

# Generalized Cluster Structures and Periodic Difference Operators

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[FGT]: Generalized cluster structures and  
cyclic symmetry in three settings  
(in preparation)

## Cast of characters:

- Periodic difference operators / infinite periodic finite band matrices (e.g. Jacobi matrices)
  - spectral theory, integrable systems (periodic Toda lattice, discrete KP hierarchy)...
- Poisson varieties with group actions (Poisson-Lie groups, Poisson homogeneous spaces)
  - integrable systems, representation theory, quantum groups.
- (Generalized) cluster algebras
  - combinatorics, Lie theory, reps of algebras, (higher) Teichmüller theory, ....

## Cluster Structures on Poisson Varieties.

Let  $(V, \{\cdot, \cdot\})$  be a Poisson variety that admits a toric action.

We want to construct a family of coordinate systems (**clusters**)

$\mathbf{F} = \{x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)\}$  such that

- ① For any  $x \in \mathbf{F}$  and any  $i$ ,  $x_i$  is a regular function on  $V$  homogeneous w.r.t. the toric action.
- ② Every  $x \in \mathbf{F}$  is **compatible** with  $\{\cdot, \cdot\} : \{x_i, x_j\} = \omega_{ij} x_i x_j$ ,  $\omega_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}$  (*log-canonical Poisson bracket*)
- ③ Any  $x, x' \in \mathbf{F}$  are connected via **Laurent polynomial** transformation
- ④ Any regular function on  $V$  is a Laurent polynomial in terms of every  $x \in \mathbf{F}$

# Ingredients

## Poisson Side

- $(V \supset (\mathbb{C}^*)^m, \alpha, \beta)$   
 $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n; x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{n+m})$   
 $\{x_i, x_j\} = \omega_{ij} x_i x_j$   
 $i, j = 1, \dots, m+n$

$$\Omega = (\omega_{ij})_{i,j=1}^{n+m}$$

$x_i$  - homogeneous under  $\mathcal{O}(V)$   $(\mathbb{C}^*)^m$ -action

- $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_\kappa = (\mathbf{x} \setminus \{x_\kappa\}) \cup \tilde{x}_\kappa$   
 $\kappa \in \{1, \dots, n\}$   
 $\{\tilde{x}_i, \tilde{x}_j\} = \tilde{\omega}_{ij} \tilde{x}_i \tilde{x}_j$

$\tilde{x}_i$  - homogeneous under  $\mathcal{O}(V)$   $(\mathbb{C}^*)^m$ -action

regularity

- Completeness :

Any elements in  $\mathcal{O}(V)$  is a Laurent Poly.

in terms of any

$\mathbf{x}$ , polynomial

in  $x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{n+m}$ ,

## Cluster Algebra Side

- Initial seed :

$$(\mathbf{x}, \underbrace{Q}_{\text{quiver}})$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \cancel{Q} \\ \cancel{Q} \end{array} \right)$$

$$Q \leftrightarrow B_Q = n \times (n+m) \text{ adjacency matrix}$$

- Exchange Relation

$$x_\kappa \cdot \tilde{x}_\kappa = \prod_{(j \rightarrow \kappa) \in Q} x_j + \prod_{(\kappa \rightarrow j) \in Q} x_j$$

Quiver Mutation

$$Q \rightsquigarrow \tilde{Q}$$

(explained below)

$$\rightsquigarrow (\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{Q}) \text{ - adjacent seed.}$$

$$\mathcal{O}(V) \cong \text{Upper Cluster Algebra } \bar{A}(\mathbf{x}; Q).$$

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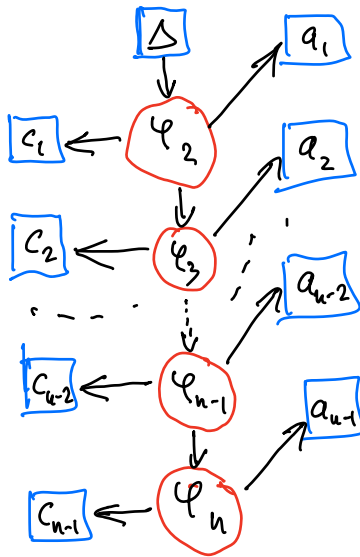
Example 1 Cluster algebra of finite type  $A_{n-1}$   
 (Yang-Zelevinsky realization)

$G = G \langle n \rangle G^{c, c^{-1}} = B_+ c B_+ \backslash B_- c^{-1} B_- = \left\{ X = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & a_1 & & 0 \\ c_1 & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & \ddots & a_{n-1} & \\ 0 & & c_{n-1} & b_n \end{bmatrix}, \begin{array}{l} a_i \neq 0 \\ b_i \neq 0 \\ \Delta \neq 0 \end{array} \right\}$

$i, j$  - standard P.-Z. (c = s\_1 \dots s\_{n-1})  
Coxeter Double Bruhat Cell

Initial seed :

$$\varphi_i = \det X \begin{matrix} [i, \dots, n] \\ [i, \dots, n] \end{matrix}$$



Cluster transformations!  
 Desnanot - Jacobi Identities

Plücker,  
 Whitehead,  
 Ptolemy,  
 Hirota - -

THM (Yang-Zelevinsky)

$\{ \text{cluster variables} \} \iff \{ \det X \begin{matrix} [i, j] \\ [i, j] \end{matrix}; 1 \leq i < j \leq n \}$

## Example 2 Drinfeld double of $GL_n$ .

$$D(GL_n) = GL_n \times GL_n = \text{diag}(G) \times G^*$$

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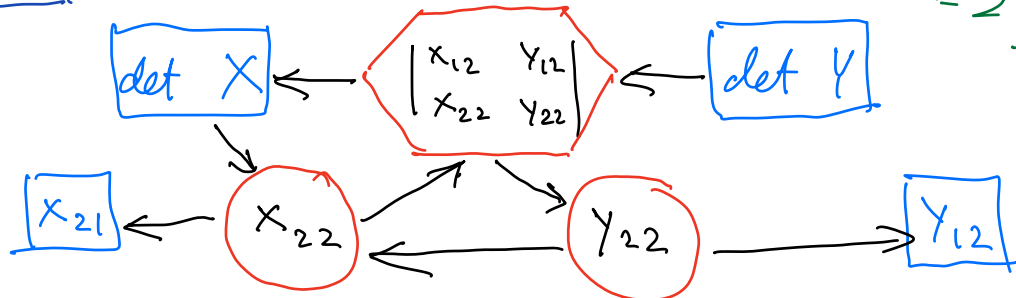
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P.-Z. {,}
P.-Z. group

- $D(GL_n)$  is itself a Poisson-Lie group with  $\{, \}$  quadratic in terms of matrix entries of  $(X, Y) \in D(GL_n)$

$n=2$

Initial seed:

$$\det(\lambda X + \mu Y) = \sum c_i(X, Y) \lambda^i \mu^{4-i}$$



But! "usual" cluster transformation at does not produce a regular function.

Remedy! Replace by a "longer relation"

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} x_{12} & y_{12} \\ x_{22} & y_{22} \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} y_{21} & y_{22} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \end{vmatrix} &= \det(-y_{22} X + x_{22} Y) \\ &= \underbrace{\det X}_{\text{Casimirs}} \cdot y_{22}^2 + c(X, Y) y_{22} x_{22} + \underbrace{\det Y}_{\text{Casimirs}} \cdot x_{22}^2 \end{aligned}$$

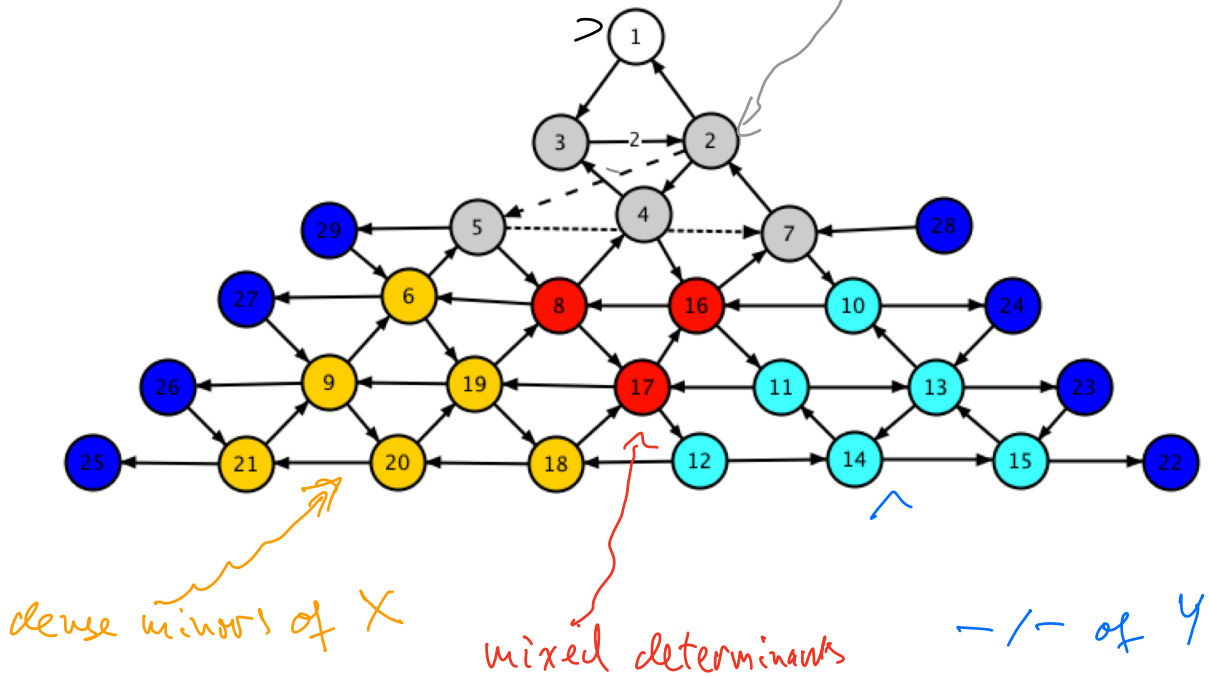
This is a generalized cluster transformation.

$n = any$

Relation of length  $(n+1)$ :

$$\varphi_i \tilde{\varphi}_i = \det((-1)^{h-1} \varphi_2 X + \varphi_3 Y) = \sum_{k=0}^n \pm c_k(X, Y) \varphi_2^k \varphi_3^{n-k}$$

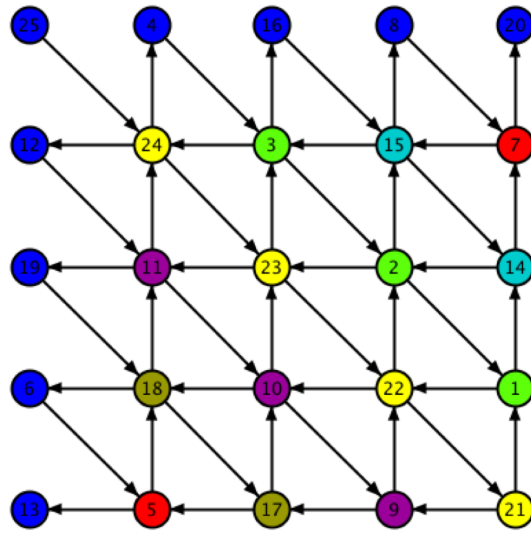
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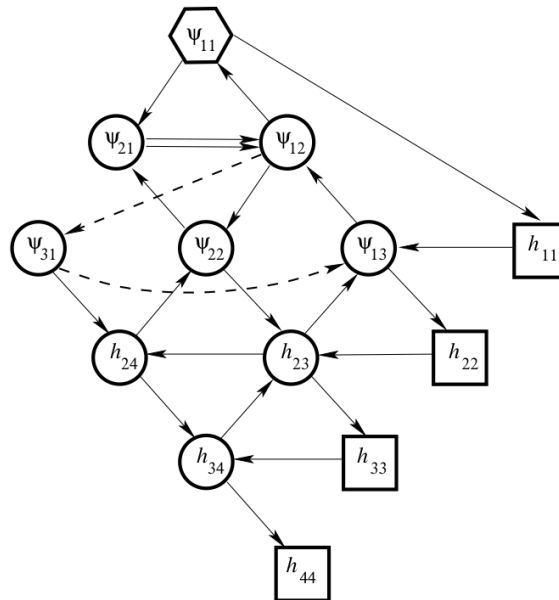
- (i) regular complete generalized cluster structure on  $D(GL_n)$
  - (ii) regular complete ~~generalized~~ cluster structure on  $GL_n$ .
  - (iii) regular complete generalized cluster structure on  $GL_n^*$ .
- // — conj. class in  $GL_n \cap B_+ B_-$
- // —  $B_+ W_0$

(iii) :



(iii) :

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variables: functions of  $u = X^{-1}Y$

# Key Identity

Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. For  $u, v \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , define matrices

$$\Gamma(u) = [u \ Au \ A^2u \ \dots \ A^{n-1}u],$$

$$\Gamma_1(u, v) = [v \ u \ Au \ \dots \ A^{n-2}u], \quad \Gamma_2(u, v) = [Av \ u \ Au \ \dots \ A^{n-2}u].$$

Let  $w$  be the last row of the classical adjoint of  $\Gamma_1(u, v)$ , i.e.

$$w\Gamma_1(u, v) = (\det \Gamma_1(u, v)) e_n^T.$$

Define  $\Gamma^*(u, v)$  to be the matrix with rows  $w, wA, \dots, wA^{n-1}$ . Then

$$\det \left( \det \Gamma_1(u, v)A - \det \Gamma_2(u, v)\mathbf{1} \right) = (-1)^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} \det \Gamma(u) \det \Gamma^*(u, v).$$

polynomials in  $A$

## Initial Seed for a Generalized Cluster Structure

(G: S.-V. modification of the definition by Chekhov - Shapiro)

- Each non-frozen vertex  $i \in Q$  now has a multiplicity  $d_i$  and a string of coefficients  $P_i = (P_{i,0}, P_{i,1}, \dots, P_{i,d_i-1}, P_{i,d_i} = 1)$  attached.

- Generalized Exchange Relation:

$$x_k \tilde{x}_k \stackrel{d_k}{=} \sum_{r=0}^{d_k} P_{kr} u_{k;>}^r v_{k;>}^{[r]} u_{k;<}^{d_k-r} v_{k;<}^{[d_k-r]}$$

$$u_{k;>} = \prod_{i \rightarrow k} x_i, \quad u_{k;<} = \prod_{k \rightarrow i} x_i$$

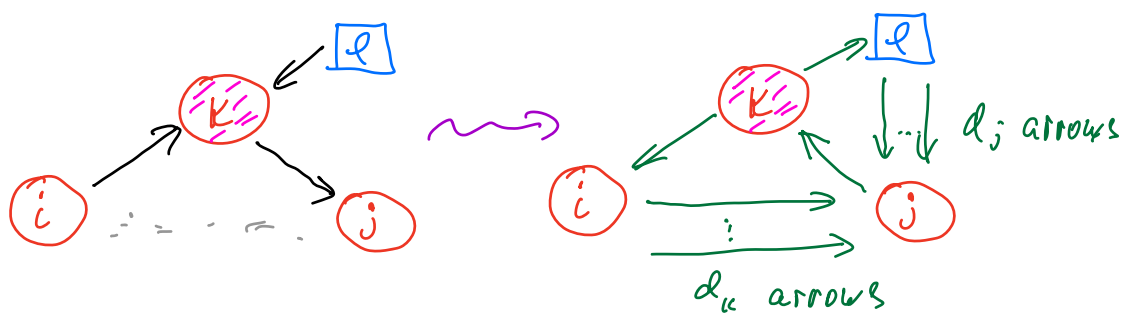


$$V_{k, >}^{[r]} = \prod_{i \in [k]} x_i^{\lfloor \frac{r \cdot \#(k \rightarrow i)}{d_k} \rfloor}, \quad V_{k, <}^{[r]} = \prod_{i \in [k]} x_i^{\lfloor \frac{r \cdot \#(i \rightarrow k)}{d_k} \rfloor}$$

• Coefficient Mutation

$$\tilde{P}_{kr} = P_{k, d_k - r}$$

• Modified Quiver Mutation



- Under these definitions all nice properties of cluster algebras remain intact (Chekhov-Shapiro, Rupel-Nakanishi, Nakanishi, G-S-V)

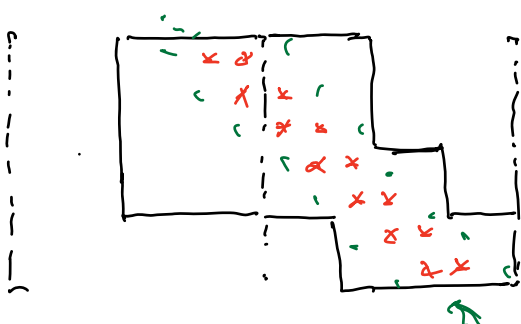
Source of Examples! Periodic Staircase Matrices

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}, \quad A, B - n \times n \text{ of special form, s.t. } Q \text{ has } k \text{ inner diagonals}$$

E.g.:

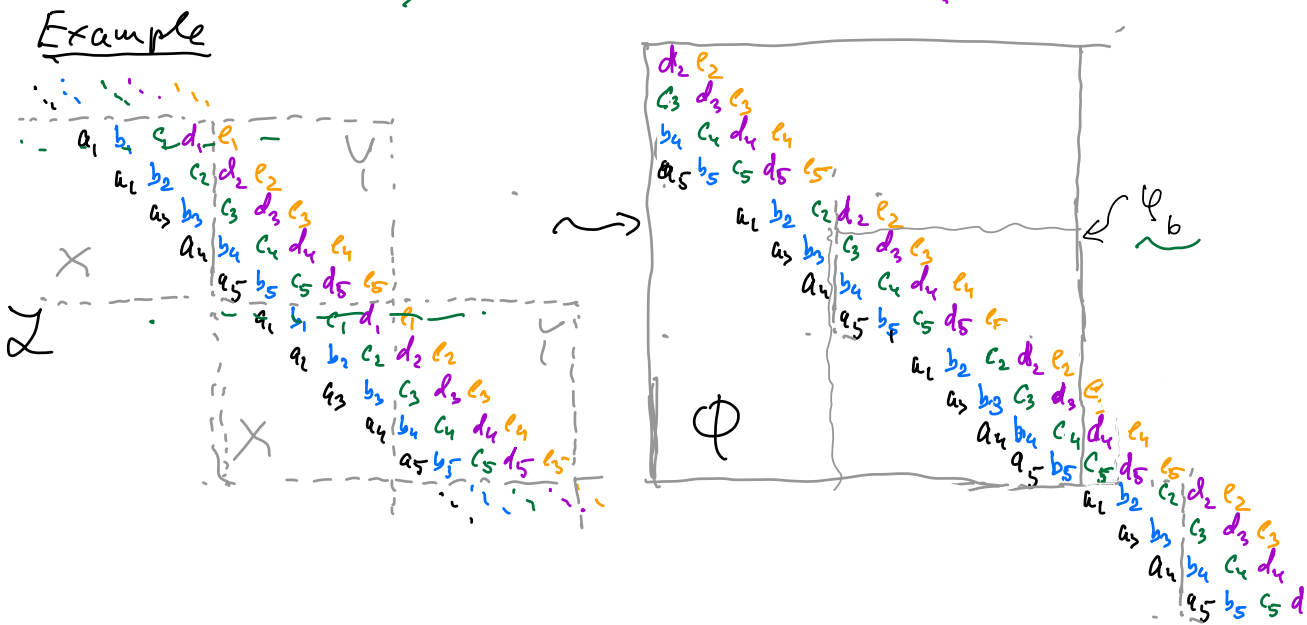
$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ A & B \end{bmatrix} =$$

(n=7)



(2 inner diagonals)

- Remove 1st row from each block row  
 $\rightarrow$  Reducible matrix with maximal irred. component  $\Phi(\mathcal{Z})$  of size  $N \approx k \cdot n$



- Define  $\psi_i = \det \Phi(\mathcal{Z}) \begin{matrix} [i, N] \\ [i, N] \end{matrix}$
- Then  $\det(\lambda B + \mu A) = \lambda^{n-k} \sum_{i=0}^k c_i(A, B) \mu^i \lambda^{k-i}$

and "master identity"  $\Rightarrow$

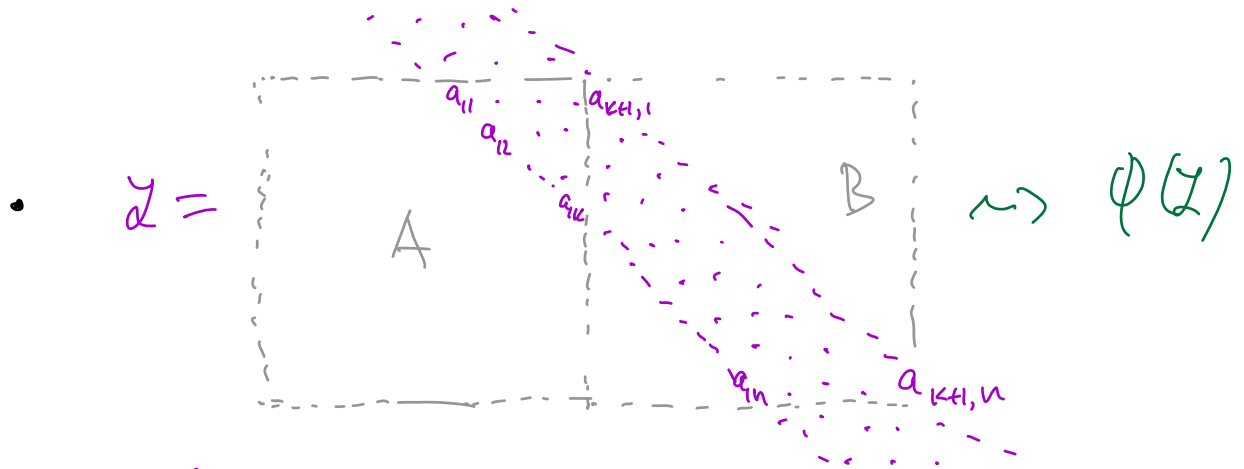
$$\psi_1 \cdot \psi_1^* = \sum_{i=0}^k c_i(A, B) \left( (-1)^{n-1} \det B \begin{matrix} [2, n] \\ [2, n] \end{matrix} \cdot \psi_{n+1} \right)^i \psi_2^{k-i}$$

polynomial in  $A, B$

- Can one use this as a generalized cluster transformation? **YES!!!**

# Example 3

# Periodic Band Matrices



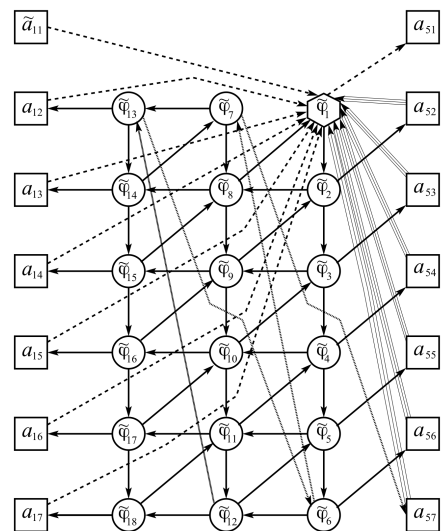
- $N = (n-1)(k-1)$
- $\{ , \} : \mathcal{L}_{k,n} = \{ M(\lambda) = A + \lambda B \}$  is a Poisson submanifold in  $GL_n[\lambda]$  w.r.t. trigonometric R-matrix bracket

$$\{M(\lambda) \otimes M(\mu)\} = [R(\lambda, \mu), M(\lambda) \otimes M(\mu)]$$

$$R(\lambda, \mu) = \frac{\lambda + \mu}{\lambda - \mu} \sum e_{kk} \otimes e_{kk} + \frac{2}{\lambda - \mu} \sum_{l < m} (\mu e_{lm} \otimes e_{ml} + \lambda e_{ml} \otimes e_{lm})$$

TKM A family  $\{ \varphi_i, i=1, \dots, (k-1)(n-1) \}$  together with the quiver

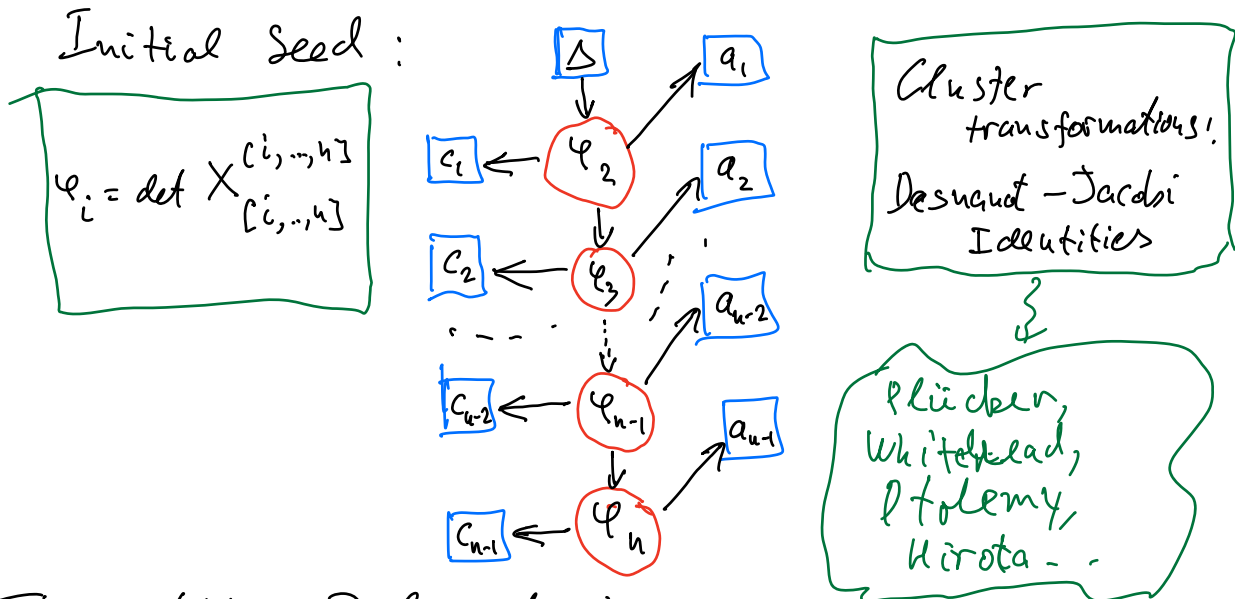
defines a regular complete generalized cluster structure compatible with the  $\{ , \}$  above.



$\kappa=2$  COMPARE! Cluster algebra of finite type  $A_{n-1}$   
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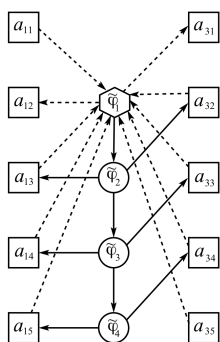
$(c = s_1 \dots s_{n-1})$   
 Coxeter Double Bruhat Cell



THM (Yang-Zelevinsky)  
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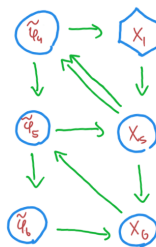
Periodic case: Analogue of the Yang-Zelevinsky Thm.  
 (3-diagonal periodic matrices)

THM For  $\kappa=2$ , the generalized cluster structure above is of finite type  $C_n$  and  
 $\{ \text{cluster variables} \} \Leftrightarrow \{ \text{distinct dense principal minors of } \mathcal{L} \text{ of size } \leq n \}$ .



Remark • A monoidal categorification of the generalized cluster structure of the type was used by A. Ginzburg in the study of reps of  $U_q(\widehat{sl}_2)$  at roots of unity (following the work of Hernandez and Leclerc):

- The Grothendieck ring of certain tensor subcategory of fin. dim reps of  $U_q(\widehat{sl}_2) \cong$  gen. cl. algebra of type  $C_{\ell}$  ( $\ell =$  order of  $q^2$ ).
- Ginzburg conjectured a similar result for  $U_q(\widehat{sl}_3)$ .
- Ginzburg's conjectured generalized quiver is mutation equivalent to our quiver for  $Z_{3,n}$  (with frozen set to  $\perp$ )



# Three Settings for Cyclic Symmetry

Recall (in the case of "usual" cluster structures)

$\exists$  quasi cluster isomorphisms btw

$$\mathbb{C}(\text{Gr}(k, n)), \mathbb{C}\left(\underbrace{B_{(k)}^{(n-k)}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Band matrices of width } (n-k) \\ \text{with } (k+1) \text{ diagonals}}}\right), \mathbb{C}\left(\underbrace{K_0[\mathcal{C}_{n-k-1}]}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Grothendieck ring} \\ \text{of the Hernandez-} \\ \text{Teder category of} \\ \text{rep's of } U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_{n-k-1})}}\right)$$

Band matrices of width  $(n-k)$   
with  $(k+1)$  diagonals

Grothendieck ring  
of the Hernandez-  
Teder category of  
rep's of  $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_{n-k-1})$

I. p. :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Gr}(k, n) & \xrightarrow{\psi} & B_{(k)}^{(n-k)} \\ X & \longrightarrow & \left( \Delta_{(i, i+k] \setminus j}(\alpha) \right)_{i,j} \\ & & \searrow \\ & & \underbrace{V_{\omega_{j-i}}(\mathfrak{g}^{j+i-1})}_{\text{fund. repn.}} \end{array}$$

Cyclic symmetry :  $B_{(k)}^{(n-k)} \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{A}_{k, \ell}$

$(k+1)$ -diag.,  $\ell$ -periodic  
band matrices

$\bullet \text{Gr}(k, n) \rightsquigarrow \text{Gr}(k, n)^{\mathcal{P}^\ell} \rightarrow D_n(k, \ell)$   
fixed point locus  
under  $\ell$ th power  
of the cyclic shift

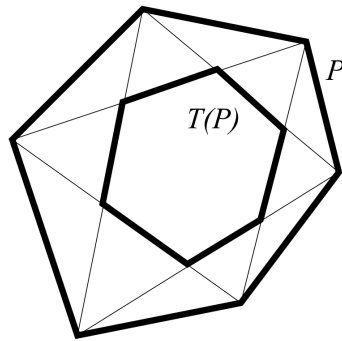
$D_n(k, \ell)$   
irred. component  
containing pos. points  
(studied by C. Fraser)

$\bullet \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{e} = (\mathcal{Q}\ell)$ th root of unity

- Condition  $k \leq l$  needs to be removed, but the initial cluster for  $\mathcal{I}_{k,l}$  is defined in the same way, with master identity, responsible for a generalized mutation, extended  
(matrix pencil  $\rightsquigarrow$  matrix polynomial)
- Isospectrality: coeffs of the generalized cluster relation in  $D_n(k,l)$  do not depend on an element  $x \in$  (conjectured by C. Fraser)
- Generalized cluster structure in an appropriate Grothendieck ring for  $U_\varepsilon^{\text{res}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_k)$

# Connections / Applications Further Directions

- Spaces of twisted projective polygons — phase spaces of pentagram maps and their generalizations.



- Cluster structure in spaces of matrix-valued polynomials compatible with the trigonometric  $R$ -matrix Poisson bracket:

All of the above require replacing bidagonal block periodic matrices with arbitrary band width block periodic matrices and extending

- construction of the initial cluster  $\checkmark$
- key identity  $\checkmark$
- generalized cluster transform.  $\checkmark$



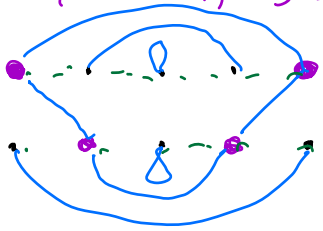
• Exotic cluster structures in  $\mathbb{C}\langle u \rangle$

Example

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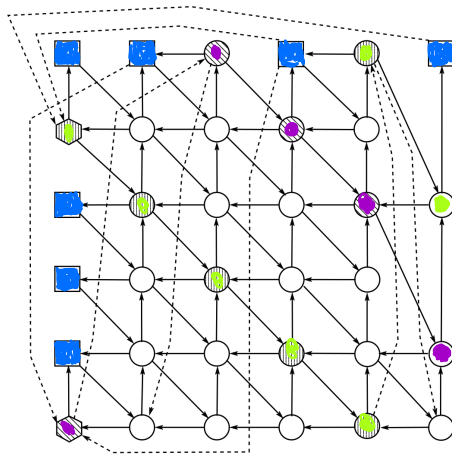
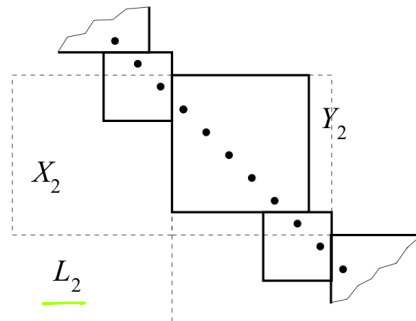
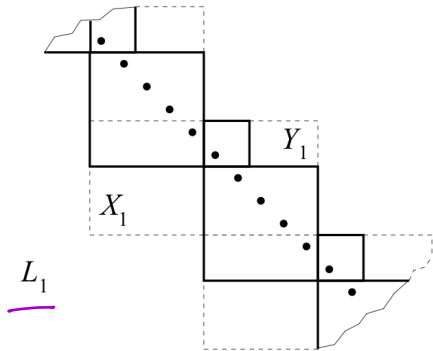
$$T_1 = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_5\} \rightarrow T_2 = \{\alpha_2, \alpha_4\}$$

$\Leftarrow$  (cf. Yakimov's combinatorial data)



$\rightsquigarrow$  2 periodic matrices

$\Leftrightarrow$  2 generalized relations



Thank  
you!