \text{collections } (\mu_w) \in (\mathfrak{f}_{\mathbb{R}}^*)^W \mid \forall x, w, \mu_x \in \mu_w + w\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_+ \}$   
 $\xleftrightarrow{1:1} \{ \text{collections } (\mu_w) \mid \forall w, \forall i, \mu_{ws_i} - \mu_w \in \mathbb{R}_+ w\alpha_i \}$ .

Back to  $B(\infty)$ .

Definition: For  $b \in B(\infty)$ , and  $w \in W$ , set  $\mu_w(b) = w \cdot \text{wt}(\hat{\sigma}_w, b)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Observation: } ws_i > w \Rightarrow \mu_{ws_i}(b) - \mu_w(b) &= w \left[ s_i \text{wt}(\hat{\sigma}_i, b') - \text{wt}(b') \right] & b' = \hat{\sigma}_{ws_i} b \\ &= w \left[ \cancel{\text{wt}(\hat{\sigma}_i, \tilde{e}_i^{\varepsilon_i(b')} b')} - \text{wt}(b') \right] \\ &= \underbrace{\varepsilon_i(b')}_{\geq 0} \cdot w\alpha_i \end{aligned}$$

So  $\text{Conv} \{ \mu_w(b) \mid w \in W \}$  is AGMS

$\text{Pd}(b)$ , the MV polytope of  $b$ .

## 7) Lusztig data

A stalk of finite type

$U_q(g)$  the quantum group /  $\mathbb{C}(q)$ ; generators  $E_i, F_i, k_i^{\pm 1}$

$T_i: U_q(g) \rightarrow U_q(g)$  Lusztig's automorphism

a quantum analogue of  $\text{Ad}(\bar{x}_i)$ .

$\bar{\cdot}: U_q(n_+) \rightarrow U_q(n_+)$  the bar involution:  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra automorphism,  $\bar{q} = q^{-1}$ ,  $\bar{E}_i = E_i$

Given  $\underline{i} = (i_1, \dots, i_n)$  such that  $s_{i_1} \dots s_{i_n}$  reduced decomposition of  $w_0$ :

- enumeration of the positive roots  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n$   $\beta_k = s_{i_1} \dots s_{i_{k-1}} x_k$

- PBW basis of  $U_q(n_+)$   $\{E_{\underline{i}}^{(\underline{n})} \mid \underline{n} = (n_1, \dots, n_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n\}$

$$E_{\underline{i}}^{(\underline{n})} = E_{\beta_n}^{(n_n)} \dots E_{\beta_2}^{(n_2)} E_{\beta_1}^{(n_1)}, \quad E_{\beta_k}^{(n_k)} = T_{i_1} \dots T_{i_{k-1}} \left( \frac{E_{i_k}^{(n_k)}}{[n_k]_{i_k}!} \right)$$

Theorem (Lusztig):  $\forall \underline{n} \in \mathbb{N}^n, \exists!$  bar-invariant element in  $U_q(n_+)$

$$\xi_{\underline{i}}(\underline{n}) = \sum_{\underline{m} \in \mathbb{N}^n} \xi_{\underline{m}}^{\underline{n}} E_{\underline{i}}^{(\underline{m})}$$

such that  $\xi_{\underline{n}}^{\underline{n}} = 1$  and  $\xi_{\underline{m}}^{\underline{n}} \in q\mathbb{Z}[q]$  for all  $\underline{m} \neq \underline{n}$ .

$\{\xi_{\underline{i}}(\underline{m}) \mid \underline{m} \in \mathbb{N}^n\}$  basis of  $U_q(n_+)$ , independent of  $\underline{i}$ : canonical basis.

Specialization at  $q=1$  gives a basis of  $U$ , whose dual is perfect.

Notation:  $B(\infty)$  induces the dual canonical basis, whence a bijection

$$\begin{aligned} B(\infty) &\rightarrow \mathbb{N}^n \\ b &\mapsto \underline{n} = N(\underline{i}, b) \end{aligned}$$

$N(\underline{i}, b)$  = Lusztig data of  $b$  in direction  $\underline{i}$ .

Theorem (Saito):  $n_1 = \varepsilon_{i_1}(b); n_2 = \varepsilon_{i_2}(\hat{\sigma}_{i_1}(b)); \dots; n_k = \varepsilon_{i_k}(\hat{\sigma}_{i_{k-1}} \dots \hat{\sigma}_{i_1}(b)); \dots$

(So  $\hat{\sigma}_{i_1}$  mimicks on  $B(\infty)$  the action of  $T_i^{-1}$  on PBW monomials.)

Corollaries: 1)  $\mu_{s_{i_1} \dots s_{i_n}}(b) - \mu_{s_{i_1} \dots s_{i_{k-1}}}(b) = n_k \beta_k$

(The lengths of the edges of  $\text{Pol}(b)$  are Lusztig data of  $b$ .)

2)  $b \mapsto \text{Pol}(b)$  is injective.

## II The MV basis

### A of finite type

1) Background on geometric Satake equivalence

$G$  connected alg. gp. s.t. Lie  $G = \mathfrak{g}$

$U$

$B_\pm$

$U$

$T$

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{n}_- \oplus \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{n}_+$$

$$X = \text{Hom}(T, \mathbb{C}^*) \quad (X = P \text{ if } G \text{ simply connected})$$

$$T^\vee = X \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{C}^* \quad \text{dual torus}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \text{Hom}(T^\vee, \mathbb{C}^*) = X^\vee \\ \cup \\ \Phi^\vee \end{matrix} \quad \text{dual lattice}$$

$G^\vee$  Langlands dual

$$\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{C}[[t]], \quad \mathcal{K} = \mathbb{C}((t))$$

$$Gr = G^\vee(\mathcal{K}) / G^\vee(\mathcal{O}) \quad \text{affine grassmannian of } G^\vee$$

(like a  $G/P$  with  $P$  parabolic maximal, but for a Kac-Moody group, so infinite dimensional. However, this is the limit of a direct system of projective varieties and closed embeddings, namely the Schubert varieties)

$\text{Perv} = \{G^\vee(\mathcal{O}) - \text{equiv. perverse sheaves on } Gr \text{ with coeff in } \mathbb{C} \text{ and fin. dim. support}\}$

abelian rigid monoidal category

$H: \text{Perv} \rightarrow \text{Vect}$  exact, faithful, monoidal

$\Rightarrow \text{Perv} \cong \text{Rep } \overline{G}$   $\overline{G}$  pro-algebraic gp (Saavedra Rivano's theorem)

Beilinson-Drinfeld, Ginzburg, Mirković-Vilonen (+ Lusztig):  $\overline{G} \cong G$

$$X = \text{Hom} (C^*, T^*)$$

$\oplus$

$\lambda \mapsto t^\lambda = \text{image of } t \in K^* \text{ in } T^*(K) \text{ or in } Gr.$

$Gr_\lambda \subset Gr \quad \text{the } G^v(O)\text{-orbit of } t^\lambda$

$$Gr = \coprod_{\lambda \in X_+} \underset{\lambda \in P_+}{Gr_\lambda}$$

Simple objects in  $Perv$ :  $\mathcal{I}_\lambda = IC(\overline{Gr}_\lambda, 1)$

$$\begin{matrix} J_H \\ \downarrow \\ L(\lambda) \end{matrix}$$

## 2) The MV basis

$$G^v$$

$$U$$

$$B_-^v \supset N_-^v$$

$$U$$

$$T^v$$

For  $v \in X$ , let  $T_v \subset Gr$  the  $N_-^v(K)$ -orbit of  $t^v$ .

Define  $p: \mathbb{R}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x_i \mapsto 1$ .

Mirković-Vilonen:

$$\forall A \in Perv, \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad \bigoplus_{v \in X} H_{\overline{T}_v}^k(Gr, A) \longrightarrow H^k(Gr, A) \text{ isomorphism} \quad (\diamond)$$

$2p(v)=k$

$$\forall \lambda \in X_+, \forall v \in X, \quad H_{\overline{T}_v}^{2p(v)}(Gr, \mathcal{I}_\lambda) \cong H_{2p(\lambda-v)}^{BM}(\overline{Gr}_\lambda \cap \overline{T}_v) \text{ with coeff in } C$$

↑  
of pure dim  $p(\lambda-v)$

$$\mathcal{Z}(\lambda)_v = \text{Im}(\overline{Gr}_\lambda \cap \overline{T}_v) \ni z \mapsto [z] \in H_{\overline{T}_v}^{2p(v)}(Gr, \mathcal{I}_\lambda) \text{ fundamental class}$$

$$\bigcup_v \{[z] \mid z \in \mathcal{Z}(\lambda)_v\} \text{ basis of } H(Gr, \mathcal{I}_\lambda) \cong L(\lambda)$$

Theorem (B.-Kannitzer): Via  $\Psi_\lambda: L(\lambda) \hookrightarrow R$ , these bases glue together and give a perfect basis of  $R$ . In this basis, the structure constants of the multiplication  $\in \mathbb{N}$ .

3) Action of  $G$  (Ginzburg, Vasserot)

? fix the isomorphism  $G \cong \bar{G}$ .

action of  $T$  defined by  $(\diamond)$ :  $T \xrightarrow{\cong} \bar{T}$  maximal torus of  $\bar{G}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} h = 2p & \longmapsto & \bar{h} \\ \cap & & \cap \\ \bar{h} & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \bar{h} \\ \cap & & \cap \\ g & \longmapsto & \bar{g} \end{array}$$

Consider the Plücker embedding:  $j: G_r \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}(L(\lambda_0))$

basic representation of  $\widehat{g^v}$ ,

the affine KM algebra corresponding to  $g^v$ .

(to simplify, assume here  $G$  simple of adjoint type)

$L = j^* O(1)$  ample line bundle. Set  $\bar{e} = (c_1(L) \cup ?) \in \bar{\mathcal{O}}$ .

Since  $[\bar{h}, \bar{e}] = 2\bar{e}$  ( $\bar{h}$  acts on  $H^k$  by multiplication by  $k$ )

we can write  $\bar{e} = \sum_i Q(\alpha_i) \bar{e}_i$  with  $\bar{e}_i \in \bar{g}^{\alpha_i}$  ( $Q(\alpha_i)$  = square of length of  $\alpha_i$ ,  
1 if  $\alpha_i$  short root)

Hard Lefschetz  $\Rightarrow \exists$  sl<sub>2</sub>-triple  $(\bar{e}, \bar{h}, \bar{f}) \Rightarrow$  each  $\bar{e}_i \neq 0$

Define  $G \cong \bar{G}$  by integrating the isomorphism  $g \cong \bar{g}$  s.t.  $e_i \mapsto \bar{e}_i$

Geometric translation:

Choose  $v \in X$ . Minković-Vilonen  $\Rightarrow \bar{T}_v = \bigcup_{\mu \in Q_+} T_{v+\mu}$  and  $D \cap \bar{T}_v = \bar{T}_v \setminus T_v = \bigcup_{i \in I} \bar{T}_{v+\alpha_i}$

for a well-chosen hyperplane  $D \subset \mathbb{P}(L(\lambda_0))$ .

For  $k = 2\rho(v)$  and  $\lambda \in X_+$ ,  $d = 2\rho(\lambda)$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} H^k(G_r, \mathbb{I}_\lambda) & \xleftarrow{\quad} & H^k_{\bar{T}_v}(G_r, \mathbb{I}_\lambda) & \xrightarrow{\text{MV}} & H^{BM}_{d-k}(\bar{T}_v \cap \bar{g}_\lambda) \\ \downarrow \cup c_1(L) & & & & \downarrow \cdot [D] \\ H^{k+2}(G_r, \mathbb{I}_\lambda) & \xleftarrow{\quad} & \bigoplus_{i \in I} H^{k+2}_{\bar{T}_{v+\alpha_i}}(G_r, \mathbb{I}_\lambda) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & H^{BM}_{d-k-2}\left(\bigcup_{i \in I} \bar{T}_{v+\alpha_i} \cap \bar{g}_\lambda\right) \end{array}$$

#### 4) Polytopes

Let  $Y \subset G_r$  be closed,  $T^v$ -invariant, finite dim.

For  $v \in X$ ,  $t^v \in Y \Leftrightarrow Y$  meets  $T^v$ , and this holds for finitely many  $v$ .

If  $Y$  irreducible, then  $\exists v \in X$  s.t.  $Y \cap T_v$  open dense in  $Y$ ;

concretely,  $t^v \in Y$  and any  $\mu \in X$  s.t.  $t^\mu \in Y$  belongs to  $v + Q_+$ .

Denote this  $v$  by  $\mu_1(Y)$ .

For  $w \in W$ , set  $\mu_w(Y) = w \mu_1(w^{-1}Y)$ , where  $w \in G^v$  lift of  $w$ .

Fact:  $\forall x, w$ ,  $\mu_x(Y) \in \mu_w(Y) + wQ_+$

$\rightarrow$  GGMS polytope  $\text{Pol}(Y)$ .

Remark:  $Y \subset Z \Rightarrow t^{\mu_1(Y)} \in Z \Rightarrow \mu_1(Y) \in \mu_1(Z) + Q_+$

$\Rightarrow$  plus généralement,  $\forall w$ ,  $\mu_w(Y) \in \mu_w(Z) + wQ_+$

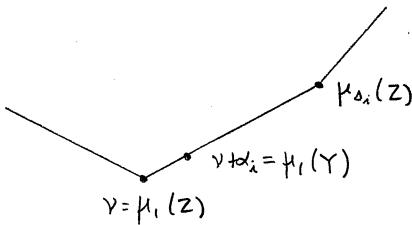
$\Rightarrow \text{Pol}(Y) \subset \text{Pol}(Z)$

Notation:  $\mu_{\alpha_i}(Y) - \mu_1(Y) = \underbrace{\varepsilon_i(Y)}_{\in \mathbb{N}} \alpha_i$

Facts: 1)  $Z \in \mathcal{L}(\lambda)_v \Rightarrow \mu_1(Z) = v$  and  $\mu_{w_0}(Z) = \lambda$

2) Let  $Z \in \mathcal{L}(\lambda)_v$ , let  $i \in I$ .

Any  $Y \in \mathcal{L}(\lambda)_{v+\alpha_i}$  contained in  $Z$  satisfies  $\varepsilon_i(Y) < \varepsilon_i(Z)$



Assume  $\varepsilon_i(Z) \geq 1$ . Then  $\exists! Y \in \mathcal{L}(\lambda)_{v+\alpha_i}$  such that  $Y \subset Z$  and  $\varepsilon_i(Y) = \varepsilon_i(Z) - 1$ . (Braverman-Gaitsgory), and with  $D$  as in §3, the multiplicity of  $[Y]$  in  $[Z] \cdot [D]$  is  $Q(\alpha_i) \varepsilon_i(Z)$ .

5) End of the proof

a) Look first at  $L(\lambda)$  for  $\lambda \in X_+$

Take  $Z \in \mathcal{L}(\lambda)_v$ , choose  $D$  as in §3.

$$\text{Then } \bar{\epsilon}_i[Z] = [Z] \cdot [D] \text{ so } \bar{\epsilon}_i[Z] = \sum_{\substack{Y \in \mathcal{L}(\lambda)_{v+k\alpha_i} \\ Y \subset Z}} \frac{\text{multiplicity}_{Q(\alpha_i)}}{Q(\alpha_i)} [Y]$$

b) For all  $Y$  here,  $\varepsilon_i(Y) \leq \varepsilon_i(Z) - 1$ ; exactly one  $Y$  has  $\varepsilon_i(Y) = \varepsilon_i(Z) - 1$ , and it appears with coefficient  $\varepsilon_i(Z)$ .

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\epsilon}_i^{(k)}[Z] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } k > \varepsilon_i(Z) \\ [v] & \text{for a } V \in \mathcal{L}(\lambda)_{v+k\alpha_i} \text{ if } k = \varepsilon_i(Z) \end{cases}$$

c) For any  $\lambda, \rho \in X_+$  and  $v \in X$ ,  $\exists$  injection  $\mathcal{L}(\lambda)_v \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\lambda+\rho)_{v+\rho}$  (J. Anderson)

$$z \mapsto t^\rho z$$

whence a linear injection  $i: L(\lambda) \hookrightarrow L(\lambda+\rho)$ .

Step a)  $\Rightarrow i$  is a map of  $n_+$ -module

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{ccc} L(\lambda) & \xrightarrow{\psi_\lambda} & R \\ \downarrow i & \nearrow & \\ L(\lambda+\rho) & \xrightarrow{\psi_{\lambda+\rho}} & R \end{array} \text{ commutes}$$

so the bases of the  $L(\lambda)$  glue correctly and give a basis of  $R$ .

d) Step b)  $\Rightarrow$  this basis satisfies (P2)

(I omit the proof of (P3) and of the last assertion of the theorem.)

6) Relation to MV polytopes

Theorem (Kannitzer's thesis): Let  $\lambda \in X_+$ , let  $Z \in \mathcal{L}(\lambda)_v$ . Suppose  $\Psi_\lambda([Z])$  is indexed by  $b \in B(\infty)_{v,\lambda}$ . Then  $\text{Pol}(Z) = \lambda + \text{Pol}(b)$ .

Proof: requires finer description of MV cycles + Berenstein, Fomin and Zelevinsky's chamber Ansatz, whose tropicalization describe Lusztig data.

Proposition: The transition matrix between the MV basis and the dual canonical basis is upper unitriangular wrt the order on  $B(\infty)$  given by inclusion of MV polytopes.

### III Preprojective algebras and the semicanonical basis

A symmetric

#### 1) Preprojective algebras

Oriented graph without loops:  $\{ \text{vertices} \} = I$

$\{ \text{edges} \} = H : \text{between } i \text{ and } j, -\alpha_{ij} \text{ edges in each direction}$

$\begin{matrix} \textcirclearrowleft \\ h \mapsto \bar{h} \end{matrix}$  orientation reversing involution

$\varepsilon: H \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$  such that  $\varepsilon(h) + \varepsilon(\bar{h}) = 0$

$K$  field

$\Lambda = K\text{-path algebra of the quiver } (I, H) / \left\langle \sum_{h \in H} \varepsilon(h) h \bar{h} \right\rangle$  completed wrt the ideal generated by the arrows } completed preprojective algebra

Example: type  $A_3$   $(I, H) = \begin{array}{c} 1 \xrightarrow{h} 2 \xrightarrow{k} 3 \\ \bar{h} \quad \bar{k} \end{array}$   $\varepsilon(h) = \varepsilon(k) = 1$

$\Lambda\text{-module} = M_1 \xleftrightarrow{M_h} M_2 \xleftrightarrow{M_k} M_3 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad M_{\bar{h}} M_h = M_k M_{\bar{k}} = M_h M_{\bar{h}} - M_{\bar{k}} M_k = 0$

$M$  a  $\Lambda$ -module  $\rightsquigarrow \underline{\dim} M = \sum_{i \in I} (\dim M_i) \alpha_i \in \mathbb{Q}_+$  dimension-vector

Simple  $\Lambda$ -modules:  $S_i$  ( $i \in I$ ), 1-dimensional, concentrated on vertex  $i$ ;  $\underline{\dim} S_i = \alpha_i$

$M \mapsto \underline{\dim} M$  induces  $K(\Lambda\text{-mod}) \cong \bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathbb{Z} \alpha_i$

Duality operation on  $\Lambda\text{-mod}$ :  $M = (\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i, (M_h)) \rightsquigarrow M^+ = (\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i^*, (M_{\bar{h}}^*))$

Representation spaces:

For  $v = \sum_i v_i \alpha_i \in \mathbb{Q}_+$ , let  $\Lambda(v) \subset \prod_{h \in H} \text{Hom}_K(K^{v_{s(h)}}, K^{v_{t(h)}})$   $\hookrightarrow G(v) = \prod_i \text{GL}_{v_i}(K)$

affine variety of  $\Lambda$ -module structures on  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} K^{v_i}$

"Lusztig's nilpotent varieties".

2) Lusztig's semicanonical basis

Take here  $K = \mathbb{C}$ .

Let  $v \in \mathbb{Q}_+$ . For a  $\Lambda$ -module  $M$  of dim. vect.  $v$ , define  $\delta_M: U_v \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by:  
if  $\alpha_{i_1} + \dots + \alpha_{i_k} = v$ , then (Lusztig; Geiß-Lecerc-Schönen)

$$\delta_M(e_{i_1} - e_{i_k}) = \chi \left( \left\{ 0 = M_0 \subset M_1 \subset \dots \subset M_n = M \mid \begin{array}{l} M_p \text{ submodule of } M \\ \dim M_p / M_{p-1} = \alpha_{i_p} \end{array} \right\} \right)$$

closed subset of the product of flag manifolds

Example: type  $A_2$      $1 \cdot \xleftarrow[\bar{h}]{h} \cdot 2$     4 indecomposables     $S_1: \mathbb{C} \supseteq 0 \quad S_2: 0 \supseteq \mathbb{C}$   
 $T_1: \mathbb{C} \xrightleftharpoons[1]{2} \mathbb{C} \quad T_2: \mathbb{C} \xrightleftharpoons[0]{1} \mathbb{C}$

in dimension-vector  $v = 2\alpha_1 + \alpha_2$

$\mathbb{C}^2 \xrightarrow[0]{2} \mathbb{C}$	$M$	$\delta_M(e^2 e_2)$	$\delta_M(e_1 e_2 e_1)$	$\delta_M(e_2 e_1^2)$
	$2S_1 \oplus S_2$	$\chi(\mathbb{P}^1) = 2$	$\chi(\mathbb{P}^1) = 2$	$\chi(\mathbb{P}^1) = 2$
$\mathbb{C}^2 \xleftarrow[0]{1} \mathbb{C}$	$S_1 \oplus T_1$	$\chi(\mathbb{P}^1) = 2$	$\chi(\circ) = 1$	$\chi(\emptyset) = 0$
	$S_1 \oplus T_2$	0	1	2

the module has no submodule of  $\dim = \alpha_2$

unique submodule of  $\dim = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$

As one can see, the Serre relation  $\delta_M(e_1^2 e_2) - 2\delta_M(e_1 e_2 e_1) + \delta_M(e_2 e_1^2) = 0$  is always satisfied, so  $\delta_M$  is well defined.

Observation: The  $\delta_M$  are not linearly independent. But they span  $R_{-v} = (U_v)^*$ .

Problem: Extract a basis

$(\Lambda(v) \rightarrow R_{-v}, M \mapsto \delta_M)$  is constructible; for each  $Z \in \text{Im } \Lambda(v)$ , define  $\delta_Z$  as  $\delta_M$  for  $M$  general in  $Z$ .

Theorem (Lusztig):  $\bigcup_{v \in \mathbb{Q}_+} \{\delta_Z \mid Z \in \text{Im } \Lambda(v)\}$  is a basis of  $R$  "dual semicanonical basis".

Definition:  $M$  a  $\Lambda$ -module,  $i \in I$

$i$ -head of  $M$ :  $\text{hd}_i M = \text{largest quotient of } M \text{ isomorphic to } S_i^{\oplus \dots}$   
 $(i\text{-th part of the head of } M)$

Observations: \*  $\delta_M(\dots e_i^n) \neq 0 \Rightarrow \exists M \rightarrow S_i^{\oplus n} \Rightarrow n \leq \dim \text{hd}_i M$

and for  $n = \dim \text{hd}_i M$ ,  $e_i^{(n)} \delta_M = \delta_N \neq 0$ , where  $N = \ker(M \rightarrow \text{hd}_i M)$ .

(Note here that the divided power  $n!$  is the Euler characteristic of the flag variety of  $\text{hd}_i M$ .)

Moreover, if  $M$  is generic, then  $N$  is generic.

\*  $(\delta_M)^+ = \delta_{M^+}$ .

} The dual  
semicanonical  
basis  
satisfies (P2)

Conclusion: 1) The dual semicanonical basis is perfect.

2)  $\coprod_{v \in Q_+} \text{Im } \Lambda(v)$  is canonically indexed by  $B(\infty)$  (Kashiwara-Saito)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} v & \Downarrow & b \\ \Lambda_b & \longleftarrow & \rightarrow b \end{array}$$

an ingredient of the  
proof of Lusztig's theorem.

3) Reflection functors

Let  $i \in I$ .

Local description around  $i$  of a  $\Lambda$ -module  $M$ :

$$\bigoplus_{\substack{h \in H \\ \delta(h)=i}} M_{t(h)} \xrightarrow{(M_{\tilde{h}})} M_i \xrightarrow{(\varepsilon(h) M_h)} \bigoplus_{\substack{h \in H \\ \delta(h)=i}} M_{t(h)}$$

for brevity:  $\tilde{M}_i \xrightarrow{M_{\text{in}(i)}} M_i \xrightarrow{M_{\text{out}(i)}} \tilde{M}_i \quad (*)$

Note:  $\text{hd}_i M = \text{coker } M_{\text{in}(i)}$ ; set  $\text{soc}_i M = \ker M_{\text{out}(i)}$   $i$ -socle of  $M$

Define  $\Sigma_i M$  by replacing in  $M$  the pair  $(*)$  by

$$\tilde{M}_i \xrightarrow{M_{\text{out}(i)} M_{\text{in}(i)}} \text{ker } M_{\text{in}(i)} \hookrightarrow \tilde{M}_i$$

$$\tilde{M}_i \rightarrow \text{coker } M_{\text{out}(i)} \xrightarrow{M_{\text{out}(i)} M_{\text{in}(i)}} \tilde{M}_i$$

Still get  $\Lambda$ -modules, because  $\tilde{M}_i \rightarrow \tilde{M}_i$  hasn't changed, and at vertex  $i$ , the composed of the two maps is zero.

Fact: These functors induce equivalences of categories.

$$\left\{ M \in \Lambda\text{-mod} \mid \text{hd}_i M = 0 \right\} \xleftrightarrow{\Sigma_i^+} \left\{ M \in \Lambda\text{-mod} \mid \text{soc}_i M = 0 \right\}$$

Moreover  $\text{hd}_i M = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\dim} \Sigma_i M = s_i (\underline{\dim} M)$ .

Theorem (B.): Let  $i \in I$ , set  $T_i = \text{Ad}(\bar{\alpha}_i) \in \text{Aut}(U(g))$  ( $\bar{\alpha}_i = \exp(e_i) \exp(-f_i) \exp(e_i)$ ).

Let  $v \in \mathbb{Q}_+$ , let  $M \in \Lambda\text{-mod}$  s.t.  $\underline{\dim} M = v$  and  $\text{hd}_i M = 0$ . Let  $x \in U_v$  such that  $T_i(x) \in U$ . Then  $\langle \delta_M, x \rangle = \langle \delta_{\Sigma_i M}, T_i(x) \rangle$ .

Theorem (B.-Kamnitzer): Let  $b \in B(\infty)$ .  $M$  general in  $\Lambda_b \Rightarrow \Sigma_i M$  general in  $\Lambda_{\hat{\alpha}_i(b)}$  (loosely stated).

(Another interpretation of the Saito reflection: they now act on irreducible components of nilpotent varieties.)

#### 4) Tilting theory in $\Lambda\text{-mod}$

$I_i = \text{ann}_\Lambda S_i$ . Then  $\Sigma_i = \text{Hom}_\Lambda(I_i, ?)$  and  $\Sigma_i^+ = I_i \otimes_\Lambda ?$

Theorem (Buan-Iyama-Reiten-Scott):

i) The  $\Lambda$ -bimodules  $I_i$  satisfy the braid relations: set  $I_w = I_{i_1} \otimes_\Lambda \dots \otimes_\Lambda I_{i_k}$  for  $w = s_{i_1} \dots s_{i_k}$  reduced.

(Consequence: the  $\Sigma_i$  satisfy the braid relations, hence the  $\hat{\alpha}_i$  also do.)

ii)  $I_w$  tilting  $\Lambda$ -bimodule,  $\text{End}_\Lambda(I_w) = \Lambda$ .

Brenner-Butler theory  $\Rightarrow$

- \*  $I_w$  defines a (in fact, two) torsion pair in  $\Lambda\text{-mod}$ .
- \* Each  $M \in \Lambda\text{-mod}$  has a largest quotient  $M/N$  such that  $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(I_w, M/N) = 0$ , namely  $N = \text{im}(I_w \otimes_\Lambda \text{Hom}_\Lambda(I_w, M) \xrightarrow{\text{eval}} M)$ .

Write  $M^{(w)}$  for  $N$ .

Examples:  $M^1 = M$ ,  $M^{(i)} = \ker(M \rightarrow \text{hd}_i M)$ ,  $M^{(uv)} \subset M^u$  if  $\ell(uv) = \ell(u) + \ell(v)$ .

Prop (B-Kannan-Tingley): Let  $b \in B(\infty)$ ,  $M$  general in  $\Lambda_b$ ,  $w \in W$ . Then  $\mu_w(b) = -\dim M^w$ .

they were defined only for  $A$  of finite type, but the definition is general

Proof:  $w = s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_k}$  reduced.

$\text{Hom}_A(I_w, M) = \sum_{i_1} \cdots \sum_{i_k} M$  is general in  $\Lambda_{b'}$ , where  $b' = \hat{s}_{i_k} \cdots \hat{s}_{i_1} b = \hat{s}_{w-1} b$ .

$$\dim M^w = w \dim \text{Hom}_A(I_w, M) = -w \text{wt } b' = -\mu_w(b).$$

## 5) Harder-Narasimhan polytopes

A finite length category

$$T \in A \mapsto [T] \in K(A)$$

Definition:  $P(T) = \text{convex hull in } K(A)_R = K(A) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R$  of  $[x]$  for  $x \in T$ .

HN polytope of  $T$

(convex hull of a finite number of points).

Faces of  $P(T)$ : each  $\theta \in K(A)_R^*$  defines  $P_\theta(T) = \{x \in P(T) \mid \langle \theta, x \rangle = \sup_{P(T)} \langle \theta, x \rangle\}$

Fact:  $\{x \in T \mid [x] \in P_\theta(T)\}$  has a smallest element,  $T_\theta^{\min}$ , and a largest one,  $T_\theta^{\max}$ .

Exercise: Let  $R_\theta = \{T \in A \mid (\theta, [T]) = 0 \text{ and } \forall X \subset T, \langle \theta, [x] \rangle \leq 0\}$

( $\theta$ -semistable objects). Then  $R_\theta$  abelian subcategory,  $T_\theta^{\max}/T_\theta^{\min} \in R_\theta$ ,

and for  $i: R_\theta \hookrightarrow A$ ,

$$P_\theta(T) = [T_\theta^{\min}] + K(i)_R (P(T_\theta^{\max}/T_\theta^{\min}))$$

$\nwarrow$  HN polytope relative to  $R_\theta$

(Heredity property: a face of a HN polytope is a HN polytope, flattened and shifted).

Case  $A = \Lambda\text{-mod}$

$$K(\Lambda\text{-mod}) = \bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathbb{Z}\alpha_i, \quad K(\Lambda\text{-mod})_{\mathbb{R}} = \mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{R}}^*. \quad \text{Denote } C_0 \subset \mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{R}}^* \text{ dominant chamber.}$$

$$[M] = \underline{\dim} M$$

Theorem (B.-Kannan-Tingley): Assume  $A$  of finite type.

Let  $\theta \in \mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{R}}$ . Then  $\{w \in W \mid w^{-1}\theta \in \bar{C}_0\}$  has a

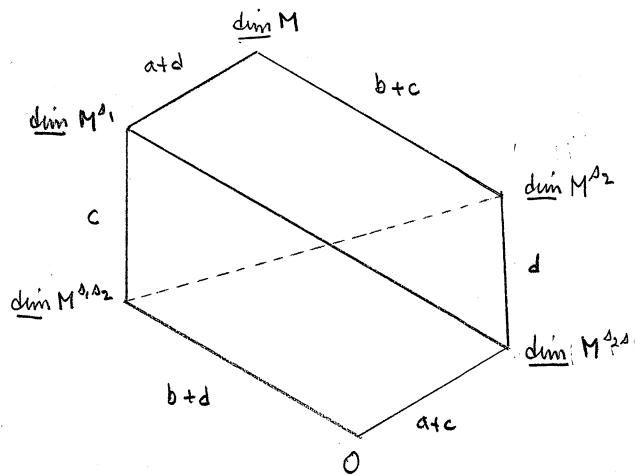
- shortest element,  $w_1$
- longest element,  $w_2$

Then for each  $\Lambda$ -module  $M$ ,  $M_{\theta}^{\min} = M^{w_2}$  and  $M_{\theta}^{\max} = M^{w_1}$ .

In particular,  $P(M)$  is GGMS and  $= \text{Convex hull} \left( \{ \underline{\dim} M^w \mid w \in W \} \right)$ .

(Corollary:  $b \in B(\infty)$ ,  $M$  general in  $\Lambda_b \Rightarrow \text{Pol}(b) = -P(M)$ )

Example: Type  $A_2$ ,  $M = S_1^{\oplus a} \oplus S_2^{\oplus b} \oplus T_1^{\oplus c} \oplus T_2^{\oplus d}$



$M$  general  $\Rightarrow a \text{ or } b=0 \Rightarrow$  one of the two diagonals is  $\parallel$  to the opposite sides

All 2-faces of type  $A_2$  of an MV polytope have this property ("Tropical Plücker Relations"). This characterizes MV polytopes among all lattice GGMS polytopes ( $\exists$  also TPR for 2-faces of type  $B_2$  and  $G_2$ .)

In view of the last Corollary in Part I, this condition translates to relations between Lusztig data  $N(i, b)$  for  $b$  fixed,  $i$  variable. These relations are equivalent to Lusztig's piecewise linear bijections.