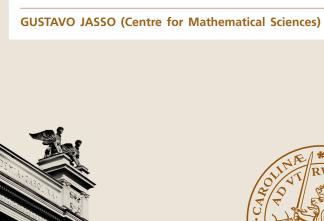




### Minimal $A_{\infty}$ -algebras of endomorphisms





### Lecture 1



### Motivation: The reconstruction problem

T: k-linear Hom-finite Krull–Schmidt triangulated category

$$G \in \mathfrak{T}$$
: basic (classical) generator,  $\operatorname{thick}(G) = \mathfrak{T}$  
$$\operatorname{End}_{\mathfrak{T}}^{\bullet}(G) = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathfrak{T}}(G, \Sigma^{i}(G)) \qquad g * f := \Sigma^{j}(g) \circ f, \quad |f| = j$$

**Problem:** Reconstruct  $\mathfrak{T}$  from  $\operatorname{End}_{\mathfrak{T}}^{\bullet}(G)$  as a triangulated category.

#### In general, this is **NOT** possible!

$$A = \mathbf{k}[x]/(x^{\ell}), \quad \ell \geq 3, \qquad \text{thick}(S) = \mathrm{D^b}(\operatorname{mod} A) = \mathfrak{T}$$
 
$$\mathrm{End}_{\mathrm{D^b}(\operatorname{mod} A)}^{\bullet}(S) \cong \mathrm{Ext}_A^{\bullet}(S,S) \cong \mathbf{k}[\varepsilon,t]/(\varepsilon^2), \quad |\varepsilon| = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad |t| = 2$$
 
$$\mathrm{End}_{\mathrm{D^b}(\operatorname{mod} A)}^{\bullet}(S) \text{ is } \underline{\operatorname{independent}} \text{ of } \ell \quad \text{but} \quad Z(A) = A \text{ is derived invariant.}$$

### Differential graded algebras

A differential graded algebra consists of a graded algebra

$$\mathbf{A} = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{A}^i$$

 $A^i \otimes A^j \to A^{i+j}, \quad x \otimes y \mapsto xy,$ and a differential

$$d: A \rightarrow A(1), \quad d \circ d = 0,$$

such that

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{d}(xy) = \mathbf{d}(x)y + (-1)^{|x|}x\mathbf{d}(y)}_{\text{graded Leibniz rule}}.$$

• Every differential graded algebra **A** has a triangulated derived category D(**A**).

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{\operatorname{D}(\mathbf{A})}(\mathbf{A},\mathbf{A}[i]) \cong \operatorname{H}^{i}(\mathbf{A})$$

 D<sup>c</sup>(A) := thick(A) ⊆ D(A) is the perfect derived category.

 $X^{\bullet}$ : complex in an additive category

$$hom(X^{\bullet}, X^{\bullet}) := \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} hom(X^{\bullet}, X^{\bullet})^{i}$$
$$hom(X^{\bullet}, X^{\bullet})^{i} := \prod_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} hom(X^{i}, X^{i+j})$$

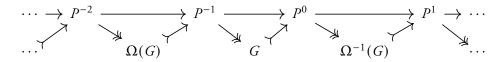
$$\partial(f) := d_{P^{\bullet}} \circ f - (-1)^{|f|} f \circ d_{P^{\bullet}}$$

### Derived endomorphism algebras

### Suppose that ${\mathfrak T}$ is algebraic:

 $\mathfrak{T}\simeq\underline{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathbb{S}}\text{ for a }\mathbf{k}\text{-linear Frobenius exact category }(\mathcal{E},\mathcal{S}).$ 

Choose a complete S-projective resolution  $P^{\bullet}$  of  $G \in \mathfrak{T} \simeq \underline{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathbb{S}}$ :



 $REnd_{(\mathcal{E},\mathcal{S})}(G) = hom(P^{\bullet}, P^{\bullet})$ : differential graded algebra of endomorphisms

 $H^{\bullet}(\operatorname{REnd}_{(\mathcal{E},\mathcal{S})}(G)) \cong \operatorname{End}_{\mathfrak{T}}^{\bullet}(G)$  as graded algebras

### Keller's Reconstruction Theorem

#### Theorem (Keller 1994)

Set  $A := REnd_{(\mathcal{E},\mathcal{S})}(G)$ . There exists an exact equivalence

$$\widetilde{\Upsilon} \xrightarrow{\sim} D^{\mathsf{c}}(\mathbf{A}), \qquad G \longmapsto \mathbf{A}.$$

In general, the quasi-isomorphism type of  $\mathbf{REnd}_{(\mathcal{E},\mathcal{S})}(G)$  is  $\underline{\mathsf{not}}$  determined by  $\mathfrak{T}!$ 

Problem: Classify the DG algebras A such that there exists an exact equivalence

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{T}} \xrightarrow{\sim} D^{\mathsf{C}}(\mathbf{A}), \qquad G \longmapsto \mathbf{A}.$$

**Remark:** This problem is intimately related to the question of uniqueness of differential graded enhancements for  $\mathfrak{T}$ .

# Formality of differential graded algebras

#### Definition

A differential graded algebra A is

- formal if it is quasi-isomorphic to its cohomology  $H^{\bullet}(A)$ .
- intrinsically formal if every differential graded algebra B such that

$$H^{\bullet}(A) \cong H^{\bullet}(B)$$

is moreover quasi-isomorphic to A.

Intrinsic formality  $\implies$  Formality  $\xrightarrow{\text{The converse is false}}$  in general.

 $H^{\bullet}(A) = H^{0}(A) \implies A$  is intrinsically formal (corresponds to  $G \in \mathcal{T}$  is tilting)

# Derived endomorphism algebras of simple modules

#### Theorem (Keller 2001)

 $A = \mathbf{k}Q/I$ : finite-dimensional algebra  $S = S_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus S_n$  direct sum of the simple A-modules  $(\operatorname{thick}(S) = \operatorname{D^b}(\operatorname{mod} A))$   $\mathbf{R}\operatorname{Hom}_A(S,S) \text{ is formal } \iff A \text{ is Koszul}$ 

A is Koszul  $\iff$  Ext $_{4}^{\bullet}(S,S)$  is generated in degrees 0 and 1

- Hereditary algebras
- Radical square-zero algebras
- Quadratic monomial algebras

- Exterior algebras
- Tensor products of Koszul algebras ...

### Kadeishvili's Intrinsic Formality Criterion

The Hochschild cohomology of a graded algebra  $\Lambda^{\star}$  is the bigraded vector space

$$\mathrm{HH}^{\bullet,\star}(\Lambda^{\star}) := \mathrm{Ext}^{\bullet,\star}_{\Lambda^{\star}\text{-bimod}}(\Lambda^{\star},\Lambda^{\star}).$$

#### Theorem (Kadeishvili 1988)

Suppose that

$$HH^{p+2,-p}(\Lambda^{\star}) = 0, \qquad p > 0. \tag{\dagger}$$

Then,  $\Lambda^*$  is intrinsically formal as a differential graded algebra.

Theorem (Etgü-Lekili 2017, Lekili-Ueda 2022, J. Liu-Zh.Wang)

ADE zig-zag algebras in good characteristic satisfy condition (†).

# Intrinsic formality of Laurent polynomial algebras

$$\Lambda[u^{\pm}] := \Lambda \otimes \mathbf{k}[u^{\pm}], \qquad |u| = d \ge 1$$

**Remark:**  $D(\Lambda[u^{\pm}])$  is the *d*-periodic derived category of  $\Lambda$ -modules.

Suppose that  $1_{\mathfrak{T}} \cong \Sigma^d$  as additive functors and that  $G \in \mathfrak{T}$  satisfies

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathfrak{T}}(G,\Sigma^{i}(G))=0 \quad \text{for } i \notin d\mathbb{Z}.$$

Then  $\operatorname{End}_{\mathfrak{T}}^{\bullet}(G) \cong \operatorname{End}_{\mathfrak{T}}(G)[u^{\pm}]$  with |u| = d.

#### Theorem (S. Saito 2023)

If  $\Lambda$  has projective dimension at most d as a  $\Lambda$ -bimodule, then  $\Lambda[u^{\pm}]$  satisfies condition (†) and hence it is intrinsically formal as a differential graded algebra.

### Twisted Laurent polynomial algebras

 $\Lambda$  an arbitrary algebra and  $\sigma \colon \Lambda \xrightarrow{\sim} \Lambda$  an automorphism

$$\Lambda(\sigma, d) := \frac{\Lambda\langle u^{\pm} \rangle}{\langle xu - u\sigma(x) \mid x \in \Lambda \rangle}, \qquad |u| = d \ge 1$$

Suppose that  $G \in \mathcal{T}$  satisfies

$$\exists \varphi \colon G \xrightarrow{\sim} \Sigma^d(G) \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{T}}(G, \Sigma^i(G)) = 0 \text{ for } i \notin d\mathbb{Z}.$$

Define the automorphism

$$\sigma = \sigma_{\varphi} \colon \operatorname{End}_{\mathfrak{T}}(G) \overset{\sim}{\to} \operatorname{End}_{\mathfrak{T}}(G), \quad f \longmapsto \varphi^{-1} \circ \Sigma^{d}(f) \circ \varphi.$$

$$G \xrightarrow{\varphi} \Sigma^{d}(G)$$

$$\downarrow \sigma(f) \qquad \qquad \downarrow \Sigma^{d}(f)$$

$$G \xleftarrow{\varphi^{-1}} \Sigma^{d}(G)$$

$$\operatorname{End}_{\mathfrak{T}}^{\bullet}(G) \cong \operatorname{End}_{\mathfrak{T}}(G)(\sigma, d), \qquad \varphi \longmapsto u$$

# $d\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting objects

#### Definition (Iyama-Yoshino 2008)

A basic object  $G \in \mathcal{T}$  is a d-cluster tilting object if

$$\begin{split} \operatorname{add}(G) &= \{ X \in \mathcal{T} \mid \forall 0 < i < d, \ \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{T}}(X, \Sigma^{i}(G)) = 0 \} \\ &= \{ Y \in \mathcal{T} \mid \forall 0 < i < d, \ \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{T}}(G, \Sigma^{i}(Y)) = 0 \}. \end{split}$$

We call G a  $d\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting object if, moreover,

• 
$$\exists \varphi \colon G \xrightarrow{\sim} \Sigma^d(G)$$
 (Geiß–Keller–Oppermann 2013).

$$G \in \mathcal{T}$$
 is  $1\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting  $\iff$  add $(G) = \mathcal{T}$ 

#### Proposition (Iyama-Yoshino 2008)

$$G \in \mathfrak{T}$$
:  $d\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting  $\implies$  thick $(G) = \mathfrak{T}$ 

### Triangulated categories with Serre functor

Suppose that 
$$\exists S: \mathcal{T} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{T}$$
 a Serre functor:

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathfrak{T}}(Y, SX) \xrightarrow{\sim} D\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathfrak{T}}(X, Y), \quad \forall X, Y \in \mathfrak{T}$$

#### Proposition (Iyama-Oppermann 2013)

The following are equivalent for a basic *d*-cluster tilting object  $G \in \mathcal{T}$ :

- G is a  $d\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting object.
- There is an isomorphism  $SG \cong G$ .
- End<sub>T</sub>(G) is self-injective and Hom<sub>T</sub>( $\Sigma^{i}(G), G$ ) for 0 < i < d 1.

vosnex property

The vosnex property is <u>vacuous</u> for d = 1, 2

# Examples of $1\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting objects

#### Triangulated categories of finite type: $add(G) = \mathcal{T}$

- Stable module categories of self-injective algebras of finite representation type.
- Stable categories of maximal Cohen–Macaulay modules of complete local Gorenstein isolated singularities of finite Cohen–Macaulay type.

- Stable categories of Gorenstein-projective modules of finite-dimensional Iwanaga–Gorenstein algebras of finite Gorenstein-projective type.
- Cluster categories of hereditary algebras of finite representation type.

See F. Muro's talk next week for more on these.

# Examples of 2Z-cluster tilting objects

#### Amiot cluster categories of self-injective quivers with potential

- (Barot–Kussin–Lenzing 2010,
   J .2015) Weighted projective lines of tubular tubular type ≠ (3, 3, 3).
- (Herschend–lyama 2011) Certain planar quivers with potential.
- (Pasquali 2020)
   Rotationally-symmetric Postnikov diagrams on the disk.

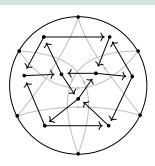


Figure by Colin Krawchuk

See F. Muro's talk for important examples from 3-dim birational geometry.

# Examples of $d\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting objects

#### Definition (Iyama-Oppermann 2011)

A finite-dimensional algebra if  $\underline{d}$ -representation-finite if it admits a d-cluster tilting module.

- (Geiß–Leclerc–Schroer 2007 for d=1, Iyama–Oppermann 2013) Stable module categories of (d+1)-preprojective algebras of d-Auslander algebras of type  $\mathbb{A}$ .
- (Darpö–lyama 2020) Stable module categories of certain self-injective *d*-representation-finite algebras.
- (J–Külshammer 2016) Stable module categories of self-injective *d*-Nakayama algebras.
- (lyama–Oppermann 2013) d-Calabi–Yau Amiot–Guo–Keller cluster categories of Keller's derived (d + 1)-preprojective algebras of d-representation-finite algebras of global dim d.

See the preprint <u>arXiv:2208.14413</u> (J-Muro) for more examples.

### Twisted periodic algebras

#### Definition (Brenner-Butler, Green-Snashall-Solberg 2003)

A finite-dimensional algebra  $\Lambda$  is <u>twisted</u> (d+2)-periodic if there exists an automorphism  $\sigma\colon \Lambda \stackrel{\sim}{\longrightarrow} \Lambda$  such that

$$\Omega^{d+2}_{\Lambda^e}(\Lambda) \cong {}_1\Lambda_{\sigma} \quad \text{in} \quad \underline{\text{mod}}\Lambda^e.$$

We say that A is (d + 2)-periodic if  $\sigma = 1$ .

(Green–Snashall–Solberg 2003) Twisted periodic algebras are self-injective.

#### Proposition (Dugas 2012, Hanihara 2020 d = 1, Chan–Darpö–Iyama–Marczinzik)

 $G: d\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting object  $\implies$  End<sub>T</sub>(G) is twisted (d+2)-periodic

### Twisted fractionally CY algebras

A: finite-dimensional algebra of finite global dimension

The triangulated category  $D^b \pmod{A}$  admits the Serre functor

$$S := - \otimes_A^L DA \colon D^b(\operatorname{mod} A) \xrightarrow{\sim} D^b(\operatorname{mod} A).$$

#### Definition

Let  $l \neq 0$  and m be integers. The algebra A is twisted fractionally  $\frac{m}{\ell}$ -Calabi-Yau if there exists an automorphism  $\phi \colon A \stackrel{\sim}{\longrightarrow} A$  such that

$$S^{\ell} \cong [m] \circ \phi^*.$$

We say that A is fractionally  $\frac{m}{\ell}$ -Calabi–Yau if  $\phi = 1$ .

### Periodic algebras from fractionally CY algebras

$$T(A) := A \ltimes DA$$
 the trivial extension of A

#### Theorem (Chan-Darpö-Iyama-Marczinzik)

A is fractionally CY 
$$\longleftrightarrow$$
  $T(A)$  is periodic trivial:  $\sigma=1$   $\psi$  trivial:  $\phi=1$ 

A is twisted fractionally CY  $\iff$  T(A) is twisted periodic

Suppose that A is ring-indecomposable

Open ↑

#### Theorem (Herschend–Iyama 2011)

A is d-representation-finite of global dim  $d \implies A$  is twisted fractionally CY

# $d\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting objects from twisted periodic algebras

 $\Lambda$ : basic twisted (d+2)-periodic algebra with respect to  $\sigma \colon \Lambda \xrightarrow{\sim} \Lambda$ 

**Problem 1:** Does there exist a differential graded algebra **A** with  $H^{\bullet}(A) \cong \Lambda(\sigma, d)$  and such that  $A \in D^{c}(A)$  is a  $d\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting object?

**Problem 2:** Suppose that  $H^{\bullet}(A) \cong \Lambda(\sigma, d)$ . How to determine whether  $A \in D^{c}(A)$  is a  $d\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting object?

**Problem 3:** Suppose that  $H^{\bullet}(A) \cong \Lambda(\sigma, d)$  and that  $A \in D^{c}(A)$  is a  $d\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting object.

What additional data is needed to reconstruct **A** from its cohomology  $H^{\bullet}(A)$ , at least up to quasi-isomorphism?

### Lecture 2



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### The Derived Auslander–Iyama Correspondence

#### Theorem (Muro 2022 for d = 1, J–Muro for $d \ge 1$ )

Suppose that the field k is perfect. The map

$$A \longmapsto (H^0(A), H^{-d}(A)) = (Hom_{D(A)}(A, A), Hom_{D(A)}(A, A[-d]))$$

induces a bijection between the following:

- 1. Quasi-isomorphism classes of DG algebras A such that:
  - H<sup>0</sup>(**A**) is a basic finite-dimensional algebra.
  - **A** ∈  $D^{c}$ (**A**) is a  $d\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting object.
- 2. Pairs  $(\Lambda, \sigma)$  such that
  - $-\Lambda$  is a basic self-injective algebra and
  - $\sigma: \Lambda \xrightarrow{\sim} \Lambda$  such that  $\Omega_{\Lambda^e}^{d+2}(\Lambda) \simeq {}_1\Lambda_{\sigma}$  in  $\underline{\operatorname{mod}}\Lambda^e$ ,

up to algebra isomorphisms compatible with

$$\overline{\sigma} \in \mathrm{Out}(\Lambda) := \mathrm{Aut}(\Lambda)/\mathrm{Inn}(\Lambda). \qquad (H^{-d}(\mathbf{A}) \cong {}_1H^0(\mathbf{A})_{\sigma})$$

## Constructing the inverse of the correspondence

 $\Lambda$ : twisted (d+2)-periodic with respect to  $\sigma: \Lambda \xrightarrow{\sim} \Lambda$ 

$$\Lambda(\sigma, d) \cong \bigoplus_{d \in d\mathbb{Z}} \sigma^i \Lambda_1, \qquad x * y := \sigma^j(x)y, \quad |y| = dj$$

We aim to construct a differential graded algebra A such that

$$H^{\bullet}(A) \cong \Lambda(\sigma, d)$$

and  $A \in D^{c}(A)$  is a  $d\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting object.

These properties should determine A up to quasi-isomorphism.

### Stasheff's $A_{\infty}$ -algebras

An  $\underline{A}_{\infty}$ -algebra structure on a graded vector space  $\Lambda^*$  consists of homogeneous morphisms of degree 2-n

$$m_n \colon \underbrace{\Lambda^{\bigstar} \otimes \cdots \otimes \Lambda^{\bigstar}}_{n \text{ times}} \longrightarrow \Lambda^{\bigstar}, \qquad n \geq 1,$$

 $\sum \pm \frac{r}{m_{s-1+1}} = 0$ 

such that the  $A_{\infty}$ -equations are satisfied:

$$\sum_{n=r+s+t} (-1)^{r+st} m_{r+1+t} \circ (1^r \otimes m_s \otimes 1^t) = 0 \qquad (n \ge 1)$$

$$m_1 \circ m_1 = 0$$

$$m_1 \circ m_2 = m_2 \circ (m_1 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes m_1)$$

$$\underbrace{m_2 \circ (1 \otimes m_2 - m_2 \otimes 1)}_{\text{Associator for } m_2} = \underbrace{m_1 \circ m_3 + m_3 \circ (m_1 \otimes 1 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes m_1 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes 1 \otimes m_1)}_{\partial(m_3) \text{ in } \text{hom}(\Lambda^{\star} \otimes \Lambda^{\star}, \Lambda^{\star})} \underbrace{(\Lambda^{\star}, m_1)}$$

### Remarks on the definition of $A_{\infty}$ -algebras

$$\Lambda^* = \Lambda^0 \implies m_n = 0 \text{ for } n \neq 2 \text{ for degree reasons.}$$

$$m_1 = 0 \implies (\Lambda^*, 0, m_2)$$
 is an associative graded algebra.

 $(\Lambda^{\star}, m_1, m_2)$ : differential graded algebra  $\iff (\Lambda^{\star}, m_1, m_2, 0, \dots)$ :  $A_{\infty}$ -algebra.

There are several sign conventions in use: Stasheff, Keller–Lefèvre-Hasegawa\*, Kontsevich–Merkulov, Fukaya–Seidel.

See Polishchuk's Field Guide for details.

... one may equivalently consider shifted  $A_{\infty}$ -structures to dispense with most signs.

### Morphisms between $A_{\infty}$ -algebras

An  $A_{\infty}$ -morphism between  $A_{\infty}$ -algebras

$$f : (\Lambda_1^{\star}, m^{(1)}) \rightsquigarrow (\Lambda_2^{\star}, m^{(2)})$$

consists of degree 1 - n morphisms

$$f_n: \underbrace{\Lambda_1^{\star} \otimes \cdots \otimes \Lambda_1^{\star}}_{n \text{ times}} \longrightarrow \Lambda_2^{\star}, \qquad n \geq 1,$$

 $\sum \pm \frac{r}{f_{r+1+t}} =$ 

$$\sum \pm \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} i_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_{i_1} \end{array}}_{m_r} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} i_r \\ \vdots \\ f_{i_r} \end{array}}_{m_r}$$

that satisfy the following equations:

$$\sum (-1)^{r+st} f_{r+1+t} \circ (1^r \otimes m_s \otimes 1^t) = \sum (-1)^s m_r \circ (f_{i_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes f_{i_r}) \qquad (n \ge 1)$$

We say that f is an  $A_{\infty}$ -quasi-isomorphism if  $f_1$  is a quasi-isomorphism.

# Minimal models of differential graded algebras

An 
$$A_{\infty}$$
-algebra is minimal if  $m_1 = 0$ .

A minimal model of a differential graded algebra A is an  $A_{\infty}$ -quasi-isomorphism

$$f: (H^{\bullet}(A), m_2, m_3, m_4, m_5, \dots) \rightsquigarrow A$$

such that  $f_1$  induces the identity in cohomology:  $H^{\bullet}(f_1) = 1$ .

#### Homotopy Transfer Theorem (Kadeishvili 1982)

Every differential graded algebra admits a minimal model.

$$H^{\bullet}(A) \stackrel{i}{\longleftrightarrow} A \curvearrowright b$$

$$\begin{aligned} |i| &= |p| = 0, & |h| &= -1 \\ \partial(i) &= 0 & \partial(p) &= 0 \\ \rho \circ i &= 1 & \partial(h) &= 1 - i \circ p \end{aligned}$$

Minimal models are unique up to  $A_{\infty}$ -isomorphism.

# $A_{\infty}$ -algebras vs differential graded algebras

$$A_{\infty}$$
-category  $\equiv A_{\infty}$ -algebra with many objects

Theorem (Lefèvre-Hasegawa 2003, ..., Canonaco-Ornaghi-Stellari 2019 Pascaleff 2024)

The canonical functor  $dgcat \rightarrow A_{\infty}$ -cat induces an equivalence of  $(\infty, 1)$ -categories after  $\infty$ -localising at the corresponding classes of quasi-equivalences.

This means that the notions of "differential graded category" and of " $A_{\infty}$ -category" are equivalent in a very strong sense.

- Each  $A_{\infty}$ -algebra A has a triangulated derived category D(A).
- $A_{\infty}$ -quasi-isomorphic  $A_{\infty}$ -algebras have equivalent derived categories:

$$A \simeq B \implies D(A) \simeq D(B)$$

## Constructing the inverse of the Correspondence

 $\Lambda$ : twisted (d+2)-periodic with respect to  $\sigma: \Lambda \xrightarrow{\sim} \Lambda$ 

$$\Lambda(\sigma,d) \cong \bigoplus_{d \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}}} \sigma^{i} \Lambda_{1}, \qquad x * y := \sigma^{j}(x)y, \quad |y| = dj$$

We aim to construct a minimal  $A_{\infty}$ -algebra  $A = (\Lambda(\sigma, d), m)$  such that  $A \in D^{c}(A)$  is a  $d\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting object.

This property should determine  $A = (\Lambda(\sigma, d), m)$  up to  $A_{\infty}$ -isomorphism.

See **F. Muro's talk** for details on the <u>existence</u> of such an A.

# Minimal $A_{\infty}$ -structures on Yoneda algebras of simples

#### Theorem (Keller 2001)

A: basic finite-dimensional algebra

 $S = S_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus S_n$  direct sum of the simple A-modules

Every minimal model of  $\mathbf{R}\mathrm{Hom}_A(S,S)$  is generated in deg 0 and 1 as  $A_\infty$ -algebra.

See <u>arXiv:2402.14004</u> (J) for a proof using AR theory of Nakayama algebras.

$$A = \mathbf{k}[x]/(x^{\ell}), \quad \ell \ge 3$$

$$\operatorname{Ext}_{A}^{\bullet}(S,S) \cong \mathbf{k}[\varepsilon,t]/(\varepsilon^{2}), \quad |\varepsilon| = 1 \text{ and } |t| = 2$$

$$m_{\ell}(\varepsilon,\varepsilon,\ldots,\varepsilon) = \pm t \quad \text{and} \quad m_{k} = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad k \ne 2, \ell$$

$$S \stackrel{S}{\longleftrightarrow} S \stackrel{S}{\longleftrightarrow}$$

# Minimal $A_{\infty}$ -structures on Yoneda algebras of simples

#### Theorem (Keller 2001)

 $A = \mathbf{k}Q/I$ : finite-dimensional algebra

$$S = S_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus S_n$$
 direct sum of the simple A-modules

$$(\operatorname{Ext}_A^{\bullet}(S,S),0)$$
 is a minimal model of  $\operatorname{RHom}_A(S,S)$ 

 $\iff$  A is Koszul

#### Sketch of proof of the theorem:

$$\forall n \geq 0 \quad \forall i \neq n$$

$$\operatorname{Ext}^n_{\operatorname{Gr} A}(S, S\langle i \rangle) = 0$$

See Jan Thomm's talk for  $A_{\infty}$ -structures on Yoneda algebras of rep. generators.

Question: What is the significance of the first non-vanishing higher operation?

### An old example, revisited

$$A = \mathbf{k}[x]/(x^3), \qquad G = S \oplus \frac{S}{S} \in \underline{\text{mod}}A, \qquad \text{add}(G) = \underline{\text{mod}}A$$

$$\Lambda = \underline{\text{End}}_A(G) \cong \mathbf{k}(S \xrightarrow{a} \frac{S}{S})/(ba, ab) = \Pi(\mathbb{A}_2)$$

(Schofield, Erdmann–Snashall 1998, Brenner–Butler–King 2002)

The preprojective algebra  $\Pi(\mathbb{A}_2)$  is twisted 3-periodic w.r.t.

$$\sigma(s) = \frac{s}{s}, \quad \sigma(\frac{s}{s}) = s, \qquad \sigma(a) = -b, \qquad \sigma(b) = -a.$$

$$(\underline{\operatorname{End}}_{A}^{\bullet}(G), m)$$
: minimal  $A_{\infty}$ -algebra

$$m_3(\varepsilon, \varepsilon, \varepsilon) = t_S$$
  $m_3(\delta, \delta, \delta) = t_S$   
 $m_3(\varepsilon, b, a) = 1_S$   $m_3(\delta, a, b) = 1_S$ 

### The Hochschild cochain complex

The bigraded Hochschild (cochain) complex of a graded algebra  $\Lambda^{\star}$  has components

$$C^{p,q}\left(\Lambda^{\star}\right) = C^{p,q}\left(\Lambda^{\star},\Lambda^{\star}\right) := \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{K}}((\Lambda^{\star})^{\otimes p},\Lambda^{\star}[q]) \qquad p \geq 0, \quad q \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Thus, a (p, q)-Hochschild cochain is a degree q morphism of graded vector spaces

$$c: \underbrace{\Lambda^{\star} \otimes \cdots \otimes \Lambda^{\star}}_{p \text{ times}} \longrightarrow \Lambda^{\star}.$$



The bidegree (1,0) Hochschild differential is, for  $c \in C^{p,\star}(\Lambda^{\star})$ ,

$$\mathbf{d}_{\mathsf{Hoch}}c(x_1,\dots,x_p,x_{p+1}) := \pm x_1c(x_2,\dots,x_{p+1}) + \sum_{i=1}^p \pm c(\dots,x_ix_{i+1},\dots,) + \pm c(x_1,\dots,x_p)x_{p+1}$$

### The Hochschild cochain complex (cont.)

For 
$$c_1 \in C^{p,q}(\Lambda^*)$$
 and  $c_2 \in C^{s,t}(\Lambda^*)$  define  $c_1\{c_2\} \in C^{p+s-1,q+t}(\Lambda^*)$  by 
$$c_1\{c_2\}(x_1,\ldots,x_{p+s-1}) := \sum_{i=1}^p \pm c_1(\ldots,x_{i-1},c_2(x_i,\ldots,x_{i-1+s}),x_{i+s},\ldots)$$

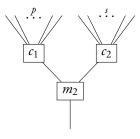
• The bidegree (-1,0) Gerstenhaber bracket is

$$[c_1,c_2]:=c_1\{c_2\}\pm c_2\{c_1\}.$$

• The bidegree (0,0) cup product is

$$c_1 \cdot c_2 = c_1 \smile c_2 := \pm m_2\{c_1, c_2\},$$

where  $m_2 \colon \Lambda^{\star} \otimes \Lambda^{\star} \to \Lambda^{\star}$  is the multiplication.



$$m_2\{c_1,c_2\}$$

## Hochschild cohomology of graded algebras

The Hochschild cohomology of  $\Lambda^*$  is the cohomology of the Hochschild complex:

$$HH^{\bullet,\star}(\Lambda^{\star}):=H^{\bullet,\star}\big(C^{\bullet,\star}\left(\Lambda^{\star}\right)\big)\cong \operatorname{Ext}_{\Lambda^{\star}\operatorname{-bimod}}^{\bullet,\star}(\Lambda^{\star},\Lambda^{\star})$$

The Hochschild cohomology is a Gerstenhaber algebra w.r.t the total degree • + ★:

- HH<sup>•,\*</sup>(Λ\*)[1] is a graded Lie algebra with the Gerstenhaber bracket.
- HH<sup>•,\*</sup>(Λ\*) is a graded commutative algebra with the cup product.
- The Gerstenhaber square Sq(c) induced by  $c \mapsto c\{c\}$ .

$$Sq(x + y) = Sq(x) + Sq(y) + [x, y]$$

$$Sq(x \cdot y) = Sq(x) \cdot y^{2} + x \cdot [x, y] \cdot y + x^{2} \cdot Sq(y)$$

$$[Sq(x), y] = [x, [x, y]]$$

In char(k)  $\neq 2$ , Sq(x) =  $\frac{1}{2}[x, x]$ .

# Minimal $A_{\infty}$ -algebras, revisited

A minimal  $A_{\infty}$ -algebra structure on  $\Lambda^*$  consists of Hochschild cochains

$$m_n \in \mathbb{C}^{n,2-n}(\Lambda^*), \qquad n \geq 3,$$

such that the (formal) Hochschild cochain

$$m = (m_3, m_4, m_5, \dots) \in \prod_{n>3} C^{n,\star} (\Lambda^{\star})$$

satisfies the Maurer-Cartan equation

$$d_{Hoch}(m) = \pm m\{m\}.$$

$$d_{Hoch}(m_n) = 0$$
 if  $m_k = 0$  for  $2 < k < n$ 

Shifted  $A_{\infty}$ -structures are implicit here.

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## The universal Massey product

A graded algebra is d-sparse if it is concentrated in degrees  $d\mathbb{Z}$ .

#### Definition

The universal Massey product (UMP) of a d-sparse minimal  $A_{\infty}$ -algebra ( $\Lambda^*$ , m) is the Hochschild class

$$\overline{m_{d+2}} \in \mathrm{HH}^{d+2,-d}(\Lambda^{\star})$$

of the first possibly non-trivial higher operation.

The UMP satisfies  $Sq(\overline{m_{d+2}}) = 0$  and is <u>invariant</u> under  $A_{\infty}$ -isomorphisms.

**Remark:** For d = 1, Benson–Krause–Schwede (2004), Keller (2005, 2006), ...

## The restricted universal Massey product

$$j: \Lambda := \Lambda^0 \longrightarrow \Lambda^*$$
 inclusion of the degree 0 component

$$j^* \colon HH^{\bullet,\star}(\Lambda^{\star}, \Lambda^{\star}) \longrightarrow HH^{\bullet,\star}(\Lambda, \Lambda^{\star})$$

#### Definition

The restricted universal Massey product (rUMP) of a d-sparse minimal  $A_{\infty}$ -algebra  $(\Lambda^*, m)$  is the Hochschild class

$$j^*(\overline{m_{d+2}}) \in HH^{d+2,-d}(\Lambda, \Lambda^*).$$

$$\mathsf{HH}^{d+2,-d}(\Lambda,\Lambda^{\star})\cong \mathsf{HH}^{d+2}(\Lambda,\Lambda^{-d})\cong \mathsf{Ext}^{d+2}_{\Lambda\text{-bimod}}(\Lambda,\Lambda^{-d})$$

### The Unit Theorem

$$\Lambda$$
: twisted  $(d+2)$ -periodic w.r.t.  $\sigma \colon \Lambda \xrightarrow{\sim} \Lambda$   
  $A = (\Lambda(\sigma, d), m)$ : minimal  $A_{\infty}$ -algebra

### Theorem (J-Muro)

Suppose that **k** is perfect. The following are equivalent:

- 1.  $A \in D^{c}(A)$  is a  $d\mathbb{Z}$ -cluster tilting object.
- 2. The rUMP

$$j^*(\overline{m_{d+2}}) \in \mathsf{HH}^{d+2}(\Lambda, {}_1\Lambda_\sigma) \cong \underline{\mathsf{Hom}}_{\Lambda^e}(\Omega^{d+2}_{\Lambda^e}(\Lambda), \; {}_1\Lambda_\sigma)$$

is invertible in  $\operatorname{mod}\Lambda^{e}$ .

3.  $j^*(\overline{m_{d+2}})$  is invertible in Hochschild–Tate cohomology  $HH^{\bullet,\star}(\Lambda,\Lambda^{\star})$ .

$$j^*(\overline{m_{d+2}}) = 0$$
 is an isomorphism  $\implies \Lambda$  is semi-simple

# The bijectivity of the correpondence

$$\Lambda$$
: twisted  $(d+2)$ -periodic w.r.t.  $\sigma: \Lambda \xrightarrow{\sim} \Lambda$ 

### Theorem (J-Muro)

1. There exists a minimal  $A_{\infty}$ -algebra structure  $(\Lambda(\sigma,d),m)$  s.t. the rUMP

$$j^*(\overline{m_{d+2}}) \in \mathsf{HH}^{d+2}(\Lambda, {}_1\Lambda_\sigma) \cong \underline{\mathsf{Hom}}_{\Lambda^e}(\Omega^{d+2}_{\Lambda^e}(\Lambda), {}_1\Lambda_\sigma)$$

is invertible in  $mod \Lambda^e$ .

2. Any two minimal  $A_{\infty}$ -algebras as above are  $A_{\infty}$ -isomorphic.

See **F. Muro's talk** next week for more details on this and the previous theorem, where the crucial role of Geiß–Keller–Oppermann (d+2)-angulated categories will be explained.

# Kadeishvili's Intrinsic Formality Criterion, revisited

#### Theorem (Kadeishvili 1988)

Suppose that

$$HH^{p+2,-p}(\Lambda^{\star})=0, \qquad p>0.$$

Then, every minimal  $A_{\infty}$ -structure on  $\Lambda^{\star}$  is  $A_{\infty}$ -isomorphic to  $(\Lambda^{\star}, 0)$ .

$$\overline{m_3} \in \mathrm{HH}^{3,-1}(\Lambda^{\star}) = 0 \implies \exists f_2 \in \mathrm{C}^{2,-1}(\Lambda^{\star}) \text{ such that } \pm \mathrm{d}_{\mathrm{Hoch}}(f_2) = m_3.$$

$$(1, f_2, 0, \dots) \colon (\Lambda^{\star}, m_3, m_4, m_5, \dots) \rightsquigarrow (\Lambda^{\star}, 0, m_4', m_5', \dots)$$

Aim: Generalise Kadeishvili's Theorem to deal with the case

$$0 \neq \overline{m_{d+2}} \in HH^{d+2,-d}(\Lambda^{\star}).$$

# d-sparse Massey algebras

A graded algebra is *d*-sparse if it is concentrated in degrees  $d\mathbb{Z}$ .

### Definition (J-Muro)

A *d*-sparse Massey algebra is a pair  $(\Lambda^*, \overline{c})$  consisting of:

- A *d*-sparse graded algebra  $\Lambda^*$ .
- A Hochschild class

$$\bar{c} \in \mathrm{HH}^{d+2,-d}(\Lambda^{\star})$$

such that  $Sq(\bar{c}) = 0$ .



Figure by DALL⋅E

 $(\Lambda^{\star}, m)$ : d-sparse min.  $A_{\infty}$ -algebra  $\implies (\Lambda^{\star}, \overline{m_{d+2}})$ : d-sparse Massey algebra

# The Hochschild-Massey complex of a Massey algebra

Aim: Generalise Kadeishvili's Theorem to d-sparse Massey algebras.

The Hochschild–Massey complex of a d-sparse Massey algebra  $(\Lambda^{\star}, \overline{c})$  is

$$C^{p,q}\left(\Lambda^{\star},\overline{c}\right):=\mathsf{HH}^{p,q}(\Lambda^{\star}) \qquad p\geq 0, \quad q\in\mathbb{Z}.$$

The bidegree (d + 1, -d) Hochschild–Massey differential is (almost everywhere)

$$\overline{x} \longmapsto [\overline{c}, \overline{x}].$$

The Hochschild–Massey cohomology of  $(\Lambda^*, \overline{c})$  is

$$\mathsf{HH}^{\bullet,\star}(\Lambda^{\star},\overline{c}) := \mathsf{H}^{\bullet,\star}\big(\mathsf{C}^{\bullet,\star}(\Lambda^{\star},\overline{c})\big).$$

# A Kadeishvili-type theorem for sparse Massey algebras

$$(\Lambda^{\star}, \overline{c})$$
: d-sparse Massey algebra

### Theorem (J-Muro)

Suppose that

$$\mathsf{HH}^{p+2,-p}(\Lambda^{\star},\overline{c})=0, \qquad p>d. \tag{\dagger\dagger}$$

Then, any two minimal  $A_{\infty}$ -algebras

$$(\Lambda^{\star}, m_{d+2}^{(1)}, m_{2d+2}^{(1)}, \dots)$$
 and  $(\Lambda^{\star}, m_{d+2}^{(2)}, m_{2d+2}^{(2)}, \dots)$ 

such that  $\overline{m_{d+2}}^{(1)} = \overline{c} = \overline{m_{d+2}}^{(2)}$  are (gauge)  $A_{\infty}$ -isomorphic.

### Recovering Kadeishvili's Theorem

$$(\Lambda^*, \overline{c})$$
: d-sparse Massey algebra

$$\mathsf{HH}^{p+2,-p}(\Lambda^{\star},\overline{0})=0, \qquad p>d \iff \mathsf{HH}^{p+2,-p}(\Lambda^{\star})=0, \qquad p>d$$

If this condition is satisfied, the theorem shows that a minimal  $A_{\infty}$ -algebra  $(\Lambda^{\star}, m)$  such that  $\overline{m_{d+2}} = 0$  is formal.

**Proof of Kadeishvili's Thm:** Let  $\Lambda^*$  be a (1-sparse) graded algebra such that

$$HH^{p+2,-p}(\Lambda^{\star})=0, \qquad p>0.$$

- The vanishing for p = 1 implies  $(\Lambda^*, \overline{0})$  is the unique Massey algebra structure.
- The vanishing for p > 1 implies the Kadeishvili-type theorem applies.

# On the proof of the Kadeishvili-type Theorem

$$(\Lambda^*, m_3, m_4, m_5, \dots)$$
: minimal  $A_{\infty}$ -algebra

The equations of an  $A_{\infty}$ -morphism imply that an arbitrary collection

$$f_1 = 1, \quad f_2 \in C^{2,-1}(\Lambda^*), \quad f_3 \in C^{3,-2}(\Lambda^*), \quad \dots$$

determines a unique minimal  $A_{\infty}$ -algebra structure

$$(\Lambda^{\star}, m_3', m_4', m_5', \dots)$$

such that

$$f = (1, f_2, f_3, \dots) : (\Lambda^*, m) \rightsquigarrow (\Lambda^*, m')$$

is an  $A_{\infty}$ -isomorphism.

For example, 
$$m'_3 = m_3 \pm d_{Hoch}(f_2)$$

# On the proof of the Kadeishvili-type Theorem (cont.)

### The group of gauge $A_{\infty}$ -isomorphisms

$$\mathfrak{G}(\Lambda^{\star}) := \{ f \in \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} C^{n,1-n} (\Lambda^{\star}) \mid f_1 = 1 \}$$

acts on the set of minimal  $A_{\infty}$ -structures on  $\Lambda^{\star}$ .

Tautologically, two minimal  $A_{\infty}$ -structures are gauge  $A_{\infty}$ -isomorphic if and only if they have the same  $\mathfrak{G}(\Lambda^*)$ -orbit.

Question: How can we leverage this observation?

The set of minimal  $A_{\infty}$ -algebra structures on  $\Lambda^*$  are the vertices of a CW complex  $\mathfrak{A}_{\infty}(\Lambda^*)$  whose 1-cells are the gauge  $A_{\infty}$ -isomorphisms!

The  $\mathfrak{G}(\Lambda^{\star})$ -orbits are the path-connected components  $\pi_0(\mathfrak{A}_{\infty}(\Lambda^{\star}))$ .

# With a little help from my friends

The CW complex  $\mathfrak{A}_{\infty}(\Lambda^{\star})$  is the homotopy limit of a tower of fibrations

$$\mathfrak{A}_{\infty}(\Lambda^{\star}) \simeq \operatorname{holim} \mathfrak{A}_{n}(\Lambda^{\star}) \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow \mathfrak{A}_{n}(\Lambda^{\star}) \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow \mathfrak{A}_{4}(\Lambda^{\star}) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{A}_{3}(\Lambda^{\star})$$

where  $\mathfrak{A}_n(\Lambda^*)$  is the CW complex of minimal  $A_n$ -algebra structures on  $\Lambda^*$ :

- A minimal  $A_3$ -algebra structure consists of a Hochschild cochain  $m_3 \in \mathbb{C}^{3,-1}(\Lambda^*)$ .
- A minimal  $A_4$ -algebra structure consists of a Hochschild cocycle  $m_3 \in \mathbb{C}^{3,-1}(\Lambda^*)$  and a Hochschild cochain  $m_4 \in \mathbb{C}^{4,-2}(\Lambda^*)$ .
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We can leverage techniques from **Algebraic Topology / Homotopy Theory** such as the Milnor exact sequence

$$* \longrightarrow \lim^1 \pi_1(\mathfrak{A}_n(\Lambda^{\star})) \longrightarrow \pi_0(\mathfrak{A}_{\infty}(\Lambda^{\star})) \longrightarrow \lim \pi_0(\mathfrak{A}_n(\Lambda^{\star})) \longrightarrow *$$

## There is a spectral sequence ...

The existence of Milnor exact sequences

$$* \longrightarrow \varprojlim^1 \pi_{k+1}(\mathfrak{A}_n(\Lambda^{\star})) \longrightarrow \pi_k(\mathfrak{A}_{\infty}(\Lambda^{\star})) \longrightarrow \varprojlim \pi_k(\mathfrak{A}_n(\Lambda^{\star})) \longrightarrow *$$

can be leveraged thanks to the <u>(fringed)</u> Bousfield–Kan spectral sequence (1972) of the tower

$$\mathfrak{A}_{\infty}(\Lambda^{\star}) \simeq \operatorname{holim} \mathfrak{A}_{n}(\Lambda^{\star}) \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow \mathfrak{A}_{n}(\Lambda^{\star}) \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow \mathfrak{A}_{4}(\Lambda^{\star}) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{A}_{3}(\Lambda^{\star})$$

### Idea of proof of the Kadeishvili-type theorem:

• Two d-sparse minimal  $A_{\infty}$ -algebra structures  $(\Lambda^{\star}, m^{(1)})$  and  $(\Lambda^{\star}, m^{(2)})$  such that

$$\overline{m_{d+2}}^{(1)} = \overline{m_{d+2}}^{(2)}$$

lie in the pointed kernel of the map  $\pi_0(\mathfrak{A}_{\infty}(\Lambda^{\star})) \longrightarrow \varprojlim \pi_0(\mathfrak{A}_{\infty}(\Lambda^{\star}))$ .

• Condition (††) yields the vanishing of  $\varprojlim^1 \pi_1(\mathfrak{A}_n(\Lambda^*))$  — this uses Muro's extended Bousfield–Kan spectral sequece (2020).

# Muro's extended Bousfield-Kan spectral sequence

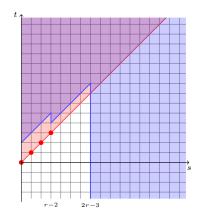


Figure by Fernando Muro

$$\mathfrak{A}_{\infty}(\Lambda^{\star}) \simeq \operatorname{holim} \mathfrak{A}_{n}(\Lambda^{\star})$$

- Pointed sets along the line t s = 0
- Groups along the line t s = 1
- Abelian groups elsewhere in the red region
- Vector spaces in the extended blue region

$$E_{d+2}^{p,p} = HH^{p+2,-p}(\Lambda^{\star}, \overline{c}) \qquad p > d$$

$$\pi_0(\mathfrak{A}_{\infty}(\Lambda^{\star})) \cong \varprojlim \pi_0(\mathfrak{A}_n(\Lambda^{\star}))$$

# Concluding remarks and an invitation

Working with minimal  $A_{\infty}$ -algebras instead of differential graded algebras provides access to new invariants and thus we may formulate new properties:

"The rUMP of the *d*-sparse minimal  $A_{\infty}$ -algebra  $(\Lambda(\sigma, d), m)$  is invertible."

I invite the audience to consider the following questions:

Let A be a differential graded algebra such that  $A \in D^{c}(A)$  is a generator of a preferred type (P), for example a d-cluster tilting object.

Question 1: Can we detect property (P) in terms of the minimal models of A?

Question 2: Is there a derived correspondence for generators of type (P)?

Question 3: Are there properties of a minimal  $A_{\infty}$ -algebra A that imply an interesting novel property of  $A \in D^{c}(A)$ ?

# The Kontsevich–Soibelman perspective

A minimal  $A_{\infty}$ -algebra structure on a graded algebra  $\Lambda^*$ 

$$m \in \prod_{n \geq 3} C^{n,2-n} (\Lambda^{\star})$$

has total degree 1 in the differential graded Lie algebra  $C^{\bullet,\star}(\Lambda^{\star})[1]$  and is a solution to the Maurer–Cartan equation

$$d_{\text{Hoch}}(m) = \pm m\{m\} \stackrel{\text{char } \mathbf{k} \neq 2}{=} \pm \frac{1}{2}[m, m].$$

"An  $A_{\infty}$ -algebra is the same as a non-commutative formal graded manifold X over, say, field  $\mathbf{k}$ , having a marked  $\mathbf{k}$ -point  $\mathbf{p}$ t equipped with [a degree 1 homological vector field]. ... It is an interesting problem to make a dictionary from the pure algebraic language of  $A_{\infty}$ -algebras and  $A_{\infty}$ -categories to the language of non-commutative geometry."

Kontsevich-Soibelman (2009)

Perhaps certain qualitative properties of such vector fields allow to extend the dictionary to include some aspects of the representation theory of FD algebras!



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