

# LS Galleries and MV Cycles

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$G$ group	$G^\vee$
$SL_3$	$PSL_3$
$SO_5$	$Sp_4$

Fix  $A, P$  (the character lattice),  $P^\vee$  (the co-character lattice),  $(\alpha_i)$  (the simple roots),  $(\alpha_i^\vee)$  (the co-roots)

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 \begin{array}{l} \text{Path model for } G^\vee \\ \text{Littelmann, 1994} \\ p : [0, 1] \rightarrow P^\vee \otimes \mathbb{R} \\ \lambda \in (P^\vee)^+ \text{ model of } V(\lambda) \\ \text{irreducible representation} \\ \text{of highest weight } \lambda \end{array} & \subset & \begin{array}{l} \text{Bruhat-Tits} \\ \text{building} \end{array} & \supset & \begin{array}{l} \text{Mirković-Vilonen, 1996} \\ \text{Lusztig-Ginzburg: } IH^*(\text{Gr}^\lambda) \cong V(\lambda) \\ IH^*(\text{Gr}^\lambda) \text{ intersection cohomology} \\ \lambda \in (P^\vee)^+ \\ \bigoplus_{\lambda \in P^\vee} \# \text{ Irred}(Z_\mu^\lambda) \end{array}
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## Remarks.

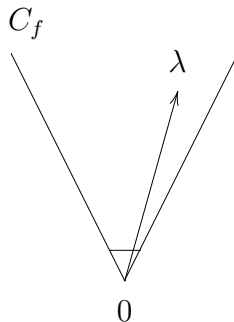
1. Mirković-Vilonen found cycles in  $IH^*(\text{Gr}^\lambda)$  that give a canonical basis for  $V(\lambda)$ .
2. The first inclusion is combinatorial; the second inclusion is via geometry (inside the building).

To compare the two models, we need to replace the path model by the gallery model.

## Combinatorics

Let  $\lambda \in (P^\vee)^+$  be regular.

( $\lambda$  is a dominant co-weight, regular)



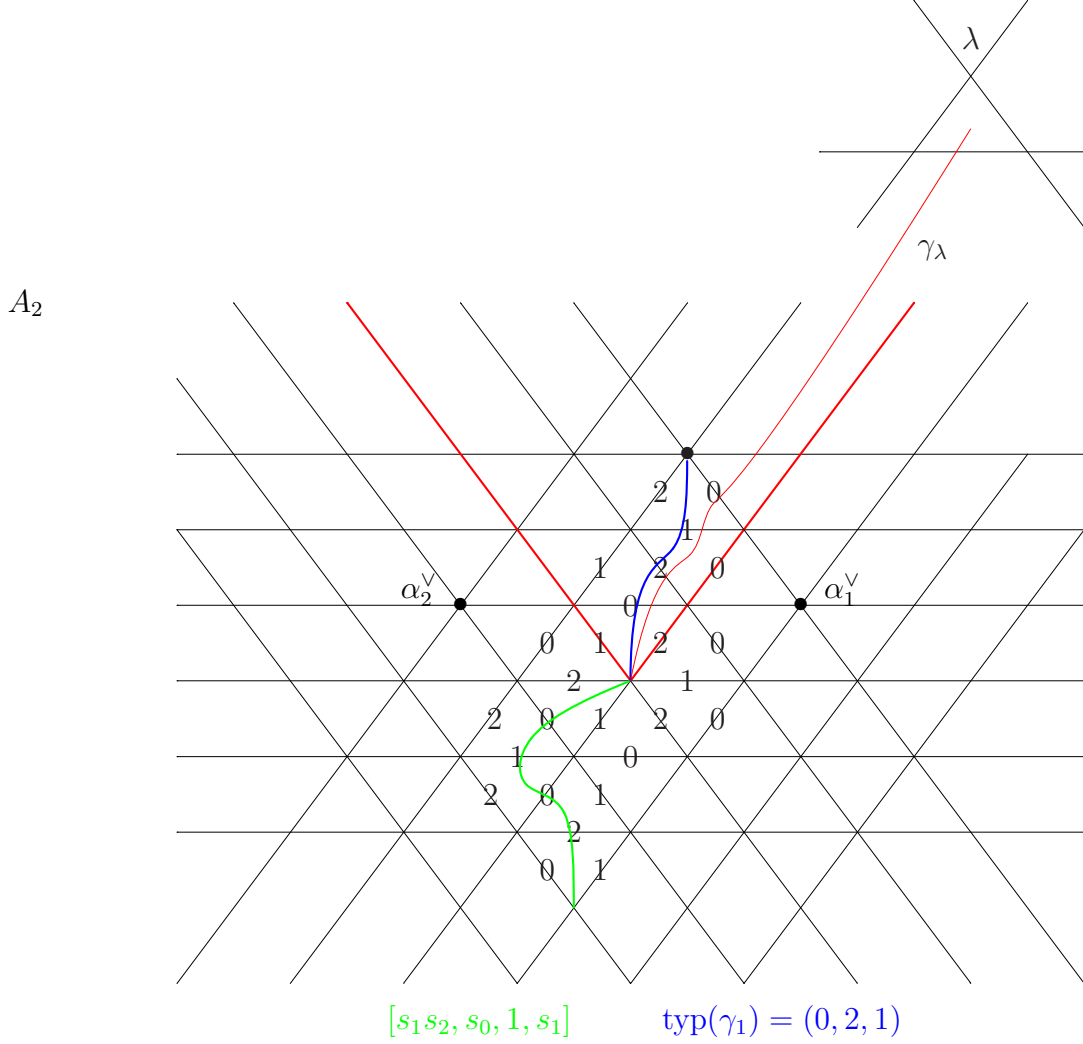
The apartment is  $\mathbb{A} = P^\vee \otimes \mathbb{R}$ .

The affine Weyl group is  $W^a = W \ltimes Q^\vee$ , where  $Q^\vee$  is the coroot lattice.

An apartment is a Coxeter complex.

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Fix a minimal alcove gallery  $\gamma_\lambda$  from 0 to  $\lambda$ .



If  $\gamma_\lambda \leftrightarrow w_\lambda \in W^a$  has minimal decomposition  $w_\lambda = s_{i_1} s_{i_2} \cdots s_{i_r}$ , then  $\text{typ}(\gamma_\lambda) = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_r)$  (this depends on the walls the minimal alcove gallery crosses).

Let  $\Gamma(\gamma_\lambda)$  be the set of all galleries in  $\mathbb{A}$  starting at 0 and having type  $\text{typ}(\gamma_\lambda)$ .

Then we have a bijection

$$W \times \{1, s_{i_1}\} \times \cdots \times \{1, s_{i_r}\} \xrightarrow{\cong} \Gamma(\gamma_\lambda)$$

$$[\delta_0, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_r] \mapsto (0 \subset \overline{\Delta}_0 \supset \Delta'_1 \subset \overline{\Delta}_1 \supset \cdots \Delta'_r \subset \overline{\Delta}_r \supset \mu) = \delta,$$

where  $\overline{\Delta}_i$  denotes an alcove (more precisely,  $\overline{\Delta}_i = \delta_0 \delta_1 \cdots \delta_i(\Delta_f)$ , where  $\Delta_f$  is the fundamental alcove),  $\Delta'_j$  is a face of codimension 1.

Note that  $\text{type}(\mu) = \text{type}(\lambda)$  and  $\pi(\delta) = \mu$  (end of the gallery).

Root operators

Define  $e_\alpha$  in the same way. Then

$$\pi(f_\alpha\delta) = \mu - \alpha^\vee, \quad \pi(e_\alpha\delta) = \mu + \alpha^\vee, \quad f_\alpha(e_\alpha\delta) = e_\alpha(f_\alpha\delta) = \delta.$$

In the following example,  $\lambda = \alpha_1^\vee + \alpha_2^\vee$  and we draw all the galleries in  $\Gamma(\gamma_\lambda)$ .

1.  $\dim(\gamma) = 1$

2.  $\dim(\delta) = 3$

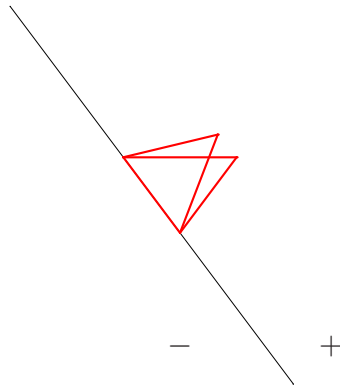
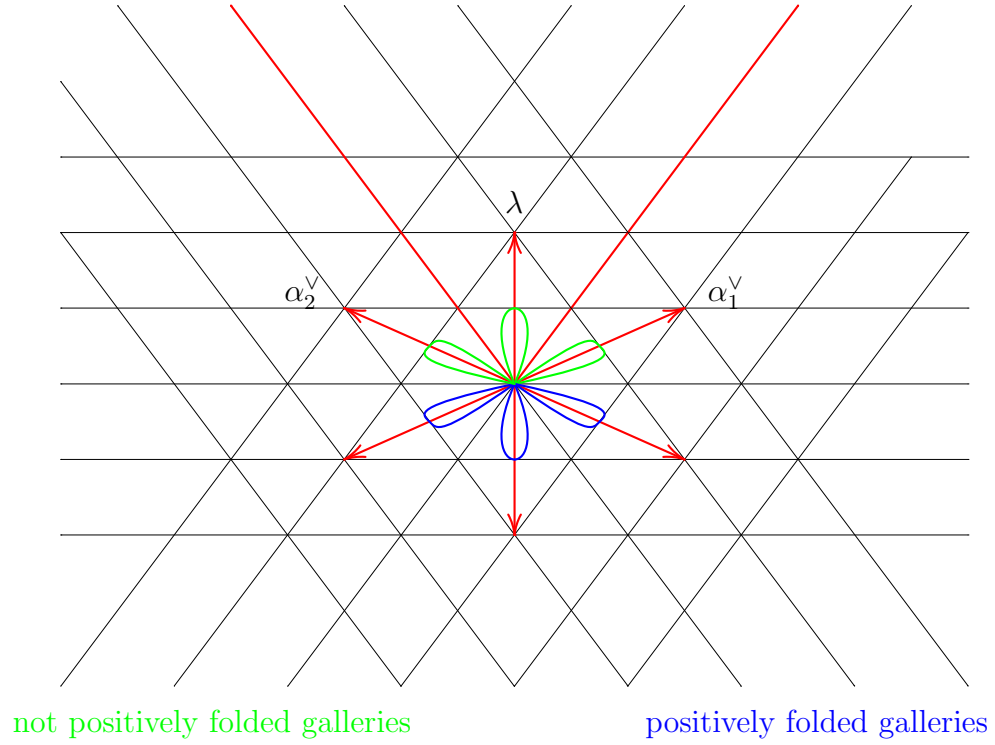
3.  $\dim(f_{\alpha_1} f_{\alpha_2}(\gamma_\lambda)) = 2$

The operators preserve  $\Gamma(\gamma_\lambda)$ ,  $f_\alpha, e_\alpha : \Gamma(\gamma_\lambda) \rightarrow \Gamma(\gamma_\lambda)$ .

Let  $\Gamma^+(\gamma_\lambda) = \{\gamma \in \Gamma(\gamma_\lambda) \text{ positively folded}\}$ .

A gallery  $\delta$  is positively folded if  $\delta_j = 1 \Rightarrow \overline{\Delta_{j-1}} = \overline{\Delta_j}$  is on the positive side of the wall at  $j$ .

$A_2$



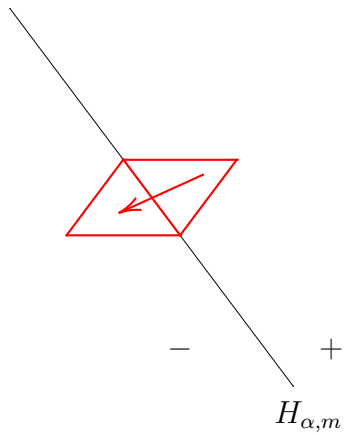
$$\overline{\Delta_{j-1}} = \overline{\Delta_j} \text{ in } \delta \rightsquigarrow \delta = [\delta_0, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_{j-1}, 1, \delta_{j+1}, \dots, \delta_r]$$

The operators preserve the set  $\Gamma^+(\gamma_\lambda)$ .

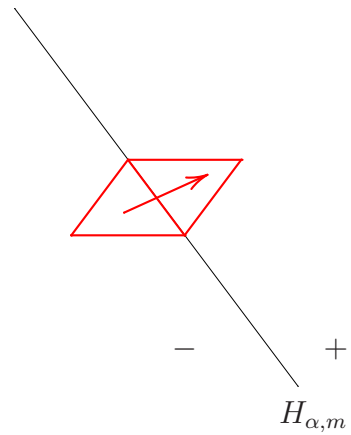
Define LS galleries

Let  $\delta \in \Gamma(\gamma_\lambda)$ .

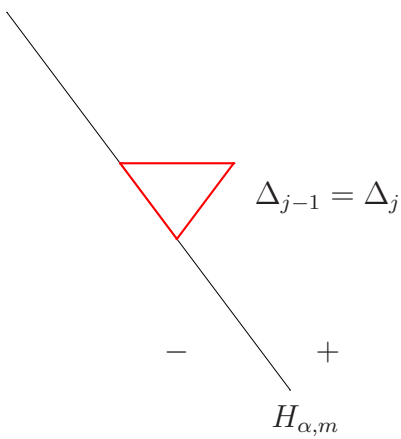
Then  $\dim(\delta) = \#\{H_{\alpha,m} \text{ left positively by } \delta\}$ , where  $H_{\alpha,m}$  denotes an affine hyperplane.



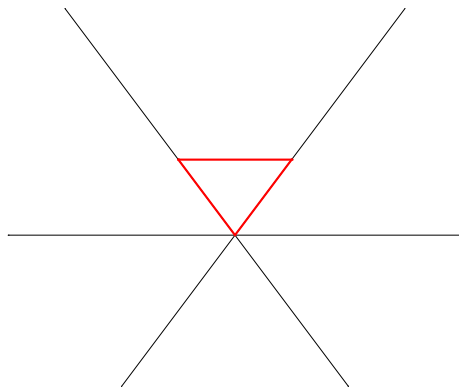
not counted in  $\dim(\delta)$



counted in  $\dim(\delta)$



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Peculiar rule for the starting alcove:  
one looks at several walls going through 0

**Proposition.** If  $\delta \in \Gamma^+(\gamma_\lambda)$  and  $\pi(\delta) = \mu$ , then  $\dim(\delta) \leq \rho(\lambda + \mu)$ , where  $\rho = (\sum_{\alpha > 0} \alpha)/2$  is half the sum of the positive roots.

**Definition.** A gallery  $\delta \in \Gamma^+(\gamma_\lambda)$  is LS if  $\dim(\delta) = \rho(\lambda + \mu)$ .

The operators preserve  $\Gamma_{\text{LS}}^+(\gamma_\lambda)$ .

**Theorem.**

1. character formula:

$$\text{Char} V(\lambda) = \sum_{\nu} \# \Gamma_{\text{LS}}^+(\gamma_\lambda, \nu) e^\nu,$$

where  $\Gamma_{\text{LS}}^+(\gamma_\lambda, \nu)$  is the set of all LS galleries ending in  $\nu$ .

2. The graph built on  $\Gamma_{\text{LS}}^+(\gamma_\lambda)$  with the root operators is isomorphic to the crystal graph of  $V(\lambda)$  of  $G^\vee$ .

**Remark.** If  $\lambda$  is singular, there is still a well-defined alcove containing  $\lambda$  in  $C_f$  (the fundamental chamber) realizing the minimum distance to  $\Delta_f$  and one can adapt the preceeding to get the same result (with P. Baumann).

### Geometry

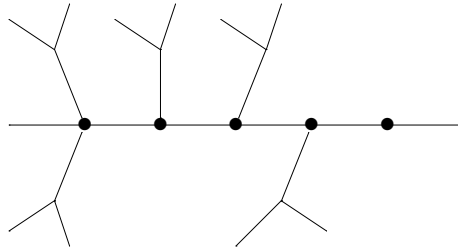
Let  $G \supset B \supset T$  (be a borus as Jantzen is saying).

Then  $B \supset U \supset T$ ,  $U^- \subset B^-$ , and  $B^- \cap B = T$ .

We have  $\mathcal{B}^{\text{sph}}$  (spherical building),  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}(G, K)$  (affine building), and  $\mathcal{B}^\infty = \mathcal{B}(G(K), B(K))$  (spherical building at infinity).

Note that  $\mathcal{B}(G, K) = G(K) \times \mathbb{A} / \sim$  for some equivalence relation  $\sim$ , and

$$\mathcal{B}(G, K) \cong \{\text{parahoric subgroups } P \supset I = ev_0^{-1}(B_{\mathbb{C}})\}.$$



Affine building of type  $A_1$

### Affine Grassmanian

$$\text{Gr} = G(K)/G(\mathcal{O}) = \coprod_{\lambda \in (P^\vee)^+} G(\mathcal{O})t_\lambda G(\mathcal{O})/G(\mathcal{O}) = \coprod_{\mu \in P^\vee} U^\mp(K)t_\mu G(\mathcal{O})/G(\mathcal{O})$$

Mirković-Vilonen cycles: The intersections  $U^-(K) \cdot t_\mu \cap G(\mathcal{O}) \cdot t_\lambda$  are of pure dimension  $\rho(\lambda + \mu)$  (Mirković-Vilonen).

An MV cycle  $Z_\mu^\lambda$  is the closure of an irreducible component in  $U^-(K) \cdot t_\mu \cap G(\mathcal{O}) \cdot t_\lambda$  in  $\overline{\text{Gr}^\lambda} = \overline{G(\mathcal{O}) \cdot t_\lambda}$ .

Suppose  $\lambda$  is regular (again, one can manage the singular case as well), and let  $\hat{\Sigma}(\gamma_\lambda)$  be the set of all galleries in the affine building  $\mathcal{B}$  starting at 0 of type  $\text{typ}(\gamma_\lambda)$ .

Then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \hat{\Sigma}(\gamma_\lambda) & \xrightarrow{\pi} & \overline{\text{Gr}^\lambda} = \overline{G(\mathcal{O}) \cdot t_\lambda} \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ G(\mathcal{O}) \cdot \gamma_\lambda & \xrightarrow{\cong} & G(\mathcal{O}) \cdot t_\lambda \end{array}$$

Here the upper arrow is a Bott-Samelson resolution of singularities.

**Remarks.**

1.  $G(\mathcal{O}) \cdot \gamma_\lambda$  is the set of all minimal galleries.
2.  $\hat{\Sigma}(\gamma_\lambda) = G(\mathcal{O}) \times_I P_{i_1} \times_I \cdots \times_I P_{i_r} / I$ , where  $P_{i_1} = I\{1, s_{i_1}\}I$ .
3.  $\pi([g_0, g_1, \dots, g_r]) = g_0 g_1 \cdots g_r t_{\lambda_{\text{fund}}}$ , where  $\lambda_{\text{fund}} \in \Delta_f$  such that  $\text{typ}(\lambda_{\text{fund}}) = \text{typ}(\lambda)$

**Theorem.**

$$U^-(K) \cdot t_\mu \cap G(\mathcal{O}) \cdot t_\lambda \cong \coprod_{\substack{\delta \in \Gamma^+(\gamma_\lambda), \\ \pi(\delta) = \mu}} C(\delta) \cap G(\mathcal{O}) \cdot \gamma_\lambda,$$

where  $C(\delta)$  is a cell of dimension  $\dim(\delta)$  and therefore, each LS gallery gives an open of a unique MV cycle.