

## Goettingen - Monday preps

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**Day 1 – u, v, w: topology and philosophy**  
Dor Bar-Natan, Goettingen, April 2010

**Plans and Dreams**

(arbitrary algebraic)  $\xrightarrow{\text{projection}} \xrightarrow{\text{restriction}} \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{a problem in} \\ \text{structure} \end{array} \right)$  (graded algebra)

- Feed knot-things, get Lie algebra things.
- Feed u-knots, get Drinfel'd's associates.
- Feed w-knots, get Kashiwara-Vergne-Alekseev-Torossian.
- Dream: Feed v-knots, get Etingof-Kazhdan.
- Dream: Knowing the question whose answer is 42, or E-K, will be useful to algebra and topology.

**v-Knots**

**w-Knots**

**PA = Planar Algebra**

**Circuit Algebras**

**y-Knots**

**CA = Circuit Algebra**

**n-Tangles**

**w-Tangles = v-Tangles**

**The w-generators**

**Borders surface**

**2D Symbols**

**Disc relation**

**Virtual crossing**

**Mov R**

**A Ribbon 2-Knot**

**The w-relations** include R234, VR1234, M, Overcrossing Commute (OC) but not UC:

**OC** **UC**

Also see <http://www.math.toronto.edu/~drorbn/papers/WKOF>

**Day 2 – u, v, w: combinatorics and low algebra**  
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**Our case(s)**

$K \xrightarrow{\text{# high-diagrams}} \mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{\text{given w/ "Lie" equations}} \text{proj } K \xrightarrow{\text{solve finitely many equations in family of unknowns}} \mathcal{U}(g)$

**K is knot theory or topology**:  $\text{proj } K = \bigoplus \mathbb{Z}^m / \mathbb{Z}^{m+1}$  is finite combinatorics; bounded-complexity diagrams modulo simple relations.

**The Finite Type Story**: With  $\mathbb{X} := \times - \times \oplus (V_m / V_{m-1})^*$  set  $V_n := \{V : wK \rightarrow Q : V(\mathbb{X}^n) = 0\}$ .

**R3.**

**The Bracket-Rise Theorem**:  $\mathcal{A}^w$  is isomorphic to

**Corollaries**: (1) Related to Lie algebras! (2) Only wheels and isolated arrows persist.

**Diagrammatic to Algebraic**: With  $(x_i)$  and  $(\varphi^j)$  dual bases of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $\mathfrak{g}^*$  and with  $[x_i, x_j] = \sum b_{ij}^k x_k$ , we have  $\mathcal{A}^w \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(I\mathfrak{g})$  via

**Unitary** **singular**

<http://link.springer.ca/10.1007/bf02514611>

**Day 3 – u, v, w: high algebra (not given)**  
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(2)

(3)

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$$(2) \quad \text{Diagram} - \text{Diagram} = \text{Diagram}$$

**Diagrammatic statement.** Let  $R = \exp^{14} \in \mathcal{A}^v(\{1\})$ . There exist  $\omega \in \mathcal{A}^v(\{1\})$  and  $V \in \mathcal{A}^v(\{1\})$  so that

$$(1) \quad \text{Diagram} = \text{Diagram}$$

$$(2) \quad \text{Diagram} - \text{Diagram} = \text{Diagram}$$

**Algebraic statement.** With  $I\mathfrak{g} := \mathfrak{g}^* \rtimes \mathfrak{g}$ , with  $e : \mathcal{U}(I\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(I\mathfrak{g})/\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}) = \mathcal{S}(\mathfrak{g}^*)$  the obvious projection, with  $S$  the multiplication in  $\mathcal{U}(I\mathfrak{g})$ , with  $R^*$  the automorphism of  $\mathcal{U}(I\mathfrak{g})$  induced by flipping  $\mathfrak{g}^* \otimes \mathfrak{g}^*$ , with  $r \in \mathfrak{g}^* \otimes \mathfrak{g}$  the identity element and with  $R = r^* \in \mathcal{U}(I\mathfrak{g}) \otimes \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$  there exist  $\omega \in \mathcal{S}(\mathfrak{g}^*)$  and  $V \in \mathcal{U}(I\mathfrak{g})^{\otimes 2}$  so that

$$(1) V(\Delta \otimes 1)(R) = R^* R^{\otimes 2} V \text{ in } \mathcal{U}(I\mathfrak{g})^{\otimes 2} \otimes \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$$

$$(2) V \cdot SWV = 1 \quad (3) (e \otimes r)(V \Delta(\omega)) = \omega \otimes \omega$$

**Unitary statement.** There exists  $\omega \in \text{Fun}(\mathfrak{g}^*)$  and an (infinite order) tangential differential operator  $V$  defined on  $\text{Fun}(\mathfrak{g}_x \times \mathfrak{g}_y)$  so that

$$(1) V e^{x+y} = e^x \tilde{e}^y V \text{ (allowing } \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})\text{-valued functions)}$$

$$(2) V V^* = I \quad (3) V \omega_{x+y} = \omega_x \omega_y$$

**Group-Algebra statement.** There exists  $\omega^2 \in \text{Fun}(\mathfrak{g})^G$  so that for every  $\phi, \psi \in \text{Fun}(\mathfrak{g})^G$  (with small support), the following holds in  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$ :

$$\int \phi(x)\psi(y) \omega_{x+y}^2 e^{x+y} = \iint \phi(x)\psi(y) \omega_x \omega_y e^x e^y \quad (\text{obviously, } \omega^2 = j^{(1)})$$

**Convolutional statement (Kashiwara-Vergne).** Convolutional invariant functions on a Lie group agree with convolution of invariant functions on its Lie algebra. More accurately, let  $G$  be a finite dimensional Lie group and let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be its Lie algebra, let  $J : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the Jacobian of the exponential map  $\exp : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow G$ , and let  $\Phi : \text{Fun}(G) \rightarrow \text{Fun}(\mathfrak{g})$  be given by  $\Phi(f)(x) := j^{(1)}(x)f(\exp x)$ . Then if  $f, g \in \text{Fun}(G)$  are Ad-invariant and supported near the identity, then

$$\Phi(f) * \Phi(g) = \Phi(f * g)$$

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# u, v, and w-Knots: Topology, Combinatorics and Low and High Algebra

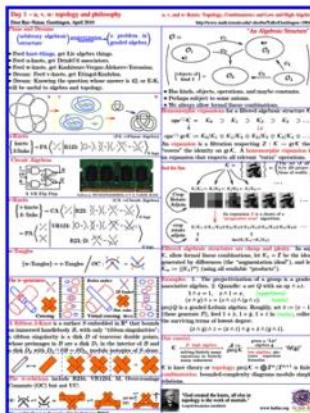
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**Overall Abstract.** I will discuss three types of knotted objects - the "u" type, for "usual", the "v" type, for "virtual", and the "w" type, for "welded", or "weakly virtual", or "warm up". I will then discuss an abstract and general yet rather simple machine that in a uniform manner associates to each such class of knotted objects a "combinatorics", and a "low algebra", and a "high algebra". The latter is high indeed - it is the theory of Drinfel'd associators in the u case, most likely it is the Etingof-Kazhdan theory of quantization of Lie bi-algebras in the v case, and it is the Kashiwara-Vergne theory of convolutions on Lie groups and algebras in the w case. Thus these three pieces of high algebra have a simple topological origin. And as on the level of topology u, v, and w are tied together, their respective high algebra theories are closely related, with some of these relationships clearly understood, and some that are yet to be explored.

## Day 1

### u, v, w: topology and philosophy

- Dreams and plans.
- Knots, planar diagrams, Reidemeister moves, virtual knots are to knots as manifolds are to Euclidean spaces, flying rings and knotted tubes in 4D and w-knots.
- Planar algebras and circuit algebras.
- The abstract machine - filtered and graded spaces, expansions and homomorphic expansions, equations in graded spaces.



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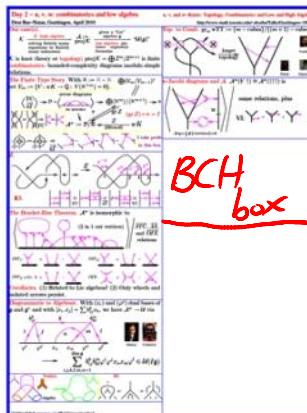
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## Day 2

### u, v, w: combinatorics and low algebra

- Finite type invariants, weight systems, chord diagrams, arrow diagrams, 4T relations
- The "bracket-rise" theorem, STU and IHX relations
- Maps into various kinds of universal enveloping algebras.

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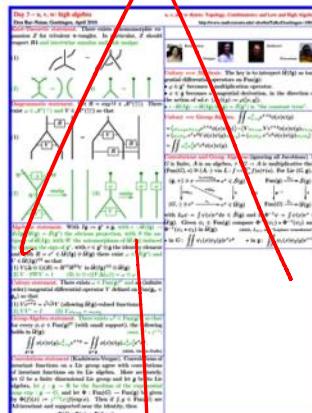
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## Day 3

### u, v, w: high algebra

- Kashiwara-Vergne and Alekseev-Torossian convolution, integrals, measure preserving transformations, unitary operators, universal formulas and universal equations.
- A word on knotted trivalent graphs, Drinfel'd associators, and Chern-Simons-Witten theory.
- Dreams on v-knots, Etingof-Kazhdan, and quantization of Lie bi-algebras.
- Hallucinations on knot homologies and on further physics.



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Theorem: A homomorphic expansion for  $\text{WTI}$  is the same as a solution  $F \in \mathcal{U}(\text{tbc}_2)$  of BCH-like equation,

$$F^{\rho^{x+y}} = \rho^x F^y$$

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equation,

$$e^{x+y} = e^x e^y$$