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BPS Lie algebra action on the cohomology of Nakajima quiver varieties

$\mathbb{Q}$  quiver  $\rightsquigarrow$  Kac-Moody algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{Q}}$  generators and relations  
 representation theory: highest weight modules  
 $\rightarrow$  Verma modules  
 $\rightarrow$  simple quotient.

Nakajima 90's: geometric realisation of the rep. of  $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{Q}}$  by means of "quiver varieties"  
 $\uparrow$  noncompact Hyperkähler varieties.

A Generalised Kac-Moody algebras

$\mathfrak{h}$   $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector space,  $(-, -) : \mathfrak{h} \times \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  bilinear form

$\Phi^+ \subset \mathfrak{h}$  set of positive roots

Assumptions:  $(h_i, h_i) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\leq 0} \quad \forall \quad i \neq i' \in \Phi^+$

$(h_i, h_i) \in 2\mathbb{Z}_{\leq -1}$

$\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{Q}} = \bigoplus_{i \in \Phi^+} \mathfrak{g}_i$   $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector space, "space of positive Chevalley generators".  
 each  $\mathfrak{g}_i$  is  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded.

Define  $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{Q}}$  as the Lie algebra generated by

$$\mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathfrak{g}^{\vee}$$

with the relations

$$* [h, h'] = 0 \quad \forall h, h' \in \mathfrak{h}$$

$$* [h, \alpha_i^\vee] = \pm (h, h_i) \alpha_i^\vee \quad \alpha_i^\vee \in \mathfrak{g}_i^\vee$$

$$* [\alpha_i, \alpha_j^\vee] = \delta_{ij} \alpha_j^\vee(\alpha_i) h_i$$

$$* [\alpha_i, -]^{1 - (h_i, h_j)} (\alpha_j^\vee) = 0 \quad \text{if } (h_i, h_j) = 0 \text{ or } (h_i, h_i) = 2.$$

Serre relations

### Trichotomy of roots

$h_i, i \in \Phi^+$  come in 3 kinds

- real:  $(h_i, h_i) = 2$

- isotropic:  $(h_i, h_i) = 0$
- hyperbolic:  $(h_i, h_i) < 0$

] imaginary.

Many facts true for semisimple Lie algebras remain true for GDM algebras.

- triangular decomposition  $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathfrak{g}} = \pi_{\mathfrak{g}}^+ \oplus \mathfrak{h} \oplus \pi_{\mathfrak{g}}^-$

$\swarrow$   $\langle \mathfrak{g} \rangle$                        $\searrow$   $\langle \mathfrak{g}^\vee \rangle$

- $\pi_{\mathfrak{g}}^+$  is gen. by  $\mathfrak{g}$  w/ Serre relations only.

Goal of the talk: \* explaining how such Lie algebras arise from geometry.

\* These Lie algebras act on the cohomology of highly relevant moduli spaces.

Examples of GKM -  $Q = (Q_0, Q_1)$  quiver

$$h = \mathbb{Q}^{Q_0}$$

$Q_0$  vertices

$Q_1$  arrows :  $s, t: Q_1 \rightarrow Q_0$  source and target

$$s(\alpha) \xrightarrow{\alpha} t(\alpha)$$

$$(d, e) = \chi_Q(d, e) + \chi_Q(e, d)$$

$$= 2 \sum_{i \in Q_0} d_i e_i - \sum_{\alpha \in Q_1} (d_{s(\alpha)} e_{t(\alpha)} + e_{t(\alpha)} d_{s(\alpha)})$$

symmetrised Euler form of  $Q$

①  $Q$  has no loops

$$\phi_+ = \mathbb{Q}$$

$$y_i = \mathbb{Q} \quad i \in Q_0$$

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$\mathfrak{g}_{\text{KM}} =: \mathfrak{g}_{\mathcal{Q}}$  is the Kac-Moody algebra classically associated with  $Q$

subexample :  $Q$  is Dynkin ADE :  $\mathfrak{g}_{\text{KM}}$  is the semisimple Lie algebra associated to  $Q$

A  $\mathfrak{sl}_n$

D  $\mathfrak{so}(2n)$

E exceptional

②  $Q = \bullet \rightarrow \bullet$

$$\phi_+ = \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1} \subset \mathbb{Q} =: h$$

$$y_n = \mathbb{Q}[2] \quad \forall n \geq 1$$

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$\mathfrak{g}_{\text{KM}} = \text{Heis}$

Heisenberg Lie algebra acting on the cohomology of Hilbert schemes of points on  $\mathbb{C}^2$

infinite dimensional.

# B Cohomological Hall algebras and BPS algebras

2CY Abelian categories  $\mathcal{A}$

Keep an example in mind-

geometric: \*  $C$  smooth projective curve,  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$  slope

$\mathcal{A} =$  semistable Higgs bundles of slope  $\mu$  on  $C$

$(\mathcal{F}, \theta)$   $\mathcal{F}$  coh. sheaf on  $C$

$\theta: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \otimes \Omega_C^1$  Higgs field.

\*  $\mathcal{A} = \text{Coh}_{\uparrow}^{\text{H-st}}(S)$

$S$  symplectic surface

$H$  polarisation

$\uparrow$  reduced Hilbert polynomial.

algebraic:  $\mathcal{A} = \text{Rep } \Pi_Q$

rep. of the preprojective algebra of  $Q$



$\mathbb{C}\bar{Q} =$  path algebra of  $\bar{Q}$

$$\rho = \sum_{\alpha \in Q_1} [\alpha, \alpha^*]$$

$$\Pi_Q = \mathbb{C}\bar{Q} / \langle \rho \rangle$$

Topological:  $\mathcal{A} = \text{Rep } \pi_1(C, x) \quad x \in C.$

$C$  genus  $g \geq 2$  Riemann surface.

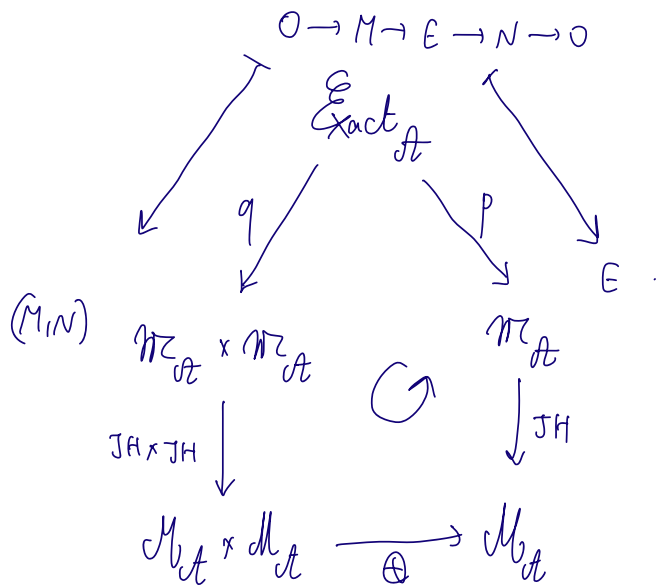
In  $\mathcal{g}^{\text{al}}$ :  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\text{Ext}^{2-i}(M, N) \simeq \text{Ext}^i(N, M)^*$  functorially.

CoHA:  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}} \xrightarrow{\text{JH}} \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}$  stack of objects and good moduli space

$\mathcal{D}_c^+(\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}})$  constructible derived category of  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}$

monoidal structure  $\oplus: \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}} \times \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}$

$$\mathcal{F} \boxtimes \mathcal{G} := \oplus_* (\mathcal{F} \boxtimes \mathcal{G}).$$



$$\mathcal{A} := \text{JH}^* \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}}^{\text{ult}} \in \mathcal{D}_c^+(\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}})$$

underlying constructible complex of the sheaf theoretic CoHA.

$$\leadsto m = "p \star q!" \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}_c(\mathcal{M}_A)}(A \boxplus A, A).$$

associative algebra structure in a rich monoidal category:

$$A = \left( \dots \rightarrow A^{-1} \xrightarrow{d^{-1}} A^0 \xrightarrow{d^0} A^1 \xrightarrow{d^1} A^2 \right)$$

We cut a subalgebra. Cutting objects in triangulated categories is done using  $t$ -structures.

- standard  $t$ -structure
- perverse  $t$ -structure : best suited for us.

Define  $\text{BPJ}_A := \mathcal{P}\mathcal{H}^0(A)$  "sheaf - th. BPS associative" algebra

Prop :  $m$  gives a multiplication on  $\text{BPJ}_A$

proof :  $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{H}^i(A) = 0 \quad \forall i < 0.$

Going back to actual algebras :

$$\pi : \mathcal{M}_A \rightarrow \text{pt}$$

$$\pi_* A = H_*^{\text{BM}}(\pi_* \mathcal{M}_A) \text{ subalgebra}$$

$$\pi_* \text{BPJ}_A = \text{BPS}_A$$

□ The BPS algebra and the BPS Lie algebra

Chm (DHS)  $BPS_{\mathcal{A}} \simeq \mathcal{U}(\pi_{\mathcal{A}}^+)$  on

$\mathcal{A}_{\text{BPS}} = \pi_{\mathcal{A}}^+ \oplus \mathfrak{h} \oplus \pi_{\mathcal{A}}^-$  is a GK. M.

More precisely:  $\mathfrak{h} = (\pi_0(\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}), \oplus) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$

$(-, -) : \mathfrak{h} \otimes \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  induced by  
the Euler form  $\chi_{\mathcal{A}}(M, N) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^i \text{ext}^i(M, N)$

$$\Phi^+ = \sum \cup \mathbb{I} \subset \pi_0(\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}})$$

connected components  
containing an open of simple objects

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \ell a : \ell \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1} \\ a \in \Sigma \\ (a, a) = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

Generators:  $y_a = \begin{cases} \text{IH}(\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}, a) & \text{if } a \in \Sigma \\ \text{IH}(\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}, a') & \text{if } a = \ell a', a' \in \Sigma, \ell \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1} \end{cases}$

Examples:  $\mathbb{C}$  smooth proj curve genus  $\geq 2$

$$\mathcal{A} = \text{Higgs}^{\text{ob-st}}(\mathbb{C})$$

$$\pi_0(\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}) = \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \quad \mathfrak{h} = \mathbb{Q}$$

$$(-, -) : \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$$

$$r, s \mapsto 2(1-g)rs$$

"totally negative":  $(\mathbb{Q}_{>0}, \mathbb{Q}_{>0}) \subset \mathbb{Q}_{<0}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{BPS}_{\mathcal{A}} \cong \text{Free}_{\text{Alg}} \left( \bigoplus_{r \geq 1} \text{H}(\mathcal{M}_{(r,0)}^{\text{Dol}}(C)) \right)$$

### The BPS Lie algebra

$$\text{BPS}_{\mathcal{A}, \text{Lie}} := \pi_{\mathcal{A}}^+$$

Since  $\pi_{\mathcal{A}}^+ \subset \mathfrak{g}_{\mathcal{A}}$  GKM, it is natural to see  $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathcal{A}}$  as the "full" BPS Lie algebra.

It acts on the cohomology of the spaces of foamed objects in  $\mathcal{A} \rightsquigarrow$  decomposition into highest weight simple modules.

e.g.: in the example above,  $\text{BPS}_{\mathcal{A}, \text{Lie}} = \text{Free}_{\text{Lie}}(\text{H}(\mathcal{M}^{\text{Dol}}))$ .

### The full CoHA

Chm(DHS) We have an isomorphism of vector spaces

$$\text{H}^{\text{BM}}(\pi_{\mathcal{A}}) \cong \text{Sym} \left( \pi_{\mathcal{A}}^+ \otimes \text{H}^*(BC^*) \right)$$

total symmetric power

$\rightarrow$  gives a connection between the size of  $\pi_{\mathcal{A}}^+$  and that of  $\text{H}^{\text{BM}}(\pi_{\mathcal{A}})$ .



## Ingredients of the proofs

(a) Decomposition thm for LCY categories: (Davison)

$JH * \mathcal{D} \mathcal{Q}_{\mathcal{M}}^{\text{vir}} \in \mathcal{D}_c^+(\mathcal{M}_{\text{DZ}})$  is a semisimple complex

(b) Neighbourhood theorem for LCY categories (Davison)

(c) Description of the top-CoHA of the strictly semisimple cone for preprojective algebras of quivers (H)

(b) details

$$\mathcal{A} \text{ LCY} \quad \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}} \xrightarrow{JH} \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}} \ni x$$

$x$  corresponds to  $\mathcal{F} = \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathcal{F}_i^{m_i}$ .

$\mathcal{F} = \{ \mathcal{F}_i, 1 \leq i \leq n \}$  collection of simple of  $\mathcal{A}$

$$\bar{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathcal{F}} = (\mathcal{F}, \text{arrows})$$

$$\# \{ \sum \mathcal{F}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_j \} = \text{ext}^1(\mathcal{F}_i, \mathcal{F}_j).$$

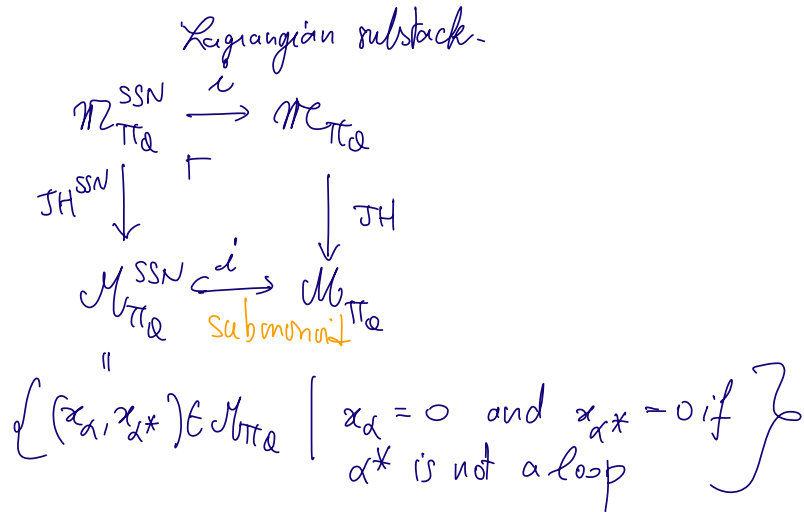
$\bar{\mathcal{Q}}_{\mathcal{F}}$  is the double of some (non-unique) quiver  $\mathcal{Q}_{\mathcal{F}}$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 (\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}, x) & \leftarrow & (\mathcal{U}, y) & \rightarrow & (\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}, \mathcal{O}_m) \\
 \downarrow JH & & \downarrow & & \downarrow JH \\
 (\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}, x) & \leftarrow & (\mathcal{U}, y) & \rightarrow & (\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}, \mathcal{O}_m)
 \end{array}$$

with étale horizontal maps.

© details

$$Q = (Q_0, Q_1)$$



$$H^*(i^! \mathcal{A}_{\pi_Q}^{SSN}) =: H^*(\mathcal{A}_{\pi_Q}^{SSN}) \supset H^0(\mathcal{A}_{\pi_Q}^{SSN})$$

subalgebra.

$H^0(\mathcal{A}_{\pi_Q}^{SSN})$  has a  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear basis given by irreducible components of  $\mathcal{M}_{\pi_Q}^{SSN}$ . [Bozec]

$$\text{Chm}[H^0(\mathcal{A}_{\pi_Q}^{SSN})] \cong \mathcal{U}(\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_Q^+) \quad \text{where } \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_Q^+ \text{ is}$$

Bozec's Lie algebra of  $Q$

[when  $Q$  has no loops, this is the KM algebra of  $Q$ ].

if loops, need to take them into account.

With our formalism for GKMs,

$$\mathfrak{h} = \mathbb{Q}^{\mathcal{Q}_0} \quad (-, -) : \mathfrak{h} \times \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q} \quad \text{symmetrised Euler form of } \mathcal{Q}$$

$$\Phi_+ = (\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \times \mathcal{Q}_0^{\text{im}}) \cup \mathcal{Q}_0^{\text{real}} \quad \mathcal{Q}_0^{\text{im}} \subset \mathcal{Q}_0$$

vertices with at least 1 loop  
 $\mathcal{Q}_0^{\text{real}}$  without loops

$$\alpha_{\gamma_i} = \mathbb{Q} \quad \forall i \in \Phi_+$$

$\tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{\mathcal{Q}}^+$  is the positive part of  $\mathcal{U}\mathfrak{g}_{\mathcal{Q}}$ , GKMT generated by  $\alpha_{\gamma}$ .

### Representations of GKMTs (highest weight)

$\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$  linear form

$\leadsto \lambda : \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{h}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  1-dimensional representation.

$$\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{U}\mathfrak{g}_{\mathcal{Q}}) \underset{\text{v. space}}{\simeq} \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{n}_{\mathcal{Q}}^+) \otimes \underbrace{\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{h}) \otimes \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{n}_{\mathcal{Q}}^-)}_{\substack{\text{subalgebra} \\ =: \mathcal{U}(\bar{\mathfrak{h}}_{\mathcal{Q}})}}$$

$\lambda : \mathcal{U}(\bar{\mathfrak{h}}_{\mathcal{Q}}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  1 dimensional rep.

$$M(\lambda) := \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{U}\mathfrak{g}_{\mathcal{Q}}) \otimes_{\mathcal{U}(\bar{\mathfrak{h}}_{\mathcal{Q}})} \mathbb{C} \quad \text{Verma module}$$

$L(\lambda) :=$  smallest nonzero quotient of  $M(\lambda)$   
exists by general considerations.