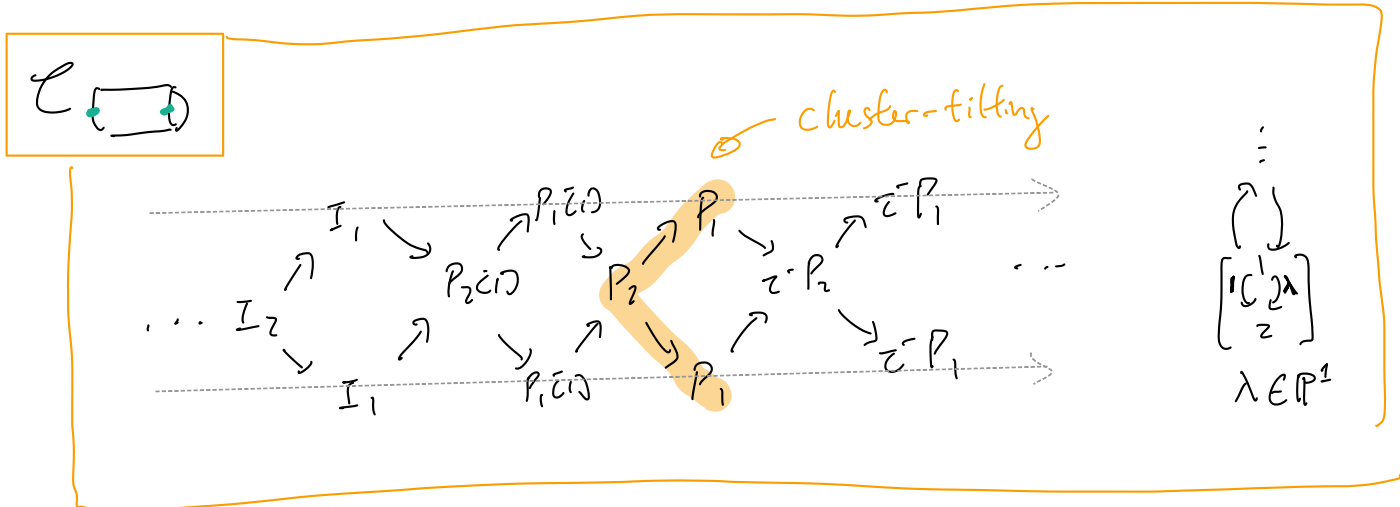
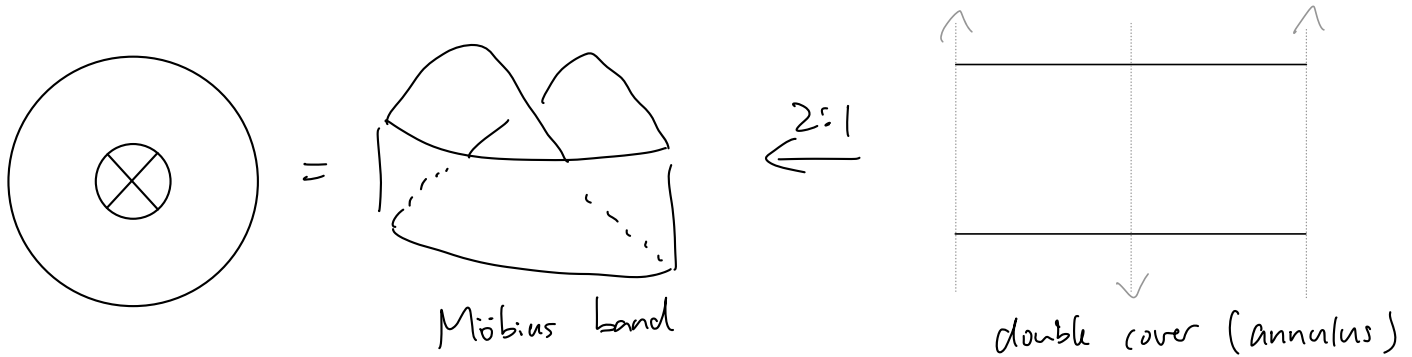


# Categorification of unpunctured non-orientable marked surfaces

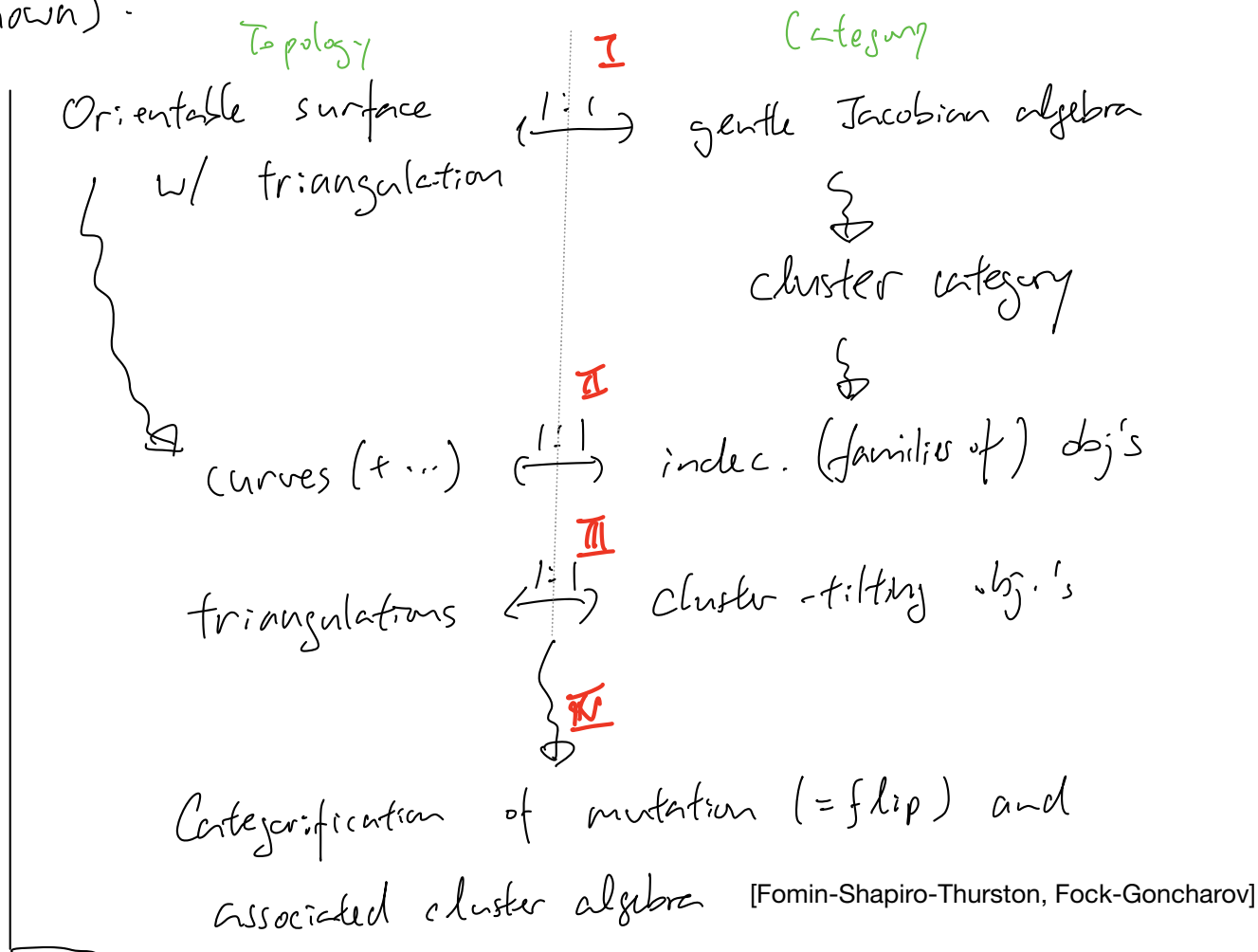
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★ Green texts = extra info

# Summary

(Known):



Question : Non-orientable surfaces (NOS) ?

Idea :  $\exists$  orientable double cover  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}$  for an NOS  $\mathcal{S}$ .

i.e.,  $\mathcal{S} = \tilde{\mathcal{S}} / \sigma$       $\sigma$  : orientation-reversing auto.  
 $\sigma^2 = 1$

Today : Goal **I**, **II**, **III**

# §§§ Surface topology

## Setup

$\mathcal{S}$ : Surface = compact 2-dim<sup>l</sup>/ $\mathbb{R}$  w/ non-empty boundary  $\partial\mathcal{S} \neq \emptyset$

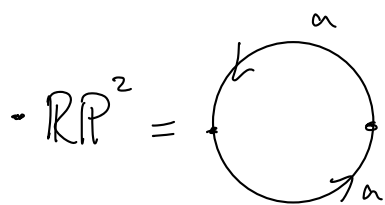
$M$ : finite set of marked points in  $\partial\mathcal{S}$  ( $\therefore$  unpunctured)

s.t. each boundary component contains  $\geq 1$  marked pt.

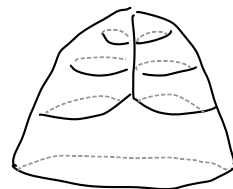
and  $(\mathcal{S}, M) \neq 1, 2, 3$ -gon



## §1.1) Working with non-orientable surfaces (NoS)



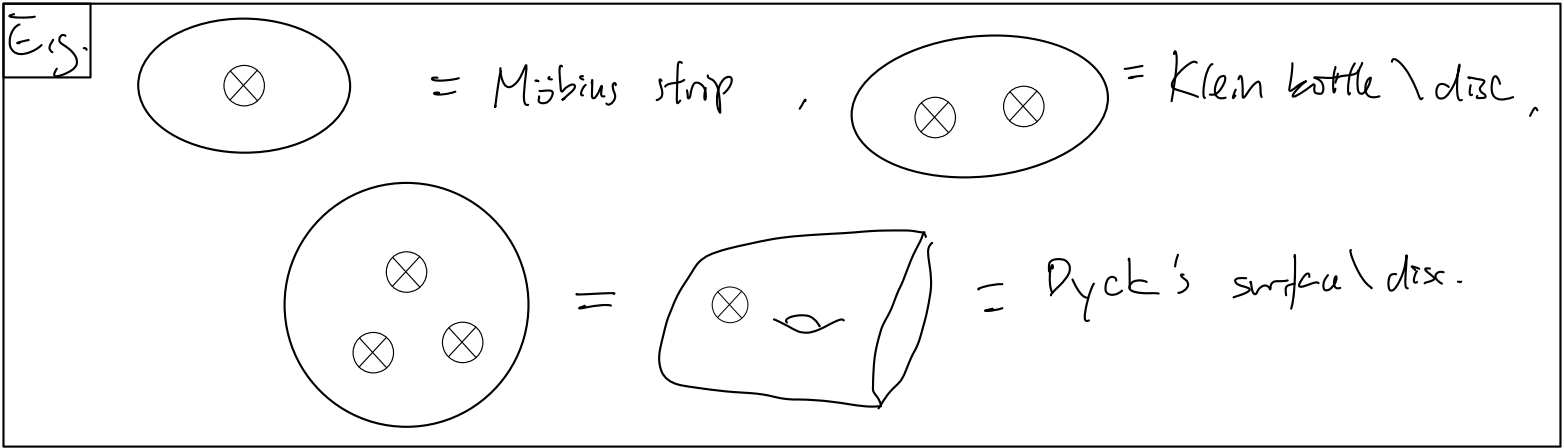
• crosscap :=  $\mathbb{R}P^2 \setminus \text{disc}$



$\stackrel{\text{homeo}}{\simeq}$  Möbius strip,

In practice, represent by the symbol  $\otimes$  (or  $\otimes$ ,  $\otimes$ , etc.)

Remark: Some literature call  $\mathbb{R}P^2$  the crosscap instead.



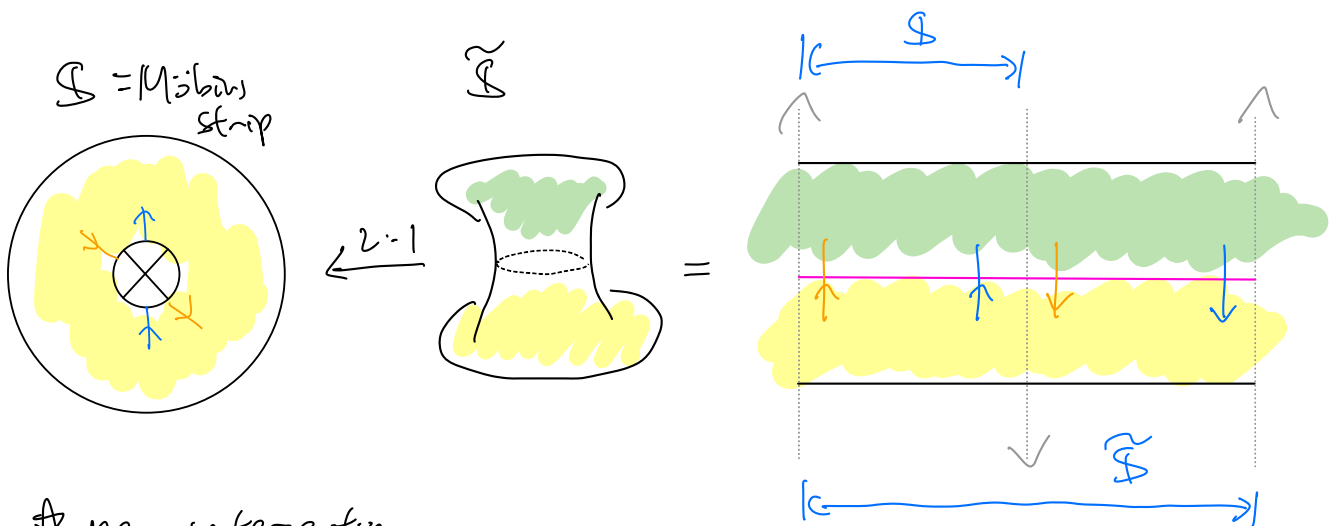
## §1.2 Double cover

$$(N) \circ S (\mathbb{S}, \mathcal{M}) \iff (\tilde{\mathbb{S}}, \tilde{\mathcal{M}}) / \sigma$$

where

$(\tilde{\mathbb{S}}, \tilde{\mathcal{M}})$  := Orientable double cover of a <sup>marked</sup> nos.  $(\mathbb{S}, \mathcal{M})$

$\sigma$  : orientation-reversing auto. of order 2.



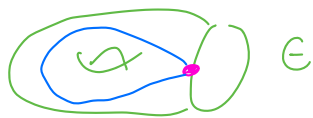
\* no intersection

between the 2 curves shown!

## § 1.2 Objects of interest

$\gamma$ : Curve on  $(S, M)$   $\Leftrightarrow$  either
 

- $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{closed } \gamma \cong S^1 \\ \text{i.t. } \gamma \cap M = \emptyset \\ \text{non-contractible} \end{array} \right.$
- $\vee$ 
 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{non-closed } \gamma: [0,1] \rightarrow S \\ \gamma(0), \gamma(1) \in M \\ \gamma(0,1) \subset S \setminus \partial S \end{array} \right.$

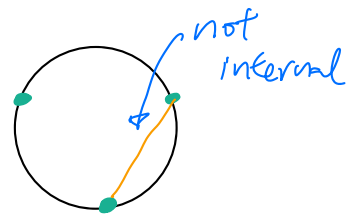


\* Always considered up to isotopies that fix  $\partial S$  pointwise

Non-crossing (set of) curves  $\Leftrightarrow$  no intersection except possibly at endpoints.  
 $\Downarrow$   
 NC

\* Arc  $\Leftrightarrow$  NC non-closed curves

\* Internal arc  $\Leftrightarrow$  arc  $\not\subset$  boundary interval

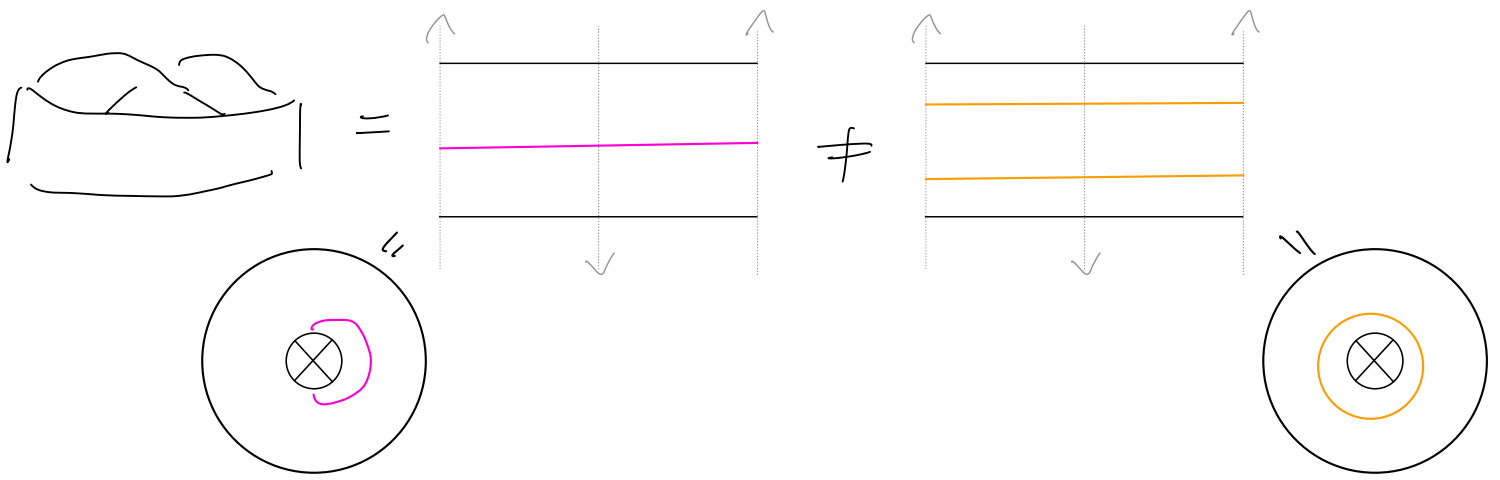


\* 1-sided closed curve  $\Leftrightarrow$  non-orientable closed curve

(If simple, then equiv. to  $\exists$  regular nbhd  $\xrightarrow{\text{homeo}}$  Möbius strip)

\* 2-sided closed curve  $\Leftrightarrow$  not 1-sided

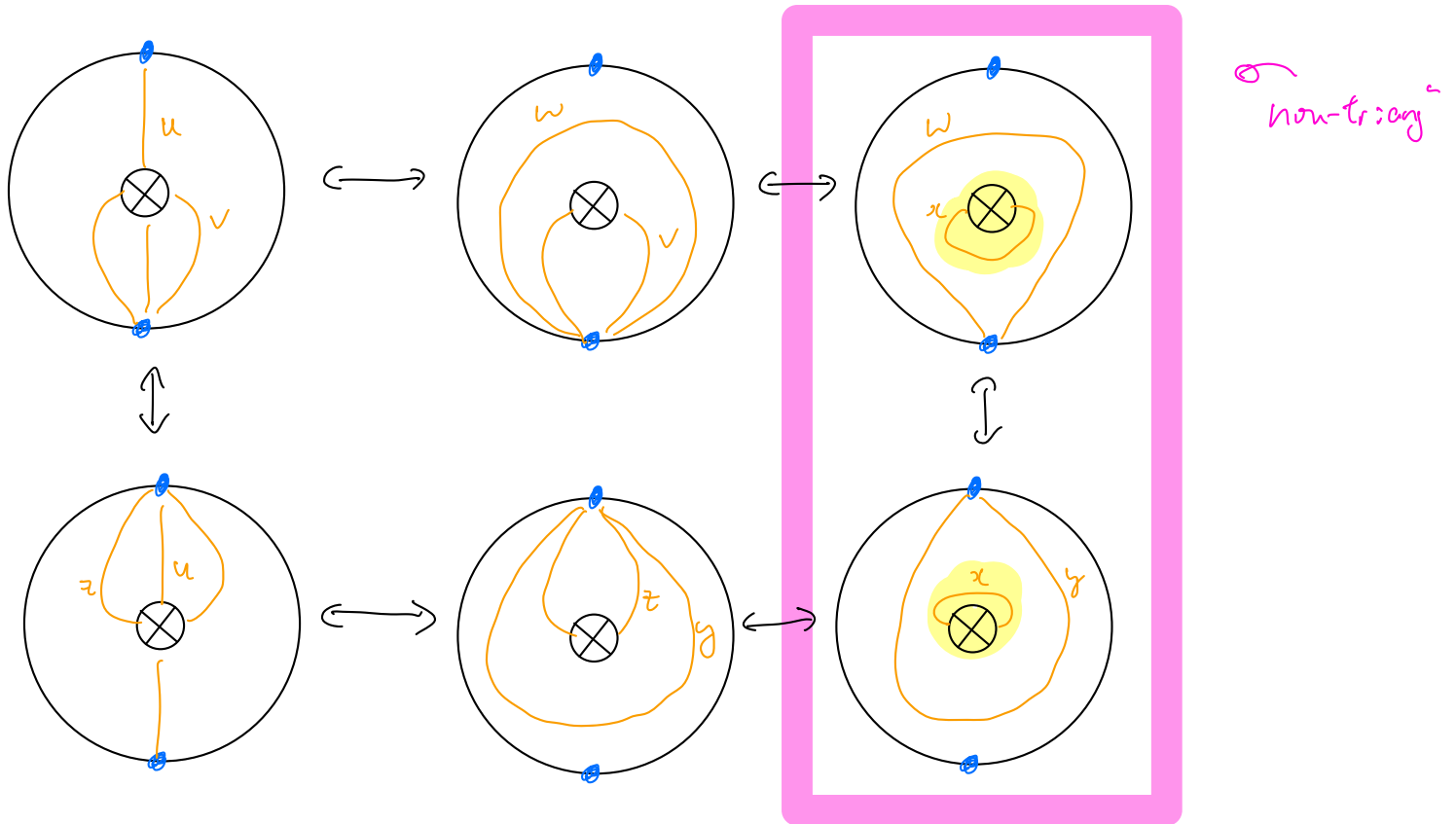
(If simple, then equiv. to  $\exists$  regular nbhd  $\xrightarrow{\text{homeo}}$  annulus)



• Quasi-arc  $\Leftrightarrow$  either internal arc,  
 or 1-sided simple closed curve  
 "no self-intersection"

• (quasi-)triangulation  $\Leftrightarrow$  maximal NC set of (quasi-)arcs

Ex)  $M_2$  (= Möbius strip w/ 2 marked pt's) has 6 quasi-triang<sup>n</sup>'s.



# §§2) Triangulation vs QP

2.1) Orientable case  $(\tilde{\mathcal{S}}, \tilde{\mathcal{M}}), \tilde{\mathcal{T}}$

$\leadsto (Q, W) := \underline{\text{QP (Quiver with Potential)}}$

where  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Q_0 = \{ \text{internal arcs of } \tilde{\mathcal{T}} \} \\ Q_1 = \text{CW oriented angles of triangles of } \tilde{\mathcal{T}} \\ W = \sum_{\text{internal triangles}} \triangleleft \end{array} \right.$

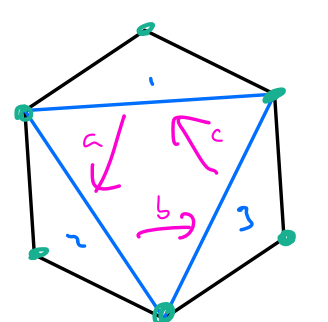
$\leadsto \underline{\text{Jacobian algebra}} \quad \begin{array}{c} J_{\tilde{\mathcal{T}}} \\ \parallel \\ \text{Jac}(Q, W) \end{array} := \mathbb{k}Q / (\partial W) = \mathbb{k}Q / (\text{length 2 paths in int-}\Delta\text{'s})$

N.B.  $J_{\tilde{\mathcal{T}}}$  is f.d. and a gentle algebra

Convention/Definition QP is gentle if induced by a triang<sup>n</sup>.

E.g.

$(\tilde{\mathcal{S}}, \tilde{\mathcal{M}}), \tilde{\mathcal{T}}$ :



$Q = \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \nearrow \\ 2 \\ \leftarrow \\ 3 \end{array}, \quad W = abc$

$J_{\tilde{\mathcal{T}}} = \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \nearrow \\ 2 \\ \leftarrow \\ 3 \end{array} / (ab, bc, ca)$

$$\left\{ (\tilde{\mathcal{S}}, \tilde{\mathcal{M}}; \tilde{\tau}) : \begin{array}{l} \text{triangulated} \\ \text{ori. surfaces} \end{array} \right\} \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \left\{ (Q, W) : \text{gentle QP} \right\}$$

2.2) NoS case  $(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{M}) \xleftrightarrow{2:1} (\tilde{\mathcal{S}}, \tilde{\mathcal{M}}) \circ \sigma$

Def ①  $Q$  : quiver

An involution  $\sigma : Q \rightarrow Q$

$\Leftrightarrow \sigma = (\sigma_0 : Q_0 \rightarrow Q_0, \sigma_i : Q_i \rightarrow Q_i)$

s.t.  $\begin{cases} \sigma^2 = 1 \\ \sigma(v \xrightarrow{\alpha} w) = (\sigma(v) \xleftarrow{\sigma(\alpha)} \sigma(w)) \end{cases}$

N.B. Specifying involution  $\sigma \Rightarrow \exists (kQ \xrightarrow{\text{alg}} kQ^\sigma)$

② An involution on a QP  $(Q, W)$ .

$\Leftrightarrow$  an involution  $\sigma$  on  $Q$  s.t.  $\sigma W = W$

$\Leftrightarrow$  s.t.  $\sigma(\partial_a W) = (\partial_a W)$

$\sigma W = \pm W$  ok

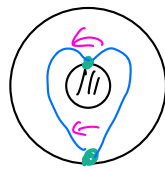
Eg. ①  $1 \xrightarrow{\alpha} 2$   $\sigma : \begin{array}{l} 1 \leftrightarrow 2 \\ \alpha \leftrightarrow \alpha \end{array}$

②  $1 \xrightarrow{\alpha} 2$   
 $\beta$   $\sigma : \begin{array}{l} 1 \leftrightarrow 2 \\ \alpha \leftrightarrow \alpha \\ \beta \leftrightarrow \beta \end{array}$

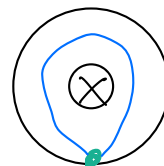


$$(3) \quad 1 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\alpha} \\ \xrightarrow{\beta} \end{array} 2$$

$$\sigma : \begin{array}{c} 1 \leftrightarrow 2 \\ \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta \end{array}$$



$$\xrightarrow{z=1}$$



(4) Exercise: An  $n$ -quiver  $1 \xrightarrow{z} \dots \xrightarrow{n} n+1$  has an involution

Obs: The setup  $\sigma \in (\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{M}) \xrightarrow{z=1} (\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{M})$

induces an involution  $\sigma$  on  $(Q, W)$

Moreover,  $\sigma$  is fixed-point free (FPF)

$$\begin{array}{ll} \sigma(v) \neq v & \forall v \in Q \\ \sigma(\alpha) \neq \alpha & \forall \alpha \in Q \end{array}$$

Prop [BM-C-W] (Goal I)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{connected Nos} \\ \text{with triangulation} \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow[\text{home}]{1:1} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (Q, W; \sigma) \text{ s.t. } (Q, W) \text{ gentle,} \\ Q \text{ connected, } \sigma \text{ is a FPF involution} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{M}; T) \mapsto (Q, W; \sigma)$$

Rank "same" argument works for similar setting

- o.g. • locally gentle quivers vs dissections
- skew-gentle vs orbifold dissection

# §§§] Triangulation vs CTO (cluster-fitting obj)

Setup: From now on,  $k = \text{complex numbers}$

Orientable case See [Brüstle-Zhang]

TOPOLOGY	CATEGORY
$(\mathbb{S}, \bar{M})$	cluster category $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}_{(\mathbb{S}, \bar{M})}$ $\cup$ $[c] \cong \tau$
non-closed curves	"string objects"
(closed curves) $\times k^x$	"band objects"

N.B. This is KS Hom-fun. 2-CY tri. cat.

} all indec's of  $\mathcal{C}_{(\mathbb{S}, \bar{M})}$

Elements are

$(\omega^n, \lambda)$ , where  $\omega = \text{primitive}$ ,  
 i.e.  $\omega \neq \rho^k$  in  $\bar{\pi}_1(\mathbb{S})$   
 with  $k > 1$

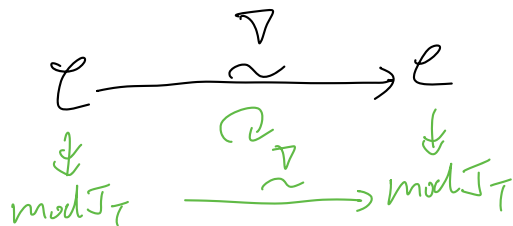
Moreover,

TOPOLOGY	CATEGORY
Crossing between curves (+ loc. sys.)	Canonical basis (+ local sys. hom.) of $\text{Ext}_e^1(-, -) := \text{Hom}_e(-, -[1])$
↓ arcs	<u>rigid objects</u> := no self-ext <sup>n</sup> ( $\text{Ext}^1=0$ )
↓ triangulation	<u>cluster-tilting object (CTO)</u> := maximal rigid object. (i.e. $M \oplus N$ rigid $\Rightarrow N \in \text{add } M$ )

Slogan: Crossings = Non-split extensions

Prop [BM-C-W]

$\exists$  exact contravariant duality functors  $\nabla$  i.e.  $\nabla^2 \cong \text{Id}$

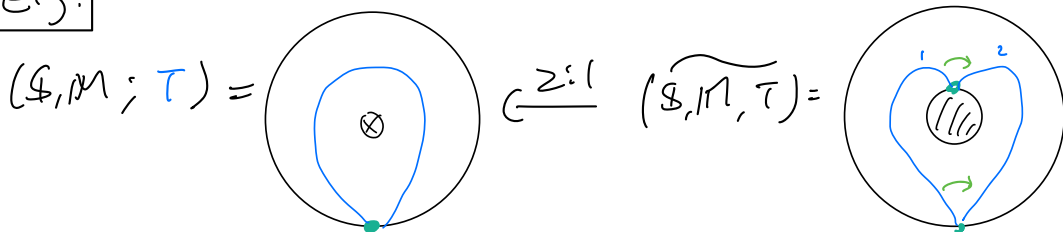


such that

①  $\forall \gamma$ : non-closed on  $(\mathbb{S}, \mathcal{M})$ , Topology  $\sigma(\gamma) \longleftrightarrow$  Category  $\nabla(\gamma)$

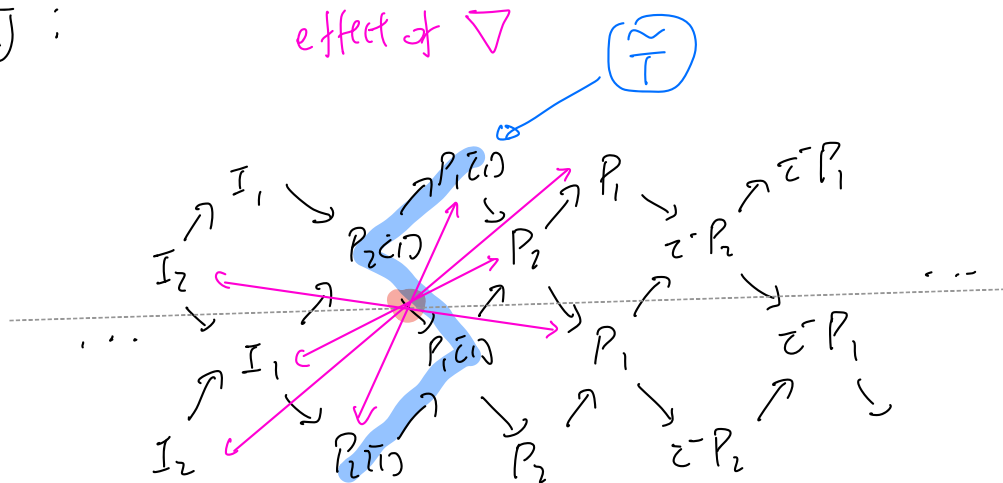
②  $\forall (\omega^n, \lambda) \in \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{c.c.'s} \\ \text{on } (\mathbb{S}, \mathcal{M}) \end{array} \right\} \times \mathbb{h}^x$ ,  $(\sigma(\omega^n), \lambda^{-1}) \longleftrightarrow \nabla(\omega^n, \lambda)$

Ex.



$Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ b & 2 \end{pmatrix}, W=0$   
 $\sigma: 1 \leftrightarrow 2$   
 $a \leftrightarrow b$

$\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{S}, \mathcal{M})$ :



$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ c & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$   
 $z$   
 $\lambda \in \mathbb{P}^1$   
 $\nabla \circ \lambda \leftrightarrow \lambda^{-1}$

Then [BM-C-W] (Partial Goal II, III)

$\forall$  NOS  $(S, M)$ , have

$$\{ \text{nonclosed curves on } (S, M) \} \xleftrightarrow{|\cdot|} \{ \nabla \gamma \oplus \gamma \mid \gamma: \text{string obj} \}$$

which induces

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{triangulations} \\ \text{of } (S, M) \end{array} \right\} \xleftrightarrow{|\cdot|} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{basic CTO } M \in \mathcal{C} \\ \text{s.t. } \underbrace{\nabla M \cong M}_{\text{self-dual}} \end{array} \right\}$$

self-dual

Remark • This is mutation compatible (as long as it is possible.)

• Mutation send corresp. s.z-tilting pair to incomparable s.z-tilting pair.

Eg.  $(S, M) = M_2$

$$\Rightarrow \text{LHS} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram of } M_2 \text{ with a blue curve} \\ \text{and a green dot at the bottom} \end{array} \right\}, \text{ RHS} = \{ \text{initial CTO} \}$$

$$\xrightarrow{|\cdot|} \{ \Lambda \text{ CTO} \} \subset \text{s.z-tilt}(\Lambda)$$

What about quasi-triangulations?

and their mutations?

# §§§ Symmetric representations (= $\varepsilon$ -representations)

orthogonal  
( $\varepsilon = +1$ )

[Derksen-Weyman]

symplectic  
( $\varepsilon = -1$ )

$$\varepsilon = \{\pm 1\}$$

[Boos-Cerulli Irelli]

Throughout this section,

$(A = k[\mathbb{Z}/I], \sigma)$ :  $\sigma$  involution on  $A$  fixing  $I$ .

modules = right f.d. modules

Def 1)  $\varepsilon$ -form :  $\Leftrightarrow$   $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric bilinear form} & \text{if } \underline{\varepsilon = +1}, \\ \text{skew-symm. bilinear form} & \text{if } \underline{\varepsilon = -1}. \end{cases}$

2) An  $\varepsilon$ -representation over  $(A, \sigma)$

$\Leftrightarrow$   $M$ : ordinary rep.

$\langle -, - \rangle : M \times M \rightarrow k$  non-degen.  $\varepsilon$ -form

s.t.  $\begin{cases} \langle m e_i, n e_j \rangle = 0 \quad \forall j \neq \sigma(i); e_i, e_j = \text{primitive idem's.} \\ \langle m \alpha, n \rangle + \langle m, n \sigma(\alpha) \rangle = 0 \\ \text{(i.e., } \sigma(\alpha) \text{ is adjoint of } \alpha) \end{cases}$

$\star M: \varepsilon\text{-rep}^n \Rightarrow \exists \psi_M: M \xrightarrow{\sim} \nabla M$  as  $A$ -module s.t.  $\nabla(\psi_M) = \varepsilon \psi_M$

★ Indecomposability makes sense for  $\varepsilon$ -rep<sup>n</sup>'s.

"Slogan"

$\varepsilon$ -rep<sup>n</sup>  $\cong$  anti-version of rep<sup>n</sup> over skew-group ring  $\Lambda^* \mathbb{Z}_2$

Prop [D-W, 8-CI] (Characterisation of indec  $\varepsilon$ -rep<sup>n</sup>'s)

$M$ : indec.  $\varepsilon$ -rep<sup>n</sup> /  $(A, \sigma)$

$\Rightarrow \exists \bar{M}$ : indec.  $A$ -module

s.t. exactly one of the following holds.

a)  $\nabla \bar{M} \not\cong \bar{M}$ ,  $M = \bar{M} \oplus \nabla \bar{M} \rightarrow$  call  $M$  split

b)  $\nabla \bar{M} \cong \bar{M}$ ,  $M = \bar{M} \oplus \nabla \bar{M} \rightarrow$  call  $M$  unified

c)  $\nabla \bar{M} \cong \bar{M}$ ,  $M = \bar{M} \rightarrow$  call  $M$  ~~type I~~ 1-sided

Notation:  $\omega$ : primitive c.c.,  $l(\omega) := \#\omega \cap \mathbb{T} \approx \tau$ .

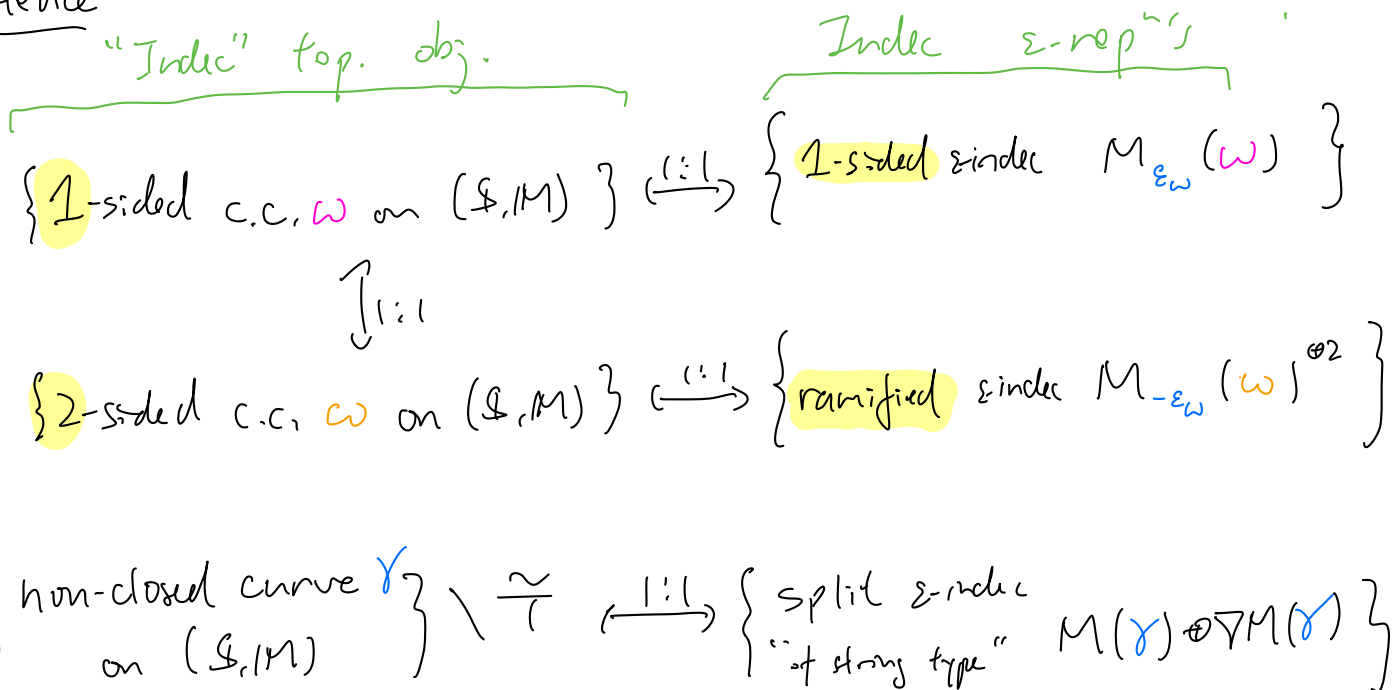
Thm  $[\mathbb{R}M-C-\omega]$

$M$ : index  $\varepsilon$ -rep<sup>n</sup> / Jac( $\mathbb{Q}, \omega$ ) , ( $\mathbb{Q}, \omega$ ): gentle FPF-symm.  $\mathbb{Q}\mathbb{P}$

$\Rightarrow M \cong$  exactly one of the following.

- |           |   |   |   |          |
|-----------|---|---|---|----------|
| split     | { | • $M(\gamma) \oplus M(\sigma(\gamma))$ <span style="color: blue; font-size: 0.8em;">↔ all strings</span>  | } | all band |
|           |   | • $M_\lambda(\omega^n) \oplus M_{\lambda^{-1}}(\sigma(\omega)^n)$ s.t. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \omega \neq \sigma(\omega) \text{ or } \lambda \notin \{\pm 1\}, \\ \text{any } n \geq 1. \end{array} \right.$ |   |          |
| 1-sided   | { | • $M_\lambda(\omega)$ s.t. $\sigma(\omega) = \omega$ & $\varepsilon = (-1)^{l(\omega)/2} \lambda$   | } | all band |
|           |   | • $M_\lambda(\omega^2)$ s.t. $\sigma(\omega) = \omega$ & $\varepsilon = (-1)^{\frac{l(\omega)}{2} + 1} \lambda$   |   |          |
| ramified. | { | • $M_\lambda(\omega^n)^{\oplus 2}$ s.t. all remaining case  | } | all band |

Hence



$\rightarrow$  Goal II ✓



# §§§ | $\varepsilon$ -extension, $\varepsilon$ -rigid

Go back to  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{S}, \mathcal{M})$ .

Fact:  $\begin{cases} \tilde{T}: \text{triang. on } (\mathbb{S}, \mathcal{M}), \quad \Lambda := \text{Jac}(\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{W}) \\ \Rightarrow C := \tilde{T}[-1] \text{ is a CTO} \\ \text{and } \pi := \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(C, -) : \mathcal{C}/[\tilde{T}] \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{mod } \Lambda \end{cases}$

Fix  $\varepsilon \in \{\pm 1\}$ ,  $T: \text{triang.}^{\sim}$ .

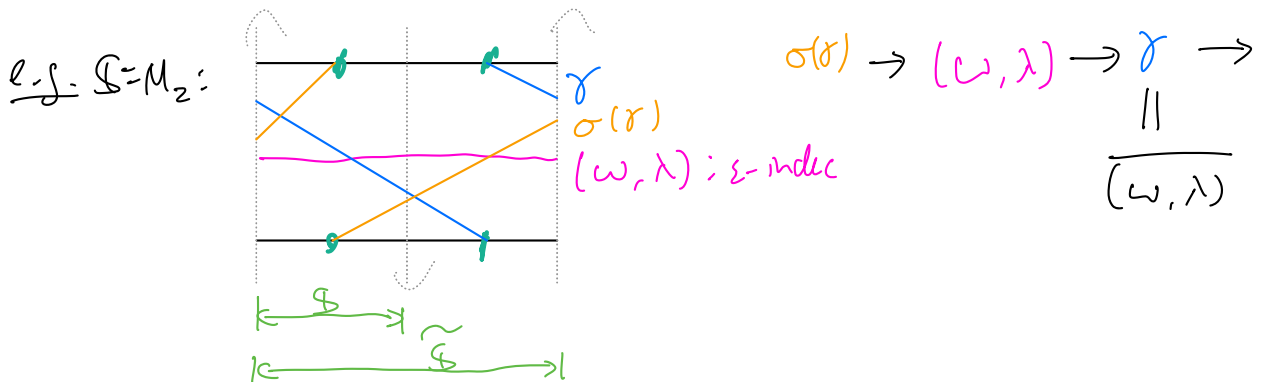
Def:

- $X \in \mathcal{C}$  is an indec.  $\varepsilon$ -object:  $(\Leftrightarrow) \cdot \exists X$  an indec.  $\varepsilon$ -rep<sup>n</sup> /  $\Lambda$   
 or  $\nabla(\alpha)$   
 $\cdot X = \alpha \oplus \sigma(\alpha)$ , some  $\alpha \in \tilde{T}$

• In this case,

①  $\exists (\nabla \bar{X} \rightarrow X \rightarrow \bar{X} \rightarrow) : \Delta \text{ in } \mathcal{C} \text{ with } \bar{X} : \text{indec}$

we call any such  $\bar{X}$   $\varepsilon$ -factor *N.B. not unique!*



② Isom.  $X \xleftarrow[\varphi_X]{\sim} \nabla X$  s.t.  $\nabla(\varphi_X) = \varepsilon \varphi_X$

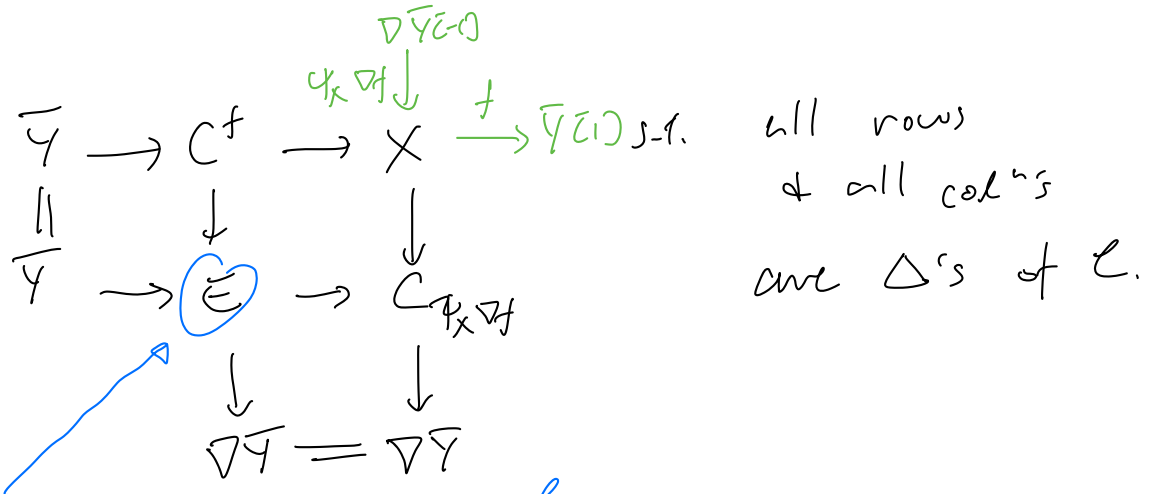
•  $X \in \mathcal{L}$  is an  $\varepsilon$ -object :  $\Leftrightarrow X = \bigoplus$  indec  $\varepsilon$ -obj's.

•  $X, Y$  :  $\varepsilon$ -objects

$$f: X \rightarrow \bar{Y}[1] \text{ s.t. } \begin{cases} \bar{Y} : \varepsilon\text{-factor of } Y \\ f \circ \psi_X \circ \nabla f = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} (\nabla \bar{Y}) \in 0 \\ \nabla f \downarrow \\ X \xrightarrow{f} \bar{Y}[1] \end{array}$$

In this case,  $\exists$  comm. diagm:



Fact: This is self-dual obj. in  $\mathcal{L}$

We call this  $\bar{E}$  an  $\varepsilon$ -extension of  $\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix}$ .

• An  $\varepsilon$ -extension splits :  $\Leftrightarrow E \cong X \oplus \bar{Y} \oplus \nabla \bar{Y}$

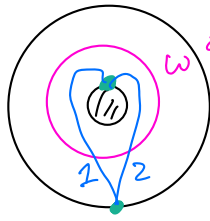
• Write  $\varepsilon \bar{E}xt^1(X, Y) = 0$  if all  $\varepsilon$ -ext<sup>n</sup> of  $\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix}$  splits

•  $X$  is indec.  $\varepsilon$ -rigid :  $\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} X \text{ indec } \varepsilon\text{-obj} \\ \varepsilon \bar{E}xt^1(X, X) = 0. \end{cases}$

•  $X$  is  $\varepsilon$ -rigid :  $\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \cdot X = \bigoplus$  indec  $\varepsilon$ -rigid. \\ \cdot \forall \varepsilon-indec's  $Y, Z \in \bigoplus X$ ,  $Y \neq Z \Rightarrow \bar{E}xt^1_{\mathcal{L}}(Y, Z) = 0.$  \end{cases}

Eg.

$$\mathcal{S} = M_1, \quad \mathcal{S} =$$



$$\mathcal{F} \leftrightarrow (2, \omega) = (1 \rightarrow 2, \circ)$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi \omega = 1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \lambda$$

$$\Sigma = -\lambda \in \{\pm 1\}$$

$$\pi \gamma = s_1$$

$$\pi \gamma' = s_2$$

$$(\nabla \delta) \varepsilon(1) \rightarrow \omega \rightarrow \gamma(1)$$

$$\pi \left( \begin{array}{c} 11 \\ 222 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\nabla \delta} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\delta} \begin{array}{c} 222 \\ 11 \end{array}$$

If  $f \neq 0$ , this composition is non-zero.

$\Rightarrow$  only split extensions everywhere.

$\Rightarrow$   $\Sigma$ -rigid.

### Goal III

Conj / "Thm" [DM-C-W] ("Barby" categorification of quasi-triang<sup>y</sup>)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{indec} \\ \Sigma\text{-rigid} \end{array} \right\} \xleftarrow{1:1} \left\{ \text{quasi-arc of } (\mathcal{S}, M) \right\}$$

which then induces

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{maximal} \\ \Sigma\text{-rigid obj} \end{array} \right\} \xleftarrow{1:1} \left\{ \text{quasi-triangulations of } (\mathcal{S}, M) \right\}$$

## Expectations

1) Define strictly  $\Sigma$ -rigid obj  $X : \Leftrightarrow \Sigma \overline{\text{Ext}}^1(X, X) = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  (maximal rigid  $\Leftrightarrow$  maximal strictly  $\Sigma$ -rigid)

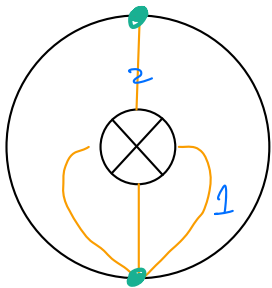
2)  $\Sigma$ -ext<sup>n</sup>'s count crossings on  $(S, M)$   
*equiv.??*

3) Exchange relation/Mutation of quasi-triangulation:

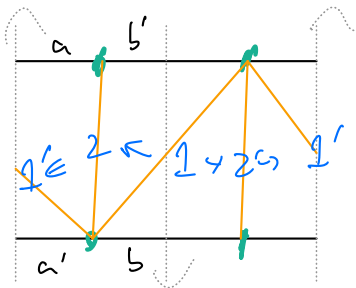
$$\alpha \in T \xrightarrow{M} (T \setminus \{\alpha\}) \cup \{\alpha'\}$$

is categorified by existence of some "special"  $\Sigma$ -extension.  
*equiv.??*

Part of Goal IV.

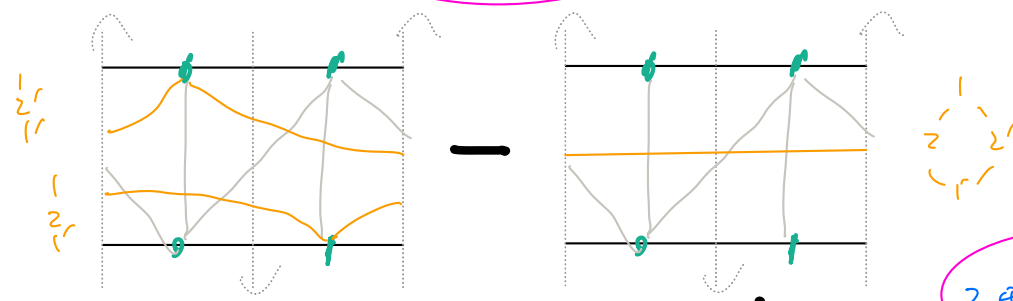


$2:1$



$Q: \begin{matrix} a & b \\ 2 & 2' \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \swarrow & \searrow \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} b' \\ 2' \end{matrix}$  ( $W=0$ )  
 $\sigma: a \leftrightarrow a'$   
 $b \leftrightarrow b'$

$\frac{1}{2} \oplus \frac{1}{2} \oplus \frac{1}{2}$

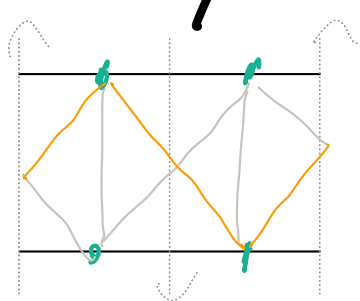


$(1 \oplus \frac{1}{2}) \oplus \nabla(\dots)$

$2 \oplus \frac{1}{2} \oplus 2'$

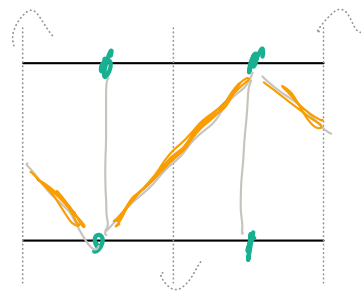
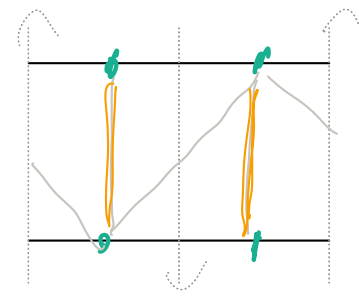
$S_1$   
 $S_1'$

$S_2$   
 $S_2'$



$(1 \oplus P_1) \oplus \nabla(\dots)$

$(2 \oplus P_1) \oplus \nabla(\dots)$



$P_2 \oplus P_2'$

$P_1 \oplus P_1'$

$J_{\alpha}(Q, \omega) \oplus \dots$

$(P_1 \oplus P_2) \oplus \nabla(\dots)$

$\dots$  : self-dual CTO