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# POLYTOPES & COMBINATORICS

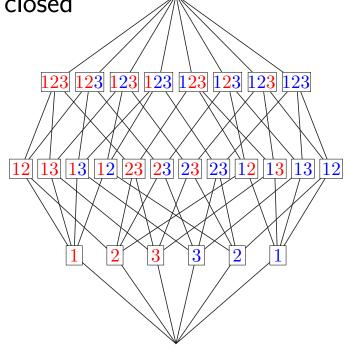
# SIMPLICIAL COMPLEX

simplicial complex = collection of subsets of X downward closed

exm:

$$X = [n] \cup [n]$$
  

$$\Delta = \{ I \subseteq X \mid \forall i \in [n], \ \{i, i\} \not\subseteq I \}$$

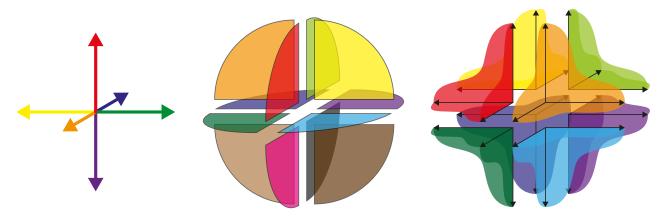


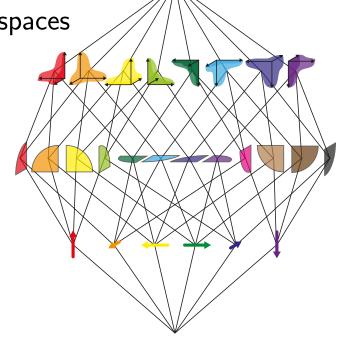
## **FANS**

polyhedral cone = positive span of a finite set of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ 

= intersection of finitely many linear half-spaces

fan = collection of polyhedral cones closed by faces and where any two cones intersect along a face





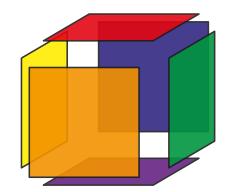
simplicial fan = maximal cones generated by d rays

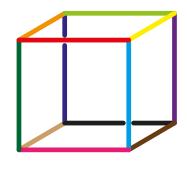
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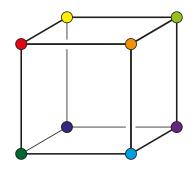
polytope = convex hull of a finite set of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ 

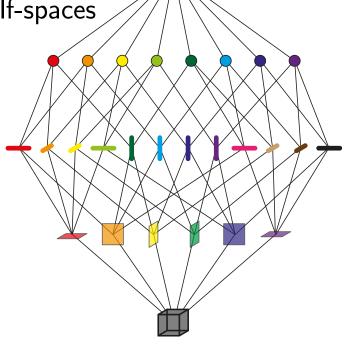
= bounded intersection of finitely many affine half-spaces

face = intersection with a supporting hyperplane face lattice = all the faces with their inclusion relations



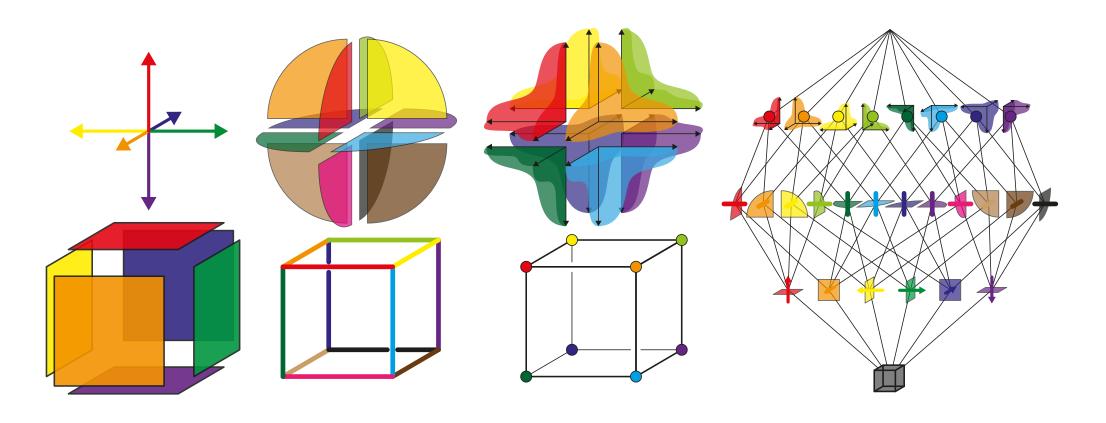






simple polytope = facets in general position = each vertex incident to d facets

# SIMPLICIAL COMPLEXES, FANS, AND POLYTOPES

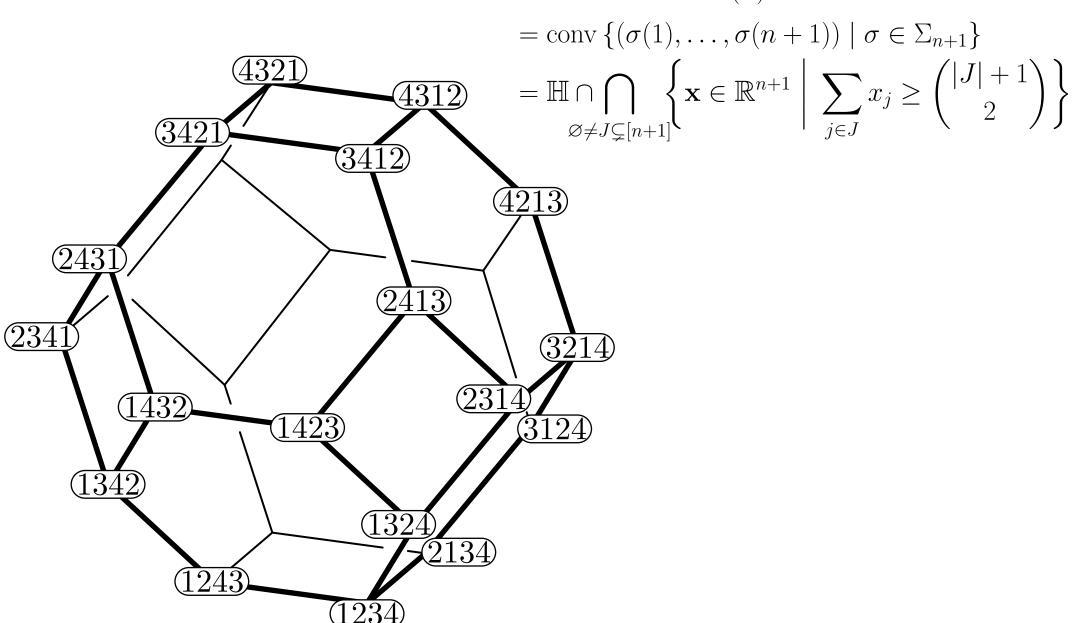


 ${\cal P}$  polytope,  ${\cal F}$  face of  ${\cal P}$ 

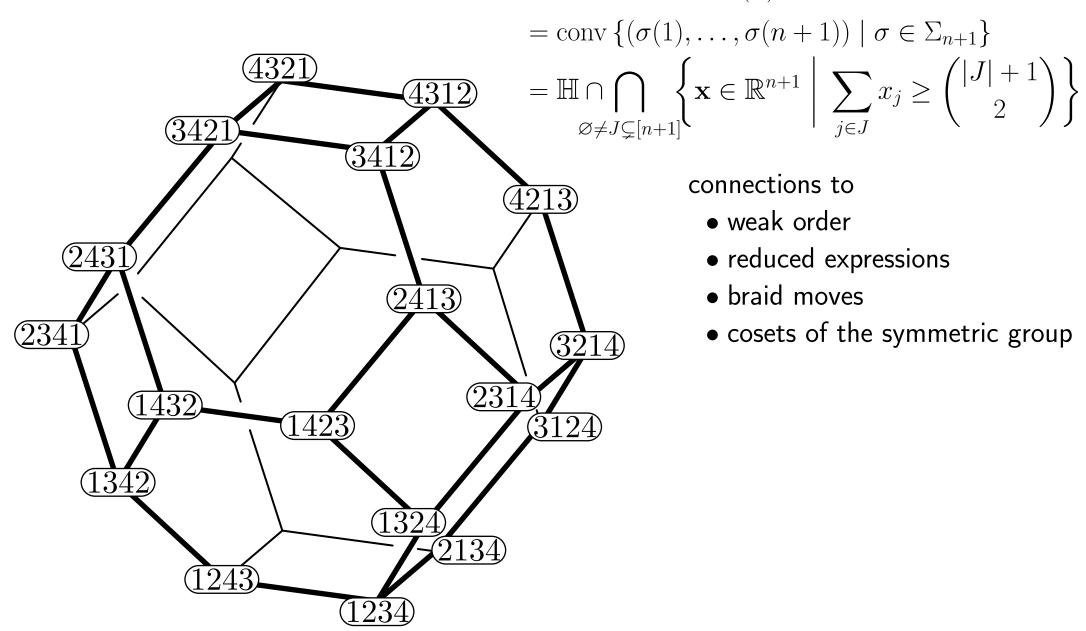
normal cone of F= positive span of the outer normal vectors of the facets containing F normal fan of P= { normal cone of  $F\mid F$  face of P }

simple polytope  $\implies$  simplicial fan  $\implies$  simplicial complex

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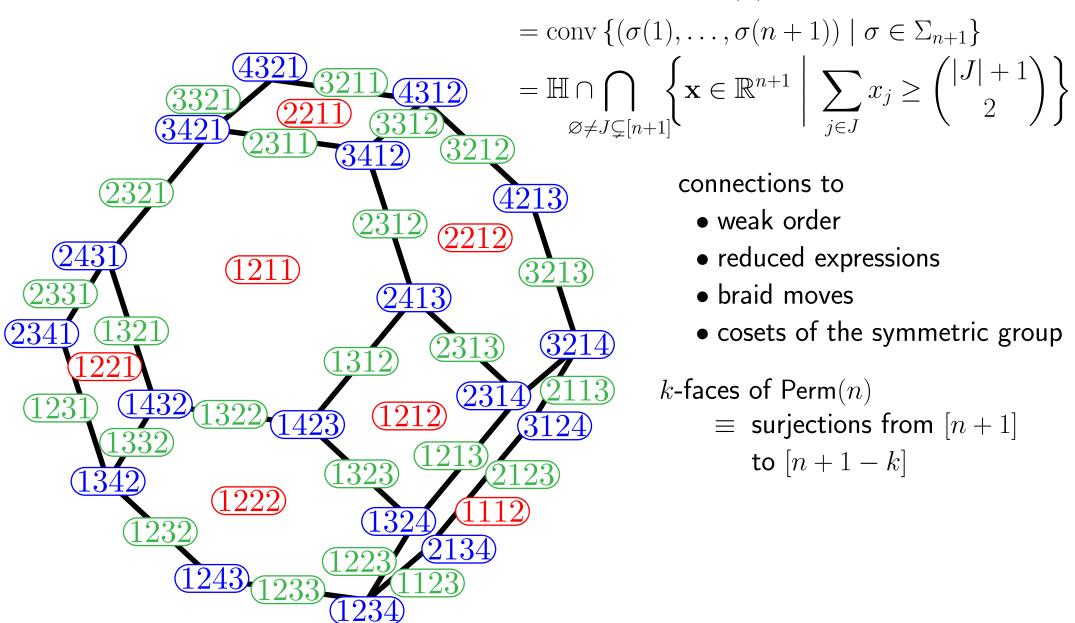
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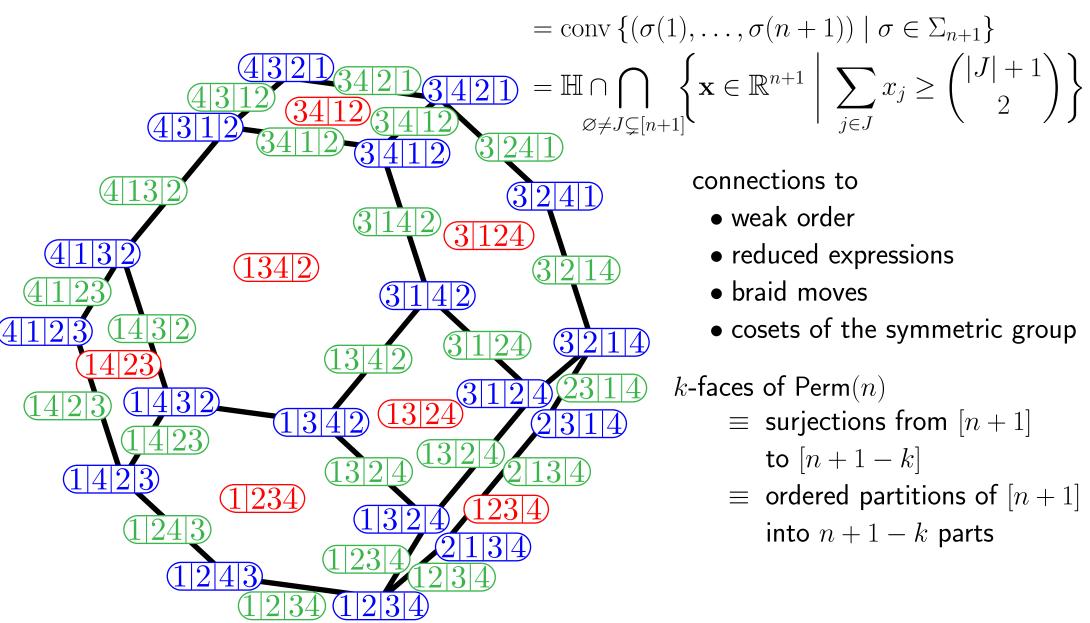
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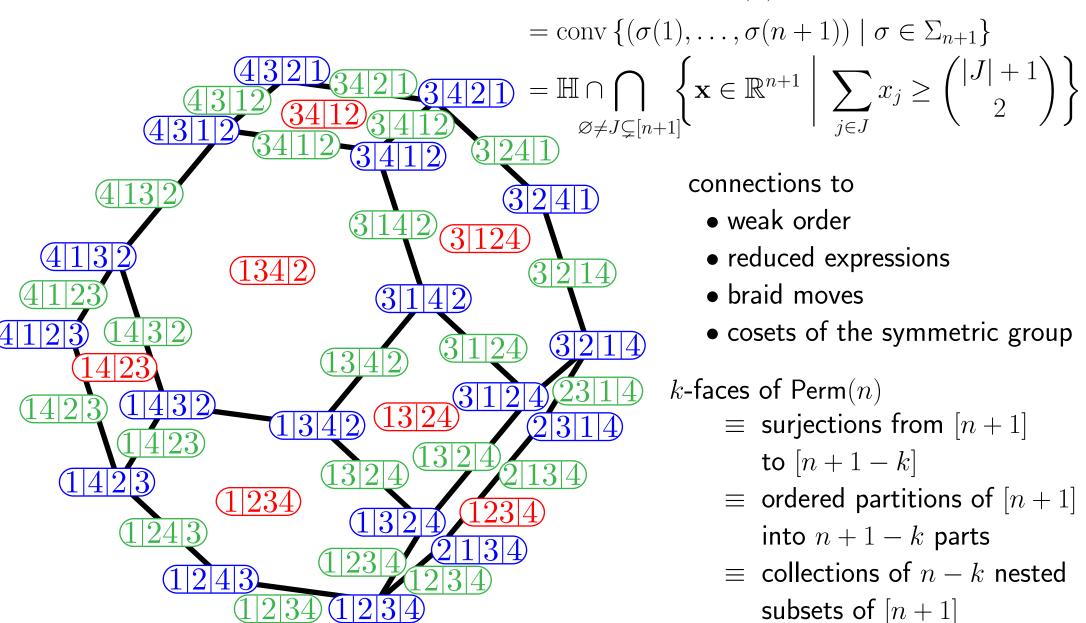
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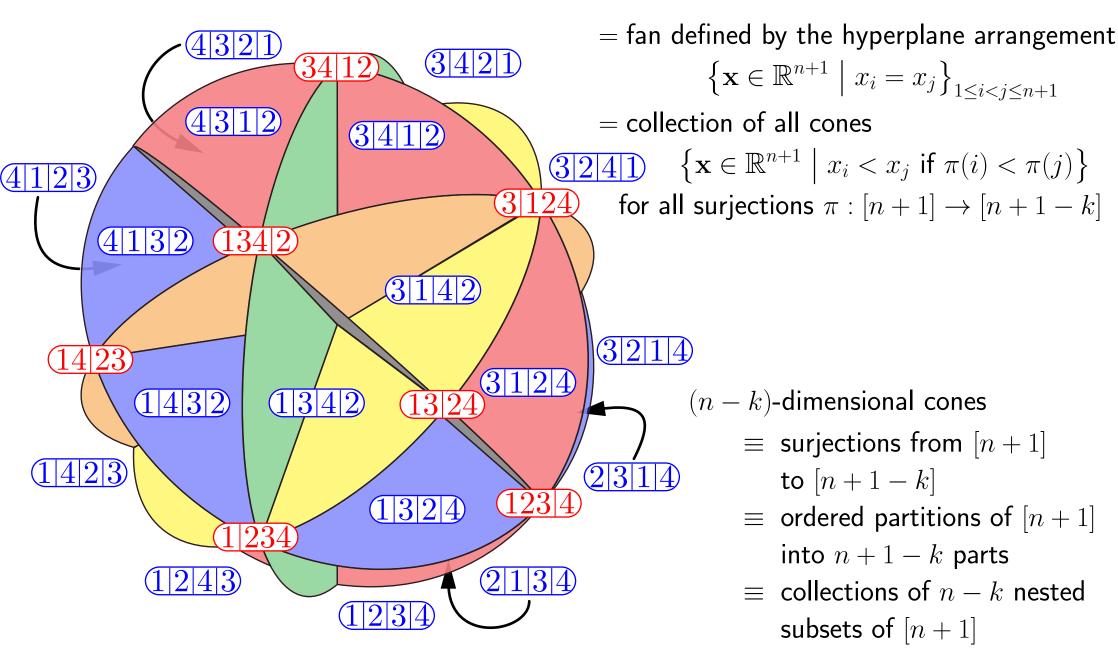
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- $\equiv$  collections of n-k nested subsets of [n+1]

## **COXETER ARRANGEMENT**

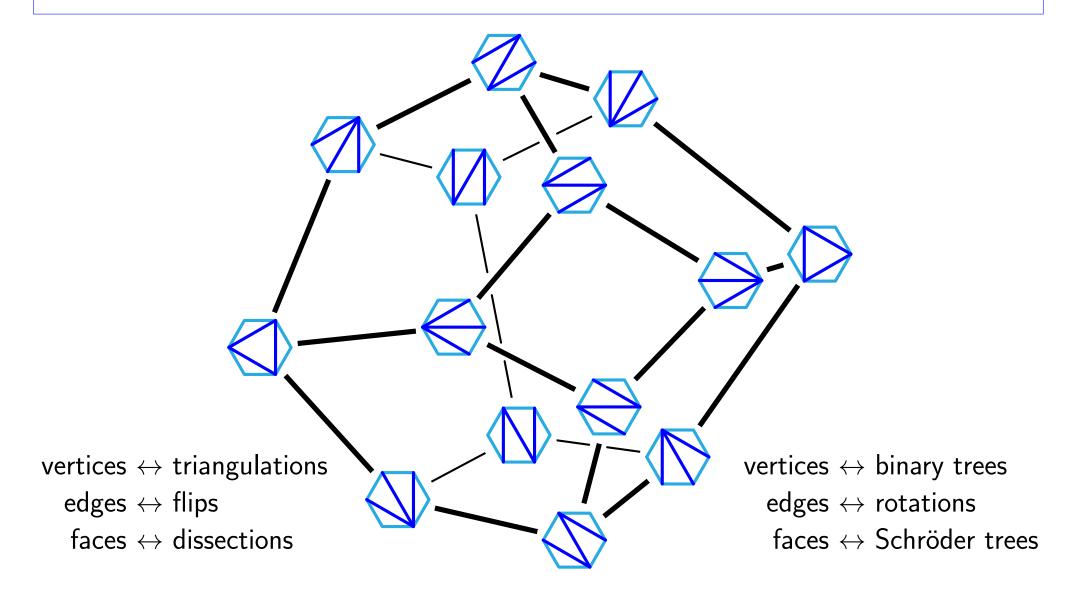




# **ASSOCIAHEDRA**

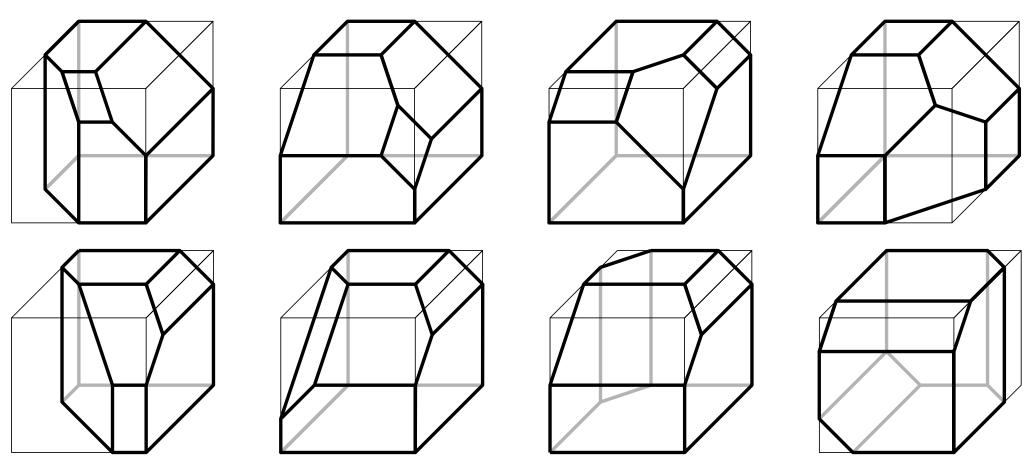
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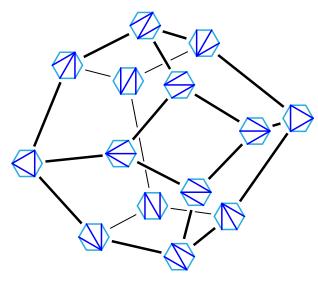
Tamari ('51) — Stasheff ('63) — Haimann ('84) — Lee ('89) — (Pictures by Ceballos-Santos-Ziegler)

... — Gel'fand-Kapranov-Zelevinski ('94) — ... — Chapoton-Fomin-Zelevinsky ('02) — ... — Loday ('04) — ...

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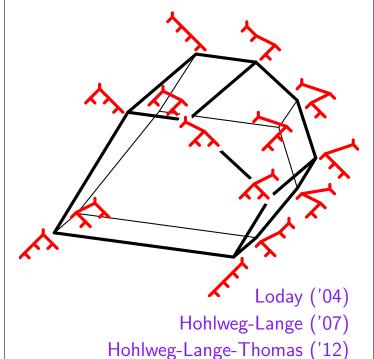
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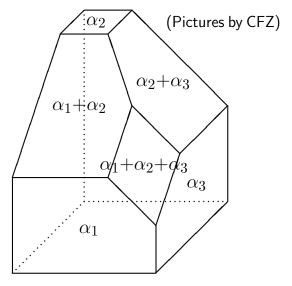


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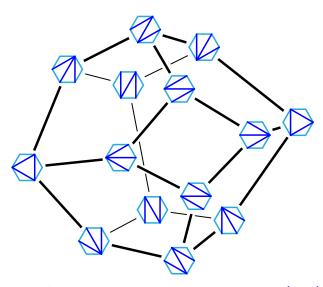
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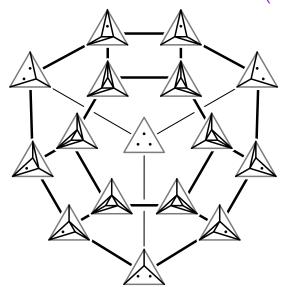
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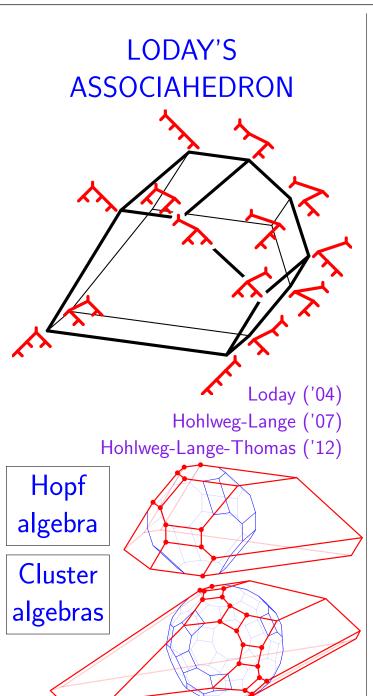
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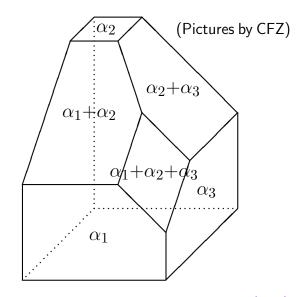


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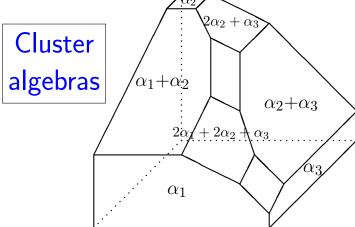




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# **GRAPH ASSOCIAHEDRA**

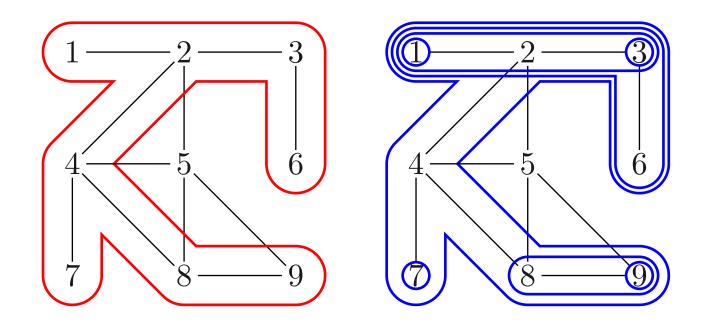
#### NESTED COMPLEX AND GRAPH ASSOCIAHEDRON

G graph on ground set V

Tube of G = connected induced subgraph of G

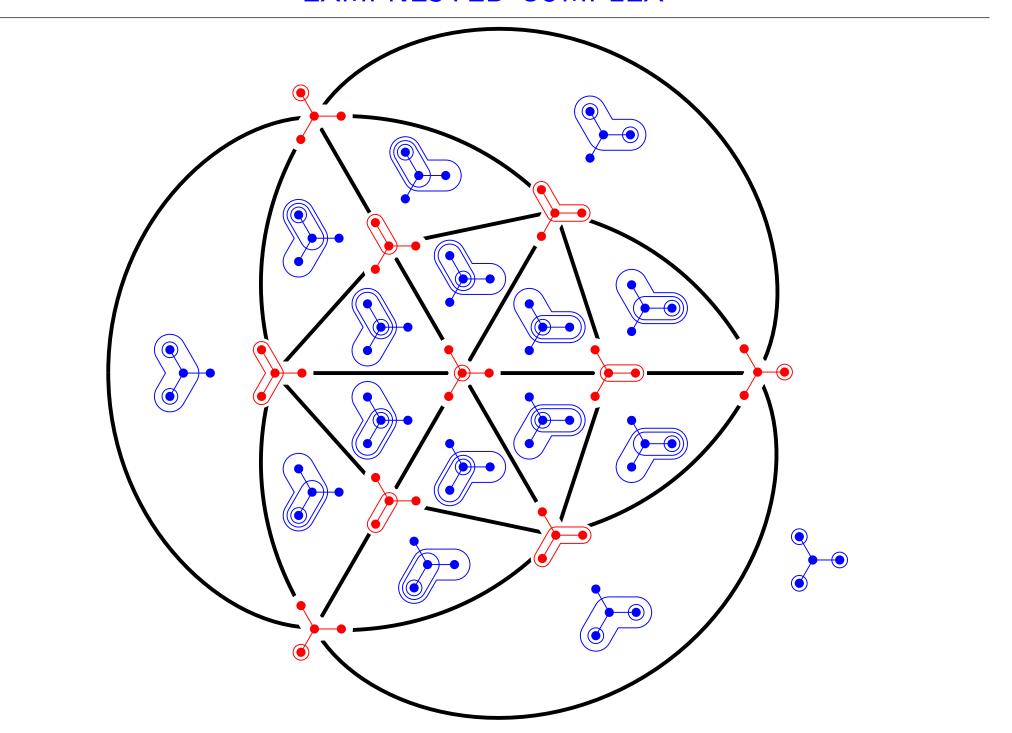
Compatible tubes = nested, or disjoint and non-adjacent

Tubing on G = collection of pairwise compatible tubes of G

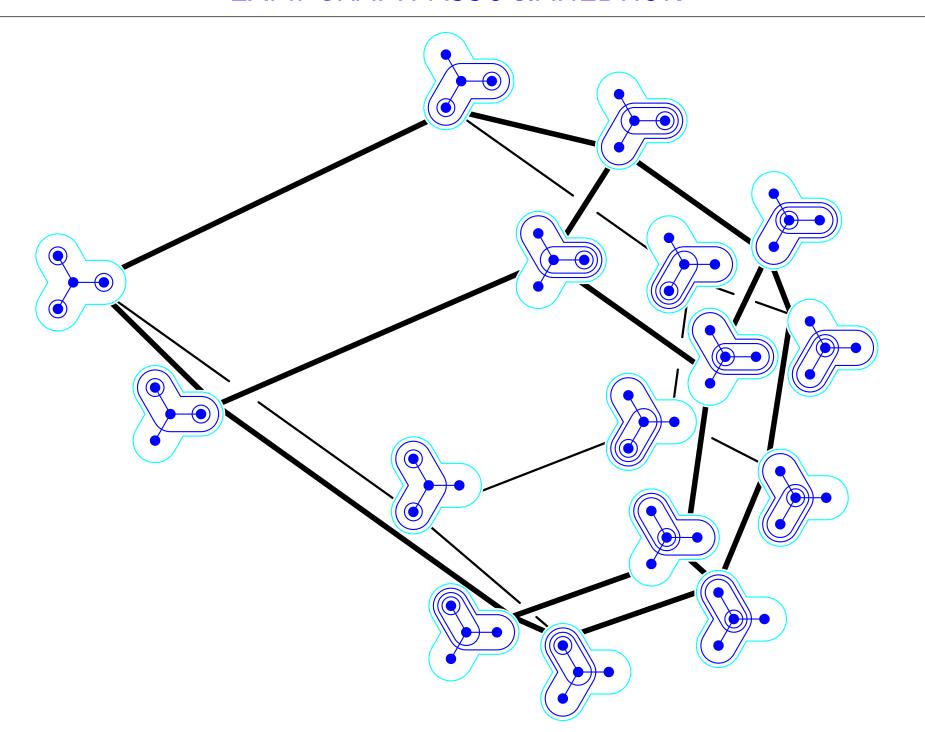


G-associahedron = polytopal realization of the nested complex on G

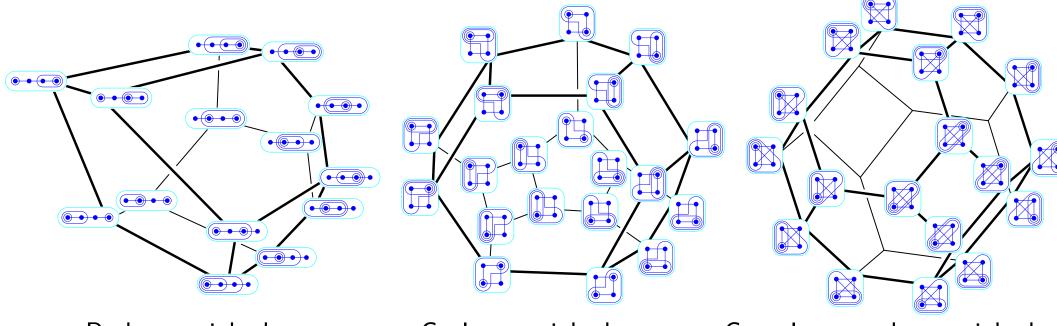
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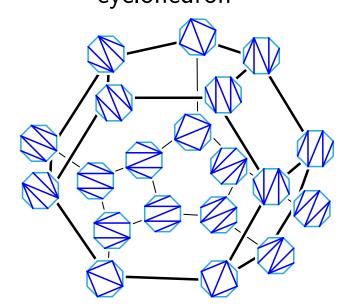


# SPECIAL GRAPH ASSOCIAHEDRA



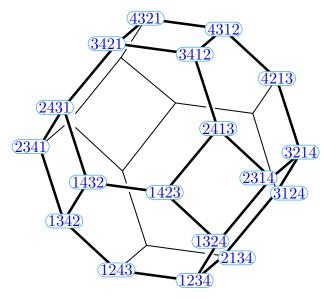
Path associahedron = associahedron

Cycle associahedron = cyclohedron



Complete graph associahedron

= permutahedron



# LINEAR LAURENT PHENOMENON ALGEBRAS

Laurent Phenomenon Algebra = commut. ring gen. by cluster variables grouped in clusters

seed = pair(x, F) where

- $\mathbf{x} = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  cluster variables
- $\mathbf{F} = \{F_1, \dots, F_n\}$  exchange polynomials

seed mutation =  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{F}) \longmapsto \mu_i(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{F}) = (\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{F}')$  where

- $x'_i = \hat{F}_i/x_i$  while  $x'_j = x_j$  for  $j \neq i$
- $F'_j$  obtained from  $F_j$  by eliminating  $x_i$

THM. Every cluster variable in a LP algebra is a Laurent polynomial in the cluster variables of any seed.

Lam-Pylyavskyy, Laurent Phenomenon Algebras ('12)

Connection to graph associahedra: Any (directed) graph  ${\rm G}$  defines a linear LP algebra whose cluster complex contains the nested complex of  ${\rm G}$ 

Lam-Pylyavskyy, Linear Laurent Phenomenon Algebras ('12)

# COMPATIBILITY FANS FOR GRAPHICAL NESTED COMPLEXES

Thibault Manneville & VP arXiv:1501.07152

#### COMPATIBILITY FANS FOR ASSOCIAHEDRA

 ${\rm T}^{\circ}$  an initial triangulation  $\delta, \delta'$  two internal diagonals

compatibility degree between  $\delta$  and  $\delta'$ 

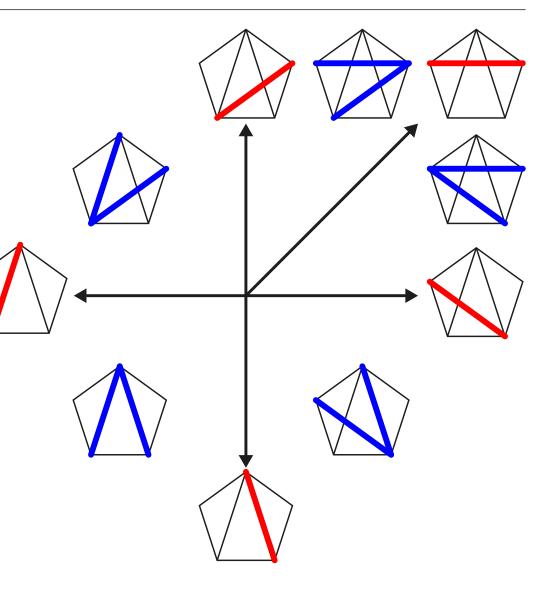
 $(\delta \parallel \delta') = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } \delta = \delta' \\ 0 & \text{if } \delta \text{ and } \delta' \text{ do not cross} \\ 1 & \text{if } \delta \text{ and } \delta' \text{ cross} \end{cases}$ 

compatibility vector of  $\delta$  wrt  $T^{\circ}$ :

$$\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{T}^{\circ}, \delta) = \left[ (\delta^{\circ} \parallel \delta) \right]_{\delta^{\circ} \in \mathbf{T}^{\circ}}$$

compatibility fan wrt  $T^{\circ}$ 

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Fomin-Zelevinsky, Y-Systems and generalized associahedra ('03)

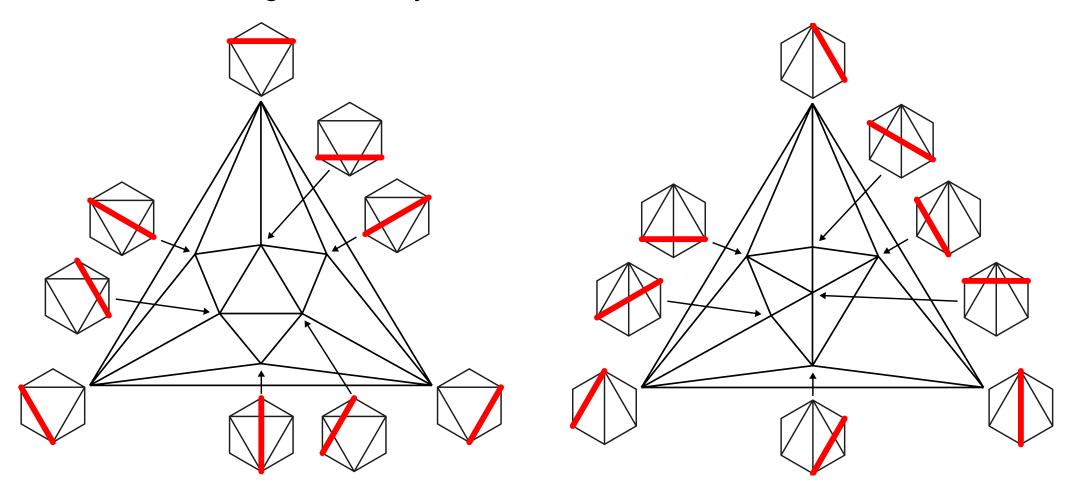
Fomin-Zelevinsky, Cluster algebras II: Finite type classification ('03)

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## COMPATIBILITY FANS FOR ASSOCIAHEDRA

Different initial triangulations  $\mathrm{T}^\circ$  yield different realizations



THM. For any initial triangulation  $T^{\circ}$ , the cones  $\{\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \mathbf{d}(T^{\circ}, D) \mid D \text{ dissection}\}$  form a complete simplicial fan. Moreover, this fan is always polytopal.

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#### COMPATIBILITY FANS FOR GRAPHICAL NESTED COMPLEXES

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m T}^{\circ}$  an initial maximal tubing on  ${
m G}$ t, t' two tubes of G

compatibility degree between t and t'

$$(t \parallel t') = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } t = t' \\ 0 & \text{if } t, t' \text{ are compatible} \\ |\{\text{neighbors of } t \text{ in } t' \setminus t\}| & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

compatibility vector of t wrt  $T^{\circ}$ :

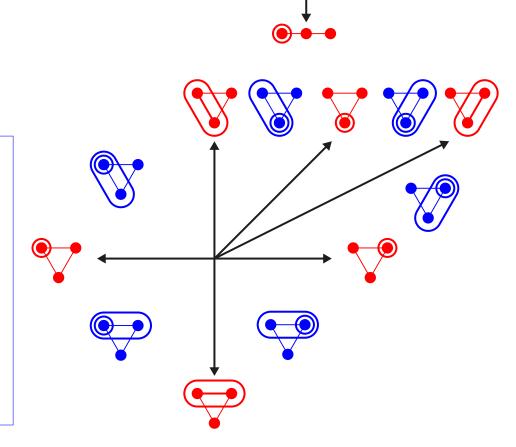
$$\mathbf{d}(T^{\circ}, t) = \left[ (t^{\circ} \parallel t) \right]_{t^{\circ} \in T^{\circ}}$$

THM. For any initial maximal tubing  $T^{\circ}$  on G, the collection of cones

$$\mathcal{D}(G, T^{\circ}) = \{ \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \, \mathbf{d}(T^{\circ}, T) \mid T \text{ tubing on } G \}$$

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Manneville-P., Compatibility fans for graphical nested complexes

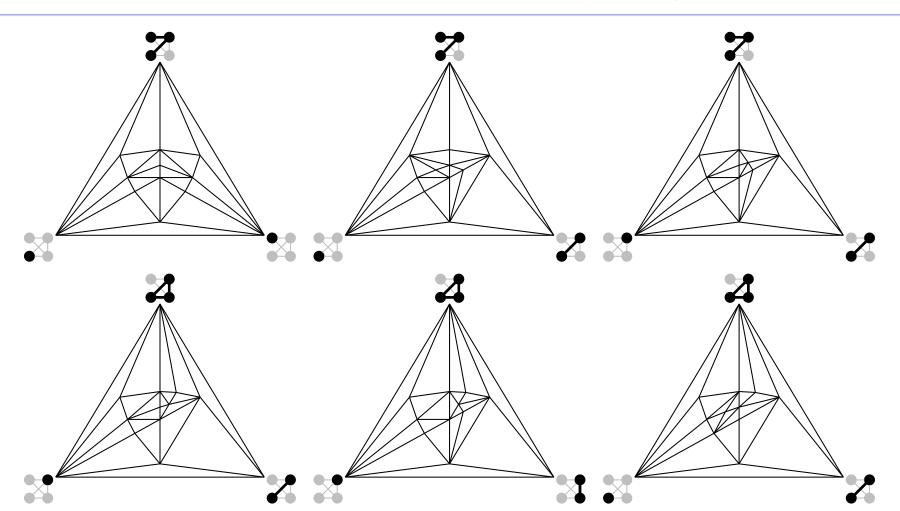


## GRAPH CATALAN MANY SIMPLICIAL FAN REALIZATIONS

THM. When none of the connected components of G is a spider,

# linear isomorphism classes of compatibility fans of G = # orbits of maximal tubings on G under graph automorphisms of G.

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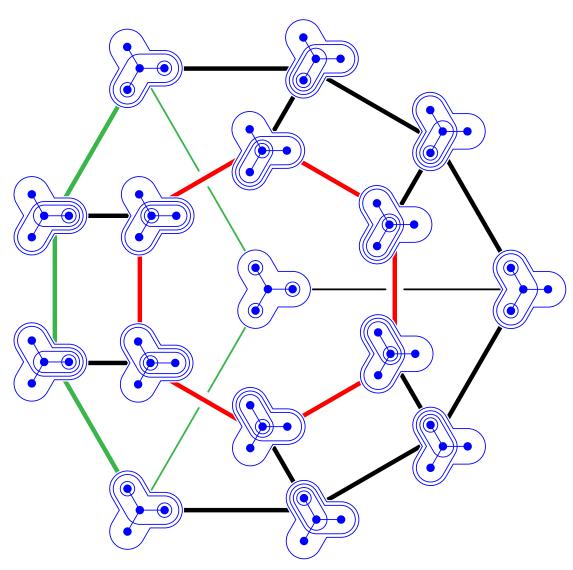
To go further, we need to understand better the linear dependences between the compatibility vectors of the tubes involved in a flip

THM. All compatibility fans on the paths and cycles are polytopal

Ceballos-Santos-Ziegler, Many non-equivalent realizations of the associahedron ('11) Manneville-P., Compatibility fans for graphical nested complexes ('15)

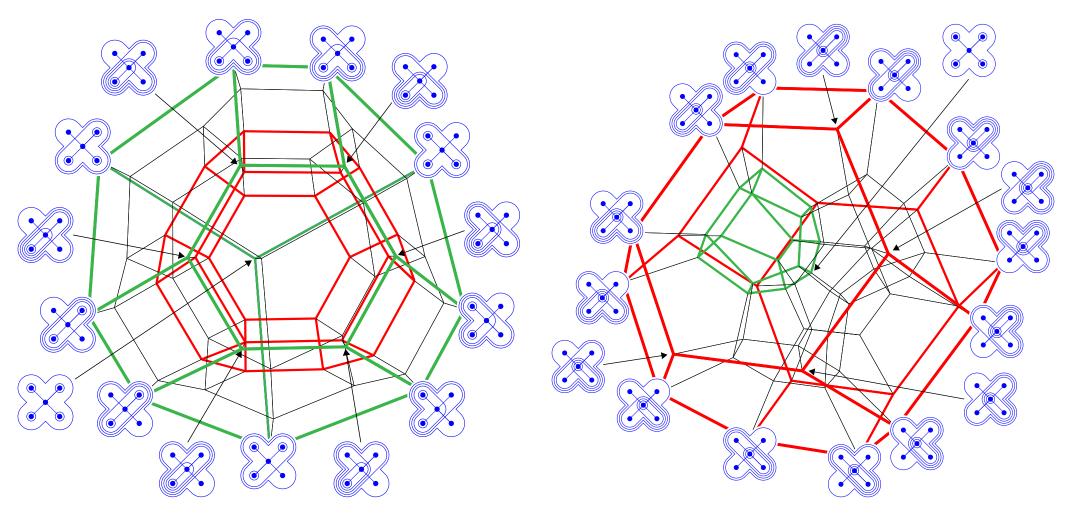
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Convex hull of the orbits under coordinate permutations of the set  $\left\{\sum_{i>k} i \mathbf{e}_i \mid 0 \leq k \leq n\right\}$ 

# SIGNED TREE ASSOCIAHEDRA

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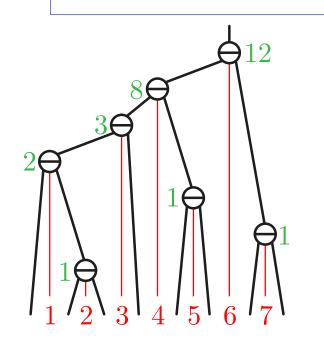
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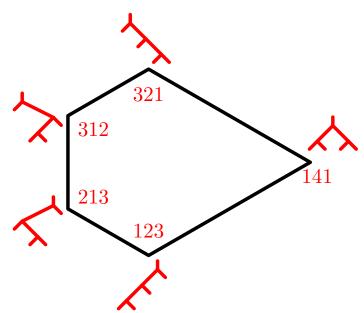
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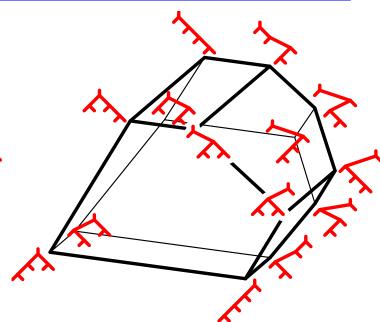
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Loday, Realization of the Stasheff polytope ('04)







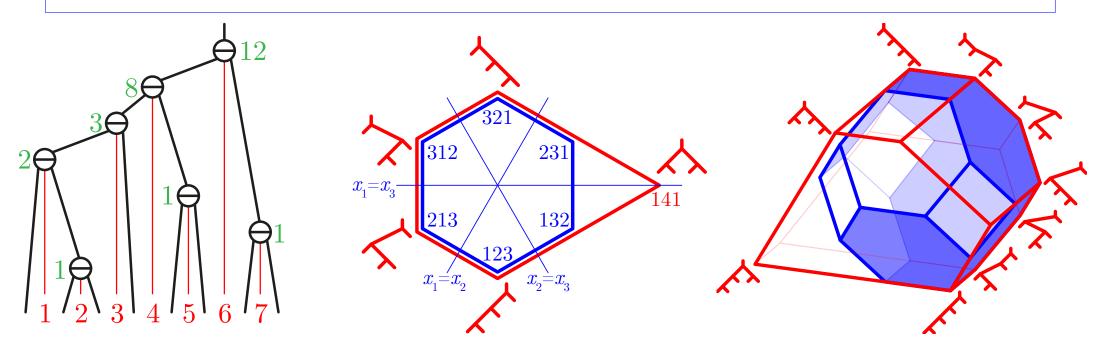
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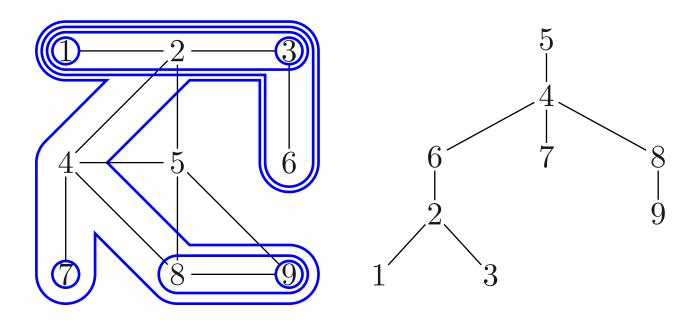
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- Asso(n) obtained by deleting inequalities in the facet description of the permutahedron
- normal cone of  $\mathbf{L}(T)$  in  $\mathsf{Asso}(n) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{H} \mid x_i < x_j \text{ for all } i \to j \text{ in } T\}$ =  $\bigcup_{\sigma \in \mathcal{L}(T)}$  normal cone of  $\sigma$  in  $\mathsf{Perm}(n)$

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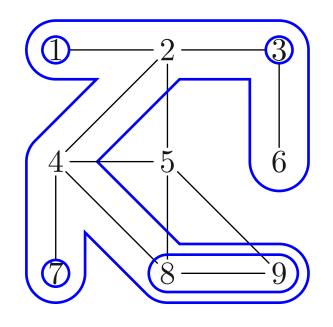
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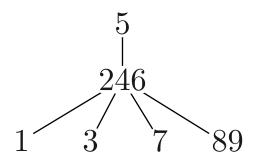
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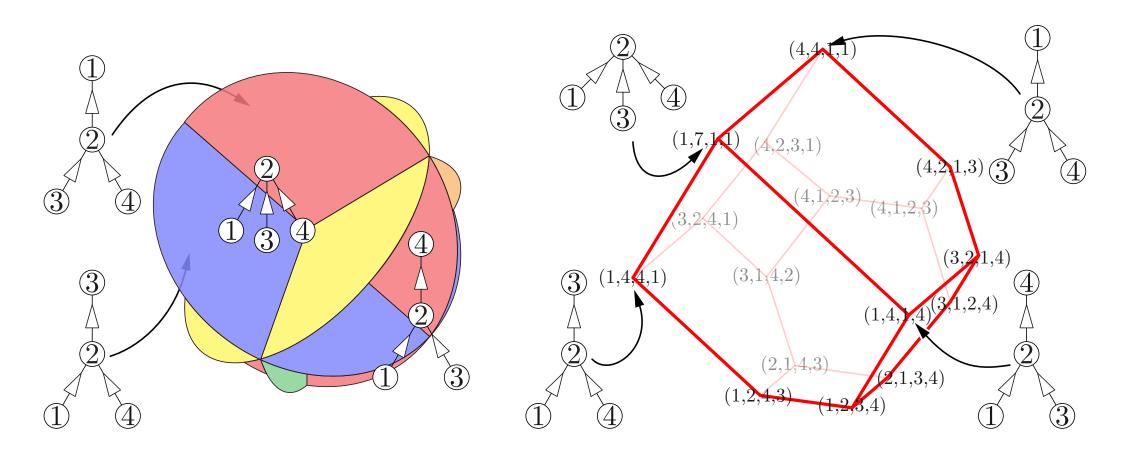
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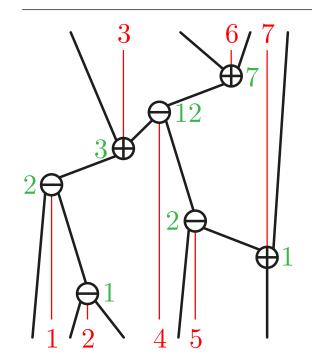
Carr-Devadoss, Coxeter complexes and graph associahedra ('06)

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#### HOHLWEG-LANGE'S ASSOCIAHEDRA

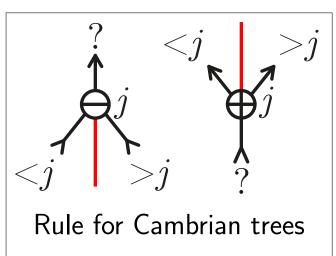


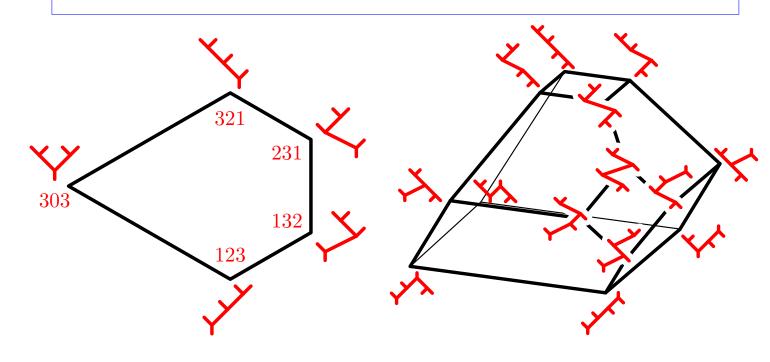
for an arbitrary signature  $\varepsilon \in \pm^{n+1}$ ,

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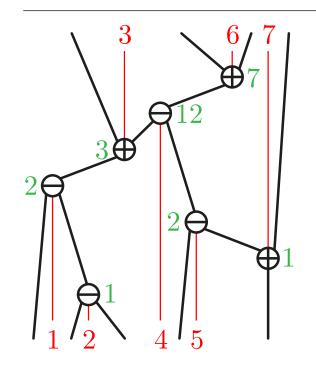
$$\text{with } \mathbf{HL}(\mathbf{T})_j \coloneqq \begin{cases} \ell(\mathbf{T},j) \cdot r(\mathbf{T},j) & \text{if } \varepsilon(j) = -1 \\ n+2-\ell(\mathbf{T},j) \cdot r(\mathbf{T},j) & \text{if } \varepsilon(j) = +1 \end{cases}$$

Hohlweg-Lange, Realizations of the associahedron and cyclohedron ('07) Lange-P., Using spines to revisit a construction of the associahedron ('15)





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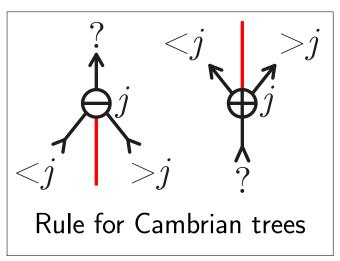


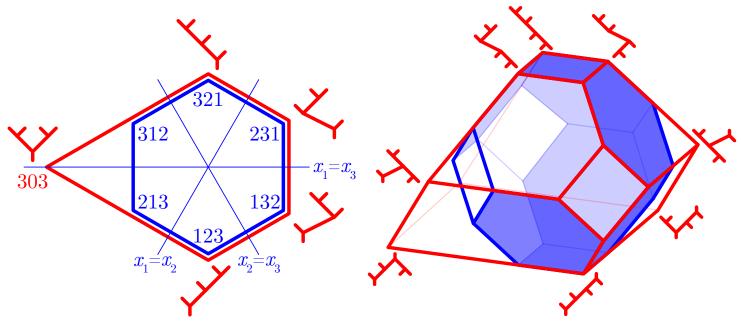
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 $\mathsf{Asso}(\varepsilon) := \operatorname{conv} \left\{ \mathbf{HL}(\mathsf{T}) \mid \mathsf{T} \ \varepsilon\text{-}\mathsf{Cambrian} \ \mathsf{tree} \right\}$ 

$$\text{with } \mathbf{HL}(\mathbf{T})_j \coloneqq \begin{cases} \ell(\mathbf{T},j) \cdot r(\mathbf{T},j) & \text{if } \varepsilon(j) = -1 \\ n+2-\ell(\mathbf{T},j) \cdot r(\mathbf{T},j) & \text{if } \varepsilon(j) = +1 \end{cases}$$

Hohlweg-Lange, Realizations of the associahedron and cyclohedron ('07) Lange-P., Using spines to revisit a construction of the associahedron ('15)





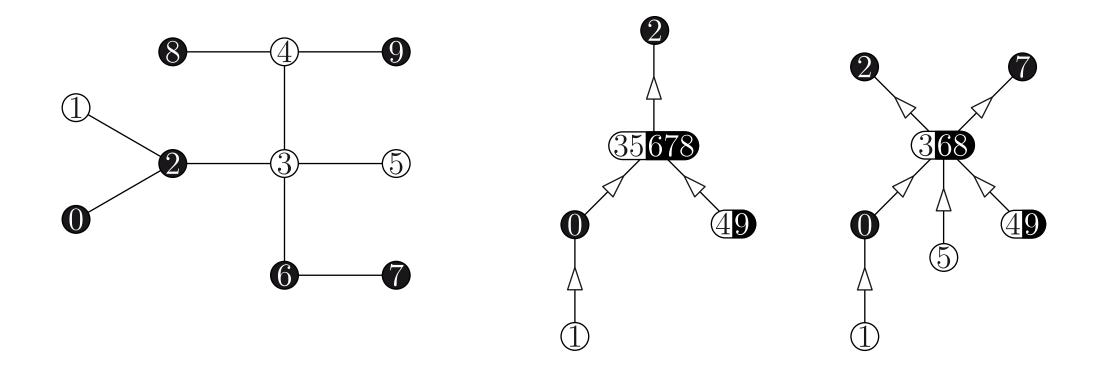
- Asso(n) obtained by deleting inequalities in the facet description of the permutahedron
- normal cone of  $\mathbf{HL}(T)$  in  $\mathsf{Asso}(\varepsilon) = \{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{H} \mid x_i < x_j \text{ for all } i \to j \text{ in } T \}$

#### SIGNED SPINES ON SIGNED TREES

T tree on the signed ground set  $V = V^- \sqcup V^+$  (negative in white, positive in black)

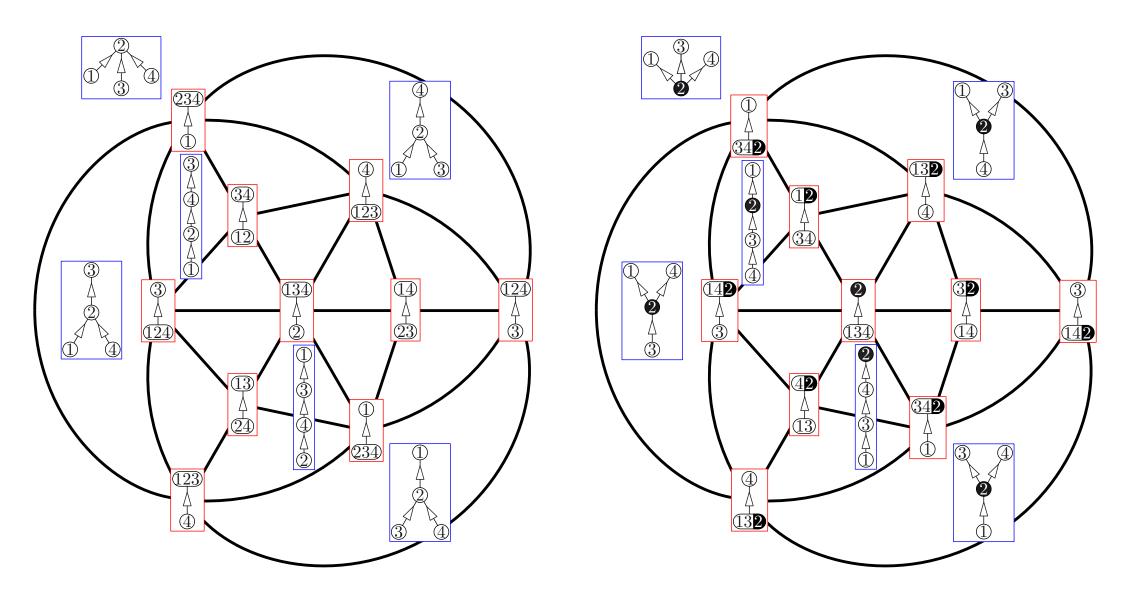
Signed spine on T =directed and labeled tree S st

- (i) the labels of the nodes of S form a partition of the signed ground set V
- (ii) at a node of S labeled by  $U=U^-\sqcup U^+$ , the source label sets of the different incoming arcs are subsets of distinct connected components of  $T\smallsetminus U^-$ , while the sink label sets of the different outgoing arcs are subsets of distinct connected components of  $T\smallsetminus U^+$



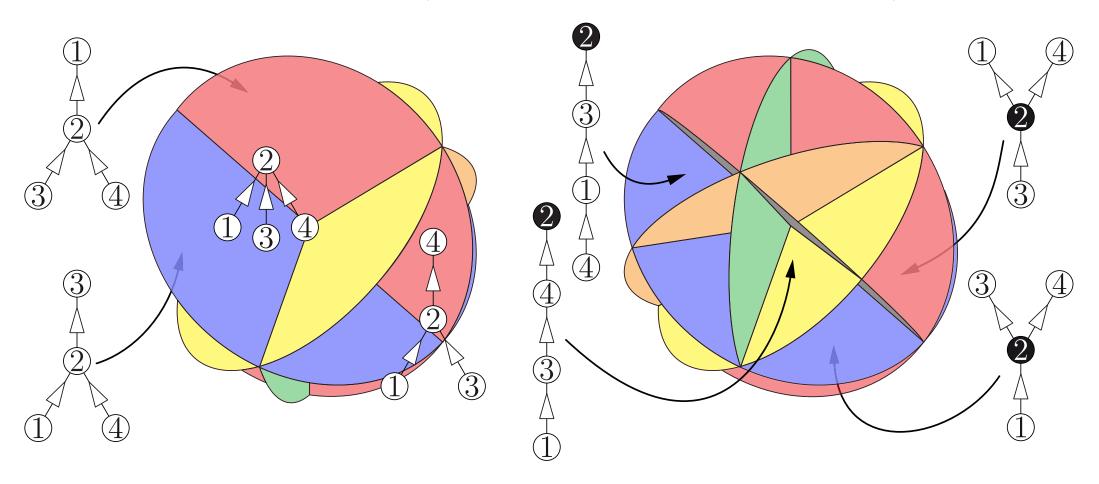
#### SPINE COMPLEX

Signed spine complex  $\mathcal{S}(T)=$  simplicial complex whose inclusion poset is isomorphic to the poset of edge contractions on the signed spines of T



#### SPINE FAN

For S spine on T, define  $C(S) := \{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{H} \mid x_u \leq x_v, \text{ for all arcs } u \to v \text{ in } S \}$ 



THEO. The collection of cones  $\mathcal{F}(T) \coloneqq \{C(S) \mid S \in \mathcal{S}(T)\}$  defines a complete simplicial fan on  $\mathbb{H}$ , which we call the spine fan

#### SIGNED TREE ASSOCIAHEDRA

THM. The spine fan  $\mathcal{F}(T)$  is the normal fan of the signed tree associahedron Asso(T), defined equivalently as

(i) the convex hull of the points

$$\mathbf{a}(S)_v = \begin{cases} \left| \left\{ \pi \in \Pi(S) \mid v \in \pi \text{ and } r_v \notin \pi \right\} \right| & \text{if } v \in V^- \\ \left| V \right| + 1 - \left| \left\{ \pi \in \Pi(S) \mid v \in \pi \text{ and } r_v \notin \pi \right\} \right| & \text{if } v \in V^+ \end{cases}$$

for all maximal signed spines  $S \in \mathcal{S}(T)$ 

(ii) the intersection of the hyperplane  $\mathbb H$  with the half-spaces

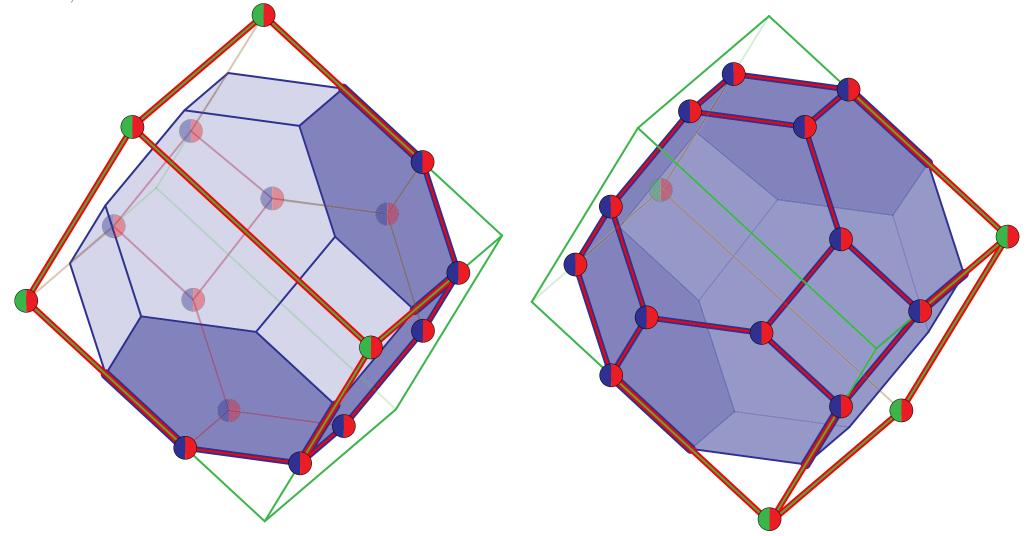
$$\mathbf{H}^{\geq}(B) := \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{V} \mid \sum_{v \in B} x_v \geq {|B| + 1 \choose 2} \right\}$$

for all signed building blocks  $B \in \mathcal{B}(T)$ 

#### SIGNED TREE ASSOCIAHEDRA

The signed tree associahedron  $\mathsf{Asso}(T)$  is sandwiched between the permutahedron  $\mathsf{Perm}(V)$  and the parallelepiped  $\mathsf{Para}(T)$ 

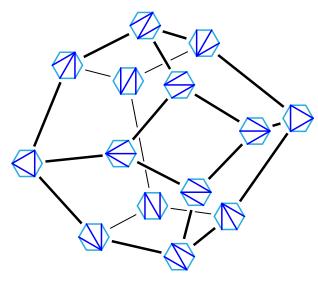
$$\sum_{u \neq v \in \mathcal{V}} [e_u, e_v] = \mathsf{Perm}(\mathcal{T}) \quad \subset \quad \mathsf{Asso}(\mathcal{T}) \quad \subset \quad \mathsf{Para}(\mathcal{T}) = \sum_{u \vdash v \in \mathcal{T}} \pi(u \, - \, v) \cdot [e_u, e_v]$$



# WHAT SHOULD I TAKE HOME FROM THIS TALK?

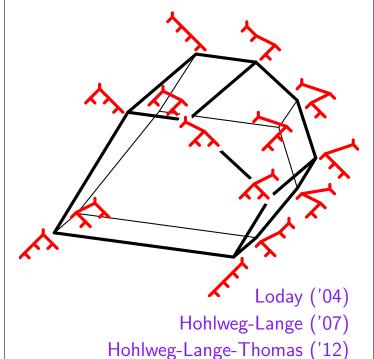
#### THREE FAMILIES OF REALIZATIONS

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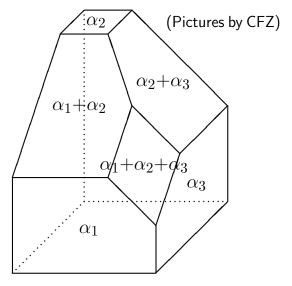


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#### LODAY'S ASSOCIAHEDRON



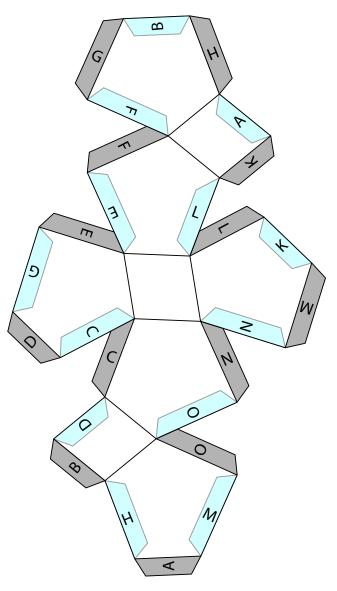
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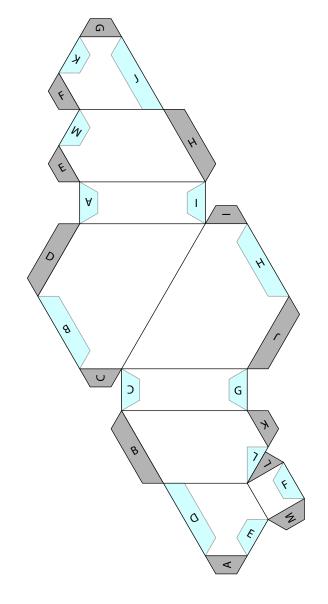
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#### TAKE HOME YOUR ASSOCIAHEDRA!

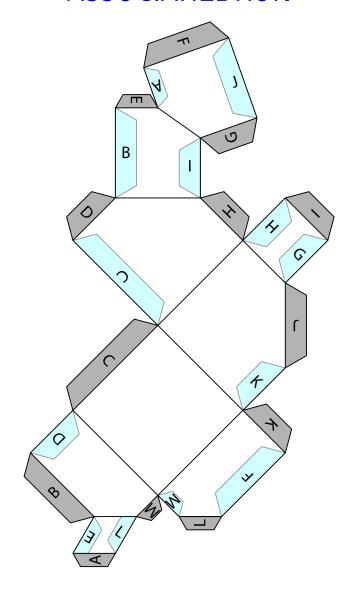
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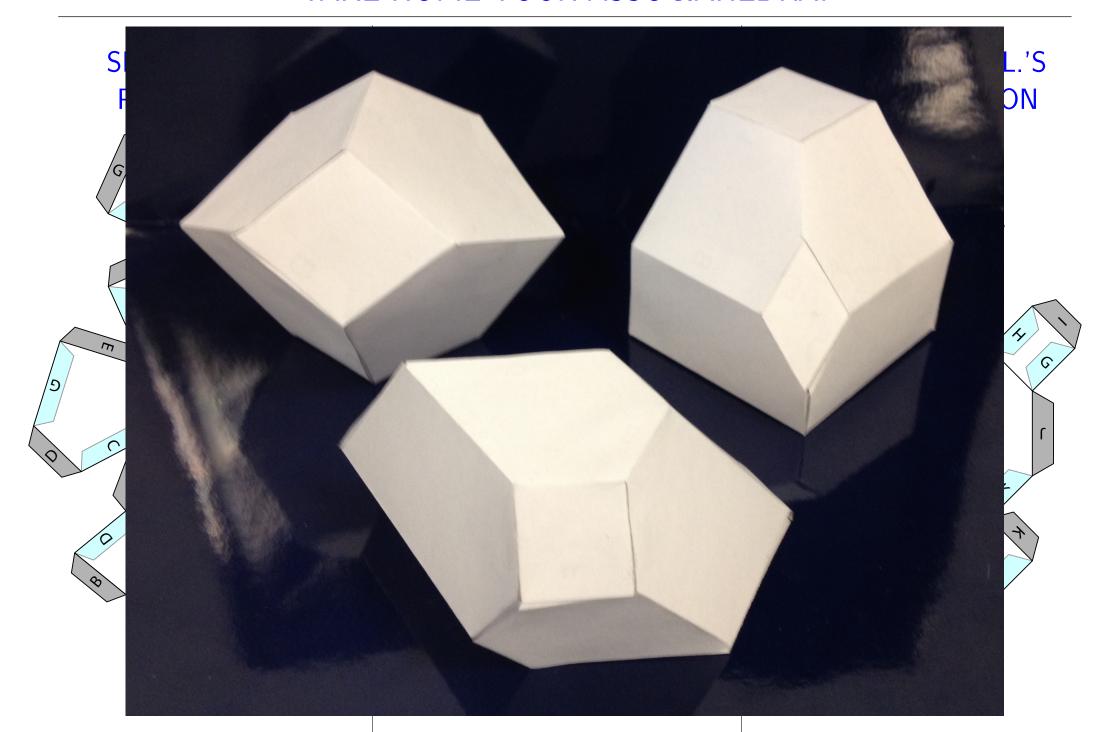
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#### TAKE HOME YOUR ASSOCIAHEDRA!



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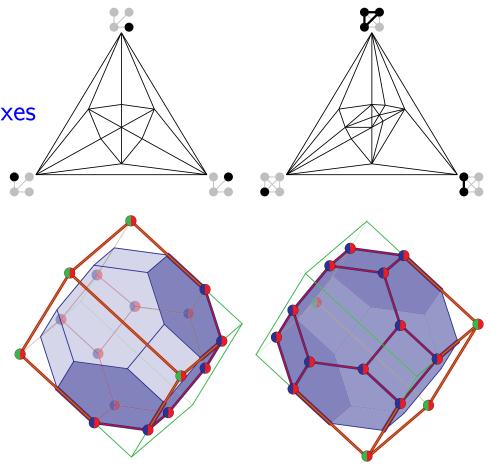
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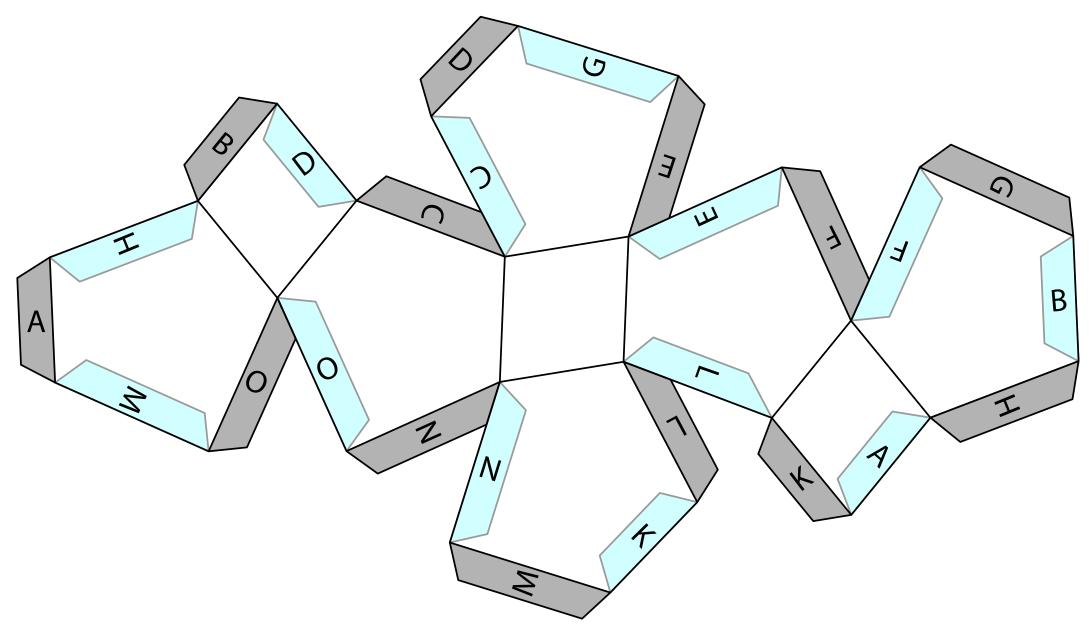
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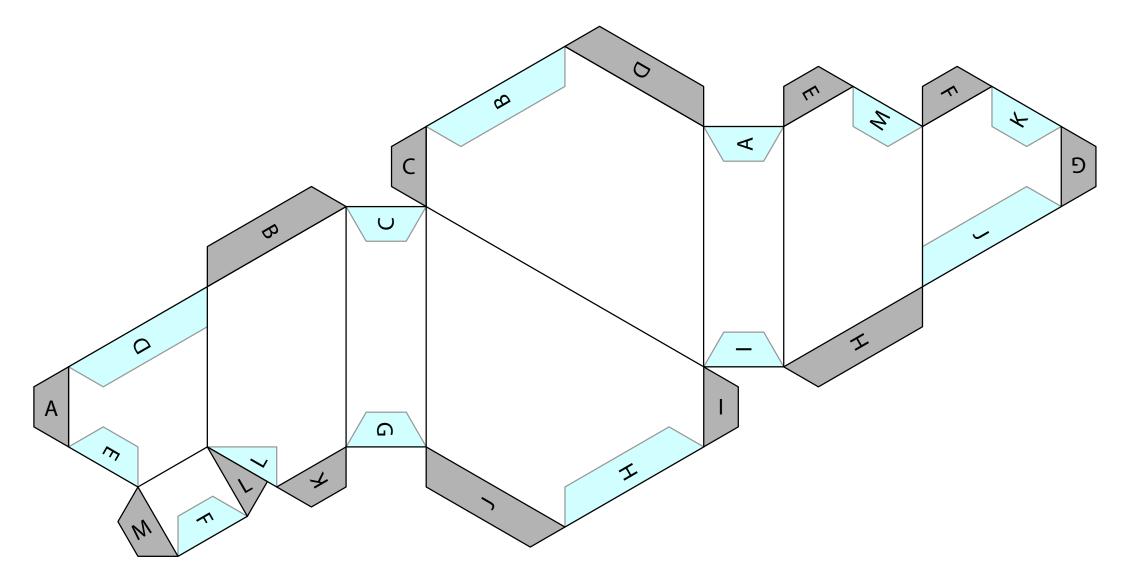


### THANK YOU



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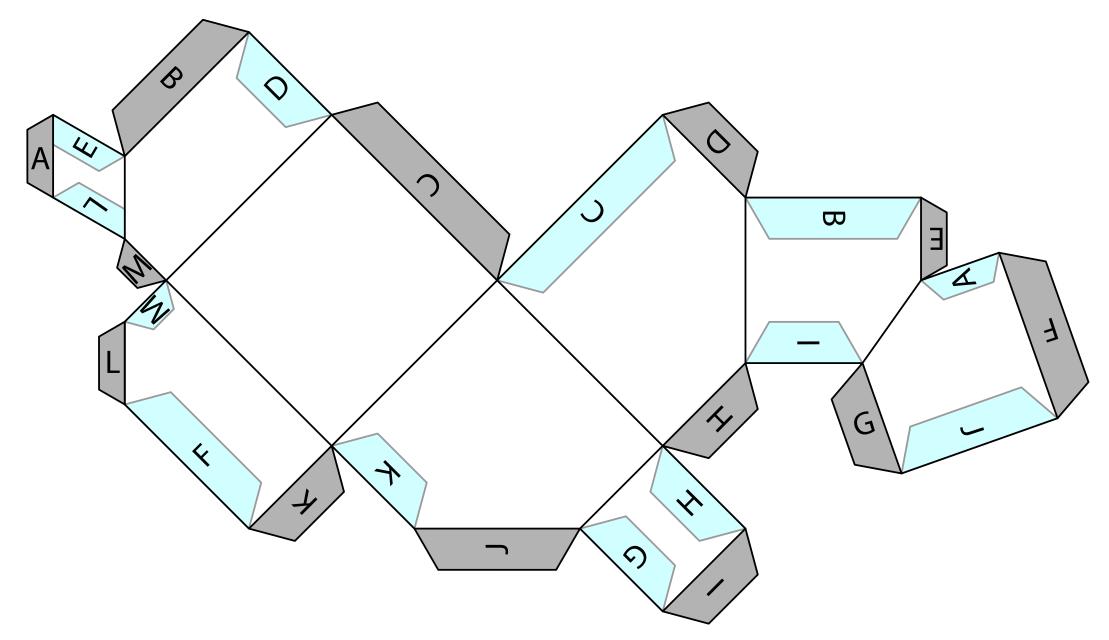


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