

# A topological characterisation of the Kashiwara-Vergne groups

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# Universal Finite Type Invariants or “Expansions”:

$$\mathcal{K} \xrightarrow{Z} A$$

- Bar-Natan : When  $\mathcal{K} = \text{PaB}$  and  $A = \text{PaCD}$ ,

$$\{Z\} \Leftrightarrow \{\text{Associators}\}.$$

- Drinfeld : There exists a pair of pronipotent groups  $\widehat{\text{GT}}$  and  $\text{GRT}$

$$\widehat{\text{GT}} \curvearrowright \mathcal{K} \xrightarrow{Z} A \curvearrowleft \text{GRT}$$

- Bar-Natan, Fresse,... : There exist isomorphisms

$$\widehat{\text{GT}} \cong \text{Aut}_0(\widehat{\text{PaB}}) \quad \text{and} \quad \text{GRT} \cong \text{Aut}_0(\text{PaCD}).$$

# Expansions and The Kashiwara-Vergne Conjecture:

- Bar Natan and Dancso: Homomorphic Expansions of  $w$ -foams

$$wF \xrightarrow{Z} A$$

are in 1-to-1 correspondence with solutions to the Kashiwara-Vergne Conjecture.

- Alekseev-Torossion; Alekseev-Enriques-Torossion : There exists a pair of pronipotent groups KV and KRV

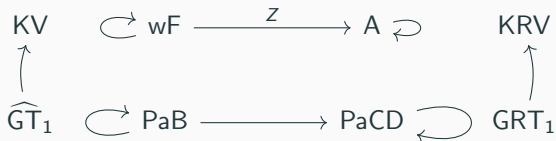
$$KV \curvearrowright wF \xrightarrow{Z} A \curvearrowright KRV$$

- Dancso-Halacheva-R : There exist isomorphisms

$$KV \cong \text{Aut}_v(\widehat{wF}) \quad \text{and} \quad KRV \cong \text{Aut}_v(A).$$

# The Kashiwara-Vergne Conjecture:

- Alekseev-Torossion; Alekseev-Enriques-Torossion : The groups KV and KRV are closely related to  $\widehat{GT}_1$  and  $GRT_1$ :



- Dancso-Halacheva-R: There exists an isomorphism

$$GRT_1 \cong \text{Aut}_v^b(A).$$

**Definition:** A **circuit algebra** is an algebra over the operad of **wiring diagrams**.

**Theorem (Dancso-Halacheva-R)**  
*There is an equivalence of categories:*

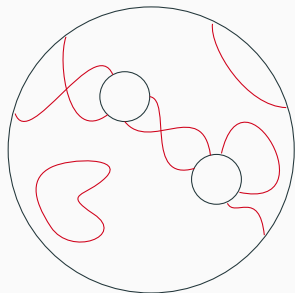
$$\{\text{oriented circuit algebras}\} \cong \{\text{wheeled props}\}$$

# Wiring Diagrams:

A **wiring diagram** consists of:

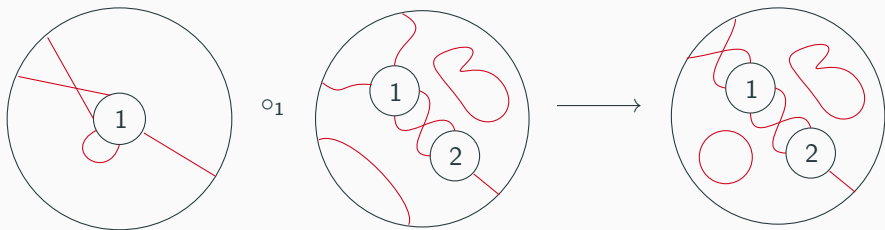
- (1) A disc with  $n$ -holes:  $D_0 \setminus \{\mathring{D}_1 \cup \dots \cup \mathring{D}_n\}$
- (2) A set of distinguished (input and output) labels  $L_k$  on  $\partial D_k$ ,  
 $0 \leq k \leq n$ .
- (3) An immersed (oriented) **1-manifold**  $M$  together with a bijection

$$\partial M \xrightarrow{\cong} \bigcup_k \partial D_k$$



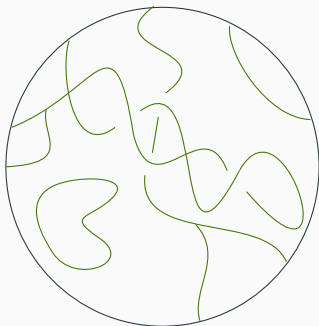
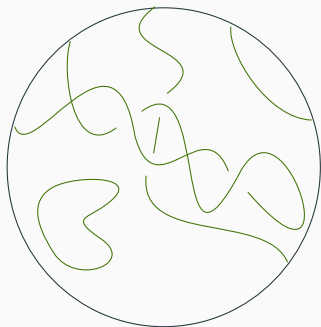
# Wiring Diagrams:

The collection of all wiring diagrams forms a **coloured operad** WD



# The circuit algebra of $w$ -foams

- $w$ -**tangles** are embeddings of (framed) surfaces into  $\mathbb{R}^4$  up to ambient isotopy.
- $w$ -**foams** are  $w$ -tangles where we allow “foamed vertices” – intersections of two tubes which may “merge” or “split.”



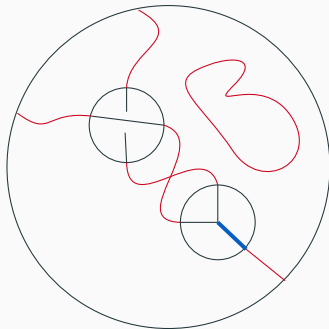
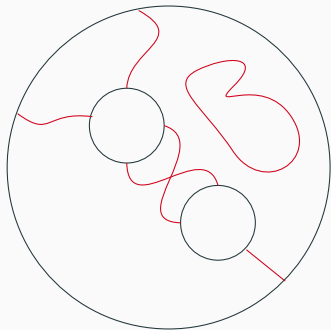


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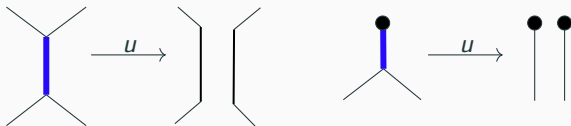
The circuit algebra of  $w$ -foams is:

$$wF = CA \langle \begin{array}{c} \nearrow \\ \nwarrow \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} \nwarrow \\ \nearrow \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} \nearrow \\ \nearrow \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \uparrow \end{array} \mid R1^s, R2, R3, R4, OC, CP \rangle.$$

Moreover,  $wF$  is equipped with auxiliary operations:  $S_e, A_e, d_e$  and **unzips**  $u_e$ .



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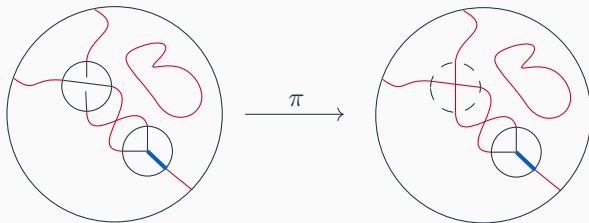


# The $w$ -foam skeleton

The circuit algebra of  $w$ -foam **skeleta** is the circuit algebra

$$\mathcal{S} = \text{CA} \langle \uparrow, \downarrow \rangle$$

with auxiliary operations:  $S_e, A_e, u_e$  and  $d_e$ .



$$\text{wF} := \coprod_{s \in \mathcal{S}} \pi^{-1}(s) = \coprod_{s \in \mathcal{S}} \text{wF}(s).$$

# Completion of $w$ -foams

Let  $\mathbb{Q}[wF](s)$  denote the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector space of formal linear combinations of  $w$ -foams  $T_i$  with skeleton  $s \in \mathcal{S}$ ,

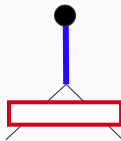
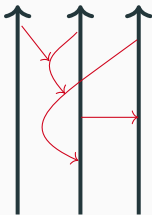
$$\sum_{T_i \in wF(s)} \alpha_i T_i \in \mathbb{Q}[wF](s).$$

The (prounipotent) **completion**  $\widehat{wF} = \coprod_{s \in \mathcal{S}} \widehat{wF}(s)$  where

$$\widehat{wF}(s) := \lim (\mathbb{Q}[wF](s)/\mathcal{I}(s) \leftarrow \mathbb{Q}[wF](s)/\mathcal{I}^2(s) \leftarrow \mathbb{Q}[wF](s)/\mathcal{I}^3(s) \leftarrow \dots)$$

# The associated graded: arrow diagrams

**Arrow diagrams** are oriented Jacobi diagrams on  $w$ -foam skeleton.

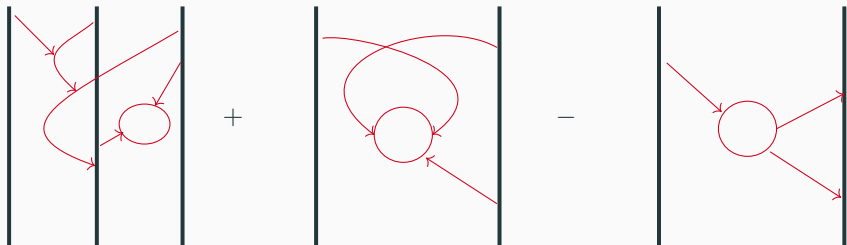


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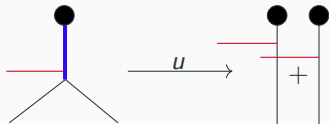
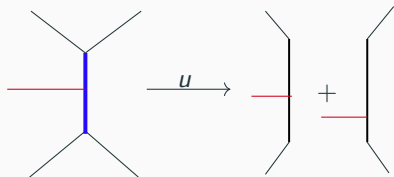
The circuit algebra of **arrow diagrams** is the complete circuit algebra in  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector spaces

$$A := \text{CA} \langle \uparrow\uparrow, \uparrow, \downarrow \mid 4T, TC, VI, CP, RI \rangle$$

with the associated graded of the  $w$ -foam skeleton operations:  $S_e, A_e, d_e$ , unzips  $u_e$ .



## The associated graded: arrow diagrams



## How does this relate to the KV solutions?

A **tangential derivation** on  $\widehat{\mathfrak{lie}}_n$  is a derivation  $u$  of  $\widehat{\mathfrak{lie}}_n$  which acts on the generators  $x_i$  by  $u(x_i) = [x_i, a_i]$ , for some  $a_i \in \widehat{\mathfrak{lie}}_n$ .

**Precisely:**

$$\text{SolKV} = \text{SolKV}(\mathbb{Q}) := \left\{ (F, r) \in \text{TAut}_2(\mathbb{Q}) \times u^2\mathbb{Q}[[u]] \mid \right. \\ \left. F(e^x e^y) = e^{x+y} \text{ and } J(F) = \text{tr}\left(r(x+y) - r(x) - r(y)\right) \right\}.$$



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Ex (1)  $t^{1,2} = (y, x) \in \mathfrak{tder}_2$ .

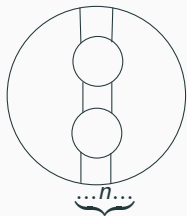
Ex (2)  $u = (0, [[x, y], z], 0) \in \mathfrak{tder}_3$



## How does this relate to the KV solutions?

There is an isomorphism of Hopf algebras

$$A(\uparrow_n) \cong \hat{U}((\mathfrak{tdet}_n \oplus \mathfrak{a}_n) \times \text{cyc}_n).$$



# Expansions

A **homomorphic expansion** of  $w$ -foams is a circuit algebra homomorphism  $Z : wF \rightarrow A$  such that:

- its linear extension  $Z : \mathbb{Q}[wF] \rightarrow A$  is a filtered, skeleton preserving homomorphism
- $\text{gr}Z = \text{id}_A$ .

## **Theorem (Dancso-Halacheva-R)**

*For any homomorphic expansion the induced map  $\widehat{Z} : \widehat{wF} \rightarrow A$  is an isomorphism.*


## **Theorem (Bar-Natan – Dancso)**

*There is a one-to-one correspondence:*

$$\{\text{v-small exp}\} \Leftrightarrow \{\text{SolKV}\}.$$

# The graded group KRV

$$\text{KRV} = \text{KRV}(\mathbb{Q}) := \left\{ (\alpha, s) \in \text{TAut}_2(\mathbb{Q}) \times u^2\mathbb{Q}[[u]] \mid \right. \\ \left. \alpha(e^{x+y}) = e^{x+y} \text{ and } J(\alpha) = \text{tr}(s(x+y) - s(x) - s(y)) \right\}$$

SolKV  KRV is given by  $F \cdot \alpha = \alpha^{-1} \circ F$ .

## Theorem (Dancso-Halacheva-R)

*There is an isomorphism of groups  $\text{Aut}_v(A) \cong \text{KRV}$ .*

# The group KV

$$\text{KV} = \text{KV}(\mathbb{Q}) := \left\{ (a, \sigma) \in \text{TAut}_2(\mathbb{Q}) \times u^2\mathbb{Q}[[u]] \mid \right. \\ \left. a(e^x e^y) = e^x e^y \text{ and } J(a) = \text{tr}(\sigma(\text{bch}(x, y)) - \sigma(x) - \sigma(y)) \right\}$$

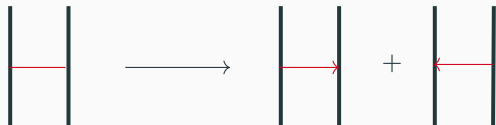
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## Theorem (Dancso-Halacheva-R)

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# The relationship between KRV and $GRT_1$

- **chord diagrams** are pictorial depictions of  $\hat{U}(\mathfrak{t}_n)$
- There's an inclusion of Lie algebras  $\mathfrak{t}_n \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{tder}_n$ .



## Lemma (Dancso-Halacheva-R)

For each  $n \geq 2$  there exists an inclusion of Hopf algebras

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{CD}(n)}(*, *) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} A(\uparrow_n).$$

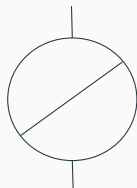
# The relationship between KRV and $GRT_1$

## Theorem (Bar-Natan, Fresse)

*There is an isomorphism of groups  $\text{Aut}_0(\text{PaCD}) \cong GRT_1$ .*

$$\begin{array}{l} p_2 = ( \begin{array}{|c|} \hline | \\ \hline \end{array} \quad ( \begin{array}{|c|} \hline | \\ \hline \end{array} ) ) \\ p_1 = ( ( \begin{array}{|c|} \hline | \\ \hline \end{array} ) \quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline | \\ \hline \end{array} ) \end{array}$$

$$\xrightarrow{c_{p_1 p_2}}$$

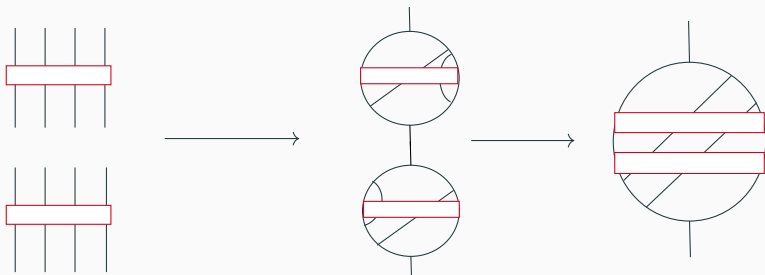


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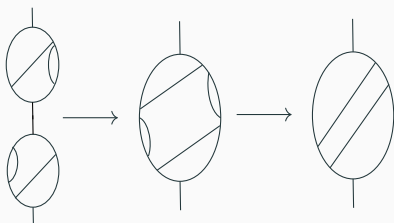
*There is an inclusion of Hopf groupoids*

$$\text{PaCD}(n) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \bigcup_{c_{p_i p_j}} A(c_{p_i p_j}).$$

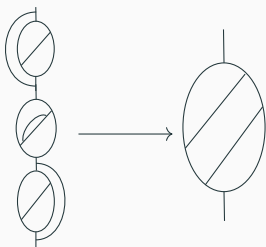




# The pentagon



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## **Theorem (Dancso-Halacheva-R)**

*The (isomorphic) image of  $GRT_1$  in  $\text{Aut}_v(A)$  is the subgroup*

$$E = \{ \tilde{G} \in \text{Aut}_v(A) : \tilde{G}(\emptyset) = \varepsilon(G(\mathcal{A})) \text{ for some (unique) } G \in \text{Aut}_0(\text{PaCD}) \}.$$

Thanks!