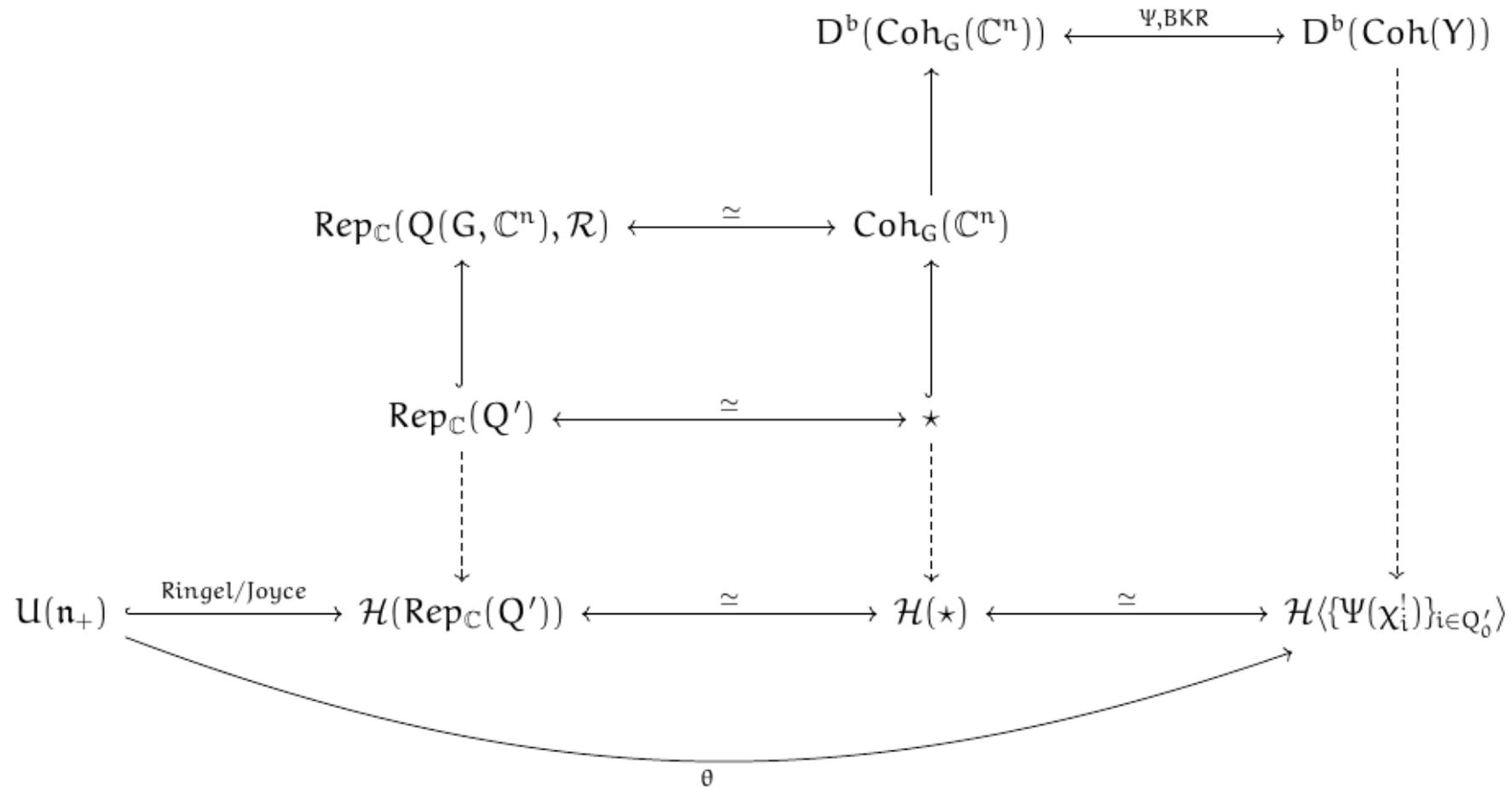


# The universe inside Hall algebras of coherent sheaves on toric resolutions

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# Motivation



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# Hall Algebras

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a small abelian category, such that

- $\text{gldim}(\mathcal{C}) < \infty$ , i.e.  $\text{Ext}^n(A, B) = 0$  for any  $A, B \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$  and  $n \gg 0$ ;
- $|\text{Ext}^i(A, B)| < \infty$  for any  $A, B \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$  and all  $i \geq 0$ .

**Definition.** *The multiplicative Euler form  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : K(\mathcal{C}) \times K(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is the form given by*

$$\langle A, B \rangle := \sqrt{\prod_{i=0}^{\infty} |\text{Ext}^i(A, B)|^{(-1)^i}}$$

Let  $\mathcal{C}^{iso}$  be the set of isomorphism classes of objects in  $\mathcal{C}$  and consider the vector space  $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{C}) := \bigoplus_{A \in \mathcal{C}^{iso}} \mathbb{C}[A]$ . The following operation defines the structure of an associative algebra on  $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{C})$ :

$$[A] \star [B] := \langle A, B \rangle \sum_C P_{A,B}^C [C],$$

where  $\mathcal{P}_{A,B}^C$  is the number of short exact sequences (SES)  $0 \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$

and  $P_{A,B}^C := \frac{\mathcal{P}_{A,B}^C}{|\text{End}(A)| |\text{End}(B)|}$ .

**Remark.** The unit  $i : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{C})$  is given by  $i(\lambda) = \lambda[0]$ , where  $0$  is the initial object of  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**Example.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the category of finite-dimensional vector spaces over a finite field  $\mathbb{k} = \mathbb{F}_q$ . The classes of objects in  $\mathcal{C}^{iso}$  are given by  $\{V_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  with  $V_n := \mathbb{k}^n$ . We notice that  $Ext^{>0}(V_n, V_m) = 0$ , while  $|Ext^0(V_n, V_m)| = |Hom(V_n, V_m)| = q^{nm}$ . Moreover, the number of SES

$$0 \rightarrow V_n \rightarrow V_s \rightarrow V_m \rightarrow 0$$

is zero, unless  $s = m + n$ . In case  $s = m + n$  the number of SES as above, up to isomorphism of the first and third term, is  $|Gr_{\mathbb{k}}(n, m + n)|$ , where  $Gr_{\mathbb{k}}(n, m + n)$  is the Grassmannian of  $n$ -dimensional subspaces in  $(m + n)$ -dimensional vector space. We conclude that  $[V_m] \star [V_n] = q^{nm/2} \begin{bmatrix} n+m \\ n \end{bmatrix}_q V_{n+m}$ , where  $\begin{bmatrix} n+m \\ n \end{bmatrix}_q := \frac{[n+m]_q!}{[n]_q! [m]_q!}$  with  $[n]_q! := \frac{(q^n - 1)(q^{n-1} - 1) \dots (q - 1)}{(q - 1)^n}$  is the  $q$ -binomial coefficient. It is equal to the number of points on  $Gr_{\mathbb{k}}(n, m + n)$ .

**Remark.** Notice that similar to the binomial coefficients, their 'q-analogs' satisfy the equality  $\begin{bmatrix} n+m \\ n \end{bmatrix}_q = \begin{bmatrix} n+m \\ m \end{bmatrix}_q$ . It follows that  $[V_m] \star [V_n] = [V_n] \star [V_m]$  and the Hall algebra  $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{C})$  is commutative. Moreover, the algebra  $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{C})$  is generated by  $[V_1]$  and isomorphic to the ring of polynomials in one variable  $\mathbb{C}[x]$ . It is straightforward to check that  $[V_1]^{\star n} = \sqrt{q^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}} [n]_q! [V_n]$  (notice that  $[n]_q!$  is the number of points on the variety of complete flags over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  and  $q^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} = q^{1 \cdot 1} q^{1 \cdot 2} \dots q^{1 \cdot (n-1)}$ ). Hence, the isomorphism of algebras  $\varphi : \mathbb{C}[x] \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{C})$  with  $\varphi(x) = [V_1]$  has  $\varphi(x^n) = q^{\frac{n(n-1)}{4}} [n]_q! [V_n]$ .

# Quivers

**Definition.** A *quiver*  $Q = (Q_0, Q_1)$  is a finite directed graph with finitely many vertices enumerated by the set  $Q_0$  and finitely many edges indexed by  $Q_1$ . Each edge is uniquely determined by the pair of vertices it connects, which we will denote by  $t(a)$  and  $h(a)$  standing for 'tail' and 'head', respectively. A **representation of a quiver**  $Q$  consists of a collection of vector spaces  $\{V_i\}_{i \in Q_0}$  and linear homomorphisms  $\alpha_a \in \text{Hom}(V_{t_a}, V_{h_a})$  for each arrow  $a \in Q_1$ .

Such representations form a category with morphisms being collections of  $\mathbb{k}$ -linear maps  $\psi_i : V_i \rightarrow W_i$  for all  $i \in Q_0$  such that the diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V_{t_a} & \xrightarrow{\alpha_a} & V_{h_a} \\ \psi_{t_a} \downarrow & & \downarrow \psi_{h_a} \\ W_{t_a} & \xrightarrow{\alpha'_a} & W_{h_a} \end{array} \text{ commute.}$$

This category will be denoted by  $\text{Rep}(Q)$ . There is a natural way to associate a Kac-Moody Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_Q$  to  $Q$ . Namely, the Cartan matrix for  $\mathfrak{g}_Q$  is  $C = 2 \cdot I - A_Q - A_Q^T$ , where  $A_Q$  is the adjacency matrix of  $Q$ .

**Definition.** A *path*  $p$  in a quiver  $Q = (Q_0, Q_1)$  is a sequence  $a_\ell a_{\ell-1} \dots a_1$  of arrows in  $Q_1$  such that  $t(a_{i+1}) = h(a_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, \ell - 1$ . In addition, for every vertex  $x \in Q_0$  we introduce a path  $e_x$ .

The *path algebra*  $\mathcal{P}_Q$  is a  $\mathbb{k}$ -algebra with a basis labeled by all paths in  $Q$ . The multiplication in  $\mathcal{P}_Q$  is given by

$$p \cdot q := \begin{cases} pq, & \text{if } t(p) = h(q) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $pq$  stands for the concatenation of paths subject to the conventions that  $pe_x = p$  if  $t(p) = x$ , and  $e_x p = p$  if  $h(p) = x$ .

**Remark.** Notice that  $\mathcal{P}_Q$  is of finite dimension over  $\mathbb{k}$  if and only if  $Q$  has no oriented cycles. The path algebra has a natural grading by path length with the subring of grade zero spanned by the trivial paths  $e_x$  for  $x \in Q_0$ . It is a semisimple ring, in which the elements  $e_x$  are orthogonal idempotents.

**Theorem.** The category  $\text{Rep}(Q)$  is equivalent to the category of finitely-generated left  $\mathcal{P}_Q$ -modules. In particular,  $\text{Rep}(Q)$  is an abelian category.

**Remark.** If  $Q$  has no oriented cycles, then the category  $\text{Rep}(Q)$  is hereditary, i.e.  $\text{Ext}^i(A, B) = 0$  for any  $i \geq 2$  and  $A, B \in \text{Rep}(Q)$ .

**Example.** Let  $Q$  be the quiver  $\bullet_1 \longrightarrow \bullet_2$ . An object in  $\text{Rep}(Q)$  is a pair of vector spaces  $(V_1, V_2)$  together with a linear map  $a \in \text{Hom}(V_1, V_2)$ . There are two simple objects  $S_1 : \mathbb{k} \rightarrow 0$  and  $S_2 : 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$  and one (up to isomorphism) indecomposable, which is not simple  $I_{12} = \mathbb{k} \xrightarrow{id} \mathbb{k}$ . The adjacency matrix  $A_Q = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  gives rise to Cartan matrix  $C = 2 \cdot I - A_Q - A_Q^T = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  corresponding to Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{sl}_3$  of traceless  $3 \times 3$  matrices. The path algebra,  $\mathcal{P}(Q)$ , is of dimension 3 over  $\mathbb{k}$ . It is generated by two idempotents  $e_1, e_2$  and an element  $a$  subject to relations  $ae_1 = e_2a = a$ ,  $e_1^2 = e_1, e_2^2 = e_2$  and  $ae_2 = e_1a = a^2 = 0$ .

**Remark.** Notice that we have a natural bijection between simple roots  $E_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $E_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  in  $\mathfrak{sl}_3$  and simple objects in  $\text{Rep}(Q)$ .

Let  $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$  be the quantized enveloping algebra with  $\mathfrak{g}_Q$  the Lie algebra associated to the Dynkin diagram formed by  $Q$ . We denote the simple roots of  $\mathfrak{g}_Q$  by  $\{E_i\}_{i \in Q_0}$  and simple representations of  $Q$  by  $\{S_i\}_{i \in Q_0}$ .

The following result was obtained by Ringel and Green.

**Theorem.** *Let  $\mathbb{k}$  be a finite field and  $v = \sqrt{|\mathbb{k}|}$ . There is an embedding of algebras  $\varphi : U_v(\mathfrak{n}_+) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{H}(\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{k}}(Q))$  with  $\varphi(E_i) = [S_i]$  (here  $\mathfrak{n}_+$  is the standard maximal nilpotent subalgebra in  $\mathfrak{g}_Q$ ).*

Let  $\mathcal{C} = R\text{-mod}$  be a category of finite-dimensional left modules over a fixed finite-dimensional, associative  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra  $R$ . There is a way to associate a Hall algebra  $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{C})$  to  $\mathcal{C}$ . The construction was sketched by Kapranov and Vasserot and later given in detail by Joyce. Notice that if  $Q$  has no oriented cycles, then its path algebra  $\mathcal{P}(Q)$  has the required property, therefore, we can associate a Hall algebra to the category of finite-dimensional left modules over this algebra. The latter is equivalent to  $\text{Rep}(Q)$ .

**Theorem.** *There is an embedding of algebras  $\varphi : U(\mathfrak{n}_+) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{H}(\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{C}}(Q))$ .*

# McKay correspondence

Let  $G \subset GL_n(\mathbb{C})$  be a finite subgroup and consider the affine variety  $X = \mathbb{C}^n // G := \text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n])^G$ . We are interested in examples with the following properties

1.  $X$  has an isolated singularity at 0;
2. there exists a projective resolution  $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$

**Definition.** *The bijection*

$$\{\text{irr. comp. of } \pi^{-1}(0)\} \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \{\rho \in \text{Irr}(G) \setminus \text{triv}\}$$

*is known as McKay correspondence.*

A good candidate for such a resolution  $Y$  is the  $G$ -Hilbert scheme  $G\text{-Hilb}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ .

**Definition.** A *cluster*  $\mathcal{Z} \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  is a zero-dimensional subscheme and a **G-cluster** is a  $G$ -invariant cluster, s.t.  $H^0(\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Z}}) \simeq \mathcal{R}$  (the regular representation of  $G$ ). The **G-Hilbert scheme** ( $G\text{-Hilb}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ ) is the fine moduli space parameterizing  $G$ -clusters.

**Example.** Let  $G = \mathbb{Z}_r$  be embedded into  $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$  via

$$\varphi : \mathbb{Z}_r \hookrightarrow SL_2(\mathbb{C}), \quad \varphi(1) = \begin{pmatrix} \zeta & 0 \\ 0 & \zeta^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with } \zeta = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{r}}.$$

Then  $X = \text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[x, y])^G \simeq \mathbb{C}[u, v, w]/(uv - w^r)$  with  $u = x^r, v = y^r, w = xy$ .

Using the definition of  $G$ -Hilb, we get

$$Y := G\text{-Hilb}(\mathbb{C}^2) = \{I_{\mathcal{Z}} \subset \mathbb{C}[x, y] \mid G \cdot I_{\mathcal{Z}} \subseteq I_{\mathcal{Z}}, \mathbb{C}[x, y]/I_{\mathcal{Z}} \simeq \mathcal{R}\},$$

where  $\mathcal{R} \simeq \bigoplus_{i=0}^n \chi_i$  for  $\chi_i : \mathbb{Z}_r \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$ ,  $\chi_i(1) = \zeta^i$ .

**Fact.**  $Y$  is smooth and the map  $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$  given by  $\pi(I_{\mathcal{Z}}) = \text{supp}(I_{\mathcal{Z}})$  is a projective resolution. Moreover,  $X$  has an isolated singularity at the origin. The central fiber is

$$\pi^{-1}(0) = \bigcup_{j=1}^{r-1} \mathcal{I}_j;$$

$$\mathcal{I}_j := \{I_{\lambda_j, \mu_j} = \langle \lambda_j x^j - \mu_j y^{r-j}, xy, x^{j+1} \rangle \mid (\lambda_j, \mu_j) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \setminus (0, 0)\} \simeq \mathbb{P}^1 = [\lambda_j : \mu_j].$$

**Remark.**  $\mathcal{I}_j \cap \mathcal{I}_k = \begin{cases} pt, & |k - j| = 1 \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$



$\pi^{-1}(0)$ , type  $A_4$  Kleinian singularity

is dual to



Dynkin diagram  $A_4$

# McKay Quiver

**Definition.** • Let  $G \subset GL(V)$  be a finite abelian subgroup. The **McKay quiver**  $Q(G, V)$  is the graph given by the following data

$$\{\text{vertices of } Q\} \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \{\text{irreps of } G\}$$

$$\#\{\text{edges } i \rightarrow j\} = \dim(\text{Hom}_G(\chi_i \otimes V, \chi_j)).$$

- $\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{C}}(Q(G, \mathbb{C}^n), \mathcal{R})$  is the category of representations of  $Q(G, V)$  satisfying the conditions:

$$x_{jk}x_{ij} = x_{kj}x_{ik}$$

where  $x_{ij} \in \text{Hom}(V_{\chi_i}, V_{\chi_j})$ .

**Remark.** Representations of  $G$  are one-dimensional and correspond to characters of  $G$ :

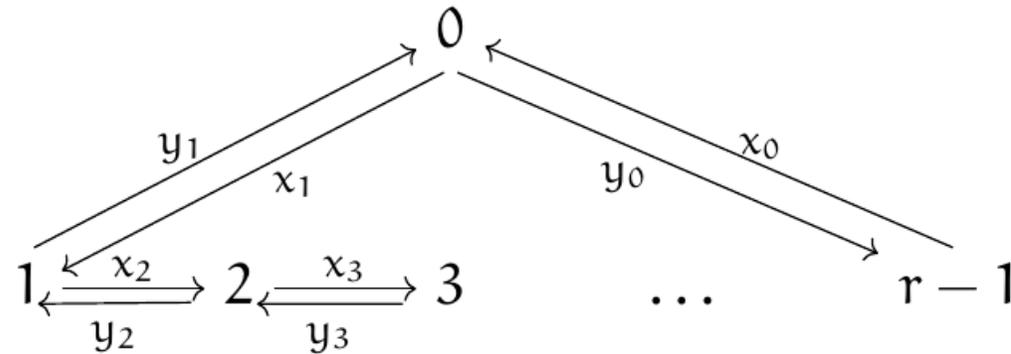
$$\text{char}(G) := \{\chi : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*\}.$$

In particular, as a representation of  $G$ , we have  $\mathbb{C}^n = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathbb{C}\chi_i =: \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathbb{C}e_i$  and let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in (\mathbb{C}^n)^*$  be the dual basis to  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$  with  $R = \mathbb{C}[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$  the coordinate ring of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . The chain of isomorphisms  $\text{Hom}_G(\chi_k \otimes \mathbb{C}^n, \chi_\ell) \simeq \text{Hom}_G(\chi_k \otimes \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathbb{C}e_i, \chi_\ell) \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \text{Hom}_G(\chi_k \otimes \mathbb{C}e_i, \chi_\ell)$  provides a natural identification of the maps assigned to the arrows in the McKay quiver  $Q(G, \mathbb{C}^n)$  with multiplication by  $x_i$ 's and, hence, imposes the relations corresponding to commutation of the latter that we saw on the previous slide.

**Example.** Let  $G = \mathbb{Z}_r$  be embedded into  $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$  via

$$\varphi : \mathbb{Z}_r \hookrightarrow GL_2(\mathbb{C}), \quad \varphi(1) = \begin{pmatrix} \zeta & 0 \\ 0 & \zeta^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \text{ with } \zeta = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{r}}.$$

There are  $r$  irreducible representations of  $G$ , one-dimensional, to be denoted by  $\chi_0, \chi_1, \dots, \chi_{r-1}$  and  $\mathbb{C}^2 \simeq \chi_1 \oplus \chi_{r-1}$ . We label  $x_k := a_{\chi_1}^{\chi_k}$  and  $y_k := a_{\chi_{r-1}}^{\chi_k}$ , then the ideal of relations is  $\mathcal{I} = \langle x_i y_i - x_{i+1} y_{i+1} \rangle$ .



# Modern formulation of McKay correspondence

Let  $Coh_G(\mathbb{C}^n)$  be the category of  $G$ -equivariant coherent sheaves on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , and  $Coh(Y)$  be the category of coherent sheaves on  $Y$ . The McKay correspondence is the derived equivalence

$$\Psi : D^b(Coh_G(\mathbb{C}^n)) \rightarrow D^b(Coh(Y)).$$

Any finite-dimensional representation  $V$  of  $G$  gives rise to two equivariant sheaves on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ : the skyscraper sheaf  $V^! = V \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{O}_0$ , whose fiber at 0 is  $V$  and all the other fibers vanish, and the locally free sheaf  $\tilde{V} = V \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^n}$ .

**Remark.** *There is an equivalence of abelian categories*

$$\Theta : Rep(Q(G, \mathbb{C}^n), \mathcal{R}) \simeq Coh_G(\mathbb{C}^n).$$

# Known results

The derived McKay correspondence holds in the following cases:

1.  $G \subset SL_2(\mathbb{C})$ , any  $G$  (KV '98)
2.  $G \subset SL_3(\mathbb{C})$ , any  $G$ ,  $Y = G\text{-Hilb}(\mathbb{C}^3)$  (BKR '01)
3.  $G \subset SL_3(\mathbb{C})$ , any abelian  $G$  (CI '04)
4.  $G \subset SP_{2n}(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $Y$  is a crepant symplectic resolution (BK '04)
5.  $G \subset SL_n(\mathbb{C})$ , any abelian  $G$ ,  $Y$  is a projective crepant symplectic resolution (Kawamata)

A natural question: what are the images of  $\tilde{\chi}$  and  $\chi'$  ( $\chi \in \text{Irr}(G) \setminus \text{triv}$ ) under the equivalence?

1.  $\Psi(\tilde{\chi})$  is a vector bundle of dimension  $\dim(\chi)$  and is called a tautological or GSp-V sheaf (after Gonzales-Sprinberg and Verdier).
2. Relatively little is known about  $\Psi(\chi')$ .

The following results are due to Kapranov, Vasserot and Logvinenko.

**Theorem.** 1. Let  $G \subset SL_2(\mathbb{C})$  be a finite subgroup and  $\chi \in \text{Irr}(G) \setminus \text{triv}$ . Then  $\Psi(\chi^!) \simeq \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(-1)[1]$ .

2. Let  $G \subset SL_3(\mathbb{C})$  be a finite abelian subgroup, s.t.  $X = \mathbb{C}^3 // G$  has an isolated singularity at the origin. Then for any  $\chi \in \text{Irr}(G) \setminus \text{triv}$ , the object  $\Psi(\chi^!) \in D^b(\text{Coh}(Y))$  is pure (here  $Y = G\text{-Hilb}(\mathbb{C}^3)$  and an object is called **pure** provided all cohomology groups, except one, vanish).

**Remark.** The KV result gives a natural way to associate nontrivial irreps with irreducible components of the central fiber (this is consistent with the correspondence that we established earlier).

Suppose  $G \subset SL_3(\mathbb{C})$  satisfies the following assumptions:

1. The McKay quiver  $Q(G, \mathbb{C}^3)$  contains a subquiver  $Q'$  (without oriented cycles) with  $\mathcal{R} \cap \mathcal{P}_{Q'} = 0$ ;
2.  $\Psi$  sends the skyscraper sheaves  $\chi^! \in \text{Coh}_G(\mathbb{C}^n)$ , corresponding to the simple representations in  $\text{Rep}(Q(G, \mathbb{C}^3), \mathcal{R})$  supported at the vertices of  $Q'$ , to pure sheaves concentrated in the same degree.

Kapranov and Vasserot have also observed that if  $\mathcal{C}_1$  and  $\mathcal{C}_2$  are  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear finitary abelian categories, there is a derived equivalence  $\Psi : D^b(\mathcal{C}_1) \rightarrow D^b(\mathcal{C}_2)$  and a collection of objects  $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  in  $\mathcal{C}_1$ , s.t.  $\Psi(a_i)$  are all pure and concentrated in the same degree, then the Hall algebra generated by the objects  $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  is isomorphic to the Hall algebra generated by their images  $\{\Psi(a_1), \dots, \Psi(a_n)\}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{H}\langle\{\Psi(\chi_i^!)\}_{i \in Q'_0}\rangle$  be the Hall algebra generated by the images of sheaves corresponding to simple representations of  $Q'$  under  $\Psi$  and  $\mathfrak{n}_+ \subset \mathfrak{g}_{Q'}$  stand for the corresponding nilpotent subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}_{Q'}$ . It follows from the discussion above that one has an isomorphism of algebras:

$$\theta : U(\mathfrak{n}_+) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}\langle\{\Psi(\chi_i^!)\}_{i \in Q'_0}\rangle.$$

In [2] I have found an infinite collection of cyclic finite abelian subgroups of  $SL_3(\mathbb{C})$  satisfying the aforementioned conditions for each simply laced Dynkin diagram  $Q'$  of affine type except  $\tilde{D}_4$ . If you would like to learn more about Hall algebras, [1] is an excellent place to start!

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# The diagram revisited

