

Crystals for variations of decomposition tableaux

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Abstract \mathfrak{gl}_n -, \mathfrak{q}_n - and \mathfrak{q}_n^+ -crystals

- A \mathfrak{gl}_n -crystal \mathcal{B} is a DAG with edges labeled by $i \in [n-1]$ and a map $\text{wt} : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^n$, satisfying certain axioms.
- A \mathfrak{q}_n -crystal is a \mathfrak{gl}_n -crystal with certain extra arrows labeled by $i = \bar{1}$, satisfying certain axioms.
- An extended \mathfrak{q}_n -crystal or \mathfrak{q}_n^+ -crystal is \mathfrak{q}_n -crystal with extra arrows labeled by $i = 0$, satisfying certain conditions.
- For example, the standard crystals of type \mathfrak{gl}_n , \mathfrak{q}_n , and \mathfrak{q}_n^+ are respectively

$$\mathbb{B}_n = \begin{array}{c} \boxed{1} \xrightarrow{1} \boxed{2} \xrightarrow{2} \boxed{3} \xrightarrow{3} \cdots \xrightarrow{n-1} \boxed{n} \\ \boxed{1} \xrightarrow{1} \boxed{2} \xrightarrow{2} \boxed{3} \xrightarrow{3} \cdots \xrightarrow{n-1} \boxed{n} \\ \boxed{0} \downarrow \quad \boxed{1} \xrightarrow{1} \boxed{2} \xrightarrow{2} \boxed{3} \xrightarrow{3} \cdots \xrightarrow{n-1} \boxed{n} \end{array}$$

The relevant weight maps all have $\text{wt}(\boxed{i}) = \text{wt}(\boxed{i'}) = \mathbf{e}_i = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$.

- There is a crystal structure on $\mathcal{B} \otimes \mathcal{C} = \{b \otimes c : b \in \mathcal{B}, c \in \mathcal{C}\}$ when \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{C} are both \mathfrak{gl}_n -, \mathfrak{q}_n -, or \mathfrak{q}_n^+ -crystals.
- The \mathfrak{q}_n and \mathfrak{q}_n^+ tensor products extend the \mathfrak{gl}_n tensor product, but the \mathfrak{q}_n^+ case does not extend the \mathfrak{q}_n one.
- The character of a finite crystal \mathcal{B} is $\text{ch}(\mathcal{B}) = \sum_{b \in \mathcal{B}} x^{\text{wt}(b)}$ and it always holds that $\text{ch}(\mathcal{B} \otimes \mathcal{C}) = \text{ch}(\mathcal{B})\text{ch}(\mathcal{C})$.

Crystals on primed decomposition tableaux

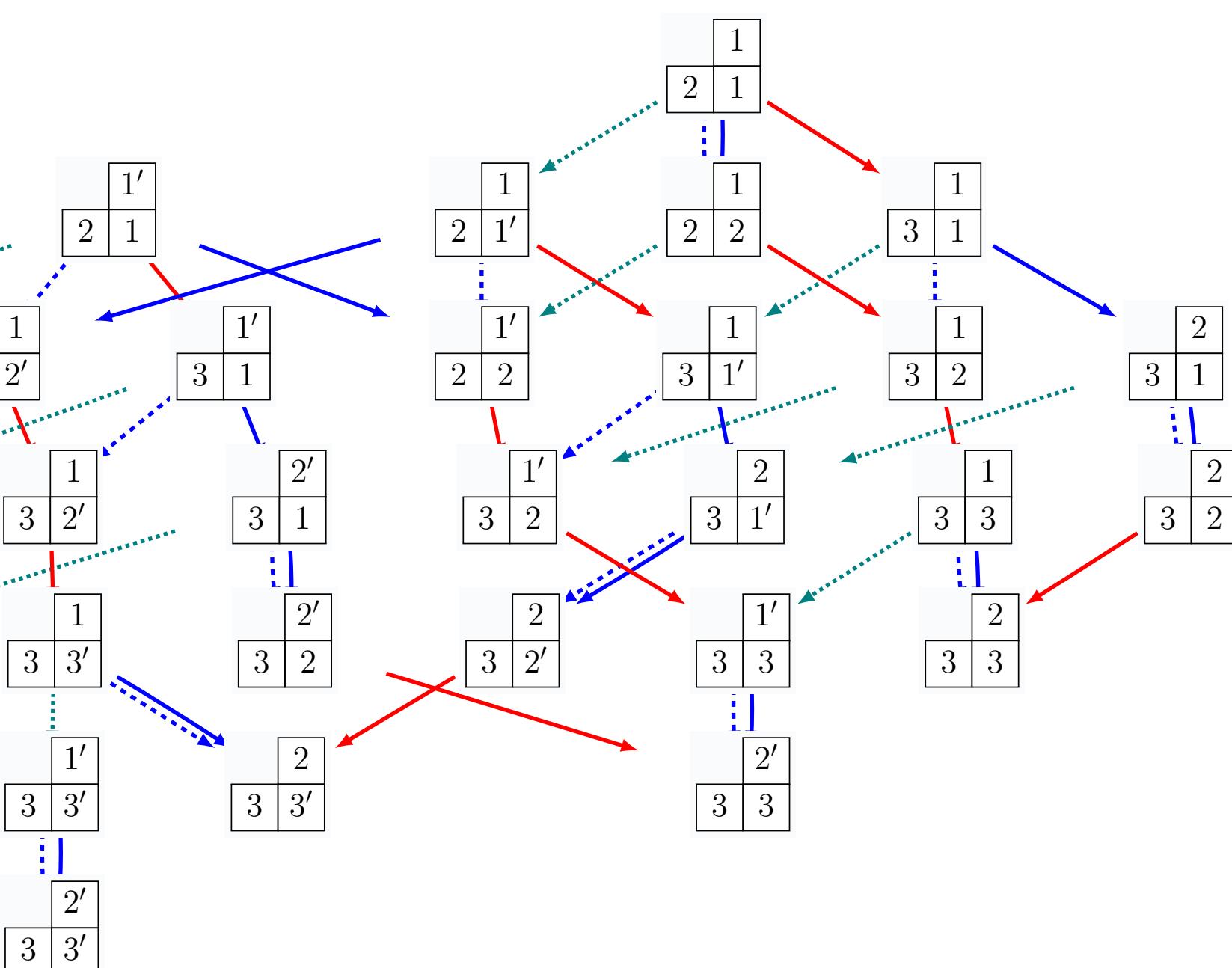
- Assume $\lambda = (\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \dots > 0)$ is a strict integer partition. A hook word is a sequence of positive integers $w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_N$ such that $w_1 \geq w_2 \geq \dots \geq w_m < w_{m+1} < w_{m+2} < \dots < w_N$ for some $1 \leq m \leq N$.
- A (semistandard) decomposition tableau of shape λ is a shifted tableau T of shape λ whose rows are hook words such that none of the following patterns occur in consecutive rows (drawing tableaux in French notation):

$$\begin{array}{cc} \cdots b & \cdots c \cdots b \\ \boxed{a} \cdots & \boxed{c} \cdots \boxed{a} \cdots \end{array} \text{ for } a \leq b \leq c \text{ or } \begin{array}{cc} \cdots x & \cdots x \\ \boxed{y} \cdots z & \cdots \boxed{y} \cdots z \end{array} \text{ for } x < y < z.$$

- Denote the set of decomposition tableau of shape λ with all entries $\leq n$ as $\text{DecTab}_n(\lambda)$. Let $\text{DecTab}_n^+(\lambda)$ be the set of tableaux formed by taking elements of $\text{DecTab}_n(\lambda)$ and adding primes to the middle elements of zero or more rows.
- The row reading word of a shifted tableau T is the word $\text{row}(T)$ formed by reading the rows from left to right, starting with the top row in French notation. The reverse reading word $\text{revrow}(T)$ is the reversal of $\text{row}(T)$.

Theorem (Marberg–T., 2023)

There is a unique (normal) \mathfrak{q}_n^+ -crystal structure on $\text{DecTab}_n^+(\lambda)$ that makes $\text{revrow} : \text{DecTab}_n^+(\lambda) \rightarrow (\mathbb{B}_n^+)^{\otimes |\lambda|}$ into a \mathfrak{q}_n^+ -crystal embedding, where \mathbb{B}_n^+ denotes the standard \mathfrak{q}_n^+ -crystal.



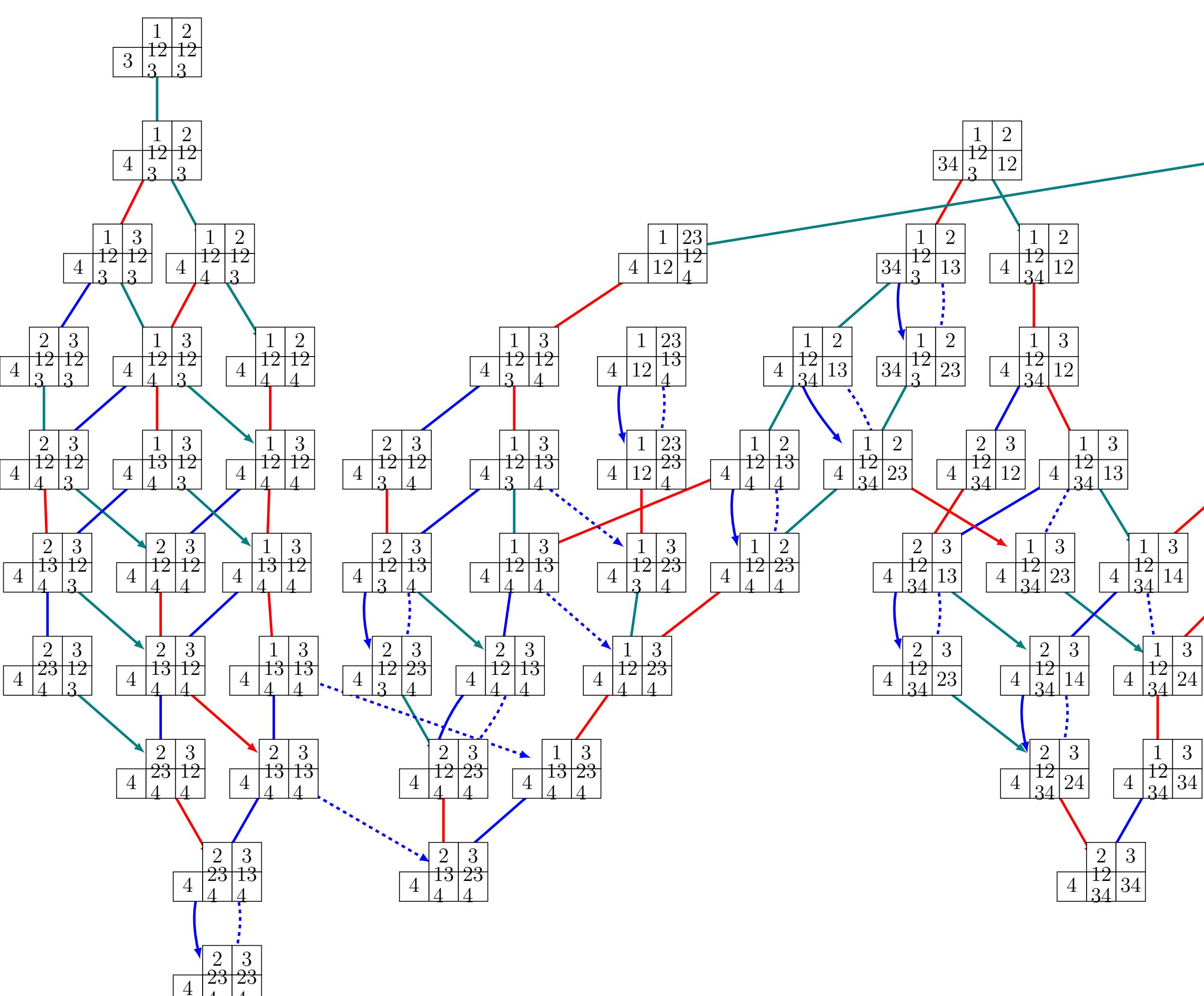
Theorem (Marberg–T., 2023)

Each connected normal \mathfrak{q}_n^+ -crystal is isomorphic to $\text{DecTab}_n^+(\lambda)$ for a unique λ . The crystal $\text{DecTab}_n^+(\lambda)$ has a unique \mathfrak{q}_n^+ -highest weight element of weight λ , and the character of an arbitrary normal \mathfrak{q}_n^+ -crystal \mathcal{B} has Schur Q-expansion

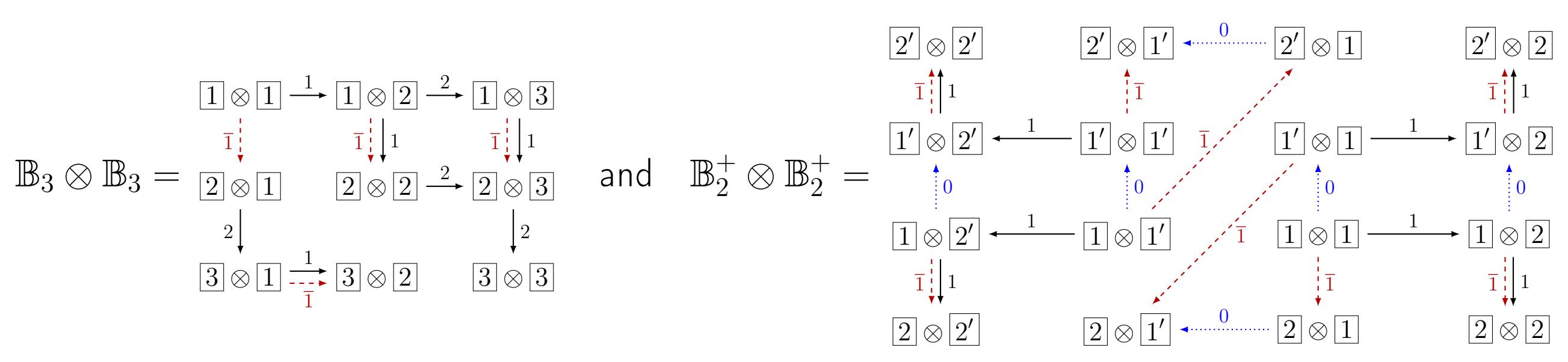
$$\text{ch}(\mathcal{B}) = \sum_b Q_{\text{wt}(b)}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \text{ where the sum is over } \mathfrak{q}_n^+\text{-highest weight elements.}$$

Hence the coefficients in $Q_\lambda Q_\mu = \sum_\nu a_{\lambda\mu}^\nu Q_\nu$ count the \mathfrak{q}_n^+ -highest weights in $\text{DecTab}_n^+(\lambda) \otimes \text{DecTab}_n^+(\mu)$ for $n \gg 0$.

Crystals on set-valued decomposition tableaux usually disconnected, generally not normal, can have multiple highest weights



Tensor products and normal crystals



- A normal \mathfrak{gl}_n -, \mathfrak{q}_n -, or \mathfrak{q}_n^+ -crystal is a component of a tensor power of the standard crystal, or a union of such crystals.

Theorem (Kashiwara; Grantcharov et al.; Marberg–T.)

Characters of normal \mathfrak{gl}_n -, \mathfrak{q}_n -, and \mathfrak{q}_n^+ -crystals are respectively Schur positive, Schur P-positive, and Schur Q-positive.

Set-valued decomposition tableaux

- Let $\text{SetShTab}^+(\lambda)$ be the set of semistandard set-valued shifted tableaux of shape λ . The entries of such tableaux are nonempty finite subsets of $\{1' < 1 < 2' < 2 < \dots\}$ that weakly increase along rows and columns in a specific sense.
- Let $\text{SetShTab}(\lambda) \subseteq \text{SetShTab}^+(\lambda)$ be the subset of tableaux with no primed numbers in any diagonal boxes.
- The K-theoretic Schur P- and Q-functions of λ are defined to be the power series

$$GP_\lambda = \sum_{T \in \text{SetShTab}(\lambda)} x^T \in \mathbb{N}[[x_1, x_2, \dots]] \text{ and } GQ_\lambda = \sum_{T \in \text{SetShTab}^+(\lambda)} x^T \in \mathbb{N}[[x_1, x_2, \dots]].$$

- Let $\text{SetDecTab}(\lambda)$ be the set of all (semistandard) set-valued decomposition tableaux of shape λ . A set-valued shifted tableau of shape λ belongs to $\text{SetDecTab}(\lambda)$ if all of its distributions are in $\text{DecTab}(\lambda)$.

Conjecture (Cho–Ikeda)

If λ is any strict partition then $GP_\lambda = \sum_{T \in \text{SetDecTab}(\lambda)} x^T$.

Theorem (Marberg–T., 2023)

If λ is any strict partition then $\text{SetDecTab}(\lambda)$ is naturally a \mathfrak{q}_n -crystal for certain explicit crystal operators.

