

Title: Faithfulness of braid group actions on derived categories

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Abstract: Inspired by homological mirror symmetry, Seidel and Thomas constructed braid group actions on derived categories of coherent sheaves of various varieties and proved faithfulness of such actions for braid groups of type A. I will discuss joint work with Hugh Thomas giving some faithfulness results for derived braid group actions of types D and E

mirror
image

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Complex manifold of dimension n
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Joint work

Idea

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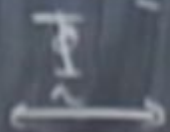
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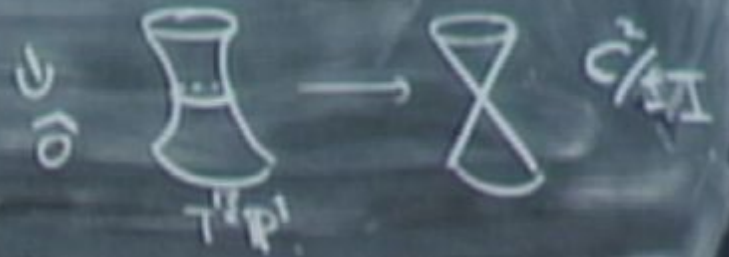
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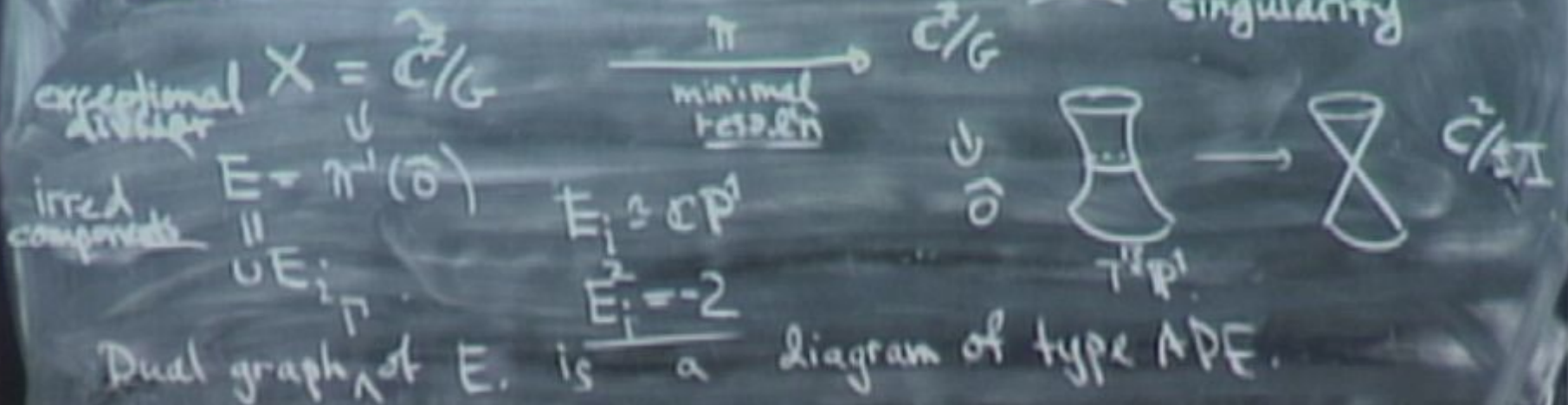
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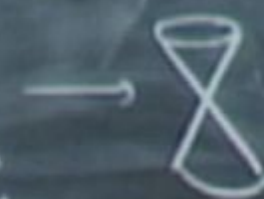
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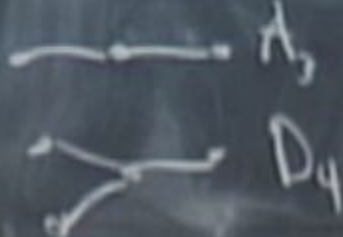
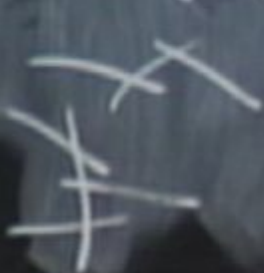
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Dual graph of E is a diagram of type ADE.



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Seidel-Thurston Twists

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So $B_\Gamma \curvearrowright \mathcal{D}(X)$. If $\dim X \geq 2$, and $\Gamma = A_m$,
then this action is faithful.

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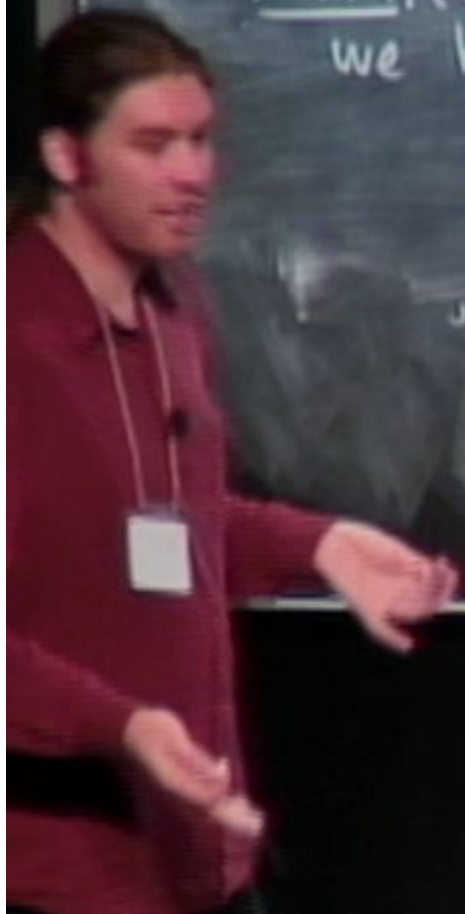
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$\mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{\text{mirror}} \text{Dual} \rightarrow \text{Stab } \mathbb{A}^1 \xrightarrow{\text{covering}} K(\mathbb{B}_n, 1)$
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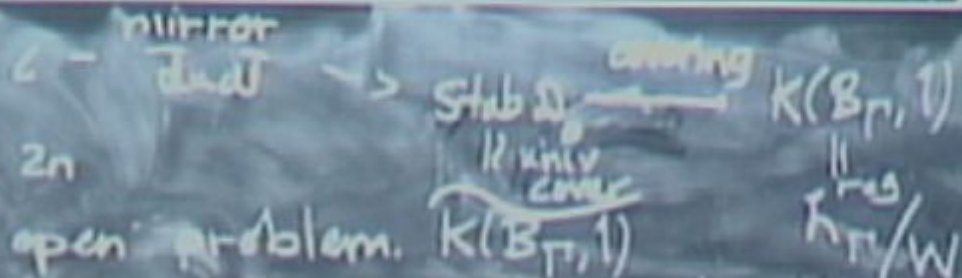
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