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Regular polyhedron

A *regular polyhedron* is a convex polyhedron such that all faces are regular polygons and all are identical = “most symmetric” polyhedrons

The following is attributed to Theaetetus (415—369 B.C)

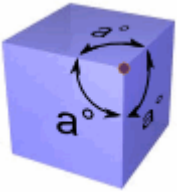
Theorem

There are exactly 5 regular polyhedron (solids) in $\mathbb{R}^3$.

Euclid's Elements (Book XIII)

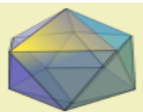
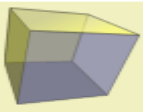


At each vertex **at least 3 faces** meet



When we add up the internal angles that meet at a vertex, it must be less than 360 degrees

A regular n -gon has internal angle $180 - 360/n$, which is bigger than 120 if $n > 5$, hence get $n = 3, 4, 5$.

3 triangles meet	180°	tetrahedron	
4 triangles meet	240°	octahedron	
5 triangles meet	300°	icosahedron	
3 squares meet	270°	cube	
3 pentagons meet	324°	dodecahedron	



Floruit 300 BC



Statue in Oxford

Topological proof using Euler's formula



$V = \#$ of vertex, $E = \#$ of edges, $F = \#$ of faces

Assume each face is a regular n -gon, and each vertex is shared by m faces.

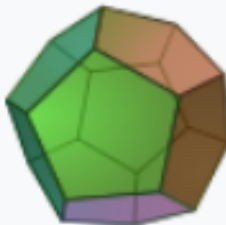
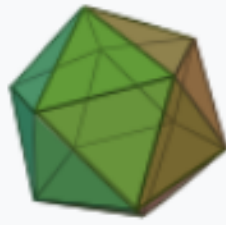
Euler's Formula: $V - E + F = 2$

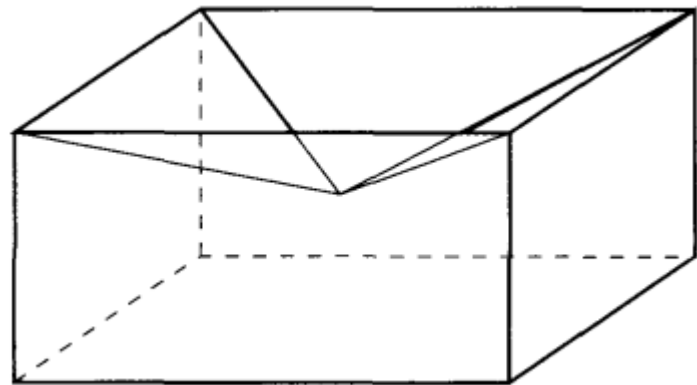
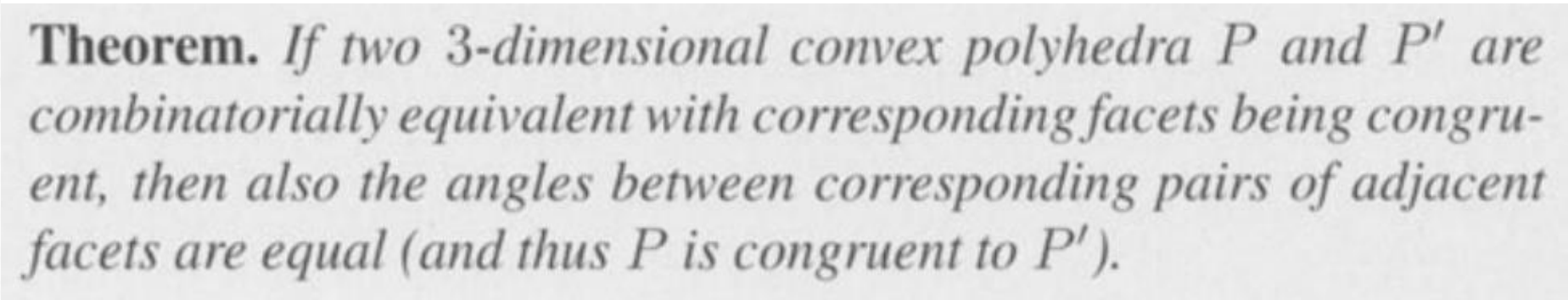
Two ways to count # of edges: $2E = nF$, $2E = mV$

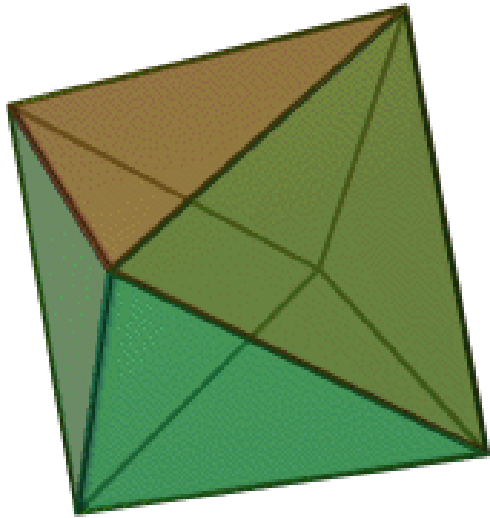
This gives $1/m + 1/n = 1/2 + 1/E$, which has only 5 possibilities:

Leonhard Euler

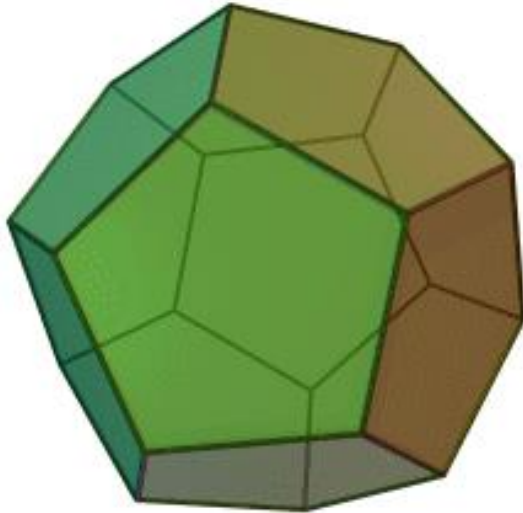
15/04/1707 – 18/09/1783

Polyhedron ◆		Vertices ◆	Edges ◆	Faces ◆
tetrahedron		4	6	4
cube		8	12	6
octahedron		6	12	8
dodecahedron		20	30	12
icosahedron		12	30	20

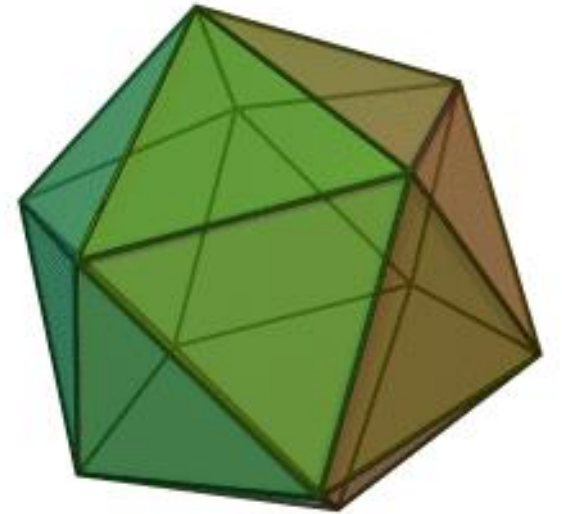




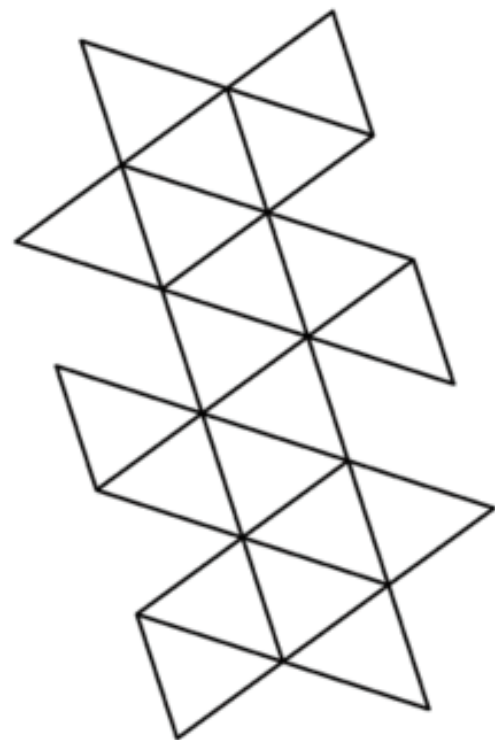
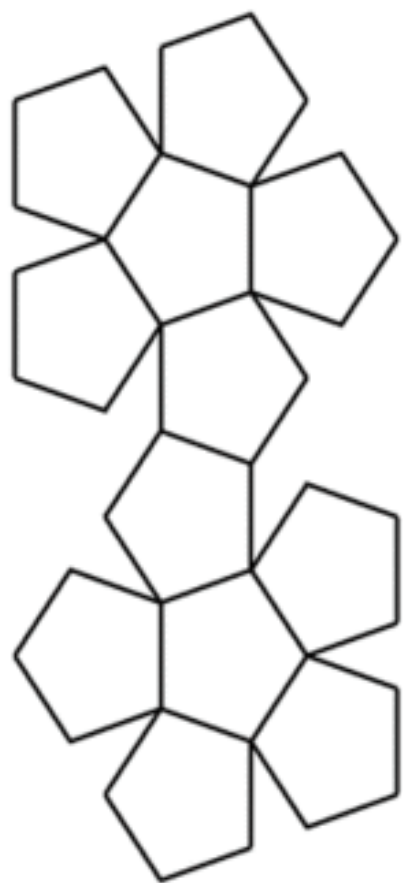
Octahedron



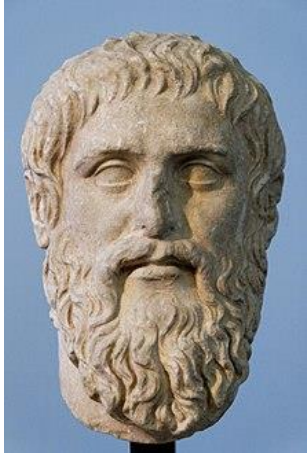
Dodecahedron



Icosahedron



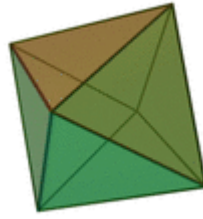
Plato's Theory of Everything: *Timaeus*



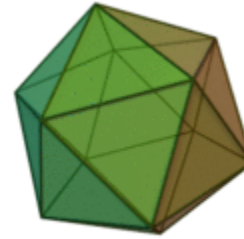
428/427 or 424/423 – 348/347 BC



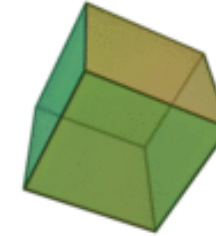
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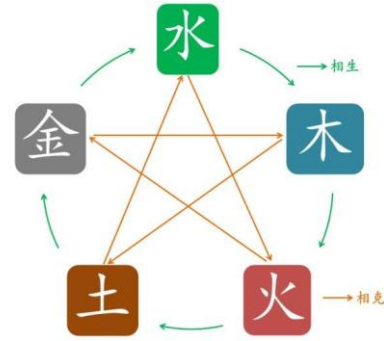
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Water



Earth



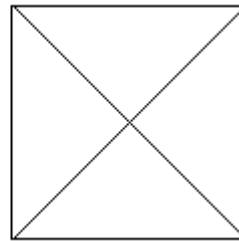
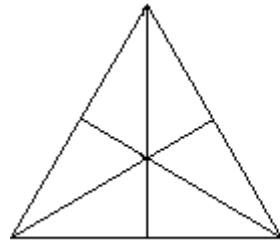
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以成万物。其神谓
之五帝



Type 1



Type 2



			number of triangles	
			type 1	type 2
tetrahedron	plasma	("fire")	24	0
octahedron	gas	("air")	48	0
icosahedron	liquid	("water")	120	0
hexahedron	solid	("earth")	0	24

Chemical Action: 1 water + 1 fire = 3 air

Kepler's *Mysterium Cosmographicum*

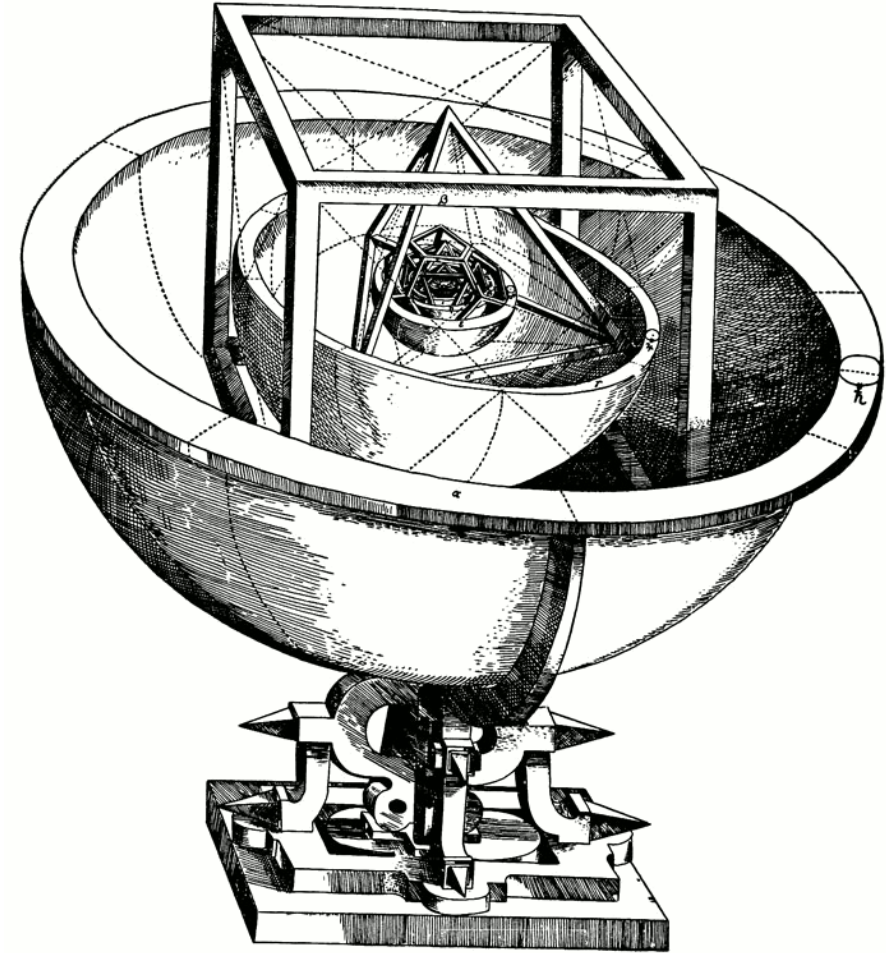


Johannes Kepler
(27/12/1571 – 15/11/1630)

the octahedron
the icosahedron
the dodecahedron
the tetrahedron
and the cube

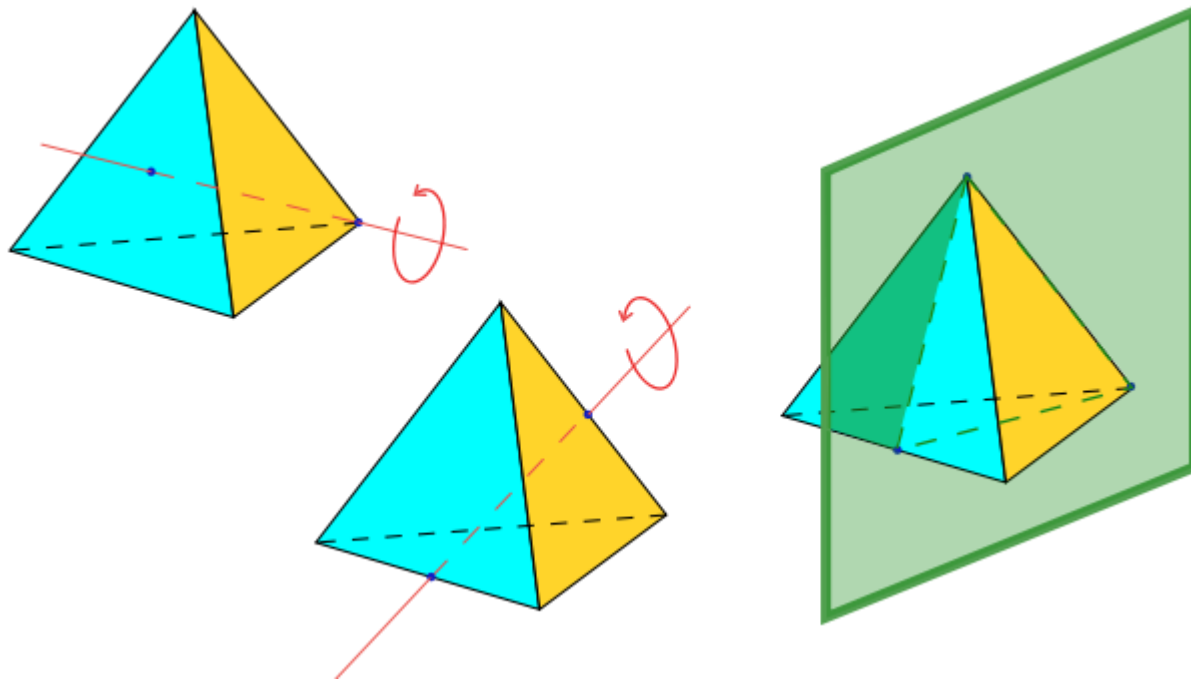
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Mercury and Venus,
Venus and Earth,
Earth and Mars,
Mars and Jupiter
Jupiter and Saturn



Kepler's Platonic solid model of the Solar system from *Mysterium Cosmographicum*

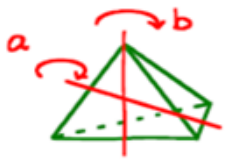
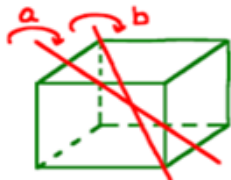
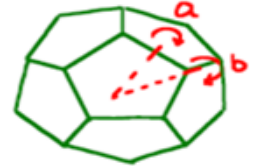
Symmetries



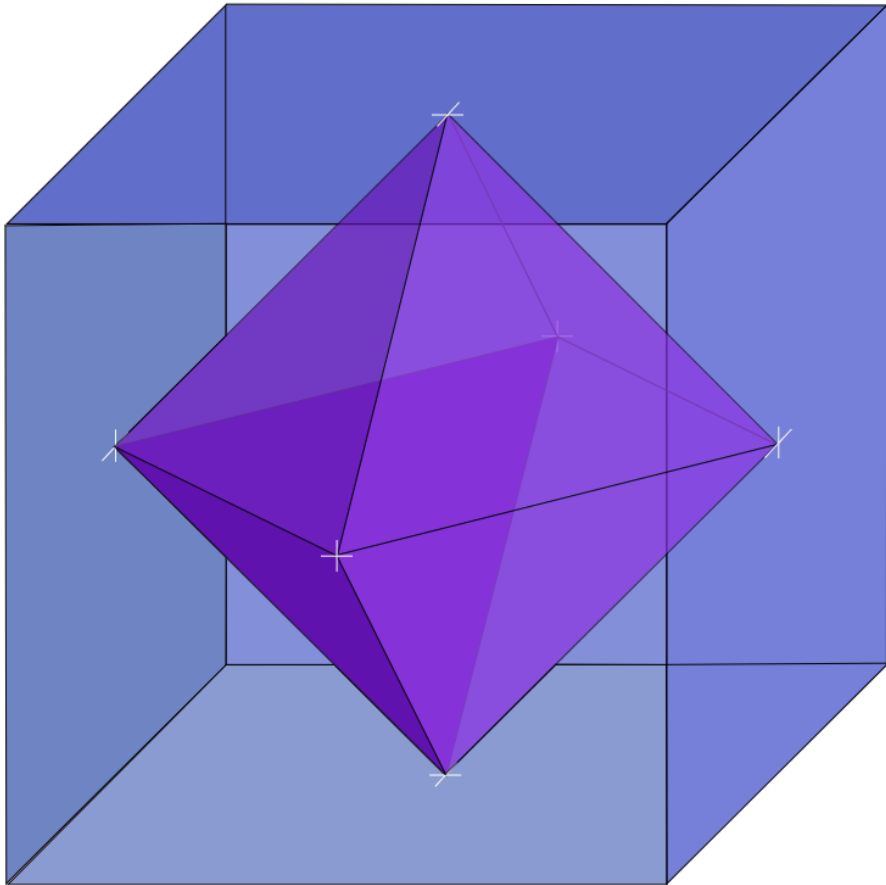
The proper rotations, (order-3 rotation on a vertex and face, and order-2 on two edges) and reflection plane (through two faces and one edge) in the symmetry group of the regular tetrahedron

Symmetries of Platonic solids

tetrahedron	A_4
cube	S_4
octahedron	S_4
dodecahedron	A_5
icosahedron	A_5

$A_4 = \langle a, b \mid a^2 = b^3 = (ab)^3 = 1 \rangle$	12	
$S_4 = \langle a, b \mid a^2 = b^3 = (ab)^4 = 1 \rangle$	24	
$A_5 = \langle a, b \mid a^2 = b^3 = (ab)^5 = 1 \rangle$	60	

Dual solids



- The tetrahedron is self-dual.
- The cube and the octahedron form a dual pair.
- The dodecahedron and the icosahedron form a dual pair.

Finite subgroups in $SO(3, \mathbb{R})$

Let $\Gamma \subset SO(3, \mathbb{R})$ be a finite subgroup.

- every $1 \neq \gamma \in \Gamma$ has two fixed points on S^3 (axe of rotation).
- The set P of all such fixed points is Γ -invariant.

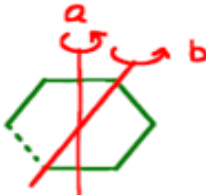
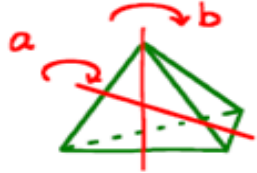
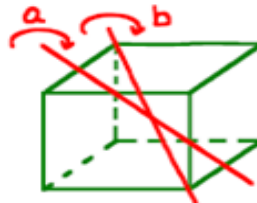
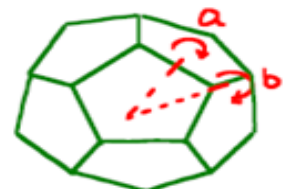
$$|\Gamma| - 1 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p \in P} (|\text{Stab}_\Gamma(p)| - 1)$$

- Note that $|\text{Stab}_\Gamma(p)| = \frac{|\Gamma|}{|\Gamma \cdot p|}$

- Let $P = O_1 \sqcup O_2 \sqcup \dots \sqcup O_r$ be the Γ -orbits, $|\Gamma| - 1 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^r (|\Gamma| - \frac{|\Gamma|}{|\text{Stab}_\Gamma(p)|})$

$$2 - \frac{2}{|\Gamma|} = \sum_{i=1}^r (1 - \frac{1}{a_i}), a_i \text{ divides } |\Gamma|$$

Finite subgroups in $SO(3, \mathbb{R})$: lists

$C_n = \langle a \mid a^n = 1 \rangle$	n	
$D_n = \langle a, b \mid a^n = b^2 = (ab)^n = 1 \rangle$	$2n$	
$A_4 = \langle a, b \mid a^2 = b^3 = (ab)^3 = 1 \rangle$	12	
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Connecting $SU(2)$ to $SO(3, \mathbb{R})$

$$SU(2) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -\bar{b} & \bar{a} \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{C}, |a|^2 + |b|^2 = 1 \right\} \simeq S^3$$

Its Lie algebra $\mathfrak{su}(2) \simeq \mathbb{R}^3$ has an inner product: $\langle U, V \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(UV^*)$

For any $A \in SU(2)$, define $\phi_A \in \text{End}(\mathfrak{su}(2))$ by $\phi_A(U) = A\tilde{U}A^{-1}$

- ϕ_A preserves the inner product, hence

$$\phi : SU(2) \rightarrow SO(3, \mathbb{R})$$

- This is a 2:1 map of Lie groups, with kernel = $\{\pm 1\}$.

Finite subgroups in $SU(2)$

C_n	$\langle a \mid a^n = 1 \rangle$	n	Cyclic
D_{2n}^*	$\langle a, b \mid a^2 = b^2 = (ab)^n \rangle$	$4n$	dihedral
A_4^*	$\langle a, b \mid a^2 = b^3 = (ab)^3 \rangle$	24	Binary tetrahedral
S_4^*	$\langle a, b \mid a^2 = b^3 = (ab)^4 \rangle$	48	Binary octahedral
A_5^*	$\langle a, b \mid a^2 = b^3 = (ab)^5 \rangle$	120	Binary icosahedral

Finite subgroups in $SL(2)$



Christian Felix Klein
(25/04/1849 – 22/06/1925)

- $SU(2) \subset SL(2) = SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ is a subgroup.
- For any finite subgroup $\Gamma \subset SL(2)$, it preserves a Hermitian inner product on $\mathbb{C}^2$ by averaging, hence it is isomorphic to a subgroup of $SU(2)$

finite subgroups of $SL(2) =$ finite subgroups of $SU(2)$.

Representation of finite groups

Definition

A **representation** of a group Γ is a complex vector space V with a homomorphism $\rho : \Gamma \rightarrow \text{GL}(V)$, i.e. Γ acts linearly (via ρ) on V . The representation (V, ρ) is **irreducible** if $\nexists 0 \neq W \subsetneq V$ such that W is Γ -invariant.

- Only consider $\dim V < \infty$ and Γ finite.
- Every representation of Γ is a direct sum of irreducible representations.
- Write $\text{Irr}(\Gamma)$ the set of all irred. representations of Γ . Then $|\text{Irr}(\Gamma)| = \#$ conjugacy classes of Γ .

McKay graph

- $\Gamma \subset SL(2)$ a finite subgroup
- $V_0, \dots, V_r$ the irred. rep. of Γ
- $W := \mathbb{C}^2$ is the natural rep. of Γ

$$W \otimes V_i = \bigoplus_j V_j^{\oplus a_{ij}} \text{ as } \Gamma - \text{representations.}$$

Note that $W^* \simeq W$ (as $\Gamma \subset SL(2)$), we have

$$a_{ij} = \dim \operatorname{Hom}_{\Gamma}(V_j, W \otimes V_i) = \dim \operatorname{Hom}_{\Gamma}(V_j \otimes W, V_i) = a_{ji}$$

McKay graph:

- vertice = irred. rep. of Γ , labelled with its dim.
- two vertices V_i, V_j are connected by a_{ij} edges.

Example: Γ is cyclic

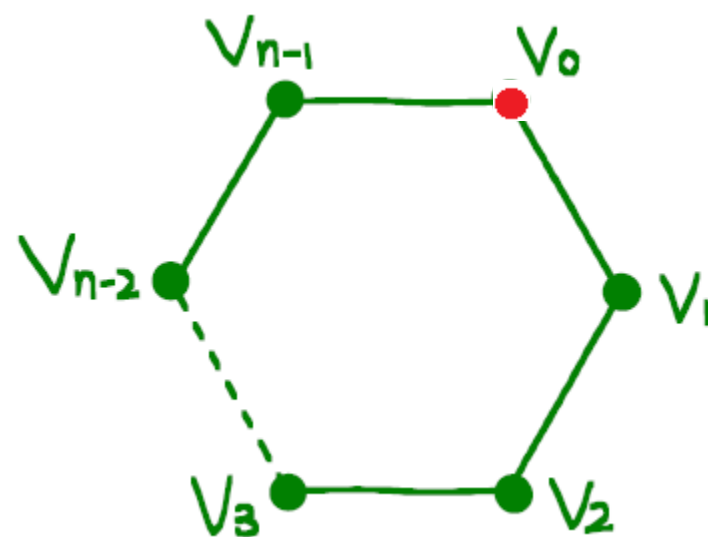
- Consider the case $\Gamma = C_n$: a cyclic group of order n .
- Let $\xi = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}}$. Take one generator σ of Γ , then $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \xi & 0 \\ 0 & \xi^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$
- For $0 \leq k \leq n-1$, let

$$\rho_k : \Gamma = C_n \rightarrow \text{GL}(1) = \mathbb{C}^* : \sigma \mapsto \xi^k.$$

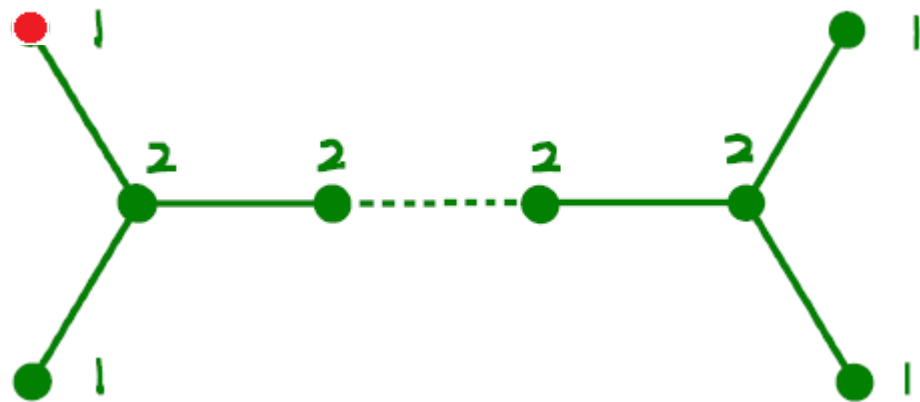
- Irred. representations are $V_0, \dots, V_{n-1}$.

W is decomposed as $V_1 \oplus V_{n-1}$

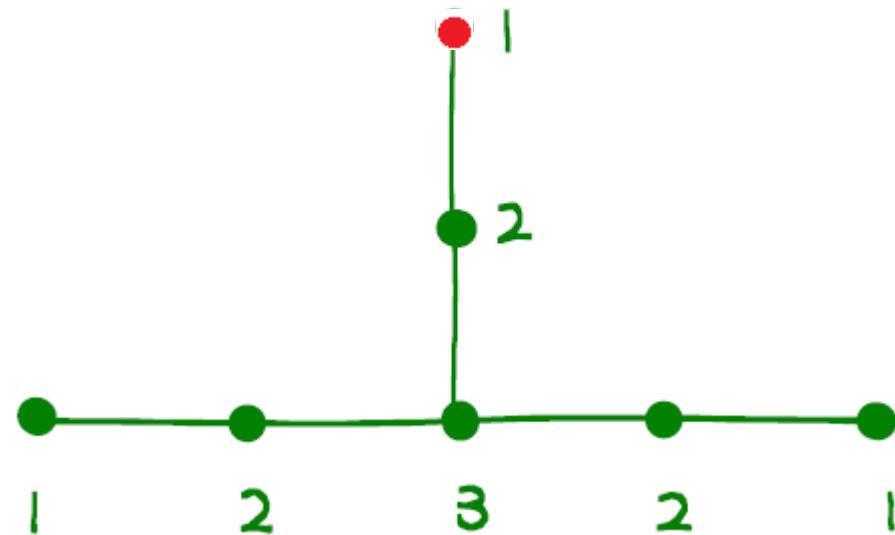
$$W \otimes V_i = (V_1 \oplus V_{n-1}) \otimes V_i = V_{i-1} \oplus V_{i+1}$$



McKay graphs for $\Gamma = D_{2n}^*$ and A_4^*

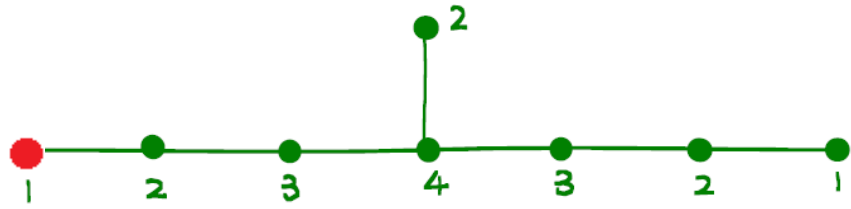


McKay graph for $\Gamma = D_{2n}^*$

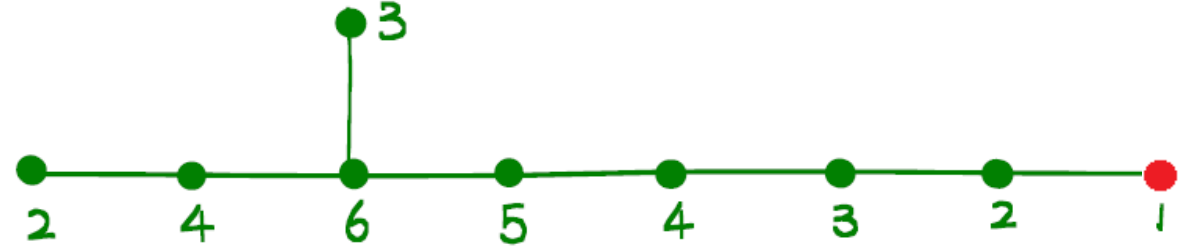


McKay graph for $\Gamma = A_4^*$

McKay graphs for $\Gamma = S_4^*$ and A_5^*



McKay graph for $\Gamma = S_4^*$



McKay graph for $\Gamma = A_5^*$

Complex Lie algebras

A (complex) Lie algebra is a complex vector space $\mathfrak{g}$ together with a non-associative, alternating bilinear map $\mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$, $(x, y) \mapsto [x, y]$ called the Lie bracket, satisfying the Jacobi identity. It is called **simple** if it has no non-trivial ideals and is not abelian.

Examples: $\mathfrak{sl}(n)$, $\mathfrak{so}(n)$, $\mathfrak{sp}(2n)$.

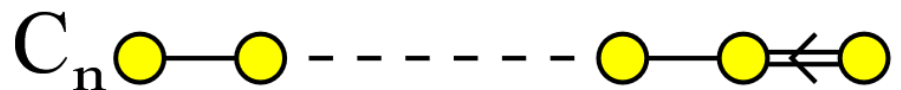
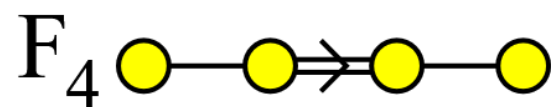
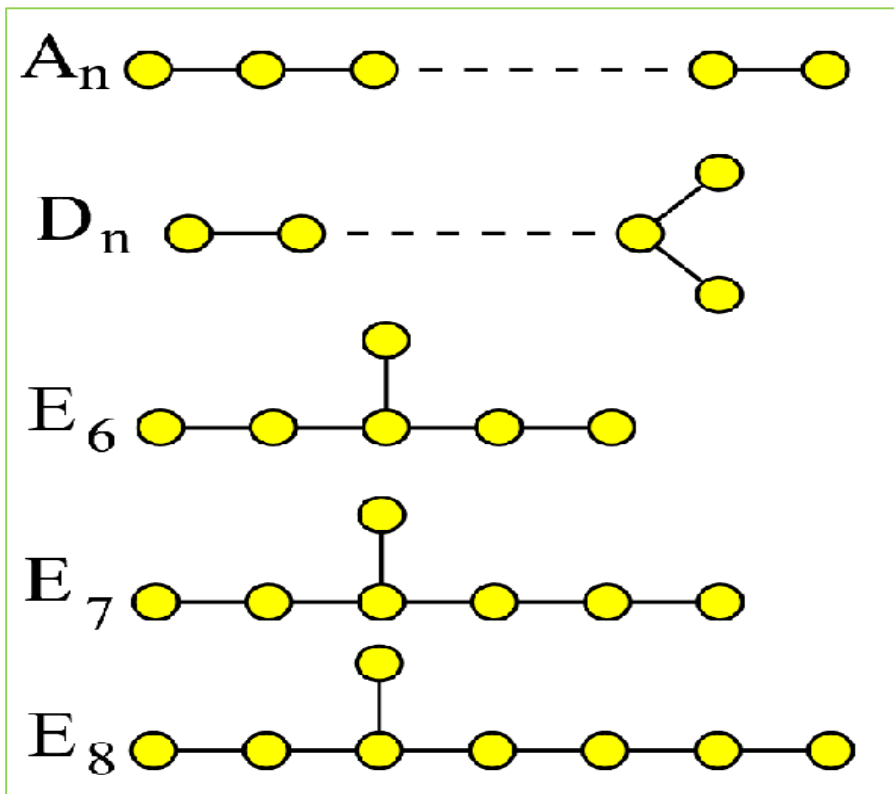


Wilhelm Karl Joseph Killing
(10/05/1847 – 11/02/1923)



Élie Joseph Cartan
(09/04/1869 – 06/05/1951)

Dynkin diagrams



Eugene Borisovich Dynkin
(11/05/1924 – 14/11/2014)

McKay graphs are exactly affine Dynkin diagram of type ADE!
What's the relation of them with Lie algebras?

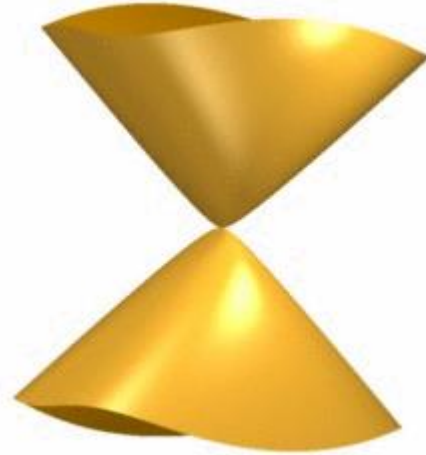
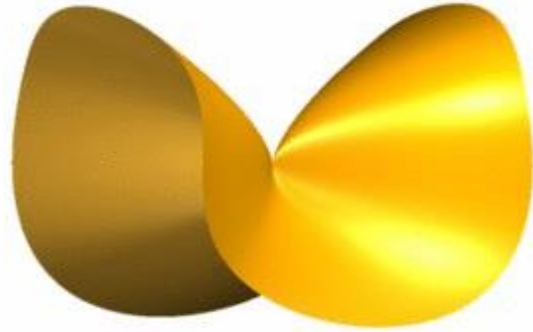
Simple surface singularities

For $\Gamma \subset SL(2)$ finite subgroup, the quotient $\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma$ (set of Γ -orbits) is an affine algebraic variety $\text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[u, v]^\Gamma)$. It turns out they all can be realized as a hypersurface in $\mathbb{C}^3$.

Example: $\Gamma = C_n$ with generator $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \xi & 0 \\ 0 & \xi^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$, then $\mathbb{C}[u, v]^\Gamma = \mathbb{C}[uv, u^n, v^n]$, hence $\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma$ is the hypersurface in $\mathbb{C}^3$ defined by $x^n = yz$.

cyclic	n	$x^n + yz = 0$	A_{n-1}
binary dihedral	$4(n-2)$	$x^{n-1} + xy^2 + z^2 = 0$	D_n
binary tetrahedral	24	$x^4 + y^3 + z^2 = 0$	E_6
binary octahedral	48	$x^3y + y^3 + z^2 = 0$	E_7
binary icosahedral	120	$x^5 + y^3 + z^2 = 0$	E_8

Examples: A_1 , A_2 , A_3 and D_4



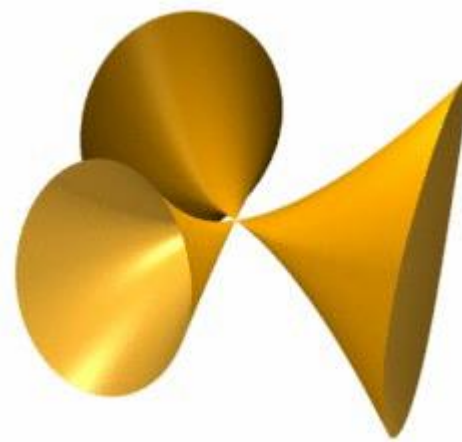
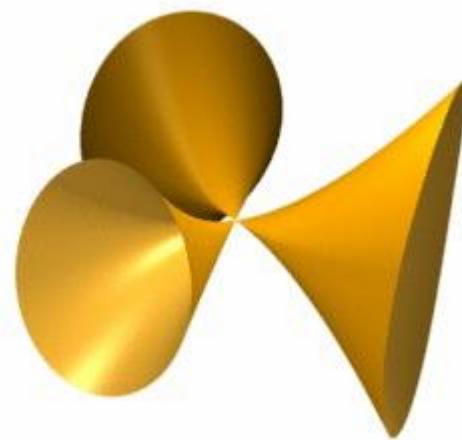
Minimal resolutions

- Every surface S admits a unique **minimal resolution** $\pi : \tilde{S} \rightarrow S$.
- When $S = \mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma$ for a finite subgroup $\Gamma \subset SL(2)$, the exceptional locus of $\pi : \tilde{S} \rightarrow S$ is a union of $\mathbb{P}^1$ s, each with self-intersection -2 .

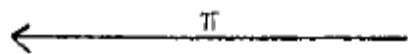


$$\mathbb{C}^2 / \pm 1 = \{(a, b, c) \mid a^2 + bc = 0\} \longleftarrow T^*(\mathbb{P}^1).$$

Examples of minimal resolutions

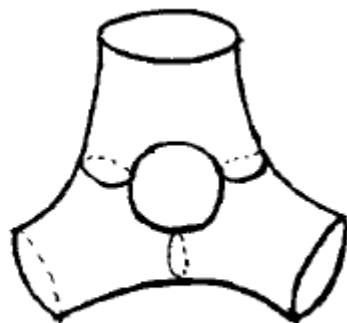
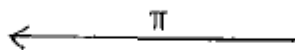
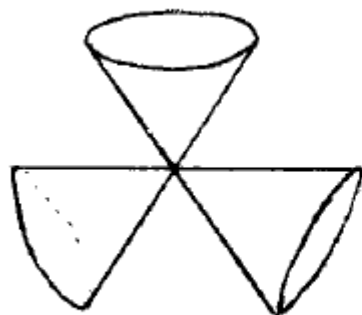


Central fibres and dual graph

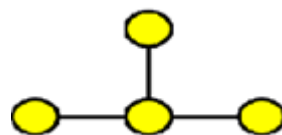


$\pi^{-1}(s)$

$$S = \{x^2 + yz = 0\}$$



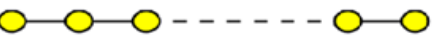
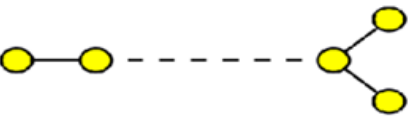
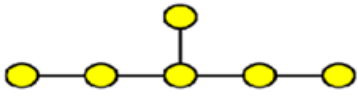
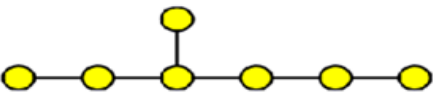
$$S = \{x(y^2 - x^2) + z^2 = 0\}$$



$\pi^{-1}(s)$ consists of four circles



Dynkin diagram again!

cyclic	n	$x^n + yz = 0$	A_{n-1} 
binary dihedral	$4(n-2)$	$x^{n-1} + xy^2 + z^2 = 0$	D_n 
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$$\text{Irr}(\Gamma): V_i$$
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McKay Graph:
Vertices = $\text{Irr}(\Gamma)$

$\Gamma \subset \text{SL}(2)$
finite subgp

McKay Correspondence

Dynkin diagram
of ADE type

$\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma$ Kleinian sing.
Minimal resolution

Dual graph of central fiber:
Vertices = Irr. Comp. of fiber

McKay Correspondence

$\Gamma \subset \mathrm{SL}(2)$ finite subgroup

Representation

Geometry

$\{\text{non-trivial irred. rep. of } \Gamma\} \longleftrightarrow \{\text{Irred. components of minimal resol. of } \mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma\}$

How to realize this correspondence geometrically?

Representation and resolution

Let $S = \mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma$ and $\pi : \tilde{S} \rightarrow S$ the minimal resolution.

- Let $S_0 = S \setminus \{0\}$, then its fundamental group is Γ .
- A representation R of Γ gives a vector bundle F_0 over S_0 .
- Hence we get a vector bundle $\pi^*(F_0)$ on $\tilde{S} \setminus E$.
- This $\pi^*(F_0)$ extends to a vector bundle $V(R)$ on $\tilde{S}$.
- $R = R_i$ is a non-trivial irreducible representation of Γ ,
- C_i is the exceptional component corresponding to R_i in the Dynkin diagram

Theorem (Gonzalez-Sprinberg; Verdier '83)

$c_1(V(R_i)) \in H^2(\tilde{S}, \mathbb{Z})$ is dual to the class $[C_i] \in H_2(\tilde{S}, \mathbb{Z})$

Going to higher dimension?

Finite subgroups in $SL(3, \mathbb{C})$ is done by Miller, Blichfeldt and Dickson (1916-1917), completed by Yau-Yu (1993)

- four infinite series of finite subgroups
- eight sporadic finite subgroups

PROBLEM: The notion of *minimal resolution* does not exist for higher dimension!

OBSERVATION: $\Gamma \subset SL(3)$, hence Γ preserves the volume form on $\mathbb{C}^3$, hence $\mathbb{C}^3/\Gamma$ has a nowhere vanishing volume form, i.e. its canonical sheaf is trivial (Calabi-Yau property).

Crepant resolution

Let $\Gamma \subset \mathrm{SL}(n)$ be a finite subgroup.

Definition

A resolution $\pi : Z \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n/\Gamma$ is said **crepant** if K_Z is trivial.

- For $\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma$, crepant resolution = minimal resolution, hence exists and unique!

Conjecture (Dixon, Harvey, Vafa, Witten 1985)

If $Z \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^3/\Gamma$ is a crepant resolution, then

$$\chi_{\mathrm{top}}(Z) = \# \text{ conjugacy classes of } \Gamma = |\mathrm{Irrd}(\Gamma)|.$$

Existence of crepant resolution

- For $n = 4$, $\mathbb{C}^4 / \pm 1$ has terminal singularities, hence it has no crepant resolution!
- In general, the crepant resolution is not unique (if exist).

Theorem (Ito, Markushevich, Reid, Roan 1994-1997)

For any $\Gamma \subset \mathrm{SL}(3)$ finite subgroup, $\mathbb{C}^3 / \Gamma$ admits a crepant resolution!

- The proof is a case-by-case construction.
- they verified physicists' Euler number conjecture for these resolutions (only)!

McKay correspondence à Reid

Conjecture (Reid 1992)

Let $\Gamma \subset \mathrm{SL}(n)$ be a finite subgroup and $Z \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n/\Gamma$ a crepant resolution. Then there exists “natural” bijections:

Irred. Rep. of $\Gamma \rightarrow$ a basis of $H^*(Z, \mathbb{Z})$

Conjugacy classes of $\Gamma \rightarrow$ a basis of $H_*(Z, \mathbb{Z})$

SLOGAN: representation theory of Γ = homology theory of Z .

Proof of Reid's conjecture

[Batyrev 1999] Reid's conjecture on Euler numbers holds, by using non-Archimedean integrals.

By using motivic integration of Kontsevich, we have

Theorem (Denef-Loeser 2002)

If $\pi : Z \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n/\Gamma$ is a crepant resolution, then the following holds in the completion of localised Grothendieck group of $\mathbb{C}$ -varieties.

$$[\pi^{-1}(0)] = \sum_{\gamma \in \text{Conj}(\Gamma)} \mathbb{L}^{n-\omega\gamma}$$

By using $\mathbb{C}^*$ -action, Z is homotopic to $\pi^{-1}(0)$, hence (co)homology of Z is determined by conjugacy classes of Γ .

Derived McKay correspondence

[Ito and Nakamura] introduced the Γ -Hilbert scheme as a preferred partial resolution of $\mathbb{C}^n/\Gamma$.

Let $N = |\Gamma|$, then $\Gamma - \text{Hilb}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ is the main component of $\text{Hilb}^N(\mathbb{C}^n)^\Gamma$.

Theorem (Bridgeland-King-Reid 2001)

Let $Z = \Gamma - \text{Hilb}(\mathbb{C}^3)$, then the natural map $\pi : Z \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^3/\Gamma$ is a crepant resolution, and we have

$$D^b(\text{Coh}(Z)) \simeq D^b(\text{Coh}^\Gamma(\mathbb{C}^3)).$$

The method only works for dim. 3. No similar results in higher dimension.

Multiplicative McKay correspondence

For a crepant resolution $Z \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n/\Gamma$, the group structure of $H^*(Z)$ is determined by Γ , but how to determine the ring structure of $H^*(Z)$?

- *Chen-Ruan, 2004* defined orbifold cohomology $H_{CR}^*([\mathbb{C}^n/\Gamma])$.
- $\exists$ quantum cohomology $QH_q^*(Z)$, a deformation of $H^*(Z)$.

Conjecture (Ruan's cohomological crepant resolution conjecture)

For a suitable choice of q_0 , we have $QH_{q_0}^(Z) \simeq H_{CR}^*([\mathbb{C}^n/\Gamma])$*

SLOGAN: string topology of $\mathbb{C}^n/\Gamma$ is part of quantum theory of Z .

Symplectic case

Assume $\Gamma \subset \mathrm{Sp}(2n)$ a finite subgroup.

- the quotient $\mathbb{C}^{2n}/\Gamma$ is symplectic on its smooth locus.
- Crepant resolution = symplectic resolution.
- Ruan conjectured there is no quantum correction.

Let $\pi : Z \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{2n}/\Gamma$ be a crepant resolution, then

Kaledin 2002: Reid's conjecture made explicit.

Ginzburg-Kaledin 2004: $H^*(Z) \simeq H_{CR}^*([\mathbb{C}^{2n}/\Gamma])$ as rings.

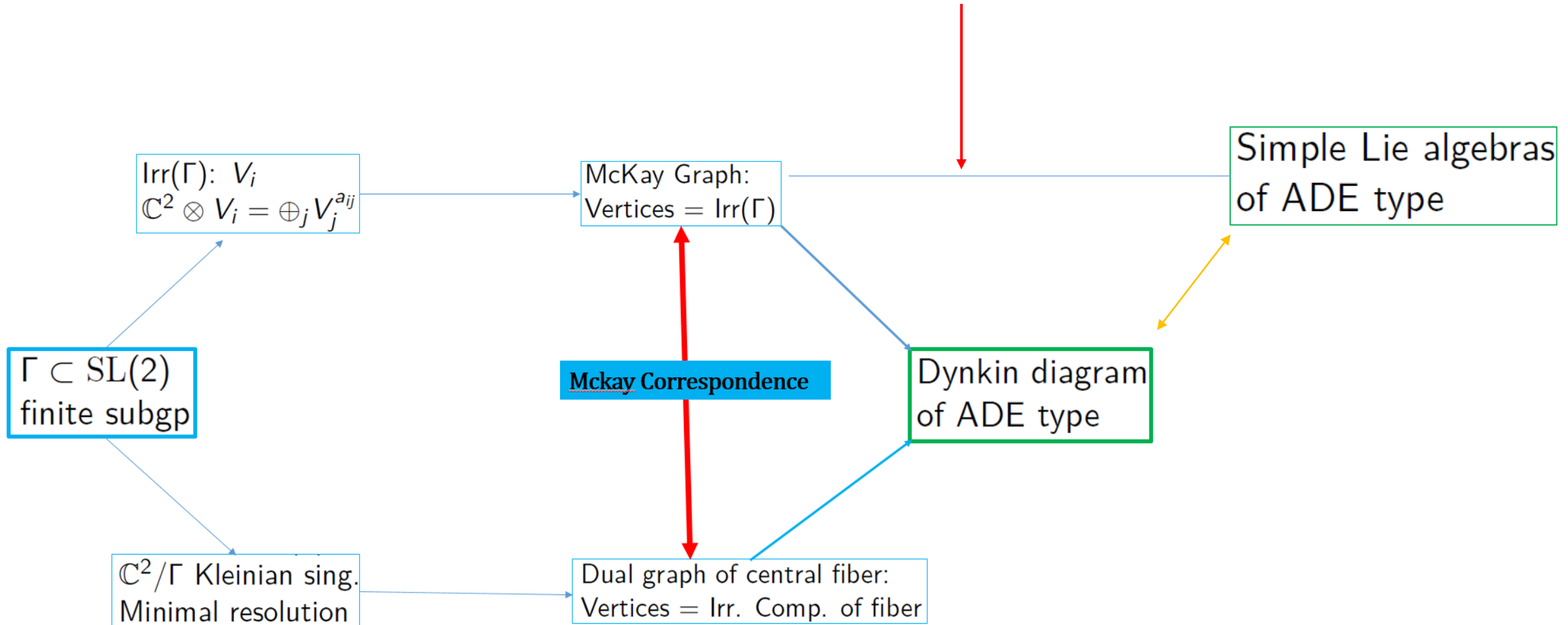
Bezrukavnikov-Kaledin 2004: $D^b(\mathrm{Coh}(Z)) \simeq D^b(\mathrm{Coh}^\Gamma(\mathbb{C}^{2n}))$.

More directions

- Global quotient X/Γ or orbifolds or DM-stacks...
- Motivic McKay correspondence on Chow groups/rings
- Crepant Resolution Conjecture for Donaldson-Thomas Invariants
- The Crepant Resolution Conjecture of Bryan-Graber-Ruan
- ...



McKay graphs are exactly affine Dynkin diagram of type ADE!
What's the relation of them with Lie algebras?



Nilpotent orbits

For classical types Nilpotent orbits = Conjugacy classes of nilpotent matrices

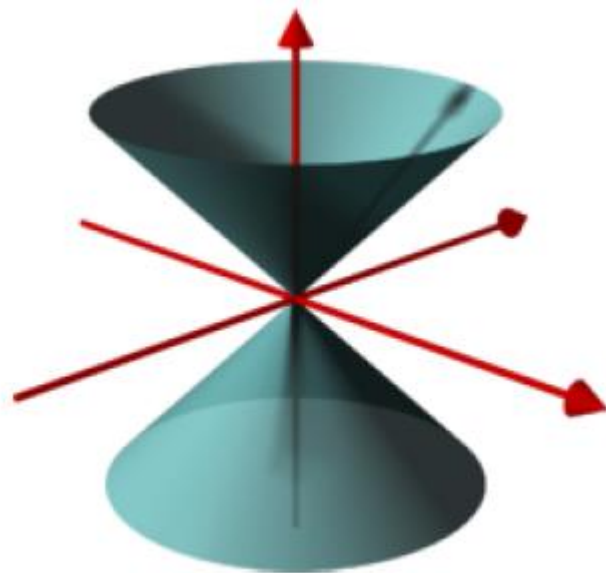
$$\left[\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & & \\ & \lambda & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

They are classified by sizes of Jordan blocks, i.e. partition of numbers

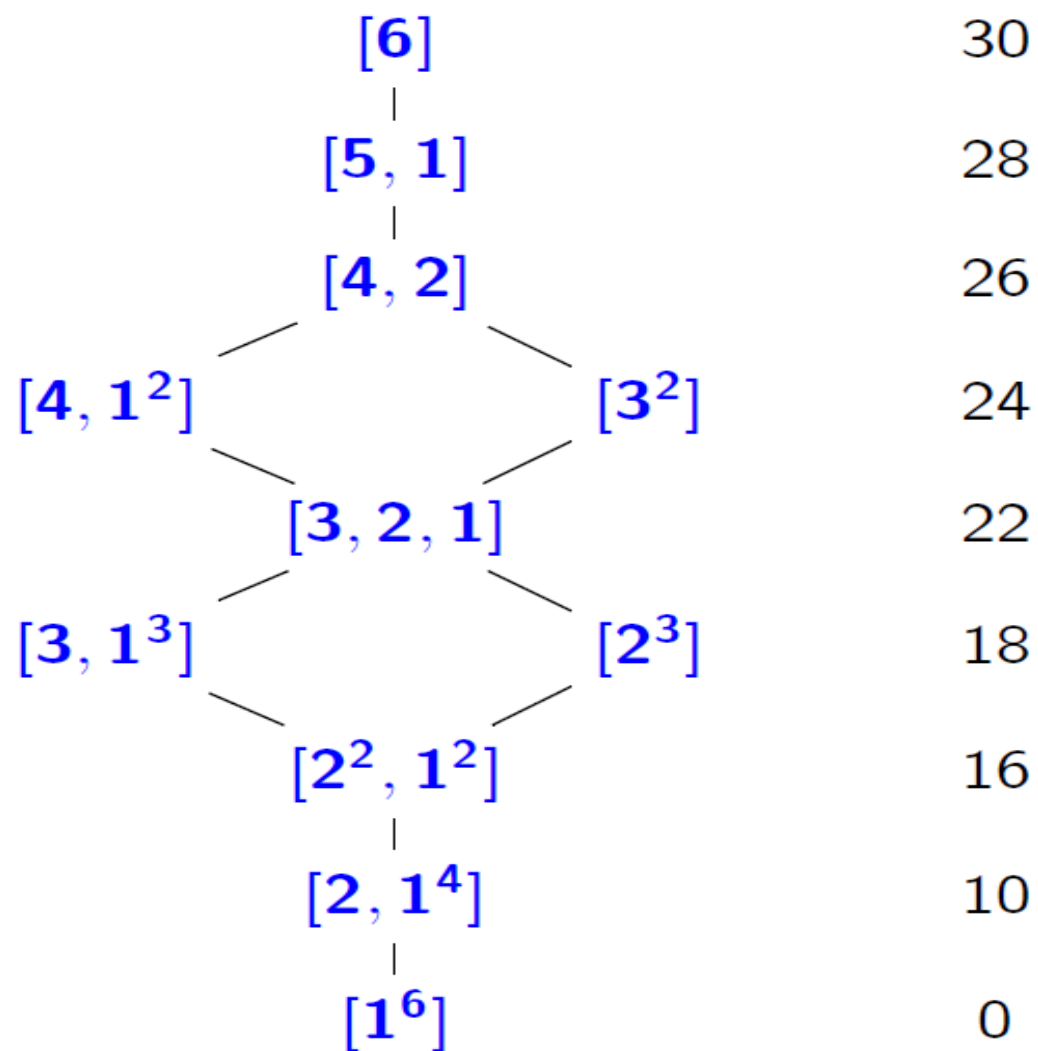
Let $A \in sl_2(\mathbb{C})$ be as

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & -a \end{pmatrix}$$

A is nilpotent iff $A^2 = 0$ iff $a^2 + bc = 0$. The nilpotent cone consists of two orbits: $[2], [1, 1]$.



Hasse diagram of A_5



Springer resolutions

Let $\mathcal{N} \subset \mathfrak{g}$ be the nilpotent cone. Springer showed that the moment of $T^*(G/B)$ gives a resolution $\pi : T^*(G/B) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$.

Let $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}(n)$, then G/B is the complete flag variety

$$F = \{(V_1 \subset V_2 \subset \cdots \subset V_{n-1} \subset \mathbb{C}^n) \mid \dim V_i = i\}.$$

$$T^*F \simeq \{(V_\bullet, A) \in F \times \mathfrak{sl}(n) \mid A(V_i) \subset V_{i-1}\}$$

$\downarrow$
 $\mathcal{N}$

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Fibers over subregular orbits

- $\mathcal{N} = \{A \in \mathfrak{sl}(n) | A^n = 0\}$
- $\mathcal{O}_{[n]} = \{A \in \mathcal{N} | \text{rk}(A) = n - 1\}$
- $\mathcal{O}_{[n-1,1]} = \{A \in \mathcal{N} | \text{rk}(A) = n - 2\}$
- $\mathcal{N}$ is smooth along $\mathcal{O}_{[n]}$ and $\bar{\mathcal{O}}_{[n-1,1]}$ is its singular locus.

For $A \in \mathcal{O}_{[n-1,1]}$, its fiber $\pi^{-1}(A) = \{V_{\bullet} \in F | AV_i \subset V_{i-1}\}$.

$AV_i \subset V_{i-1}$ hence, $A^i V_i = 0$ and $A^{n-i} V_n \subset V_i$.

$$\text{Im}(A^{n-i}) \subseteq V_i \subseteq \text{Ker}(A^i)$$

$$\dim = i - 1$$

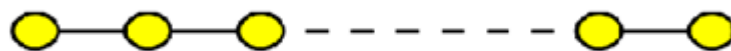
$$\dim = i + 1$$

It turns out $\pi^{-1}(A)$ consists of $n - 1$ copies of $\mathbb{P}^1$, given by

$$L_k := \{\text{Im}(A^{n-1}) \subset \text{Im}(A^{n-2}) \subset \cdots \text{Im}(A^k) \subset V_{n-k} \subset \text{Ker}(A^{n-k}) \subset \cdots \text{Ker}(A^{n-2}) \subset \mathbb{C}^n$$

Observation: $L_k \cap L_j$ is one point if $|k - j| = 1$ and empty otherwise.

Its dual graph is:



Dynkin diagram again!

Simply-laced cases



Egbert Valentin Brieskorn
(7/07/1936–11/07/2013)

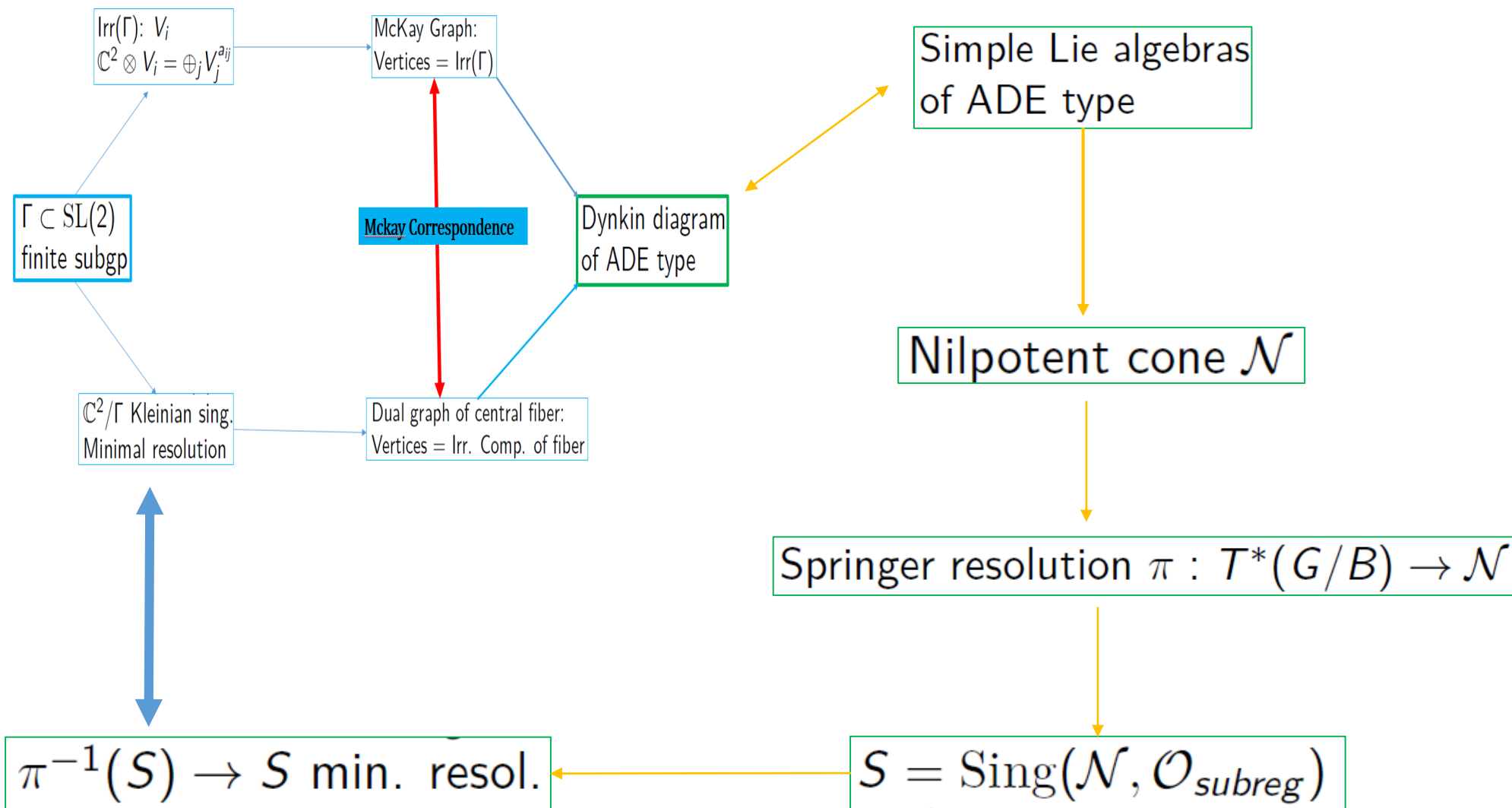
The singular locus of $\mathcal{N}$ is of codimension 2, the closure of $\mathcal{O}_{\text{subreg}}$.

Theorem (Brieskorn, 1970)

Suppose that $\mathfrak{g}$ is simple of *ADE* type. Then

$$\text{Sing}(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{O}_{\text{subreg}})$$

is a simple surface singularity of the same type.



Non simply-laced cases

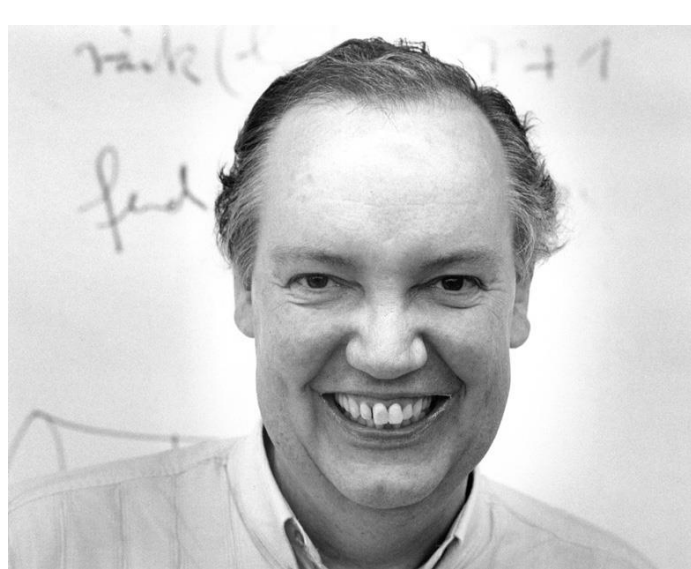
Slodowy explained what happens for non simply-laced types:

$$B_n = A_{2n-1}^+ := A_{2n-1} \text{ with } \mathfrak{S}_2\text{-action}$$

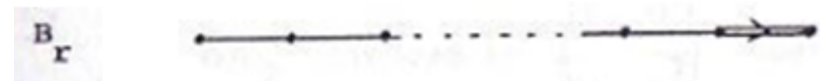
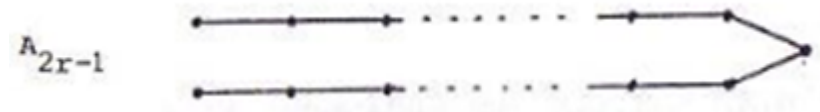
$$C_n = D_{n+1}^+ := D_{n+1} \text{ with } \mathfrak{S}_2\text{-action}$$

$$F_4 = E_6^+ := E_6 \text{ with } \mathfrak{S}_2\text{-action}$$

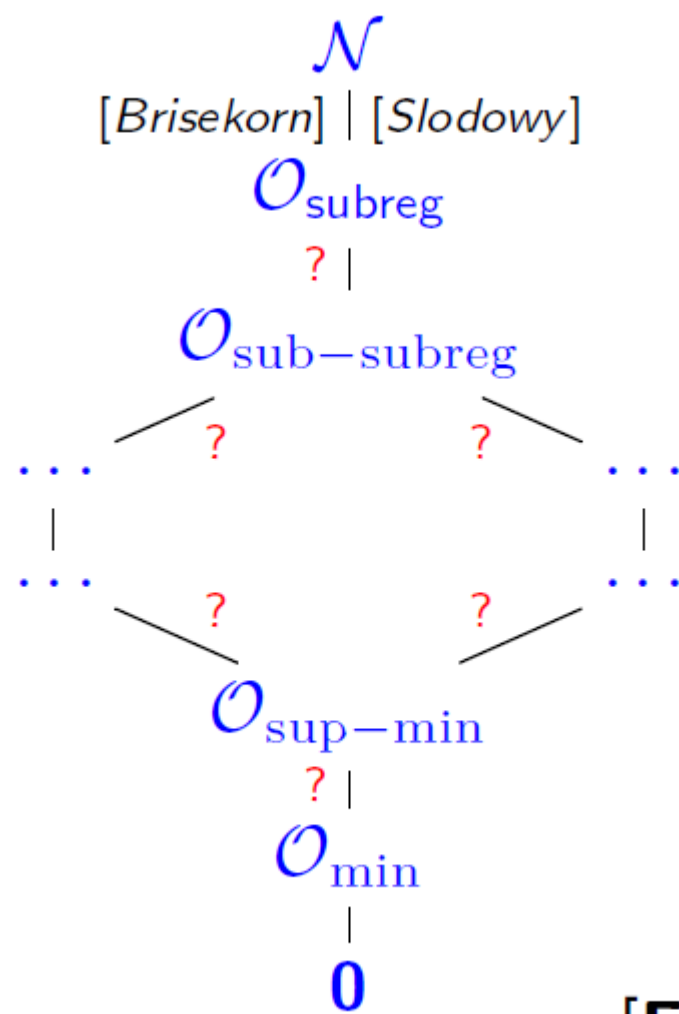
$$G_2 = D_4^{++} := D_4 \text{ with } \mathfrak{S}_3\text{-action}$$



Peter Slodowy
(12/10/1948-19/11/2002)



Singularities of nilp. orbits

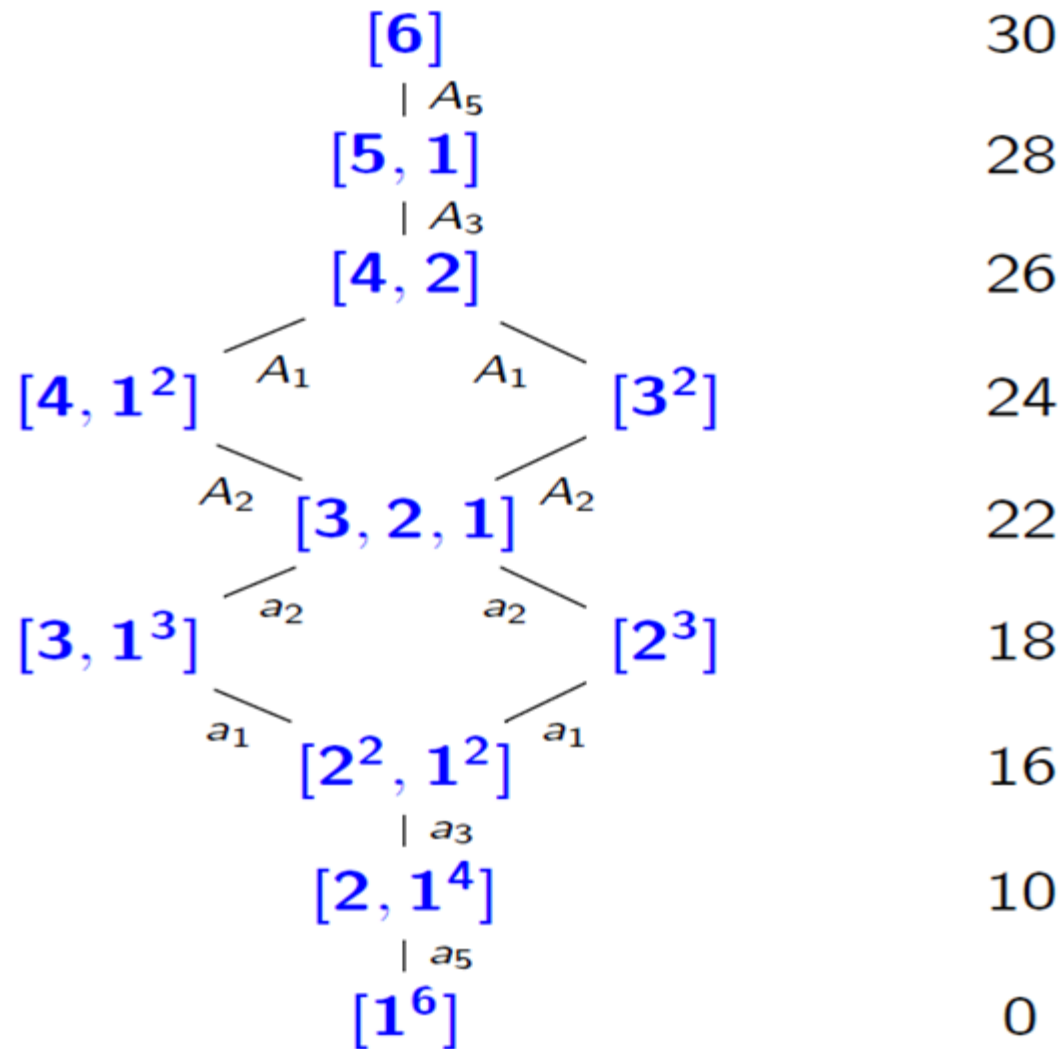


[Kraft-Procesi] Case of all classical types

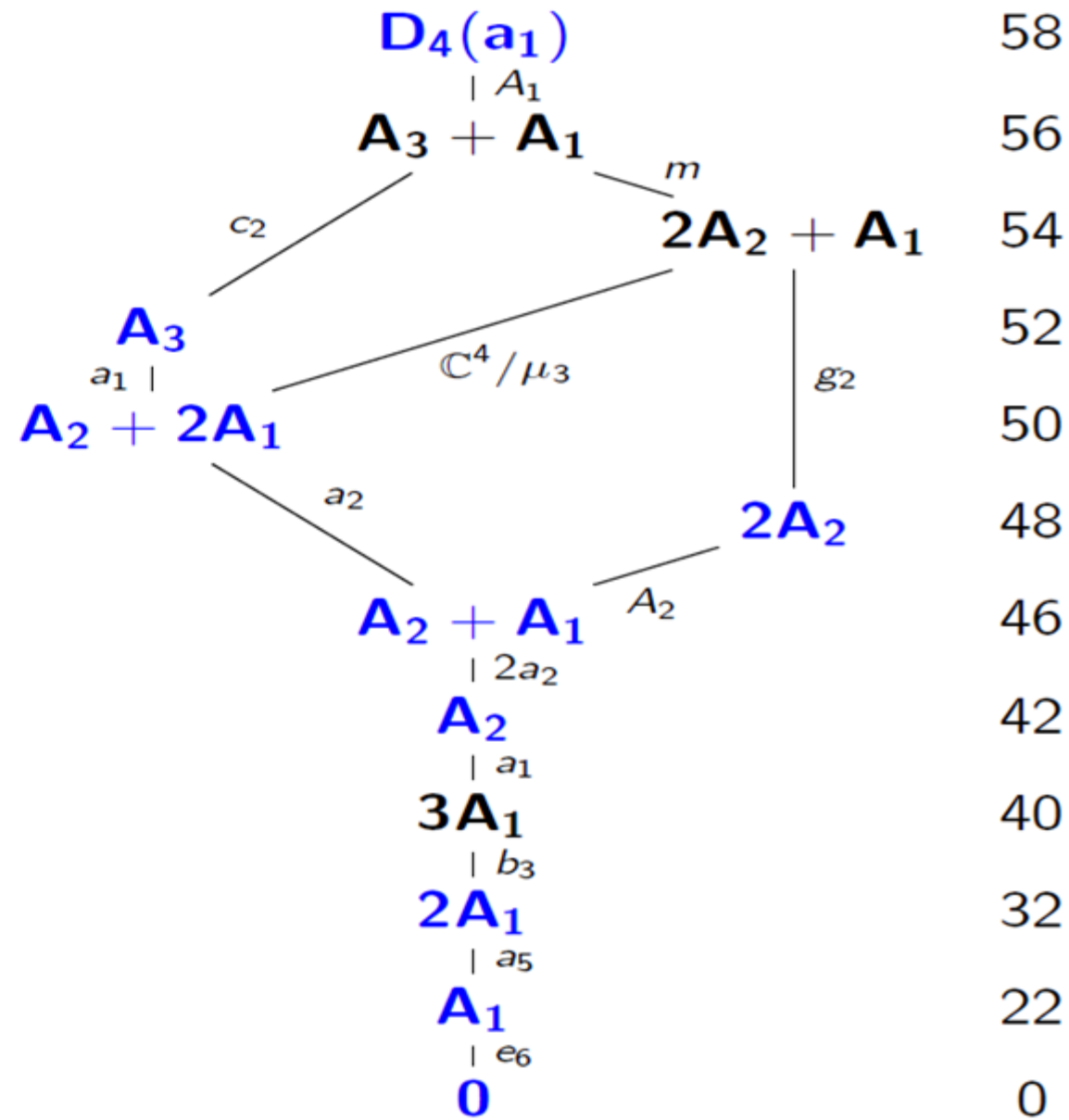
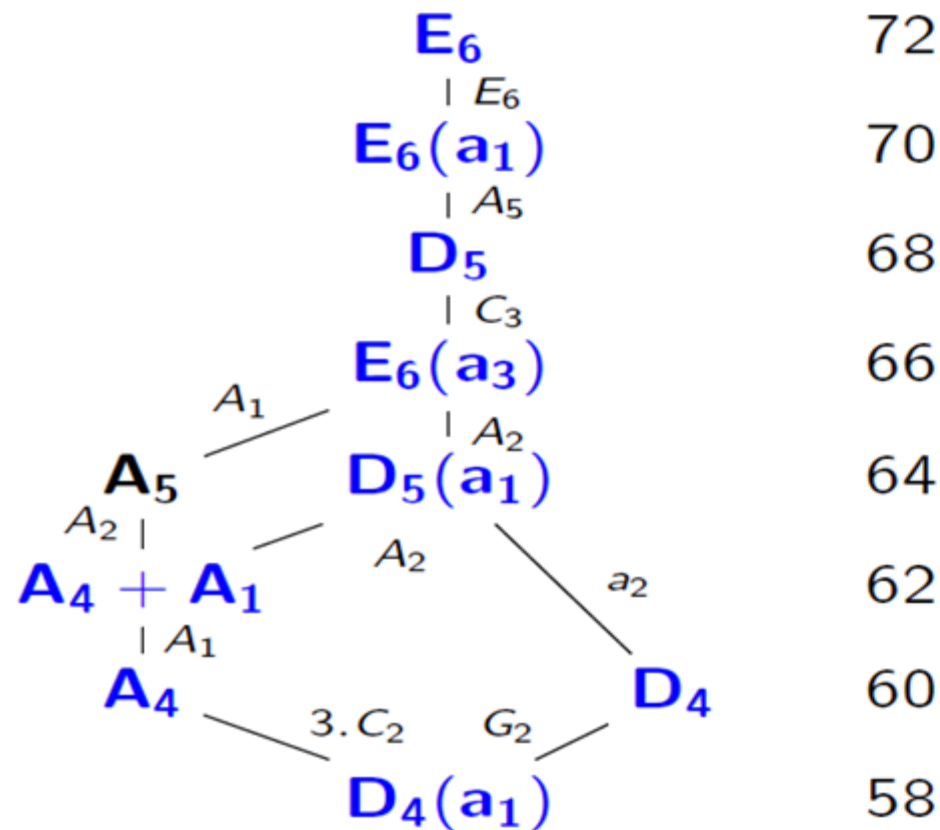
[Kraft] Case of $\mathfrak{g}_2$.

[Fu-Juteau-Levy-Sommers] All exceptional types.

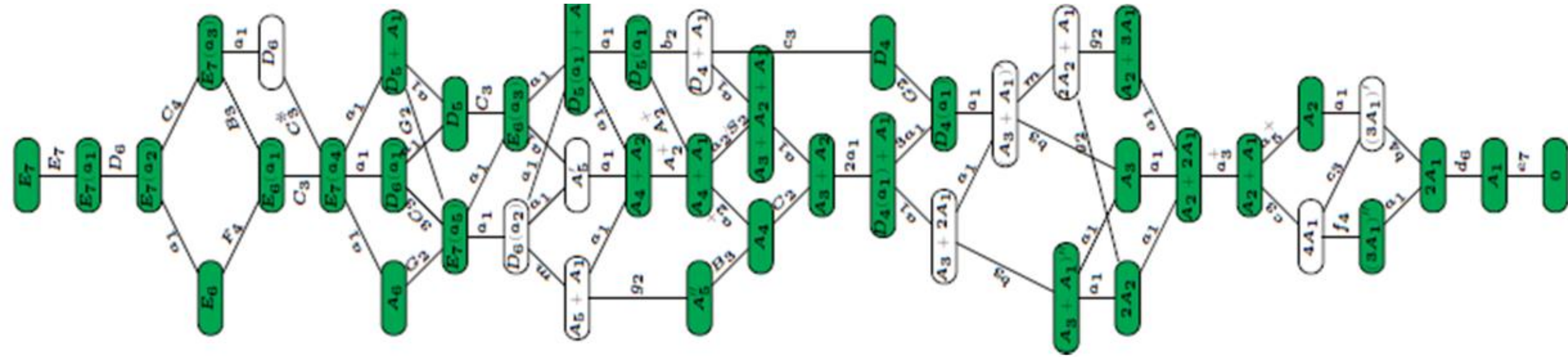
Example A_5 (Kraft-Procesi)



Example: E_6 (FJLS)



E_7 (FJLS)

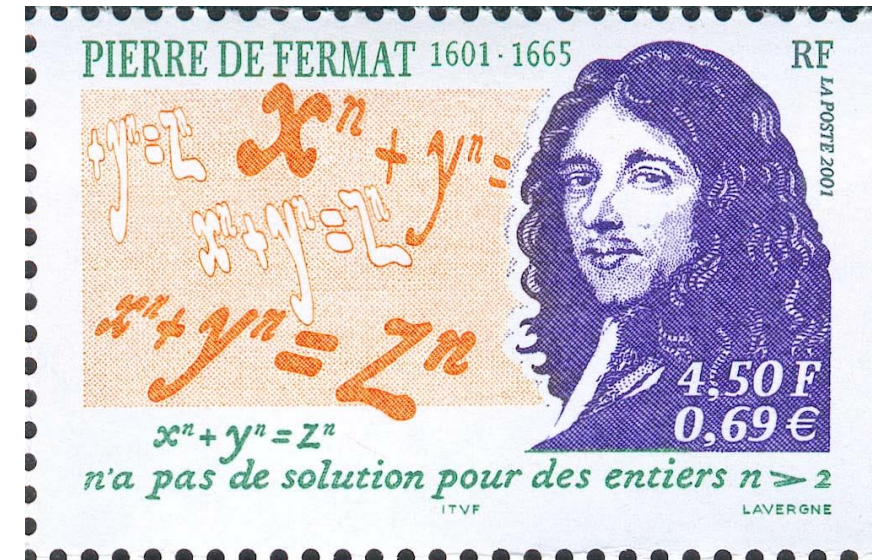


$E_8?$



Pierre de Fermat
(17/08/1601-12/01/1665)

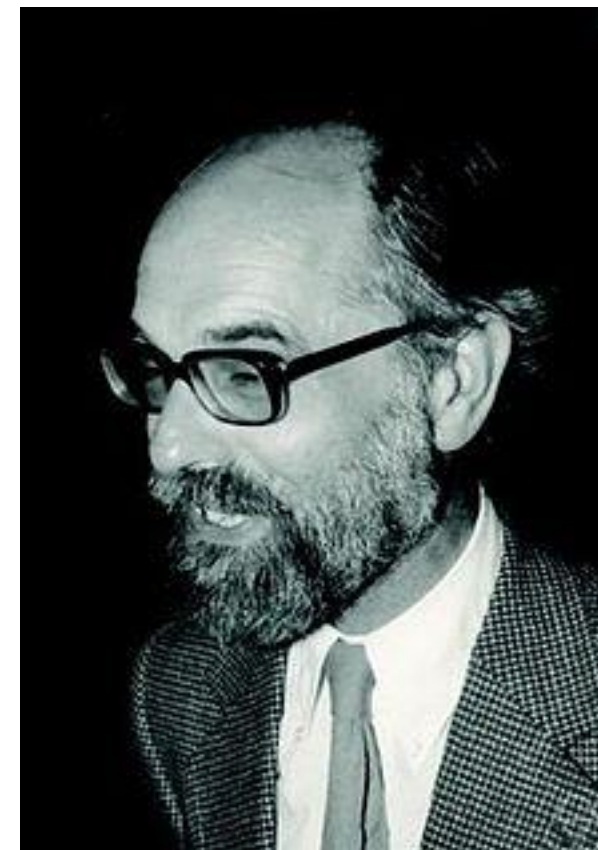
I have discovered a truly marvelous *picture* of this, which this margin is too narrow to contain.



Springer fibers

- Consider the Springer resolution $\pi : T^*(G/B) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$.
- For $e \in \mathcal{N}$, denote by $\mathcal{B}_e = \pi^{-1}(e)$, called *Springer fiber*.

- $\mathcal{B}_e$ is connected by Zariski's main theorem ($\mathcal{N}$ is normal).
- Spaltenstein: $\mathcal{B}_e$ is of pure dim. $= \frac{1}{2}(\dim \mathcal{N} - \dim G \cdot e)$.
- $\mathcal{B}_e$ can have many components with very complicated configuration.



Tonny Albert Springer
(13/02/1926 – 7/12/2011)

Springer correspondence

$G \times \mathbb{C}^*$ acts on $\mathcal{N}$, hence its stabilizer $\tilde{G}_e$ acts on $\mathcal{B}_e$.
Let $A_e = \pi_0(\tilde{G}_e)$, a finite group, which acts on $H^*(\mathcal{B}_e)$.

Decomposition into irred. representations:

$$H^*(\mathcal{B}_e) = \bigoplus_{\rho \in \text{Irr}(A_e)} V_{\rho} \otimes H^*(\mathcal{B}_e)_{\rho}$$

$H^*(\mathcal{B}_e)_{\rho}$ is the ρ -isotypical component.

Write $H(\mathcal{B}_e) = H_{\text{top}}(\mathcal{B}_e)$, the subgroup generated by irreducible components of $\mathcal{B}_e$. A_e acts on it by permuting components via monodromy.

Theorem (Springer 1976)

The group $H(\mathcal{B}_e)$ is naturally a representation of the Weyl group W , and

- 1) $H(\mathcal{B}_e)_\rho$ (if non-zero) is an irred. rep. of W .*
- 2) Any irred. rep. of W arises from this way.*
- 3) Get an injection*

$$\text{Irr}(W) \rightarrow \{(\text{nilp. orbits, Irred. Rep. of component groups})\}$$

Special case: $\mathfrak{sl}(n)$

In this case, $W = \mathcal{S}_n$.

A_e is in general not trivial, but only trivial rep. in $\text{Irr}(W)$ appears.
The Springer correspondence reads: $H(\mathcal{B}_e)$ is an irreducible representation of $\mathcal{S}_n$. This gives the correspondence

$$\text{Conj}(\mathcal{S}_n) \leftrightarrow \text{Partitions of } n \leftrightarrow \{H(\mathcal{B}_e) | \mathcal{O}_e \text{ nilp. orbit}\} \leftrightarrow \text{Irr}(\mathcal{S}_n)$$

- $[n] \leftrightarrow$ trivial representation
- $[n-1, 1] \leftrightarrow$ reflection representation
- $[1^n] \leftrightarrow$ sign representation

Steinberg variety

The Steinberg variety is defined by $Z := T^*(G/B) \times_{\mathcal{N}} T^*(G/B)$

$$\textbf{Fact: } Z = \sqcup_{w \in W} T_{Y_w}^*(G/B \times G/B)$$

$$p_{ij} : T^*(G/B) \times_{\mathcal{N}} T^*(G/B) \times_{\mathcal{N}} T^*(G/B) \rightarrow Z$$

Convolution algebra structure on $H^*(Z)$:

$$H^*(Z) \times H^*(Z) \rightarrow H^*(Z)$$

$$(\alpha, \beta) \mapsto (p_{13})_*(p_{12}^* \alpha \cdot p_{23}^* \beta)$$

Need Borel-Moore (co)homology

Example: $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$

The Steinberg variety $Z = T^*\mathbb{P}^1 \times_{\mathcal{N}} T^*\mathbb{P}^1$ has two components: $\Delta_{T^*\mathbb{P}^1}, \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$. The group $H(Z)$ is of dimension 2, generated by $[\Delta_{T^*\mathbb{P}^1}], [\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1]$

Convolution product:

- $[\Delta_{T^*\mathbb{P}^1}]$ acts as identity.
- $[\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1] \cdot [\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1] = -2[\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1]$

If we set $T = [\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1] + [\Delta_{T^*\mathbb{P}^1}]$, then $T \cdot T = [\Delta_{T^*\mathbb{P}^1}]$.

This gives an isomorphism of algebras: $H(Z) \simeq \mathbb{C}[\mathcal{S}_2]$.

Note: Although $H(Z)$ is parametrized by W (so as $\mathbb{C}[W]$), but the algebra isomorphism is not the trivial one!

Lagrangian construction of the Weyl group

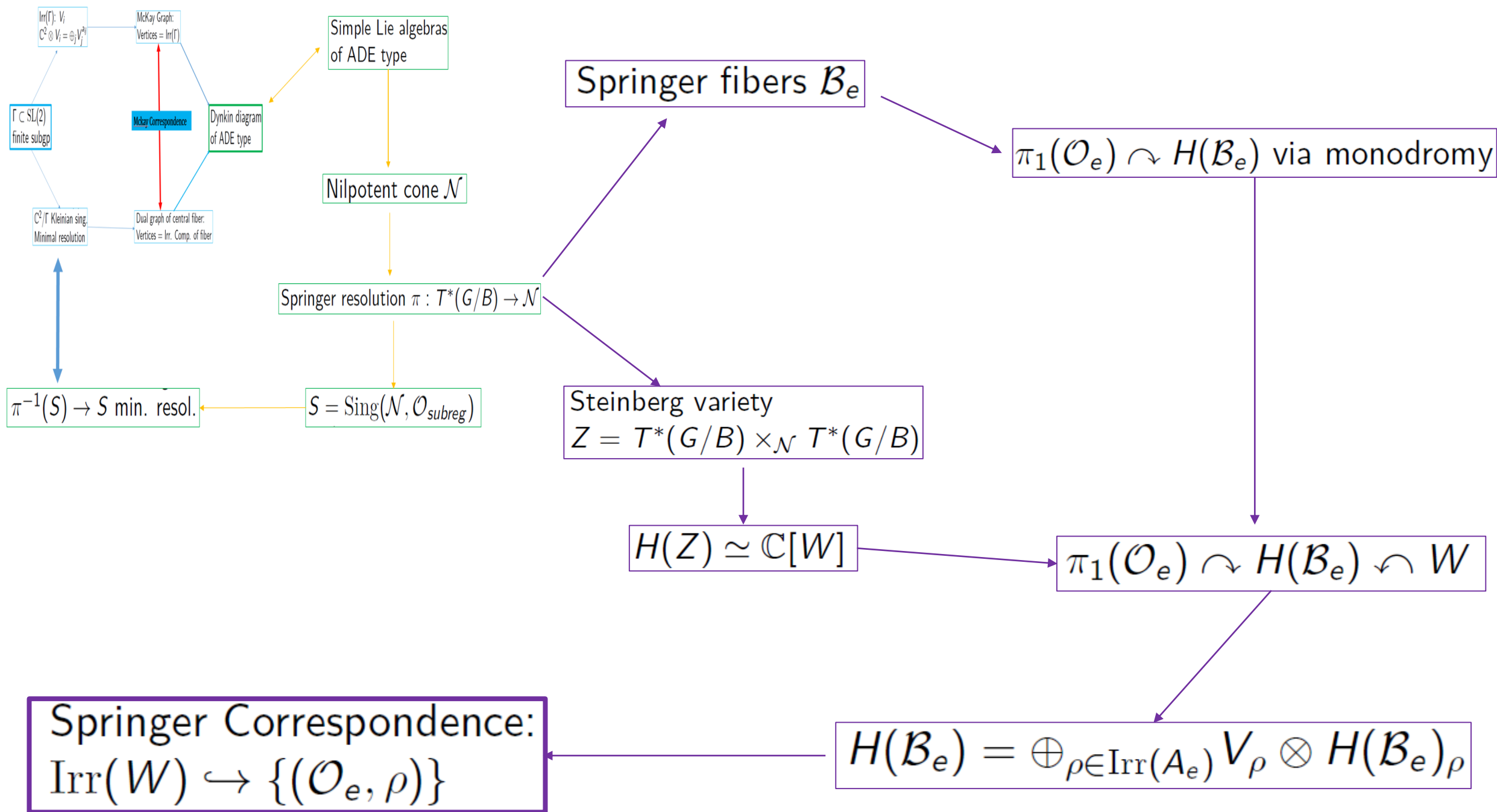
Theorem (Ginzburg)

There exists a canonical isomorphism of algebras:

$$H(Z) \simeq \mathbb{C}[W]$$

Note that as correspondences, we have $Z \circ \mathcal{B}_e = \mathcal{B}_e = \mathcal{B}_e \circ Z$.

This shows that $H^*(\mathcal{B}_e)$ has a $H(Z)$ -bi-module structure! This is why W acts on $H^*(\mathcal{B}_e)$!



Mosaic on perverse sheaves

- $D^b(X) \subset D^b(\mathrm{Sh}(X))$: full subcategory of constructible complexes
- Perverse sheaf $\mathcal{F} \in D^b(X)$ such that

$$\dim \mathrm{supp} H^i(\mathcal{F}) \leq -i, \quad \dim \mathrm{supp} H^i(\mathcal{F}^\vee) \leq -i$$

- $\mathrm{Perv}(X) \subset D^b(X)$: full subcategory of perverse sheaves
- Simple objects in $\mathrm{Perv}(X)$ are called *Intersection complexes*, denoted by $\mathrm{IC}(\bar{Y}, \mathcal{L})$.
- $\mathrm{IC}(\bar{Y}, \mathcal{L})$ is an extension of the local system $\mathcal{L}$ on (smooth) Y . Deligne has a construction via push forward and truncations.

Convolution algebra is Yoneda product

Let $\mu : M \rightarrow N$ be a proper map with M smooth of dimension d .
Let $\mathcal{C}_M = \mathbb{C}_M[d]$ Let $Z = M \times_N M$, then

Theorem

There exists a (non-necessarily grading preserving) isomorphism of algebras:

$$H_*(Z) \simeq \operatorname{Ext}_{D^b(N)}^*(\mu_*\mathcal{C}_M, \mu_*\mathcal{C}_M).$$

The LHS is the convolution algebra, and RHS is the Yoneda products.

Problem: Compute the push-forward $\mu_*\mathcal{C}_M$.

Decomposition theorem

Theorem (Deligne 1968,1972)

Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a smooth proper morphism, then

- $Rf_*\mathbb{Q}_X \simeq \bigoplus_{q \geq 0} R^q f_*\mathbb{Q}_X[-q]$
- *the sheaves $R^q f_*\mathbb{Q}_X$ are semi-simple local systems.*

Theorem (Beilinson-Bernstein-Deligne, Gabber)

Let $\mu : M \rightarrow N$ be a projective morphism and $X \subset M$ a smooth locally closed subvariety. Then in $D^b(N)$, we have

$$\mu_*\mathrm{IC}(\bar{X}, \mathbb{C}_X) = \bigoplus_{(i, Y, \chi)} L_{Y, \chi}(i) \otimes \mathrm{IC}(\bar{Y}, \chi)[i].$$

- Y : *locally closed subvariety of N*
- χ : *an irred. local system on Y*
- $L_{Y, \chi}(i)$: *finite dim. vector spaces*

Semismall morphisms

A morphism $\mu : X \rightarrow Y$ is called *semismall* if there exists a stratification $Y = \sqcup Y_\alpha$ such that

- (i) $\mu^{-1}(Y_\alpha) \rightarrow Y_\alpha$ is locally trivial topological fibration
- (ii) $2\text{codim}\mu^{-1}(Y_\alpha) \geq \text{codim} Y_\alpha$.

Relevant strata: Y_α such that $2\text{codim}\mu^{-1}(Y_\alpha) = \text{codim} Y_\alpha$.

Theorem (Borho-MacPherson 1981)

Assume $\mu : X \rightarrow Y$ is semismall with X smooth irreducible, then

$$\mu_*(\mathcal{C}_X) = \bigoplus_{\phi=(\alpha, \chi_\phi)} L_\phi \otimes \text{IC}(\bar{Y}_\alpha, \chi_\phi),$$

where α is such that Y_α is relevant, L_ϕ is a vector space and χ_ϕ is an irreducible local system.

Question: What is L_α ?

- View the irreducible local system χ_ϕ as an irred. rep. χ of $\pi_1(Y_\alpha)$.
- Let $F_\alpha \subset X$ be the fiber of μ over a point of Y_α .
- $\pi_1(Y_\alpha)$ acts on $H(F_\alpha \subset X)$ by monodromy, hence gives

$$H(F_\alpha) = \bigoplus_{\chi \in \text{Irr}(\pi_1(Y_\alpha))} H(F_\alpha)_\chi$$

$$L_\phi = H(F_\alpha)_\chi$$

Corollary

Let $\mu : X \rightarrow Y$ be a semismall proj. morphism. Let $Z = X \times_Y X$, then

$$H(Z) \simeq \bigoplus_{\phi=(\alpha, \chi_\phi)} \text{End}(H(F_\alpha)_\chi).$$

Symplectic resolutions are semismall

A *symplectic resolution* is a proj. resolution $\mu : X \rightarrow Y$ such that X is symplectic.

- They are crepant resolutions.
- Springer resolution is a symplectic resolution.

Theorem (Kaledin 2006)

Symplectic resolutions are semismall.

Springer correspondence again

- The Springer resolution $\pi : T^*(G/B) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ is semismall.
- The Springer fibers are denoted by $\mathcal{B}_x$.
- The Steinberg variety is $Z := T^*(G/B) \times_{\mathcal{N}} T^*(G/B)$.
- As algebras, we have $H(Z) \simeq \mathbb{C}[W]$.

By previous results, we have

$$\mathbb{C}[W] \simeq \bigoplus_{(x,\rho)} \text{End}(H(\mathcal{B}_x)_\rho),$$

where $x \in \mathcal{N}$ runs over nilpotent orbits, and ρ is an irred. representation of $\pi_1(\mathcal{O}_x)$.

Further developments

- Consider the union of symplectic resolutions

$$\bigsqcup_{\underline{d} | d_1 + \dots + d_n = N} T^* \mathcal{F}_{\underline{d}} \rightarrow X := \{A \in \mathfrak{sl}(N) | A^n = 0\}.$$

This gives geometrical construction of the universal enveloping algebra of $\mathfrak{sl}(n)$. The fiber homology $H(\mathcal{F}_x)$ gives all simple $\mathfrak{sl}(n)$ -modules.

- **Lusztig 1988**: Equivariant cohomology: on $H_{\tilde{G}_e}^*(\mathcal{B}_e)$, there exists an action of graded affine Hecke algebra.
- **Kazhdan-Lusztig 1987**: On the $\tilde{G}_e$ -equivariant K -group of $\mathcal{B}_e$, there exists an action of the affine Hecke algebra.

McKay vs. Springer

McKay

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z & \supset & Z_0 \quad \text{central fiber} \\ \pi \downarrow \text{crepant} & & \downarrow \\ \mathbb{C}^n / \Gamma & \ni & 0 \end{array}$$

(co)Homology of Z (or Z_0)
is determined by Γ

Springer

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T^*(G/B) & \supset & B_x \quad \text{Springer fibers} \\ \mu \downarrow \text{symplectic} & & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{N} & \ni & x \end{array}$$

irred. rep. of Weyl gp W are
given by (top) homologies of B_x .

McKay meets Springer?

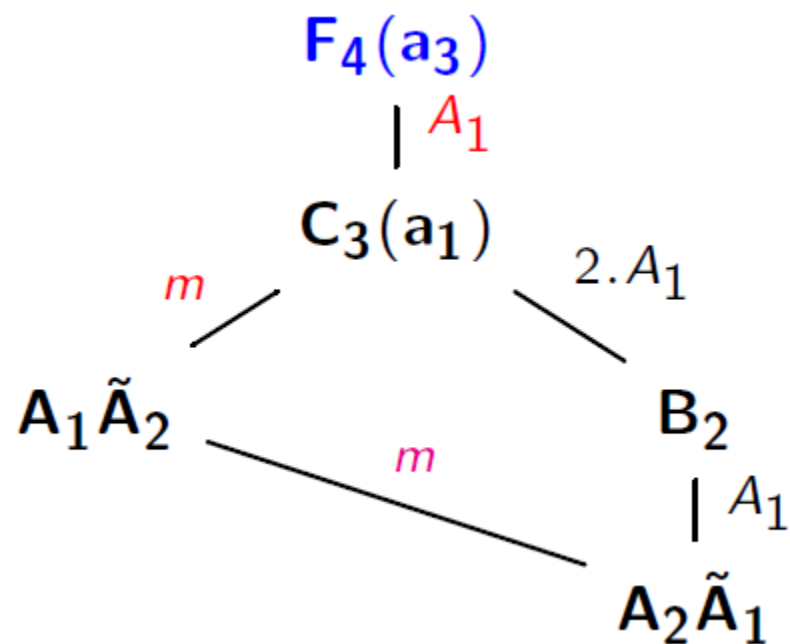
- Let $\Gamma \subset SL(2)$ be a finite subgroup and $S := \mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma$
- Let $\tilde{S} \rightarrow S$ be the minimal resolution.
- The Hilbert-Chow resolution gives a crepant (and symplectic) resolution:

$$\mathrm{Hilb}^{[n]}(\tilde{S}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Sym}^n(\tilde{S}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Sym}^n(S) = \mathbb{C}^{2n}/(\Gamma \wr \mathcal{S}_n)$$

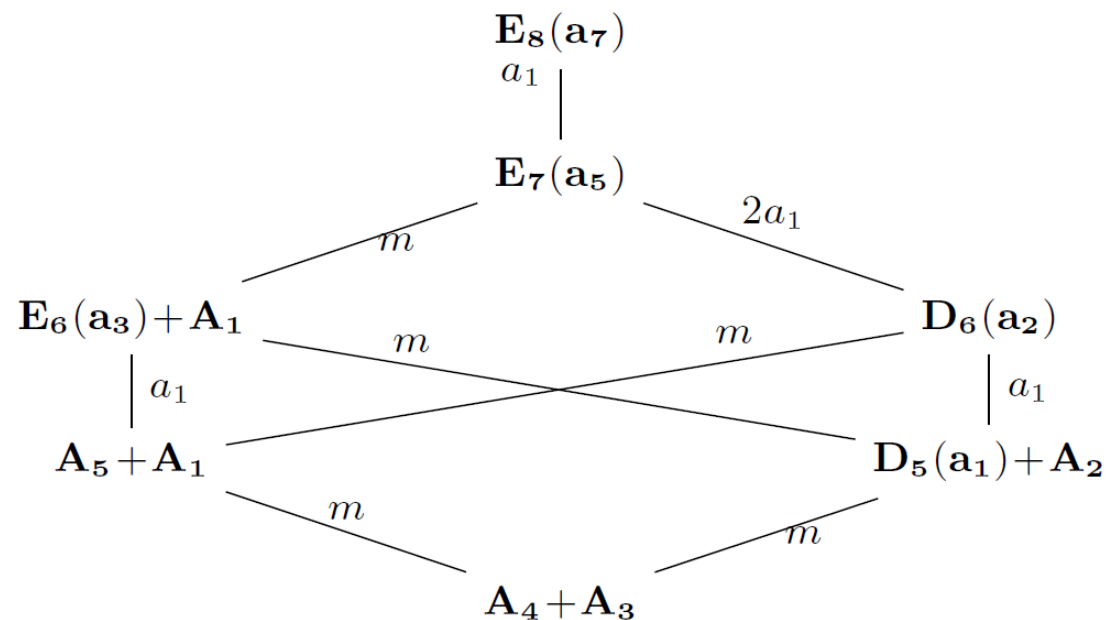
[Fu 2007] $\mathrm{Sym}^2(\mathbb{C}^2/\pm 1)$ is isomorphic to the transverse slice from $\mathcal{O}_{[2,2,2]}$ to $\mathcal{O}_{[4,2]}$ in $\mathfrak{sp}(6)$!

Then the crepant resolution of $\mathrm{Sym}^2(\mathbb{C}^2/\pm 1)$ coincides with the Springer resolution of $\mathcal{O}_{[4,2]}$ restricting to this slice!

More examples (FJLS)



Slice isomorphic to $(\mathbb{C}^3 \oplus (\mathbb{C}^3)^*)/\mathcal{S}_4$



Slice isomorphic to $(\mathbb{C}^4 \oplus (\mathbb{C}^4)^*)/\mathcal{S}_5$

Thanks!

