

# Leavitt path algebras, $B_\infty$ -algebras and Keller's conjecture for singular Hochschild cohomology

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- An introduction to the singularity category
- Singular Hochschild cohomology and Keller's conjecture
- The main results
- Main ingredients of the proof

# The convention and notation

- We work over a fixed field  $k$ .
- $A$  = a finite dimensional associative  $k$ -algebra with unit
- $A\text{-mod}$  = the abelian category of finite dimensional left  $A$ -modules
- $A\text{-proj}$  = the full subcategory of finite dimensional projective  $A$ -modules

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Theorem (Keller-Vossieck 1987/Beligiannis 2000)

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- The Hochschild cohomology are well known to relate to deformation theory and noncommutative differential geometry...

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- The singular Hochschild cochain complex  $C_{\text{sg}}^*(A, A)$ , lifting  $\text{HH}_{\text{sg}}^*(A, A)$ , is also a  $B_\infty$ -algebra, with the cup product and brace operations [Wang 2018]

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- The stronger version: the above isomorphism is required to be compatible with the canonical isomorphism  $\Phi$ .
- We treat the above slightly weakened form.

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- visualize an arrow  $\alpha$  as  $s(\alpha) \xrightarrow{\alpha} t(\alpha)$
- a vertex  $i$  is called a *sink*, if  $s^{-1}(i) = \emptyset$ ;
- We assume that  $Q$  has no sinks.

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# Reminders on path algebras, continued

- $Q_n$  = the set of paths in  $Q$  of length  $n$ ; then  $kQ = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} kQ_n$  is naturally  $\mathbb{N}$ -graded.
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Recall the fact that  $C^*(-, -)$  is invariant under Morita morphisms between dg categories [Keller 2013] (eg. quasi-equivalences or  $L(Q) \hookrightarrow \mathbf{per}_{\mathrm{dg}}(L(Q)^{\mathrm{op}})$ ). Then use the above enhancement of Smith's equivalence.

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