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# Ginzburg algebras of triangulated surfaces and perverse schobers

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#### Abstract

Ginzburg algebras associated to triangulated surfaces provide a means to categorify the cluster algebras of these surfaces. As shown by Ivan Smith, the finite derived category of such a Ginzburg algebra can be embedded into the Fukaya category of the total space of a Lefschetz fibration over the surface. Inspired by this perspective, we provide a description of the unbounded derived category in terms of a perverse schober. The main novelty is a gluing formalism describing the Ginzburg algebra as a colimit of certain local Ginzburg algebras associated to discs. As a first application, we give a new construction of derived equivalences between these Ginzburg algebras associated to flips of an edge of the triangulation. Finally, we note that the perverse schober as well as the resulting gluing construction can also be defined over the sphere spectrum.

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## 1. Introduction

Cluster algebras were introduced by Fomin and Zelevinsky [FZ02] as a class of commutative algebras equipped with a combinatorial structure relating different subsets of the algebra called clusters. Since then, there has been a great interest in cluster algebras and their relation to other subjects, including Teichmüller theory, polyhedral surfaces, representation theory of quivers and aspects of noncommutative algebraic geometry such as Calabi–Yau algebras, Calabi–Yau categories and stability conditions. A survey with many references can be found in [Kel08]; we also refer to the cluster-algebra portal [Fom] for further surveys and information on cluster algebras.

Relevant for this work is a particular class of cluster algebras associated to oriented marked surfaces equipped with an ideal triangulation, introduced in [GSV05, FG06b, FG09] and further studied in [FST08, FT18]. These cluster algebras can be described in two different ways. The first perspective is geometric and provides a description in terms of the decorated Teichmüller spaces of the surfaces. The cluster variables arise as lambda lengths, which form the coordinates of the Teichmüller space. These lambda lengths satisfy an analogue of the classical Ptolemy relations, which gives rise to the cluster exchange relations. The second perspective makes direct use of the combinatorics of the ideal triangulation. The mutation matrix used to define the cluster algebra arises as the signed adjacency matrix of the ideal triangulation, which counts the number of incidences of the ideal triangles. The resulting algebra does not depend on the choice of ideal triangulation but only on the underlying marked surface.

This second perspective in particular shows that cluster algebras of marked surfaces can be considered as cluster algebras associated to quivers, which can be categorified via 2-Calabi–Yau (CY) triangulated categories, called cluster categories, and 3-CY triangulated categories. To describe the 3-CY categorification of the cluster algebra associated to a quiver Q, one chooses a nondegenerate potential W. The 3-CY categorification is then given by the derived category of the Ginzburg algebra  $\mathscr{G}(Q, W)$  associated to the quiver with potential (Q, W). The 2-CY cluster category can be obtained from the derived category of the Ginzburg algebra via the Verdier quotient  $\mathcal{D}(\mathscr{G}(Q, W))^{\text{perf}}/\mathcal{D}(\mathscr{G}(Q, W))^{\text{fin}}$  [Ami09]. There is also a direct link between the Ginzburg algebras and the combinatorics of the cluster algebras; we refer to [Kel12] for a survey.

To describe the results of this work, we first recall the construction of the quiver  $Q_{\mathcal{T}}^{\circ}$ , and a choice of nondegenerate potential  $W_{\mathcal{T}}$ , associated to an ideal triangulation  $\mathcal{T}$  of a marked surface **S** [LF09, GLFS16]. We assume for simplicity that  $\mathcal{T}$  has no self-folded triangles. The quiver  $Q_{\mathcal{T}}^{\circ}$  has as vertices the internal edges of  $\mathcal{T}$  and an arrow  $a : i \to j$  for each ideal triangle containing the edges i, j, where the edge j follows the edge i in the clockwise order of the edges of the ideal triangle induced by the orientation of the surface. The nondegenerate potential  $W_{\mathcal{T}} = W_{\mathcal{T}}' + W_{\mathcal{T}}'' \in kQ_{\mathcal{T}}^{\circ}$  consists of a part  $W_{\mathcal{T}}''$  which is the sum of the clockwise 3-cycles inscribed in the interior ideal triangles of  $\mathcal{T}$  and a part  $W_{\mathcal{T}}''$  which is a sum of anticlockwise cycles, one for each interior marked point of **S**.

The 2-CY and 3-CY categorifications can be described in terms of the combinatorial geometry of  $\mathcal{T}$  – see [QZ17] and the references therein for the 2-CY cluster category and [Qiu18, QZ19] for the finite

part of the derived category of the Ginzburg algebra  $\mathscr{G}(Q^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}}, W'_{\mathcal{T}})$ . Most relevant for us is Ivan Smith's realisation of the finite part of the derived category of  $\mathscr{G}(Q^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}}, W'_{\mathcal{T}})$  as a full subcategory of the Fukaya category of a Calabi–Yau 3-fold  $Y^{\circ}$  equipped with a Lefschetz fibration  $\pi : Y^{\circ} \to \Sigma$  [Smi15]. The surface  $\Sigma$  is obtained from **S** by removing all interior marked points – that is,  $\Sigma = \mathbf{S} \setminus (M \cap \mathbf{S}^{\circ})$ , where  $\mathbf{S}^{\circ} = \mathbf{S} \setminus \partial \mathbf{S}$  denotes the interior of **S** and *M* denotes the set of marked points. Inspired by the geometry of  $\pi$ , we give in this paper a description of the entire unbounded derived category of the Ginzburg algebra  $\mathscr{G}(Q^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}}, W'_{\mathcal{T}})$  in terms of the global sections of a perverse schober.

Before we describe our model for  $\mathcal{D}(\mathscr{G}(Q^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}}, W^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}}))$ , we highlight the relation to a model for the partially wrapped Fukaya categories of graded surfaces or, equivalently, the derived categories of gentle algebras [HKK17, LP20]. Consider an ideal triangulation of a graded marked surface S and the dual ribbon graph  $\Gamma$ . The Fukaya category of the surface S is equivalent to the dg-category of global sections of a constructible cosheaf of dg-categories on the ribbon graph  $\Gamma$  [DK15, HKK17]. The cosheaf description of the Fukaya category categorifies the statement that the middle cohomology  $H_{\Gamma}(\Sigma, \mathbb{Z}[1])$  of the surface  $\Sigma$  with support on  $\Gamma$  is equivalent to the abelian group of global sections of a constructible cosheaf  $H_{\Gamma}(\mathbb{Z}[1])$  on  $\Gamma$  whose stalk at a point x is the homology  $H_{\Gamma \cap U}(U, \mathbb{Z}[1])$  of a small neighbourhood  $x \in U \subset \Sigma$  with support on  $\Gamma \cap U$ . Our model describes the derived category of the Ginzburg algebra in terms of the global sections of a different constructible cosheaf of dg-categories on  $\Gamma$ . Denote by  $\Gamma^{\circ}$  the ribbon graph obtained by removing all exterior edges of  $\Gamma$ . Decategorified, the idea behind our model is to express the middle cohomology of the 3-fold Y° with support on  $\pi^{-1}(\Gamma^{\circ})$  in terms of the abelian group of global sections with support on  $\Gamma^{\circ}$  of the perverse push-forward  $\pi_*(\mathbb{Z}[3])$  to  $\Sigma$ , which in turn is equivalent to the global sections with support on  $\Gamma^{\circ}$  of a constructible cosheaf  $H_{\Gamma}(\pi_*\mathbb{Z}[3])$ on  $\Gamma$ . We will not provide a systematic categorification of the perverse push-forward functor  $\pi_*$ , but rather provide an explicit description of the categorification of the constructible cosheaf  $\underline{H}_{\Gamma}(\pi_*\mathbb{Z}[3])$ . This will be achieved by constructing a perverse schober on the surface that is classified locally, at every critical value of Smith's Lefschetz fibration, by the Ind-complete version of the spherical adjunction

$$\mathcal{W}(T^*S^2) \longleftrightarrow \mathcal{D}(k)^{\text{perf}}$$

The explicit computability of our model then arises from a concrete algebraic description of this adjunction, as well as the resulting categorification of  $\underline{H}_{\Gamma}(\pi_*\mathbb{Z}[3])$  in terms of variants of Waldhausen's So-construction. A full definition of the notion of a perverse schober on a surface is not yet documented in the literature; we thus introduce a framework for the treatment of perverse schobers on surfaces which are parametrised by ribbon graphs. Our definition of a parametrised perverse schober can be seen as a generalisation of the approach to topological Fukaya categories of surfaces of [DK18, DK15], allowing for the treatment of nonconstant coefficients. The main result of this paper is the following:

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be an ideal triangulation of an oriented marked surface **S** and consider the dual ribbon graph  $\Gamma$ . There exists a  $\Gamma$ -parametrised perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  whose stable  $\infty$ -category of global sections with support on  $\Gamma^{\circ}$  satisfies

$$\mathcal{H}_{\Gamma^{\circ}}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}) \simeq \mathcal{D}\left(\mathscr{G}\left(Q^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}}, W'_{\mathcal{T}}\right)\right).$$

That is, it is equivalent to the unbounded derived  $\infty$ -category of the Ginzburg algebra  $\mathscr{G}(Q^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}}, W'_{\mathcal{T}})$ .

Note that if  $\mathcal{T}$  contains no interior marked points, the potential  $W'_{\mathcal{T}} = W_{\mathcal{T}}$  is nondegenerate. Given an ideal triangulation  $\mathcal{T}$  with interior marked points, the potential  $W'_{\mathcal{T}}$  is in general degenerate. In this case, the Ginzburg algebra  $\mathscr{G}(Q^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}}, W'_{\mathcal{T}})$  is not expected to fully capture the cluster combinatorics.

Informally, Theorem 1 can be summarised as the statement that the derived  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{D}\left(\mathscr{G}\left(Q_{\mathcal{T}}^{\circ},W_{\mathcal{T}}'\right)\right)$  arises via the gluing of simpler  $\infty$ -categories. The pieces used in the gluing construction are the derived  $\infty$ -categories of certain *relative Ginzburg algebras* of *n*-gons. This terminology was suggested by Bernhard Keller in his ICRA 2020 lecture series on relative Calabi–Yau structures. The derived  $\infty$ -category of a relative Ginzburg algebra also appears as the  $\infty$ -category of global

sections  $\mathcal{H}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}})$  of the parametrised perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  (without any restrictions on the support). The  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{H}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}})$  contains  $\mathcal{H}_{\Gamma^{\circ}}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}) \simeq \mathcal{D}\left(\mathscr{G}\left(Q_{\mathcal{T}}^{\circ}, W_{\mathcal{T}}'\right)\right)$  as a full subcategory. The passage from all global sections to global sections with support on the interior thus constitutes a loss of information, which explains why the nonrelative Ginzburg algebras cannot directly be glued. In terms of the underlying cluster algebras, our gluing construction seems to be a special case of the procedure of amalgamation and defrosting of cluster algebras of [FG06a].

To make the gluing construction of  $\mathcal{D}\left(\mathscr{G}\left(Q_{\mathcal{T}}^{\circ},W_{\mathcal{T}}^{\prime}\right)\right)$  work, we need to determine the correct way to glue the pieces. Making different choices would lead to different signs of the differentials of the Ginzburg algebra. The total choice of signs is equivalent to a choice of spin structure on the surface  $\Sigma = \mathbf{S} \setminus (M \cap \mathbf{S}^{\circ})$ ; see Section 7.1.

The formalism used for the description of the perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  works not only in the *k*-linear setting but also over the sphere spectrum. Many of our results naturally extend to this more general setting; see Section 7.2.

In Section 1.1 we recall the full definition of the 3-CY Ginzburg algebra and continue by introducing relative Ginzburg algebras. Section 1.2 contains a discussion of parametrised perverse schobers and Smith's results. In Section 1.3 we describe the gluing construction of the Ginzburg algebra.

#### 1.1. Relative Ginzburg algebras of triangulated surfaces

A quiver Q consists of a finite set of vertices, denoted  $Q_0$ , and a finite set of arrows, denoted  $Q_1$ , together with source and target maps  $s, t : Q_1 \to Q_0$ . A quiver is called graded if each arrow carries an integer labelling. Given a graded quiver Q, we denote by kQ the graded path algebra over a commutative ring k. A potential W for a quiver Q is an element of the cyclic path algebra  $kQ^{cyc}$ , meaning the algebra of k-linear sums of cyclic paths.

For the definition of the Ginzburg algebra, due to [Gin06], we follow [Kel11]. Consider a quiver with potential (Q, W). We denote by Q' the graded quiver with the same set of vertices as Q and graded arrows of the following three kinds:

◦ an arrow  $a : i \rightarrow j$  in degree 0 for each  $a : i \rightarrow j \in Q_1$ ,

- an arrow  $a^* : j \to i$  in degree 1 for each  $a : i \to j \in Q_1$  and
- an arrow  $l_i: i \to i$  in degree 2 for each  $i \in Q_0$ .

The cyclic derivative  $\partial_a : kQ_{cyc} \to kQ$  with respect to  $a \in Q_1$  is the k-linear map taking a cycle c to  $\partial_a c = \sum_{c=uav} uv$ , where  $u, v \in kQ$  are allowed to be lazy paths. We denote the lazy path at a vertex  $i \in Q_0$  by  $p_i$ . We define the Ginzburg algebra  $\mathscr{G}(Q, W)$  to be the dg-algebra whose underlying graded algebra is given by the graded path algebra kQ' and whose differential d is determined by the following action on the generators:

$$\begin{aligned} a &\mapsto 0, \\ a^* &\mapsto \partial_a W, \\ l_i &\mapsto \sum_{a \in Q_1} p_i[a, a^*] p_i. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\mathscr{G}(Q, W)$  is not the completed Ginzburg algebra, as considered, for example, in [KY11, Smi15]. We will not consider completed Ginzburg algebras in this paper. In terms of the associated derived  $\infty$ -categories of these dg-algebras, this does not mean much of a loss, because the derived  $\infty$ -category of the completed Ginzburg algebra can be realised as a full subcategory of the derived  $\infty$ -category of the noncompleted Ginzburg algebra. This perspective, however, neglects the additional topological structure of the completed Ginzburg algebra; see, for example, [KY11, Appendix].

We now introduce a relative version of the Ginzburg algebra  $\mathscr{G}(Q_{\mathcal{T}}, W'_{\mathcal{T}})$  associated to an ideal triangulation  $\mathcal{T}$  of an oriented marked surface **S**. We define a quiver  $Q_{\mathcal{T}}$  by adapting the definition of the quiver  $Q_{\mathcal{T}}^{\circ}$  to include the boundary of **S**. We let  $Q_{\mathcal{T}}$  be the quiver with a vertex for each edge of

 $\mathcal{T}$ (including boundary edges) and an arrow  $a : i \to j$  for each ideal triangle containing the edges i, j, where the edge j follows the edge i in the clockwise order. If  $\mathcal{T}$  contains self-folded triangles, we additionally include an arrow  $a : i \to i$  for each self-folded edge i of  $\mathcal{T}$ . The quiver  $Q_{\mathcal{T}}$  contains a clockwise 3-cycle T(f) for each ideal triangle f of  $\mathcal{T}$ . We define the potential

$$\overline{W}_{\mathcal{T}}' = \sum_{f} T(f) \in k Q_{\mathcal{T}}^{\text{cyc}}.$$

We denote by  $\tilde{Q}_{\mathcal{T}}$  the graded quiver with the same set of vertices as  $Q_{\mathcal{T}}$  and graded arrows of the following three kinds:

- an arrow  $a: i \to j$  in degree 0 for each  $a: i \to j \in (Q_T)_1$ ,
- an arrow  $a^* : j \to i$  in degree 1 for each  $a : i \to j \in (Q_T)_1$  and
- an arrow  $l_i : i \to i$  in degree 2 for each vertex  $i \in (Q_T)_0$  given by an internal edge of  $\mathcal{T}$ .

We define the *relative Ginzburg algebra*  $\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}}$  to be the dg-algebra whose underlying graded algebra is given by the graded path algebra  $k\tilde{Q}_{\mathcal{T}}$  and whose differential is determined by the following action on the generators:

$$\begin{aligned} a &\mapsto 0, \\ a^* &\mapsto \partial_a \overline{W}'_{\mathcal{T}}, \\ l_i &\mapsto \sum_{a \in (\mathcal{Q}_{\mathcal{T}})_1} p_i[a, a^*] p_i. \end{aligned}$$

The relative Ginzburg algebra  $\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}}$  is an example of the more general relative Ginzburg algebras associated to ice quivers with potential [Wu21]. An ice quiver is a quiver equipped with the further datum of a subquiver, whose vertices and arrows are called frozen. The ice quiver underlying  $\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}}$  is given by  $Q_{\mathcal{T}}$ , with frozen vertices given by the boundary edges of  $\mathcal{T}$  and no frozen arrows. The potential is  $\overline{W}'_{\mathcal{T}}$ .

The quiver  $Q_{\mathcal{T}}^{\circ}$  is the full subquiver of  $Q_{\mathcal{T}}$  spanned by the vertices corresponding to internal edges. The potential  $W'_{\mathcal{T}} = \sum_{f} T(f) \in (kQ_{\mathcal{T}}^{\circ})^{\text{cyc}}$  consists of all 3-cycles inscribed into internal ideal triangles of  $\mathcal{T}$ . Note that if the boundary of **S** is empty, then  $(Q_{\mathcal{T}}, \overline{W}'_{\mathcal{T}}) = (Q_{\mathcal{T}}^{\circ}, W'_{\mathcal{T}})$  and the relative Ginzburg algebra  $\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}}$  is equivalent to  $\mathscr{G}(Q_{\mathcal{T}}^{\circ}, W'_{\mathcal{T}})$ . As an example, let **S** be the 3-gon and  $\mathcal{T}$ a triangle. The relative Ginzburg algebra  $\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}}$  is then given by the graded path algebra of the graded quiver



with differential d mapping each arrow of degree 1 to the composite of the two opposite arrows of degree 0. The Ginzburg algebra  $\mathscr{G}(Q^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}}, W'_{\mathcal{T}})$  of the triangle  $\mathcal{T}$  is, however, zero.

Theorem 1 extends to relative Ginzburg algebras in the following way:

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be an ideal triangulation of an oriented marked surface **S** with dual ribbon graph  $\Gamma$ . The  $\infty$ -category of global sections of the parametrised perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  satisfies

$$\mathcal{H}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}) \simeq \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{T}}).$$

In [Kel11, Section 7.6] it shown that mutation of quivers with potential induces derived equivalences between the respective Ginzburg algebras. In [LF09] it is shown that if two ideal triangulations  $\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}'$  are related by a flip of an edge, the associated quivers with potentials  $(Q^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}}, W_{\mathcal{T}})$  and  $(Q^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}'}, W_{\mathcal{T}'})$  are

related by quiver mutation. In combination, these two results show that flips of ideal triangulations induce derived equivalences of the associated Ginzburg algebras. We extend the derived equivalences to the relative Ginzburg algebras.

**Theorem 3.** Let **S** be an oriented marked surface with two ideal triangulations  $\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}'$  related by a flip of an edge *e* of  $\mathcal{T}$ . Then there exists an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories

$$\mu_e: \mathcal{D}(\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}}) \simeq \mathcal{D}(\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}'}).$$

We will prove Theorem 3 in Section 6.4 using an intrinsic feature of the theory of parametrised perverse schobers, namely equivalences of global sections induced from contractions of the underlying ribbon graphs.

We thank Bernhard Keller for informing us about an alternative approach to Theorem 3. A result of Yilin Wu [Wu21] extends the argument from [Kel12, Section 7.6] to relative Ginzburg algebras, showing that the mutations of ice quivers with potential of [Pre20] induce derived equivalences between the associated relative Ginzburg algebras. Theorem 3 may then be recovered by additionally extending the results of [LF09] relating flips of the ideal triangulation and mutations of quivers with potentials to ice quivers.

#### 1.2. Perverse schobers and Fukaya categories

Perverse schobers are a conjectured categorification of the notion of perverse sheaves [KS14]. An approach to the categorification of a perverse sheaf on a disc was suggested in [KS14]. The datum of a perverse sheaf on a disc with a single singularity in the centre is equivalent to the datum of a certain quiver diagram; the proposed ad hoc categorification of the quiver description is a spherical adjunction. In this paper, we extend this ad hoc categorification to perverse schobers on oriented marked surfaces. We combinatorially describe perverse schobers using ribbon graphs. Such a ribbon graph arises as the dual to an ideal triangulation of the marked surface. Given a ribbon graph  $\Gamma$ , we define a poset Exit( $\Gamma$ ) with

- $\circ$  objects the vertices and edges of  $\Gamma$  and
- morphisms of the form  $v \rightarrow e$ , with v a vertex and e an incident edge.

For each *n*-valent vertex *v* of  $\Gamma$ , there exists a subposet  $\operatorname{Exit}(\Gamma)_{v/} \subset \operatorname{Exit}(\Gamma)$  consisting of the vertex *v* and the *n* incident edges. We define a perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}$  parametrised by  $\Gamma$  to be a functor  $\mathcal{F} : \operatorname{Exit}(\Gamma) \to \operatorname{St}$  into the  $\infty$ -category of stable  $\infty$ -categories such that the restriction to  $\operatorname{Exit}(\Gamma)_{v/}$  is for every vertex *v* equivalent to a particular diagram obtained from a spherical adjunction. The exact definition is based on the categorified Dold–Kan correspondence of [Dyc21] and categorifies the 'fractional spin' description of perverse sheaves on a disc of [KS16a]. The definition of a parametrised perverse schober captures the idea that a perverse schober on a surface is a collection of suitably glued-together spherical adjunctions, categorifying the description of perverse sheaves on surfaces given in [KS16a]. The  $\infty$ -category of global sections  $\mathcal{H}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F})$  of a parametrised perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}$  is defined as the limit of  $\mathcal{F}$  in St. Under mild technical assumptions, the global sections of  $\mathcal{F}$  are equivalent to a suitable colimit of the dual to  $\mathcal{F}$  (left adjoint diagram), which describes a constructible cosheaf, see Section 4.3.

Given an ideal triangulation  $\mathcal{T}$  without self-folded triangles of an oriented marked surface **S**, Smith [Smi15] defines a Calabi–Yau 3-fold *Y* with an affine conic fibration  $\pi : Y \to \mathbf{S}$ . The relation to Ginzburg algebras is as follows:

- The derived category of finite modules over  $\mathscr{G}(Q^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}}, W^{\prime}_{\mathcal{T}})$  arises as a full subcategory of the derived Fukaya category Fuk(*Y*) of *Y*, where  $W^{\prime}_{\mathcal{T}}$  is the potential of  $Q^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}}$  consisting of clockwise 3-cycles.
- The derived category of finite modules over  $\mathscr{G}(Q^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}}, W_{\mathcal{T}})$  arises as a full subcategory of the derived Fukaya category Fuk(Y, b) of Y with a twisting background class  $b \in H^2(Y, \mathbb{Z}_2)$ . Here,  $W_{\mathcal{T}} = W'_{\mathcal{T}} + W''_{\mathcal{T}}$  is the potential consisting of clockwise 3-cycles and anticlockwise cycles.

The geometry of  $\pi$  becomes clear when considering its fibres, which are given as follows:

- The generic fibre of  $\pi$  is diffeomorphic to  $T^*S^2$ .
- In the interior of each ideal triangle of  $\mathcal{T}$ , there exists exactly one singular value with singular fibre given by the 2-dimensional  $A_1$ -singularity.
- The fibres of the interior marked points in **S** are given by  $\mathbb{C}^2 \amalg \mathbb{C}^2$ .

We denote by  $\Sigma := \mathbf{S} \setminus (M \cap \mathbf{S}^\circ)$ , with  $\mathbf{S}^\circ$  the interior of  $\mathbf{S}$ , the surface without the interior marked points and  $Y^\circ := \pi^{-1}(\Sigma)$ . Note that the restriction  $\pi|_{Y^\circ} : Y^\circ \to \Sigma$  of  $\pi$  is a Lefschetz fibration.

The twist by the background class  $b \in H^2(Y, \mathbb{Z}_2)$  changes signs in the signed count of pseudoholomorphic curves passing through the fibres of the interior marked points. Without the background class, the signed count of such pseudoholomorphic curves always vanishes, so that the derived Fukaya category of  $Y^\circ$  is equivalent to the derived Fukaya category of Y. The change in the  $A_\infty$ -structure of the derived Fukaya category of Y induced by the background class b accounts exactly for the difference between the potentials  $W'_{\tau}$  and  $W_{\tau}$ .

We expect the  $\infty$ -category of global sections of the parametrised perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  of Theorem 1 to describe (the Ind-completion of) a partially wrapped Fukaya category of  $Y^{\circ}$ . We further expect the global sections with support on  $\Gamma^{\circ}$  (the graph obtained from  $\Gamma$  by removing boundary edges) to then correspond to (the Ind-completion of) the wrapped Fukaya category of  $Y^{\circ}$ . In the case of the unpunctured *n*-gon, where  $Y^{\circ} = Y$  is the 3-dimensional  $A_{n-3}$ -singularity and  $Q^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}}$  the  $A_{n-3}$ -quiver, it is shown in [LU21] that  $\mathcal{W}(Y^{\circ}) \simeq \mathcal{D}\left(\mathscr{G}\left(Q^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}}, W'_{\mathcal{T}}\right)\right)^{\text{perf}}$ , meaning that  $\mathcal{H}_{\Gamma^{\circ}}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}})$  is equivalent to the Ind-completion of the wrapped Fukaya category of  $Y^{\circ}$ .

We describe in Section 1.3 how the geometry of the Lefschetz fibration manifests itself in the definition of  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$ . We expect that the twisting by the background class *b* can be described as a deformation of the wrapped Fukaya category. It would be interesting to study the relation between such a deformation and the description in terms of parametrised perverse schobers.

#### 1.3. The gluing construction of Ginzburg algebras

We now describe the construction of the perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  appearing in Theorem 1 and Theorem 2. We assume for simplicity that all ideal triangles of  $\mathcal{T}$  are not self-folded. The ribbon graph  $\Gamma$  dual to  $\mathcal{T}$  parametrising  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  consists of a vertex for each ideal triangle and an edge for each edge of  $\mathcal{T}$ . Boundary edges of  $\mathcal{T}$  correspond to external edges of the ribbon graph. Parametrised perverse schobers can, as can sheaves, be glued. To define  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$ , it thus suffices to define  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  locally at each vertex of  $\Gamma$ . The local datum at each vertex is a spherical adjunction, which we choose to be

$$f^*: \mathcal{D}(k) \longleftrightarrow \operatorname{Fun}\left(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k)\right): f_*,$$
 (2)

where Fun  $(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k))$  is the  $\infty$ -category of local systems on the 2-sphere with values in  $\mathcal{D}(k)$  and  $f^*$  is the pullback functor along  $S^2 \to *$ . This adjunction is shown in [Chr20] to be spherical.

The  $\infty$ -category Fun  $(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k))$  is equivalent to the derived  $\infty$ -category of the polynomial algebra  $k[t_1]$  with generator  $t_1$  in degree 1 (see Proposition 5.5). This derived  $\infty$ -category is, by a result of [Abo11], equivalent to the Ind-completion of the wrapped Fukaya of the cotangent bundle  $T^*S^2$ , which is the generic fibre of the Lefschetz fibration  $\pi|_{Y^\circ}$ . Under these equivalences, the image  $f^*(k)$  corresponds to the Lagrangian zero section of  $T^*S^2$ . The fibration  $\pi|_{Y^\circ}$  has exactly one singular value in each ideal triangle of  $\mathcal{T}$ , so that up to homotopy of  $\Gamma$ , the vertices of  $\Gamma$  lie at the singular values of  $\pi|_{Y^\circ}$ . The singular fibres are given by the  $A_1$ -singularity. The relation between the geometry of  $\pi|_{Y^\circ}$  and the definition of  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  can thus be summarised as follows:

• The wrapped Fukaya category of the generic fibre  $T^*S^2$  of  $\pi|_{Y^\circ}$  gives rise to the  $\infty$ -category on the right of formula (2). This  $\infty$ -category describes the generic stalk of  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$ .

- Each vertex of  $\Gamma$  corresponds to a singular value of  $\pi|_{Y^{\circ}}$ . The  $\infty$ -category on the left of formula (2) describes the categorification of the vector space of vanishing cycles at that singularity of  $\pi|_{Y^{\circ}}$ . Since the  $A_1$ -singularity has a unique vanishing cycle, this  $\infty$ -category is given by  $\mathcal{D}(k)$ .
- The spherical adjunction  $f^* \dashv f_*$  arises from a spherical object, the Lagrangian zero section, in the wrapped Fukaya category of  $T^*S^2$  describing the vanishing cycle.

We further note that the perverse schober only models the Lefschetz fibration  $\pi|_{Y^{\circ}}$ , not the full fibration  $\pi$ . The fibres  $\mathbb{C}^2 \amalg \mathbb{C}^2$  of  $\pi$  over the interior marked points of **S** are not encoded in  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$ .

The parametrised perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  in total corresponds to the datum of a diagram

 $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$ : Exit( $\Gamma$ )  $\rightarrow$  St

in the  $\infty$ -category St of stable  $\infty$ -categories indexed by the poset  $\text{Exit}(\Gamma)$  (see Section 1.2). The computations in Section 5 show that the parametrised perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  assigns the following:

- To each vertex of  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$ , a stable  $\infty$ -category equivalent to the derived  $\infty$ -category of the relative Ginzburg algebra of the 3-gon, depicted in diagram (1); this uses the fact that each vertex of  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$  is trivalent.
- To each edge of  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$ , a stable  $\infty$ -category equivalent to the derived  $\infty$ -category of the polynomial algebra  $k[t_1]$  with generator  $t_1$  in degree 1. Note that  $k[t_1]$  is equivalent to the 2-Calabi–Yau completion of k in the sense of [Kel11] that is, a 2-dimensional Ginzburg algebra.

The equivalence  $\mathcal{H}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}) \simeq \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{T}})$  of Theorem 2 thus expresses that the derived  $\infty$ -category of the relative Ginzburg algebra  $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{T}}$  is glued from relative Ginzburg algebras of 3-gons along 2-dimensional Ginzburg algebras. We further illustrate the gluing construction of  $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{T}}$  in two examples in Section 6.2.

# Notation and conventions

We follows the notation and conventions of [Lur09] and [Lur17]. In particular, we always use the homological grading.

# 2. Preliminaries

This paper is formulated using the language of stable  $\infty$ -categories. It would in principle be possible to formulate most results in the framework of dg-categories. Our reason for using stable  $\infty$ -categories is to gain access to the powerful framework developed in [Lur09, Lur17]. As a side effect, we also profit in Section 7.2 from the added generality of stable  $\infty$ -categories over dg-categories. The essential computations in the gluing construction of the Ginzburg algebras are, however, performed using the category of dg-categories, with its quasiequivalence model structure.

The goal of this section is to review background material on the relation between, on the one hand, ring spectra, stable  $\infty$ -categories and their colimits, and on the other hand, dg-algebras, dg-categories and their homotopy colimits. All material appearing in this section for which we could not find references in the literature is well known to experts. In Sections 2.1 and 2.2 we discuss some generalities on limits and colimits in  $\infty$ -categories of  $\infty$ -categories and on  $\infty$ -categories of modules associated to ring spectra. In Sections 2.3 to 2.5 we relate dg-categories with  $\infty$ -categories. In Section 2.6 we discuss semiorthogonal decompositions.

For an extensive treatment of the theory of  $\infty$ -categories and stable  $\infty$ -categories, we refer to [Lur09] and [Lur17], respectively.

# 2.1. Limits and colimits in $\infty$ -categories of $\infty$ -categories

We begin by introducing the following  $\infty$ -categories of  $\infty$ -categories:

Definition 2.1. We denote

- 1. by  $Cat_{\infty}$  the  $\infty$ -category of  $\infty$ -categories,
- 2. by St  $\subset$  Cat<sub> $\infty$ </sub> the subcategory spanned by stable  $\infty$ -categories and exact functors and
- 3. by  $St^{idem} \subset St$  the full subcategory spanned by idempotent complete stable  $\infty$ -categories.

An  $\infty$ -category is called presentable if it is equivalent to the Ind-completion of a small  $\infty$ -category and admits all colimits<sup>1</sup> [Lur09, Section 5.5]. We further denote

- 4. by  $\mathcal{P}r^L \subset \operatorname{Cat}_{\infty}$  the subcategory spanned by presentable  $\infty$ -categories and colimit-preserving functors,
- 5. by  $\mathcal{P}r^R \subset \operatorname{Cat}_{\infty}$  the subcategory spanned by presentable  $\infty$ -categories and accessible and limit-preserving functors and
- 6. by  $\mathcal{P}r_{\mathrm{St}}^L \subset \mathcal{P}r^L$  and  $\mathcal{P}r_{\mathrm{St}}^R \subset \mathcal{P}r^R$  the full subcategories spanned by stable  $\infty$ -categories.

We are further interested in *R*-linear  $\infty$ -categories, where *R* is an  $\mathbb{E}_{\infty}$ -ring spectrum – that is, a commutative algebra object in the symmetric monoidal  $\infty$ -category Sp of spectra. The  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{P}r^L$  also admits the structure of a symmetric monoidal  $\infty$ -category [Lur17, Section 4.8.1]. Given an  $\mathbb{E}_{\infty}$ -ring spectrum *R*, the  $\infty$ -category  $\mathrm{LMod}_R \in \mathcal{P}r^L$  of left module-spectra over *R* is an algebra object of  $\mathcal{P}r^L$ .

#### Definition 2.2.

7. Let *R* be an  $\mathbb{E}_{\infty}$ -ring spectrum. The  $\infty$ -category of  $\operatorname{LinCat}_{R} = \operatorname{LMod}_{\operatorname{LMod}_{R}}(\mathcal{P}r^{L})$  of left modules in  $\mathcal{P}r^{L}$  over  $\operatorname{LMod}_{R}$  is called the  $\infty$ -category of *R*-linear  $\infty$ -categories.

**Remark 2.3.** Though not directly contained in the definition, it can be shown that any *R*-linear  $\infty$ -category is automatically stable; see [Lur18, D.1.5] for a discussion.

**Remark 2.4.** A left-tensoring of an  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{M}$  over a monoidal  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{C}^{\otimes}$  is a co-Cartesian fibration of  $\infty$ -operads  $\mathcal{O}^{\otimes} \to \mathcal{LM}^{\otimes}$  over the left-module  $\infty$ -operad  $\mathcal{LM}^{\otimes}$ , such that there are equivalences of fibres  $\mathcal{O}_{\langle m \rangle}^{\otimes} \simeq \mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{O}_{\langle a \rangle}^{\otimes} \simeq \mathcal{C}^{\otimes}$ . We refer to [Lur17, Section 4.2.1] for more details. Objects of LinCat<sub>R</sub> can be identified with stable and presentable  $\infty$ -categories  $\mathcal{C}$  equipped with the datum of a left-tensoring over the symmetric monoidal  $\infty$ -category LMod<sub>R</sub>, such that the tensor product  $- \otimes_R - :$  LMod<sub>R</sub>  $\times \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{C}$  preserves colimits separately in each variable [Lur18, Appendix D]. Let  $\mathcal{M}_1, \mathcal{M}_2$  be *R*-linear  $\infty$ -categories as witnessed by the co-Cartesian fibrations  $\mathcal{O}_1^{\otimes}, \mathcal{O}_2^{\otimes} \to \mathcal{LM}^{\otimes}$ . An *R*-linear functor  $\mathcal{M}_1 \to \mathcal{M}_2$  thus corresponds to a morphism of  $\infty$ -operads  $\mathcal{O}_1^{\otimes} \to \mathcal{O}_2^{\otimes}$  over  $\mathcal{LM}^{\otimes}$ .

We now recall (in order of appearance) results on

- i) how to compute limits in  $Cat_{\infty}$ ,
- ii) how to compute limits and colimits in  $\mathcal{P}r^L$ ,  $\mathcal{P}r^L_{st}$  and  $\mathcal{P}r^R$ ,  $\mathcal{P}r^R_{st}$ ,
- iii) how to compute limits and colimits in  $LinCat_R$  and
- iv) how to compute limits and colimits in St<sup>idem</sup>.

i) There is a general formula for limits in  $\operatorname{Cat}_{\infty}$ . Let  $D : Z \to \operatorname{Set}_{\Delta}$  be a diagram taking values in  $\infty$ -categories. Consider the co-Cartesian fibration  $p : X \to Z$  classified by D. The limit  $\infty$ -category lim D is equivalent to the  $\infty$ -category of co-Cartesian sections<sup>2</sup> of p [Lur09, 3.3.3.2]. If Z is the nerve of a 1-category, the model for computing limits in  $\operatorname{Cat}_{\infty}$  can be described more explicitly. We can use the relative nerve construction [Lur09, 3.2.5.2] for the co-Cartesian fibration classified by D, which is very explicitly defined. We denote this model for the co-Cartesian fibration by  $p : \Gamma(D) \to K$  and call it the (covariant) Grothendieck construction. A more detailed introduction to the relative nerve construction can be found in [Chr20, Section 1.2].

ii) One of the nice features of presentable  $\infty$ -categories is that there is an  $\infty$ -categorical adjoint functor theorem, which states that a functor between presentable  $\infty$ -categories admits a right adjoint if

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>We always assume all limits and colimits to be small in the sense of [Lur09].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>We call a section  $s : Z \to X$  of a co-Cartesian fibration  $p : X \to Z$  co-Cartesian if for all edges  $e \in Z_1$ , the edge  $s(e) \in X_1$  is *p*-co-Cartesian.

and only if it preserves all colimits, and admits a left adjoint if and only if it is accessible<sup>3</sup> and preserves all limits. There thus exists an adjoint equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories

radj : 
$$\mathcal{P}r^L \simeq \left(\mathcal{P}r^R\right)^{op}$$
 :  $\operatorname{ladj}^{op}$ ,

with the functors radj, ladj acting as the identity on objects. The functor radj maps a colimit-preserving functor to its right adjoint and the functor ladj maps an accessible and limit-preserving functor to its left adjoint. The adjoint equivalence radj  $\dashv$  ladj also restricts to an adjoint equivalence between  $\mathcal{P}r_{St}^L$  and  $(\mathcal{P}r_{St}^R)^{op}$ . The equivalences radj, ladj preserve all limits and colimits, so that we can exchange the computations of limits and colimits of diagrams of (stable) presentable  $\infty$ -categories. For the computation of limits, we can use i) and the fact that that the inclusions  $\mathcal{P}_{St}^L \subset \mathcal{P}r^L \subset Cat_{\infty}$  and  $\mathcal{P}r_{St}^R \subset \mathcal{P}r^R \subset Cat_{\infty}$  preserve all limits.

iii) The computation of limits and colimits of *R*-linear  $\infty$ -categories reduces to the computation of limits and colimits in  $\mathcal{P}r^L$ , because the forgetful functor  $\operatorname{LMod}_{\operatorname{LMod}_R}(\mathcal{P}r^L) \to \mathcal{P}r^L$  preserves all limits and colimits [Lur17, 4.2.3.1, 4.2.3.5].

iv) The inclusion functor  $\operatorname{St}^{\operatorname{idem}} \subset \operatorname{Cat}_{\infty}$  preserves all limits. The computation of colimits of idempotent stable  $\infty$ -categories can be related to the computation of colimits of presentable stable  $\infty$ -categories via the colimit-preserving Ind-completion functor Ind :  $\operatorname{St}^{\operatorname{idem}} \to \mathcal{P}r_{\operatorname{St}}^L$ . Given an  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{P}r_{\operatorname{St}}^L$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{C}^c \in \operatorname{St}^{\operatorname{idem}}$  its full subcategory of compact objects. Note that for  $\mathcal{C} \in \operatorname{St}^{\operatorname{idem}}$ , there exists an equivalence  $\operatorname{Ind}(\mathcal{C})^c \simeq \mathcal{C}$ .

#### 2.2. Modules over ring spectra

Consider the symmetric monoidal  $\infty$ -category Sp of spectra. Sp is a stable and presentable  $\infty$ -category. An  $\mathbb{E}_1$ -ring spectrum is an object of Alg(Sp), the  $\infty$ -category of (coherently associative) algebra objects in Sp. For every such  $\mathbb{E}_1$ -ring spectrum *R*, there is a stable and presentable  $\infty$ -category RMod<sub>R</sub> of right *R*-modules in Sp. If *R* can be enhanced to a commutative algebra object of Sp – that is, an  $\mathbb{E}_{\infty}$ -ring spectrum – then RMod<sub>R</sub> inherits the structure of a symmetric monoidal  $\infty$ -category. In this case, we can form the  $\infty$ -category Alg(RMod<sub>R</sub>) of algebra objects in RMod<sub>R</sub>. Given  $A \in Alg(RMod_R)$ , we can again form the  $\infty$ -category RMod<sub>A</sub>(RMod<sub>R</sub>) of right *A*-modules in RMod<sub>R</sub>. Alternatively, we can also consider the  $\mathbb{E}_1$ -ring spectrum  $\xi(A) \in Alg(Sp)$  underlying *A*, obtained as follows. We consider the forgetful functor RMod<sub>R</sub>  $\rightarrow$  Sp, mapping a right *R*-module to the underlying spectrum. This functor extends to a functor  $\xi$  : Alg(RMod<sub>R</sub>)  $\rightarrow$  Alg(Sp), which we apply to *A*. We can form the  $\infty$ -category of right modules RMod<sub> $\xi(A)$ </sub> over  $\xi(A)$ . We will show in Corollary 2.7 that this does not yield a further  $\infty$ -category; there exists an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories

$$\operatorname{RMod}_A(\operatorname{RMod}_R) \simeq \operatorname{RMod}_{\mathcal{E}(A)}$$

Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be a stable  $\infty$ -category and consider any object  $X \in \mathcal{D}$ . We can find an  $\mathbb{E}_1$ -ring spectrum End(X)  $\in$  Alg(Sp), called the endomorphism algebra, with the following properties [Lur17, 7.1.2.2]:

- $\pi_n$  End(*X*)  $\pi_0$  Map<sub>D</sub>(*X*[*n*], *X*) for all *n* ∈ .
- The induced ring structure of  $\pi_* \operatorname{End}(X)$  is determined by the composition of endomorphisms in the homotopy category Ho( $\mathcal{D}$ ).

The algebra object End(X) is an endomorphism object of X in the sense of [Lur17, Section 4.7.1], and its existence expresses the enrichment of the stable  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{D}$  in spectra.

Assume that the stable  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{D}$  is also presentable. An object  $X \in \mathcal{D}$  is called a compact generator if

• X is compact – that is,  $\operatorname{Map}_{\mathcal{D}}(X, -)$  commutes with filtered colimits – and

◦ an object *Y* ∈  $\mathcal{D}$  is zero if and only if Map<sub> $\mathcal{D}$ </sub>(*X*, *Y*[*i*]) ≃ \* for all *i* ∈  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>A functor between presentable ∞-categories being accessible reduces to the condition of preserving filtered colimits.

The importance of this notion is that if *X* is a compact generator, there exists an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories  $\mathcal{D} \simeq \text{RMod}_{\text{End}(X)}$  [Lur17, 7.1.2.1].

We now restrict to *R*-linear  $\infty$ -categories where *R* is an  $\mathbb{E}_{\infty}$ -ring spectrum. The most important case will be where R = k is a commutative ring. Suppose that  $\mathcal{D}$  is an *R*-linear  $\infty$ -category and  $X \in \mathcal{D}$  a compact generator. Lemma 2.5 shows that we can lift End(X) along the forgetful functor  $\xi : \text{Alg}(\text{RMod}_R) \to \text{Alg}(\text{Sp})$  to an algebra object in  $\text{RMod}_R$ :

**Lemma 2.5.** Let R be an  $\mathbb{E}_{\infty}$ -ring spectrum. Let C be a stable and presentable R-linear  $\infty$ -category with a compact generator X. Then there exist an algebra object  $\operatorname{End}_R(X) \in \operatorname{Alg}(\operatorname{RMod}_R)$  and an equivalence of R-linear  $\infty$ -categories

$$\mathcal{C} \simeq \operatorname{RMod}_{\operatorname{End}_R(X)}(\operatorname{RMod}_R).$$
(3)

The algebra object  $\operatorname{End}_R(X)$  is mapped under the functor  $\xi : \operatorname{Alg}(\operatorname{RMod}_R) \to \operatorname{Alg}(\operatorname{Sp})$  to the endomorphism algebra  $\operatorname{End}(X) \in \operatorname{Alg}(\operatorname{Sp})$ .

*Proof.* The left-tensoring of C over R determines an R-linear functor  $-\otimes_R X : \operatorname{RMod}_R \to C$ . By the adjoint functor theorem, the functor admits a right adjoint G. We denote  $\operatorname{End}_R(X) := G(X) \in \operatorname{RMod}_R$ . The existence of a lift of  $\operatorname{End}_R(X)$  to  $\operatorname{Alg}(\operatorname{RMod}_R)$  and of the equivalence (3) follow from [Lur17, 4.8.5.8] (compare also the proof of [Lur17, 7.1.2.1]). The right adjoint of the composite functor

$$\operatorname{Sp} \xrightarrow{-\otimes R} \operatorname{RMod}_R \xrightarrow{-\otimes_R X} \mathcal{C}$$

maps X to the endomorphism object End(X). By the universal property of End(X) and  $X \in \mathcal{C} \simeq \text{RMod}_{\mathcal{E}(\text{End}_R(X))}(\text{Sp})$ , there exists a morphism  $\mathcal{E}(\text{End}_R(X)) \to \text{End}(X)$  in Alg(Sp), which is an equivalence on underlying spectra and thus an equivalence of  $\mathbb{E}_1$ -ring spectra.

**Remark 2.6.** In the setting of Lemma 2.5, the algebra object  $\operatorname{End}_R(X)$  is an endomorphism object of X in the  $\infty$ -category C considered as left-tensored over  $\operatorname{RMod}_R$ . We call  $\operatorname{End}_R(X)$  the *R*-linear endomorphism algebra of X.

**Corollary 2.7.** Let R be an  $\mathbb{E}_{\infty}$ -ring spectrum and set  $A \in \operatorname{Alg}(\operatorname{RMod}_R)$ . Then there exists an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories

$$\operatorname{RMod}_A(\operatorname{RMod}_R) \simeq \operatorname{RMod}_{\mathcal{E}(A)},$$
(4)

where  $\xi$  : Alg(RMod<sub>R</sub>)  $\rightarrow$  Alg(Sp) denotes the forgetful functor.

*Proof.* The ∞-category  $\text{RMod}_A(\text{RMod}_R)$  is presentable by [Lur17, 4.2.3.7], stable by [Lur17, 7.1.1.4] and left-tensored over  $\text{RMod}_R$  by [Lur17, Section 4.3.2]. Consider the monadic adjunction  $- \otimes A$ :  $\text{RMod}_R \leftrightarrow \text{RMod}_A(\text{RMod}_R)$ : *G*. The adjunction and the fact that *G* is conservative and accessible imply that *A* is a compact generator. The *R*-linear endomorphism algebra of  $A \in \text{RMod}_A(\text{RMod}_R)$  is given by  $A \in \text{Alg}(\text{RMod}_R)$ . The statement thus follows from the second part of Lemma 2.5 and [Lur17, 7.1.2.1].

Let *R* be an  $\mathbb{E}_{\infty}$ -ring spectrum. We end this section with a brief discussion of the relation between colimits of algebra objects in  $\operatorname{RMod}_R$  and the colimits of the corresponding  $\infty$ -categories of right modules in  $\operatorname{LinCat}_R$ . There is a functor  $\theta$  :  $\operatorname{Alg}(\operatorname{RMod}_R) \to \operatorname{LinCat}_R$  that assigns to an algebra object  $A \in \operatorname{Alg}(\operatorname{RMod}_R)$  the  $\infty$ -category  $\operatorname{RMod}_A(\operatorname{RMod}_R)$  [Lur17, section 4.8.3]. The functor  $\theta$  assigns to an edge  $\phi : A \to B$  in  $\operatorname{Alg}(\operatorname{RMod}_R)$  the relative tensor product

$$\theta(\phi) = -\otimes_A B : \operatorname{RMod}_A(\operatorname{RMod}_R) \longrightarrow \operatorname{RMod}_B(\operatorname{RMod}_R)$$

using the right A-module structure on B provided by  $\phi$ . For all  $\phi : A \to B$ , the functor  $\theta(\phi)$  admits a right adjoint, given by the pullback functor  $\phi^* : \operatorname{RMod}_B(\operatorname{RMod}_R) \to \operatorname{RMod}_A(\operatorname{RMod}_R)$  along  $\phi$  [Lur17, 4.6.2.17]. The functor  $\theta$  preserves colimits indexed by contractible simplicial sets (that is, simplicial sets whose geometric realisation is a contractible space), most notably pushouts.

# 2.3. Differential graded categories and their modules

Let *k* be a commutative ring. A *k*-linear dg-category is a 1-category enriched in the 1-category Ch(k) of chain complexes of *k*-modules. Given a dg-category *C* and two objects  $x, y \in C$ , we write  $Hom_C(x, y)$  or Hom(x, y) for the mapping complex. We consider dg-algebras as dg-categories with a single object.

**Definition 2.8.** Let *A* and *B* be *k*-linear dg-algebras.

• A left A-module M is a graded left module over the graded algebra underlying A equipped with a differential  $d_M$  such that

$$d_M(a.m) = d_A(a).m + (-1)^{\deg(a)}a.d_M(m)$$

for all  $a \in A$  and  $m \in M$ .

• A right A-module M is a graded right module over the graded algebra underlying A equipped with a differential  $d_M$  such that

$$d_M(m.a) = d_M(m).a + (-1)^{\deg(m)}m.d_A(a)$$

for all  $a \in A$  and  $m \in M$ . We also refer to right A-modules simply as A-modules.

• An *A*-*B*-bimodule *M* is a graded bimodule over the graded algebras underlying *A* and *B* equipped with a differential  $d_M$ , which exhibits *M* as a left *A*-module and a right *B*-module. If A = B, we call *M* an *A*-bimodule.

**Remark 2.9.** Let *M* be an *A*-*B*-bimodule with differential  $d_M$ . The shifted *A*-*B*-bimodule *M*[1] can be described as follows:

- The differential is  $-d_M$ .
- The left action  $._{[1]}$  of  $a \in A$  on  $m \in M[1]$  is given by  $a._{[1]}m = (-1)^{\deg(a)}a.m$ , where a.m denotes the left action of  $a \in A$  on  $m \in M$ .
- The right action .[1] of  $b \in B$  on  $m \in M[1]$  is given by m.[1]b = m.b, where m.b denotes the right action of  $b \in B$  on  $m \in M$ .

We can identify left A-modules with dg-functors  $A \to Ch(k)$ , right A-modules with dg-functors  $A^{op} \to Ch(k)$  and A-B-bimodules with dg-functors  $A \otimes B^{op} \to Ch(k)$ . The following definition is thus consistent with Definition 2.8:

**Definition 2.10.** Let *C* be a dg-category. We call a dg-functor  $C^{op} \to Ch(k)$  a right *C*-module. We denote by dgMod(*C*) the dg-category of right *C*-modules.

**Remark 2.11.** Given any dg-category *C*, the dg-category dgMod(*C*) is pretriangulated, with distinguished triangles of the form  $x \xrightarrow{a} y \rightarrow \text{cone}(a)$ .

Given a dg-category *C* and an object  $x \in C$ , we denote by  $\text{End}^{\text{dg}}(x)$  the endomorphism dgalgebra with underlying chain complex given by  $\text{Hom}_C(x, x)$  and algebra structure determined by the composition of morphisms in *C*.

**Lemma 2.12.** Let C be a dg-category with finitely many objects  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$ . Then there exists an equivalence of dg-categories dgMod(C)  $\simeq$  dgMod  $\left( \operatorname{End}^{\operatorname{dg}} \left( \bigoplus_{i=1}^n x_i \right) \right)$ , where  $\operatorname{End}^{\operatorname{dg}} \left( \bigoplus_{i=1}^n x_i \right)$  is the endomorphism dg-algebra of  $\bigoplus_{i=1}^n x_i$  in dgMod(C).

*Proof.* This follows directly from spelling out the datum of a right module over C and over  $End^{dg}(\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} x_i)$ .

# 2.4. A model for the derived $\infty$ -category of a dg-algebra

Let *A* be a *k*-linear dg-algebra. The 1-category dgMod(*A*)<sub>0</sub> underlying the dg-category dgMod(*A*) is the 1-category with the same objects and with mapping sets given by the 0-cycles. This 1-category admits the projective model structure, where the weak equivalences are given by quasi-isomorphisms and the fibrations are given by degree-wise surjections. All objects of dgMod(*A*)<sub>0</sub> are fibrant. A description of the cofibrant objects in dgMod(*A*)<sub>0</sub> can be found, for example, in [BMR14], where they are called *q*-semi-projective objects. A right *A*-module *M* is cofibrant if and only if

• the ungraded module  $\bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} M_i$  is a projective right module over the ungraded algebra  $\bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} A_i$  and • for all acyclic right A-modules N, the mapping complex Hom<sub>A</sub>(M, N) is acyclic.

If A = k is a commutative ring, the cofibrant objects are the complexes of projective *k*-modules. We denote by  $dgMod(A)^{\circ} \subset dgMod(A)$  the full dg-subcategory spanned by fibrant-cofibrant objects. We call the dg-nerve  $\mathcal{D}(A) := N_{dg}(dgMod(A)^{\circ})$  the (unbounded) derived  $\infty$ -category of *A*.

Before we can further discuss the properties of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$ , we need to briefly discuss localisations of  $\infty$ -categories.

**Definition 2.13.** A functor  $f : C \to C'$  between  $\infty$ -categories is a reflective localisation if f has a fully faithful right adjoint.

In [Lur09], localisations in the sense of Definition 2.13 are simply called localisations. We are, however, interested in a more general class of localisations, which can be characterised by the following universal property:

**Definition 2.14.** Let C be an  $\infty$ -category and let W be a collection of morphisms in C. We call an  $\infty$ category C' the  $\infty$ -categorical localisation of C at W if there exists a functor  $f : C \to C'$  such that for
every  $\infty$ -category D, composition with f induces a fully faithful functor

$$\chi: \operatorname{Fun}(\mathcal{C}', \mathcal{D}) \to \operatorname{Fun}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}),$$

whose essential image consists of those functors  $F : \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{D}$  for which  $F(\alpha)$  is an equivalence in  $\mathcal{D}$  for all  $\alpha \in W$ . In that case, we also write  $\mathcal{C}' = \mathcal{C}[W^{-1}]$ .

It is shown in [Lur09, 5.2.7.12] that reflective localisations are localisations in the sense of Definition 2.14. If the collection of morphisms W is closed under homotopy and composition and contains all equivalences in C, we can regard  $C[W^{-1}]$  as a fibrant replacement of (C, W) in the model category of marked simplicial sets (see also the discussion in the beginning of [Lur17, Section 4.1.7]).

Our first goal in this section is to prove the following analogue of [Lur17, 1.3.5.15], relating the derived  $\infty$ -category of *A* with the  $\infty$ -categorical localisation of dgMod(*A*)<sub>0</sub> at the collection of quasi-isomorphisms:

**Proposition 2.15.** Let A be a dg-algebra and let W denote the collection of quasi-isomorphisms. There exists an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories

$$\mathcal{D}(A) \simeq N \left( \operatorname{dgMod}(A)_0 \right) \left[ W^{-1} \right].$$

Given a model category *C*, the  $\infty$ -categorical localisation of N(C) at the collection of weak equivalences is called the  $\infty$ -category underlying *C*. We refer to [Hin16] for general background. Proposition 2.15 thus shows that the derived  $\infty$ -category of *A* is the  $\infty$ -category underlying the model category dgMod(A)<sub>0</sub>.

For the proof of Proposition 2.15, we need the following two lemmas.

**Lemma 2.16.** Let A be a dg-algebra. The inclusion functor  $N(\operatorname{dgMod}(A)_0) \to N_{\operatorname{dg}}(\operatorname{dgMod}(A))$  induces an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories

$$N(\mathrm{dgMod}(A)_0) \left[ H^{-1} \right] \to N_{\mathrm{dg}}(\mathrm{dgMod}(A)),$$

where *H* is the collection of chain homotopy equivalences.

*Proof.* The proof of [Lur17, 1.3.4.5] applies verbatim.

**Lemma 2.17.** Let A be a dg-algebra. There exists an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories

$$N_{\rm dg}({\rm dgMod}(A)^{\circ}) \simeq N_{\rm dg}({\rm dgMod}(A)) |W^{-1}|.$$

*Proof.* We adapt the proofs of [Lur17, 1.3.4.6, 1.3.5.12]. We show that the inclusion functor *i* :  $N_{dg}(dgMod(A)^{\circ})^{op} \rightarrow N_{dg}(dgMod(A))^{op}$  admits a left adjoint which exhibits  $N_{dg}(dgMod(A)^{\circ})^{op}$  as a reflective localisation at the collection of quasi-isomorphisms. Note that any functor is a localisation if and only if the opposite functor is a localisation. We thus conclude that  $N_{dg}(dgMod(A)^{\circ})$  is equivalent as an ∞-category to the localisation of  $N_{dg}(dgMod(A))$  at the collection of quasi-isomorphisms.

To verify that  $i^{op}$  is a reflective localisation, we need to show that it admits a left adjoint G:  $N_{dg}(dgMod(A))^{op} \rightarrow N_{dg}(dgMod(A)^{o})^{op}$ . To show that W is the collection of quasi-isomorphisms, we need to show by [Lur09, 5.2.7.12] that any edge  $e : M \rightarrow N$  in  $N_{dg}(dgMod(A))^{op}$  is a quasiisomorphism if and only if G(e) is an equivalence. Consider a trivial fibration  $f : Q' \rightarrow Q$  in dgMod(A) given a cofibrant replacement and any  $P \in dgMod(A)^{o}$ . [Lur09, 5.2.7.8] shows the existence of G, provided that the composition with f induces an isomorphism of spaces

$$\operatorname{Map}_{\operatorname{Ndg}(\operatorname{dgMod}(A)^{\circ})}(P,Q') \to \operatorname{Map}_{\operatorname{Ndg}(\operatorname{dgMod}(A))}(P,Q).$$

We deduce this from the assertion that composition with f induces a quasi-isomorphism

$$\alpha : \operatorname{Hom}_{\operatorname{dgMod}(A)}(P,Q') \to \operatorname{Hom}_{\operatorname{dgMod}(A)}(P,Q).$$
(5)

The surjectivity of  $\alpha$  follows from the lifting property of the cofibration  $0 \rightarrow P$  with respect to trivial fibrations. The kernel of  $\alpha$  is given by  $\text{Hom}_{dgMod(A)}(P, \ker(f))$ . Using the fact that f is a quasiisomorphism, we deduce that  $\ker(f)$  is acyclic. The contractibility of the kernel of  $\alpha$  thus follows from the property of P being cofibrant. We can thus deduce the existence of G. We note that G is point-wise given by choosing a cofibrant replacement. Consider an edge  $e : M \rightarrow N$  in  $N_{dg}(dgMod(A))^{op}$ . If e is a quasi-isomorphism, it follows from Whitehead's theorem for model categories that G(e) is an equivalence. If G(e) is an equivalence, we have the following commutative diagram in  $N_{dg}(dgMod(A))$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G(M) & \xrightarrow{G(e)} & G(N) \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ M & \xrightarrow{e} & N. \end{array}$$

The vertical edges and the upper horizontal edge are quasi-isomorphisms. It follows that e is also a quasi-isomorphism.

*Proof of Proposition 2.15.* By Lemmas 2.16 and 2.17, there exists an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories

$$\left(N(\operatorname{dgMod}(A))\left[H^{-1}\right]\right)\left[W^{-1}\right]\simeq\mathcal{D}(A).$$

Using the fact that  $H \subset W$ , the statement follows.

Let *k* be a commutative ring. The symmetric monoidal structure of the 1-category Ch(k) can be used to also endow the  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{D}(k)$  with a symmetric monoidal structure. As shown in [Lur17, 7.1.4.6], there exists an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories

$$N\left(\operatorname{Alg}\left(\operatorname{Ch}^{\otimes}(k)\right)\right)\left[W^{-1}\right] \simeq \operatorname{Alg}(\mathcal{D}(k)).$$
(6)

The left side of formula (6) is the  $\infty$ -categorical localisation of the nerve of the 1-category of dg-algebras at the collection of quasi-isomorphisms. The right side is the  $\infty$ -category of algebra objects in  $\mathcal{D}(k)$ .

The equivalence (6) expresses that every dg-algebra can be considered as an algebra object in  $\mathcal{D}(k)$  and that every algebra object in  $\mathcal{D}(k)$  can be obtained this way (meaning it can be rectified). Unless stated otherwise, we will omit this identification and consider dg-algebras as algebra objects in the symmetric monoidal  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{D}(k)$ .

We can consider k also as an  $\mathbb{E}_{\infty}$ -ring spectrum. The  $\infty$ -category  $\operatorname{RMod}_k$  of right modules over k thus inherits a symmetric monoidal structure. The  $\infty$ -categories  $\mathcal{D}(k)$  and RMod<sub>k</sub> are equivalent as symmetric monoidal  $\infty$ -categories [Lur17, 7.1.2.13].

Let A be a k-linear dg-algebra and X a cofibrant A-module. Consider the Quillen adjunction

$$-\otimes_{k}^{\mathrm{dg}} X : \mathrm{dgMod}(k) \leftrightarrow \mathrm{dgMod}(A) : \mathrm{Hom}_{A}(X, -)$$
(7)

between the tensor functor on the level of chain complexes and the internal Hom functor composed with the forgetful functor  $dgMod(A) \rightarrow dgMod(k)$ . Given a Quillen adjunction between model categories, there is an associated adjunction between the underlying  $\infty$ -categories [MG16]. We denote the adjunction of  $\infty$ -categories underlying the Quillen adjunction (7) by

$$-\otimes_{k}^{\operatorname{dg}} X: \mathcal{D}(k) \leftrightarrow \mathcal{D}(A): \operatorname{RHom}_{A}(X, \operatorname{-}).$$
(8)

**Lemma 2.18.** Let A be a k-linear dg-algebra. The  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  admits the structure of a k-linear  $\infty$ -category such that for any  $X \in \mathcal{D}(A)$ , the functor -  $\otimes_k^{dg} X$  is k-linear.

*Proof.* The  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  is stable and presentable by [Lur17, 1.3.5.9, 1.3.5.21]. We now show that  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  is left-tensored over  $\mathcal{D}(k)$ . Note that  $\mathrm{dgMod}(k)_0 \simeq \mathrm{Ch}(k)$  is a symmetric monoidal model category with respect to the tensor product, which we denote in the following by [Lur17, 7.1.2.11]. We further denote the Quillen bifunctor  $dgMod(k) \times dgMod(A) \rightarrow dgMod(A)$  given by the relative tensor product by  $-\otimes_k^{\text{dg}}$  -. Recall that  $\mathcal{LM}^{\otimes}$  denotes the left-module  $\infty$ -operad [Lur17, 4.2.1.7]. We define a 1-category  $O_A^{\otimes}$  as follows:

• An object of  $O_A^{\otimes}$  consists of an object  $(\underbrace{a, \ldots, a}_{i-\text{many}}, \underbrace{m, \ldots, m}_{i-\text{many}}) \in \mathcal{LM}^{\otimes}$  and objects

$$(x_1, \dots, x_i) \in (\mathrm{dgMod}(k)^\circ)^{\times i}, \qquad (m_1, \dots, m_j) \in (\mathrm{dgMod}(A)^\circ)^{\times j}$$

• For n = 1, 2, consider the object  $X_n$  of  $O_A^{\otimes}$  given by  $l_n = (\underbrace{a, \dots, a}_{i_n - \max}, \underbrace{m, \dots, m}_{j_n - \max}) \in \mathcal{LM}^{\otimes}$  and

$$\left(x_1^n,\ldots,x_{i_n}^n\right)\in (\mathrm{dgMod}(k)^\circ)^{\times i_n},\qquad \left(m_1^n,\ldots,m_{j_n}^n\right)\in (\mathrm{dgMod}(A)^\circ)^{\times j_n}.$$

A morphism  $X_1 \to X_2$  consists of a morphism  $\alpha : l_1 \to l_2$  in  $\mathcal{LM}^{\otimes}$ , which we also consider as a morphism of sets  $\tilde{\alpha}$  :  $\{1, \ldots, i_1 + j_1\} \rightarrow \{1, \ldots, i_2 + j_2\}$ , morphisms

$$\bigotimes_{e \in \tilde{\alpha}^{-1}(i)} a_e^1 \to a_e^1$$

in dgMod $(k)^{\circ}$  for  $1 \le i \le i_2$  and morphisms

$$\left(\bigotimes_{e\in\tilde{\alpha}^{-1}(j)\setminus\max\left(\tilde{\alpha}^{-1}(j)\right)}a_{e}^{1}\right)\otimes_{k}m_{\max\left(\tilde{\alpha}^{-1}(j)\right)-i_{1}}^{1}\to m_{j-i_{2}}^{2}$$

in dgMod(A)° for  $i_1 + 1 \le j \le i_2 + j_2$ .

The forgetful functor  $N(O_A^{\otimes}) \to \mathcal{LM}^{\otimes}$  is a co-Cartesian fibration of  $\infty$ -operads, exhibiting  $N((\mathrm{dgMod}(A)^{\circ})_0)$  as left-tensored over the symmetric monoidal  $\infty$ -category  $N((\mathrm{dgMod}(k)^{\circ})_0)$ . By the discussion following [Lur17, 4.1.7.3] and the fact that  $-\otimes_k^{\mathrm{dg}}$  - preserves weak equivalences in both entries, it follows that the left-tensoring passes to the  $\infty$ -categorical localisations at the chain homotopy equivalences, meaning that we obtain that  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  is left-tensored over  $\mathcal{D}(k)$ . The action of  $\mathcal{D}(k)$  on  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  preserves colimits in both variables, as follows from the monoidal product  $-\otimes_k$  - being a Quillen bifunctor. To see that  $-\otimes_k^{\mathrm{dg}} X$  is a k-linear functor, we need to describe an extension of it to a map  $\alpha : N\left(O_k^{\otimes}\right) \to N\left(O_A^{\otimes}\right)$  of  $\infty$ -operads over  $\mathcal{LM}^{\otimes}$ . We leave to the reader the details of the description of a functor of 1-categories  $\alpha' : O_k^{\otimes} \to O_A^{\otimes}$  whose nerve  $N(\alpha')$  defines the desired functor  $\alpha$ .

**Proposition 2.19.** Let A be a k-linear dg-algebra. Using the symmetric monoidal equivalence  $\mathcal{D}(k) \simeq \operatorname{RMod}_k$ , we can consider  $\operatorname{RMod}_A \stackrel{formula (4)}{\simeq} \operatorname{RMod}_A(\operatorname{RMod}_k)$  as left-tensored over  $\mathcal{D}(k)$ . There exists an equivalence

$$\mathcal{D}(A) \simeq \mathsf{RMod}_A \tag{9}$$

of  $\infty$ -categories left-tensored over  $\mathcal{D}(k)$ .

*Proof.* Consider the adjunction of  $\infty$ -categories -  $\otimes_k^{\mathrm{dg}} A : \mathcal{D}(k) \leftrightarrow \mathcal{D}(A) : \mathrm{RHom}_A(A, -)$  underlying the Quillen adjunction -  $\otimes_k^{\mathrm{dg}} A : \mathrm{dgMod}(k) \to \mathrm{dgMod}(A) : \mathrm{Hom}_A(A, -)$ . Using the adjunction, it can be directly checked that A is a compact generator of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$ . It follows from [Lur17, 4.8.5.8] that there exists an equivalence

$$\mathcal{D}(A) \simeq \operatorname{RMod}_{\operatorname{End}_k(A)}(\mathcal{D}(k)) \tag{10}$$

of  $\infty$ -categories left-tensored over  $\mathcal{D}(k)$ , where  $\operatorname{End}_k(A) \in \operatorname{Alg}(\mathcal{D}(k))$  is the *k*-linear endomorphism algebra of A (see Remark 2.6). We note that the underlying chain complex satisfies  $\operatorname{End}_k(A) \simeq$  $\operatorname{RHom}_A(A, A) \simeq A$ . By the universal property of  $\operatorname{End}_k(A)$ , there exists a morphism of dg-algebras  $\chi : A \to \operatorname{End}_k(A)$ , whose underlying morphism of chain complexes is induced by the actions  $A \otimes_k A \to A$  and  $A \otimes_k \operatorname{End}_k(A) \to A$ . The latter is induced by the counit of the adjunction  $- \otimes_k^{\operatorname{dg}} A \dashv \operatorname{RHom}_A(A, -)$  and is thus equivalent to the former. It follows that  $\chi$  induces a quasiisomorphism  $\operatorname{End}_k(A) = \operatorname{RHom}_A(A, A) \simeq A$  on underlying chain complexes and is hence a quasiisomorphism of dg-algebras. In total, we obtain that there also exists an equivalence of *k*-linear  $\infty$ categories  $\operatorname{RMod}_{\operatorname{End}_k(A)(\mathcal{D}(k)) \simeq \operatorname{RMod}_A(\mathcal{D}(k)) \simeq \operatorname{RMod}_A(\operatorname{RMod}_k)$ , which combined with formula (10) shows the statement.  $\Box$ 

Let  $A, B \in Alg(\mathcal{D}(k))$  be dg-algebras and  $F : RMod_A \to RMod_B$  a k-linear functor. Clearly  $F(A) \in RMod_B$  carries the structure of a right B-module. Let  $m : A \otimes_k A \to A$  be the multiplication map of A. Using the k-linearity of F, we find an action map

$$A \otimes_k F(A) \simeq F(A \otimes_k A) \xrightarrow{F(m)} F(A),$$

which is part of the datum of a left A-module structure on F(A). It turns out that both module structures are compatible, so we can endow F(A) with the structure of an A-B-bimodule. In total, we obtain a functor

$$\phi : \operatorname{Lin}_{k}(\operatorname{RMod}_{A}, \operatorname{RMod}_{B}) \to {}_{A}\operatorname{BMod}_{B}(\mathcal{D}(k)).$$

As shown in [Lur17, Section 4.8.4], the functor  $\phi$  is an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories. Given a bimodule  $M \in {}_A BMod_B(\mathcal{D}(k))$ , we denote by  $- \otimes_A M$  a choice of k-linear functor such that  $\phi(- \otimes_A M) \simeq M$ .

**Proposition 2.20.** Let A, B be dg-algebras and set  $M \in {}_{A}BMod_{B}(\mathcal{D}(k)) \simeq \mathcal{D}(A^{op} \otimes_{k} B)$  and consider the functor of  $\infty$ -categories -  $\otimes_{A}^{dg} M$  underlying the right Quillen functor -  $\otimes_{A}^{dg} M$  : dgMod(A)  $\rightarrow$  dgMod(B). There exists a commutative diagram in LinCat<sub>k</sub> as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \operatorname{RMod}_{A} & \xrightarrow{-\otimes_{A}M} & \operatorname{RMod}_{B} \\ formula (9) \downarrow \simeq & formula (9) \downarrow \simeq \\ \mathcal{D}(A) & \xrightarrow{-\otimes_{A}^{\operatorname{dg}}M} & \mathcal{D}(B). \end{array}$$

$$(11)$$

**Remark 2.21.** As justified by Proposition 2.20, we will not distinguish in notation between the functors  $- \bigotimes_A M$  and  $- \bigotimes_A^{\text{dg}} M$  in the remainder of the text.

Proof of Proposition 2.20. The k-linear functor

$$\chi: \operatorname{RMod}_A \simeq \mathcal{D}(A) \xrightarrow{-\otimes_A^{\operatorname{dg}} M} \mathcal{D}(B) \simeq \operatorname{RMod}_B$$

is of the form  $- \otimes_A N$  for  $N \in {}_A BMod_B(\mathcal{D}(k))$  [Lur17, Section 4.8.4]. We note that N can be rectified to a strict dg-bimodule and is thus determined by its right *B*-module structure and its left *A*-module structure. The right *B*-module structures of N and M are clearly equivalent. In particular, there exists an equivalence  $N \simeq M$  of underlying chain complexes. The left action of A on N is determined by  $A \otimes_k N \simeq \chi(A \otimes_k A) \xrightarrow{\chi(m)} \chi(A) \simeq N$ , where m denotes the multiplication of A and is thus equivalent to the given left action of A on the A-B-bimodule M. This shows that  $N \simeq M$  as bimodules.

**Proposition 2.22.** Let A be a k-linear dg-algebra and  $X \in \text{dgMod}(A)$  a cofibrant A-module. The k-linear endomorphism algebra  $\text{End}_k(X) \in \text{Alg}(\mathcal{D}(k))$  of X is quasi-isomorphic to the endomorphism dg-algebra  $\text{End}^{\text{dg}}(X)$  of X.

*Proof.* Proposition 2.20 shows that the functor

$$F: \mathcal{D}(k) \simeq \operatorname{RMod}_k \xrightarrow{-\otimes_k X} \operatorname{RMod}_A(\operatorname{RMod}_k) \simeq \mathcal{D}(A)$$

is equivalent to  $-\bigotimes_k^{\text{dg}} X$ . The right adjoint *G* of *F* is given by  $\operatorname{RHom}_A(X, -)$ . It follows that  $\operatorname{RHom}_A(X, X) \simeq G(X) = \operatorname{End}_k(X)$  in  $\mathcal{D}(k)$  (see also the definition of  $\operatorname{End}_k(X)$  in the proof of Lemma 2.5). Using the fact that  $\operatorname{RHom}_A(X, X) = \operatorname{Hom}_A(X, X) = \operatorname{End}^{\operatorname{dg}}(X)$  and the explicit  $\operatorname{Hom}_A(X, X)$ -module structure on *X*, it follows from the universal property of the endomorphism object that there exists a morphism of dg-algebras  $\alpha$  :  $\operatorname{RHom}_A(X, X) \to \operatorname{End}_k(X)$ , which restricts to the quasi-isomorphism on underlying chain complexes and is hence a quasi-isomorphism of dg-algebras.

## 2.5. Morita theory of dg-categories

Let k be a commutative ring. We denote by  $dgCat_k$  the category of k-linear dg-categories. Given a dg-category  $C \in dgCat_k$ , the dg-category dgMod(C) admits a model structure called the projective model structure. We have already encountered this model structure in Section 2.4, in the case where C is a dg-algebra. We define  $C^{perf}$  as the full dg-subcategory of dgMod(C) spanned by fibrant-cofibrant objects x which are compact in the homotopy category  $H^0(dgMod(C))$  – that is, Hom(x, -) preserves coproducts. This assignment forms a functor

$$(-)^{\text{perf}}$$
: dgCat<sub>k</sub>  $\rightarrow$  dgCat<sub>k</sub>.

As shown by Tabuada [Tab05], the category  $dgCat_k$  admits a model structure where the following hold:

- The weak equivalences are the quasi-equivalence that is, dg-functors  $F : A \to B$  such that for all  $a, a' \in A$ , the morphism between morphism complexes  $F(a, a') : \operatorname{Hom}_A(a, a') \to \operatorname{Hom}_B(F(a), F(a'))$  is a quasi-isomorphism and such that the induced functor on homotopy categories is an equivalence.
- The fibrations are the dg-functors F such that for all  $a, a' \in A$ , the morphism between mapping complexes F(a, a'): Hom<sub>A</sub> $(a, a') \rightarrow$  Hom<sub>B</sub>(F(a), F(a')) is degree-wise surjective and for any isomorphism  $b \rightarrow F(a')$  in the homotopy category of B, there exists a lift along F to an isomorphism  $a \rightarrow a'$  in the homotopy category of A.

The  $\infty$ -category underlying this model category is given by the  $\infty$ -categorical localisation  $\operatorname{dgCat}_k[W^{-1}]$  of the nerve of  $\operatorname{dgCat}_k$  at the collection W of weak equivalences. This model structure can be further localised at the collection M of Morita equivalences – that is, dg-functors F such that  $(F)^{\operatorname{perf}}$  is a quasiequivalence. The resulting model structure is called the Morita model structure. The corresponding localisation functor

$$L: \operatorname{dgCat}_{k}\left[W^{-1}\right] \longrightarrow \operatorname{dgCat}_{k}\left[M^{-1}\right]$$

exhibits  $dgCat_k [M^{-1}]$  as a reflective localisation of  $dgCat_k [W^{-1}]$  and thus preserves colimits. Given  $C \in dgCat_k [W^{-1}]$ , its image L(C) is quasiequivalent to  $C^{perf}$ . The Morita model structure models the  $\infty$ -category of k-linear, stable and idempotent complete  $\infty$ -categories, meaning that there exists an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories [Coh13]

$$\operatorname{dgCat}_{k}\left[M^{-1}\right] \simeq \operatorname{Mod}_{N_{\operatorname{dg}}\left(k^{\operatorname{perf}}\right)}\left(\operatorname{St}^{\operatorname{idem}}\right).$$
(12)

The right side describes the  $\infty$ -category of modules in the symmetric monoidal category St<sup>idem</sup> over the algebra object  $N_{dg}$  ( $k^{perf}$ ). The equivalence (12) maps a dg-category *C* to the dg-nerve of the dg-category  $C^{perf}$ . Ind-completion provides a further colimit-preserving functor Ind :  $Mod_{\mathcal{D}(k)^{perf}}(St^{idem}) \rightarrow LinCat_k$ . In total, we obtain the colimit-preserving functor

$$\mathcal{D}(-): \mathrm{dgCat}_k\left[W^{-1}\right] \xrightarrow{L} \mathrm{dgCat}_k\left[M^{-1}\right] \simeq \mathrm{Mod}_{\mathcal{D}(k)^{\mathrm{perf}}}\left(\mathrm{St}^{\mathrm{idem}}\right) \xrightarrow{\mathrm{Ind}} \mathrm{LinCat}_k \xrightarrow{\mathrm{forget}} \mathcal{P}r^L.$$
(13)

Note that given a dg-algebra A, the derived  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  is equivalent to the image of A under formula (13), so the notation  $\mathcal{D}(-)$  for the functor is justified. Furthermore, we can compute colimits in dgCat<sub>k</sub>  $[W^{-1}]$  as homotopy colimits in dgCat<sub>k</sub> with respect to the quasiequivalence model structure.

#### 2.6. Semiorthogonal decompositions

In this section we discuss semiorthogonal decompositions of stable  $\infty$ -categories of length  $n \ge 2$ . Some of the treatment is based on the discussion of semiorthogonal decompositions of length n = 2 in [DKSS21].

**Definition 2.23.** Let  $\mathcal{V}$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  be stable  $\infty$ -categories. We call  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{V}$  a stable subcategory if the inclusion functor is fully faithful and exact and its image is closed under equivalences.

**Notation 2.24.** Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a stable  $\infty$ -category and  $\mathcal{A}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{A}_n \subset \mathcal{V}$  stable subcategories. We denote by  $\langle \mathcal{A}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{A}_n \rangle$  the smallest stable subcategory of  $\mathcal{V}$  containing  $\mathcal{A}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{A}_n$ .

**Definition 2.25.** Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a stable  $\infty$ -category and let  $\mathcal{A}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{A}_n$  be stable subcategories of  $\mathcal{V}$ . Consider the full subcategory  $\mathcal{D}$  of Fun  $(\Delta^{n-1}, \mathcal{V})$  spanned by diagrams  $D : \Delta^{n-1} \to \mathcal{V}$  satisfying the following two conditions:

• D(i) lies in  $\langle \mathcal{A}_{n-i}, \ldots, \mathcal{A}_n \rangle$  for  $0 \le i \le n-1$ .

• The cofibre of  $D(i) \to D(i+1)$  in  $\mathcal{V}$  lies in  $\mathcal{A}_{n-i-1}$  for all  $0 \le i \le n-2$ .

We call the ordered *n*-tuple  $(A_1, \ldots, A_n)$  a semiorthogonal decomposition of  $\mathcal{V}$  of length *n* if the restriction functor  $\mathcal{D} \to \mathcal{V}$  to the vertex n - 1 is a trivial fibration.

**Definition 2.26.** Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a stable  $\infty$ -category and  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{V}$  a stable subcategory. We define

- the right orthogonal  $\mathcal{A}^{\perp}$  to be the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{V}$  spanned by those vertices  $x \in \mathcal{V}$  such that for all  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ , the mapping space Map<sub> $\mathcal{V}</sub>(a, x)$  is contractible and</sub>
- the left orthogonal  ${}^{\perp}\mathcal{A}$  to be the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{V}$  spanned by those vertices  $x \in \mathcal{V}$  such that for all  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ , the mapping space Map<sub>V</sub>(*x*, *a*) is contractible.

The next lemma shows that semiorthogonal decompositions of length n are simply repeated semiorthogonal decompositions of length 2.

**Lemma 2.27.** Let V be a stable  $\infty$ -category and  $\mathcal{A}_i \subset V$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , a stable subcategory.  $(A_1, \ldots, A_n)$  is a semiorthogonal decomposition of  $\mathcal{V}$  if and only if

i)  $\langle \mathcal{A}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{A}_n \rangle = \mathcal{V}$  and ii)  $(A_i, {}^{\perp}A_i)$  forms a semiorthogonal decomposition of  $(A_i, \ldots, A_n)$  for all  $1 \le i \le n-1$ .

*Proof.* For  $1 \le i \le n-1$  and  $0 \le j \le n-i-1$ , denote by  $\mathcal{D}_j^i \subset \operatorname{Fun}\left(\Delta^{\{j,\dots,n-i\}}, \langle \mathcal{A}_i, \dots, \mathcal{A}_n \rangle\right)$  the full subcategory spanned by diagrams  $D_i^i$  such that

- $D_j^i(l)$  lies in  $\langle \mathcal{A}_{n-l}, \ldots, \mathcal{A}_n \rangle$  for  $j \leq l \leq n-i$  and the cofibre of  $D_j^i(l) \rightarrow D_j^i(l+1)$  in  $\mathcal{V}$  lies in  $\mathcal{A}_{n-l+1}$  for all  $j \leq l \leq n-i-1$ .

We denote by  $r_{i,j}: \mathcal{D}_i^i \to \langle \mathcal{A}_i, \dots, \mathcal{A}_n \rangle$  the functor given by the restriction to the vertex n-i. Note that for  $i < k \le n - j - 1$ , there is a trivial fibration  $\mathcal{D}_j^i \to \mathcal{D}_{n-k}^i \times_{\langle \mathcal{A}_k, \dots, \mathcal{A}_n \rangle} \mathcal{D}_j^k$ .

Now suppose that  $(\mathcal{A}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{A}_n)$  is a semiorthogonal decomposition and let  $\mathcal{D} \to \mathcal{V}$  be the corresponding trivial fibration. Condition i) is immediate. For condition ii), we need to show that  $r_{i,n-i-1}$  is a trivial fibration for all  $1 \le i \le n-1$ . Using the fact that pullbacks preserve trivial fibrations, it follows that

$$\mathcal{D}' = \mathcal{D} \times_{\mathcal{V}} \langle \mathcal{A}_i, \dots, \mathcal{A}_n \rangle \to \langle \mathcal{A}_i, \dots, \mathcal{A}_n \rangle \tag{14}$$

is a trivial fibration. We can describe the elements of  $\mathcal{D}'$  as the left Kan extensions along the inclusion  $\Delta^{\{0,\dots,n-i\}} \to \Delta^n$  of elements of  $\mathcal{D}_0^i$ . It thus follows from [Lur09, 4.3.2.15] that the restriction functor  $\mathcal{D}' \to \mathcal{D}_0^i$  to  $\Delta^{\{0,\dots,i\}}$  is a trivial fibration. Using the fact that the functor (14) factors through  $r_{i,0}$ :  $\mathcal{D}_0^i \to \langle \mathcal{A}_i, \dots, \mathcal{A}_n \rangle$ , it follows from the 2/3 property of equivalences that  $r_{i,0}$  is also a trivial fibration. The following commutative diagram thus shows that  $r_{i,n-i-1}$  is a trivial fibration, showing statement ii):

We now show that conditions i) and ii) imply that  $(A_1, \ldots, A_n)$  is a semiorthogonal decomposition of V. If n = 2, the assertion is obvious. We proceed by induction over n. Assume that  $(A_2, \ldots, A_n)$  is a semiorthogonal decomposition of  $\langle A_2, \ldots, A_n \rangle$ , meaning that  $r_{2,0}$  is a trivial fibration. To show that  $(\mathcal{A}_1,\ldots,\mathcal{A}_n)$  is a semiorthogonal decomposition of  $\mathcal{V} = \langle \mathcal{A}_1,\ldots,\mathcal{A}_n \rangle$ , we need to show that  $r_{1,0}$  is also a trivial fibration. Condition ii) implies that  $r_{1,n-2}$  is a trivial fibration. Diagram (15) for i = 1 thus shows that  $r_0^1$  is also a trivial fibration.  As it turns out, the functoriality data involved in the definition of semiorthogonal decompositions of length 2 are redundant.

**Lemma 2.28.** Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a stable  $\infty$ -category and let  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  be stable subcategories of  $\mathcal{V}$ . The pair  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  forms a semiorthogonal decomposition of length 2 of  $\mathcal{V}$  if and only if

1. for all  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ , the mapping space  $\operatorname{Map}_{\mathcal{V}}(b, a)$  is contractible and 2. for every  $x \in V$ , there exist a fibre and cofibre sequence  $b \to x \to a$  in V with  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ .

*Proof.* This follows from [Lur18, 7.2.0.2].

A simple source of semiorthogonal decompositions are sequences of functors between stable  $\infty$ -categories.

**Lemma 2.29.** Let  $D : \Delta^{n-1} \to \text{Cat}_{\infty}$  be a diagram taking values in stable  $\infty$ -categories, corresponding to n composable functors

$$\mathcal{A}_1 \xrightarrow{F_1} \mathcal{A}_2 \xrightarrow{F_2} \cdots \xrightarrow{F_{n-1}} \mathcal{A}_n$$

1. The stable  $\infty$ -category

$$\{\mathcal{A}_1,\ldots,\mathcal{A}_n\} := \operatorname{Fun}_{\Delta^{n-1}}\left(\Delta^{n-1},\Gamma(D)\right)$$

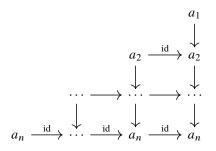
of sections of the Grothendieck construction  $p : \Gamma(D) \to \Delta^{n-1}$  (see Section 2.1) admits a semiorthogonal decomposition  $(A_1, \ldots, A_n)$  of length n.

2. Let R be an  $\mathbb{E}_{\infty}$ -ring spectrum. If each  $F_i$  is an R-linear functor between R-linear  $\infty$ -categories, then the  $\infty$ -category  $\{A_1, \ldots, A_n\}$  further inherits the structure of an R-linear  $\infty$ -category such that each inclusion functor  $\iota_i : A_i \to \{A_1, \ldots, A_n\}$  is R-linear.

*Proof.* We begin by showing statement 1. Consider the simplicial set

$$Z = \left(\Delta^0 \times \Delta^{n-1}\right) \amalg_{\Delta^{\{1\}} \times \Delta^{\{1,\dots,n-1\}}} \left(\Delta^1 \times \Delta^{n-2}\right) \amalg \cdots \amalg_{\Delta^{\{1,\dots,n-1\}} \times \Delta^{\{1\}}} \left(\Delta^{n-1} \times \Delta^0\right).$$

Let  $\mathcal{D}'$  be the full subcategory of Fun $(Z, \Gamma(D))$  spanned by diagrams given by right Kan extensions along the inclusion  $\Delta^{n-1} \times \Delta^0 \to Z$  of a diagram in  $\{\mathcal{A}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{A}_n\}$ . By [Lur09, 4.3.2.15], the restriction functor  $\mathcal{D}' \to \{\mathcal{A}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{A}_n\}$  to  $\Delta^0 \times \Delta^{n-1}$  is a trivial fibration. We can describe the elements of  $\mathcal{D}'$  up to equivalence as diagrams in  $\Gamma(D)$  of the form



such that  $a_i \in A_i$ . The restriction functor  $\mathcal{D}' \to \{A_1, \ldots, A_n\}$  corresponds in the foregoing description point-wise to the restriction to the rightmost column. The  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{D}$  of Definition 2.25 can be identified with the full subcategory of Fun  $(\Delta^{n-1} \times \Delta^{n-1}, \Gamma(\alpha))$  spanned by left Kan extensions along  $Z \to \Delta^{n-1} \times \Delta^{n-1}$  of diagrams lying in  $\mathcal{D}'$ . It follows that the restriction functor  $\mathcal{D} \to \mathcal{D}'$  is a trivial fibration and thus that the restriction functor  $\mathcal{D} \to \{A_1, \ldots, A_n\}$  is a trivial fibration. This shows statement 1. We now show statement 2. Consider the diagram of  $\infty$ -operads over  $\mathcal{LM}^{\otimes}$ 

$$D^{\otimes}: \mathcal{O}_1^{\otimes} \xrightarrow{F_1^{\otimes}} \mathcal{O}_2^{\otimes} \xrightarrow{F_2^{\otimes}} \cdots \xrightarrow{F_{n-1}^{\otimes}} \mathcal{O}_n^{\otimes},$$

exhibiting the functors  $F_i$  as *R*-linear. The morphism of  $\infty$ -operads

$$\operatorname{Fun}_{\Delta^{n-1}}\left(\Delta^{n-1}, \Gamma\left(D^{\otimes}\right)\right) \times_{\operatorname{Fun}\left(\Delta^{n-1}, \mathcal{LM}^{\otimes}\right)} \mathcal{LM}^{\otimes} \to \mathcal{LM}^{\otimes}$$

exhibits  $\{A_1, \ldots, A_n\}$  as left-tensored over

$$\mathcal{M} := \operatorname{Fun}_{\Delta^{n-1}} \left( \Delta^{n-1}, \Gamma \left( D^{\otimes} \right) \right) \times_{\operatorname{Fun}\left( \Delta^{n-1}, \mathcal{LM}^{\otimes} \right)} \mathcal{LM}^{\otimes} \times_{\mathcal{LM}^{\otimes}} \operatorname{Assoc}^{\otimes}$$

Let  $\tilde{D}^{\otimes} : \Delta^{n-1} \to \operatorname{Cat}_{\infty}$  be the constant diagram with value  $\operatorname{LMod}_{R}^{\otimes}$ . We find  $\mathcal{M}$  to be equivalent as a monoidal  $\infty$ -category to

$$\operatorname{Fun}_{\Delta^{n-1}}\left(\Delta^{n-1}, \Gamma\left(\tilde{D}^{\otimes}\right)\right) \times_{\operatorname{Fun}\left(\Delta^{n-1}, \operatorname{Assoc}^{\otimes}\right)} \operatorname{Assoc}^{\otimes}.$$
 (16)

Pulling back along the monoidal functor  $\text{LMod}_R^{\otimes} \to \mathcal{M}$  and assigning to  $x \in \text{LMod}_R^{\otimes}$  the constant section in expression (16), we obtain a left-tensoring of  $\{\mathcal{A}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{A}_n\}$  over  $\text{LMod}_R$ . To show that the left-tensoring provides the structure of an *R*-linear  $\infty$ -category, it suffices to show that the monoidal product preserves colimits in the second entry. This follows from the observation that colimits in  $\{\mathcal{A}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{A}_n\}$  are computed point-wise – that is, the *n* restriction functors  $\{\mathcal{A}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{A}_n\} \to \mathcal{A}_i$  preserve colimits.  $\Box$ 

We also introduce the following notation used later on:

**Notation 2.30.** Let  $p : \Gamma \to \Delta^n$  be an inner fibration. Given an edge  $e : a \to a'$  in  $\Gamma$ , we write  $e : a \xrightarrow{!} a'$  if *e* is a *p*-co-Cartesian edge and  $e : a \xrightarrow{*} a'$  if *e* is a *p*-Cartesian edge.

Our next goal is to describe an analogue of the construction of the semiorthogonal decomposition in Lemma 2.29 in the setting of dg-categories, and to show that the resulting  $\infty$ -categories with semiorthogonal decompositions are equivalent. For that, we recall the notion of gluing functors of semiorthogonal decompositions of length 2 (see also [DKSS21]).

**Definition 2.31.** Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a stable  $\infty$ -category with a semiorthogonal decomposition  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ . We define a simplicial set  $\chi(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  by defining an *n*-simplex of  $\chi(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  to correspond to the following data:

o an *n*-simplex j : Δ<sup>n</sup> → Δ<sup>1</sup> of Δ<sup>1</sup> and
o an *n*-simplex σ : Δ<sup>n</sup> → V such that σ (Δ<sup>j<sup>-1</sup>(0)</sup>) ⊂ A and σ (Δ<sup>j<sup>-1</sup>(1)</sup>) ⊂ B.

We define the face and degeneracy maps to act on an *n*-simplex  $(j, \sigma) \in \chi(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})_n$  component-wise. We denote by  $p : \chi(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) \to \Delta^1$  the apparent forgetful functor.

**Definition 2.32.** Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a stable  $\infty$ -category with a semiorthogonal decomposition  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ .

- We call  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  Cartesian if the functor  $p : \chi(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) \to \Delta^1$  is a Cartesian fibration. In that case, we call the functor associated to the Cartesian fibration *p* the right gluing functor associated to  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ .
- We call  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  co-Cartesian if the functor  $p : \chi(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) \to \Delta^1$  is a co-Cartesian fibration. In that case, we call the functor associated to the co-Cartesian fibration *p* the left gluing functor associated to  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ .

**Lemma 2.33** ([DKSS21]). Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a stable  $\infty$ -category with a semiorthogonal decomposition ( $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$ ).

• If  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  is Cartesian, the inclusion functor  $\mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{V}$  admits a right adjoint, the restriction of which to  $\mathcal{B}$  is the right gluing functor of  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ .

• If  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  is co-Cartesian, the inclusion functor  $\mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{V}$  admits a left adjoint, the restriction of which to  $\mathcal{A}$  is the left gluing functor of  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ .

The next proposition can be summarised as showing that Cartesian semiorthogonal decompositions of length 2 are fully determined by their left gluing functor, and dually that co-Cartesian semiorthogonal decompositions of length 2 are fully determined by their right gluing functor.

**Proposition 2.34** ([DKSS21]). Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a stable  $\infty$ -category with a semiorthogonal decomposition  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ .

- 1. If  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  is Cartesian with right gluing functor G, there exists an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories  $\mathcal{V} \simeq \operatorname{Fun}_{\Delta^1}(\Delta^1, \chi(G))$ , where  $\chi(G) \to \Delta^1$  is the Cartesian fibration classifying G considered as a functor  $\Delta^1 \to \operatorname{Cat}_{\infty}$ .
- 2. If  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  is co-Cartesian with left gluing functor F, there exists an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories  $\mathcal{V} \simeq \operatorname{Fun}_{\Lambda^1}(\Delta^1, \Gamma(F)).$

**Definition 2.35.** Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a stable  $\infty$ -category with a semiorthogonal decomposition  $(\mathcal{A}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{A}_n)$ .

- We call  $(A_1, \ldots, A_n)$  a Cartesian semiorthogonal decomposition if each semiorthogonal decomposition  $(A_i, {}^{\perp}A_i)$  is Cartesian. In that case, we call the right gluing functor of  $(A_i, {}^{\perp}A_i)$  the *i*th right gluing functor of  $(A_1, \ldots, A_n)$ .
- We call  $(A_1, \ldots, A_n)$  a co-Cartesian semiorthogonal decomposition if each semiorthogonal decomposition  $(A_i, {}^{\perp}A_i)$  is co-Cartesian. If  $(A_1, \ldots, A_n)$  is co-Cartesian, we call the left gluing functor of  $(A_i, {}^{\perp}A_i)$  the *i*th left gluing functor of  $(A_1, \ldots, A_n)$ .

We now introduce a dg-analogue of Lemma 2.29: semiorthogonal decompositions arising from upper triangular dg-algebras concentrated on the diagonal and upper minor diagonal.

**Definition 2.36.** For  $1 \le i \le n$ , let  $A_i$  be a dg-algebra, and for  $1 \le i \le n - 1$ , let  $M_i$  be an  $A_i$ - $A_{i+1}$ -bimodule. We denote by

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & M_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A_2 & M_2 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & A_3 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & A_{n-1} & M_{n-1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & A_n \end{pmatrix}$$

the upper triangular dg-algebra - that is, the dg-algebra with underlying chain complex

$$\bigoplus_{1 \le i \le n} A_i \oplus \bigoplus_{1 \le i \le n-1} M_i$$

and multiplication · given by

$$a_i \cdot a'_j = \delta_{i,j} a_i a'_j, \qquad m_i \cdot m'_j = 0,$$
  
$$a_i \cdot m_j = \delta_{i,j} a_i . m_j, \qquad m_j \cdot a_i = \delta_{j+1,i} m_j . a_i,$$

where  $a_i \in A_i, a'_i \in A_j$  and  $m_i \in M_i, m'_i \in M_j$ , and  $\delta_{i,j}$  denotes the Kronecker delta.

**Proposition 2.37.** Let **A** be an upper triangular dg-algebra as in Definition 2.36. Then the stable  $\infty$ category  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  carries a semiorthogonal decomposition  $(\mathcal{D}(A_1), \ldots, \mathcal{D}(A_n))$  of length n with ith left
gluing functor  $- \otimes_{A_i} M_i$ .

*Proof.* The upper triangular dg-algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  is quasi-isomorphic to the upper triangular dg-algebra obtained from cofibrantly replacing each  $M_i$ . We thus assume without loss of generality that the  $M_i$  are

cofibrant bimodules. Consider the morphisms of dg-algebras  $v^i : A_i \to \mathbf{A}$  and  $w^i : \mathbf{A} \to A_i$ , given on the underlying chain complexes by the inclusion of the direct summand  $A_i$  and the projection to the summand  $A_i$ , respectively. The dg-functor  $v_1^i = -\otimes_{A_i}^{\mathrm{dg}} A_i \oplus M_i : \mathrm{dgMod}(A_i) \to \mathrm{dgMod}(A)$  and the pullback  $(w^i)^*$  determine right A-modules  $v_1^i(A_i)$  and  $(w^i)^*(A_i)$  with underlying chain complexes  $A_i \oplus M_i$ , where we set  $M_n = 0$ , and  $A_i$ , respectively. The functors  $\mathcal{D}(v_1^i)$  and  $\mathcal{D}((w^i)^*)$  both exhibit  $\mathcal{D}(A_i) \subset \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{A})$ as a stable subcategory. For concreteness, we denote the stable subcategories obtained from  $\mathcal{D}(v_1^i)$ by  $\mathcal{D}(A_i)_v$  and the stable subcategories obtained from  $\mathcal{D}((w^i)^*)$  by  $\mathcal{D}(A_i)_w$ . We wish to show that  $(\mathcal{D}(A_1)_v, \ldots, \mathcal{D}(A_n)_v)$  is a semiorthogonal decomposition of  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{A})$ . For that, it suffices to show statements i) and ii) of Lemma 2.27. To show statement ii), it suffices to show conditions 1 and 2 of Lemma 2.28 for the pairs of stable subcategories  $\mathcal{D}(A_i)_v, \langle \mathcal{D}(A_{i+1})_v, \ldots, \mathcal{D}(A_n)_v \rangle \subset \langle \mathcal{D}(A_i)_v, \ldots, \mathcal{D}(A_n)_v \rangle$ for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

We compute for an  $A_i$ -module  $N_i$  and an  $A_j$ -module  $N_j$  the mapping complex

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{\operatorname{dgMod}(\mathbf{A})}\left(v_{!}^{i}(N_{i}), v_{!}^{j}(N_{j})\right) \simeq \begin{cases} \operatorname{Hom}_{\operatorname{dgMod}(A_{i})}\left(N_{i}, N_{j}\right) & \text{if } i = j, \\ \operatorname{Hom}_{\operatorname{dgMod}(A_{j})}\left(N_{i} \otimes_{A_{i}} M_{i}, N_{j}\right) & \text{if } i + 1 = j, \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$
(17)

This shows condition 1 of Lemma 2.28.

We observe that the datum of a right dg-module N over A is equivalent to the datum of a sequence

$$N_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} N_2 \xrightarrow{f_2} \cdots \xrightarrow{f_{n-1}} N_n,$$

where  $N_i$  is a right  $A_i \simeq \operatorname{End}^{\mathrm{dg}}((w^i)^*(A_i))$ -module and  $f_i \in M_i(N_i, N_{i+1})$ . Denote by  $N_{\geq i}$  the submodule  $N_i \xrightarrow{f_i} \cdots \xrightarrow{f_{n-1}} N_n$  of N. We thus find distinguished triangles  $N_{\geq i+1} \to N_{\geq i} \to N_i$  in dgMod(**A**). As shown in [Fao17, Theorem 4.3.1], the image under the dg-nerve of a distinguished triangle in a dg-category can be extended to a fibre and cofibre sequence. We can thus express  $N \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{A})$  as repeated cofibres of modules  $N_i \in \mathcal{D}(A_i)_w \subset \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{A})$  with  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . A simple induction, using the fact that there exist distinguished triangles in dgMod(**A**) of the form  $N_i \to N_i \otimes_{A_i} v_1^i(A_i) \to N_i \otimes_{A_i} M_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$  and  $N_n \in \mathcal{D}(A_n)_w = \mathcal{D}(A_n)_v$ , thus shows that  $N \in \langle \mathcal{D}(A_1)_v, \ldots, \mathcal{D}(A_n)_v \rangle$ . It follows that statement i) of Lemma 2.27 is fulfilled.

Consider the subalgebra  $\mathbf{A}_{\geq i}$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  with underlying chain complex

$$\bigoplus_{i\leq k\leq n}A_k\oplus\bigoplus_{i\leq k\leq n-1}M_k.$$

The fully faithful dg-functor dgMod( $\mathbf{A}_{\geq i}$ )  $\rightarrow$  dgMod( $\mathbf{A}$ ) induces a fully faithful functor of  $\infty$ -categories  $\iota : \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{A}_{\geq i}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{A})$ . The foregoing arguments show that the essential image of  $\iota$  is  $\langle \mathcal{A}_i, \ldots, \mathcal{A}_n \rangle$  and can easily be adapted to also show condition 2 of Lemma 2.28. We have thus proven the existence of the desired semiorthogonal decomposition of  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{A})$ .

We now determine the *i*th left gluing functor of  $(\mathcal{D}(A_1)_v, \ldots, \mathcal{D}(A_n)_v)$ . Consider the fully faithful left Quillen functor

$$-\otimes_{A_i}^{\mathrm{dg}} A_i : \mathrm{dgMod}(A_i)_0 \to \mathrm{dgMod}(\mathbf{A}_{\geq i})_0 \,.$$

The right adjoint is given by the Quillen functor  $\operatorname{Hom}_{dgMod(A_{\geq i})}(A_i, -)$ , the restriction of which to  $dgMod(A_{\geq i+1})$  is given by  $\operatorname{Hom}_{dgMod(A_{\geq i+1})}(M_i, -)$ , which in turn is left adjoint to  $-\otimes_{A_i}^{dg} M_i$ . Passing to the underlying adjunctions of  $\infty$ -categories of the Quillen adjunctions shows that the *i*th left gluing functor of  $(\mathcal{D}(A_1), \ldots, \mathcal{D}(A_n))$  is given by  $-\otimes_{A_i} M_i$ .

**Remark 2.38.** An illuminating discussion of the role of the morphism of dg-algebras  $v^i$  and  $w^i$  appearing in the proof of Proposition 2.37 and the resulting stable subcategories of  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{A})$  can be found in [Bar20, Section 2.3.2].

**Proposition 2.39.** For  $1 \le i \le n$ , let  $A_i$  be a dg-algebra, and for  $1 \le i \le n - 1$ , let  $M_i$  be an  $A_{i+1}$ -bimodule. Denote by **A** the upper triangular dg-algebra of Definition 2.36. Consider the diagram  $\alpha : \Delta^{n-1} \to \text{LinCat}_k$  corresponding to

$$\mathcal{D}(A_1) \xrightarrow{-\otimes_{A_1}M_1} \mathcal{D}(A_2) \xrightarrow{-\otimes_{A_2}M_2} \cdots \xrightarrow{-\otimes_{A_{n-1}}M_{n-1}} \mathcal{D}(A_n).$$

Then there exists an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{A}) \simeq \{\mathcal{D}(A_1), \dots, \mathcal{D}(A_n)\}$$

such that for all  $1 \le i \le n$ , the following diagram commutes:

*Proof.* Using the fact that the left gluing functors of the semiorthogonal decompositions  $(\mathcal{D}(A_1), \ldots, \mathcal{D}(A_n))$  of  $\{\mathcal{D}(A_1), \ldots, \mathcal{D}(A_n)\}$  and  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{A})$  are equivalent, it follows from a repeated application of Proposition 2.34 that there exists an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{A}) \simeq \{\mathcal{D}(A_1), \ldots, \mathcal{D}(A_n)\}$ . The observation that diagram (18) commutes follows from the observation that the equivalences of Proposition 2.34 commute with the inclusion functors of the components of the semiorthogonal decomposition, up to delooping.

**Notation 2.40.** Let **A** be an upper triangular dg-algebra as in Definition 2.36, and set  $1 \le i \le n$ . Using the notation from the proof of Proposition 2.37, we denote  $p_i \mathbf{A} = \mathcal{D}(v_i^i) (A_i) \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{A})$ .

#### 3. Parametrised perverse schobers locally

Perverse sheaves have their origin in a homology theory of stratified topological spaces called intersection homology. A perverse sheaf is an object in the derived category of constructible sheaves – that is, a complex of sheaves which are locally constant on any stratum. The homology of the stratified space is obtained via the sheaf cohomology of the perverse sheaf. Perversity of a complex of constructible sheaves is a condition on its homology with and without compact support. For example, on a complex surface, perversity implies that the complex is concentrated in degree 0 away from the singularities and in degrees 0, 1 at the singularities.

On some nice stratified spaces, there are known descriptions of the abelian category of perverse sheaves in terms of quiver representations (see, for example, [KS16b] for an overview). A way to obtain such a description is to identify a suitable 'skeleton' of the stratified space and describe the perverse sheaf in terms of certain sheaf cohomology groups with support restrictions related to the skeleton. These homology groups have to fulfill the crucial restriction that they are concentrated in a single degree. The most iconic such description is of the abelian category of perverse sheaves on a disc with a singularity in the centre, in terms of the category of diagrams of vector spaces  $r_1 : V_1 \leftrightarrow N_1 : s_1$  such that  $r_1s_1 - id_{N_1}$  and  $s_1r_1 - id_{V_1}$  are equivalences. The vector spaces  $N_1$  and  $V_1$  are called nearby and vanishing cycles, respectively.

While it is currently not clear how to categorify constructible sheaves and thus perverse sheaves directly, the remarkable idea of [KS14] is to categorify perverse sheaves using their quiver descriptions, when available. The 'ad hoc' categorification proposed in [KS14] of the quiver description of perverse sheaves on a disc is a spherical adjunction.

Further descriptions of the category of perverse sheaves on a disc with a singularity in the centre in terms of quiver representations are given in [KS16a]. For each  $n \ge 2$ , the category of perverse sheaves is equivalent to the abelian category of diagrams of vector spaces  $r_i : V_n \leftrightarrow N_i : s_i$  for  $1 \le i \le n$ , such that

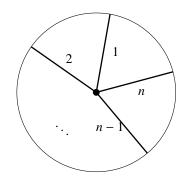


Figure 1. The complex disc with n outgoing rays with a chosen order.

- $\circ r_i \circ s_i = \mathrm{id}_{N_i},$
- $r_{i+1} \circ s_i$  (with i + 1 modulo n) is an isomorphism for  $1 \le i \le n$  and
- $\circ r_i \circ s_j = 0 \text{ for } i \neq j, j + 1 \text{ mod } n.$

The vector spaces  $N_i$  are all equivalent; they are the nearby cycles. The vector space  $V_n$  describes the sheaf cohomology of the perverse sheaf with support on n outgoing rays starting at the origin (see Figure 1).

The map  $r_i$  is defined as the restriction map to a point on the *i*th outgoing ray. Note that the restriction maps  $r_i$  have a paracyclic symmetry, meaning a cyclic symmetry up to the monodromy of the perverse sheaf, arising from the cyclic symmetry of the *n* rays given by rotating the disc by  $2\pi/n$ . In Section 3.1 we describe an ad hoc categorification of this quiver description, which will provide a local description of a parametrised perverse schober. The categorification is based on Dyckerhoff's categorified Dold–Kan correspondence [Dyc21]. As noted there, one of the motivations for the categorified Dold–Kan correspondence was the categorification of the local description of perverse sheaves.

# 3.1. An ad hoc categorification

We begin with briefly recalling the concept of a spherical adjunction. Consider an adjunction of stable  $\infty$ -categories  $F : \mathcal{A} \leftrightarrow \mathcal{B} : G$ . We associate the following endofunctors:

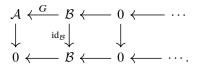
- The twist functor  $T_{\mathcal{A}}$  is defined as the cofibre in the stable  $\infty$ -category Fun $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A})$  of the unit map  $\mathrm{id}_{\mathcal{A}} \to GF$  of the adjunction  $F \dashv G$ .
- The cotwist functor  $T_{\mathcal{D}}$  is defined as the fibre in the stable  $\infty$ -category Fun $(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B})$  of the counit map  $FG \rightarrow \mathrm{id}_{\mathcal{B}}$  of the adjunction  $F \dashv G$ .

The adjunction  $F \dashv G$  is called spherical if the functors  $T_A$  and  $T_B$  are equivalences. In this case, the functor F is also called spherical. A spherical functor F admits repeated left and right adjoints, each given by the composite of F or G with a power of the twist or cotwist functor. For a treatment of spherical adjunctions in the setting of stable  $\infty$ -categories, we refer to [DKSS21] and [Chr20].

A 2-simplicial stable  $\infty$ -category is an  $(\infty, 2)$ -functor  $\Delta^{(\text{op}, -)} \rightarrow St$  from the 2-categorical version of the simplex category to the  $(\infty, 2)$ -version St of the  $\infty$ -category St of stable  $\infty$ -categories. The categorified Dold–Kan correspondence of [Dyc21] is an adjoint equivalence between the  $\infty$ -category of bounded-below complexes of stable  $\infty$ -categories and the  $\infty$ -category of 2-simplicial stable  $\infty$ categories. The right adjoint is called the categorified Dold–Kan nerve  $\mathcal{N}$ . It generalises the wellknown construction from K-theory called the Waldhausen  $S_{\bullet}$ -construction. More precisely, given a complex of stable  $\infty$ -categories concentrated in degrees 0, 1, the categorified Dold–Kan nerve recovers Waldhausen's relative  $S_{\bullet}$ -construction. We refer to [Dyc21] for further details.

Let  $F : \mathcal{A} \leftrightarrow \mathcal{B}$  be a spherical adjunction. We consider the spherical functor  $G : \mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{A}$  as a complex of stable  $\infty$ -categories concentrated in degrees 0, 1, denoted G[0]. We further denote by  $\mathcal{B}[1]$ 

the complex concentrated in degree 1 with value  $\mathcal{B}$ . Consider the morphism between bounded-below complexes of stable  $\infty$ -categories  $G[0] \rightarrow \mathcal{B}[1]$  depicted as follows:



Applying the categorified Dold–Kan nerve  $\mathcal{N}$ , we obtain a morphism  $\phi_* : \mathcal{N}(G[0])_* \to \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{B}[1])_*$ between the simplicial objects in St underlying the 2-simplicial objects in St. Spelling out the definition of the categorified Dold–Kan nerve and the properties of Kan extensions (compare [Lur09, 4.3.2.15]), we obtain the following:

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $F : \mathcal{A} \leftrightarrow \mathcal{B} : G$  be a spherical adjunction and  $\mathcal{N}(G[0])_*$  and  $\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{B}[1])_*$  as before. *There exist the following equivalences between*  $\infty$ -categories:

- 1.  $\mathcal{N}(G[0])_0 \simeq \mathcal{A}$ .
- 2.  $\mathcal{N}(G[0])_n \simeq \{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \dots, \mathcal{B}\}$  for  $n \ge 1$ , in the notation of Lemma 2.29, corresponding to the following sequence of n functors:

$$\mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{F} \mathcal{B} \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id}} \mathcal{B} \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id}} \cdots \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id}} \mathcal{B}.$$

3.  $\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{B}[1])_1 \simeq \mathcal{B}$ .

We propose that for  $n \ge 0$ , the  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{N}(G[0])_n$  of *n*-simplices categorifies the vector space  $V_{n+1}$  of sections supported on n + 1 outgoing rays and the  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{B} \simeq \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{B}[1])_1$  of 1-simplices categorifies the vector spaces  $N_i$  of nearby cycles. Accordingly, we call  $\mathcal{B}$  the  $\infty$ -category of nearby cycles and  $\mathcal{A}$  the  $\infty$ -category of vanishing cycles of  $F \dashv G$ , or simply of F.

**Notation 3.2.** Let  $F : \mathcal{A} \leftrightarrow \mathcal{B} : G$  be a spherical adjunction. We denote

$$\circ \mathcal{V}_{F}^{1} = \mathcal{A},$$
  

$$\circ \mathcal{V}_{F}^{n} = \{\mathcal{A}, \underbrace{\mathcal{B}, \dots, \mathcal{B}}_{n-1\text{-many}}\} \text{ for } n \ge 2 \text{ and}$$
  

$$\circ \mathcal{N}_{F} = \mathcal{B}.$$

Assume that  $n \ge 3$ . We propose that the first restriction map  $r_1 : V_n \to N_1$  is categorified by the functor

$$\varrho_1: \mathcal{V}_F^n \simeq \mathcal{N}(G[0])_{n-1} \xrightarrow{d_0} \mathcal{N}(G[0])_{n-2} \xrightarrow{d_0} \cdots \xrightarrow{d_0} \mathcal{N}(G[0])_1 \xrightarrow{\phi_1} \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{B}[1])_1 \simeq \mathcal{N}_F$$

obtained from composing  $\phi_1$  with repeated 0th face maps of the simplicial structure of  $\mathcal{N}(G[0])_*$ . The functor  $\rho_1$  can equivalently be described as the projection functor  $\pi_n$  to the *n*th component of the semiorthogonal decomposition  $(\mathcal{V}_F^1, \mathcal{N}_F, \ldots, \mathcal{N}_F)$  of length *n* of  $\mathcal{V}_F^n$ . If n = 1, we propose that the restriction map  $r_1$  is categorified by  $F : \mathcal{V}_F^1 \to \mathcal{N}_F$ , and if n = 2, we propose that the restriction map  $r_1$  is categorified by  $F : \mathcal{V}_F^1 \to \mathcal{N}_F$ , and if n = 2, we propose that the restriction map  $r_1$  is categorified by  $\phi_1 = \pi_2$ . To categorify the further restriction maps, we need to take into account the paracyclic symmetry. The description of the categorification of  $V_n$  in terms of  $\mathcal{V}_F^n$ , however, obscures this paracyclic symmetry. One way to solve this is to lift the simplicial object  $\mathcal{N}(G[0])_*$  to a paracyclic object. This approach is realised in [DKSS21]. One can then replace  $\mathcal{V}_F^n$  by an equivalent  $\infty$ -category where the paracyclic symmetry is apparent. For now we adopt a more pedestrian approach and simply require that there be a sequence of adjunctions

$$\varrho_n + \varsigma_n + \varrho_{n-1} + \dots + \varsigma_2 + \varrho_1 + \varsigma_1, \tag{19}$$

where  $\rho_1$  is as before, and propose that  $\varsigma_i$  categorifies  $s_i$  and  $\rho_i$  categorifies  $r_i$ . We describe the paracyclic symmetry of  $\mathcal{V}_F^n$  to justify our proposed categorification in Section 3.2. We call the  $\rho_i$  the categorified restriction maps. A direct computation shows that the functors  $\rho_i$  and  $\varsigma_i$  are described as follows:

**Lemma 3.3.** Set  $F \dashv G$  as before and  $n \ge 1$ . Consider the functors  $\varrho_i : \mathcal{V}_F^n \to \mathcal{N}_F$  and  $\varsigma_i : \mathcal{N}_F \to \mathcal{V}_F^n$  for  $1 \le i \le n$ .

1. If n = 1, we set  $\varrho_1 = F$  and  $\varsigma_1 = G$ . 2. If  $n \ge 2$ , we set

$$\varrho_i = \begin{cases} \pi_n & \text{for } i = 1, \\ \text{fib}_{n-i,n-i+1}[i-1] & \text{for } 2 \le i \le n-1, \\ \text{rfib}_{1,2}[n-1] & \text{for } i = n. \end{cases}$$

The functor  $\operatorname{rfib}_{1,2}$  denotes the composition of the projection functor to the first two components of the semiorthogonal decomposition with the relative fibre functor that assigns to a vertex  $a \to b \in$  $\{\mathcal{V}_F^1, \mathcal{N}_F\}$  the vertex  $\operatorname{fib}(F(a) \to b) \in \mathcal{N}_F$ . The functor  $\operatorname{fib}_{i-1,i}[n-i]$  denotes the composition of the projection functor to the (i-1)th and ith components with the fibre functor.

3. If  $n \ge 2$ , we set  $\varsigma_1$  to be the functor that assigns to  $b \in \mathcal{N}_F$  the object  $G(b) \xrightarrow{*} b \xrightarrow{\text{id}} \cdots \xrightarrow{\text{id}} b$  in  $\mathcal{V}_F^n$  (see also Notation 2.30), and set for  $2 \le i \le n$ 

$$\varsigma_i = \left(\iota_{\mathcal{N}_F}\right)_{n-i+2} \left[-i+2\right],$$

where  $(\iota_{\mathcal{N}_F})_i$  is the inclusion of the *j*th component of the semiorthogonal decomposition.

These functors form the sequence of adjunctions (19).

We are now ready to describe the local model for a parametrised perverse schober at a vertex of valency n.

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $F : \mathcal{V}_F^1 \leftrightarrow \mathcal{N}_F : G$  be an adjunction of stable  $\infty$ -categories and  $n \ge 1$ . Consider the poset<sup>4</sup>  $C_n = (\{1, \ldots, n\})^4$ . If n = 1, we denote by  $\mathcal{G}_1(F) : C_1 \simeq \Delta^1 \to St$  the functor F. If  $n \ge 2$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{G}_n(F)$  the functor  $C_n \to St$  assigning

- to the initial vertex  $* \in C_n$  the stable ∞-category  $\mathcal{V}_F^n$ ,
- to each vertex  $i \in C_n$  the stable  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{N}_F$  and
- to each edge  $* \rightarrow i$  the functor  $\rho_i$  from Lemma 3.3.

The adjoint functors  $\varsigma_i$  will feature in the local description of duals of parametrised perverse schobers (see Section 4.3).

# 3.2. The paracyclic structure

We begin by recalling the definition of the paracyclic 1-category  $\Lambda_{\infty}$ .

**Definition 3.5.** For  $n \ge 0$ , let [n] denote the set  $\{0, \ldots, n\}$ . The objects of  $\Lambda_{\infty}$  are the sets [n]. The morphism in  $\Lambda_{\infty}$  are generated by morphisms

 $\circ \ \delta^{0}, \dots, \delta^{n} : [n-1] \to [n], \\ \circ \ \sigma^{0}, \dots, \sigma^{n-1} : [n] \to [n-1] \text{ and} \\ \circ \ \tau^{n,i} : [n] \to [n] \text{ with } i \in \mathbb{Z}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>The left cone  $(\{1, \ldots, n\})^{\triangleleft}$  is defined as the simplicial join  $\Delta^0 * \{1, \ldots, n\}$ .

subject to the simplicial relations and the further relations

$$\begin{aligned} \tau^{n,i} &\circ \tau^{n,j} = \tau^{n,i+j}, & \tau^{n,0} = \mathrm{id}_{[n]}, \\ \tau^{n,1}\delta^{i} &= \delta^{i-1}\tau^{n-1,1} \text{ for } i > 0, & \tau^{n,1}\delta^{0} = \delta^{n}, \\ \tau^{n,1}\sigma^{i} &= \tau^{n+1,1}\sigma^{i-1} \text{ for } i > 0, & \tau^{n,1}\sigma^{0} = \sigma^{n}\tau^{n+1,2}. \end{aligned}$$

The simplex category  $\Delta$  is a subcategory of  $\Lambda_{\infty}$ . A paracyclic object in an  $\infty$ -category C is a functor  $\Lambda_{\infty}^{op} \to C$ , where we identify the 1-category  $\Lambda_{\infty}^{op}$  with its nerve. A paracyclic object in C is thus a simplicial object  $X_* \in \operatorname{Fun}(\Delta^{op}, C)$  with face maps  $d_i$  and degeneracy maps  $s_i$  together with a sequence of paracyclic isomorphisms  $t_n : X_n \to X_n$  satisfying

$$d_i t_n = t_{n-1} d_{i-1} \text{ for } i > 0, \qquad d_0 t_n = d_n,$$
 (20)

$$s_i t_n = t_{n+1} s_{i-1}$$
 for  $i > 0$ ,  $s_0 t_n = t_{n+1}^2 s_n$ . (21)

Let  $F \dashv G$  be a spherical adjunction. As shown in [DKSS21], the simplicial object  $\mathcal{N}(G[0])_*$  can be lifted to a paracyclic object. We emphasise that the sphericalness of the adjunction  $F \dashv G$  is crucial for showing that the paracyclic isomorphism  $t_n$  of this paracyclic structure is really an isomorphism. In this section we give an alternative description of the paracyclic isomorphisms  $t_n$  in terms of the twist functor  $T_{\mathcal{V}_F^n}$  of a spherical adjunction  $F' \dashv G'$ , described in Lemma 3.8. We call  $T_{\mathcal{V}_F^n}$  the paracyclic twist functor. We then proceed to show that this isomorphism realises the paracyclic symmetry of the functors  $\varrho_i$  and  $\varsigma_i$ .

**Construction 3.6.** Let  $F : \mathcal{V}_F^1 \leftrightarrow \mathcal{N}_F : G$  be a spherical adjunction. Denote the left adjoint of F by E. Consider the full subcategory  $\mathcal{M}$  of the  $\infty$ -category of diagrams Fun  $(\Delta^1 \times \Delta^1, \Gamma(F))$  of the form



with  $a, a' \in \mathcal{V}_F^1$  and  $b, b' \in \mathcal{N}_F$ . The restriction functor res :  $\mathcal{M} \to {\mathcal{V}_F^1, \mathcal{N}_F}$ , given by the projection to the edge  $a \to b$ , is a trivial fibration. As shown in [DKSS21], it follows from the sphericalness of the adjunction  $F \dashv G$  that the fibre functor in the horizontal direction  $\mathcal{M} \to {\mathcal{V}_F^1, \mathcal{N}_F}$  is also an equivalence. By choosing a section of the trivial fibration res and composing with the fibre functor, we obtain an autoequivalence  $\tau : {\mathcal{V}_F^1, \mathcal{N}_F} \to {\mathcal{V}_F^1, \mathcal{N}_F}$ , called the *relative suspension functor* there.

**Lemma 3.7.** Let  $F : \mathcal{V}_F^1 \leftrightarrow \mathcal{N}_F : G$  be a spherical adjunction with cotwist functor  $T_{\mathcal{N}_F}$ . Denote the left adjoint of F by E. The left adjoint of the functor

$$\mathcal{V}_F^2 = \left\{ \mathcal{V}_F^1, \mathcal{N}_F \right\} \xrightarrow{\text{rfib}} \mathcal{N}_F \tag{22}$$

is given by the functor that assigns  $E(b) \xrightarrow{*} T_{\mathcal{N}_F}^{-1}(b)$  to  $b \in \mathcal{N}_F$ .

*Proof.* As shown in [Chr20, Lemma 1.30], the stable subcategories  $(\mathcal{V}_F^1)^{\perp}$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_F^1$ ,  $\mathcal{N}_F$ ,  $^{\perp}\mathcal{N}_F \subset \mathcal{V}_F^2$  form semiorthogonal decompositions  $((\mathcal{V}_F^1)^{\perp}, \mathcal{V}_F^1), (\mathcal{V}_F^1, \mathcal{N}_F), (\mathcal{N}_F, ^{\perp}\mathcal{N}_F)$  of  $\mathcal{V}^2$ . We denote by  $i_{\mathcal{N}_F}, i_{(\mathcal{V}_F^1)^{\perp}}$ 

the inclusion functors of  $\mathcal{N}_F$  and  $\mathcal{N}_F \simeq \left(\mathcal{V}_F^1\right)^{\perp}$  into  $\mathcal{V}_F^2$ , respectively. The functor  $i_{\left(\mathcal{V}_F^1\right)^{\perp}}$  assigns to  $b \in \mathcal{N}_F \simeq \left(\mathcal{V}_F^1\right)^{\perp}$  the object  $G(b) \xrightarrow{!} b \in \mathcal{V}_F^2$ . It is easily checked that there is a sequence of adjunctions

$$\mathrm{rfib}[1] \dashv i_{\mathcal{N}_F} \dashv \pi_0 \dashv i_{(\mathcal{N}_F^1)^{\perp}}.$$
(23)

Composing the adjunction  $\tau^{-1} \dashv \tau$ , where  $\tau$  is the relative suspension functor from Construction 3.6, with the sequence of adjunctions (23) yields the sequence of adjunctions

$$\pi_0[1] \dashv i_{(\mathcal{V}_F^1)^{\perp}}[-1] \dashv T_{\mathcal{N}_F}^{-1} \operatorname{rfib}[1] \dashv i_{\mathcal{N}_F} T_{\mathcal{N}_F}.$$

We have thus established the desired adjunction  $i_{(\mathcal{V}_F^1)^{\perp}} T_{\mathcal{N}_F}^{-1} \dashv \text{rfib}.$ 

**Lemma 3.8.** Let  $F : \mathcal{V}_F^1 \leftrightarrow \mathcal{N}_F : G$  be a spherical adjunction with cotwist functor  $T_{\mathcal{N}_F}$ . Denote the left adjoint of F by E. For  $n \ge 2$ , consider the functor

$$F': \mathcal{V}_F^n \longrightarrow \mathcal{N}_F^{\times n}$$

with components  $F' = (\varrho_1, \ldots, \varrho_n)$ .

1. The functor F' admits left and right adjoints E', G', respectively, given by

$$E' = \left(\varsigma_2, \dots, \varsigma_n, \varsigma_1 T_{\mathcal{N}_F}^{-1} [1-n]\right),$$
  
$$G' = (\varsigma_1, \dots, \varsigma_n).$$

#### 2. The adjunction $F' \dashv G'$ is spherical.

*Proof.* We begin with showing statement 1. The adjunction  $F' \dashv G'$  follows from composing the adjunctions  $\varrho_i \dashv \varsigma_i$  with the adjunction  $\Delta \dashv \oplus$  between the constant diagram functor  $\Delta : \mathcal{N}_F \to \mathcal{N}_F^{\times n}$  and its right adjoint given by the direct sum functor. Again by composing adjunctions, we obtain that to show that E' is left adjoint to F', it suffices to show that  $\varsigma_1 T_{\mathcal{N}_F}^{-1}[n]$  is left adjoint to  $\varrho_n$ . This follows directly from the following observations:

• The functor  $\rho_n$  factors as

$$\mathcal{V}_F^n \xrightarrow{\pi_{1,2}} \mathcal{V}_F^2 \xrightarrow{\text{rfib}[n-1]} \mathcal{N}_F$$

- The left adjoint of rfib :  $\mathcal{V}_F^2 \to \mathcal{N}_F$  was determined in Lemma 3.7 and is given by the functor that maps  $b \in \mathcal{N}_F$  to  $E(b) \xrightarrow{*} T_{\mathcal{N}_F}^{-1}(b)$ .
- The left adjoint of  $\pi_{1,2}$  is given by the functor that maps  $E(b) \xrightarrow{*} T_{\mathcal{N}_F}^{-1}(b) \in \mathcal{V}_F^2$  to

$$E(b) \xrightarrow{*} T_{\mathcal{N}_F}^{-1}(b) \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id}} \cdots \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id}} T_{\mathcal{N}_F}^{-1}(b) \in \mathcal{V}_F^n.$$

For statement 2, consider the endofunctor  $M = F'G' : \mathcal{N}_F^{\times n} \to \mathcal{N}_F^{\times n}$  of the adjunction  $F' \dashv G'$  with cotwist functor  $T_{\mathcal{N}_F^{\times n}}$ . We can depict M as the following matrix:

$\int \mathrm{id}_{\mathcal{N}_F}$	$\mathrm{id}_{\mathcal{N}_F}$	0	• • •	0	0)	
0		$\mathrm{id}_{\mathcal{N}_F}$	• • •	0	0	
0	0	$\mathrm{id}_{\mathcal{N}_F}$	• • •	0	0	
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0	0	0	• • •	$\mathrm{id}_{\mathcal{N}_F}$	$\mathrm{id}_{\mathcal{N}_F}$	
$\left(T_{\mathcal{N}_{F}}\left[n-1\right]\right)$	0	0	• • •		$\mathrm{id}_{\mathcal{N}_F}$	

The counit  $cu: M \to id_{\mathcal{N}_{F}^{\times n}}$  is the projection to the diagonal, so we deduce that the cotwist  $T_{\mathcal{N}_{F}^{\times n}}$  is an equivalence. We further observe that there exists an equivalence  $cu \circ T_{\mathcal{N}_{F}^{\times n}} \simeq T_{\mathcal{N}_{F}^{\times n}} \circ cu$ . The left adjoint  $E': \mathcal{N}_{F}^{\times n} \to \mathcal{V}_{F}^{n}$  clearly satisfies  $G' \circ T_{\mathcal{N}_{F}^{\times n}}^{-1}$ . We have shown that all conditions of [Chr20, Proposition 4.5] are fulfilled, and it follows that the adjunction  $F' \dashv G'$  is spherical.

**Remark 3.9.** We highlight the relation of Lemma 3.8 to other results in the literature. Let  $F \dashv G$  be a spherical adjunction. Consider further the (trivially) spherical adjunction  $0_{\mathcal{N}} : 0 \leftrightarrow \mathcal{N} : 0'_{\mathcal{N}}$  and denote by  $F'' : \mathcal{V}^n_{0_{\mathcal{N}}} \leftrightarrow \mathcal{N}^{\times n} : G''$  the spherical adjunction associated in Lemma 3.8 to  $0_{\mathcal{N}} \dashv 0'_{\mathcal{N}}$ . The adjunction  $F'' \dashv G''$  appears in the special case  $\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{D}(k)^{\text{perf}}$  in [BD19, Theorem 5.14], where it is shown that F'' carries a left Calabi–Yau structure. The spherical adjunction  $F' \dashv G'$  associated to  $F \dashv G$  in Lemma 3.8 can be described as the composition of the spherical adjunctions  $F'' \dashv G''$  and

$$(F, 0..., 0) : \mathcal{V}_F^{\mathbf{l}} \longleftrightarrow \mathcal{N}_F^{\times n} : (G, 0, ..., 0)$$

in the sense of [Bar20].

**Remark 3.10.** Consider the setting of Lemma 3.8. Lurie's  $\infty$ -categorical Barr–Beck theorem implies that the adjunction  $F' \dashv G'$  is monadic. Further, if the adjunction  $F \dashv G$  is monadic, then the adjunction  $F' \dashv G'$  is also comonadic. Lemma 3.7 thus implies that a monadic spherical adjunction  $F \dashv G$  can be recovered from the comonad  $M = F'G' : \mathcal{N}_F^{\times n} \to \mathcal{N}_F^{\times n}$  whose underlying endofunctor is determined by the cotwist functor  $T_{\mathcal{N}_F}$ . This does not imply that the spherical monadic adjunction  $F \dashv G$  can be recovered from its twist functor (see also [Chr20, Section 4.1]). All further data are encoded in the comonad structure of M.

**Proposition 3.11.** Let  $F : \mathcal{V}_F^1 \leftrightarrow \mathcal{N}_F : G$  be a spherical adjunction and consider the twist functor  $T_{\mathcal{V}_F^n}$  of the spherical adjunction  $F' \dashv G'$  described in Lemma 3.8. Then there exist equivalences of functors

$$\varrho_i \circ T_{\mathcal{V}_F^n} = \begin{cases} \varrho_{i+1} & \text{for } 1 \le i \le n-1, \\ T_{\mathcal{N}_F}[n-1] \circ \varrho_1 & \text{for } i = n \end{cases}$$
(24)

and

$$T_{\mathcal{V}_F^n}^{-1} \circ \varsigma_i = \begin{cases} \varsigma_{i+1} & \text{for } 1 \le i \le n-1, \\ \varsigma_1 \circ T_{\mathcal{N}_F}^{-1}[1-n] & \text{for } i = n. \end{cases}$$
(25)

*Proof.* By the 2/4 property of spherical adjunctions, there exists an equivalence  $T_{\mathcal{V}_F^n}^{-1}G' \simeq E'$ , showing the identities (25). The identities (24) follow from passing to left adjoints.

#### 4. Parametrised perverse schobers globally

In Section 4.1 we review background material on marked surfaces, their ideal triangulations and associated ribbon graphs. In Sections 4.2 and 4.3 we introduce the notion of a perverse schober parametrised by a ribbon graph and define the  $\infty$ -categories of global sections of such a perverse schober. In Section 4.4 we discuss how perverse schobers parametrised by different ribbon graphs can be related.

#### 4.1. Marked surfaces, ideal triangulations and ribbon graphs

**Definition 4.1.** By a surface S, we mean a smooth, connected surface with possibly empty boundary. We denote by  $\partial S$  and S° the boundary and interior of S, respectively.

A marked surface is a compact surface **S** together with a finite collection of marked points  $M \subset \mathbf{S}$ . We further require that each boundary component of **S** contains at least one marked point, and if  $\partial \mathbf{S} = \emptyset$ , that  $M \neq \emptyset$ . Interior marked points are also called punctures. We denote by  $\Sigma = \mathbf{S} \setminus (M \cap \mathbf{S}^\circ)$  the noncompact surface with these punctures removed.

We remark that the definition of marked surface does not exclude special cases, such as the twicepunctured sphere or the once-punctured monogon.

We proceed by defining an ideal triangulation of a marked surface.

**Definition 4.2.** Let **S** be a marked surface. A curve  $\gamma$  in **S** is called simple if

- the endpoints of  $\gamma$  lie in M,
- $\gamma$  does not intersect *M* and  $\partial$ **S**, except at the endpoints,
- $\circ \gamma$  does not self-intersect, except that its endpoints may coincide, and
- if  $\gamma$  is a closed loop, then it is not contractible onto *M* or  $\partial$ **S**.

An arc in S is an equivalence class of curves under isotopy and reversal of parametrisation. Two arcs are called compatible if there are curves in their respective isotopy classes which do not intersect, except possibly at the endpoints.

**Definition 4.3** (e.g., [FST08, Definition 2.6]). Let S be a marked surface. An ideal triangulation  $\mathcal{T}$  of S consists of a maximal collection of distinct pairwise compatible arcs in S.

Any collection of distinct and pairwise compatible arcs can be realised by curves in the respective isotopy classes which do not intersect except for the endpoints [FST08, Proposition 2.5]. Given an ideal triangulation  $\mathcal{T}$  of a surface **S**, we choose such a collection of nonintersecting curves. These curves cut **S** into ideal triangles. An ideal triangle has three (possibly two identical) sides which each connect two (possibly identical) marked points. The sides of an ideal triangle may lie on  $\partial$ **S** and be given by nonsimple curves in  $\partial$ **S** connecting two marked points. An ideal triangle is called self-folded if it has a side which connects a single marked point with itself (see Figure 2). Two of the sides of a self-folded ideal triangle are identical.

**Definition 4.4.** Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be an ideal triangulation of an oriented marked surface. We choose a collection of nonintersecting simple curves representing  $\mathcal{T}$ . These simple curves are called the internal edges of  $\mathcal{T}$ .

The boundary edges of  $\mathcal{T}$  are those sides of the ideal triangles which are nonsimple curves lying on the boundary  $\partial S$ .

The interior ideal triangles of  $\mathcal{T}$  are the ideal triangles of  $\mathcal{T}$  which are disjoint from the boundary  $\partial S$ .

In the remainder of this section, we discuss how marked surfaces and their ideal triangulations can be encoded in terms of ribbon graphs. Similar treatments of ribbon graphs can be found in [DK15, DK18].

# Definition 4.5.

- A graph  $\Gamma$  consists of two finite sets  $\Gamma_0$  of vertices and  $H_{\Gamma}$  of half-edges (sometimes simply denoted H) together with an involution  $\tau : H \to H$  and a map  $\sigma : H \to \Gamma_0$ .
- Let  $\Gamma$  be a graph. We denote by  $\Gamma_1$  the set of orbits of  $\tau$ . The elements of  $\Gamma_1$  are called the edges of  $\Gamma$ . An edge is called internal if the orbit contains two elements and called external if the orbit contains a single element. An internal edge is called a loop at  $v \in \Gamma_0$  if it consists of two half-edges both mapped under  $\sigma$  to v. We denote the set of internal edges of  $\Gamma$  by  $\Gamma_1^\circ$  and the set of external edges by  $\Gamma_1^0$ .
- A ribbon graph consists of a graph  $\Gamma$  together with a choice of a cyclic order on the set H(v) of half-edges incident to v for each  $v \in \Gamma_0$ .



Figure 2. A self-folded ideal triangle.

**Definition 4.6.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a graph. We denote by  $\text{Exit}(\Gamma)$  the poset with

 $\circ$  the set of elements  $\Gamma_0 \amalg \Gamma_1$  and

• all nonidentity morphisms of the form  $v \to e$ , with  $v \in \Gamma_0$  a vertex and  $e \in \Gamma_1$  an edge incident to v; if e is a loop at v, then there are two morphisms  $v \to e$ .

We call  $\text{Exit}(\Gamma)$  the exit path category of  $\Gamma$ .

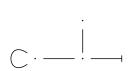
The geometric realisation  $|\Gamma|$  of  $\Gamma$  is defined as the geometric realisation  $|\text{Exit}(\Gamma)|$  of  $\text{Exit}(\Gamma)$  as a simplicial set.

We consider only connected graphs - that is, graphs whose geometric realisation is connected.

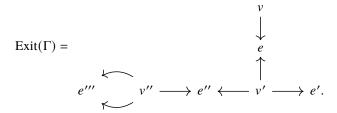
**Remark 4.7.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a graph and **S** an oriented surface. Any embedding of  $|\Gamma|$  into **S** determines a ribbon-graph structure on  $\Gamma$ , where the cyclic order of the half-edges at any vertex is such that the cyclic order in the geometric realisation is anticlockwise with respect to the orientation of **S**.

**Notation 4.8.** We use a graphical notation for ribbon graphs. We denote the vertices by  $\cdot$  or sometimes  $\times$ , and internal edges by a straight line. We denote external edges as follows:

Example 4.9. The diagram



denotes a ribbon graph  $\Gamma$  with three vertices, four edges in total, one external edge and one loop, with the cyclic order of the half-edges at each vertex going in the anticlockwise direction. The exit path category of  $\Gamma$  can be depicted as follows, with v, v', v'' denoting the vertices of  $\Gamma$  and e, e', e'', e''' denoting the edges of  $\Gamma$ :



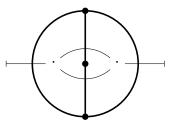
Each ideal triangulation of an oriented marked surface determines a ribbon graph  $\Gamma_T$  as follows:

**Definition 4.10.** Let **S** be an oriented surface with an ideal triangulation  $\mathcal{T}$ . We denote by  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$  the ribbon graph determined by the following:

- The set of vertices of  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$  is the set of ideal triangles of  $\mathcal{T}$ .
- The set of internal edges of  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$  is the set of internal edges of  $\mathcal{T}$ . An internal edge *e* represented by an edge  $\gamma_e$  is incident to the two vertices of  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$  corresponding to the two ideal triangles incident to  $\gamma_e$ . Self-folded triangles give rise to loops in  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$ .
- The set of external edges of  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$  is the set of boundary edges of  $\mathcal{T}$ . Such an external edge is incident to the vertex of  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$  corresponding to the ideal triangle which it is a side of.
- Given a vertex v of  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$ , the cyclic order of H(v) is given by the anticlockwise cyclic order of the edges of the corresponding ideal triangle of  $\mathcal{T}$ .

We call  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$  the dual ribbon graph of  $\mathcal{T}$ .

**Example 4.11.** We depict an ideal triangulation of the once-punctured 2-gon and its dual ribbon graph.



Ribbon graphs can be glued along their external edges.

**Construction 4.12.** Let  $\Gamma'$  and  $\Gamma''$  be ribbon graphs and let *I* be a finite set and  $i' : I \to (\Gamma')_1^{\partial}$  and  $i'': I \to (\Gamma'')_1^{\partial}$  injective maps. Then there exists a ribbon graph  $\Gamma$  satisfying the following:

- $\circ \ \Gamma_0 = \Gamma'_0 \cup \Gamma''_0. \\ \circ \ \Gamma_1 = \Gamma'_1 \coprod_I \Gamma''_1.$
- The cyclic order of H(v), with  $v \in \Gamma'_0 \subset \Gamma_0$  a vertex, is given by the cyclic order determined by the ribbon graph  $\Gamma'$ . Analogously, the cyclic order of H(v), with  $v \in \Gamma''_0 \subset \Gamma_0$ , is determined by  $\Gamma''$ .

We call  $\Gamma$  the gluing of  $\Gamma'$  and  $\Gamma''$  along *I*. Note that there exists an equivalence of posets  $\text{Exit}(\Gamma) \simeq$  $\operatorname{Exit}(\Gamma') \amalg_I \operatorname{Exit}(\Gamma'').$ 

**Example 4.13.** Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be an ideal triangulation of a surface. To each ideal triangle  $F_i$  we associate a ribbon graph  $\Gamma_i$  as follows:

• If  $F_i$  is not a self-folded triangle, then  $\Gamma_i$  is the following ribbon graph:



• If  $F_i$  is a self-folded triangle, then  $\Gamma_i$  is the following ribbon graph:

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Then  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$  is the gluing of the ribbon graphs  $\Gamma_i$  along their external edges determined by the incidence of the ideal triangles.

#### 4.2. Parametrised perverse schobers

We essentially define a parametrised perverse schober as a collection of the local models of Definition 3.4 arising from spherical adjunctions which are suitably glued together along a ribbon graph. This approach is a categorification of the description of perverse sheaves on a surface given in [KS16a].

**Definition 4.14.** A perverse schober parametrised by a ribbon graph  $\Gamma$  is defined to be a functor  $\mathcal{F}: \operatorname{Exit}(\Gamma) \to \operatorname{St}$ , subject to the following condition: for each vertex  $p \in \Gamma_0$ , there exist a spherical functor  $F_{\nu}: \mathcal{V}_F^1 \to \mathcal{N}_F$  and a choice of equivalence of posets  $C_n \simeq \operatorname{Exit}(\Gamma)_{p/}$ , respecting the cyclic ordering of  $\{1, \ldots, n\}$  and H(v), such that the restriction of  $\mathcal{F}$  to the ribbon corolla  $C_n \simeq \text{Exit}(\Gamma)_{p/i}$  is equivalent to  $\mathcal{G}_n(F_v)$  as objects in Fun $(C_n, St)$ .

We denote by  $\mathfrak{P}(\Gamma)$  the full subcategory of the functor category Fun(Exit( $\Gamma$ ), St) spanned by perverse schobers.

**Remark 4.15.** In accordance with Section 3.1, we call  $\mathcal{V}_{F_v}^1$  the  $\infty$ -category of vanishing cycles at v and  $\mathcal{N}_{F_v}$  the  $\infty$ -category of nearby cycles at v.

It follows from the definition of parametrised perverse schobers and the assumption that the ribbon graph is connected that for any two vertices v, v' of  $\Gamma$ , there exists an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories  $\mathcal{N}_{F_{v'}} \simeq \mathcal{N}_{F_{v'}}$ . The corresponding  $\infty$ -category, specified up to equivalence, is called the generic stalk of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

**Notation 4.16.** We will use a graphical notation for perverse schobers parametrised by ribbon graphs similar to the graphical notation for ribbon graphs introduced in Notation 4.8. We denote a parametrised perverse schober by specifying the spherical functor at each vertex of the corresponding ribbon graph and specifying the functor associated to each nonidentity morphism in the exit path category.

**Example 4.17.** Let  $F : \mathcal{V}_F^1 \to \mathcal{N}_F$  be a spherical functor and  $T : \mathcal{N}_F \to \mathcal{N}_F$  some autoequivalence. The diagram

corresponds to the parametrised perverse schober given by the following  $\text{Exit}(\Gamma)$ -indexed diagram in St:

$$\mathcal{N}_{F} \xrightarrow[\mathcal{Q}_{3}]{\mathcal{V}_{F}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{Q}_{1}} \mathcal{N}_{F} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{Q}_{1}} \mathcal{N}_{F} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{Q}_{2}} \mathcal{N}_{0_{\mathcal{N}_{F}}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{Q}_{3}} \mathcal{N}_{F}.$$

The next lemma shows that parametrised perverse schobers can be glued along external edges.

**Lemma 4.18.** Let  $\Gamma'$  and  $\Gamma''$  be ribbon graphs, I be a finite set and  $i' : I \to (\Gamma')_1^{\partial}$  and  $i'' : I \to (\Gamma'')_1^{\partial}$ be injective maps. Denote by  $\Gamma$  the glued ribbon graph described in Construction 4.12. Consider the functors  $ev' : \mathfrak{P}(\Gamma') \to \operatorname{Fun}(I, \operatorname{St})$  and  $ev'' : \mathfrak{P}(\Gamma'') \to \operatorname{Fun}(I, \operatorname{St})$ , given by the restriction functors along the inclusions  $I \to \operatorname{Exit}(\Gamma')$  and  $I \to \operatorname{Exit}(\Gamma'')$ , respectively. There exists a pullback diagram in  $\operatorname{Cat}_{\infty}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathfrak{P}(\Gamma) &\longrightarrow \mathfrak{P}(\Gamma'') \\
\downarrow & \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow_{ev''} \\
\mathfrak{P}(\Gamma') &\xrightarrow{ev'} \operatorname{Fun}(I, \operatorname{St}).
\end{aligned}$$
(27)

*Proof.* Applying the functor Fun(-, St) to the pushout diagram in  $Cat_{\infty}$ 

yields the following pullback diagram in  $Cat_{\infty}$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \operatorname{Fun}(\operatorname{Exit}(\Gamma),\operatorname{St}) & \longrightarrow & \operatorname{Fun}(\operatorname{Exit}(\Gamma''),\operatorname{St}) \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & & \downarrow \\ & & & & & \\ \operatorname{Fun}(\operatorname{Exit}(\Gamma'),\operatorname{St}) & \longrightarrow & \operatorname{Fun}(I,\operatorname{St}). \end{array}$$

The statement that diagram (27) is pullback follows from the following observation: an element  $\mathcal{F} \in$  Fun(Exit( $\Gamma$ ), St) lies in  $\mathfrak{P}(\Gamma)$  if and only if its restriction to Fun(Exit( $\Gamma'$ ), St) and Fun(Exit( $\Gamma''$ ), St) lie in  $\mathfrak{P}(\Gamma')$ , respectively.

## 4.3. Global sections and duality

**Definition 4.19.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a ribbon graph and let  $\mathcal{F}$ : Exit( $\Gamma$ )  $\rightarrow$  St be a  $\Gamma$ -parametrised perverse schober.

• We call the stable  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{H}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F}) := \lim \mathcal{F}$  the  $\infty$ -category of global sections of  $\mathcal{F}$ . Global sections form a functor

$$\mathcal{H}(\Gamma, -): \mathfrak{P}(\Gamma) \to \mathrm{St}.$$

• For  $e \in \Gamma_1$ , we denote by  $ev_e : \mathcal{H}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F}) \to \mathcal{F}(e)$  the evaluation functor contained in the limit diagram defining  $\mathcal{H}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F})$ . Given a subribbon graph  $\Gamma' \subset \Gamma$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{H}_{\Gamma'}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F})$  the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{H}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F})$  of global sections *X* such that  $ev_e(X) = 0$  for all edges  $e \in \Gamma_1 \setminus \Gamma'_1$ . We call  $\mathcal{H}_{\Gamma'}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F})$  the  $\infty$ -category of sections of  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  with support on  $\Gamma'$ .

**Definition 4.20.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a ribbon graph. We denote  $\text{Entry}(\Gamma) := \text{Exit}(\Gamma)^{op}$ . Given a  $\Gamma$ -parametrised perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}$ , we call the right adjoint and left adjoint diagrams, respectively,

$$\mathbb{D}^{R}\mathcal{F}, \mathbb{D}^{L}\mathcal{F}: \operatorname{Entry}(\Gamma) \longrightarrow \operatorname{St}$$

the right and left dual of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

**Remark 4.21.** Consider the setup of Definition 4.20. Lemma 3.8 implies that there exists an equivalence  $\mathbb{D}^R \mathcal{F} \simeq \mathbb{D}^L \mathcal{F}$  in Fun(Entry( $\Gamma$ ), St), which restricts on each vertex v with corresponding spherical adjunction  $F_v \dashv G_v$  to the twist functor of the spherical adjunction  $F'_v \dashv G'_v$ .

**Remark 4.22.** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a  $\Gamma$ -parametrised perverse schober. All functors in the image of  $\mathcal{F}$  are part of a spherical adjunction and thus preserve all existing limits and colimits. If  $\mathcal{F}$ : Exit( $\Gamma$ )  $\rightarrow$  St takes as values presentable  $\infty$ -categories, it thus factors through the two forgetful functors  $\mathcal{P}r_{St}^L, \mathcal{P}r_{St}^R \rightarrow St$ .

Assume that  $\mathcal{F}$  takes as values presentable  $\infty$ -categories. The left and right duals  $\mathbb{D}^L \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{D}^R \mathcal{F}$ : Entry( $\Gamma$ )  $\rightarrow$  St both factor through the forgetful functor  $\mathcal{P}r_{St}^L \rightarrow St$ , and there exist equivalences of  $\infty$ -categories

$$\mathcal{H}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F}) \simeq \underset{\mathcal{P}r^{L}}{\operatorname{colim}} \mathbb{D}^{R} \mathcal{F},$$

$$\mathcal{H}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F}) \simeq \underset{\mathcal{P}r^{L}}{\operatorname{colim}} \mathbb{D}^{L} \mathcal{F}.$$
(28)

We can thus, under the assumption of presentability, equivalently express parametrised perverse schobers and their global sections via their duals. These two perspectives may be seen as a categorification of the two possible perspectives on perverse sheaves, either in terms of sheaves or in terms of cosheaves interchanged by Verdier duality [KS19].

#### 4.4. Contractions of ribbon graphs

**Definition 4.23.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a ribbon graph and  $\mathcal{F}$  a  $\Gamma$ -parametrised perverse schober. Let  $v \in \Gamma_0$  be a vertex of  $\Gamma$  and consider the  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{V}_{F_v}^l$  of vanishing cycles of  $\mathcal{F}$  at v. We call v a singularity of  $\mathcal{F}$  if there is no equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories  $\mathcal{V}_{F_v}^l \simeq 0$ .

Given a subset  $V \subset \Gamma_0$ , we denote by  $\mathfrak{P}(\Gamma, V)$  the full subcategory of  $\mathfrak{P}$  spanned by perverse schobers whose singularities lie in V.

The goal of this section is to show that parametrised perverse schobers can be transported along contractions of ribbon graphs which do not contract any edges joining two singularities, such that the  $\infty$ -categories of global sections are preserved up to equivalence.

#### Definition 4.24.

- Let  $\Gamma$  be a ribbon graph and  $e \in \Gamma_1$  an edge connecting two distinct vertices  $v_1, v_2$ . Let  $\{e_1, e_2\}$  be the orbit representing the edge e. We define a ribbon graph  $\Gamma'$  with the following properties:
  - $-\Gamma'_0 = \Gamma_0/(v_1 \sim v_2)$  is the set obtained from  $\Gamma_0$  obtained by identifying  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ .
  - $\operatorname{H}_{\Gamma'} = \operatorname{H}_{\Gamma} \setminus \{e_1, e_2\}.$
  - $\tau : H_{\Gamma'} \to H_{\Gamma'}$  is the restriction of  $\tau : H_{\Gamma} \to H_{\Gamma}$ .
  - $-\sigma: H_{\Gamma'} \to \Gamma'_0$  is the composite map  $: H_{\Gamma'} \subset H_{\Gamma} \xrightarrow{\sigma} \Gamma_0 \to \Gamma'_0$ .
  - The cyclic order on  $H_{\Gamma'}(v)$  with  $v \in \Gamma'_0 \setminus [v_1]$  is identical to the cyclic order on  $H_{\Gamma}(v)$ . Choose any two linear orders of the elements of  $H_{\Gamma}(v_1) \setminus \{e_1\}$  and  $H_{\Gamma}(v_2) \setminus \{e_2\}$  compatible with the given cyclic ordering. Consider the total order on

$$\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma'}([v_1]) = \left(\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma}(v_1) \setminus \{e_1\}\right) \cup \left(\mathbf{H}_{\Gamma}(v_2) \setminus \{e_2\}\right)$$

which restricts to the given total orders on  $H_{\Gamma}(v_1) \setminus \{e_1\}, H_{\Gamma}(v_2) \setminus \{e_2\}$  and such that all elements of  $H_{\Gamma}(v_2) \setminus \{e_2\}$  follow the elements in  $H_{\Gamma}(v_1) \setminus \{e_1\}$ ). We let the cyclic order on  $H_{\Gamma'}([v_1])$  be the cyclic order induced by the total order in the sense of Remark 4.25.

We call  $\Gamma'$  the edge contraction of  $\Gamma$  at *e*.

• Let  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma'$  be ribbon graphs. We say that there exists a contraction from  $\Gamma$  to  $\Gamma'$  if  $\Gamma'$  is obtained as a (finitely many times) repeated edge contraction of  $\Gamma$ . We write  $c : \Gamma \to \Gamma'$ .

**Remark 4.25.** A total order on a finite set H with cardinality *n* can be defined as a bijection  $\phi$  :  $\{1, ..., n\} \simeq H$ . Such a total order induces a cyclic order, where  $\phi(i + 1)$  follows  $\phi(i)$  if  $i \neq n$  and  $\phi(1)$  follows  $\phi(n)$ .

**Lemma 4.26.** Let  $F : \mathcal{V}_F^1 \leftrightarrow \mathcal{N}_F : G$  be a spherical adjunction. Set  $m, n \ge 1$  and consider the stable  $\infty$ -categories  $\mathcal{V}_{0_{\mathcal{N}_F}}^m$  and  $\mathcal{V}_F^n$  with categorified restriction maps  $\varrho_i^1 : \mathcal{V}_{0_{\mathcal{N}_F}}^m \to \mathcal{N}_F$ , with  $i = 1, \ldots, m$ , and  $\varrho_j^2 : \mathcal{V}_F^n \to \mathcal{N}_F$ , with  $j = 1, \ldots, n$ .

1. There exists a pullback diagram in  $Cat_{\infty}$  as follows:

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
\mathcal{V}_{F}^{n+m-2} & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & \mathcal{V}_{F}^{n} \\
& \downarrow^{\beta} & \stackrel{\neg}{\longrightarrow} & \downarrow^{\varrho_{1}^{2}} \\
\mathcal{V}_{0_{\mathcal{N}_{F}}}^{m} & \xrightarrow{\varrho_{m}^{1}} & \mathcal{N}_{F}.
\end{array}$$
(29)

2. Denote by  $\varrho_1, \ldots, \varrho_{n+m-2} : \mathcal{V}_F^{n+m-2} \to \mathcal{N}_F$  the categorified restriction maps. There exist equivalences of functors  $\varrho_j \simeq \varrho_j^1 \circ \beta$  and  $\varrho_{i+m-2} \simeq \varrho_i^2 \circ \alpha$  for  $j = 1, \ldots, m-1$  and  $i = 2, \ldots, n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $D_1 : \Delta^{m-2} \to \text{St}$  be the constant diagram with value  $\mathcal{N}_F$  and  $D_2 : \Delta^{n-1} \to \text{St}$ ,  $D : \Delta^{n+m-3} \to \text{St}$  be the diagrams obtained from the sequences of composable functors

$$\mathcal{V}_F^1 \xrightarrow{G} \mathcal{N}_F \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id}} \cdots \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id}} \mathcal{N}_F.$$

The diagram D restricts to the diagrams  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  on  $\Delta^{\{0,\dots,n-1\}}$  and  $\Delta^{\{n-1,\dots,n+m-3\}}$ , respectively. The inclusion functor  $\Delta^{\{0,\dots,n-1\}} \amalg_{\Delta^{\{n-1\}}} \Delta^{\{n-1,\dots,n+m-3\}} \rightarrow \Delta^{n+m-3}$  is inner anodyne. It follows that the restriction functor

res : Fun 
$$\left(\Delta^{n+m-3}, \Gamma(D)\right) \to$$
 Fun  $\left(\Delta^{n-1}, \Gamma(D_1)\right) \times_{\mathcal{N}_F}$  Fun  $\left(\Delta^{m-2}, \Gamma(D_2)\right)$ 

is a trivial fibration, from which we obtain a further trivial fibration

$$\operatorname{Fun}_{\Delta^{n+m-3}}\left(\Delta^{n+m-3},\Gamma(D)\right)\to\operatorname{Fun}_{\Delta^{n-1}}\left(\Delta^{n-1},\Gamma(D_1)\right)\times_{\mathcal{N}_F}\operatorname{Fun}_{\Delta^{m-2}}\left(\Delta^{m-2},\Gamma(D_2)\right).$$

Using the equivalences of  $\infty$ -categories

$$\mathcal{V}_{F}^{n} \simeq \operatorname{Fun}_{\Delta^{n-1}} \left( \Delta^{n-1}, \Gamma(D_{2}) \right),$$
  
$$\mathcal{V}_{0_{\mathcal{N}_{F}}}^{m} \simeq \operatorname{Fun}_{\Delta^{m-2}} \left( \Delta^{m-2}, \Gamma(D_{1}) \right),$$
  
$$\mathcal{V}_{F}^{n+m-3} \simeq \operatorname{Fun}_{\Delta^{n+m-3}} \left( \Delta^{n+m-3}, \Gamma(D) \right),$$

it follows that there exists a pullback diagram in the form of diagram (29). The functors  $\alpha[2-m]$  and  $\beta$  in this pullback diagram are given by the restriction functors to the first m - 1 and last n components, respectively. The description of the categorified restriction maps can thus be checked directly.

Construction 4.27. Consider the setup of Lemma 4.26 and the diagram

where  $1 \le i \le m$  and  $1 \le j \le n$  are arbitrary. We can use the paracyclic twist functors  $\left(T_{\mathcal{V}_{F}^{n}}\right)^{1-j}$  and  $\left(T_{\mathcal{V}_{0,\mathcal{N}_{F}}^{m}}\right)^{m-i}$  (see Section 3.2 and Proposition 3.11 in particular) to find a natural equivalence between diagram (30) and the following diagram:

The limits of diagrams (30) and (31) are therefore both equivalent to  $\mathcal{V}_F^{n+m-2}$ . Proposition 3.11 also shows that under this equivalence, the resulting categorified restriction maps  $\varrho_i : \mathcal{V}_F^{n+m-2} \to \mathcal{N}_F$  are cyclically permuted and may each further change by postcomposition with an autoequivalence of the form  $(T_{\mathcal{N}_F}[n-1])^l$  for some  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

**Proposition 4.28.** Let  $c : \Gamma \to \Gamma'$  be a contraction of ribbon graphs and let  $V \subset \Gamma_0$  be a subset such that no two vertices in V are contracted to a single vertex by c. There is a functor of  $\infty$ -categories  $c_* : \mathfrak{P}(\Gamma, V) \to \mathfrak{P}(\Gamma')$  making the following diagram commute:

$$\mathfrak{P}(\Gamma, V) \xrightarrow{c_*} \mathfrak{P}(\Gamma')$$

$$\mathcal{H}(\Gamma, \cdot) \xrightarrow{f_*} \mathcal{H}(\Gamma', \cdot)$$

$$\mathfrak{St}. \qquad (32)$$

*Proof.* It suffices to show the statement in the case that *c* is the contraction of an edge  $e \in \Gamma_1$  connecting two vertices  $v_1, v_2$  such that  $v_1 \notin V$ . The edge contraction *c* induces a functor  $\text{Exit}(c) : \text{Exit}(\Gamma) \to \text{Exit}(\Gamma')$  determined by mapping

•  $x \in \Gamma_0 \setminus \{v_1, v_2\} \subset \text{Exit}(\Gamma)$  to  $x \in \Gamma_0 \setminus \{v_1, v_2\} \subset \text{Exit}(\Gamma')$ , •  $v_1, v_2 \in \Gamma_0 \subset \text{Exit}(\Gamma)$  to  $[v_1]$ , •  $f \in \Gamma_1 \setminus \{e\} \subset \text{Exit}(\Gamma)$  to  $f \in \Gamma_1 \setminus \{e\} \subset \text{Exit}(\Gamma')$  and •  $e \in \Gamma_1 \subset \text{Exit}(\Gamma)$  to  $[v_1] \in \Gamma'_0 \subset \text{Exit}(\Gamma')$ .

We define  $\mathcal{E}$  to be the poset determined by the following properties:

- There exist fully faithful functors  $\text{Exit}(\Gamma'), \text{Exit}(\Gamma) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$ .
- The induced functor  $\operatorname{Exit}(\Gamma') \amalg \operatorname{Exit}(\Gamma) \to \mathcal{E}$  is bijective on objects.
- For  $x' \in \text{Exit}(\Gamma')$  and  $x \in \text{Exit}(\Gamma)$ , there exists a unique morphism from x' to x in  $\mathcal{E}$  if and only if there exists a morphism  $x' \to \text{Exit}(c)(x)$ . There are no morphisms from x to x'.

Note that the poset  $\mathcal{E}$  can be equivalently described as the total space of a Cartesian fibration classifying the functor  $\text{Exit}(c) : \Delta^1 \to \text{Cat}_{\infty}$ .

We define  $c_*$ : Fun(Exit( $\Gamma$ ), St)  $\rightarrow$  Fun(Exit( $\Gamma$ ), St) as the composition of the right Kan extension functor along the inclusion Exit( $\Gamma$ )  $\rightarrow \mathcal{E}$  with the restriction functor to Exit( $\Gamma'$ ). It follows from Lemma 4.26 and Construction 4.27 that  $c_*$  maps  $\mathfrak{P}(\Gamma, V)$  to  $\mathfrak{P}(\Gamma')$ . The commutativity of diagram (32) follows from right Kan extensions commuting with right Kan extensions.

# 5. Algebraic descriptions of $\mathcal{V}_{f^*}^n$

This section provides auxiliary computations to be used in Section 6. In Section 5.1 we study the  $\infty$ -category Fun $(S^n, \mathcal{D}(k))$  of local systems on the *n*-sphere with values in the derived  $\infty$ -category of a commutative ring *k* and the spherical adjunction  $f^* : \mathcal{D}(k) \leftrightarrow \text{Fun}(S^n, \mathcal{D}(k)) : f_*$ . We show that there is an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories Fun $(S^n, \mathcal{D}(k)) \simeq \mathcal{D}(k[t_{n-1}])$ , where  $k[t_{n-1}]$  denotes the polynomial algebra with generator in degree  $|t_{n-1}| = n - 1$ . In Section 5.2 we describe the perverse schober on the disc obtained from the spherical adjunction  $f^* \dashv f_*$ .

## 5.1. Local systems on spheres

In [Chr20], we showed the following:

**Proposition 5.1.** For  $n \ge 0$ , let  $S^n$  denote the singular set of the topological n-sphere and consider the map  $f: S^n \to *$ . Further, let  $\mathcal{D}$  be a stable  $\infty$ -category and

$$f^*: \mathcal{D} \to \operatorname{Fun}(S^n, \mathcal{D}) \tag{33}$$

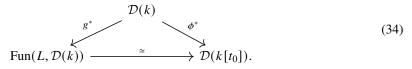
be the pullback functor with right adjoint  $f_*$ , given by the limit functor. The adjunction  $f^* \dashv f_*$  is spherical with twist functor  $T_{\mathcal{D}} \simeq [-n]$ .

We call the  $\infty$ -category Fun $(S^n, D)$  the  $\infty$ -category of local systems on  $S^n$  with values in D. It is well known that if D = D(k) for some commutative ring k, the  $\infty$ -category of local systems on  $S^1$  with values in D(k) is equivalent to the  $\infty$ -category  $D(k[t, t^{-1}])$ , where  $k[t, t^{-1}]$  is the ring of Laurent polynomials. In this section we show the existence of an equivalence of k-linear  $\infty$ -categories Fun $(S^n, D(k)) \simeq D(k[t_{n-1}])$  for n > 2, where  $k[t_{n-1}]$  is the polynomial algebra with generator in degree  $|t_{n-1}| = n - 1$ . In Section 7.2 we will show that this description also generalises to  $D = \text{RMod}_R$ for R an  $\mathbb{E}_{\infty}$ -ring spectrum. We will end this section with an explicit description of the cotwist functor of the adjunction  $f^* \dashv f_*$ . We begin with the following observation:

**Remark 5.2.** Let Z be a simplicial set. The  $\infty$ -category Fun $(Z, \mathcal{D}(k))$  admits a symmetric monoidal structure such that the pullback functor  $h^*$  along  $h : Z \to *$  is a symmetric monoidal functor (see, for example, [Chr20, Section 3.3]). We can thus consider Fun $(Z, \mathcal{D}(k))$  as a left module in  $\mathcal{P}r_{St}^L$  over itself and the functor  $h^*$  as a morphism of algebra objects in  $\mathcal{P}r^L$ . Pulling back along  $h^*$  provides Fun $(Z, \mathcal{D}(k))$  with the structure of a left module over  $\mathcal{D}(k)$  and thus with the structure of a left-tensoring over  $\mathcal{D}(k)$ . This shows that Fun $(Z, \mathcal{D}(k))$  is a k-linear  $\infty$ -category such that the functor  $h^*$  is k-linear.

We let *L* denote the simplicial set consisting of a single vertex and a single nondegenerate 1-simplex. We use Remark 5.2 to lift Fun(*L*,  $\mathcal{D}(k)$ ) to a *k*-linear  $\infty$ -category. Denote by  $k[t_0]$  the polynomial algebra with  $|t_0| = 0$ .

**Lemma 5.3.** Consider the pullback functor  $g^* : \mathcal{D}(k) \to \operatorname{Fun}(L, \mathcal{D}(k))$  along  $g : L \to *$ . There exists an equivalence of k-linear  $\infty$ -categories  $\operatorname{Fun}(L, \mathcal{D}(k)) \simeq \mathcal{D}(k[t_0])$  such that the following diagram commutes:



*Here*  $\phi^*$  *denotes the pullback functor along the morphism of dg-algebras*  $k[t_0] \xrightarrow{t_0 \mapsto 1} k$ .

*Proof.* We observe that  $\operatorname{Fun}(L, \mathcal{D}(k))$  admits a compact generator X, given by the diagram  $k[t_0] \xrightarrow{t_0} k[t_0]$  in  $\mathcal{D}(k)$ . The homology of the k-linear endomorphism algebra  $\operatorname{End}_k(X)$  is concentrated in degree 0, and a direct computation shows that it is equivalent to the k-vector space  $k[t_0]$ . It follows that  $\operatorname{End}_k(X)$  is formal. The composition of morphisms induces the polynomial algebra structure on  $k[t_0]$ . In total, this shows that  $\operatorname{End}_k(X)$  is quasi-isomorphic as a dg-algebra to  $k[t_0]$ . The existence of the equivalence of k-linear  $\infty$ -categories  $\epsilon$  :  $\operatorname{Fun}(L, \mathcal{D}(k)) \simeq \mathcal{D}(k[t_0])$  thus follows from Lemma 2.5. The k-linear functors  $g^*, \phi^*$  are fully determined by  $g^*(k) = (k \xrightarrow{\operatorname{id}} k)$  and  $\phi^*(k)$ , respectively [Lur17, Section 4.8.4]. The apparent equivalence  $\epsilon g^*(k) \simeq \phi^*(k)$  thus implies the commutativity of diagram (34).  $\Box$ 

For  $n \ge 1$ , we denote by  $i : * \to S^n$  the inclusion functor of any vertex and by  $i^* : \operatorname{Fun}(S^n, \mathcal{D}(k)) \to \mathcal{D}(k)$  the associated pullback functor. We use Remark 5.2 to lift  $i^*$  and the functor  $f^*$  from formula (33) to *k*-linear functors. We further denote by  $g_1, f_1$  and  $i_1$  the left adjoints of  $g^*, f^*$  and  $i^*$ , respectively.

## Lemma 5.4.

1. There exists a pushout diagram in  $LinCat_k$  as follows:

2. Set  $n \ge 2$ . There exists a pushout diagram in LinCat<sub>k</sub> as follows:

*Proof.* We begin by showing statement 2. Consider the following pushout diagram of spaces:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{f} & * \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow^{i} \\ & * & \xrightarrow{i} & S^{n}. \end{array}$$

It is also pushout in  $\operatorname{Cat}_{\infty}$ . Applying the limit-preserving functor  $\operatorname{Fun}(-, \mathcal{D}(k)) : \operatorname{Cat}_{\infty}^{op} \to \operatorname{Cat}_{\infty}$  maps this pushout diagram to the following pullback diagram in  $\mathcal{P}r^R$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\operatorname{Fun}(S^n, \mathcal{D}(k)) & \xrightarrow{i^*} \mathcal{D}(k) \\
\xrightarrow{i^*} & \downarrow & \downarrow f^* \\
\mathcal{D}(k) & \xrightarrow{f^*} \operatorname{Fun}\left(S^{n-1}, \mathcal{D}(k)\right).
\end{aligned}$$

The left adjoint diagram is diagram (36) and thus pushout in  $LinCat_k$ .

We now show statement 1. The geometric realisation of L is equivalent to the topological 1-sphere. There thus exists a morphism of simplicial sets  $L \to S^1$  such that the limit functor  $g_* = \lim$ : Fun $(L, \mathcal{D}(k)) \to \mathcal{D}(k)$  restricts via the pullback functor  $i^*$ : Fun $(S^1, \mathcal{D}(k)) \to \operatorname{Fun}(L, \mathcal{D}(k))$  to the limit functor  $f_*$ . The left adjoint  $g^* : \mathcal{D}(k) \to \operatorname{Fun}(L, \mathcal{D}(k))$  thus factors through Fun $(S^1, \mathcal{D}(k))$ . It thus follows from the explicit model for limits in Cat<sub>∞</sub> that the right adjoint diagram of diagram (35) is pullback in  $\mathcal{P}r^R$ . It follows that diagram (35) is pushout in LinCat<sub>k</sub>.

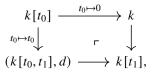
**Proposition 5.5.** Set  $n \ge 2$ . There exists an equivalence of k-linear  $\infty$ -categories

$$\operatorname{Fun}(S^n, \mathcal{D}(k)) \simeq \mathcal{D}(k[t_{n-1}]), \tag{37}$$

such that the following diagram in  $LinCat_k$  commutes:

*Here G denotes the monadic functor and*  $\phi^*$  *the pullback functor along the morphism of dg-algebras*  $\phi: k[t_{n-1}] \xrightarrow{t_{n-1} \mapsto 0} k.$ 

*Proof.* We observe that the composition of the autoequivalence of dg-algebras  $k[t_0] \xrightarrow{t_0 \mapsto t_0 - 1} k[t_0]$  with the morphism of dg-algebras  $k[t_0] \xrightarrow{t_0 \mapsto 1} k[t_0]$  is given by  $k[t_0] \xrightarrow{t_0 \mapsto 0} k$ . It therefore follows from Lemma 5.3 that for n = 2, the pushout square (36) is equivalent to the image under  $\mathcal{D}(-)$  of the following homotopy pushout diagram of dg-categories with a single object:



where  $k[t_0, t_1]$  denotes the dg-algebra freely generated by  $t_0$  and  $t_1$  in degrees 0 and 1 and differential *d* determined by  $d(t_1) = t_0, d(t_0) = 0$ . It follows that there exists an equivalence of *k*-linear  $\infty$ -categories Fun  $(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k)) \simeq \mathcal{D}(k[t_1])$ , making the the upper half of diagram (38) commute.

The k-linear functors  $\phi^* : \mathcal{D}(k) \to \mathcal{D}(k[t_1])$  and  $f^* : \mathcal{D}(k) \to \operatorname{Fun}(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k))$  are determined by  $\phi^*(k)$  and  $f^*(k)$ , respectively. The homology of the chain complex underlying the right  $k[t_1]$ -module  $\phi^*(k)$  is concentrated in degree 0, given by k. Using the facts that the upper half of diagram (38) commutes and that  $i^*f^*(k) = k$ , it follows that  $f^*(k)$  is also mapped under the equivalence  $\operatorname{Fun}(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k)) \simeq \mathcal{D}(k[t_1])$  to a right  $k[t_1]$ -module with homology k. There exists a unique right  $k[t_1]$ -module, up to quasi-isomorphism, with homology k. This right  $k[t_1]$ -module k is equivalent to the module determined by the morphism of dg-algebras  $k[t_1] \xrightarrow{t_1 \mapsto 0} k$ . It follows that the lower half of diagram (38) commutes for n = 2. For n > 3, one can argue analogously and by induction. The pushout square (36) is equivalent to the image under  $\mathcal{D}(-)$  of the following homotopy pushout diagram of dg-categories:

Here again,  $k[t_{n-2}, t_{n-1}]$  denotes the freely generated dg-algebra with two generators in degrees n-2and n-1 and differential determined by  $d(t_{n-1}) = t_{n-2}$ ,  $d(t_{n-2}) = 0$ . We find the desired equivalence of k-linear  $\infty$ -categories Fun $(S^n, \mathcal{D}(k)) \simeq \mathcal{D}(k[t_{n-1}])$ , making the upper half of diagram (38) commute. Showing that the lower half of diagram (38) commutes is analogous to the case n = 2.

**Remark 5.6.** The composite functor  $* \xrightarrow{i} S^n \xrightarrow{f} *$  is an equivalence of spaces. The functor

$$\mathcal{D}(k) \xrightarrow{i_1} \operatorname{Fun}(S^n, \mathcal{D}(k)) \xrightarrow{f_1} \mathcal{D}(k)$$

is thus equivalent to  $id_{\mathcal{D}(k)}$ . By the sphericalness of  $f^* \dashv f_*$ , there exists an equivalence  $f_* \simeq f_![-n]$ and therefore  $f_*i_!(k) \simeq k[-n]$ . Note that Proposition 5.5 shows that  $i_!(k)$  is equivalent to the compact generator  $k[t_{n-1}] \in \mathcal{D}(k[t_{n-1}]) \simeq \operatorname{Fun}(S^n, \mathcal{D}(k))$ .

We now describe the cotwist functor  $T_{\operatorname{Fun}(S^n, \mathcal{D}(k))}$  of the spherical adjunction  $f^* \dashv f_*$  for  $n \ge 2$ . Consider the morphism of dg-algebras  $\varphi : k[t_{n-1}] \to k[t_{n-1}]$  determined by  $\varphi(t_{n-1}) = (-1)^{n-1}t_{n-1}$ . Let  $\varphi^* : \mathcal{D}(k[t_{n-1}]) \to \mathcal{D}(k[t_{n-1}])$  be the pullback functor.

**Proposition 5.7.** Set  $n \ge 2$  and let k be a commutative ring. There exists a commutative diagram in LinCat<sub>k</sub> as follows:

$$\begin{array}{c} \operatorname{Fun}(S^{n}, \mathcal{D}(k)) \xrightarrow{T_{\operatorname{Fun}(S^{n}, \mathcal{D}(k))}} \operatorname{Fun}(S^{n}, \mathcal{D}(k)) \\ \text{formula (37)} \downarrow \simeq & \text{formula (37)} \downarrow \simeq \\ \mathcal{D}(k[t_{n-1}]) \xrightarrow{\varphi^{*}[-n]} \mathcal{D}(k[t_{n-1}]). \end{array}$$

**Remark 5.8.** Note that only if *n* is odd does there exist an equivalence of functors  $T_{\text{Fun}(S^n, \mathcal{D}(k))} \simeq [-n]$ . The functor  $T_{\text{Fun}(S^n, \mathcal{D}(k))}[n]$  is otherwise the involution reversing the sign of  $t_{n-1}$ .

*Proof of Proposition 5.7.* The dg-category of  $k[t_{n-1}]$ -bimodules is equivalent to the dg-category dgMod $(k[t_{n-1}] \otimes_k k[t_{n-1}]^{\text{op}})$ . The former dg-category thus inherits a model structure from the projective model structure of the latter, whose underlying  $\infty$ -category is equivalent to the  $\infty$ -category of k-linear endofunctors of  $\mathcal{D}(k[t_{n-1}])$ . Let  $\odot$  denote the multiplication in  $k[t_{n-1}]$ . We denote by  $k[t_{n-1}]$  the  $k[t_{n-1}]$ -bimodule  $k[t_{n-1}]$  with

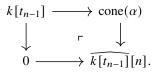
- underlying chain complex  $k[t_{n-1}]$ ,
- left action on  $a \in \widehat{k[t_{n-1}]}$  determined by  $t_{n-1}^i a = (-1)^{i(n-1)} t_{n-1}^i \odot a$  and
- right action on  $a \in \widehat{k[t_{n-1}]}$  determined by  $a.t_{n-1}^i = a \odot t_{n-1}^i$ .

Note that  $\varphi^* \simeq - \bigotimes_{k[t_{n-1}]} \widehat{k[t_{n-1}]}$ . We can thus prove the proposition by showing that the composite of the twist functor  $T'_{\text{Fun}(S^n, \mathcal{D}(k))}$  of the spherical adjunction  $f_! \dashv f^*$  with the equivalence (37) is equivalent to  $-\bigotimes \widehat{k[t_{n-1}]}[n]$ . Using the commutativity of the lower part of diagram (38), it suffices to show that the twist functor T of the spherical adjunction  $\phi_! \dashv \phi^*$  is equivalent to  $-\bigotimes \widehat{k[t_{n-1}]}[n]$ .

Using Remark 5.6, it follows that  $\phi^* \phi_!(k[t_{n-1}]) \simeq k \in \mathcal{D}(k[t_{n-1}])$ , with k the  $k[t_{n-1}]$ -bimodule determined by the morphism of dg-algebras  $\phi$ . The k-linear functor  $\phi^* \phi_!$  is thus equivalent to the functor  $- \bigotimes_{k[t_{n-1}]} k$ , for a  $k[t_{n-1}]$ -bimodule k. There is a unique such bimodule, which carries the action  $t_{n-1}.1 = 0 = 1.t_{n-1} \in k$ . A cofibrant replacement of the  $k[t_{n-1}]$ -bimodule k is given the cone of the morphism of bimodules

$$\alpha: \widehat{k[t_{n-1}]}[n-1] \to k[t_{n-1}].,$$
$$t_{n-1}^i \mapsto t_{n-1}^i.$$

To see that  $\alpha$  indeed exists, note that by the definition of  $\overline{k[t_{n-1}]}$  and the sign rule for the shift of left modules (see Remark 2.9), the left action of  $k[t_{n-1}]$  on  $\overline{k[t_{n-1}]}[n-1]$  is determined by  $t_{n-1} = (-1)^{(n-1)+(n-1)}t_{n-1} = t_{n-1}$ . We deduce that the twist functor *T* is equivalent to the functor given by tensoring with the homotopy pushout in the following diagram of cofibrant  $k[t_{n-1}]$ -bimodules:



We have shown  $T \simeq - \bigotimes_{k[t_{n-1}]} \widehat{k[t_{n-1}]}[n]$ , finishing the proof.

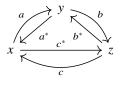
5.2.  $V_{f^*}^2$  and  $V_{f^*}^3$ 

For  $n \ge 2$ , we consider the spherical adjunction  $f^* : \mathcal{D}(k) \leftrightarrow \operatorname{Fun}(S^n, \mathcal{D}(k)) : f_*$  of Proposition 5.1. The goal of this section is to prove Propositions 5.9 and 5.12, describing the parametrised perverse schober on a 2-gon and 3-gon obtained from the spherical adjunction  $f^* \dashv f_*$ .

**Proposition 5.9.** Let k be a commutative ring and set  $n \ge 2$ . Let  $D_2$  be the freely generated dg-category with two objects x, z

$$z \xleftarrow{c}{c^*} x$$

with morphisms in degrees |c| = 0 and  $|c^*| = n - 1$  and vanishing differentials. Further, let  $D_3$  be the freely generated dg-category with three objects x, y, z



with morphisms in degrees |b| = |c| = 0, |a| = n - 2,  $|b^*| = |c^*| = n - 1$ ,  $|a^*| = 1$  and differential determined by

$$d(a) = d(b) = d(c) = 0,$$
  
 $d(a^*) = cb, \quad d(b^*) = ac, \quad d(c^*) = ba.$ 

*There exist equivalences of*  $\infty$ *-categories* 

$$\mathcal{N}_{f^*} \simeq \mathcal{D}(k[t_{n-1}]),\tag{39}$$

$$\mathcal{V}_{f^*}^2 \simeq \mathcal{D}(D_2),\tag{40}$$

$$\mathcal{V}_{f^*}^3 \simeq \mathcal{D}(D_3). \tag{41}$$

**Remark 5.10.** Proposition 5.9 shows that dimension n = 2 is distinguished. Only in dimension n = 2 do we find the morphisms a, b, c in  $D_3$  to all be in degree 0.

**Notation 5.11.** For  $\tau = +, -,$  denote by  $i_1^{\tau}, i_2^{\tau}, i_3^{\tau} : k[t_{n-1}] \to D_3$  the dg-functors determined by mapping \* to x, z, y, respectively, and  $t_{n-1}$  to  $\tau(cc^* - a^*a), \tau(bb^* - c^*c), \tau((-1)^n aa^* - b^*b)$ . We further set  $(-)^n = +$  if n is even and  $(-)^n = -$  if n is odd.

### **Proposition 5.12.**

- 1. Under the equivalences (39) and (41), the functors  $\varsigma_2, \varsigma_3 : \mathcal{N}_{f^*} \to \mathcal{V}_{f^*}^3$  are equivalent to the image under  $\mathcal{D}(-)$  of the dg-functors  $i_2^{(-)^{n-1}}$  and  $i_3^{(-)^n}$ , respectively. If n = 2, then  $\varsigma_1$  is equivalent to  $\mathcal{D}(i_1^+)$ .
- 2. Suppose that n = 2. Under the equivalences (39) and (40), the functors  $\varsigma_1, \varsigma_2 : \mathcal{N}_{f^*} \to \mathcal{V}_{f^*}^2$  are equivalent to the image under  $\mathcal{D}(-)$  of the dg-functors  $k[t_1] \to D_2$  determined by mapping  $t_1$  to  $cc^*$  and  $c^*c$ , respectively.

### **Lemma 5.13.** *Set* $n \ge 2$ *.*

1. There exists an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories

$$\mathcal{V}_{f^*}^2 \simeq \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{A_2}),\tag{42}$$

where

$$\mathbf{A_2} = \begin{pmatrix} k & k[-n] \\ 0 & k[t_{n-1}] \end{pmatrix}$$

is the upper triangular dg-algebra.

2. There exists an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories

$$\mathcal{V}_{f^*}^3 \simeq \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{A}_3),\tag{43}$$

where

$$\mathbf{A_3} = \begin{pmatrix} k & k[-n] & 0\\ 0 & k[t_{n-1}] & k[t_{n-1}]\\ 0 & 0 & k[t_{n-1}] \end{pmatrix}$$

is the upper triangular dg-algebra.

*Proof.* This follows from Proposition 2.39 and the characterisation of  $f^*$  in Proposition 5.5, as well as Remark 5.6.

### *Proof of Proposition 5.9.* We have constructed equivalence (39) in Proposition 5.5.

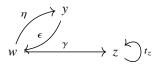
Before we continue with the construction of the equivalences (40) and (41), we collect the following sign rules used implicitly in the following. Let *C* be any dg-category, set  $x, y \in \text{dgMod}(C)$  two dg-modules and consider a morphism  $\alpha : x \to y$ . The cone  $\text{cone}(\alpha) = x[1] \oplus y$  has the differential  $d_n(x, y) = (-d(x), d(y) - \alpha(x))$ . The morphism complex Hom(x, y) has differential  $d(f) = d_y \circ f - (-1)^{\text{deg}(f)} f \circ d_x$ .

We proceed with the construction of equivalence (41).

Consider the compact generators

$$v = p_1 \mathbf{A_3}[-n], \qquad y = p_2 \mathbf{A_3}, \qquad z = p_3 \mathbf{A_3}$$

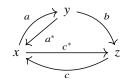
of  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{A_3})$ . Let  $w = \operatorname{cone}(e)$ , with e given by  $1 \in k[-n] \simeq \operatorname{Hom}_{\operatorname{dgMod}(\mathbf{A_3})}(v, y)$ . Note that w, y, z are also compact generators of  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{A_3})$ . A direct inspection shows that the full dg-subcategory  $\langle w, y, z \rangle \subset \operatorname{dgMod}(\mathbf{A_3})$  spanned by w, y, z is quasiequivalent to the dg-category C with objects w, y, z and morphisms generated by the morphisms depicted in



in the degrees  $|\epsilon| = |\gamma| = 0$ ,  $|t_z| = |\eta| = n - 1$ ,  $|\delta| = n$  and with vanishing differentials, subject to the relation  $t_z \circ \gamma = \gamma \circ \epsilon \circ \eta$ . We list the images of the generating morphisms in *C* under the quasiequivalence  $C \to \langle w, y, z \rangle$ .

- The morphism  $\epsilon$  maps to  $(id_y, 0) \in Hom(y, y) \oplus Hom(v[1], y) \simeq Hom(w, y)$  (the splitting here and in the following neglects the differentials).
- The morphism  $\eta$  maps to  $t_{n-1} \in k[t_{n-1}] \simeq \text{Hom}(y, y) \subset \text{Hom}(w, y)$ .
- The morphism  $\gamma$  maps to  $1 \in k[t_{n-1}] \simeq \text{Hom}(y, z) \subset \text{Hom}(w, z)$ .
- The morphism  $t_z$  maps to  $t_{n-1} \in k[t_{n-1}] \simeq \text{Hom}(z, z)$ .

We denote by x the cone of  $-\gamma : w \to z$  in dgMod(C) and by  $\langle x, y, z \rangle$  the full dg-subcategory of dgMod(C) spanned by x, y, z. There exists a quasiequivalence of dg-categories  $C' \to \langle x, y, z \rangle$ , where C' is the dg-category with objects x, y, z and generating morphisms given by



in the degrees |a| = n - 2, |b| = |c| = 0,  $|a^*| = 1$ ,  $|c^*| = n - 1$  subject to the relation ac = 0. The differentials are determined on the generators by  $d(a^*) = cb$  and  $d(c^*) = ba$ . We collect the images under the dg-functor  $C' \rightarrow \langle x, y, z \rangle$  of the generating morphisms in C'.

- The morphism b maps to  $\gamma \circ \epsilon$ .
- The morphism *a* maps to  $(\eta, 0) \in \text{Hom}_C(w[1], y) \oplus \text{Hom}_C(z, y) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\langle x, y, z \rangle}(x, y)$  (the splitting again neglects the differentials).
- The morphism c maps to  $(0, \operatorname{id}_z) \in \operatorname{Hom}_C(z, w[1]) \oplus \operatorname{Hom}_C(z, z) \simeq \operatorname{Hom}_{\langle x, y, z \rangle}(z, x).$
- The morphism  $a^*$  maps to  $(\epsilon, 0) \in \text{Hom}_C(y, w[1]) \oplus \text{Hom}_C(y, z) \simeq \text{Hom}_{(x, y, z)}(y, x)$ .
- The morphism  $c^*$  maps to  $(0, (-1)^n t_z) \in \operatorname{Hom}_C(w[1], z) \oplus \operatorname{Hom}_C(z, z) \simeq \operatorname{Hom}_{\langle x, y, z \rangle}(x, z)$ .

A direct inspection reveals the homology of the mapping complexes in C':

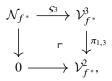
$$\begin{split} H_* \operatorname{Hom}_{C'}(x, x) &\simeq H_* \operatorname{Hom}_{C'}(y, y) \simeq H_* \operatorname{Hom}_{C'}(z, z) \simeq k[t_{n-1}], \\ H_* \operatorname{Hom}_{C'}(x, y) &\simeq k[t_{n-1}][n-1], \\ H_* \operatorname{Hom}_{C'}(y, z) &\simeq H_* \operatorname{Hom}_{C'}(z, x) \simeq k[t_{n-1}], \\ H_* \operatorname{Hom}_{C'}(x, z) &\simeq H_* \operatorname{Hom}_{C'}(y, x) \simeq H_* \operatorname{Hom}_{C'}(z, y) \simeq 0. \end{split}$$

We define a dg-functor  $\mu : D_3 \to C'$  by mapping x, y, z to x, y, z; a, b, c to a, b, c; and  $a^*, b^*, c^*$  to  $a^*, 0, c^*$ . Lemma 5.14 implies that  $\mu$  is a quasiequivalence. In total, we obtain equivalences of  $\infty$ -categories

$$\mathcal{D}(D_3) \simeq \mathcal{D}(C') \simeq \mathcal{D}(\langle x, y, z \rangle) \simeq \mathcal{D}(C) \simeq \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{A}_3) \stackrel{\text{formula (43)}}{\simeq} \mathcal{V}^3_{f^*},$$

which yields the desired equivalence (41).

For the construction of equivalence (40), we consider the pushout diagram in  $\mathcal{P}r^L$ 



where  $\pi_{1,3}$  denotes the projection to the first and third components of the semiorthogonal decomposition. The upper part of the diagram is equivalent to the image under  $\mathcal{D}(-)$  of the diagram of dg-categories

$$k[t_1] \xrightarrow{i_3^{(-)^n}} D_3$$
$$\downarrow \\ 0,$$

whose homotopy colimit is easily seen to be quasiequivalent to  $D_2$ . This observation provides us with the equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories  $\mathcal{D}(D_2) \simeq \mathcal{V}_{f^*}^2$ .

Lemma 5.14. There exist isomorphisms of graded k-modules

$$H_* \operatorname{Hom}_{D_3}(x, x) \simeq H_* \operatorname{Hom}_{D_3}(y, y) \simeq H_* \operatorname{Hom}_{D_3}(z, z) \simeq k[t_{n-1}],$$
  
$$H_* \operatorname{Hom}_{D_3}(x, y)[1 - n] \simeq H_* \operatorname{Hom}_{D_3}(y, z) \simeq H_* \operatorname{Hom}_{D_3}(z, x) \simeq k[t_{n-1}],$$
  
$$H_* \operatorname{Hom}_{D_3}(x, z) \simeq H_* \operatorname{Hom}_{D_3}(y, x) \simeq H_* \operatorname{Hom}_{D_3}(z, y) \simeq 0.$$

*Proof.* The morphisms a, b, c and  $a^*, b^*, c^*$  freely generate  $D_3$ . Any morphism in  $D_3$  is thus given by a k-linear sum of composites of these generating morphisms. Given a morphism in  $D_3$ , we call the maximal number of generating morphisms appearing in any one of its summands the length of the morphism. We show by induction over the length of a morphism u in  $D_3$  the following statements:

- i) Any cycle  $u: x \to x$  (in the morphism complex of  $D_3$ ) is homologous to  $\lambda (a^*a cc^*)^i$ , with  $\lambda \in k$  and  $i \ge 0$ .
- ii) Any cycle  $u: x \to y$  is homologous to  $a \circ \lambda (a^*a cc^*)^i$ .
- iii) Any cycle  $u : z \rightarrow y$  is null homologous.
- iv) Further, the previous three statements also hold for x, y, z, for a, b, c and for  $a^*, b^*, c^*$  cyclically permuted (and replacing  $b^*b aa^*$  by  $b^*b (-1)^{n-2}aa^*$  because of the grading).

The base case is clear. For the induction step, we note that iv) can be shown in the same way as i), ii) and iii) are shown in the following. We begin with i). Consider a cycle  $u : x \to x$  with summands up to a given length. Using the fact that  $D_3$  is freely generated by  $a, b, c, a^*, b^*, c^*$ , we can decompose u into  $u = a^*u_1 + cu_2$  for two chains  $u_1, u_2$ . The condition d(u) = 0 implies that  $d(u_1) = 0$ . By the induction assumption, we find a chain v satisfying  $u_1 = d(v) + a\lambda(a^*a - cc^*)^i$ . It follows that u is homologous to the cycle

$$u' = u + d(a^*v) = a^*a\lambda(a^*a - cc^*)^i + c(u_2 + bv).$$

From d(u') = 0 it follows that  $d(u_2 + bv) = -ba\lambda(a^*a - cc^*)^i$ . Note that  $\lambda(a^*a - cc^*)^i$  is not a boundary unless  $\lambda = 0$ , in which case *u* is null homologous. We thus assume that  $\lambda \neq 0$  and find that there exists a chain v' with

$$u_2 + bv = -c^*\lambda(a^*a - cc^*)^i + v'.$$

By the induction assumption it follows that v' is a boundary, so we find that u is homologous to  $\lambda(aa^* - cc^*)^{i+1}$ , completing the induction step for i).

We continue with the induction step for ii). Consider a cycle  $u : x \to y$ . Write  $u = a \circ u_1 + b^* \circ u_2$  for some morphisms  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  with  $d(u_2) = 0$ . By the induction assumption we find a chain v with  $u_2 = d(v)$ . We thus find

$$u + (-1)^n d(b^*v) = a \circ u_1 + (-1)^n acv,$$

with  $d(u_1 + (-1)^n cv) = 0$ . By the induction assumption, we find  $u_1 + (-1)^n cv = d(v') + \lambda (a^*a - cc^*)^i$ , so that

$$u + (-1)^n d(b^* v) - (-1)^n d(av') = \lambda a \circ (a^* a - cc^*)^i,$$

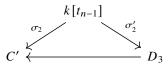
finishing the induction step for ii).

For iii), we consider a cycle  $u : z \to y$ . We decompose u into  $u = a \circ u_1 + b^* \circ u_2$  with  $d(u_2) = 0$ . Using the induction assumption we thus find v with  $u_2 = \lambda (bb^* - c^*c)^i + d(v)$ . It follows that u is homologous to

$$a \circ (u_1 + c \circ v) + \lambda b^* (bb^* - c^*c)^i.$$

The condition d(u) = 0 implies that  $(-1)^{n-1}d(u_1 + c \circ v) = \lambda c(bb^* - c^*c)^l$ . Since  $c(bb^* - c^*c)^l$  is a nonzero homology class unless  $\lambda = 0$ , we find that  $\lambda = 0$  and  $d(u_1 + c \circ v) = 0$ . Applying the induction assumption once more, we find that u is homologous to  $ac \circ \lambda'(bb^* - c^*c)^j$ , which is the boundary of  $b^*\lambda'(bb^* - c^*c)^j$ . We conclude that u is null homologous, completing the induction step for iii) and the proof.

Proof of Proposition 5.12. We begin with the proof of statement 1. The functors  $\varsigma_2$ ,  $\varsigma_3[1] : \mathcal{N}_{f^*} \to \mathcal{V}_{f^*}^3$ are the inclusions of, respectively, the third and second components of the semiorthogonal decomposition of  $\mathcal{V}_{f^*}^3$ . Using Proposition 2.39 and the notation from the proof of Proposition 5.9, we obtain that the functor  $\varsigma_2$  is modelled by the dg-functor  $\sigma_2 : k[t_{n-1}] \to C'$  determined by mapping the unique object \* of  $k[t_{n-1}]$  to z and  $t_{n-1}$  to  $(-1)^n c^* c$  (the sign arises from the sign of the image of  $c^*$  under the dgfunctor  $C' \to \langle x, y, z \rangle$ ). Further, let  $\sigma'_2 : k[t_{n-1}] \to D_3$  be the dg-functor determined by mapping \* to z and  $t_{n-1}$  to  $(-1)^n (c^* c - bb^*) = (-1)^{n-1} (bb^* - c^* c)$ . The commutative diagram of dg-categories

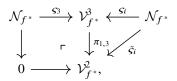


shows that  $\varsigma_2$  is also modelled by  $\sigma'_2$ . An analogous argument shows that  $\varsigma_3$  is modelled by the dg-functor  $\sigma_3 : k[t_{n-1}] \to D_3$  determined by mapping \* to y' and  $t_{n-1}$  to  $aa^* - (-1)^{n-2}b^*b = (-1)^n((-1)^n aa^* - b^*b)$ . In the case that n = 2, we can use the sequence of adjunctions

$$\varsigma_3 \dashv \varrho_2 \dashv \varsigma_2 \dashv \varrho_1 \dashv \varsigma_1$$

and the rotational symmetry of  $D_3$  (which only exists for n = 2) to deduce that  $\varsigma_1$  is modelled by the dg-functor  $k[t_1] \rightarrow D_3$  determined by mapping \* to x' and  $t_1$  to  $(cc^* - a^*a)$ .

We now show statement 2. To clarify notation, we denote the right adjoints of the categorified restriction maps  $\rho_1, \rho_2 : \mathcal{N}_{f^*} \to \mathcal{V}_{f^*}^2$  by  $\tilde{\varsigma}_1$  and  $\tilde{\varsigma}_2$ , respectively, instead of  $\varsigma_1$  and  $\varsigma_2$ . We note that there are commutative diagrams in  $\mathcal{P}r^L$  for i = 1, 2 as follows:



where  $\pi_{1,3}$  denotes the projection to the first and third components of the semiorthogonal decomposition. The functor  $\pi_{1,3}$  is modeled by the dg-functor  $D_3 \rightarrow D_2$  given by mapping x, z to x, z and  $c, c^*$  to  $c, c^*$  and all other morphisms to zero. The desired models for  $\tilde{\varsigma}_1$  and  $\tilde{\varsigma}_2$  thus follow from the models for  $\varsigma_1$  and  $\varsigma_2$ .

## 6. Gluing Ginzburg algebras via perverse schobers

## 6.1. The main result

We fix a commutative ring k. Given an ideal triangulation  $\mathcal{T}$  of an oriented marked surface, we defined the relative Ginzburg algebra  $\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}}$  in Section 1.1. Consider also the dual ribbon graph  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$  of  $\mathcal{T}$  of Definition 4.10. In this section we construct a  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$ -parametrised perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  with the property that the spherical adjunction at each vertex is given by  $f^* : \mathcal{D}(k) \leftrightarrow \operatorname{Fun}(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k)) : f_*$  and whose  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{H}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}})$  of global sections is equivalent to the derived  $\infty$ -category of the relative Ginzburg algebra  $\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}}$ . As we show in the proof of Theorem 6.1, we can achieve this by making for each vertex of  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$  a choice of total order of the half-edges at the vertex compatible with the given cyclic order and then defining  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  via a gluing of the local model of a parametrised perverse schober from Definition 3.4. To match the signs in the differential of the Ginzburg algebra, some care is required in the choices of the gluing diagrams. This construction depends on the choices of total orders. However, we discuss in Section 7.1 an interpretation of all involved choices in terms of spin structures on the surface without the interior marked points  $\Sigma = \mathbf{S} \setminus (\mathcal{M} \cap \mathbf{S}^\circ)$ , as well as why the resulting parametrised perverse schober is, up to equivalence, independent of the choices made.

**Theorem 6.1.** Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be an ideal triangulation of an oriented marked surface. There exists a  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$ -parametrised perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  and an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories

$$\mathcal{H}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}) \simeq \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{T}}).$$

From Theorem 6.1 we deduce the following:

**Corollary 6.2.** Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be an ideal triangulation of an oriented marked surface and let  $\Gamma^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}}$  be the ribbon graph obtained from  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$  by removing all external edges. Consider the associated quiver  $Q^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}}$  with 3-cyclic potential  $W'_{\mathcal{T}}$  containing a 3-cycle for each interior ideal triangle of  $\mathcal{T}$  from Section 1.1. There exists an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories

$$\mathcal{H}_{\Gamma^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}}}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}) \simeq \mathcal{D}\left(\mathscr{G}\left(Q^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}}, W'_{\mathcal{T}}\right)\right).$$

*Proof of Theorem 6.1.* We prove the statement by an induction on the number of ideal triangles of  $\mathcal{T}$  and a comparison of the computation of  $\mathcal{H}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}})$  with an explicit computation of homotopy colimits in dgCat<sub>k</sub> with the quasiequivalence model structure.

We define a dg-category  $C_{\mathcal{T}}$  with objects the vertices of  $Q_{\mathcal{T}}$  and morphisms freely generated by the graded arrows of  $\tilde{Q}_{\mathcal{T}}$  (see Section 1.1), and two further endomorphisms  $l'_{e,1}, l'_{e,2}$  of degrees 1, 2 at each vertex given by a boundary edge e. To clarify notation, we denote in this proof the degree 2 loop  $l_e : e \to e$  for  $e \in (Q_T)_0$  by  $l_{e,2}$ . The differential d of the morphism complexes is determined on the generators. It acts nontrivially on the generators  $l'_{e,2}$ ,  $l_{e,2}$  and  $a^*_{p,i}$ ; on the latter two it acts as the differential of  $\mathscr{G}_T$ , and on  $l'_{e,2}$  it acts as

$$l'_{e,2} \mapsto l'_{e,1} - \sum_{a \in (\mathcal{Q}_{\mathcal{T}})_1} p_e[a,a^*] p_e.$$

Note that the dg-category  $C_{\mathcal{T}}$  is Morita equivalent to  $\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}}$ . For each vertex *e* corresponding to a boundary edge, we denote by  $i_e^+, i_e^- : k[t_1] \to C_{\mathcal{T}}$  the dg-functors determined by mapping the unique vertex \* of  $k[t_1]$  to  $e \in C_{\mathcal{T}}$  and the generator  $t_1$  to  $l'_{e,1}$  and  $-l'_{e,1}$ , respectively.

We deduce the theorem from the following statements, which we prove by an induction on the number of ideal triangles of T:

Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be an ideal triangulation of an oriented marked surface with dual ribbon graph  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$ . There exists a  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$ -parametrised perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  with the following properties:

1. There exists an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories

$$\mathcal{H}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}) \simeq \mathcal{D}(C_{\mathcal{T}}).$$

2. For each boundary edge e of  $\mathcal{T}$ , we denote by  $ev_e : \mathcal{H}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}) \to \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}(e)$  the evaluation functor at  $e \in Exit(\mathcal{T})$ . The left adjoint of the functor

$$\mathcal{D}(C_{\mathcal{T}}) \simeq \mathcal{H}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}) \xrightarrow{\text{ev}_{e}} \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}(e) = \text{Fun}\left(S^{2}, \mathcal{D}(k)\right) \simeq \mathcal{D}(k[t_{1}])$$
(44)

is equivalent to  $\mathcal{D}(i_e^+)$  or  $\mathcal{D}(i_e^-)$ .

In the following we will refer to functor (44) also as the evaluation functor.

#### Base case of the induction

Let  $\mathcal{T}_1$  be the ideal triangulation consisting of a single ideal triangle that is not self-folded. We choose a total order on the edges of  $\mathcal{T}_1$  compatible with the cyclic order induced by the anticlockwise orientation. This provides us with an equivalence of posets  $\text{Exit}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_1}) \simeq C_3$ . We can thus define  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_1}$  as the parametrised perverse schober  $\mathcal{G}_3(f^*)$  described in Definition 3.4 corresponding to the spherical adjunction  $f^* \dashv f_*$  (with n = 2). The existence of the desired equivalence  $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_1}) \simeq \mathcal{D}(C_{\mathcal{T}_1})$  is shown in Propositions 5.9 and 5.12.

Let now  $\mathcal{T}_1$  be the ideal triangulation consisting of a single self-folded triangle. We define  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_1}$  using Notation 4.16 as follows:

$$(\varrho_2, \varrho_3) \bigcap f^* - \underline{\rho_1}$$
(45)

The limit  $\mathcal{H}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_1}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_1})$  is equivalent to the colimit of the left dual  $\operatorname{colim}_{\mathcal{P}r^L} \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_1}$ , which is equivalent to the following coequaliser in  $\mathcal{P}r^L$ , where  $T = T_{\operatorname{Fun}(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k))}[2]$  denotes the suspension of the cotwist functor of the spherical adjunction  $f^* \dashv f_*$ , also described in Proposition 5.7:

$$\mathcal{N}_{f^*} \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{S}_1 \circ T} \mathcal{V}_{f^*}^3.$$
 (46)

The colimit of formula (46) is in turn equivalent to the pushout of the following span in  $\mathcal{P}r^L$ :

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
\mathcal{N}_{f^*}^{\times 2} & \xrightarrow{(\varsigma_3, \varsigma_1 \circ T)} \mathcal{V}_{f^*}^3 \\
& & \downarrow_{id \times id} \\
\mathcal{N}_{f^*}.
\end{array} \tag{47}$$

Let  $\mathcal{T}'$  be the ideal triangulation consisting of a single ideal triangle, not self-folded, and denote by  $e_1, e_3$  two boundary edges of  $\mathcal{T}'$ . Diagram (47) is equivalent to the image under  $\mathcal{D}(-)$  of the following diagram in dgCat<sub>k</sub>:

$$k[t_1] \amalg k[t_1] \xrightarrow{i_{e_3}^* \amalg i_{e_1}} C_{\mathcal{T}}$$

$$\downarrow_{\text{id} \amalg \text{id}}$$

$$k[t_1]. \tag{48}$$

The morphism  $i_{e_1}^+ \amalg i_{e_1}^-$  in diagram (48) is a cofibration, and we can thus compute the homotopy colimit of the diagram as the (ordinary) colimit in the 1-category of k-linear dg-categories. This colimit is quasiequivalent to  $C_{\mathcal{T}_1}$ , showing the desired equivalence  $\mathcal{H}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_1}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_1}) \simeq \mathcal{D}(C_{\mathcal{T}_1})$ . The left adjoint of the evaluation functor  $\mathcal{D}(C_{\mathcal{T}_1}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(k[t_1])$  to *e* factors as

$$\mathcal{D}(k[t_1]) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}(i_{e_2})} \mathcal{D}(C_{\mathcal{T}'}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}(C_{\mathcal{T}_1}),$$

where  $e_2 \neq e_1, e_3$  is the remaining boundary edge of  $\mathcal{T}'$ , and is thus equivalent to  $\mathcal{D}(i_e^-)$ . This completes the base case of the induction, where the ideal triangulation consists of a single ideal triangle.

#### Induction step

Assume now that the statement has been shown for all ideal triangulations with at most *n* ideal triangles. Let  $\mathcal{T}_{n+1}$  be an ideal triangulation with n + 1 ideal triangles. We choose any subtriangulation  $\mathcal{T}_n$  consisting of *n* connected ideal triangles of  $\mathcal{T}_{n+1}$ . The complement of  $\mathcal{T}_n$  in  $\mathcal{T}_{n+1}$  consists of a single ideal triangle and is denoted by  $\mathcal{T}_1$ . Denote by *S* the set of edges along which  $\mathcal{T}_1$  and  $\mathcal{T}_n$  are glued in  $\mathcal{T}_{n+1}$  and s = |S|. To define the  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_{n+1}}$ -parametrised perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_{n+1}}$ , we wish to glue  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_1}$  and  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_n}$  in the sense of Lemma 4.18. First, however, we modify the diagram  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_n}$  : Exit  $(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_n}) \to St$  by postcomposing the functor  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_n}(v \to e)$ , for each edge  $v \to e$  in Exit  $(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_n})$  with  $e \in S$ , with an autoequivalence  $T_e$  of Fun  $(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k))$  described as follows. Consider the left adjoints of

$$\mathcal{D}\left(\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}_{1}}\right) \simeq \mathcal{H}\left(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_{1}}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_{1}}\right) \xrightarrow{\operatorname{ev}_{e}} \operatorname{Fun}\left(S^{2}, \mathcal{D}(k)\right) \simeq \mathcal{D}(k[t_{1}])$$

and

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{T}_n}) \simeq \mathcal{H}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_n}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_n}) \xrightarrow{\operatorname{ev}_e} \operatorname{Fun}(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k)) \simeq \mathcal{D}(k[t_1]).$$

The induction assumption implies that these two left adjoint are each equivalent to either  $\mathcal{D}(i_e^+)$  or  $\mathcal{D}(i_e^-)$ (abusing notation). If both superscripts in this description are identical, each + or –, we choose  $T_e = T$ , where T is as in the base case of the induction; otherwise we choose  $T_e = \mathrm{id}_{\mathrm{Fun}(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k))}$ . We denote the  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_n}$ -parametrised perverse schober obtained from the modification of  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_n}$  by  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_n}^*$ . We define  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_{n+1}}$  as the gluing of  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_1}$  and  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_n}^*$ . We observe that  $\mathcal{H}\left(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_n}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_n}^*\right) \simeq \mathcal{H}\left(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_n}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_n}\right)$ . Using the induction assumption, we thus find equivalences of  $\infty$ -categories

$$\mathcal{H}\left(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_{n}},\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_{n+1}}\big|_{\mathrm{Exit}\left(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_{n}}\right)}\right)=\mathcal{H}\left(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_{n}},\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_{n}}^{*}\right)\simeq\mathcal{D}\left(C_{\mathcal{T}_{n}}\right),$$
$$\mathcal{H}\left(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_{1}},\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_{n+1}}\big|_{\mathrm{Exit}\left(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_{1}}\right)}\right)=\mathcal{H}\left(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_{1}},\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_{1}}\right)\simeq\mathcal{D}\left(C_{\mathcal{T}_{1}}\right).$$

A standard result on the decomposition results of colimits [Lur09, 4.2.3.10] shows that global sections commute with gluing in the sense that there is a pullback diagram in  $\mathcal{P}r^L$  as follows:

The left adjoint diagram is equivalent to the image under  $\mathcal{D}(-)$  of the following homotopy pushout diagram in dgCat<sub>k</sub>:

$$k[t_1]^{\amalg s} \xrightarrow{\alpha_n} C_{\mathcal{T}_n}$$

$$\downarrow^{\alpha_1} \qquad \downarrow^{i_C}$$

$$C_{\mathcal{T}_1} \longrightarrow C.$$

$$(49)$$

The dg-functors  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_n$  each restrict on the component of  $k[t_1]^{\text{IIs}}$  indexed by a given edge  $e \in S$  to a dg-functor of the form  $i_e^+$  or  $i_e^-$  (again by abuse of notation); we denote these functors by  $i_e^1$  and  $i_e^n$ , respectively. We will show that  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_n$  are cofibrations. Diagram (49) is thus also pushout, and we find *C* to be given as follows. The number of objects of *C* is  $|(Q_{\mathcal{T}_n})_0| + |(Q_{\mathcal{T}_1})_0| - s$ . The morphisms are freely generated by the edges of  $Q_{\mathcal{T}_n}$ , the edges of  $Q_{\mathcal{T}_1}$  and, for each edge  $e \in S$ , two endomorphisms  $(l'_{e,2})^1, (l'_{e,2})^n : e \to e$  in degree 2 and one endomorphism  $l'_{e,1} : e \to e$  in degree 1 satisfying

$$d\left(\left(l'_{e,2}\right)^{1}\right) = i_{e}^{1}(t_{1}) - \sum_{a \in (Q_{\tau_{1}})_{1}} p_{e}[a,a^{*}]p_{e}$$

and

$$d\left(\left(l'_{e,2}\right)^{n}\right) = i_{e}^{n}(t_{1}) - \sum_{a \in (Q\tau_{n})_{1}} p_{e}[a,a^{*}]p_{e}.$$

This choice of  $T_e$  ensures that  $i_e^1(t_1) = -i_e^n(t_1) = \pm l'_{e,1}$ , and it follows that

$$d\left(-\left(l'_{e,2}\right)^{1}-\left(l'_{e,2}\right)^{n}\right)=\sum_{a\in(\mathcal{Q}\tau_{n+1})_{1}}p_{e}[a,a^{*}]p_{e}$$

is a boundary. We deduce the existence of a quasiequivalence  $C_{\mathcal{T}_{n+1}} \to C$  mapping  $l_{e,2}$  to  $-\left(l'_{e,2}\right)^1 - \left(l'_{e,2}\right)^n$ . This shows the first part of the induction step.

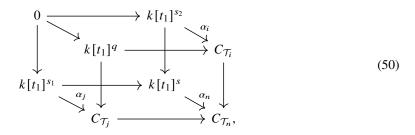
Let *e* be a boundary edge of  $\mathcal{T}_{n+1}$ . Assume that it lies in  $\mathcal{T}_n$ . The left adjoint of the evaluation functor to *e* factors as

$$\mathcal{D}(k[t_1]) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}(i_e^{\pm})} \mathcal{D}(C_{\mathcal{T}_n}) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}(i_C)} \mathcal{D}(C) \simeq \mathcal{D}(C_{\mathcal{T}_{n+1}})$$

and thus is equivalent to  $\mathcal{D}(i_e^{\pm})$ . If *e* lies in  $\mathcal{T}_1$ , we can argue analogously. This shows the second part of the induction step, completing the induction.

### $\alpha_1$ and $\alpha_n$ are cofibrations

To see that  $\alpha_1$  is a cofibration, one can directly check the lifting property with respect to the fibrations in the quasiequivalence model structure. To see that  $\alpha_n$  is a cofibration, we argue by induction on *n* and decompose  $\mathcal{T}_n$  into two ideal triangulations  $\mathcal{T}_i, \mathcal{T}_j$  with i, j < n such that  $\mathcal{T}_n$  is obtained by gluing  $\mathcal{T}_i$ and  $\mathcal{T}_j$  along *q* edges. One then finds the following commutative diagram in dgCat<sub>k</sub>:



whose front and back squares are pushout and where  $s_1, s_2$  are the number of edges in S lying in  $\mathcal{T}_j$  and  $\mathcal{T}_i$ , respectively. Since we know all morphisms except  $\alpha_n$  in this diagram to be cofibrations, it follows that  $\alpha_n$  is also a cofibration. This completes the argument and thus the proof.

*Proof of Corollary 6.2.* The  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{H}_{\Gamma^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}}}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}})$  is equivalent to the pullback of the diagram of  $\infty$ -categories

$$\mathcal{H}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}) \xrightarrow{\prod_{|\partial \Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}|} e_{V}} \prod_{|\partial \Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}|} \mathcal{N}_{f^{*}},$$

where  $|\partial \Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}|$  denotes the number of external edges of  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$  (or equivalently, the number of boundary edges of  $\mathcal{T}$ ) and  $\prod_{|\partial \Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}|}$  ev is the product of the evaluation functors at the external edges. The left adjoint of this diagram lies in  $\mathcal{P}r^L$  and is modelled by the diagram of cofibrant dg-categories

$$\begin{split}
& \coprod_{|\partial\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}|} k[t_1] \longrightarrow 0 \\
& \downarrow^{\alpha} \\
& C_{\mathcal{T}},
\end{split} \tag{51}$$

where  $\alpha$  restricts on each component corresponding to an external edge e to the dg-functor  $i_e^+$  or  $i_e^-$ . The pushout of diagram (51) is easily seen to be Morita equivalent to the Ginzburg algebra  $\mathscr{G}\left(Q_{\mathcal{T}}^{\circ}W_{\mathcal{T}}^{\prime}\right)$ . We thus find the desired equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories  $\mathcal{H}_{\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}^{\circ}}(\Gamma, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}) \simeq \mathcal{D}\left(\mathscr{G}\left(Q_{\mathcal{T}}^{\circ}W_{\mathcal{T}}^{\prime}\right)\right)$ .

We end this section by describing how the perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  can be modified so that its global sections describe only the perfect or only the finite modules over the relative Ginzburg algebra  $\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}}$ .

## Notation 6.3. We denote

• by  $\mathcal{D}(k)^{\text{perf}} \subset \mathcal{D}(k)$  the full subcategory spanned by perfect complexes of k-vector spaces;

• by Fun  $(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k))^{\text{perf}} \subset \text{Fun}(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k))$  the full subcategory spanned by compact objects – note that Fun  $(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k)^{\text{perf}})$  is contained in Fun  $(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k))^{\text{perf}}$ ;

∘ by

$$(f^*)^{\operatorname{perf}} : \mathcal{D}(k)^{\operatorname{perf}} \longleftrightarrow \operatorname{Fun}\left(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k)\right)^{\operatorname{perf}} : f_*^{\operatorname{perf}}$$

and

$$(f^*)^{\text{fin}} : \mathcal{D}(k)^{\text{perf}} \longleftrightarrow \text{Fun}\left(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k)^{\text{perf}}\right) : f_*^{\text{fin}}$$

the restrictions of the adjunction  $f^* : \mathcal{D}(k) \leftrightarrow \operatorname{Fun}(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k))$ . For the well-definedness of  $f_*^{\operatorname{perf}}$ , note that  $f^*$  preserves filtered colimits, so that  $f_*$  carries compact objects to compact objects.

Adapting the construction in the proof of Theorem 6.1, we define the  $\Gamma_{T}$ -parametrised perverse schobers

$$\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}^{\mathrm{fin}}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}^{\mathrm{perf}} : \mathrm{Exit}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}) \to \mathrm{St}$$

by replacing in  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  at each vertex of  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$  the spherical functor  $f^*$  by  $(f^*)^{\text{fin}}$  and  $(f^*)^{\text{perf}}$ , respectively. Note that  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}^{\text{perf}}$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}^{\text{fin}}$  take values in the  $\infty$ -category St<sup>idem</sup>  $\subset$  St of idempotent complete, stable  $\infty$ -categories.

**Proposition 6.4.** Consider the morphisms  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}^{\text{fin}}$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}^{\text{perf}} \to \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  in  $\mathfrak{P}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}})$ , point-wise given by the fully faithful functors. Passing to global sections and colimits, respectively, yields the following commutative diagram of  $\infty$ -categories:

where

- $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{T}})^{\text{perf}} \subset \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{T}})$  denotes the full subcategory spanned by the compact objects and
- $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{G}_T)^{\text{fin}} \subset \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{G}_T)$  denotes the full subcategory spanned by the modules with finite total homological dimension.

In particular, we obtain that the finite  $\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}}$ -modules can be characterised as the global sections whose point-wise values on the edges of  $\mathcal{T}$  in  $\operatorname{Exit}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}})$  lie in  $\mathcal{N}_{(f^*)^{\operatorname{fin}}}$ .

*Proof.* Note that the morphism  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}^{\text{perf}} \to \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  is point-wise given by Ind-completion. It thus follows from the discussion on the computation of colimits in St<sup>idem</sup> in Section 2.1 that the colimit of  $\mathbb{D}^{L}(\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}})^{\text{perf}}$  describes the  $\infty$ -category of compact  $\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}}$ -modules.

A  $\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}}$ -module M is by definition finite if and only if  $\operatorname{RHom}_{\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}}}(\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}}, M) \in \mathcal{D}(k)$  is a finite k-module. Note that  $\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}} = \bigoplus_e p_e \mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}}$ , where the sum runs over all edges of  $\mathcal{T}$ . Using Proposition 6.7, we thus obtain that M is finite if and only if  $\operatorname{RHom}_{\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}}}(p_e \mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}}, M) \simeq i^* \operatorname{ev}_e(M) \in \mathcal{D}(k)$  is a finite k-module for all e. The latter is fulfilled if and only if the point-wise values of the co-Cartesian section corresponding to M lies in  $\mathcal{N}_{(f^*)^{\text{fin}}}$ .

We illustrate how finite  $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{T}}$ -modules can be described by locally finite global sections in examples in Section 6.3.

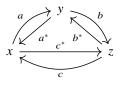
## 6.2. Two examples

In this section we illustrate the computation of the proof of Theorem 6.1 in the case of the once-punctured torus and the unpunctured 4-gon.

**Example 6.5.** Let **S** be the once-punctured torus and consider the ideal triangulation  $\mathcal{T}$  of **S** consisting of two ideal triangles glued together at all three edges. Using the graphical notation from Notation 4.8, the dual ribbon graph  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$  can be depicted as follows (the crossing has to do with the cyclic orderings of the half-edges induced by the orientation of **S**):



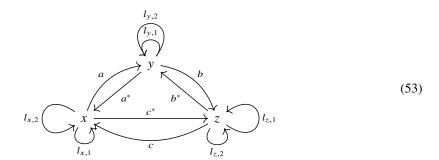
In Section 5.2, we introduced the dg-category  $D_3$  with three objects x, y, z, freely generated by the following morphisms:



These morphisms are in degrees |a| = |b| = |c| = 0 and  $|a^*| = |b^*| = |c^*| = 1$ . The differential is determined by  $d(a^*) = cb$ ,  $d(b^*) = ac$ ,  $d(c^*) = ba$ . The dg-category  $D_3$  is Morita equivalent to the relative Ginzburg algebra of a single triangle. To describe the Ginzburg algebra of  $\mathcal{T}$ , we consider the following span of dg-categories, where the morphisms are defined in Notation 5.11:

$$\underbrace{(i_1^+, i_2^-, i_3^+)}_{D_3} \xrightarrow{k[t_1]^{II3}}_{D_3} \underbrace{(i_1^-, i_2^+, i_3^-)}_{D_3} D_3.$$
 (52)

Informally, this span describes a gluing of two copies of the dg-category  $D_3$  at all vertices with matching orientations. To compute the homotopy colimit of diagram (52), we consider the cofibrant replacement of the diagram, which consists in replacing  $D_3$  with the following dg-category:



Here,  $|l_{x,1}| = |l_{y,1}| = |l_{z,1}| = 1$  and  $|l_{x,2}| = |l_{y,2}| = |l_{z,2}| = 2$ , and the differential acts on the additional generators as follows:

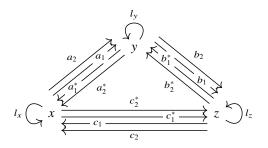
$$d(l_{x,1}) = d(l_{y,1}) = d(l_{z,1}) = 0$$
  

$$d(l_{x,2}) = l_{x,1} - (cc^* - a^*a)$$
  

$$d(l_{y,2}) = l_{y,1} - (aa^* - b^*b)$$
  

$$d(l_{z,2}) = l_{z,1} - (bb^* - c^*c).$$

The colimit of the cofibrant replacement of diagram (52) is, up to quasiequivalence, the freely generated dg-category of the following form:



A direct computation shows that the differentials match the differentials of the Ginzburg algebra  $\mathscr{G}(Q_T, W'_T)$  of the quiver

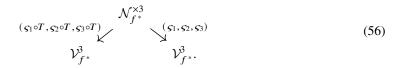


with potential  $W'_{\mathcal{T}} = c_1 b_1 a_1 + c_2 b_2 a_2$ . Note that the once-punctured torus has no boundary, so the relative Ginzburg algebra  $\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}}$  is identical to  $\mathscr{G}(Q_{\mathcal{T}}, W'_{\mathcal{T}})$ .

The foregoing gluing description of the Ginzburg algebra is caputured by the perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$ . Denote by T the functor Fun  $(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k)) \stackrel{\text{formula (37)}}{\simeq} \mathcal{D}(k[t_1]) \stackrel{\varphi^*}{\longrightarrow} \mathcal{D}(k[t_1]) \stackrel{\text{formula (37)}}{\simeq} \operatorname{Fun}(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k))$ , where  $\varphi^*$  is the pullback functor along the morphism of dg-algebras  $\varphi : k[t_1] \stackrel{t_1 \mapsto -t_1}{\longrightarrow} k[t_1]$ , or equivalently the suspended cotwist  $T_{\operatorname{Fun}(S^{n-1}, \mathcal{D}(k))}[2]$  of the adjunction  $f^* \dashv f_*$  (see Proposition 5.7). The  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$ -parametrised perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}} : \operatorname{Exit}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}) \to \operatorname{St}$  is given by the following diagram (see Section 3.1 for the notation):

The limit of this diagram is equivalent to the colimit in  $\mathcal{P}r^L$  of the right adjoint diagram (or the left adjoint; the adjoint diagrams are equivalent). A standard argument, for example using the decomposition

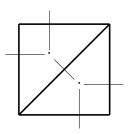
of colimits [Lur09, 4.2.3.10], shows that the colimit of the left adjoint diagram is equivalent to the colimit of the following span in  $\mathcal{P}r^L$ :



This span is modelled in terms of dg-categories by the span (52), so the colimit of diagram (56) in  $\mathcal{P}r^L$  is equivalent to the image under  $\mathcal{D}(-)$  of the homotopy colimit of diagram (52) and thus equivalent to the derived category of the Ginzburg algebra  $\mathscr{G}_T$ . Finally, we wish to emphasise that the appearance of the autoequivalence *T* in diagram (55) serves to fix the correct signs in the differential of the Ginzburg algebra.

In next example, of the unpunctured 4-gon, the surface has a nonempty boundary, so that the associated relative Ginzburg algebra  $\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}}$  contains more information than the nonrelative Ginzburg algebra  $\mathscr{G}(Q^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}}W'_{\mathcal{T}})$ .

**Example 6.6.** Consider the unpunctured square **S** and the ideal triangulation  $\mathcal{T}$  depicted as follows:



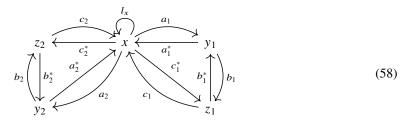
The dual ribbon graph  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$  is included in this depiction. The left dual of the  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$ -parametrised perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$ : Exit( $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$ )  $\rightarrow$  St is modelled by the following diagram of dg-categories:

$$k[t_{1}] \xrightarrow{i_{\overline{z}}} D_{3} \xleftarrow{i_{\overline{y}}} k[t_{1}] \xrightarrow{i_{\overline{y}}} D_{3} \xleftarrow{i_{\overline{z}}} k[t_{1}] \xrightarrow{i_{\overline{y}}} k[t_{1}].$$

$$(57)$$

$$k[t_{1}]$$

To compute the homotopy colimit of this diagram, we again consider the cofibrant replacement, which consists in replacing  $D_3$  with the dg-category depicted in diagram (53). The colimit of the cofibrant replacement of diagram (57) is quasiequivalent to the freely generated dg-category with five objects, which can be depicted as follows:



The nonzero differentials are given by

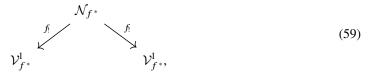
$$d(l_x) = c_1 c_1^* + c_2 c_2^* - a_1^* a_1 - a_2^* a_2$$

and, for i = 1, 2,

$$d(a_i^*) = c_i b_i, \qquad d(b_i^*) = a_i c_i, \qquad d(c_i^*) = b_i a_i.$$

It follows that the dg-category (58) is Morita equivalent to the relative Ginzburg algebra  $\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}}$ .

The  $\infty$ -category of global sections of  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  with support on the subribbon graph  $\Gamma^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}}$  of internal edges can be described as the colimit of the diagram in  $\mathcal{P}r^L$ 

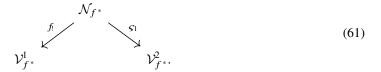


where  $f_! : \mathcal{N}_{f^*} = \operatorname{Fun}(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k)) \to \mathcal{D}(k) = \mathcal{V}_{f^*}^1$  is the left adjoint of the pullback functor  $f^*$  along  $f : S^2 \to *$ . Diagram (59) is modelled by the following diagram in dgCat<sub>k</sub>:

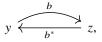


with  $\phi: k[t_1] \xrightarrow{t_1 \mapsto 0} k$ . The homotopy colimit of this diagram is given by the polynomial algebra  $k[t_2]$  with  $|t_2| = 2$ , which is the Ginzburg algebra of the  $A_1$ -quiver.

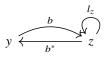
The gluing construction of the relative Ginzburg algebra can be adapted to describe global sections of  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  which vanish on any fixed subset of external edges of  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$ . The constructions of  $\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}}$  and  $\mathscr{G}\left(Q_{\mathcal{T}}^{\circ}, W_{\mathcal{T}}^{\prime}\right)$  correspond to the case of sections which vanishing on, respectively, none and all of the external edges. For example, the  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{C}$  of sections of  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  which vanish on all but one external edge is equivalent to the colimit of the following diagram in  $\mathcal{P}r^{L}$ :



The  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{V}_{f^*}^2$  is modelled by the dg-category  $D_2$ , which is the freely generated dg-category with two objects y, z and morphisms of the form



with |b| = 0,  $|b^*| = 1$  (see Proposition 5.9). The  $\infty$ -category C is thus equivalent to the derived  $\infty$ -category of the path algebra of the graded quiver



with differential  $d(l_z) = bb^*$ .

(62)

## 6.3. Spherical and projective modules

Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be an ideal triangulation of an oriented marked surface S. The  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{T}})$  contains

- for each edge e of  $\mathcal{T}$ , a module  $S_e$  which is 3-spherical if e is an internal edge and exceptional if e is a boundary edge;
- for each interior marked point v of **S**, a module  $C_v$  with its k-linear endomorphism object quasi-isomorphic to  $H^*(S^1 \times S^2, k)$ ;
- for each edge e of  $\mathcal{T}$ , the projective module  $P_e = p_e \mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}}$ , where  $p_e$  is the lazy path.

The goal of this section is to identify these modules in  $\mathcal{H}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}) \simeq \mathcal{D}(\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}})$ . In terms of Smith's description of the  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{D}^{\text{fin}}(\mathscr{G}(Q^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}}, W'_{\mathcal{T}})) \subset \mathcal{D}(\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}})$  as a full subcategory of an untwisted Fukaya category of a Calabi–Yau threefold *Y* [Smi15, Section 5.4], the *S*<sub>e</sub>, where *e* is an internal edge, correspond to Lagrangian matching spheres and the *C*<sub>V</sub> correspond to Lagrangian embeddings of *S*<sup>1</sup> × *S*<sup>2</sup> in *Y*.

We can use the limit descriptions of the  $\infty$ -categories of global sections to geometrically describe the objects  $S_e$  and  $C_v$ , as co-Cartesian sections of the Grothendieck construction  $\Gamma(\mathcal{F}_T) \rightarrow \text{Exit}(\mathcal{T})$ (see also Section 2.1 at i). We begin with the case where *e* is an internal edge. Locally at *e*, we find  $\mathcal{F}_T$ to be, up to natural equivalence, of the following form:

$$\mathcal{V}_{f^*}^3 \xrightarrow{\varrho_3} \operatorname{Fun}\left(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k)\right) \xleftarrow{T \circ \varrho_3} \mathcal{V}_{f^*}^3$$

Let  $\iota_1 : \mathcal{D}(k) \to \mathcal{V}_{f^*}^3$  denote the inclusion of the first component of the semiorthogonal decomposition. We find a co-Cartesian section of  $\Gamma(\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}})$ , which is locally at *e* of the form

$$\iota_1(k) \xrightarrow{!} f^*(k) \xleftarrow{!} \iota_1(k)$$

and vanishes otherwise (see also Notation 2.30). We define  $S_e$  as this co-Cartesian section. Suppose now that e is a boundary edge. Locally at e,  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  is given up to natural equivalence as follows:

Fun 
$$\left(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k)\right) \xleftarrow{\mathcal{Q}_3}{\mathcal{V}_{f^*}^3}$$
.

We define  $S_e$  to be the co-Cartesian section of  $\Gamma(\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}})$  which is at *e* of the form

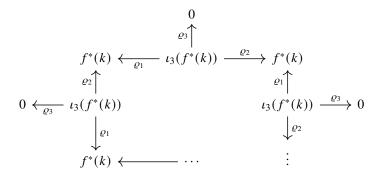
$$f^*(k) \xleftarrow{!} \iota_1(k)$$

and vanishes otherwise.

For the definition of  $C_v$ , we consider an interior marked point of **S**. Locally around v,  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  is, up to natural equivalence, of the following form:

$$\operatorname{Fun} \left(S^{2}, \mathcal{D}(k)\right) \xrightarrow{\varrho_{3}} \operatorname{Fun} \left(S^{2}, \mathcal{D}(k)\right) \xleftarrow{\varphi_{3}} \operatorname{Fun} \left(S^{2}, \mathcal{D}(k)\right) \xrightarrow{\varrho_{3}} \operatorname{Fun} \left(S^{2}, \mathcal{D}(k)\right) \xrightarrow{\varrho_{2}} \operatorname{Fun} \left(S^{2}, \mathcal{D}(k)\right) \xleftarrow{\varphi_{2}} \operatorname{Fun} \left(S^{2}, \mathcal{D}(k)\right) \xleftarrow{\varphi_{3}} \mathcal{V}_{f^{*}}^{3} \xrightarrow{\varphi_{3}} \operatorname{Fun} \left(S^{2}, \mathcal{D}(k)\right) \xrightarrow{\varphi_{2}} \operatorname{Fun} \left(S^{2}, \mathcal{D}(k)\right) \xleftarrow{\varphi_{2}} \cdots \qquad \vdots$$

The corresponding object  $C_v$  is given by the co-Cartesian section which locally at v is given as follows and vanishes everywhere else ( $\iota_3$  is the inclusion of the third component of the semiorthogonal decomposition of  $\mathcal{V}_{f^*}^3$ ):



We now describe the projective modules  $P_e$ . For simplicity, we do not distinguish in notation between  $P_e \in \mathcal{D}(\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}})$  and the corresponding element in the equivalent  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{H}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}})$ . We denote by  $\operatorname{ev}_e : \mathcal{H}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}) \to \operatorname{Fun}(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k))$  the evaluation functor at the vertex  $e \in \operatorname{Exit}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}})$ . Note that limits and colimits in  $\mathcal{H}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}})$  are computed point-wise, so that the functor  $\operatorname{ev}_e$  preserves all limits and colimits and thus admits a left adjoint, denoted  $\operatorname{ev}_e^*$ . Consider further the adjoint functors  $i_1 : \mathcal{D}(k) \leftrightarrow \operatorname{Fun}(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k)) : i^*$  defined in the discussion before Lemma 5.4.

**Proposition 6.7.** The left adjoint  $ev_e^* i_1$  of the functor

$$i^* \operatorname{ev}_e : \mathcal{H}(\Gamma_T, \mathcal{F}_T) \to \mathcal{D}(k)$$

satisfies  $\operatorname{ev}_e^* i_!(k) \simeq P_e$ .

*Proof.* We prove the statement via an induction on the number of ideal triangles of  $\mathcal{T}$ . Let  $\mathcal{T}_1$  be the ideal triangulation consisting of a single triangle, not self-folded. Proposition 5.12 shows that  $ev_e^* i_!$  is modeled by the dg-functor  $\alpha : k \to D_3$  determined by mapping the unique object of k to any one of the objects of  $D_3$ . This shows that  $ev_e^* i_!(k) \simeq P_e$ , as desired. The case of the triangulation consisting of a single self-folded triangle is treated similarly and left to the reader.

Suppose the statement has been shown for all ideal triangulations  $\mathcal{T}$  with at most *n* ideal triangles. The setup is as in the induction step in the proof of Theorem 6.1: we consider an ideal triangulation  $\mathcal{T}_{n+1}$  with n + 1 ideal triangles obtained via the gluing of ideal triangulations  $\mathcal{T}_n$  and  $\mathcal{T}_1$  with, respectively, *n* and 1 ideal triangles along *s* boundary edges. If *e* is an edge of  $\mathcal{T}_n$ , the functor  $\mathcal{D}(k) \xrightarrow{\text{ev}_e^* i_!} \mathcal{H}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_{n+1}}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_{n+1}})$  factors as

$$\mathcal{D}(k) \xrightarrow{\operatorname{ev}_{e}^{*} i_{!}} \mathcal{H}\left(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_{n}}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_{n}}\right) \xrightarrow{\alpha} \mathcal{H}\left(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_{n+1}}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_{n+1}}\right),$$

where  $\alpha$  is modeled by a dg-functor  $C_{\mathcal{T}_n} \to C_{\mathcal{T}_{n+1}}$  and thus satisfies  $\alpha \left( p_e \mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}_n} \right) \simeq p_e \mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}_{n+1}} = P_e$ . Using the induction assumption, it thus follows that  $\operatorname{ev}_e^* i_!(k) \simeq P_e$ . If e is an edge of  $\mathcal{T}_1$ , we can argue analogously. This completes the induction.

## 6.4. Derived equivalences arising from flips of the triangulation

We consider two ideal triangulations  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{T}'$  of a surface related by the flip of internal edge *e* of  $\mathcal{T}$  which is not self-folded. Locally at *e*, the change in the triangulations can be depicted as follows:

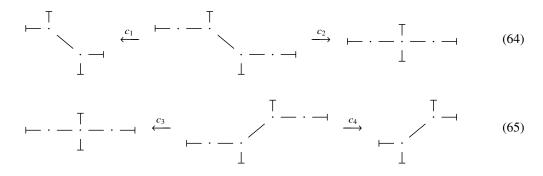


As shown in [LF09], the flip at edge *e* corresponds on the associated quivers with potential to the quiver mutation at the vertex of the quiver corresponding to *e*. It is shown in [Kel11, Section 7.6] that there exists an associated equivalence between the derived categories of the 3-CY Ginzburg algebras  $\mathscr{G}(Q^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}}, W_{\mathcal{T}})$  and  $\mathscr{G}(Q^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}'}, W_{\mathcal{T}'})$ . The goal of this section is to associate to the flip an equivalence between the derived  $\infty$ -categories of the relative Ginzburg algebras  $\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}}$  and  $\mathscr{G}_{\mathcal{T}'}$ , thus extending the combined result of [LF09] and [Kel11] to relative Ginzburg algebras.

From the perspective of dual ribbon graphs, the flip at *e* relates the two ribbon graphs  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$  and  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}'}$ , which locally differ, as follows:

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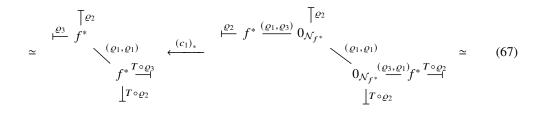
The flip (63) can be described by the following pair of spans of contractions of ribbon graphs:

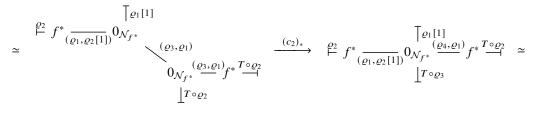


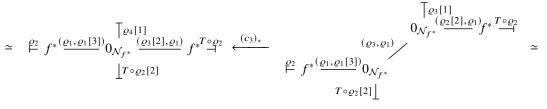
Denote by

$$T: \mathcal{N}_{f^*} \stackrel{\text{formula (39)}}{\simeq} \mathcal{D}(k[t_1]) \stackrel{\varphi^*}{\longrightarrow} \mathcal{D}(k[t_1]) \stackrel{\text{formula (39)}}{\simeq} \mathcal{N}_{f^*}$$

the autoequivalence, with  $\varphi : k[t_1] \xrightarrow{t_1 \mapsto -t_1} k[t_1]$ . The contractions (64) and (65) give rise to the following arrangement of perverse schobers, related via equivalences and push-forwards along the contractions. Note that no edges joining two singularities of the perverse schobers are contracted. Each step preserves the  $\infty$ -category of global sections up to a canonical equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories.







$$\simeq \qquad \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \left[ 0 \\ \rho_{1} \right] \\ \rho_{2} \end{array}\right]}_{P_{2}} \\ f^{*} \\ \hline \left[ \begin{array}{c} \left[ 0 \\ \rho_{2} \right] \\ \rho_{2} \end{array}\right]}_{T \circ \rho_{1} \left[ 3 \right] } \\ \hline \left[ \begin{array}{c} \left[ 0 \\ \rho_{2} \right] \\ \rho_{2} \end{array}\right]}_{T \circ \rho_{1} \left[ 3 \right] } \\ \hline \left[ \begin{array}{c} \left[ 0 \\ \rho_{2} \right] \\ \rho_{3} \\ \rho_{2} \end{array}\right]}_{T \circ \rho_{1} \left[ 3 \right] } \\ \hline \left[ \begin{array}{c} \left[ 0 \\ \rho_{2} \right] \\ \rho_{3} \\ \rho_{3} \end{array}\right]}_{T \circ \rho_{1} \left[ 3 \right] } \\ \hline \left[ \begin{array}{c} \left[ 0 \\ \rho_{2} \\ \rho_{3} \\ \rho_{3} \end{array}\right]}_{T \circ \rho_{1} } \\ \hline \left[ \begin{array}{c} \left[ 0 \\ \rho_{2} \\ \rho_{3} \\ \rho_{3} \end{array}\right]}_{T \circ \rho_{1} } \\ \hline \left[ \begin{array}{c} \left[ 0 \\ \rho_{2} \\ \rho_{3} \\ \rho_{3} \end{array}\right]}_{T \circ \rho_{1} } \\ \hline \left[ \begin{array}{c} \left[ 0 \\ \rho_{2} \\ \rho_{3} \\ \rho_{3} \\ \rho_{3} \end{array}\right]}_{T \circ \rho_{1} } \\ \hline \left[ \begin{array}{c} \left[ 0 \\ \rho_{2} \\ \rho_{3} \\ \rho_{3} \\ \rho_{3} \end{array}\right]}_{T \circ \rho_{1} } \\ \hline \left[ \begin{array}{c} \left[ 0 \\ \rho_{2} \\ \rho_{3} \\ \rho_{3} \\ \rho_{3} \\ \rho_{3} \end{array}\right]}_{T \circ \rho_{1} } \\ \hline \left[ \begin{array}{c} \left[ 0 \\ \rho_{2} \\ \rho_{3} \\ \rho_{3} \\ \rho_{3} \\ \rho_{3} \\ \rho_{3} \end{array}\right]}_{T \circ \rho_{1} } \\ \hline \left[ \begin{array}{c} \left[ 0 \\ \rho_{2} \\ \rho_{3} \\ \rho_{3} \\ \rho_{3} \\ \rho_{3} \\ \rho_{3} \end{array}\right]}_{T \circ \rho_{1} } \\ \hline \left[ \begin{array}{c} \left[ 0 \\ \rho_{3} \\ \rho$$

Each of these equivalences of parametrised perverse schobers is nontrivial only at one or two vertices with label  $0_{\mathcal{N}_{f^*}}$ , where it is given by the paracyclic twist functor  $T_{\mathcal{V}_{0_{\mathcal{N}_{f^*}}}^n}$  of Section 3.2 (see also Proposition 3.11), except for the equivalence between the parametrised perverse schober in diagram (66) and the left parametrised perverse schober in diagram (67), and that between the right parametrised perverse schober of diagram (70) and the parametrised perverse schober of diagram (71). The former is nontrivial only at the lower vertex labeled  $f^*$ , where it is given by the autoequivalence  $\epsilon$  of  $\mathcal{V}_{f^*}^3$  which restricts on both the components Fun  $(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k))$  of the semiorthogonal decomposition to T and on the component  $\mathcal{D}(k)$  of the semiorthogonal decomposition to the identity functor. The latter equivalence of parametrised perverse schobers is nontrivial at three objects of the exit path category corresponding to the two vertices and the edge connecting them. At the lower vertex, the equivalence is given by [3], at the upper vertex by  $\epsilon \circ [2]$  and at the object of  $\text{Exit}(\mathcal{T})$  corresponding to the diagonal edge by [-2].

We assume for the moment that neither *e* nor its flip *e'* is the outer edge of a self-folded triangle. The perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  from Theorem 6.1 can be chosen to restrict locally at *e* to the perverse schober (66). We can thus describe  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  as the gluing (in the sense of Lemma 4.18) of the parametrised perverse schober of diagram (66) and its complement in  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$ . Similarly,  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}'}$  can be chosen to be the gluing of the complement of the parametrised perverse schober (66) in  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  and the parametrised perverse schober (71).

We can thus glue the complement of the parametrised perverse schober (66) in  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  with the parametrised perverse schobers (66)–(71) and use the fact that the global sections are in each step preserved up to equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories (see Proposition 4.28) to obtain an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories

$$\mu_e: \mathcal{H}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}) \to \mathcal{H}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}'}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}'}),$$
(72)

which we call the mutation equivalence at e.

If *e* or *e'*, say *e*, is the outer edge of a self-folded triangle, we cannot take the naive complement of diagram (66) in  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$ , because the underlying ribbon graph would have an edge without any endpoints. We change  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$  by replacing the edge *e* with the ribbon graph

$$\vdash \cdots \cdot \stackrel{}{\xrightarrow{f}}$$

and obtain a parametrised perverse schober  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{\mathcal{T}}$  by changing  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  at *e* to

$$\longmapsto 0_{\mathcal{N}_{f^*}} \longrightarrow$$

We also change  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}'}$  accordingly to  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{\mathcal{T}'}$ . The contraction of the edge f then induces equivalences between global sections of  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{\mathcal{T}}$  as well as  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}'}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{\mathcal{T}'}$ . Composing with the equivalence on global sections as in formula (72) applied to  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{\mathcal{T}}$ , we obtain the equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories (72).

**Remark 6.8.** The mutation equivalence  $\mu_e$  maps global sections of  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  with support on  $\Gamma^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}}$  to global sections of  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}'}$  with support on  $\Gamma^{\circ}_{\mathcal{T}'}$ . We thus obtain an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories

$$\mathcal{D}\left(\mathcal{Q}_{\mathcal{T}}^{\circ}, W_{\mathcal{T}}'\right) \simeq \mathcal{H}_{\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}^{\circ}}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}) \xrightarrow{\mu_{e}} \mathcal{H}_{\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}'}^{\circ}}\left(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}'}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}'}\right) \simeq \mathcal{D}\left(\mathcal{Q}_{\mathcal{T}'}^{\circ}, W_{\mathcal{T}'}'\right).$$

**Proposition 6.9.** Let  $\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}'$  be two ideal triangulations of a surface, differing by a flip of an internal edge  $e \in \mathcal{T}$  to  $e' \in \mathcal{T}'$ . Given an edge  $f \neq e$  of  $\mathcal{T}$ , we denote by f' the corresponding edge of  $\mathcal{T}'$ .

1. There exists an equivalence in  $\mathcal{H}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}'}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}'})$ 

$$\mu_e(P_e) \simeq \operatorname{cof}\left(P_{e'} \to \bigoplus_{\alpha \in (\mathcal{Q}_{\mathcal{T}})_1, \, s(\alpha) = e} P_{t(\alpha)'}\right).$$
(73)

2. Let  $f \neq e$  be an edge of  $\mathcal{T}$ . There exists an equivalence in  $\mathcal{H}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}'}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}'})$ 

$$\mu_e(P_f) \simeq P_{f'}.$$

*Proof.* We begin by showing statement 1. The idea of the proof is to trace through the equivalences on global sections induced by diagrams (66)–(71) and describe the composition of the inverses of these

equivalences with the evaluation at a point functor  $\mathcal{H}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}) \xrightarrow{\text{ev}_e} \text{Fun}(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k)) \xrightarrow{i^*} \mathcal{D}(k)$ . Passing to left adjoints and evaluating at  $k \in \mathcal{D}(k)$  yields the image of  $P_e$  under  $\mu_e$ .

We denote the complement of the parametrised perverse schober of diagram (66) in  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  by  $\mathcal{F}^c$ . We denote the gluing of  $\mathcal{F}^c$  with the parametrised perverse schobers

- $\circ$  on the right of diagram (68) by  $\mathcal{G}_1$ ,
- on the left of diagram (69) by  $\mathcal{G}_2$ ,
- $\circ$  on the right of diagram (69) by  $\mathcal{G}_3$  and
- $\circ$  on the left of diagram (70) by  $\mathcal{G}_4$ .

The evaluation of  $\mathcal{G}_1$  at the central vertex yields the  $\infty$ -category

$$\mathcal{V}_{0_{\mathcal{N}_{f^*}}}^4 \simeq \left\{ \operatorname{Fun}\left(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k)\right), \operatorname{Fun}\left(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k)\right), \operatorname{Fun}\left(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k)\right) \right\}.$$

A direct computation shows that the composite of the equivalence  $\lim \mathcal{G}_1 \simeq \mathcal{H}(\Gamma_T, \mathcal{F}_T)$  with  $\operatorname{ev}_e$  is given by the composite functor  $R_1$  of the evaluation at the central vertex – labelled  $\mathcal{V}_{0_{\mathcal{N}_{f^*}}}^4$  – with the restriction functor to the second component of the semiorthogonal decomposition of  $\mathcal{V}_{0_{\mathcal{N}_{f^*}}}^4$ . Precomposing the functor  $R_1 : \lim \mathcal{G}_1 \to \operatorname{Fun}(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k))$  with the equivalence  $\lim \mathcal{G}_2 \simeq \lim \mathcal{G}_1$  yields the functor  $R_2$  given by the composite of the evaluation functor to the central vertex – labelled  $\mathcal{V}_{0_{\mathcal{N}_{f^*}}}^4$  – with the functor  $\operatorname{cof}_{1,3}[1]$ , which is the composite of the suspension of the cofibre functor with the restriction functor to the first and third components of the semiorthogonal decomposition. We denote the diagonal edge of the central ribbon graph of diagram (65) by e'', adjacent to the upper vertex denoted  $v_1$  and the lower vertex denoted  $v_2$ . Note that  $\operatorname{ev}_{e''} \simeq \varrho_1 \circ \operatorname{ev}_{v_1} \simeq \varrho_3 \circ \operatorname{ev}_{v_2}$ . Further, there exist canonical natural transformations

$$a: \varrho_3[-1] = \pi_1 \longrightarrow \pi_2 = \varrho_1,$$

given at a vertex  $x \xrightarrow{\alpha} y \in \mathcal{V}^3_{0_{\mathcal{N}_{f^*}}} = \left\{ \operatorname{Fun}\left(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k)\right), \operatorname{Fun}\left(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k)\right) \right\}$  by the edge  $\alpha$ , and

$$b: \varrho_2 = \operatorname{cof}_{1,2} \longrightarrow \pi_1[1] = \varrho_3,$$

given by  $b = a \circ T_{\mathcal{V}^3_{0_{\mathcal{N}_{f^*}}}}[-1]$ . Again, it can be directly checked that the composition of  $R_2$  with the equivalence  $\lim \mathcal{G}_3 \simeq \lim \mathcal{G}_2$  induced by the contraction  $c_3$  yields the functor  $R_3 : \lim \mathcal{G}_3 \rightarrow$ Fun  $(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k))$  given by the suspension of the cofibre

$$\operatorname{cof}\left(\varrho_{3}[-1] \circ \operatorname{ev}_{v_{1}} \oplus \varrho_{2} \circ \operatorname{ev}_{v_{2}} \xrightarrow{\left(a \circ \operatorname{ev}_{v_{1}}, b \circ \operatorname{ev}_{v_{2}}\right)} \operatorname{ev}_{e''}\right)[1]$$

in the stable  $\infty$ -category Fun (lim  $\mathcal{G}_3$ , Fun ( $S^2$ ,  $\mathcal{D}(k)$ ). The composition  $R_4$  of  $R_3$  with lim  $\mathcal{G}_4 \simeq \lim \mathcal{G}_3$  yields the functor given by the suspension of the cofibre

$$\operatorname{cof}\left(\varrho_{1} \circ \operatorname{ev}_{v_{1}} \oplus \varrho_{1}[1] \circ \operatorname{ev}_{v_{2}} \to \operatorname{ev}_{e''}\right)[1] \simeq \operatorname{cof}\left(\operatorname{ev}_{f_{1}}[-2] \oplus \operatorname{ev}_{f_{2}}[-2] \to \operatorname{ev}_{e''}\right)[1].$$

Here  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  denote the two edges of  $\Gamma_T$  which precede e in the cyclic order of the edges at the two vertices incident to e (we consider these edges as edges of the ribbon graph underlying diagram (70)). Note also that the two edges  $f_1, f_2$  exactly describe the targets of the arrows  $\alpha \in (Q_T)_1$  satisfying  $s(\alpha) = e$ . Continuing as before, we see that the composite of the equivalence  $\mathcal{H}(\Gamma_{T'}, \mathcal{F}_{T'}) \simeq \mathcal{H}(\Gamma_T, \mathcal{F}_T)$  with  $ev_e$  yields the functor

$$R = \operatorname{cof}\left(\operatorname{ev}_{f_1}\left[-2\right] \oplus \operatorname{ev}_{f_2}\left[-2\right] \to \operatorname{ev}_{e'}\left[-2\right]\right) [1] \simeq \operatorname{fib}\left(\operatorname{ev}_{f_1} \oplus \operatorname{ev}_{f_2} \to \operatorname{ev}_{e'}\right).$$

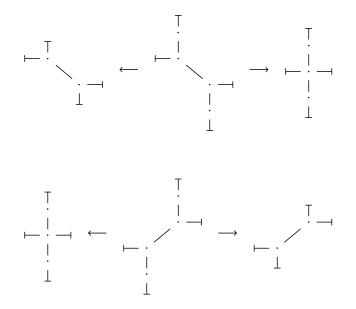
It follows from Proposition 6.7 that  $\operatorname{ev}_g^* i_! \simeq - \otimes P_g$  for  $g = e', f_1, f_2$ . The functor  $i^* \circ \operatorname{ev}_g$  is thus equivalent to the morphism object functor  $\operatorname{Mor}_{\mathcal{H}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}'}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}'})}(P_e, -)$  with respect to the *k*-linear structure of  $\mathcal{H}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}'}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}'}) \simeq \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{T}'})$  [Lur17, 4.2.1.28]. It follows that the functor  $i^* \circ R$  is equivalent to

$$\operatorname{Mor}_{\mathcal{H}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}'},\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}'})}\left(\operatorname{cof}\left(P_{e'}\to P_{f_1}\oplus P_{f_2}\right),-\right)$$

for some morphism  $P_{e'} \to P_{f_1} \oplus P_{f_2}$ , and the left adjoint thus maps  $k \in \mathcal{D}(k)$  to cof  $(P_{e'} \to P_{f_1} \oplus P_{f_2})$ , showing statement 1.

Statement 2 can be approached like statement 1, but it is more immediate, because the respective edges of the ribbon graphs corresponding to the the projective objects are not affected by diagrams (66)-(71).

**Remark 6.10.** The formulas in Proposition 6.9 for the images of the the projective modules under  $\mu_e$  recover the formulas given in the context of completed nonrelative Ginzburg algebras in [KY11]. In the context of completed Ginzburg algebras, it is noted in [Kel12, Theorem 7.4] that there exist two mutation equivalences for each vertex *i* of the quiver, whose values on objects differ by the spherical twist of the spherical object associated to *i*. In terms of our construction, we can also produce a second mutation equivalence  $\mu'_e$ , which differs on objects by the spherical twist around  $S_e$  by replacing the spans of ribbon graphs (64) and (65) with the spans



and adapting the construction of the mutation equivalence  $\mu_e$  accordingly.

It remains an interesting problem to construct a natural equivalence  $\mu_e \simeq T_{S_e} \circ \mu'_e$ , where  $T_{S_e}$  denotes the twist functor of the spherical adjunction induced by the spherical object  $S_e$ .

## 7. Further directions

#### 7.1. Invariants of triangulated spin surfaces

In this section we show that the equivalence class of the parametrised perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  constructed in Theorem 6.1 does not depend on any of the choices made in its construction. Before we can state a precise result, we need to briefly discuss combinatorial models for spin surfaces, following [DK15].

**Definition 7.1.** Let **S** be an oriented marked surface. Let  $\Gamma$  be a graph with an embedding  $f : |\text{Exit}(\Gamma)| \rightarrow \mathbf{S} \setminus M$  and consider the induced ribbon graph  $\Gamma$  (see Remark 4.7). Let  $B = \partial |\text{Exit}(\Gamma)|$  be the boundary of  $|\text{Exit}(\Gamma)|$  in  $\mathbf{S} \setminus M$ . We call f (or, by abuse of notation,  $\Gamma$ ) a *spanning graph* for **S** if

- 1. the embedding f is a homotopy equivalence and
- 2. *f* induces a homotopy equivalence  $B \rightarrow \partial \mathbf{S} \setminus M$ .

**Example 7.2.** Let **S** be a marked surface with an ideal triangulation  $\mathcal{T}$ . The dual ribbon graph  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$  is a spanning graph for **S**.

**Definition 7.3.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a ribbon graph. We define the incidence diagram  $I : \text{Exit}(\Gamma) \to \text{Set to be the functor determined by}$ 

- I(v) = H(v) for  $v ∈ Γ_0 ⊂ Exit(Γ)_0$ ,
- $I(e) = \{e_1, e_2\}$  for an edge  $e \in \Gamma_1$  consisting of half-edges  $e_1, e_2$  (counted twice for external edges) and
- assigning to a morphism  $v \to e$  from a vertex  $v \in \Gamma_0$  to an incident edge  $e \in \Gamma_1$  consisting of  $\{e_1, e_2\}$ , with  $\sigma(e_1) = v$  the morphism of sets  $H(v) \to \{e_1, e_2\}$ , mapping  $e_1$  to  $e_2$  and  $H(v_1) \setminus \{e_1\}$  to  $e_1$ .

We proceed with the definition of the 2-cyclic category  $\Lambda_2$ . The definition is similar to the definition of the paracyclic category  $\Lambda_{\infty}$  (see Definition 3.5), with the difference that the cyclic automorphisms  $\tau^n$  satisfy the additional relation  $(\tau^n)^{2(n+1)} = id_{[n]}$ .

**Definition 7.4.** For  $n \ge 0$ , let [n] denote the set  $\{0, ..., n\}$ . The 2-cyclic category  $\Lambda_2$  has as objects the sets [n]. The morphism in  $\Lambda_2$  are generated by morphisms

 $\circ \ \delta^0, \dots, \delta^n : [n-1] \to [n],$  $\circ \ \sigma^0, \dots, \sigma^{n-1} : [n] \to [n-1],$  $\circ \ \tau^n : [n] \to [n],$ 

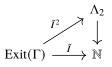
subject to the simplicial relations and the further relations

$$(\tau^n)^{2(n+1)} = \operatorname{id}_{[n]},$$
  
$$\tau^n \delta^i = \delta^{i-1} \tau^{n-1} \text{ for } i > 0, \qquad \tau^n \delta^0 = \delta^n,$$
  
$$\tau^n \sigma^i = \tau^{n+1} \sigma^{i-1} \text{ for } i > 0, \qquad \tau^n \sigma^0 = \sigma^n$$

**Definition 7.5.** Let S be an oriented marked surface and  $\Gamma$  a spanning ribbon graph. Denote by  $\mathbb{N} \subset$  Set the full subcategory spanned by objects of the form [n] with  $n \ge 0$ . Choose any diagram

$$\tilde{I}$$
: Exit( $\Gamma$ )  $\rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ ,

equipped with a natural equivalence  $v : I \stackrel{\simeq}{\Rightarrow} \tilde{I}$ , which respects the cyclic orders on I(x) for  $x \in \text{Exit}(\Gamma)$ and on  $\tilde{I}(x) = [|I(x)| - 1]$  (obtained from the apparent linear order). A 2-spin structure, or simply a spin structure, on  $\mathbf{S} \setminus (M \cap \mathbf{S}^\circ)$  (or on  $\Gamma$ ) is a lift  $\tilde{I}^2$ 



of the diagram  $\tilde{I}$ .

**Remark 7.6.** In the definition of a spin structure on a surface, we deviate from [DK15] to keep the exposition more direct and better applicable. While a spin structure in [DK15] consists of a  $\mathbb{Z}_6$ -torsor at every trivalent vertex of the ribbon graph and a  $\mathbb{Z}_4$ -torsor at every edge of the ribbon graph, we include

an identity element for each torsor, encoded in  $\nu$ . Every spin structure in the sense of Definition 7.5 defines a spin structure in the sense of [DK15] and vice versa. Note that in [DK15, Lemma IV.26], it is shown that the datum of a spin structure coincides with the more standard notion of a spin structure on  $\mathbf{S} \setminus (M \cap \mathbf{S}^\circ)$  in the sense of a reduction of the structure group of the tangent bundle to the connected 2-fold covering of  $\mathrm{GL}^+(2,\mathbb{R}) \subset \mathrm{GL}(2,\mathbb{R})$ .

**Definition 7.7.** An equivalence of two ribbon graphs  $\Gamma \simeq \Gamma'$  is defined as an equivalence of posets  $\phi : \operatorname{Exit}(\Gamma) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \operatorname{Exit}(\Gamma')$ .

Note that an equivalence  $\phi : \operatorname{Exit}(\Gamma) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \operatorname{Exit}(\Gamma')$  extends to a natural equivalence

$$\eta_{\phi}: I_{\Gamma'} \circ \phi \stackrel{\simeq}{\Longrightarrow} I_{\Gamma}$$

between the incidence diagrams.

**Definition 7.8.** An equivalence between two ribbon graphs with spin structure  $(\Gamma, \tilde{I}_{\Gamma}^2)$ ,  $(\Gamma', \tilde{I}_{\Gamma'}^2)$  consists of an equivalence  $\phi : \Gamma \xrightarrow{\simeq} \Gamma'$  of ribbon graphs together with a lift

$$\eta^2_{\phi}: \tilde{I}^2_{\Gamma'} \circ \phi \xrightarrow{\simeq} \tilde{I}^2_{\Gamma}$$

of

$$\tilde{I}_{\Gamma'} \circ \phi \stackrel{\simeq}{\Rightarrow} I_{\Gamma'} \circ \phi \stackrel{\eta_{\phi}}{\Longrightarrow} I_{\Gamma} \stackrel{\simeq}{\Rightarrow} \tilde{I}_{\Gamma}.$$

The main result of this section is the following:

**Proposition 7.9.** Let **S** be an oriented marked surface equipped with an ideal triangulation  $\mathcal{T}$  and let  $\Sigma = \mathbf{S} \setminus (M \cap \mathbf{S}^\circ)$  be the surface without the interior marked points.

1. For every spin structure U on  $\Sigma$ , there exists a  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$ -parametrised perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}^U$ . If two spin structures U, U' on  $\Sigma$  are equivalent, then there exists an equivalence of parametrised perverse schobers

$$\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}^{U} \simeq \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}^{U'}.\tag{74}$$

If char(k)  $\neq 2$ , the converse is also true – that is, if there exists an equivalence as in formula (74), then  $U \simeq U'$ .

2. Given a parametrised perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  as constructed in the proof of Theorem 6.1, there exist a spin structure U on  $\Sigma$  and an equivalence of parametrised perverse schobers

$$\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}} \simeq \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}^U.$$

**Definition 7.10.** A ribbon graph  $\Gamma$  is called trivalent if all vertices have valency 3.

**Definition 7.11.** We denote by  $M_2$  the subcategory of  $\Lambda_2$  spanned by the two objects [1], [2] and morphisms generated under composition by  $\tau^1 : [1] \rightarrow [1], \tau^2 : [2] \rightarrow [2]$  and  $\delta^l : [1] \rightarrow [2]$  for l = 1, 2, 3.

**Remark 7.12.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a trivalent ribbon graph and  $\tilde{I}^2$ : Exit( $\Gamma$ )  $\rightarrow \Lambda_2$  a spin structure. Then  $\tilde{I}^2$  factors through the inclusion  $M_2 \rightarrow \Lambda_2$ .

*Proof of Proposition 7.9.* Consider the morphism of dg-algebras  $\varphi : k[t_1] \xrightarrow{t_1 \to -t_1} k[t_1]$ , the pullback functor  $\varphi^* : \text{dgMod}(k[t_1]) \to \text{dgMod}(k[t_1])$  and Notation 5.11. We further denote by  $T_{D_3} : D_3 \to D_3$  the dg-functor determined by

$$x, y, z \mapsto y, z, x,$$
  
$$a, b, c \mapsto b, c, a,$$
  
$$a^*, b^*, c^* \mapsto -b^*, -c^*, -a^*.$$

We define a functor

$$Q: M_2^{\mathrm{op}} \to \mathrm{dgCat}_k$$

by

$$Q([2]) = D_3,$$
  

$$Q([1]) = k[t_1],$$
  

$$Q(\tau^2) = T_{D_3},$$
  

$$Q(\tau^1) = \varphi^*,$$
  

$$Q(\delta_1) = i_1^+,$$
  

$$Q(\delta_2) = i_2^-,$$
  

$$Q(\delta_3) = i_3^+.$$

Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be an ideal triangulation and  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$  the dual ribbon graph. Given a spin structure U on  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$  described in terms of  $\tilde{I}^2$ : Exit( $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$ )  $\rightarrow M_2$ , we obtain a parametrised perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}^U_{\mathcal{T}}$  defined via its left dual

$$\mathbb{D}^{L}\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}^{U}: \operatorname{Entry}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}) \xrightarrow{\left(\tilde{L}_{2}\right)^{\operatorname{op}}} M_{2}^{\operatorname{op}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{Q}} \operatorname{dgCat}_{k} \xrightarrow{L} \operatorname{dgCat}_{k} \left[W^{-1}\right] \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}(-)} \operatorname{St}$$

Given an equivalence of spin structures  $U \simeq U'$ , expressed in terms of an equivalence of ribbon graphs with spin structure  $(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}, \tilde{I}^2) \simeq (\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}, (\tilde{I}^2)')$ , it is immediate from the construction that there is an equivalence between  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}^U$  and  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}^{U'}$ . For the converse, we note that by a standard result, spin structures on  $\Sigma$  are classified by  $\mathrm{H}^1(\Sigma, \mathbb{Z}_2)$ . Thus, if two spin structures differ, then there exists an embedded circle in  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$  such that the restrictions of the spin structures to the full ribbon subgraph spanned by the vertices on the circle differ. Up to equivalence of spin structures, these two spin structures can be assumed to be identical, except that they assign to the incidence of some fixed edge lying on the circle and some fixed vertex two morphisms  $[1] \rightarrow [2]$  in  $\Lambda_2$  which differ exactly by precomposition with  $\tau^1$ . The corresponding restrictions of the parametrised perverse schobers thus differ at this subgraph in terms of their monodromy by  $\mathcal{D}(\phi^*)$ . Note that the assumption  $\operatorname{char}(k) \neq 2$  implies  $\mathcal{D}(\phi^*) \neq \operatorname{id}_{\mathcal{D}(k[t_1])}$ . The two parametrised perverse schobers can thus not be equivalent, showing the converse implication.

Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be an ideal triangulation and consider a parametrised perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  as constructed in Theorem 6.1. In the following we describe a spin structure U on  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$  such that  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}^U \simeq \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$ . We follow the iterative procedure and notation used in the proof of Theorem 6.1. Starting with any ideal triangle  $\mathcal{T}_1$ of  $\mathcal{T}$ , one can directly find a spin structure U on  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_1}$  such that  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_1} \simeq \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_1}^U$ . We continue by extending the spin structure in each induction step by gluing. Consider an ideal triangulation  $\mathcal{T}_{n+1}$ , obtained from gluing two ideal triangulations  $\mathcal{T}_n$  and  $\mathcal{T}_1$  equipped with spin structures. There is a spin structure  $I_{n+1}^2$ : Exit  $(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_{n+1}}) \to M_2$  on  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_{n+1}}$  with the property that the restriction to Exit  $(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_n})$  and Exit  $(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_1})$ recovers the respective spin structures of  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_n}$  and  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_1}$ . We now modify  $\tilde{I}_{n+1}^2$  to obtain the desired spin structure U on  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_{n+1}}$ . At each edge e used in the gluing of  $\mathcal{T}_n$  and  $\mathcal{T}_1$  and connecting two vertices  $v_n$  and  $v_1$  in  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_n}$  and  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}_1}$ , respectively, the spin structure  $\tilde{I}_{n+1}^2$  is locally of the form

$$[2] = \tilde{I}_{n+1}^2(v_1) \xleftarrow{\delta^i(\tau^1)^{l_1}} [1] = \tilde{I}_{n+1}^2(e) \xrightarrow{\delta^j(\tau^1)^{l_2}} [2] = \tilde{I}_{n+1}^2(v_n).$$

We obtain U by changing the spin structure  $I_{n+1}^2$  at each edge e used in the gluing of  $\Gamma_{T_n}$  and  $\Gamma_{T_1}$  in the local picture to

$$[2] \xleftarrow{\delta^{i}(\tau^{1})^{l_{1}+1}} [1] \xrightarrow{\delta^{j}(\tau^{1})^{l_{2}}} [2]$$

if the superscripts of the associated functors  $i_e^1 = i_e^{\pm}$  and  $i_e^n = i_e^{\pm}$ , appearing in the proof of Theorem 6.1, match. The resulting parametrised perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_{n+1}}^U$  is then equivalent to  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}_{n+1}}$ . This shows statement 2, thus completing the proof.

## 7.2. Coefficients in spectra

Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be an ideal triangulation of an oriented marked surface and consider the construction of the parametrised perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$  of Theorem 6.1. Given any stable  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{D}$ , we can construct a parametrised perverse schober  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathcal{D})$  by replacing the spherical adjunction at each vertex with the spherical adjunction

$$f^*: \mathcal{D} \longleftrightarrow \operatorname{Fun}\left(S^2, \mathcal{D}\right): f_*$$

and the autoequivalence  $T = T_{\text{Fun}(S^2, \mathcal{D}(k))}[2]$  (used there for fixing the correct signs) by the 2-fold suspension of the cotwist functor  $T_{\text{Fun}(S^2, \mathcal{D})}[2]$  of the same adjunction  $f^* \dashv f_*$  but with values in  $\mathcal{D}$  instead of  $\mathcal{D}(k)$ . The goal of this section is to discuss which results of this paper translate to this more general setting.

We begin by noting that the main result which works irrespective of the choice of  $\mathcal{D}$  is the construction of the derived equivalence

$$\mu_e: \mathcal{H}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathcal{D})) \simeq \mathcal{H}(\Gamma_{\mathcal{T}'}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}'}(\mathcal{D}))$$

of Section 6.4 associated to the flip of the edge e of the triangulation  $\mathcal{T}$ .

More results extend in the case where  $\mathcal{D} = \text{RMod}_R$  is the  $\infty$ -category of right modules of an  $\mathbb{E}_{\infty}$ -ring spectrum R. We can, for example, choose R to be the sphere spectrum, so that  $\mathcal{D} \simeq \text{Sp}$  is the  $\infty$ -category of spectra. The construction of the spherical/exceptional objects  $S_e$ , the objects  $C_p$  and the projective objects  $P_e$  given in Section 6.3 works in the same way for  $\mathcal{H}(\Gamma_T, \mathcal{F}_T(\text{RMod}_R))$ . We denote by  $R[t_n]$  the free algebra object in  $\text{RMod}_R$  generated by R[n]. Note that if R = k is a commutative ring, there exists an equivalence  $R[t_n] \simeq k[t_n]$ . We show in Proposition 7.15 that there exists an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories  $\text{Fun}(S^n, \text{RMod}_R) \simeq \text{RMod}_{R[t_{n-1}]}$ . We thus find a compact generator of the  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{H}(\Gamma_T, \mathcal{F}_T(\text{RMod}_R))$ , as in Proposition 6.7, given by the sum of the images of  $R[t_1] \in \text{RMod}_{R[t_1]} \simeq \text{Fun}(S^2, \text{RMod}_R)$  under the left adjoints of the evaluation functors to the edges of  $\Gamma_T$ . Furthermore, Proposition 6.9, describing the images of the  $P_e$  under the derived equivalences, also translates. Contrary to the dg-setting, however, it is not clear whether the endomorphism algebra of the compact generator admits an explicit description.

Crucial for a relation between the construction of  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathcal{D}(k))$  and spin structures on the surface without the interior marked points  $\Sigma$  in Section 7.1 is the observation that the suspended cotwist functor  $T_{\text{Fun}(S^2,\mathcal{D}(k))}[2]$  is an involution – that is,

$$\left(T_{\operatorname{Fun}(S^2,\mathcal{D}(k))}[2]\right)^2 \simeq \operatorname{id}_{\operatorname{Fun}(S^2,\mathcal{D}(k))}.$$

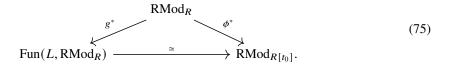
It seems likely that if the cotwist functor  $T_{\text{Fun}(S^2,\mathcal{D})}[2]$  is also an involution, Proposition 7.9 can be generalised to  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathcal{D})$ . The remainder of this section consists of a proof of Proposition 7.15 and a conjecture for a description of  $T_{\text{Fun}(S^2,\mathcal{D})}$  and an algebraic description of  $T_{\text{Fun}(S^2,\text{RMod}_R)}$ .

The following lemma is a generalisation of Lemma 5.3:

**Lemma 7.13.** Consider the morphism of simplicial sets  $g : L \to *$  and the associated pullback functor  $g^* : \operatorname{RMod}_R \to \operatorname{Fun}(L, \operatorname{RMod}_R)$ . There exists an equivalence of R-linear  $\infty$ -categories

$$\operatorname{Fun}(L, \operatorname{RMod}_R) \simeq \operatorname{RMod}_{R[t_0]}$$

such that the following diagram commutes:



Here  $\phi^*$  denotes the pullback functor along the morphism of *R*-algebras  $R[t_0] \to R$ , determined on the generator by the morphism  $R \xrightarrow{id} R$  in RMod<sub>*R*</sub>.

*Proof.* Consider the object  $X \in \text{Fun}(L, \text{RMod}_R)$  given by the diagram  $R[t_0] \xrightarrow{\cdot t_0} R[t_0]$  in  $\text{RMod}_R$ . Let  $h : * \to L$  be the morphism of simplicial sets given by inclusion of the unique vertex and consider the associated pullback functor  $h^* : \text{RMod}_R \to \text{Fun}(L, \text{RMod}_R)$  with right adjoint  $h_*$  given by evaluation at  $* \in L$ . We prove that  $X \simeq h^*(R)$  by showing that  $\text{Mor}_{\text{Fun}(L, \text{RMod}_R)}(X, -) \simeq h_*$ , where  $\text{Mor}_{\text{Fun}(L, \text{RMod}_R)}(-, -)$  is the *R*-linear morphism object functor of [Lur17, 4.2.1.28].

Set  $Y \in Fun(L, RMod_R)$ . The morphism object  $Mor_{Fun(L, RMod_R)}(X, Y)$  is equivalent to the equaliser

$$\prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} h_*(Y) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \operatorname{Mor}_R(R[t_0], Y) \xrightarrow{(-) \circ t_0} \operatorname{Mor}_R(R[t_0], Y) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} h_*(Y)$$

where *l* is the unique nondegenerate 1-simplex of *L*. This can be seen as follows. Consider the simplicial set *L'* consisting of four vertices  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  and four nondegenerate 1-simplices  $l_1, l_2, l_3, l_4$  arranged as follows:

$$\begin{array}{c} x_1 \xrightarrow{l_1} x_3 \\ \downarrow l_4 & l_2 \uparrow \\ x_4 \xleftarrow{l_3} x_2. \end{array}$$

The morphism of simplicial sets  $p : L' \to L$ , mapping all vertices to  $* \in L$ ,  $l_1$  to l and  $l_2$ ,  $l_3$ ,  $l_4$  to the degenerate 1-simplex, induces a fully faithful *R*-linear functor  $p^* : \operatorname{Fun}(L, \operatorname{RMod}_R) \to \operatorname{Fun}(L', \operatorname{RMod}_R)$ . The description of  $\operatorname{Mor}_{\operatorname{Fun}(L, \operatorname{RMod}_R)}(X, Y) \simeq \operatorname{Mor}_{\operatorname{Fun}(L', \operatorname{RMod}_R)}(p^*(X), p^*(Y))$  as an equaliser can now be obtained by using a pushout description of  $p^*(X) \simeq X_1 \coprod_{X_3} X_2$ , with

$$X_{1} = \begin{array}{ccc} R[t_{0}] \xrightarrow{\simeq} R[t_{0}] \\ \downarrow^{\simeq} & \uparrow \end{array}, \qquad X_{2} = \begin{array}{ccc} 0 \longrightarrow R[t_{0}] \\ \downarrow^{\simeq} & \uparrow \end{array}, \qquad X_{3} = \begin{array}{ccc} 0 \longrightarrow R[t_{0}] \\ \downarrow^{\simeq} & \uparrow \end{array}, \qquad X_{3} = \begin{array}{ccc} 0 \longrightarrow R[t_{0}] \\ \uparrow & \uparrow \end{array}$$

and the fact that  $\operatorname{Mor}_{\operatorname{Fun}(L', \operatorname{RMod}_R)}(-, p^*(Y))$  is an exact functor. The equaliser is given by  $h_*(Y)$ , and the morphism of *R*-modules  $h_*(Y) \to \prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} h_*(Y)$  is informally given by mapping  $z \in h_*(Y)$  to  $(Y(l)^i(z))_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \in \prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} h_*(Y)$ . We note that the equivalence  $\operatorname{Mor}_{\operatorname{Fun}(L, \operatorname{RMod}_R)}(X, Y) \simeq h_*(Y)$  is functorial in *Y*, so that indeed  $\operatorname{Mor}_{\operatorname{Fun}(L, \operatorname{RMod}_R)}(X, -) \simeq h_*$ .

It follows that X is a compact generator of Fun(L, RMod<sub>R</sub>). Applying [Lur17, Proposition 4.1.1.18], we further obtain an equivalence of R-linear ring spectra  $\text{End}_R(X) \simeq R[t_0]$ , showing the existence of an equivalence of R-linear  $\infty$ -categories Fun(L, RMod<sub>R</sub>)  $\simeq$  RMod<sub>R[t\_0]</sub>.

The commutativity of diagram (75) can be checked using the fact that the *R*-linear functors  $\phi^*, g^*$ : RMod<sub>*R*</sub>  $\rightarrow$  RMod<sub>*R*[t\_0]</sub> are fully determined by, respectively,  $\phi^*(R)$  and  $g^*(R)$  [Lur17, Section 4.8.4].

**Lemma 7.14.** 1. There exists a pushout diagram in  $LinCat_R$  as follows:

2. Set  $n \ge 2$ . There exists a pushout diagram in LinCat<sub>R</sub> as follows:

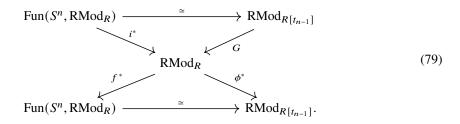
*Proof.* The proof of Lemma 5.4 directly generalises.

We now prove the analogue of Proposition 5.5.

**Proposition 7.15.** Set  $n \ge 2$ . There exists an equivalence of *R*-linear  $\infty$ -categories

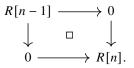
$$\operatorname{Fun}(S^n, \operatorname{RMod}_R) \simeq \operatorname{RMod}_{R[t_{n-1}]},\tag{78}$$

such that the following diagram in LinCat<sub>R</sub> commutes:



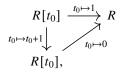
*Here G denotes the monadic functor and*  $\phi^*$  *the pullback functor along the morphism of R-algebras*  $\phi: R[t_{n-1}] \to R$  determined on the generator by the morphism  $R[n-1] \stackrel{0}{\to} R$  in RMod<sub>R</sub>.

*Proof.* Consider the following bi-Cartesian square in RMod<sub>*R*</sub>:



Applying the colimit-preserving free *R*-algebra functor  $\text{RMod}_R \rightarrow \text{Alg}(\text{RMod}_R)$  yields the following pushout diagram of *R*-algebras:

Consider the morphism of ring spectra  $R[t_0] \xrightarrow{t_0 \mapsto t_0+1} R[t_0]$ , determined from the universal property by the morphism  $R \xrightarrow{1 \mapsto 1+t_0} R[t_0]$  in RMod<sub>R</sub>. Using the commutativity of the diagram



it follows that for n = 1 the image of diagram (80) under  $\theta$ : Alg(RMod)  $\rightarrow$  LinCat<sub>R</sub> is equivalent to the pushout diagram (76). It follows that there exists an equivalence of *R*-linear  $\infty$ -categories Fun ( $S^2$ , RMod<sub>R</sub>)  $\simeq$  RMod<sub>R[t\_1]</sub>. Using the fact that the monadic functor *G* is equivalent to the pullback along  $R \rightarrow R[t_1]$ , we find that the upper half of diagram (38) commutes.

Using the fact that  $f_! \circ i_! \simeq id_{RMod_R}$  (see Remark 5.6), we obtain the following commutative diagram:

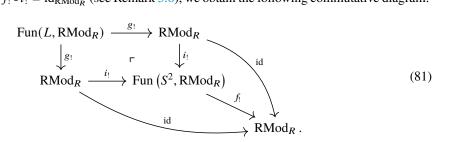
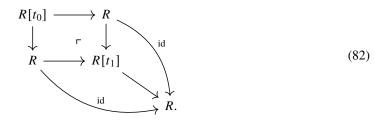


Diagram (81) is equivalent to the image under  $\theta$  of the following diagram in Alg(RMod<sub>R</sub>):



By the universal property of the pushout in Alg(RMod<sub>R</sub>), there exists a unique morphism of ring spectra  $R[t_1] \rightarrow R$  such that diagram (82) commutes. Such a map is given by  $\phi$ . It follows that the functor  $f_!$  is equivalent to  $\theta(\phi)$  and, using [Lur17, 4.6.2.17] also, that the functor  $f^*$  is equivalent to the pullback functor along  $\phi$ .

For  $n \ge 2$ , we can continue by induction and as before. The image of diagram (80) under the functor  $\theta$  is the pushout diagram (77). We thus find the desired equivalence  $\operatorname{Fun}(S^n, \operatorname{RMod}_R) \simeq \operatorname{RMod}_{R[t_{n-1}]}$ , so the upper half of diagram (79) commutes. Analogous to the case n = 1, it can be checked that the lower half of diagram (79) commutes.

Our proof of Proposition 5.7 characterising the cotwist functor of the spherical adjunction  $f^* \dashv f_*$  does not directly generalise to the spectral setting. We conjecture the following:

**Conjecture 7.16.** For any stable  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $n \ge 2$ , consider the cotwist functor  $T_{\operatorname{Fun}(S^n,\mathcal{D})}$  of the spherical adjunction  $f^* : \mathcal{D} \leftrightarrow \operatorname{Fun}(S^n,\mathcal{D}) : f_*$  (see Proposition 5.1).

1. Let R be an  $\mathbb{E}_{\infty}$ -ring spectrum and  $\mathcal{D} = \operatorname{RMod}_R$ . Let  $\varphi : R[t_{n-1}] \to R[t_{n-1}]$  be the equivalence of ring spectra determined by  $\varphi(t_{n-1}) = (-1)^{n-1}t_{n-1}$  (via the involved universal properties). There exists a commutative diagram in LinCat<sub>R</sub> as follows:

 $\begin{array}{c} \operatorname{Fun}(S^{n},\operatorname{RMod}_{R}) \xrightarrow{T_{\operatorname{Fun}}(S^{n},\operatorname{RMod}_{R})} & \operatorname{Fun}(S^{n},\operatorname{RMod}_{R}) \\ formula (78) \not\models \simeq & formula (78) \not\models \simeq \\ & \operatorname{RMod}_{R[t_{n-1}]} \xrightarrow{\varphi^{*}[-n]} & \operatorname{RMod}_{R[t_{n-1}]}. \end{array}$ 

2. Denote by  $S_{top}^n$  the topological n-sphere embedded as the unit sphere into  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , so that its singular set is given by  $Sing\left(S_{top}^n\right) = S^n$ . Let  $r : S_{top}^n \to S_{top}^n$  be the antipodal map, mapping  $x \in S_{top}^n$  to  $-x \in S_{top}^n$ , and  $r^*$  its pullback functor. There exists a natural equivalence

$$T_{\operatorname{Fun}(S^n,\mathcal{D})} \simeq r^*[-n].$$

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