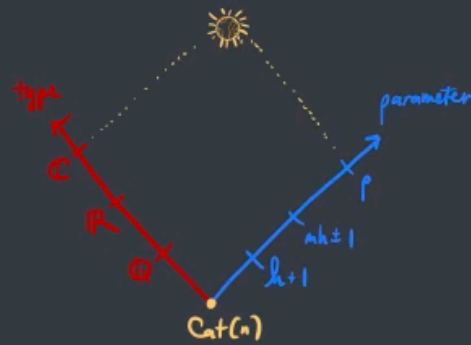


# CATALAN COMBINATORICS

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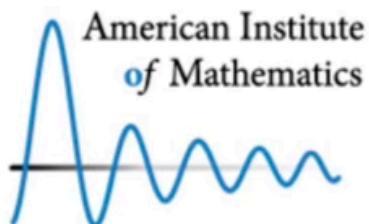
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10 YEARS AGO



## Rational Catalan combinatorics

December 17 to December 21, 2012

at the

[American Institute of Mathematics](#), Palo Alto, California

organized by

Drew Armstrong, Stephen Griffeth, Victor Reiner, and Monica Vazirani

This workshop, sponsored by [AIM](#) and the [NSF](#), will be devoted to understanding the interaction between new developments in algebra and combinatorics. In particular, it will focus on combinatorial objects counted by generalizations of Catalan numbers and their interaction with the representation theory of Cherednik algebras.

REF *Rational Catalan Combinatorics: An Outline from the AIM workshop, Dec 2012*

# THIS YEAR

## POSITROIDS, KNOTS, AND $q, t$ -CATALAN NUMBERS

PAVEL GALASHIN AND THOMAS LAM

ABSTRACT. We relate the mixed Hodge structure on the cohomology of open positroid varieties (in particular, their Betti numbers over  $\mathbb{C}$  and point counts over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ ) to Khovanov–Rozansky homology of associated links. We deduce that the mixed Hodge polynomials of top-dimensional open positroid varieties are given by rational  $q, t$ -Catalan numbers. Via the curious Lefschetz property of cluster varieties, this implies the  $q, t$ -symmetry and unimodality properties of rational  $q, t$ -Catalan numbers. We show that the  $q, t$ -symmetry phenomenon is a manifestation of Koszul duality for category  $\mathcal{O}$ , and discuss relations with open Richardson varieties and extension groups of Verma modules.



**Nathan Williams**

Parking analogue of Galashin-Lam?

To: Pavel Galashin

January 21, 2022 at 10:29 AM

Hi Pavel,

$n=3$

$R.\langle q \rangle = QQ[]$

$W = \text{WeylGroup}(['A', n, 1])$

$KL = \text{KazhdanLusztigPolynomial}(W, q)$

$f = KL.R(1, W.from\_reduced\_word(list(range(n+1))*n))/(q-1)^{(2*n)}$

$f == \text{sum}([q^i \text{ for } i \text{ in range}(n+1)])^{(n-1)}$

Best,

Nathan

**PROVED** February 4, 2022: Galashin-Lam's  $R$ -polynomial via Hecke algebra, Opdam's trace formula, and Haglund's Tesler matrix identity.

**NOT TODAY.**

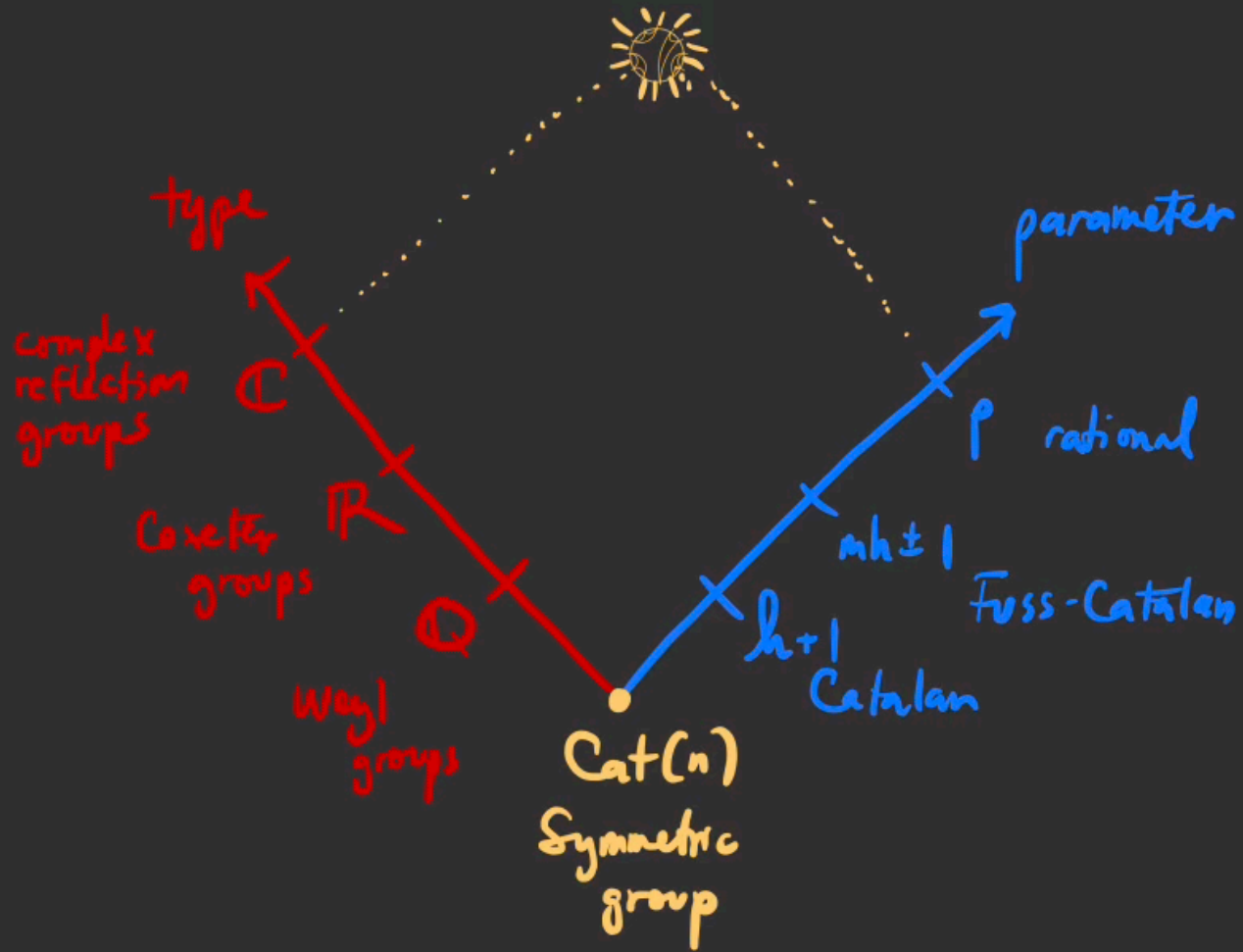
**CONTINUED EXPERIMENTS** into March, which led to **THIS TALK.**

We had been looking for these results since the AIM conference

**10 YEARS AGO**



# O. Catalan Numbers



DEF The Catalan numbers are the integers

↑  
Pak credits Riordan for the name

$$\text{Cat}(n) = \frac{1}{2n+1} \binom{2n+1}{n}$$

EX 1, 1, 2, 5, 14, 42, 132, ...

$\text{Cat}(n)$  counts:  noncrossing partitions,  triangulations,  Dyck paths,  
etc, etc, etc, etc, etc, ...

REF Pak: "History of Catalan Numbers"  
Stanley: "Catalan Numbers"

"THM" (Folklore)

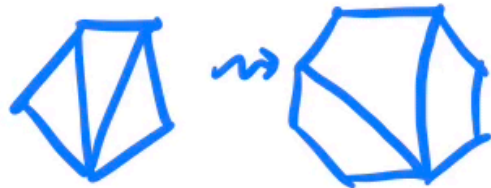
Just about every combinatorial object is Catalan.

DEF The Catalan numbers are the integers

$$\text{Cat}(n) = \frac{1}{2n+1} \binom{2n+1}{n} = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{n+1+n}{n}$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{(n+1)+i}{i+1}$$

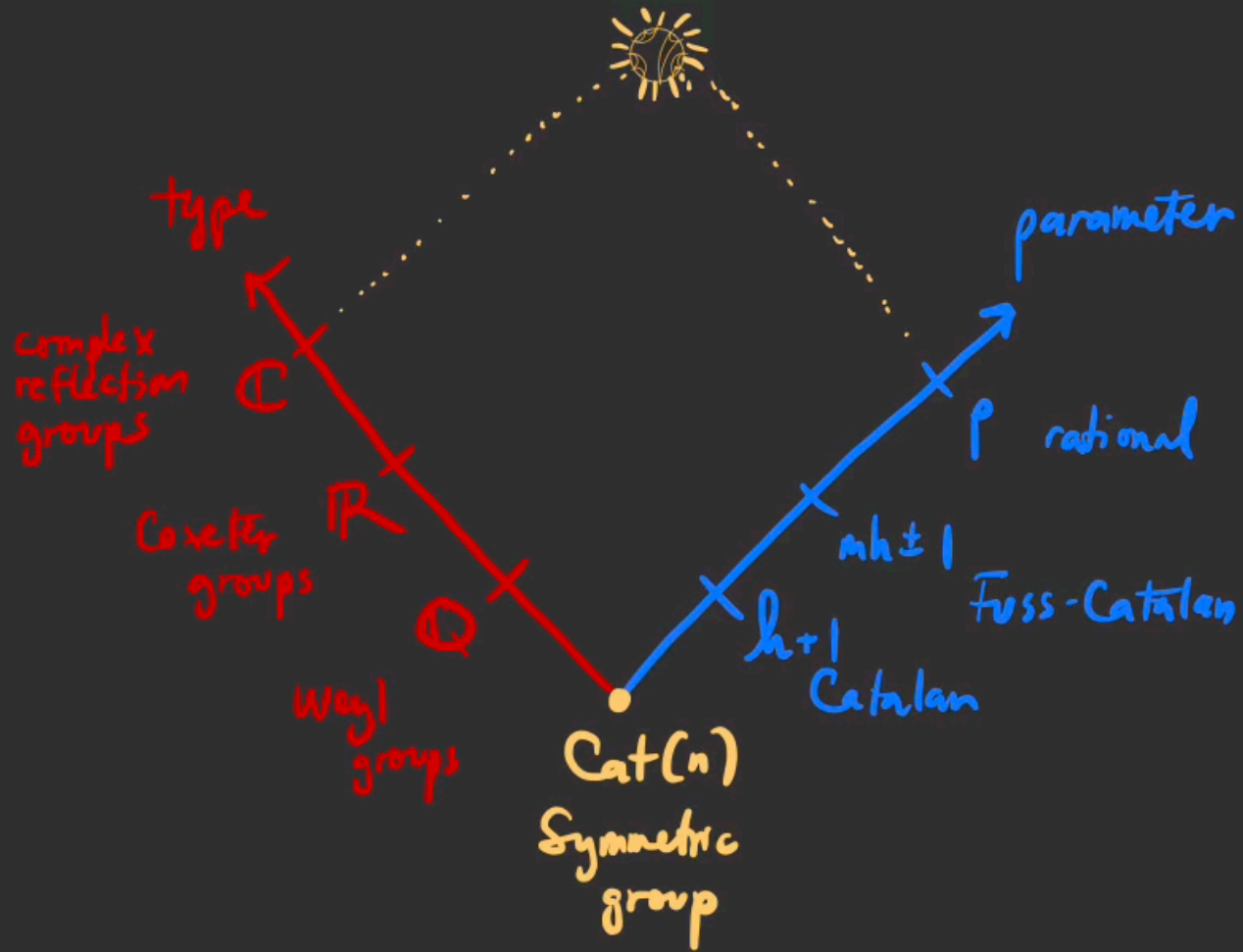
PARAMETER



TYPE



# I. REFLECTION GROUPS



# TYPE A

PHILOSOPHY (Tits): " $\Gamma_n$  is  $SL_n(\mathbb{F}_q)$  at  $q=1$ "  $|SL_n(\mathbb{F}_q)| = (q-1)q^{\binom{n-1}{2}} \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} [i+1]_q$

- Lie group  $SL_n(\mathbb{F}_q)$  Tymoczko's talk
- Braid group  $B_n$  Gorsky's talk
- Hecke algebra  $\mathcal{H}_n$  Mellit's talk
- Affine symmetric group  $\tilde{S}_n$  Speyer's talk

# WEYL GROUPS ( $\mathbb{Q}$ )

- connected reductive group over  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_q$ , Frobenius  $F$
- Weyl group
- Braid group
- Hecke algebra
- Affine Weyl group

$G$

$$W = N_G(T)/T \quad \text{PHILOSOPHY: "W is } G^F \text{ at } q=1"$$

(Tits)

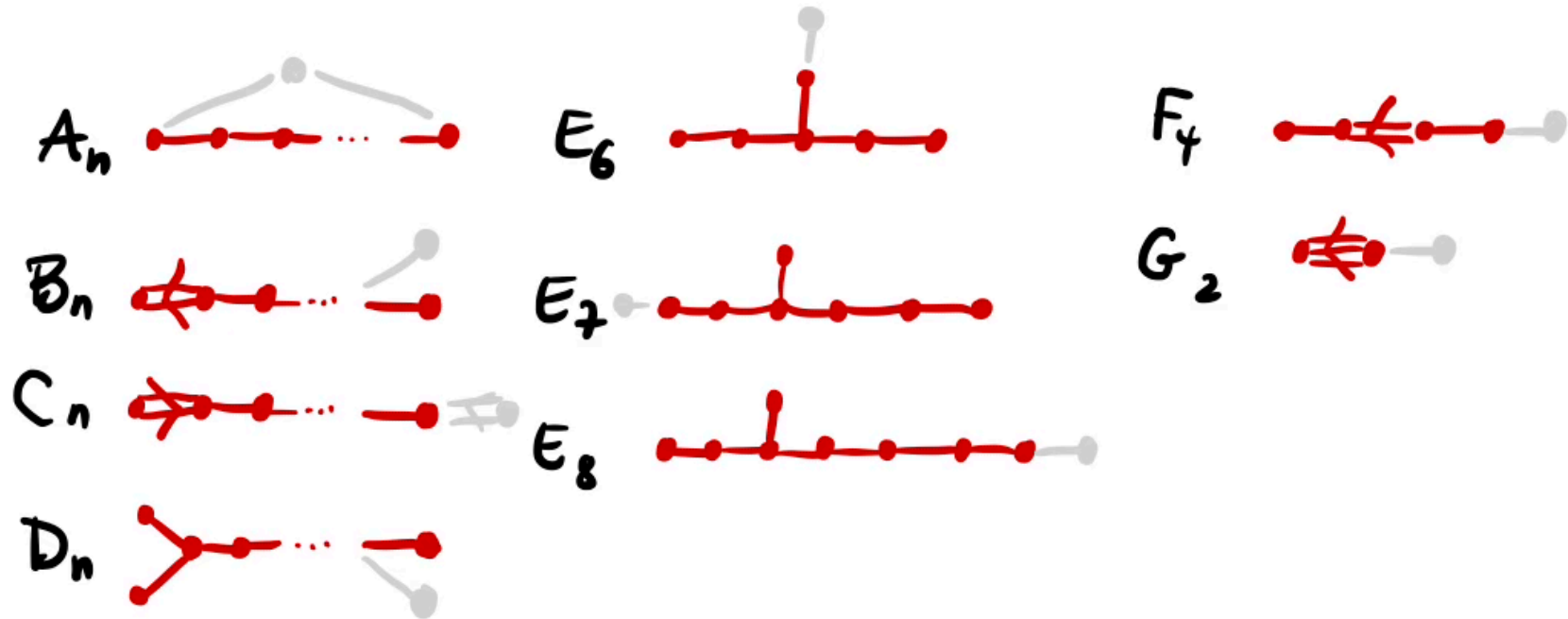
$$B_W = \pi_1(V^{\text{reg}}/W)$$

$$\mathcal{H}_W = \text{quotient of } \mathbb{C}[B_W]$$

$$\tilde{W} = W \rtimes \mathbb{Q}^\vee$$

# CLASSIFICATION: WEYL GROUPS ( $\mathbb{Q}$ )

THM The list of irreducible Weyl groups is:  
connected Dynkin diagram



REF Coxeter, "The complete enumeration of finite groups of the form  $r_i^2 = (r_i r_j)^{k_{ij}} = 1$ ." 1935



# COXETER GROUPS ( $\mathbb{R}$ )

DEF A Coxeter system  $(W, S)$  is a group  $W$  with presentation  $W = \langle s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n \mid (s_i s_j)^{m_{ij}} = \text{id} \rangle$

$S$  is the set of simple reflections.  $m_{ij} \in \mathbb{N}, m_{ii} = 1$

(Coxeter groups act as reflection groups on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with corresponding hyperplane arrangement  $\mathcal{H}_W$ )

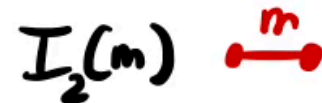
- Braid group  $B_W = \pi_1(V^{\text{reg}}/W)$
- Hecke algebra  $\mathcal{H}_W = \text{quotient of } \mathbb{C}[B_W]$
- Affine Weyl group  $\tilde{W}$
- Lie group

REF Hiller, "Geometry of Coxeter groups"  
Humphreys, "Reflection groups and Coxeter groups"  
Björner & Brenti, "Combinatorics of Coxeter Groups"

# CLASSIFICATION: COXETER GROUPS ( $\mathbb{R}$ )

THM (Coxeter) The list of finite irreducible Coxeter groups is:

connected Coxeter diagram



REF Coxeter, "The complete enumeration of finite groups of the form  $r_i^2 = (r_i r_j)^{k_{ij}} = 1$ ." 1935

# COMPLEX REFLECTION GROUPS ( $\mathbb{C}$ )

DEF A complex reflection group is a group  $W \subseteq GL_n(\mathbb{C})$  generated by complex reflections.

Braid group

$$B_W = \pi_1(V^{\text{reg}}/W)$$

Simple reflections

$S$

Hecke algebra

$$\mathcal{H}_W = \text{quotient of } \mathbb{C}[B_W]$$

Affine Weyl group

$\tilde{W}$

Lie group (spetses)

REF Broué, Malle, Rouquier, "On Complex Reflection Groups and their Associated Braid Groups." 1994  
Broué, Malle, Rouquier, "Complex reflection groups, braid groups, Hecke algebras." 1998  
Shephard, Todd, "Finite Unitary Reflection Groups." 1953

# CLASSIFICATION: COMPLEX REFLECTION GROUPS ( $\mathbb{C}$ )

THM (Shephard, Todd) The list of finite irreducible complex reflection groups is:

- $G(m, p, n)$

- $G_4$

- $G_5$

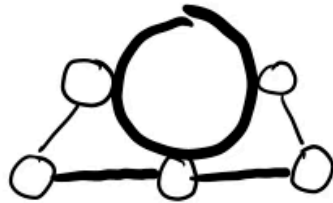
- $\vdots$

- $G_{37} = E_9$

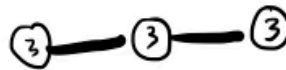
EX



$G_{13}$



$G_{31}$



$G_{25}$

REF Broué, Malle, Rouquier, "On Complex Reflection Groups and their Associated Braid Groups." 1994

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## INVARIANT THEORY AND NUMEROLOGY

$W$  acts on  $\mathbb{C}^n = \text{span}_{\mathbb{C}} \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ , hence on  $\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ .

THM (Chevalley) Let  $W \subseteq GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ . Then

$W$  is a complex reflection group iff  $\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]^W = \mathbb{C}[f_1, \dots, f_n]$ .

DEF Let  $\deg f_i = d_i$  with  $d_1 \leq d_2 \leq \dots \leq d_n$ .  $\left( \begin{array}{l} h = d_n \text{ is the Coxeter} \\ \text{number.} \\ e_i = d_i - 1 \text{ are the} \\ \text{exponents} \end{array} \right)$

degrees

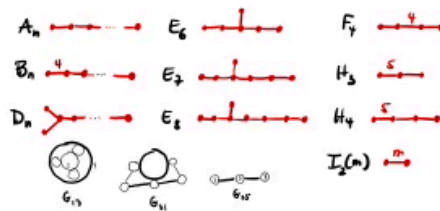
EX  $S_n \subset \mathbb{C}^{n-1}$  has invariant polys power sum, elementary, homogeneous,  
but always  $\deg f_i = i+1$ . Schur, monomial, forgotten, ...

REF Chevalley. Invariants of finite groups generated by reflections.

# THE GOLD STANDARD

$\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{C}$ -UNIFORM definitions & proofs for reflection groups.

"does not appeal to the  $\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{C}$ -classification"



EX  $|W| = \prod_{i=1}^n d_i$

(i)  $\text{Hilb}(\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]^W) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{1-t^{d_i}} = \frac{1}{|W|} \sum_{w \in W} \frac{1}{\det(1-tw)}$

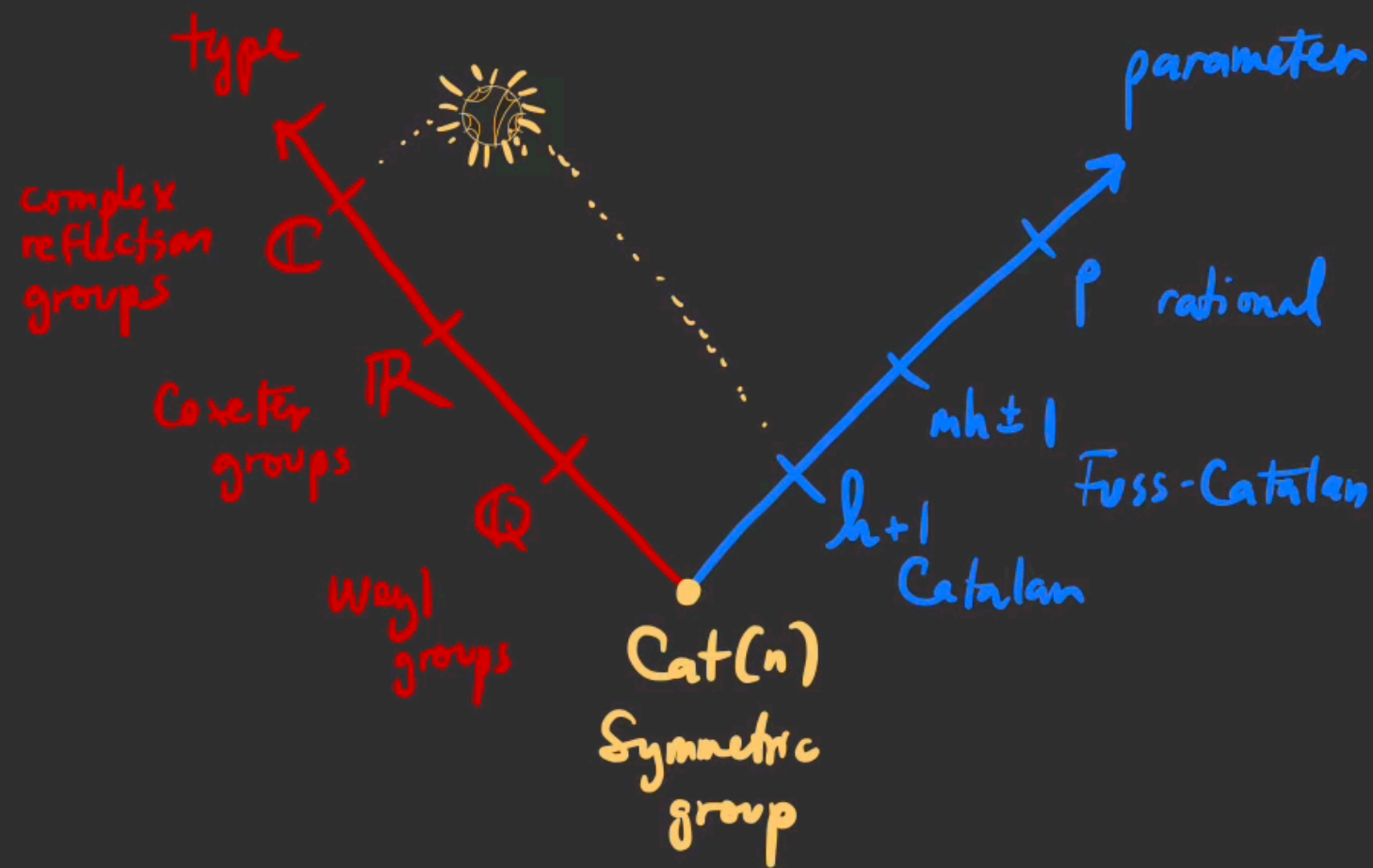
(ii) multiply by  $(1-t)^n$ :  $\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{[d_i]} = \frac{1}{|W|} (1 + (1-t)^*)$

(iii) set  $t \rightarrow 1$

*identity*



# II. Cat(W)



DEF The Coxeter-Catalan numbers are the integers

$$\text{Cat}(W) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{h+1+e_i}{d_i}$$

EX  $\text{Cat}(h) = \text{Cat}(C_n) = \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{(n+1)+i}{i+1}$

RECALL

"THM" (Folklore) Just about every combinatorial object is Catalan.



TAM (Reading, Shi/Cellini-Papi)

Only TWO Coxeter-Catalan families:

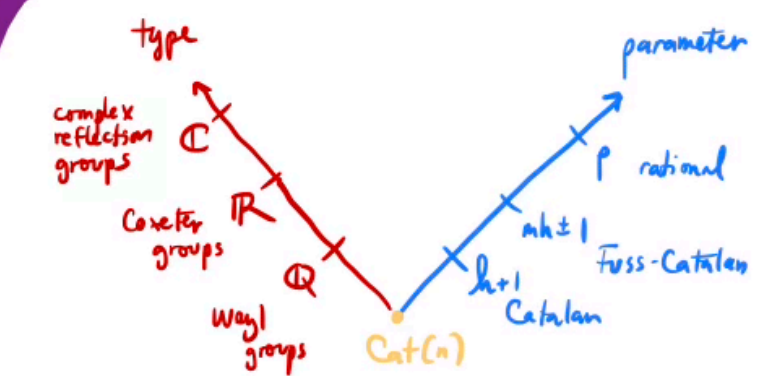
NC  
NONCROSSING



noncrossing partitions •  
clusters •  
sortable elements •

Cambrian recurrence  
Coxeter/well-generated  
Dependent on Coxeter element  
Hard to change parameter

REF Reiner. Noncrossing partitions for classical reflection groups.  
Reading Clusters, Coxeter-sortable elements and noncrossing partitions  
Basis: The dual braid monoid



NN  
NONNESTING

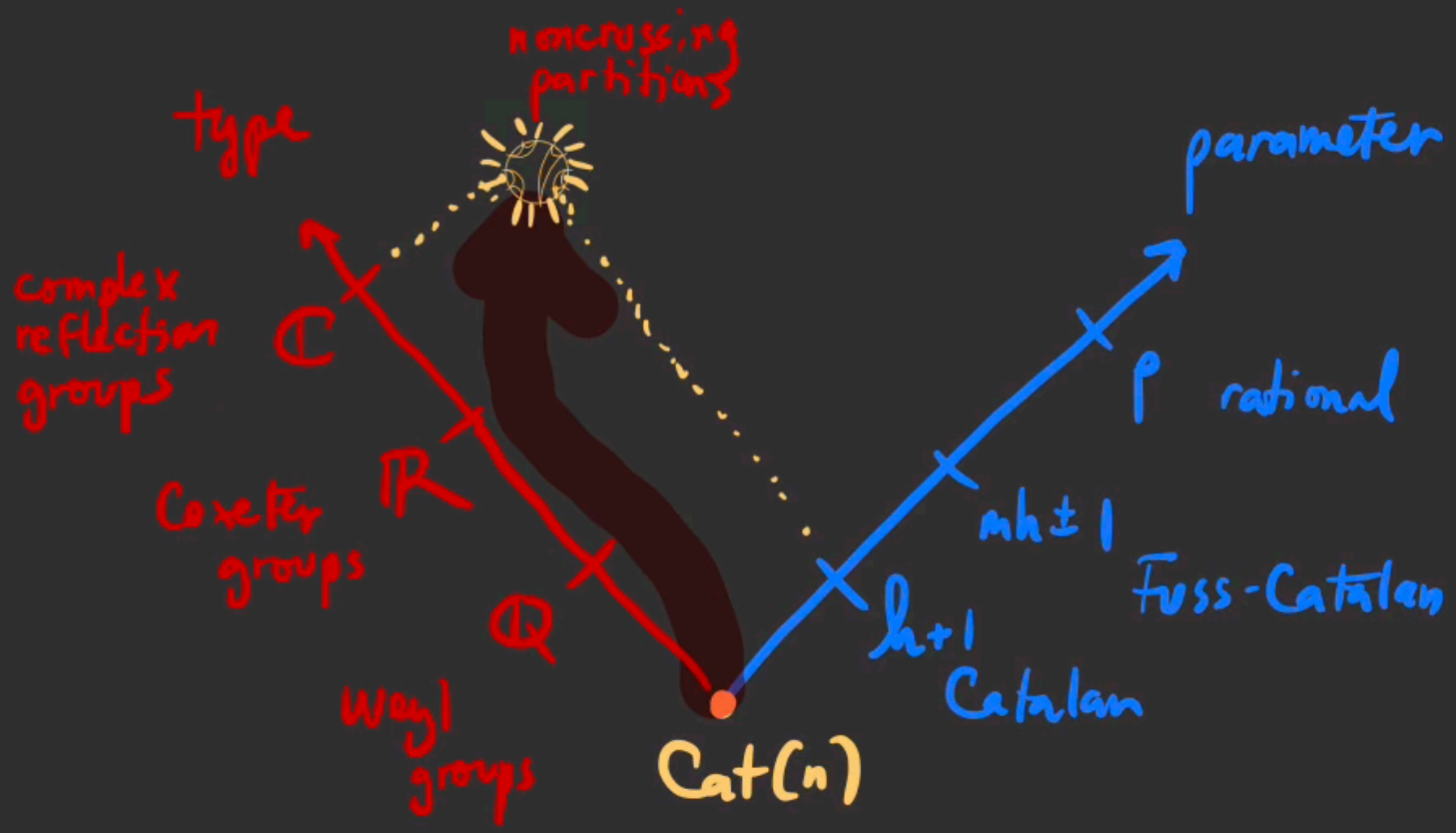


• nonnesting partitions  
• dominant Shi regions  
• coroots in  $(h+1)A_0$

Uniform enumeration  
Weyl  
Easy to change parameter

REF Shi: Sign types corresponding to an affine Weyl group  
Reiner: Noncrossing partitions for classical reflection groups.  
Huang: Conjecture on the Quotient Ring by Diagonal Homomorphism  
Cellini/Papi: Atilipotent ideals of a Borel subalgebra II.

# III. NONCROSSING PARTITIONS



## IR-TYPE HISTORY OF NONCROSSING PARTITIONS

1971 - Kreweras. Sur les partitions non croisées d'un cycle.

1993 - Montenegro. The fixed point non-crossing partition lattices

1995 - Reiner. Non-crossing partitions for classical reflection groups

1997 - Birman, Ko, Lee. A new approach to the word problem in the braid groups

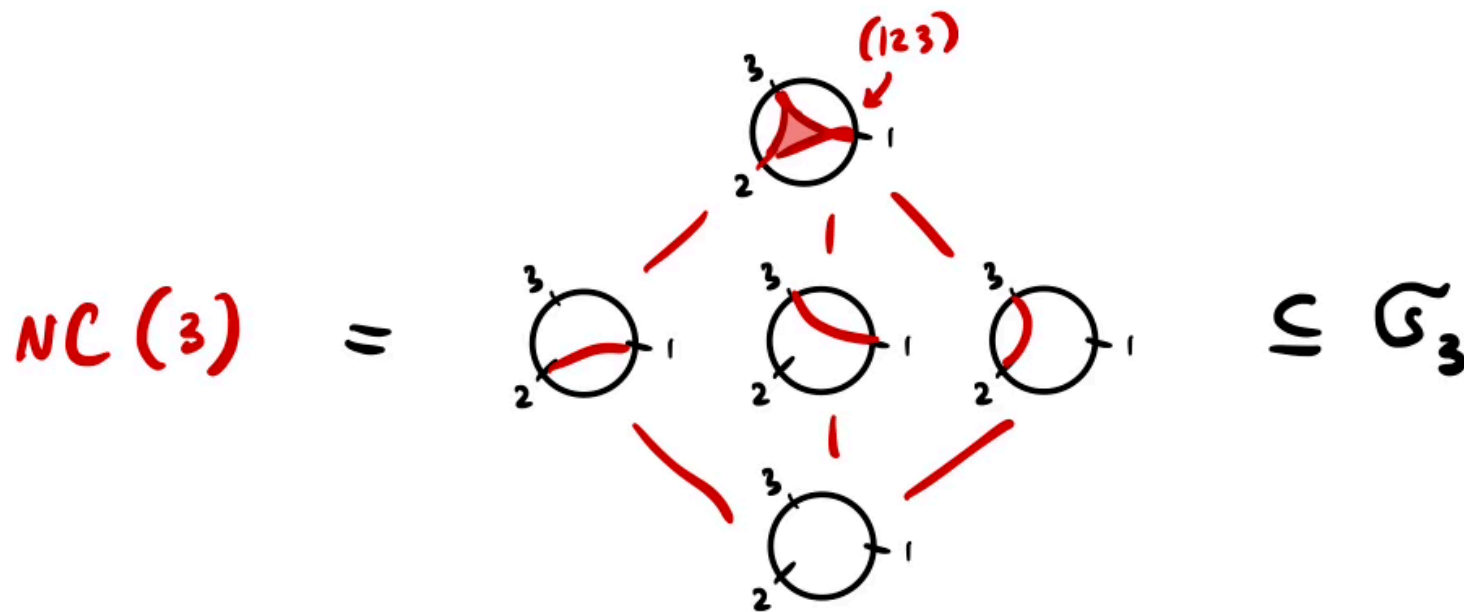
2002 - Brady, Watt.  $K(\pi, 1)$ 's for Artin groups of finite type

2002 - Picantin. Explicit presentations for the dual braid monoids

2003 - Bessis. The dual braid monoid

# IR-Noncrossing-Partitions

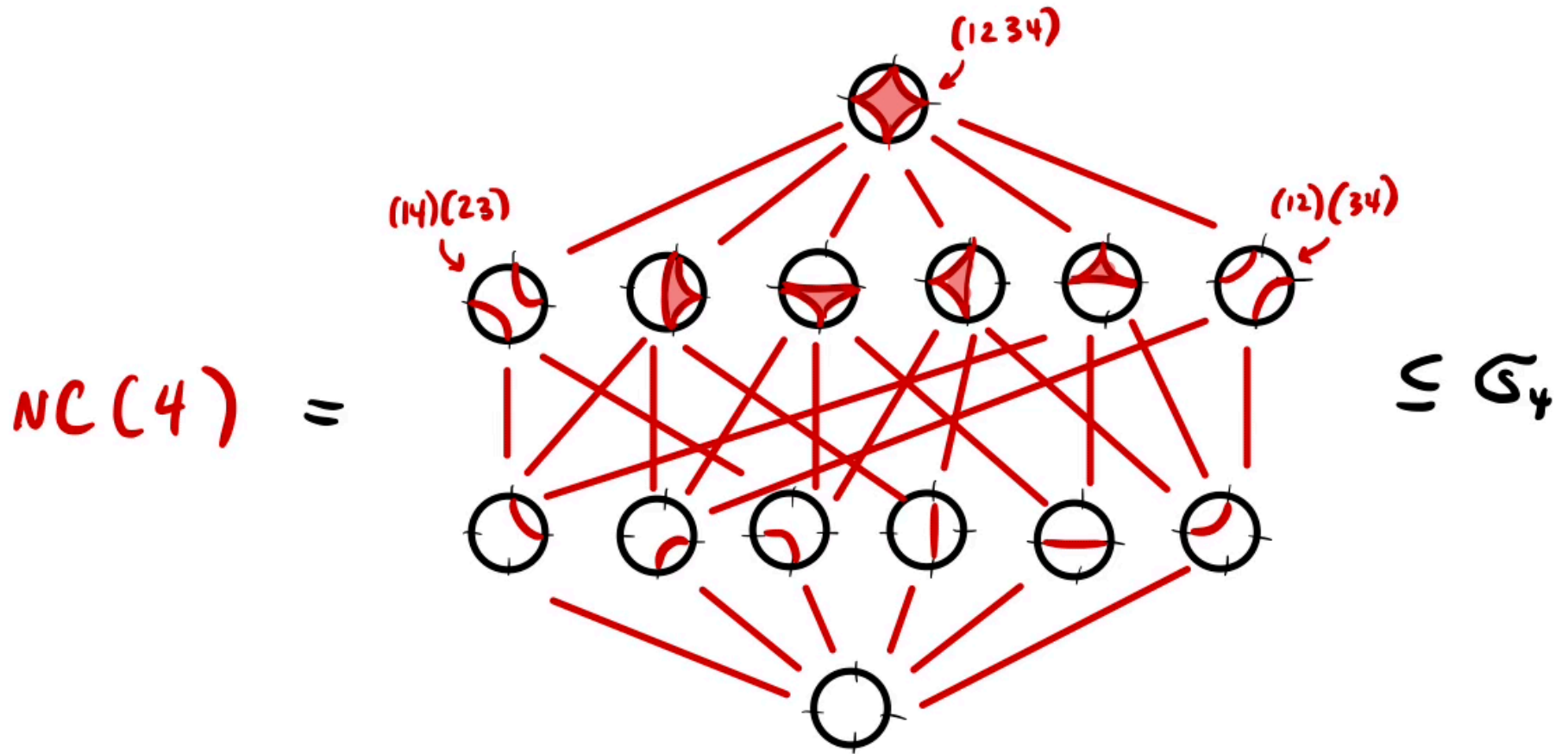
DEF  $NC(n)$  = noncrossing (set) partitions ordered by refinement.



REF. Kremeras. Sur les partitions non-croisées d'un cycle.

# IR-Noncrossing Partitions

DEF  $NC(n)$  = noncrossing (set) partitions ordered by refinement.



## RR-Noncrossing PARTITIONS

DEF The reflections of  $W$  are all conjugates of simple reflections:

$$T = \{ w s w^{-1} \mid s \in S, w \in W \}.$$

DEF A Coxeter element  $c$  is a product of all simple reflections in some order.

EX In  $S_n$ ,  $T = \{ (i j) \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq n \}$

$$c = (1 2 \dots n) \leftarrow \text{the long cycle}$$

FACT The eigenvalues of  $c$  in the reflection representation are  $\left\{ \zeta_{h_i}^{e_i} \right\}_{i=1}^n$

REF Bessis. The dual braid monoid  
Reiner. Noncrossing partitions for classical reflection groups.



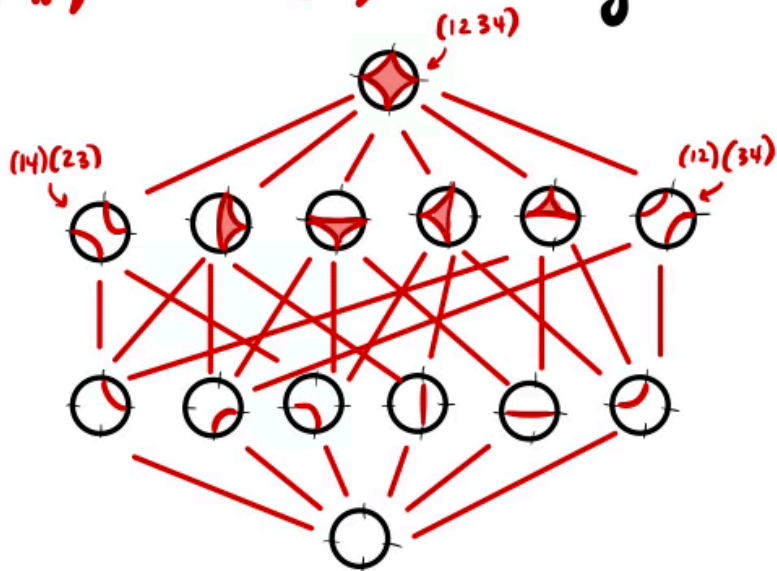
# IR-Noncrossing Partitions

DEF The noncrossing partition lattice is the interval

$$NC_c(w) = [e, c]_{\mathcal{T}} \text{ in the oriented Cayley graph of } (W, \mathcal{T}).$$

$\uparrow$   
Coxeter element
called absolute order, denoted  $\leq_{\mathcal{T}}$

EX  $NC_{(12 \dots n)}(\mathbb{S}_n) \cong NC(n)$  via cycles.



REF Bessis. The dual braid monoid  
 Reiner. Noncrossing partitions for classical reflection groups.

# SUBWORDS & CLUSTERS

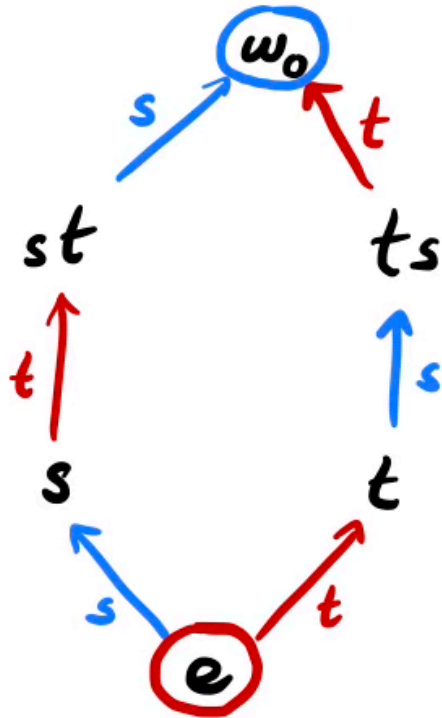
**THM** The subwords of  $c w_0(c)$  that start at  $e$  with  $n$  stays and end at  $w_0$  are in bijection with  $NC_c(w)$ . } model cluster exchange graph

(Reading Ceballos-Labbé-Stump)  
Pilaud-Stump

$c$ -sorting word for  $w_0$

long element

**EX**  $G_3$



$$c w_0(c) = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline s & t & s & t & s \\ \hline \bullet & \bullet & s & t & s \\ \hline s & \bullet & \bullet & t & s \\ \hline s & t & \bullet & \bullet & s \\ \hline s & t & s & \bullet & \bullet \\ \hline \bullet & t & s & t & \bullet \\ \hline \end{array}$$

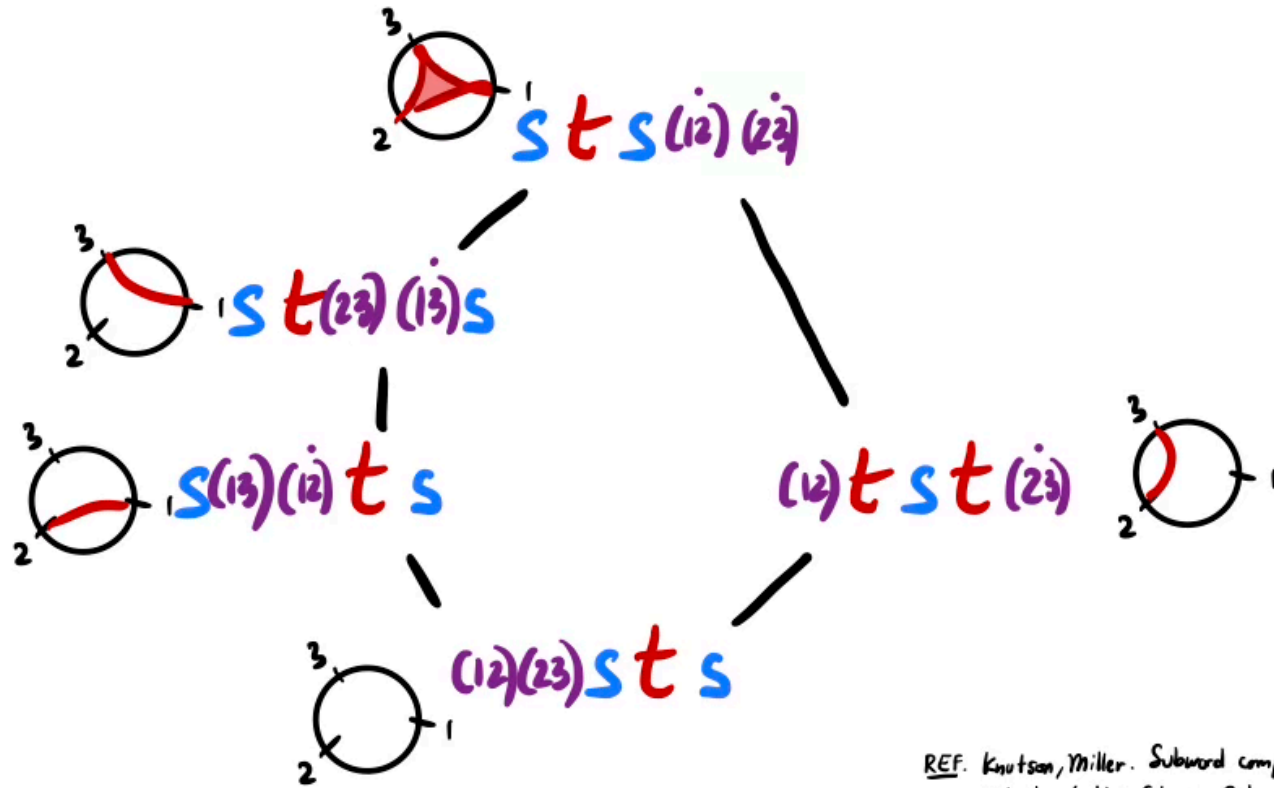
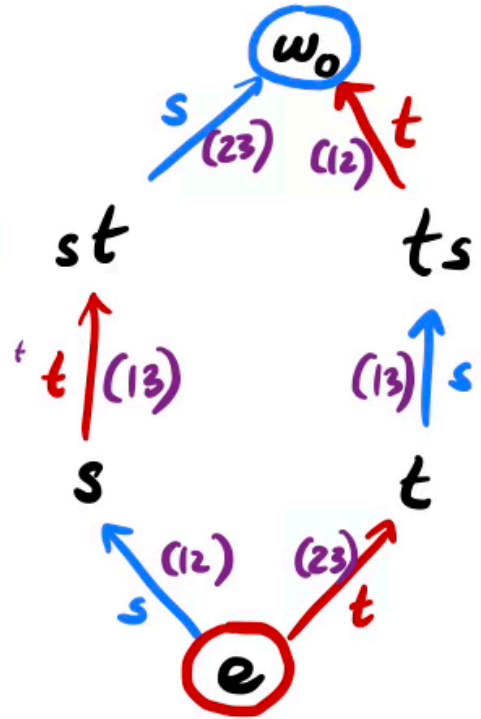
**REF.** Knutson, Miller. Subword complexes in Coxeter groups  
 Ceballos, Labbé, Stump. Subword complexes, cluster complexes, and generalized multi-associahedra.  
 Pilaud, Stump. Brick polytopes of spherical subword complexes and generalized associahedra.



# SUBWORDS & CLUSTERS

EX  $G_3$

**BISECTION:** replace stays with colored inversions (root config)



$cw_0(c) =$

s	t	s	t	s
•	•	s	t	s
s	•	•	t	s
s	t	•	•	s
s	t	s	•	•
•	t	s	t	•

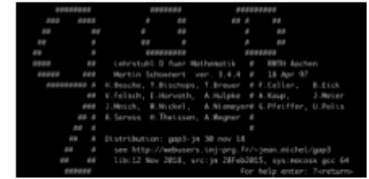
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# IR-Noncrossing PARTITIONS

THM  
(Conj: Reiner)  
(Proof: Bessis)

$$|NC_c(w)| = \text{Cat}(w) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{h+1+e_i}{d_i}$$

parameter ↓  
h+1+e\_i  
type ↙



Proof is **NOT UNIFORM**: combinatorial models + computer checks  
 (classical types) (exceptional types)

Only TWO Coxeter-Catalan objects  
 (In particular, the number of <sup>NC-object</sup> clusters in a cluster algebra of finite type was **NOT UNIFORMLY** proven to be counted by  $\text{Cat}(w)$ .)

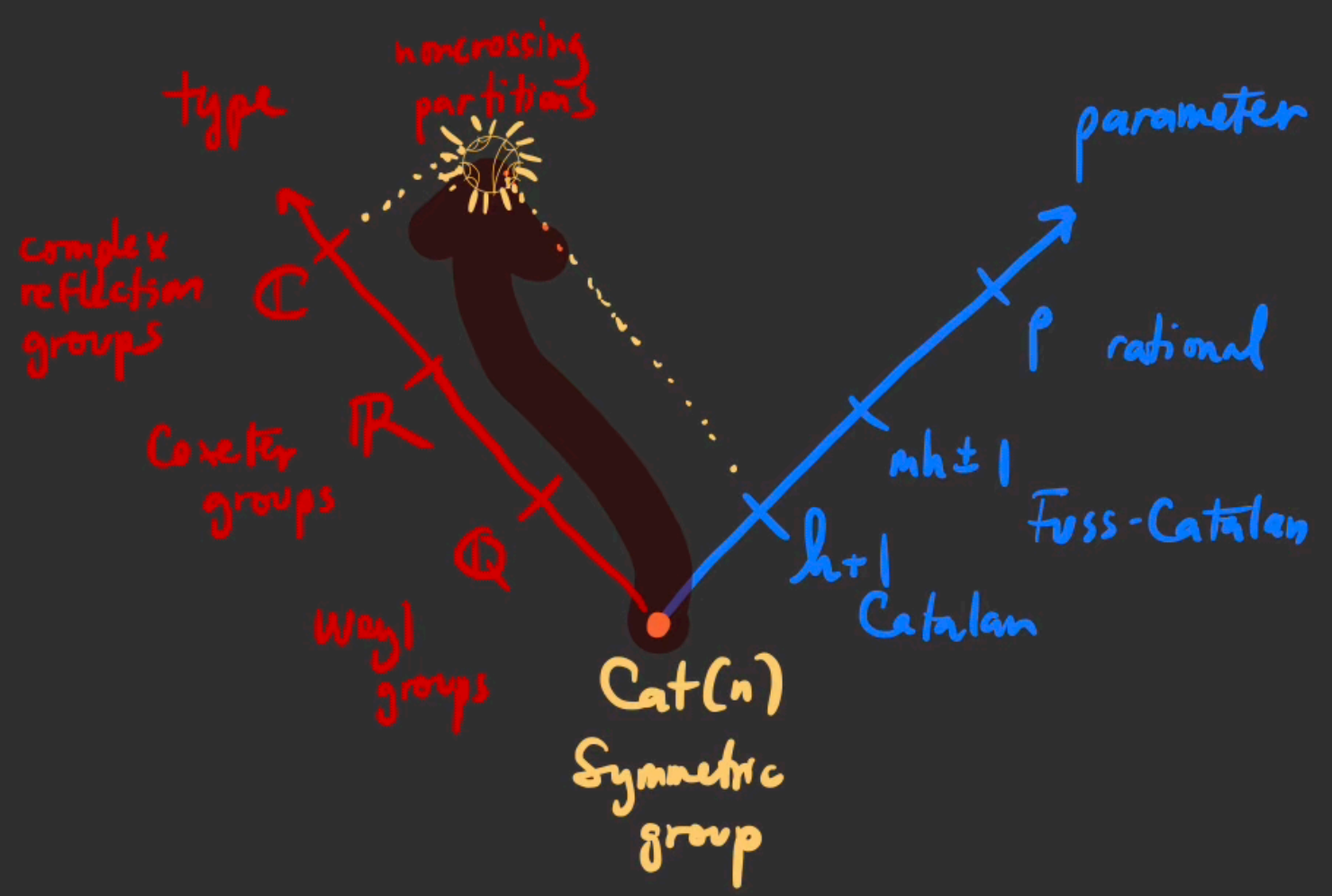
## HOWEVER...

J. Michel recently found a **UNIFORM** proof for **Weyl groups** for a related problem (factorizations of  $c$  into reflections)

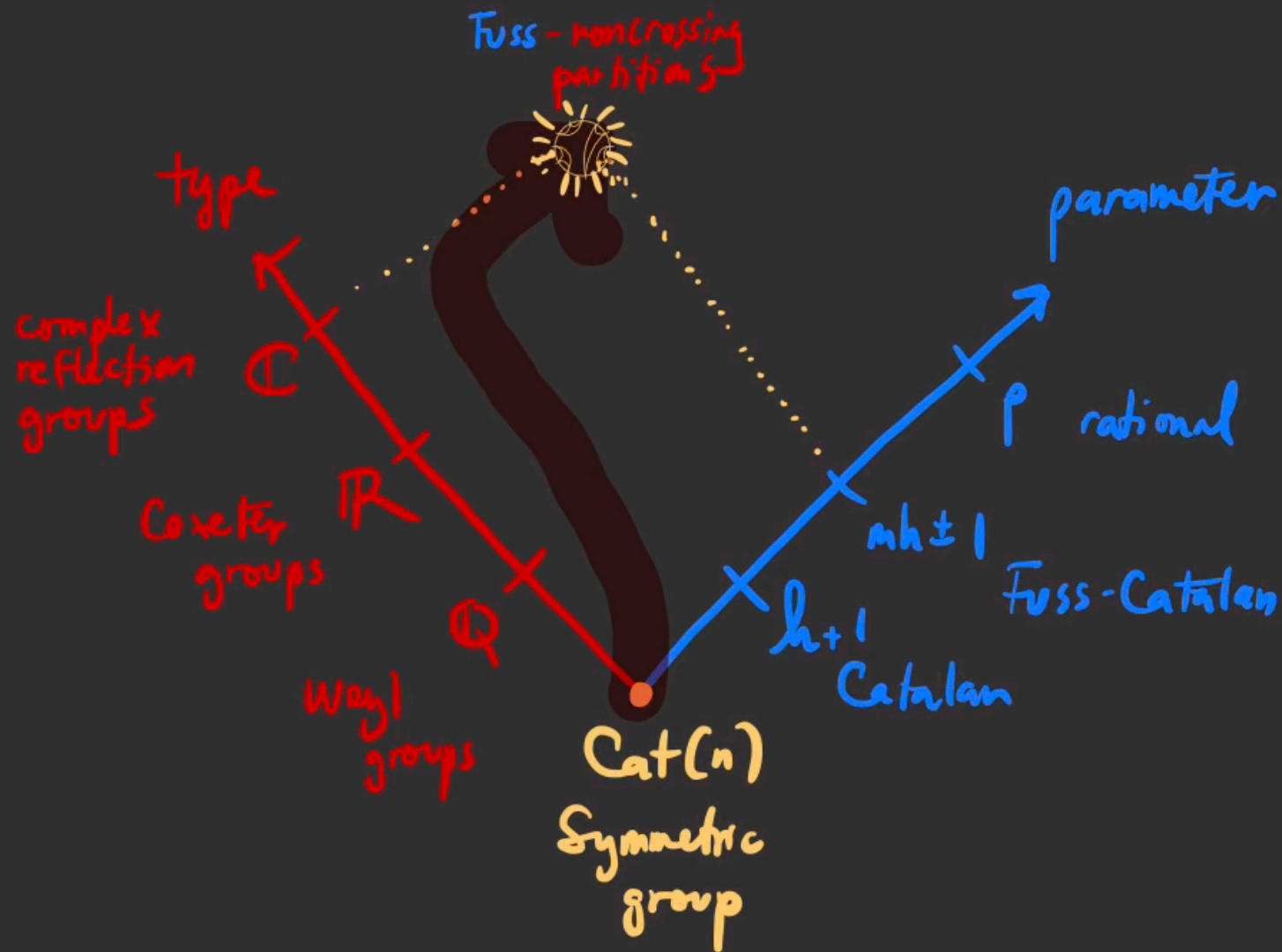
- (i) Chapuy - Stump formula
- +  
(ii) Frobenius character-theoretic method in Hecke algebra
- +  
(iii) Deligne-Lusztig theory.

REF Chapuy & Stump. Counting factorizations of Coxeter elements into products of reflections.  
Michel. "Case-free" derivation for Weyl groups of the number of reflection factorizations of a Coxeter element!

PROBLEM 1: uniformly prove  $|NC(W)| = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{h+d_i}{d_i}$ .



# IV. WHY THE FUSS?



# IR-TYPE HISTORY OF NONCROSSING PARTITIONS

1971 - Kreweeras . Sur les partitions non croisées d'un cycle .

1980 - Edelman . Chain enumeration and non-crossing partitions .

2007 - Armstrong . Generalized noncrossing partitions and combinatorics of Coxeter groups

Generalized Noncrossing Partitions and  
Combinatorics of Coxeter Groups

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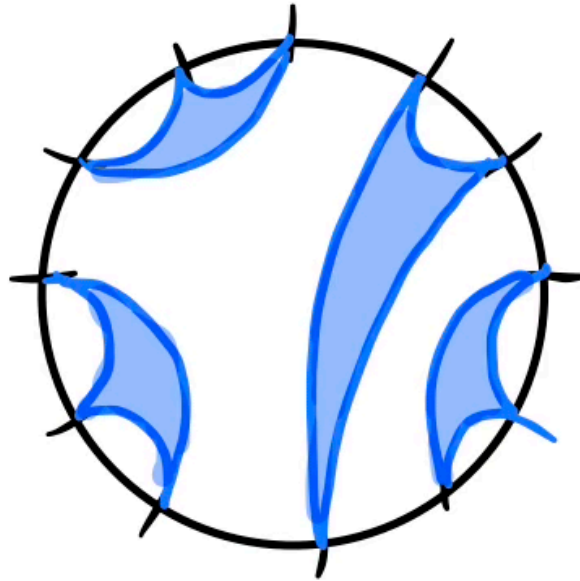


## WHY THE FUSS?

DEF  $NC_c^m(W) = \{ m\text{-multichains in } NC_c(W) \}$ .

THM  
(Armstrong)  $|NC_c^m(W)| = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{mh+1+e_i}{d_i}$  (Coxeter-Fuss-Catalan number)

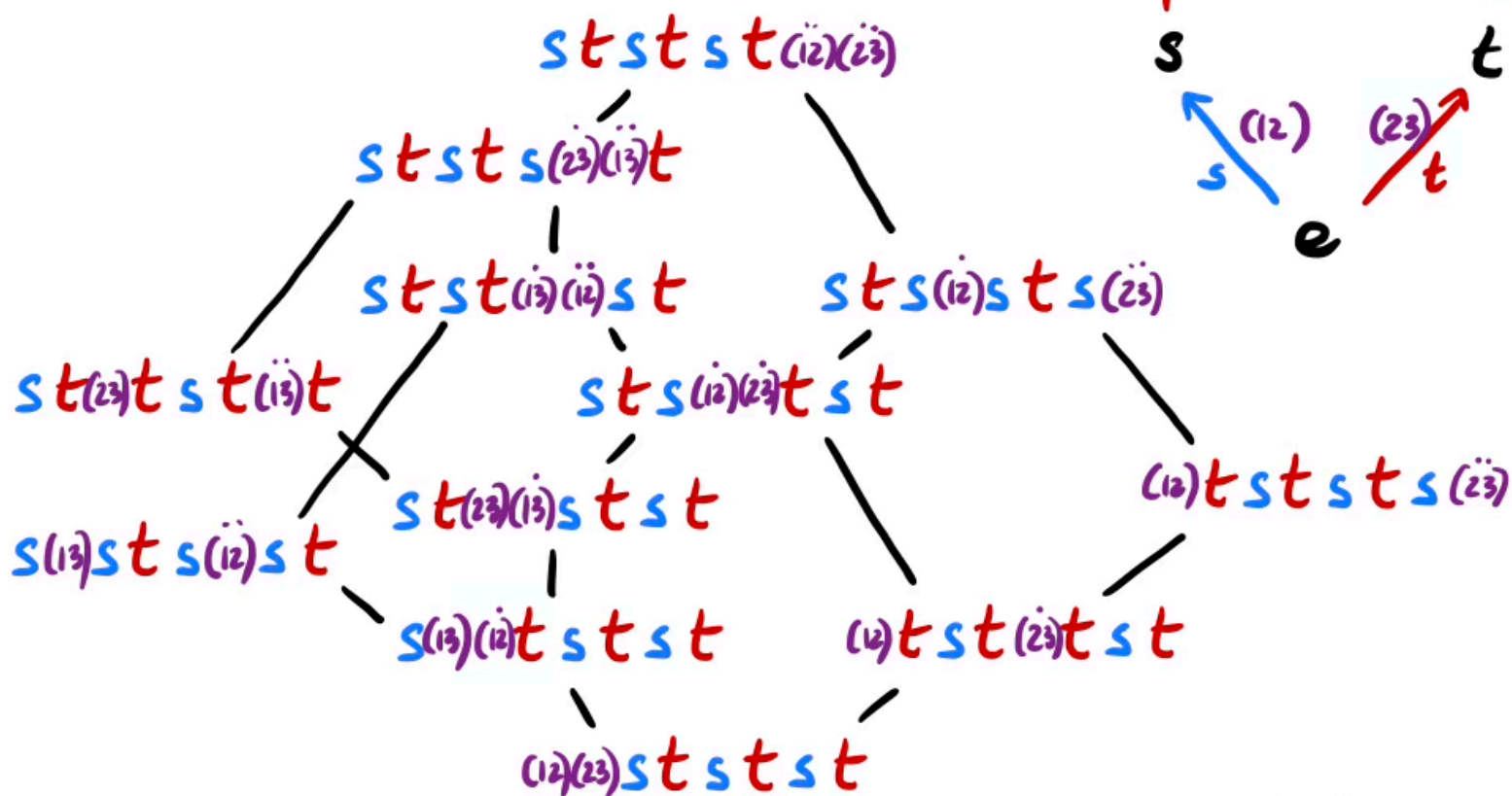
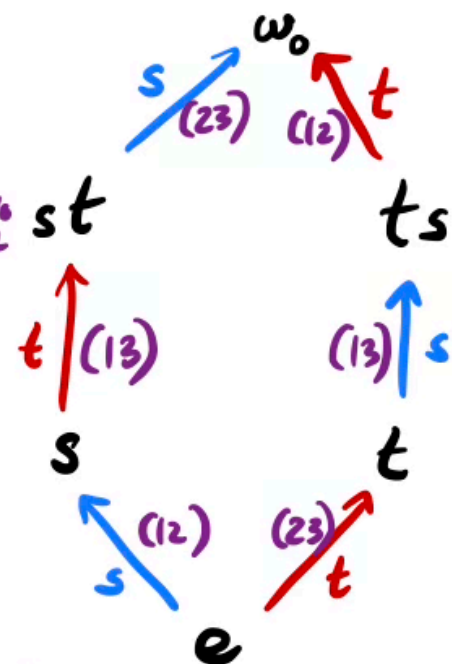
EX  $NC_c^m(S_n)$  are the  $m$ -divisible noncrossing partitions.



REF Edelman, Chain Enumeration and noncrossing partitions  
Armstrong, Generalized Noncrossing Partitions & Combinatorics of Coxeter groups

# WHY THE FUSS?

**THM** The subwords of  $cw_0^m(c)$  that start at  $e$  with  $n$  stays and end at  $w_0^m = \{c\}$  are in bijection with  $NC_c^m(w)$ .



Cataland: Why the Fuss?

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REF Stump, Thomas, Williams. Cataland: why the Fuss?



Can define  $NC_e^{-m}(w)$ , counted by  $\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{mh-1+e_i}{d_i}$ .  
And then you get stuck. For 10 years.

(Fuss-Dogalen  
number)

BUT...

BUT...  $\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{p + e_i}{d_i}$  is ALWAYS an integer for  $\gcd(p, h) = 1$ .  
slight lie

PROBLEM (D. Armstrong, ~2012):

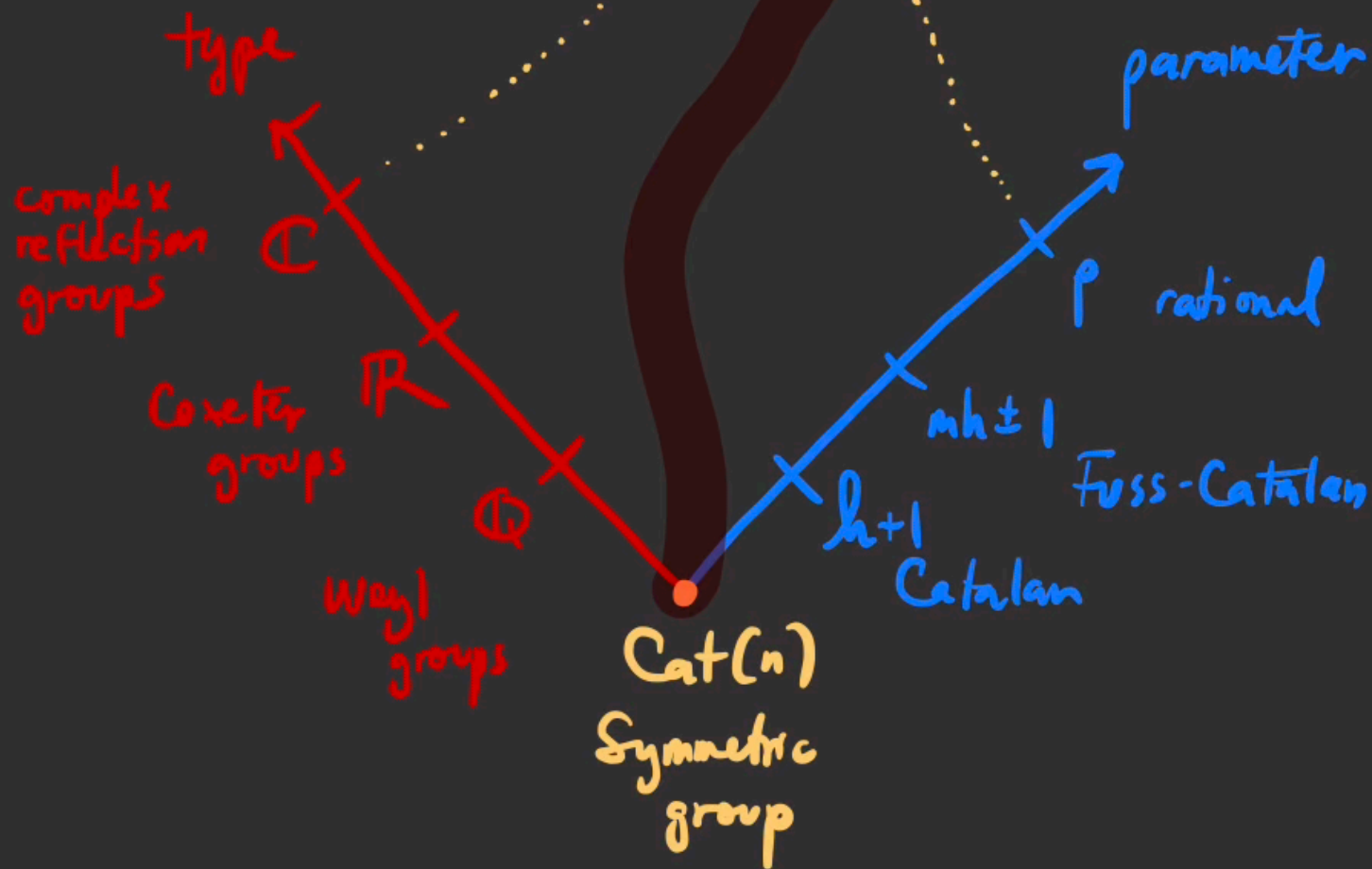
WHAT (NC) OBJECT IS COUNTED BY  $\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{p + e_i}{d_i}$  ???

fractional multichains?  
support conditions?  
subwords?



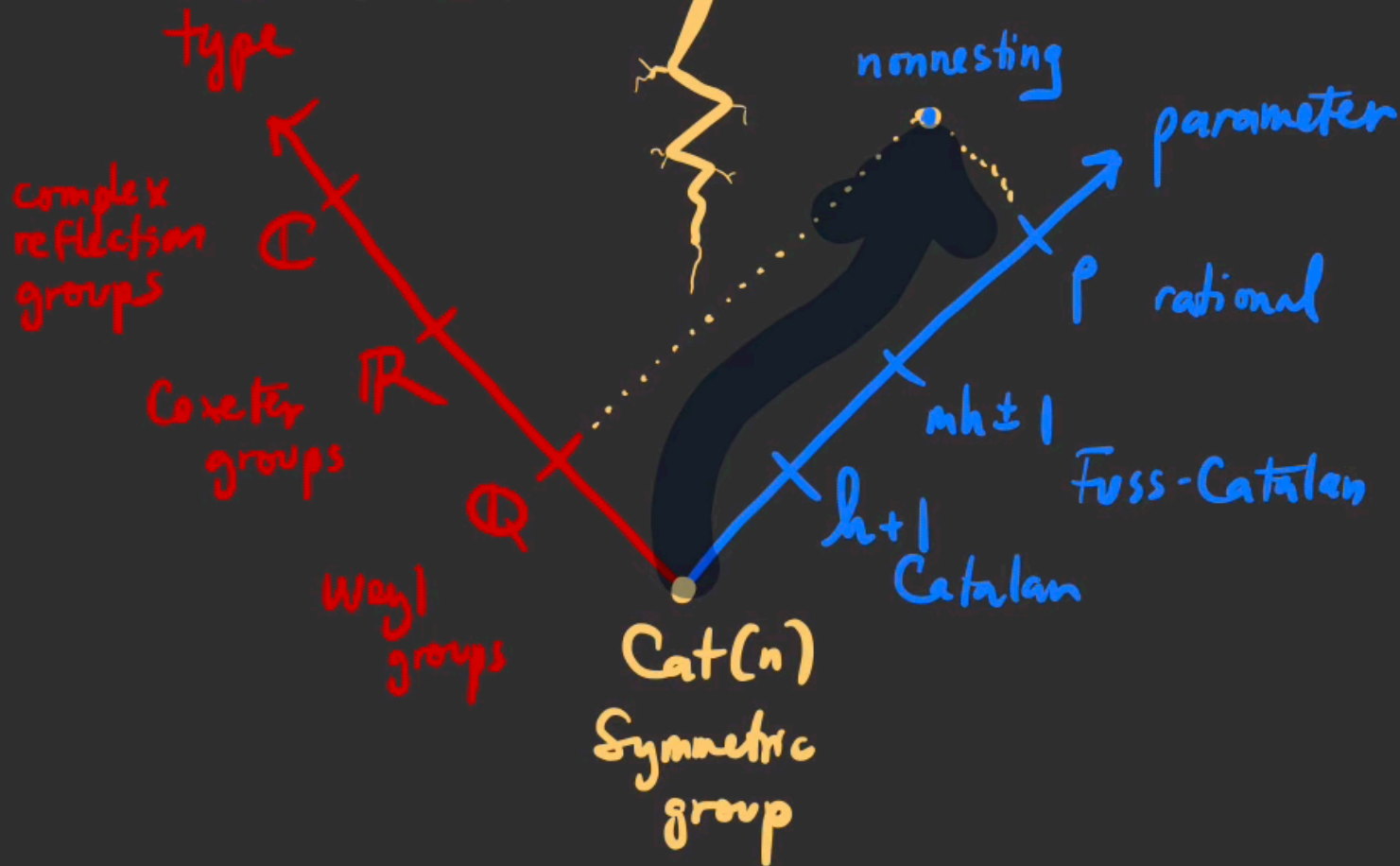
PROBLEM 2: find rational noncrossing partitions

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{p + e_i}{d_i}$$



THM Only two types of families: noncrossing & nonnesting

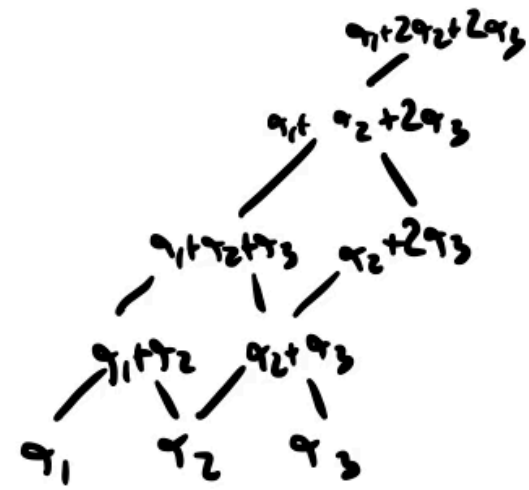
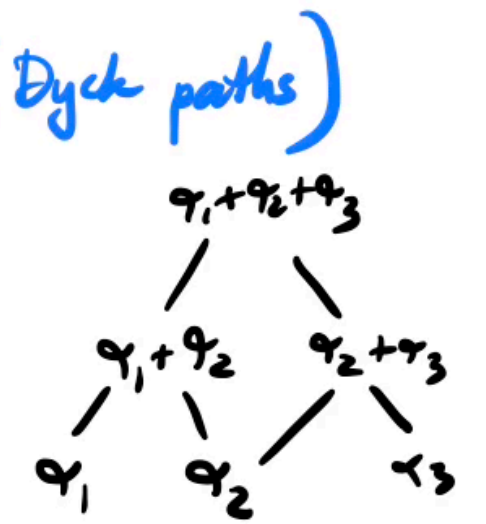
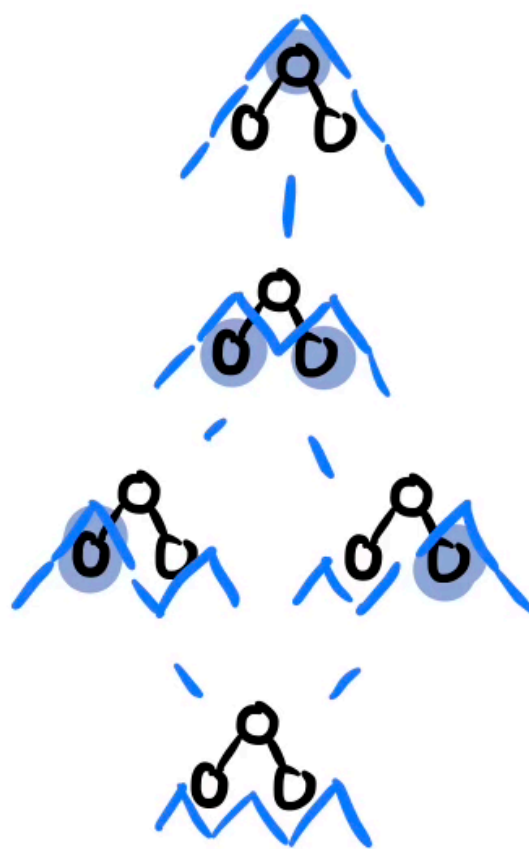
## V NONNESTING PARTITIONS



# NONNESTING PARTITIONS IN $\mathcal{G}_n$

Ex  $NN(\mathcal{G}_n) \cong$  nonnesting (set) partitions (Dyck paths)

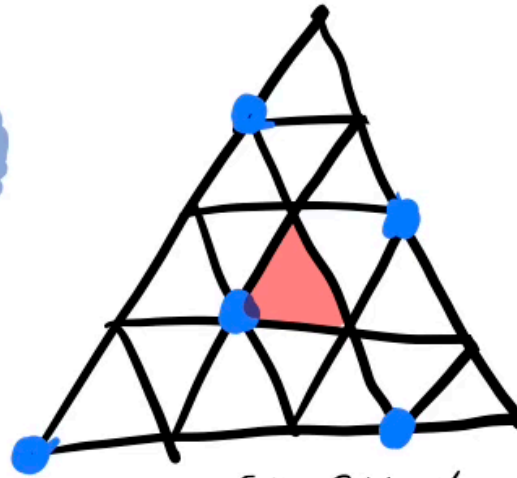
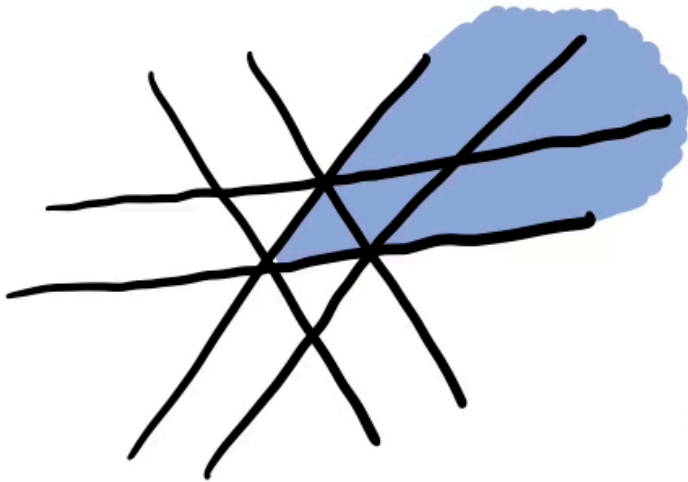
$NN(\mathcal{G}_3) \cong$



# NONNESTING PARTITIONS

DEF (Postnikov)  $NN(W) = \{ \text{antichains in the positive root poset } \Phi^+ \}$ .  
 ↗ Weyl group!

THM (Cellini-Papi)  $NN(W)$  is in bijection with coroot pts in  $(h+1)A_0$ .



$S$  is a Catalan #!

REF Shi: Sign types corresponding to an affine Weyl group  
 Reiner: Noncrossing partitions for classical reflection groups.  
 Haiman: Conjecture on the Quotient Ring by Diagonal Harmonics  
 Cellini/Papi: Ad-nilpotent ideals of a Borel subalgebra II.

## NONNESTING PARTITIONS

DEF For  $\gcd(p, h) = 1$ ,  $NN^{(p)}(w) = \{ \text{coroot pts in } pA_0 \}$

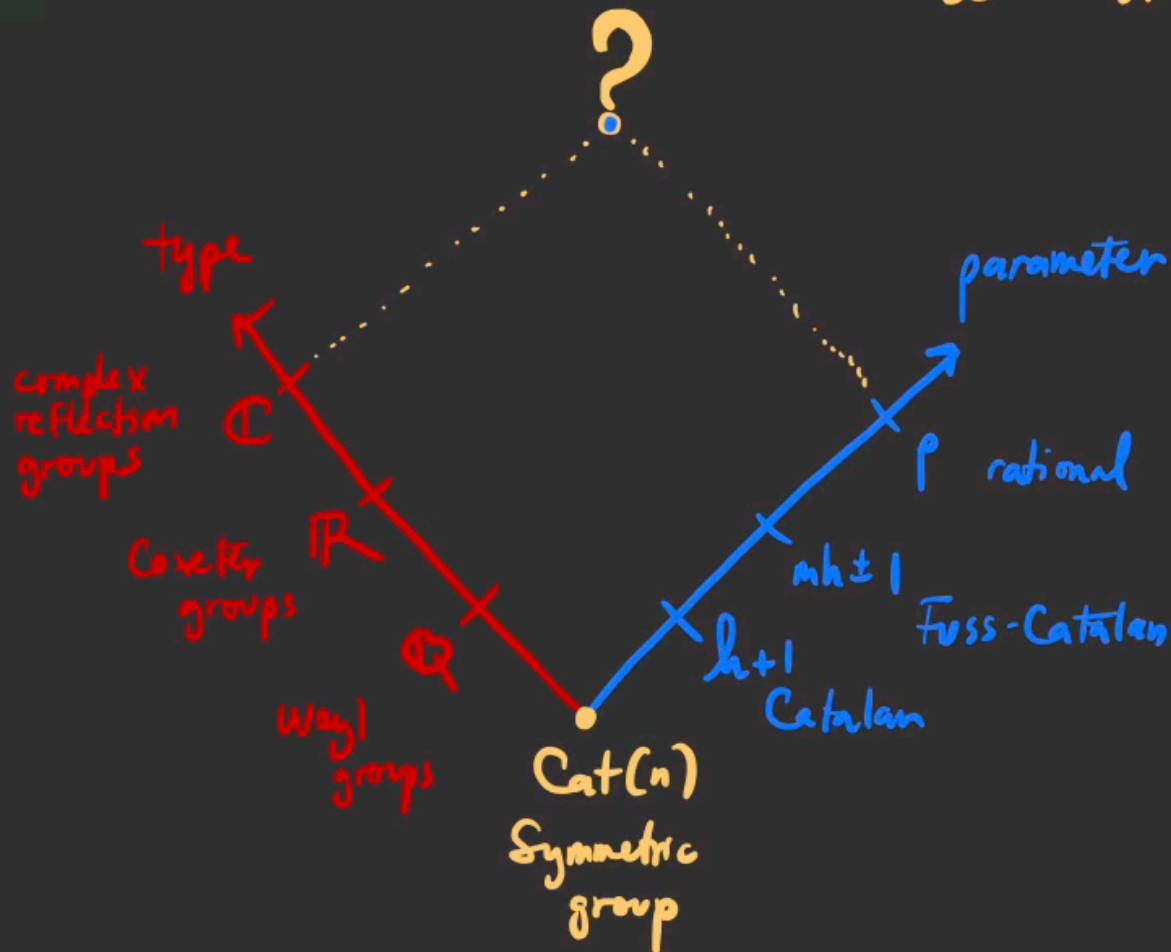
THM (Haiman)  $|NN^{(p)}(w)| = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{p + e_i}{d_i}$ .  
( $\mathbb{Q}$ -UNIFORM)

REF Haiman. Conjectures on the Quotient Ring by Diagonal Harmonics



OPEN PROBLEM 3 Find nonnesting partitions for complex reflection groups.

OPEN PROBLEM 4 Uniform bijection  $NC \leftrightarrow NN$ . I have a candidate using toggles: type A proven by LaCIM!



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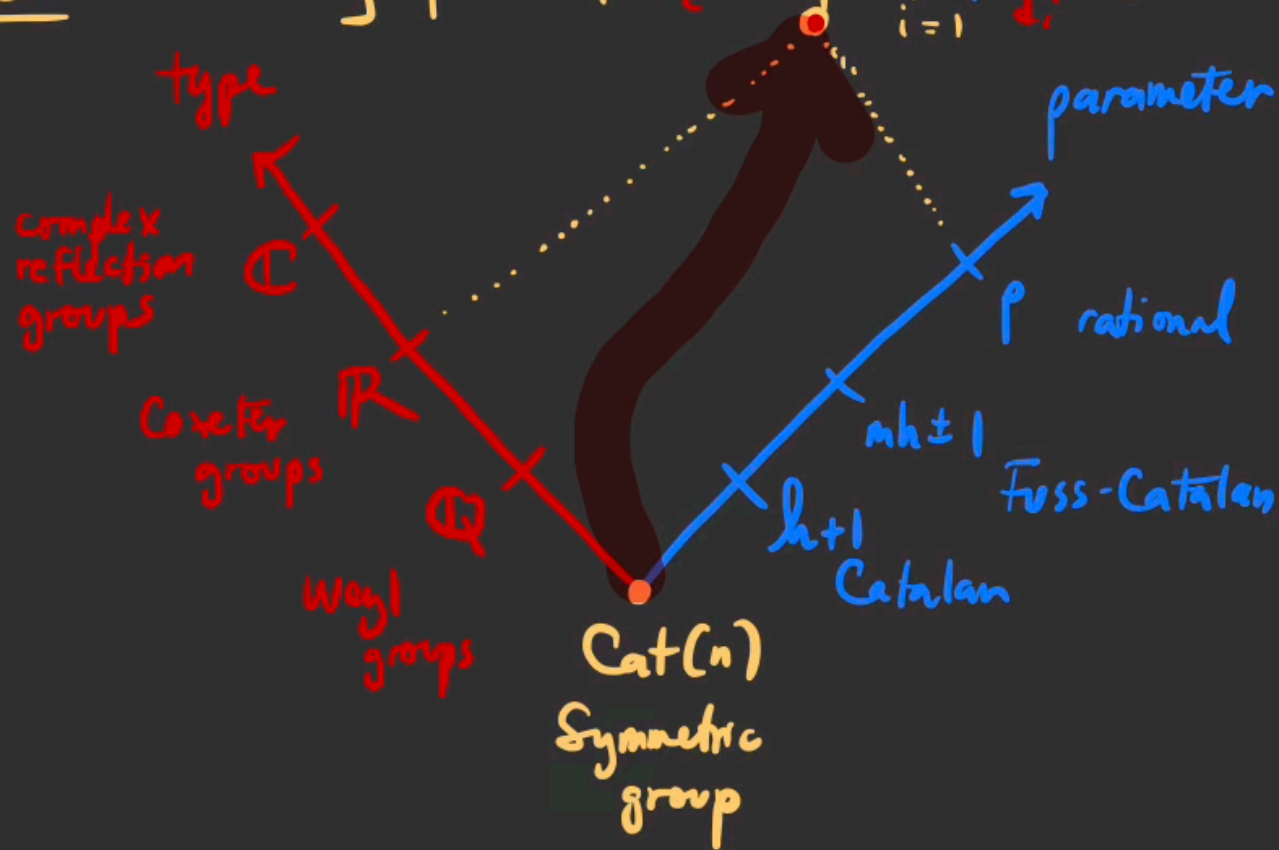
REF: Armstrong, Stump, Thomas. A Uniform Bijection between Nonnesting and Noncrossing partitions.

# VII RATIONAL NONCROSSING OBJECTS

Galashin, Lam, Trinh, W.

IR-CLOSED : find rational noncrossing partitions  $NC_{\epsilon}^{(p)}(W)$ .

Q-CLOSED : uniformly prove  $|NC_{\epsilon}^{(p)}(W)| = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{p+e_i}{d_i}$ .



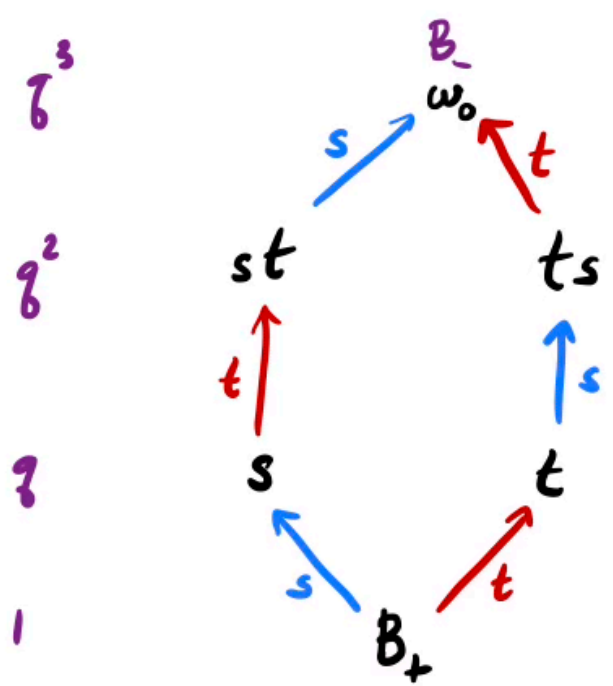
## RELATIVE POSITION IN THE FLAG VARIETY

Fix  $G$  a connected reductive group over  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_q$  with Frobenius  $F$ .

For  $B_1, B_2$  Borel subgroups, write  $B_1 \xrightarrow{w} B_2$  when

$$(B_1, B_2) \in \left\{ ({}^g B_+, {}^{g\tilde{w}} B_+) : g \in G \right\}$$

unique



# CATALAN VARIETIES (WHAT THE HECKE?)

Write  $c = s_1 s_2 \dots s_n$  for a Coxeter element.

$$\text{DEF } \text{NCV}_c^{(p)}(w) = \left\{ B_+ = B_0 \xrightarrow{s_1} B_1 \dots \xrightarrow{s_n} B_n \xrightarrow{s_1} B_{n+1} \dots \xrightarrow{s_n} B_{np} \xleftarrow{w_0} B_- \right\}$$

Think " $c^p$ "

THM (Galashin, Lam, Trinh, W.) Over  $\mathbb{F}_q$

( $\mathbb{F}_q$ -UNIFORM!)

$$|\text{NCV}_c^{(p)}(w)| = (q-1)^n \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{[p + e_i]}{[d_i]}$$

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## PROOF METHOD

Hecke algebra  
(i) character-theoretic method

Minh-Tâm Trinh (ii) Deligne-Lusztig theory.

Gordon, Griffiths (iii) Connection to rational Cherednik algebra

} similar to J. Michel's proof for the Chapuy-Stump formula

REF Gordon, Griffiths. Catalan numbers for complex reflection groups.  
Trinh. From the Hecke category to the Unipotent locus

## CASE-BY-CASE PROOF VIA LOW-BROW COMPUTATIONS

DEF The Hecke algebra  $\mathcal{H}_W$  is the complex associative algebra with basis  $\{T_w\}_{w \in W}$  and relations induced by

$$(i) \quad T_u T_v = T_{uv} \quad \text{if } l(u) + l(v) = l(uv) \quad \text{and}$$

$$(ii) \quad (T_s + q)(T_s - 1) = 0 \quad \text{for } s \in S.$$

DEF The trace  $\text{tr}: \mathcal{H}_W \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[q, q^{-1}]$  is given by

$$\text{tr}(T_w) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } w = e \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



# CASE-BY-CASE PROOF VIA LOW-BROW COMPUTATIONS

FACT 1  $|NCV_c^{(p)}(w)| = q^{pn} \text{tr}(T_c^{-p})$  (Deodhar recurrence)

Hecke algebra trace  $\text{tr}(T_w) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } w=e \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

FACT 2  $\text{tr}(T_c^{-p}) = \sum_{\chi \in \text{Irr}(W)} \frac{1}{S_\chi(q)} \chi_\chi(T_c^{-p})$

Schur elements (formulas + tables exist) thank you Götz Pfeiffer!

FACT 3  $\chi_\chi(T_c^{-p}) = q^{p h_\chi/h - pn} \chi(c)$  for  $\text{gcd}(p, h) = 1$

relative Coxeter number

FACT 4  $\chi(c) = 0$  on all but only  $h$  many irreps  $\{\chi_i\}_{i=1}^h$

$$|NCV_c^{(p)}(w)| = \sum_{i=1}^h \frac{q^{p h_i/h}}{S_i(q)} \chi_i(c)$$



$$|NCV_c^{(p)}(w)| = \sum_{i=1}^h \frac{q^{ph_i/h}}{S_i(q)} \chi_i(c)$$

Now can evaluate **CASE-BY-CASE**:

For  $G_n$ , this is a specialization of a computation of V. Jones:

$$|NCV_c^{(p)}(G_n)| = \frac{1}{[n]!} \sum_{i=1}^n q^{p(n-i) + \binom{n-i+1}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} n-1 \\ i-1 \end{bmatrix} (-1)^i$$

$$= (q-1)^{n-1} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{[p + e_i]}{[d_i]} \quad (\text{by } q\text{-binomial theorem})$$

REF Jones. Hecke algebra representations of braid groups and link polynomials  
GAP 3 with CHEVIE

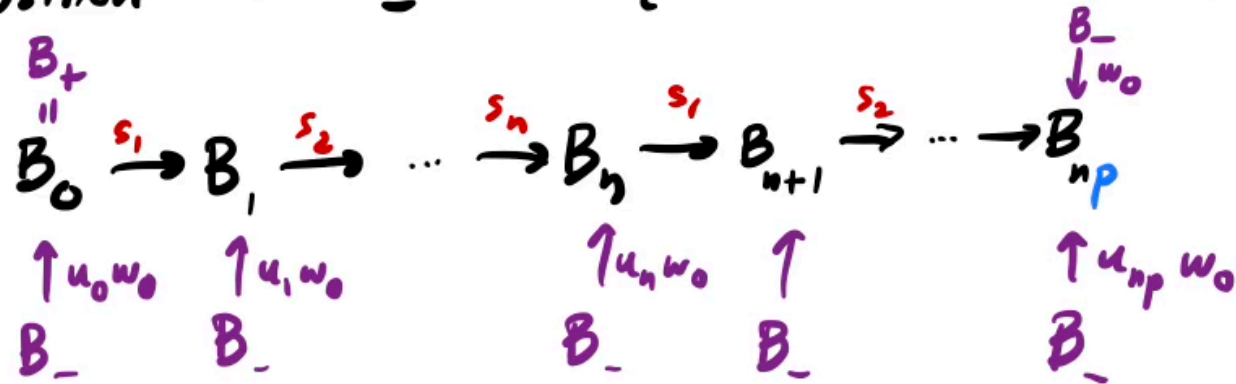
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( $\mathbb{F}_q$ -UNIFORM!)  $|NCV_c^{(p)}(w)| = (q-1)^n \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{[p+e_i]}{[d_i]}$

SHOW ME THE COMBINATORICS!

## DEODHAR DECOMPOSITION

Consider the relative position of  $B_-$  and  $B_i$  for an element of  $NCV_c^{(p)}(W)$ :



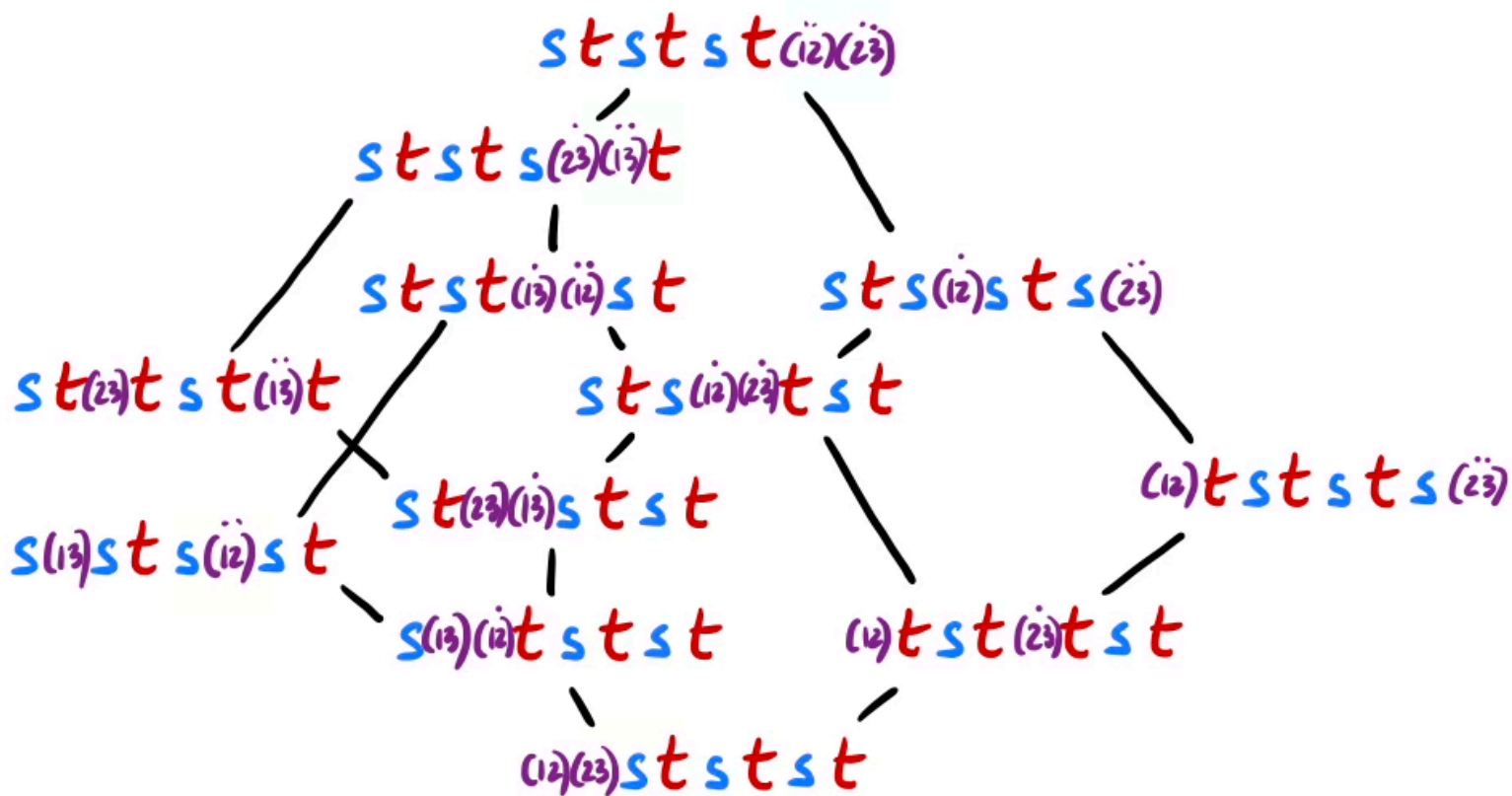
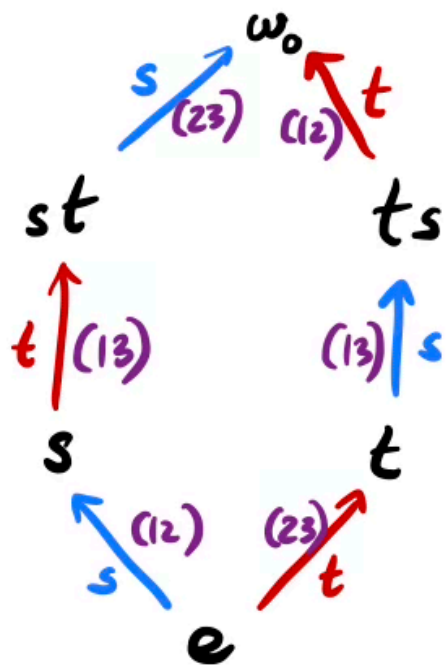
Then  $\overset{e}{\parallel} u_0, u_1, \dots, u_{np}$  encodes:

- (i) a subword of  $c^p$
- (ii) that starts and ends at  $e$
- (iii) can stay, but must go down when possible.  
no odd colors on stays

} distinguished subwords  
}  $D(c^p, e)$

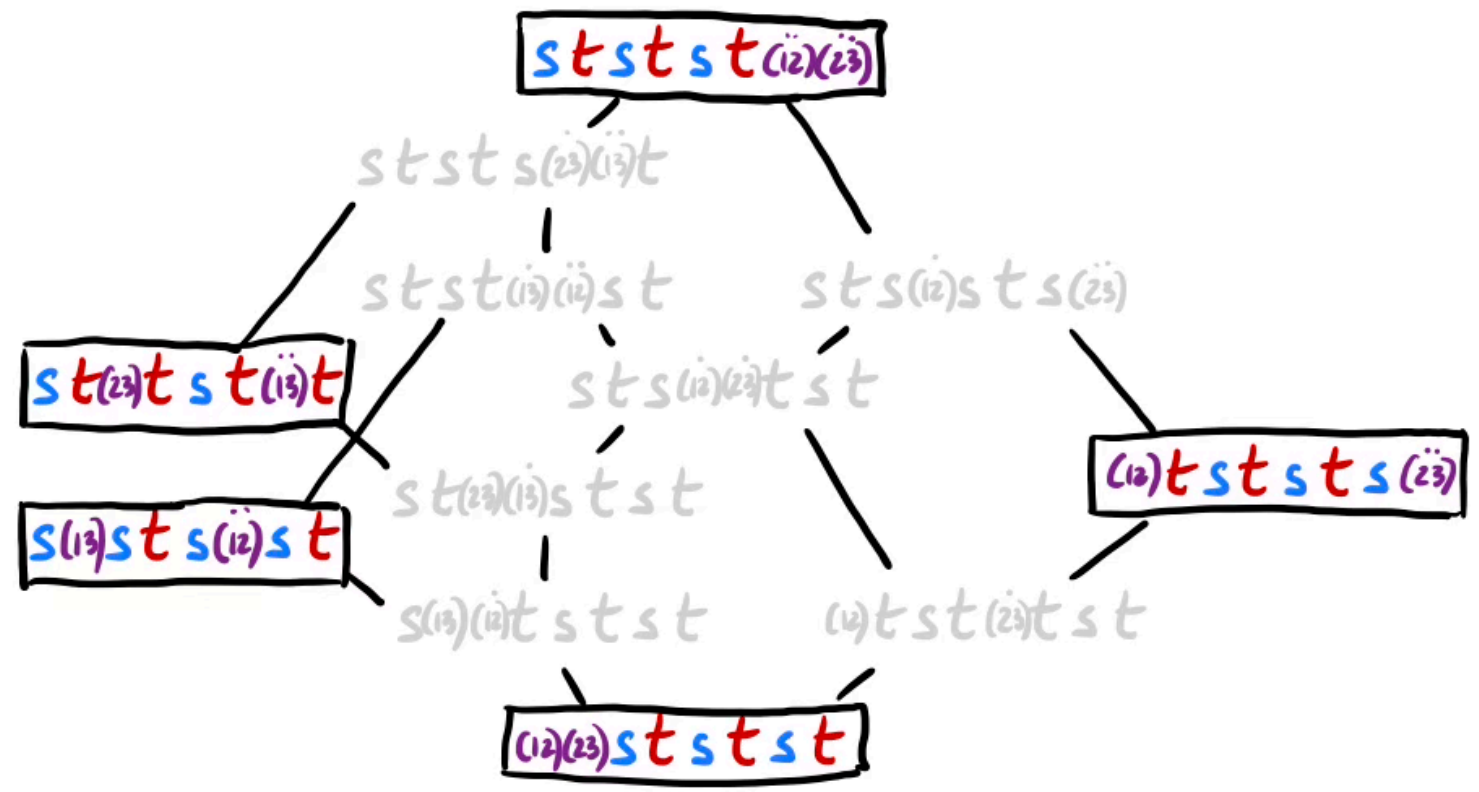
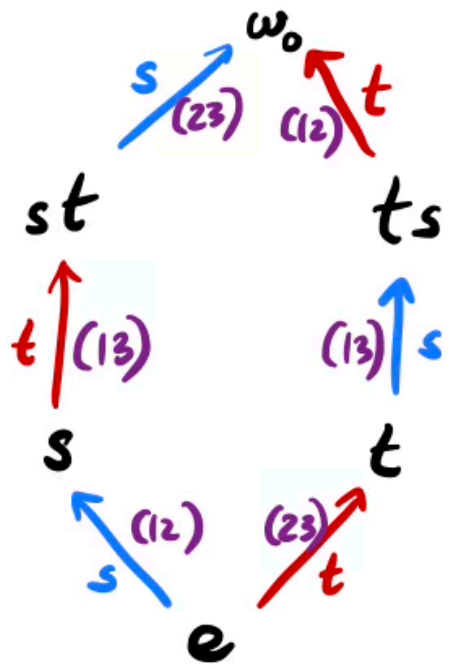
Ex  $W = G_3$ ,  $p = 4$   
 $c = st$

elements of  $D(c^4, e)$  with 2 stays  
 start & end at  $e$ , no odd colors  $\equiv$  distinguished on stays



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## DEODHAR DECOMPOSITION

DEF  $e_u = \# \text{ stays}$   
 $d_u = \# \text{ descents}$

THM  
(Deodhar)

$$|NCV_c^{(p)}(w)| = \sum_{u \in D(c^p, e)} (q-1)^{e_u} q^{d_u}$$

$$\text{So } \sum_{u \in D(c^p, e)} (q-1)^{e_u} q^{d_u} = (q-1)^n \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{[p+e_i]}{[d_i]}$$

want those  $u$  for which  $e_u = n$  (minimal # stays), then send  $q \rightarrow 1$ .



# FROM THE DEODHAR DECOMPOSITION TO COMBINATORICS

DEF  $NC_c^{(p)}(w) = \{u \in D(c^p, e) : e_u = n\}$ .  
= distinguished subwords with exactly  $n$  stays

Compute:

$$\sum_{\substack{u \in NC_c^{(p)}(w) \\ \text{(n stays)}}} q^{d_u} + \sum_{\substack{u \in D(c^p, e) \\ e_u > n \\ \text{(more than n stays)}}} (q-1)^{e_u - n} q^{d_u} = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{[p + e_i]}{[d_i]}$$

So at  $q=1$  :  $|NC_c^{(p)}(w)| = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{p + e_i}{d_i}$



# FROM THE DEODHAR DECOMPOSITION TO COMBINATORICS

I should convince you that  $NC_c^{(p)}(w)$  is a noncrossing object.

THM  $NC_c^{(mh+1)}(w)$  is in bijection with  $NC_c^m(w)$ .

subwords for  $e$  in  $c^{mh+1} = c w_0^{2m}$   
with  $n$  stays and no odd colors

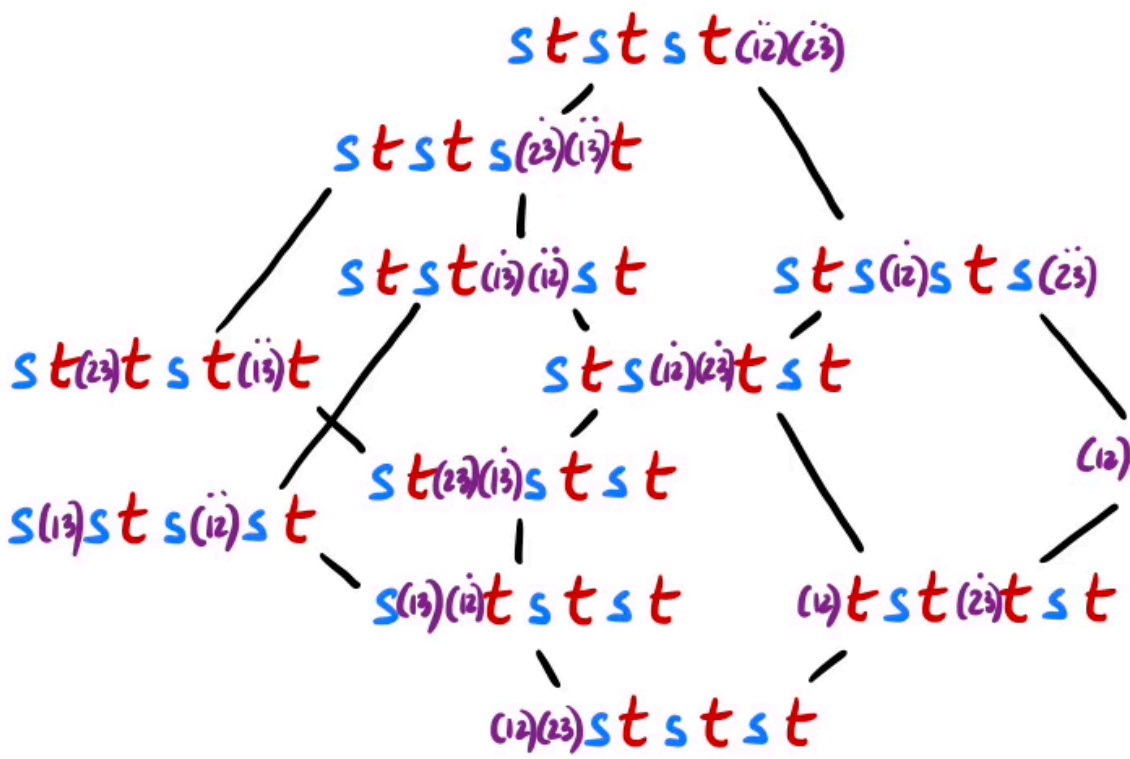
subwords for  $w_0^m$  in  $c w_0^m(c)$   
with  $n$  stays.

PROOF Halve the colors.

EX  $\mathcal{G}_3$   $m=1$

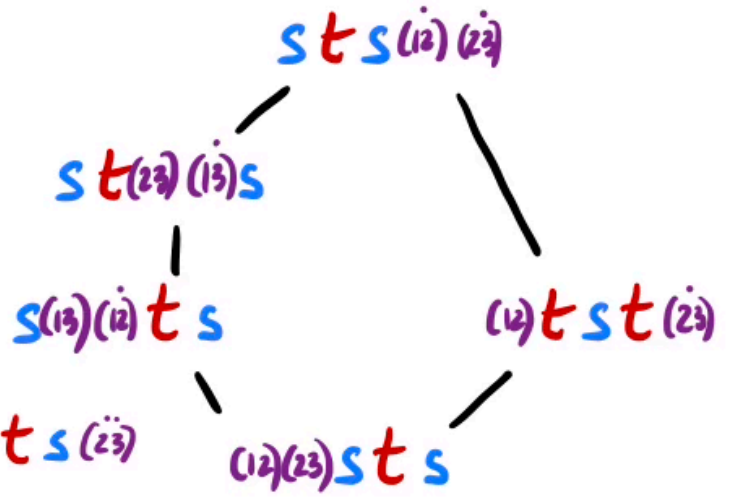
$$NC_c^{(mh+1)}(w) \quad c \stackrel{h+1}{\parallel} 2$$

Subwords for  $w_0$  in  $cw_0(c)$   
with  $n$  stays



$$NC_c^m(w)$$

Subwords for  $w_0$  in  $cw_0(c)$   
with  $n$  stays



EX  $\mathcal{G}_3$   $m=1$

$$NC_c^{(mh+1)}(w) \stackrel{c}{=} \binom{h+1}{2}$$

Subwords for  $w_0$  in  $cw_0(c)$  with  $n$  stays and no odd colors

**ststst**  $(i_2)(i_3)$

stst  $s(i_3)(i_2)t$

sts  $(i_2)st s(i_3)$

**st**  $(i_3)t s t (i_2)t$

stst  $(i_2)(i_3)st$

sts  $(i_2)(i_3)t st$

**(i\_2)tstst**  $s(i_3)$

st  $(i_3)(i_2)stst$

**s**  $(i_3)st s(i_2)st$

$s(i_3)(i_2)tstst$

$(i_2)tst(i_3)tst$

**(i\_2)(i\_3)ststst**

$$NC_c^m(w)$$

Subwords for  $w_0$  in  $cw_0(c)$  with  $n$  stays

**sts**  $(i_2)(i_3)$

**st**  $(i_3)(i_2)s$

**(i\_2)tst**  $(i_3)$

**s**  $(i_3)(i_2)t s$

**(i\_2)(i\_3)st**  $s$

PROBLEM WHAT **(NC)** OBJECT IS COUNTED BY  $\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{p + e_i}{d_i} \dots ?!$

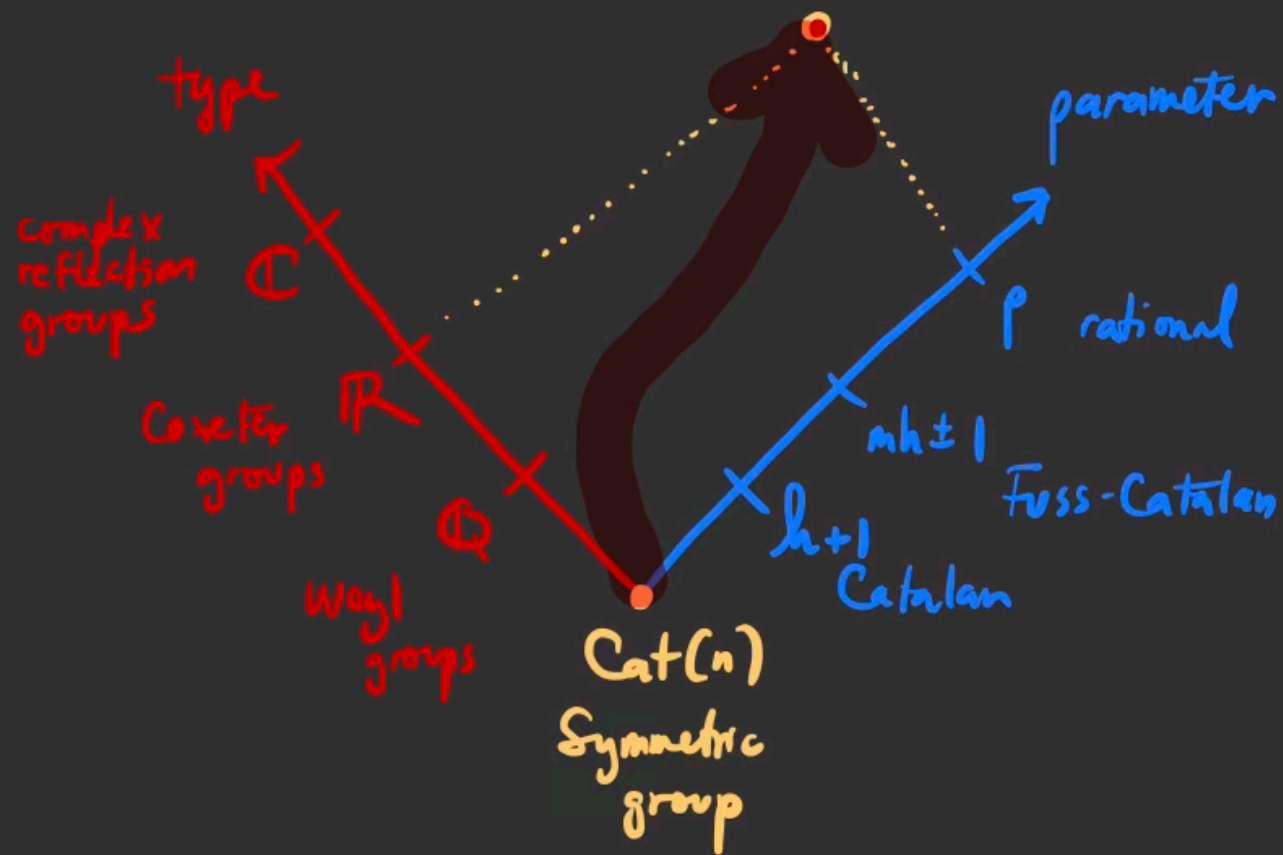
(D. Armstrong, ~2012)

THM

(Galashin, Lam, Trinh, W., 2022)

$NC_c^{(p)}(w)$ .

OPEN PROBLEM 5: find combinatorial models for  $NC_c^{(p)}(n)$ .



WHAT ABOUT PARKING STRUCTURES™?

REF Armstrong, Reiner, Rhoades. Parking Spaces.  
Rhoades. Parking Structures: Fuss Analogues.  
Edelman. Chain Enumeration and noncrossing partitions



YES!

$$\text{NCPV}_c^{(p)}(W) = \left\{ w B_+ = B_0 \xrightarrow{s_1} B_1 \xrightarrow{s_2} \dots \xrightarrow{s_n} B_n \xrightarrow{s_1} B_{n+1} \xrightarrow{s_2} \dots \rightarrow B_{np} \mid w \in W \right\}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & \uparrow u_0 w_0 & \uparrow u_1 w_0 & & \uparrow u_n w_0 & \uparrow & & \uparrow w w_0 \\ & & B_- & B_- & & B_- & B_- & & B_- \end{array}$$

THM (Galashin, Lam, Trinh, W.) Over  $\mathbb{F}_q$

( $\mathbb{F}_q$ -UNIFORM!)  $|\text{NCPV}_c^{(p)}(W)| = (q-1)^n [p]^n.$

Again get combinatorial objects as subwords with exactly  $n$  skips.

# OPEN PROBLEMS

Q-CLOSED PROBLEM 1: Uniformly prove  $|NC_c^{(p)}(W)| = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{p+e_i}{d_i}$ .

IR-CLOSED PROBLEM 2: Find rational noncrossing partitions  $NC_c^{(p)}(W)$ .

OPEN PROBLEM 3: Find *nonnesting* partitions for complex reflection groups.

OPEN PROBLEM 4: Uniform bijection  $NC_c^{(p)}(W) \leftrightarrow NN^{(p)}(W)$  (toggle bijection for  $p=h+1$ )

OPEN PROBLEM 5: Find *noncrossing* combinatorial models for  $\frac{NC_c^{(p)}(W)}{NCPV_c^{(p)}(W)}$  in classical types.

OPEN PROBLEM 6: Follow Galashin's "recipe for success"  
(compute mixed Hodge cohomology)

## OPEN PROBLEMS FOUND WHILE MAKING THESE SLIDES

OPEN PROBLEM 7: Show that the restriction of  $\text{Camb}_c^2(W)$  to the Deodhar words is isomorphic to  $\text{NC}_c(W)$ .  
What happens for  $\text{Camb}_c^{2m}(W)$ ?

## BONUS PROBLEMS (R-polynomials)

BONUS PROBLEM 1: In  $\tilde{G}_{2n}$ , show  $R_{t_{2\lambda_n}}(q) = (q-1)^{2n} \sum_{\mu \vdash n} f_{\mu}^2 q^{\text{stat}(\mu)}$

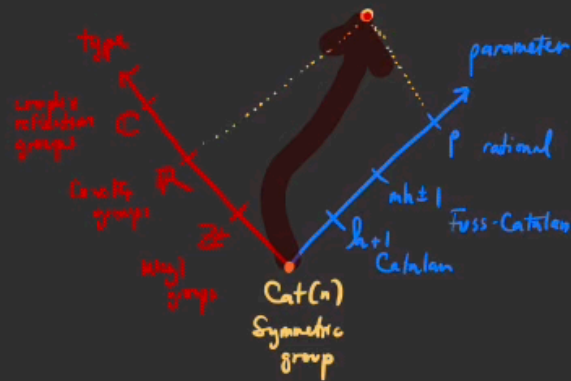
BONUS PROBLEM 2: In  $C_n$ , show  $R_{w_0}(q) = (q-1)^n \sum_{\mu \vdash n} \sum_{T \in \text{SYT}(\mu)} q^{\text{stat}(T)}$

BONUS PROBLEM 3: In  $\tilde{G}_n$ , let  $\lambda = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_i \alpha_i = \lambda_+ - \lambda_-$  with  $a_1 > a_2 > \dots > a_{n-1} \geq 0$ .  
Show  $R_{t_{\lambda_-}, t_{\lambda_+}}(q) = (q-1)^{n+1} \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} (q^{(i+1)a_i - i a_{i+1}} - 1)$ .

BONUS PROBLEM 4: Fix  $\gcd(n, m) = 1$ . In  $\tilde{G}_m$  define  $w_{n,m} = (s_{m-n+1} \dots s_{m-1} s_0 s_{m-n} \dots s_1)^n$

Show  $R_{w_{n,m}}(q) = (q-1)^{n+m-1} [m]_q^{n-1}$ .

THANK YOU !!!



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