

# Rational Homotopy and Intrinsic Formality of $E_n$ -operads Part II

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## §1. The Drinfeld-Kohno Lie algebra operad

- ▶ **Definition:** The  $r$ th Drinfeld-Kohno Lie algebra  $\hat{\mathfrak{p}}(r)$  is defined by the presentation:

$$\hat{\mathfrak{p}}(r) = \hat{\mathbb{L}}(t_{ij}, 1 \leq i \neq j \leq r) / \langle [t_{ij}, t_{kl}], [t_{ij}, t_{ik} + t_{jk}] \rangle$$

where:

- ▶ a generator  $t_{ij}$  such that  $t_{ij} = t_{ji}$  is assigned to each pair  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq r$ ,
- ▶ the commutation relations

$$[t_{ij}, t_{kl}] \equiv 0$$

hold for all quadruple of pair-wise distinct indices  $i \neq j \neq k \neq l$ ,

- ▶ and the Yang-Baxter relations

$$[t_{ij}, t_{ik} + t_{jk}] = 0.$$

hold for all triple of pair-wise distinct indices  $i \neq j \neq k \neq l$ .

- ▶ **Remark:** We have

$$\hat{\mathbb{U}}(\hat{\mathfrak{p}}(r)) = \hat{\mathbb{T}}(t_{ij}, 1 \leq i \neq j \leq r) / \langle [t_{ij}, t_{kl}], [t_{ij}, t_{ik} + t_{jk}] \rangle$$

with  $[u, v] = uv - \pm vu$ .

The monomials  $t_{i_1 j_1} \cdots t_{i_r j_r} \in \widehat{U}(\widehat{\mathfrak{p}}(r))$  are usually represented by chord diagrams on  $r$  strands. For instance:

$$t_{12} t_{12} t_{36} t_{24} =$$

In this representation, the commutator and Yang-Baxter relations read:

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 \quad - \quad
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 \quad = 0, \\
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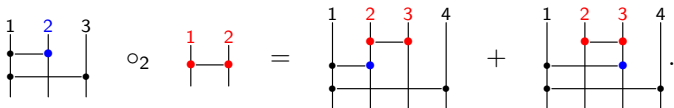
- ▶ **Observation:** The Drinfeld-Kohno Lie algebras inherit the structure of an operad in the category of complete Lie algebras  $\hat{\mathfrak{p}}$ , and the associated algebras of chord diagrams form an operad in the category of Hopf algebras  $\hat{\mathcal{U}}\hat{\mathfrak{p}}$ :

- ▶ the symmetric group  $\Sigma_r$  acts on  $\hat{\mathfrak{p}}(r)$  by permutation of strand indices;
- ▶ the composition operations

$$\hat{\mathfrak{p}}(k) \oplus \hat{\mathfrak{p}}(l) \xrightarrow{\circ_i} \hat{\mathfrak{p}}(k + l - 1)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \hat{\mathcal{U}}(\hat{\mathfrak{p}}(k)) \otimes \hat{\mathcal{U}}(\hat{\mathfrak{p}}(l)) \xrightarrow{\circ_i} \hat{\mathcal{U}}(\hat{\mathfrak{p}}(k + l - 1)),$$

are given by the following insertion operations (in the chord diagram picture):



## §2. The realization of the $(n - 1)$ -Poisson cooperad

- ▶ **Reminder:** We have

$$H^*(D_2(r)) = H^*(F(\mathbb{D}^2, r)) = \frac{\mathbb{S}(\omega_{ij}, 1 \leq i \neq j \leq r)}{(\omega_{ij}^2, \omega_{ij}\omega_{jk} + \omega_{jk}\omega_{ki} + \omega_{ki}\omega_{ij})}$$

where  $\deg(\omega_{ij}) = 1$  and  $\omega_{ij} = \omega_{ji}$  for each pair  $i \neq j$ .

- ▶ **Theorem (Kohno):** Let:

$C_{CE}^*(\hat{p}(r)) =$  Chevalley-Eilenberg cochain complex  $= (\mathbb{S}(\Sigma^{-1} \hat{p}(r)^\vee), \partial)$ ,

We have a quasi-isomorphism of commutative dg-algebras

$$\kappa : C_{CE}^*(\hat{p}(r)) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^*(F(\mathbb{D}^2, r))$$

given by the following mapping:

$$\begin{cases} \kappa(t_{ij}^\vee) = \omega_{ij}, & \text{for each pair } i \neq j, \\ \kappa(\pi^\vee) = 0, & \text{when } \pi \text{ has weight } m > 1. \end{cases}$$

for each arity  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ .

- ▶ **Observation (Tamarkin):** The dg-algebras  $C_{CE}^*(\hat{p}(r))$  inherit composition coproducts

$$C_{CE}^*(\hat{p}(k + l - 1)) \xrightarrow{\circ_i^*} C_{CE}^*(\hat{p}(k) \oplus \hat{p}(l)) \xleftarrow{\simeq} C_{CE}^*(\hat{p}(k)) \otimes C_{CE}^*(\hat{p}(l))$$

and form a Hopf dg-cooperad. Furthermore, the Kohno map defines a quasi-isomorphism of Hopf dg-cooperads

$$C_{CE}^*(\hat{p}) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^*(D_2).$$

- ▶ **Observation:** This result extends to all operads  $D_n$ , for a graded version of the Drinfeld-Kohno Lie algebra operad  $\hat{p}_n$  defined by the same presentation, with  $\deg(t_{ij}) = n - 2$  and  $t_{ij} = (-1)^n t_{ij}$  as unique changes.

- ▶ **Proposition:** The Hopf cooperad  $C_{CE}^*(\hat{\mathfrak{p}}_n)$  defines a cofibrant resolution of the cohomology cooperad  $H^*(D_n) = \text{Pois}_{n-1}^c$ .
- ▶ **Corollary:** We have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \text{Pois}_{n-1}^c(r) \rangle &= \text{Mor}_{\text{dg Com}}(C_{CE}^*(\hat{\mathfrak{p}}_n(r)), \Omega^*(\Delta^\bullet)) \\ \Rightarrow \langle \text{Pois}_{n-1}^c(r) \rangle &= \text{MC}_\bullet(\hat{\mathfrak{p}}_n(r)) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\text{MC}_\bullet(\hat{\mathfrak{p}}_n(r))$  is the simplicial set of forms

$$\gamma \in \hat{\mathfrak{p}}_n(r) \hat{\otimes} \Omega^*(\Delta^\bullet)$$

such that  $\text{deg}^*(\gamma) = 1$  and:

$$\delta(\gamma) + \frac{1}{2}[\gamma, \gamma] = 0.$$

- ▶ **Remark:** In the case of the standard Drinfeld-Kohno Lie algebra operad  $\hat{\mathfrak{p}} = \hat{\mathfrak{p}}_2$ , we have:

$$\text{MC}_\bullet(\hat{\mathfrak{p}}(r)) \sim B(\mathbb{G} \hat{U}\hat{\mathfrak{p}}(r)) = B(\exp \hat{\mathfrak{p}}(r)),$$

where  $B :=$  classifying space functor from groups to spaces.



### §3. The obstruction theory proof of the intrinsic formality theorem

- ▶ **Idea:** Use the model  $G_{\bullet} : dg \mathcal{H}opf \mathcal{O}p^c \rightleftarrows Simp \mathcal{O}p^{op} : \Omega_{\sharp}^*$  to transport the problem in the category of Hopf dg-cooperads.
- ▶ **Goal:** Let  $K$  be a Hopf dg-cooperad such that we have:
  - ▶ a cohomology isomorphism  $H^*(K) \simeq Pois_{n-1}^c$ , for some  $n \geq 3$ ,
  - ▶ an involutive isomorphism  $J : K \xrightarrow{\sim} K$  which mirrors the action of a hyperplane reflection on  $D_n$  in the case  $4 \mid n$ .

Pick:

- ▶ a fibrant resolution of this Hopf dg-cooperad  $K \xrightarrow{\sim} Res_{\mathcal{O}p}(K) =: Q$ ,
- ▶ a cofibrant resolution of the Poisson cooperad  $R := Res^{om}(Pois_{n-1}^c) \xrightarrow{\sim} Pois_{n-1}^c$ ,

and prove the existence of a morphism of Hopf dg-cooperads:

$$Pois_{n-1}^c \longleftarrow^{\sim} Res^{om}(Pois_{n-1}^c) \overset{\sim}{\exists?} \longrightarrow Res_{\mathcal{O}p}(K) \longrightarrow^{\sim} K$$

which induces  $H^*(K) \simeq Pois_{n-1}^c$ .

- **Definition:** Let

$$\text{Map}_{dg \mathcal{H}opf \mathcal{O}p^c}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q}) = \{\text{Hopf dg-cooperads maps } \phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}^{\Delta^\bullet}\}$$

so that  $\text{Map}_{dg \mathcal{H}opf \mathcal{O}p^c}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q})_0 = \text{Mor}_{dg \mathcal{H}opf \mathcal{O}p^c}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q})$ .

- **Constructions:** Take  $\text{Res}_{\mathcal{O}p}(K) := \text{Tot}(\text{Res}_{\mathcal{O}p}^\bullet(K))$ , where

$$\mathbb{R}^\bullet = \text{Res}_{\mathcal{O}p}^\bullet(K) := \text{operadic triple coresolution of } K,$$

and  $\text{Res}^{com}(\text{Pois}_{n-1}^c) := |\text{Res}_{\bullet}^{com}(\text{Pois}_{n-1}^c)|$ , where

$$\mathbb{Q}_\bullet = \text{Res}_{\bullet}^{\mathcal{O}p}(\mathbb{H}) := \text{cotriple resolution of } \mathbb{H} = \text{Pois}_{n-1}^c \text{ in } dg \mathcal{C}om.$$

- **Observation:** We have

$$\text{Map}_{dg \mathcal{H}opf \mathcal{O}p^c}(|\mathbb{R}_\bullet|, \text{Tot}(\mathbb{Q}^\bullet)) = \text{Tot Diag}(X^{\bullet\bullet}) \text{ where}$$

$$X^{\bullet\bullet} = \text{Map}_{dg \mathcal{H}opf \mathcal{O}p^c}(\mathbb{R}_\bullet, \mathbb{Q}^\bullet).$$

- **Theorem (Bousfield):** The obstructions to the existence of  $\phi \in \text{Tot}(X^{\bullet\bullet})_0 \Leftrightarrow \phi \in \text{Mor}_{dg \mathcal{H}opf \mathcal{O}p^c}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q})$  lie in  $\pi^{s+1}\pi_s(X^{\bullet\bullet})$ .

- ▶ **Theorem (BF, Willwacher):** We have a sequence of reductions:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \pi^* \pi_*(X^{\bullet\bullet}) &\simeq H^* \text{BiDer}_{dg \mathcal{H}opf \mathcal{O}p^c}(\text{Res}_{\bullet}^{\text{Com}}(\text{Pois}_{n-1}^c), \text{Res}_{\mathcal{O}p}^{\bullet}(\text{Pois}_{n-1}^c)) \\
 &\simeq H^*(\text{BiDef}_{dg \mathcal{H}opf \mathcal{O}p^c}(\text{Pois}_{n-1}^c, \text{Pois}_{n-1}^c)) \\
 &\simeq H^*(\text{BiDef}_{dg \mathcal{H}opf \mathcal{O}p^c}(\text{Graph}_n^c, \text{Pois}_{n-1}^c)) \\
 &\simeq H^*(\mathbb{Q} \times \text{GC}_n^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

where:

- ▶  $\text{BiDef}_{dg \mathcal{H}opf \mathcal{O}p^c}(-, -)$  is an analogue for Hopf dg-cooperads of the Gerstenhaber-Schack deformation bicomplex of bialgebras,
- ▶  $\text{Graph}_n^c$  is an operad of graphs such that  $\text{Graph}_n^c \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Pois}_{n-1}^c$ .
- ▶  $\text{GC}_n^2$  is Kontsevich's complex of graphs with at least bivalent vertices.
- ▶ **Observation:** For  $n \geq 3$ , we have  $H^1(\mathbb{Q} \times \text{GC}_n^2) = 0$  when  $n \not\equiv 0(4)$ , while we have  $H^1(\mathbb{Q} \times \text{GC}_n^2)^{J_*} = 0$  for all  $n$ , for an involution  $J_*$  inherited from  $\text{Pois}_{n-1}^c \simeq H^*(D_n) \simeq H^*(K)$  and  $\text{Graph}_n^c \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Pois}_{n-1}^c$ .
- ▶ **Corollary:** The obstructions to the existence of a map  $\phi \in \text{Mor}_{dg \mathcal{H}opf \mathcal{O}p^c}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q})$  vanish.

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# Homotopy of Operads and Grothendieck-Teichmüller Groups

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Thank you for your attention!

## Appendix. The fundamental groupoid of the little 2-disc operad

- ▶ The homotopy equivalence  $D_2(r) \sim F(\mathring{\mathbb{D}}^2, r)$  implies that the space  $D_2(r)$  is an Eilenberg-MacLane space  $K(P_r, 1)$ , where  $P_r = \pi_1 F(\mathring{\mathbb{D}}^2, r)$  is the pure braid group on  $r$  strands.
- ▶ The idea is to use the fundamental groupoids  $\pi D_2(r)$  in order to get a combinatorial model of the operad  $D_2$ . We have

$$D_2 \sim B(\pi D_2),$$

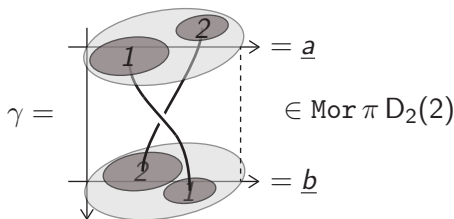
where  $B :=$  classifying space functor from groupoids to spaces.

## Construction:

- ▶ The fundamental groupoid  $\pi D_2(r)$  has  $\text{Ob } \pi D_2(r) = D_2(r)$  as object set.
- ▶ The morphisms  $\text{Mor}_{\pi D_2(r)}(\underline{a}, \underline{b})$  are homotopy classes of paths  $\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow D_2(r)$  going from  $\gamma(0) = \underline{a}$  to  $\gamma(1) = \underline{b}$ .
- ▶ The map

$$\text{Mor}_{\pi D_2(r)}(\underline{a}, \underline{b}) \xrightarrow[\simeq]{\text{disc centers}} \text{Mor}_{\pi F(\mathbb{D}^2, r)}(\underline{a}, \underline{b})$$

identifies the morphism sets of this groupoid with cosets of the pure braid group  $P_r$  inside the braid group  $B_r$ . Thus, a morphism in this groupoid can be represented by a picture of the form:





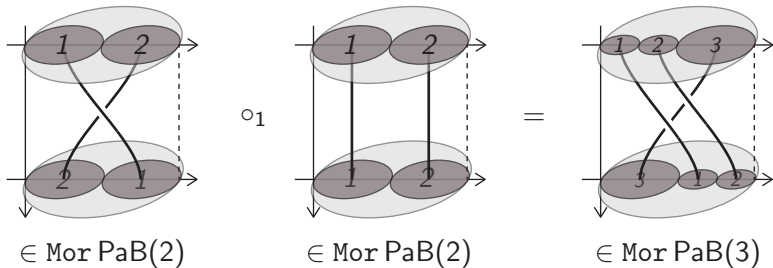
## The structure of the fundamental groupoid operad:

- ▶ The groupoids  $\pi D_2(r)$  inherit a symmetric structure, as well as operadic composition products

$$\circ_i : \pi D_2(k) \times \pi D_2(l) \rightarrow \pi D_2(k + l - 1),$$

and hence form an operad in the category of groupoids.

- ▶ In the braid picture, the operadic composition products can be depicted as cabling operations:

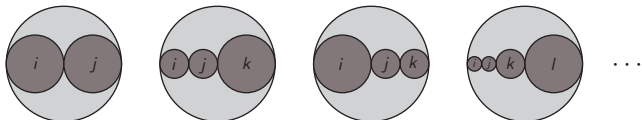


## Ideas:

- ▶ There is no need to consider the whole  $D_2(r)$  as object set.
- ▶ The groupoids of parenthesized braids  $\text{PaB}(r)$  are full subgroupoids of the fundamental groupoid  $\pi D_2(r)$  defined by appropriate subsets of little 2-discs configurations  $\Omega(r) \subset D_2(r)$  as object sets.
- ▶ These object sets  $\Omega(r)$  are preserved by the operadic composition structure of little 2-discs so that the collection of groupoids  $\text{PaB}(r)$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ , forms a suboperad of  $\pi D_2$ .

## Construction:

- ▶ The sets  $\Omega(r)$ ,  $r = 2, 3, 4, \dots$ , prescribing the origin and end-points of paths in  $\text{PaB}(r)$ , consist of little 2-disc configurations of the following form:



(the indices  $i, j, \dots$  run over all permutations of  $1, 2, \dots$ ).

- ▶ These configurations represent the iterated operadic composites of the following element

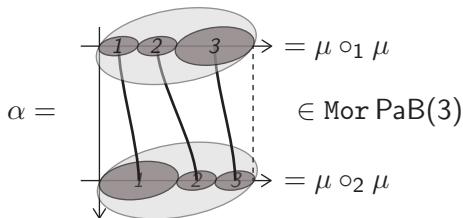
$$\mu = \text{Diagram} \in D_2(2)$$

The diagram shows a large circle containing two smaller circles labeled '1' and '2'.

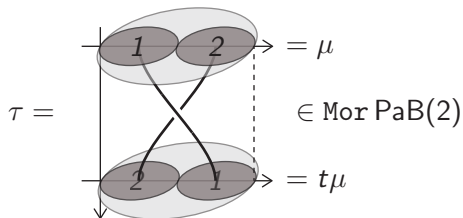
and the sets  $\Omega(r)$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ , are the components of the suboperad of  $D_2$  generated by this element. *This operad is free.*

The operad PaB is generated by the following fundamental morphisms:

- ▶ the associator



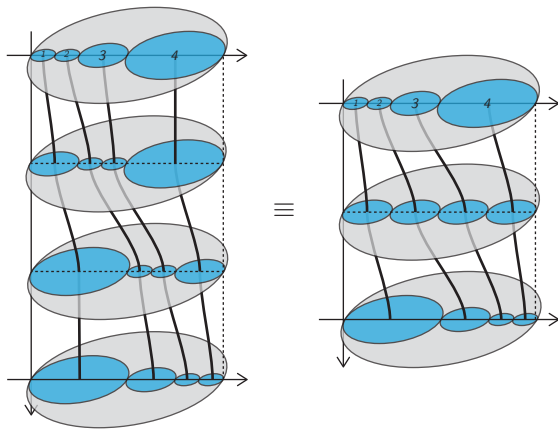
- ▶ and the braiding



where  $t = (12) \in \Sigma_2$ .

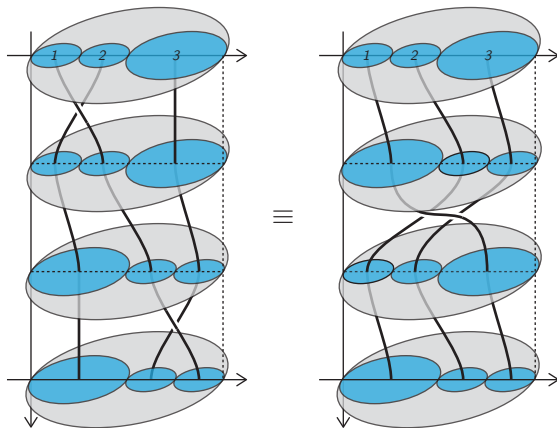
In the morphism set of the operad PaB:

- ▶ the associator satisfy the pentagon equation

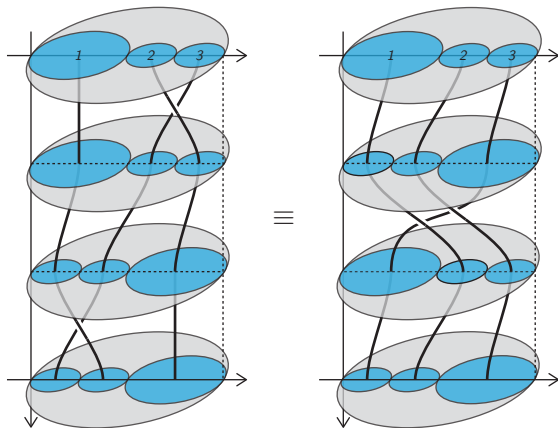


- ▶ and we have two hexagon equations combining associators and braidings.

- ▶ The first one reads:



- ▶ and the second one reads:



**Theorem (Mac Lane + Joyal-Street):** *An operad morphism  $\phi : \text{PaB} \rightarrow P$ , where  $P$  is any operad in the category of categories, is uniquely determined by:*

- ▶ *an object  $m \in \text{Ob } P(2)$ , which represents the image of the little 2-disc configuration  $\mu \in D_2(2)$  under the map  $\phi : \text{Ob PaB}(2) \rightarrow \text{Ob } P(2)$ ,*
- ▶ *an isomorphism  $a \in \text{Mor}_P(3)(m \circ_1 m, m \circ_2 m)$ , which represents the image of the associator  $\alpha \in \text{Mor}_{\text{PaB}(3)}(\mu \circ_1 \mu, \mu \circ_2 \mu)$ ,*
- ▶ *and an isomorphism  $c \in \text{Mor}_P(2)(m, tm)$ , which represents the image of the braiding  $\tau \in \text{Mor}_{\text{PaB}(2)}(\mu, t\mu)$ ,*
- ▶ *such that  $a$  and  $c$  satisfy the analogue of the usual pentagon and hexagon relations of braided monoidal categories in  $\text{Mor } P$ .*

This result implies that  $\text{PaB}$  is generated by operations defining the structure of a braided monoidal category.



## Appendix: The rational homotopy theory interpretation of Drinfeld's associators

### Construction:

- ▶ Take the groups of group like elements

$$\mathbb{G}(\hat{\mathbb{U}}\hat{\mathfrak{p}}(r)) = \{u \in \hat{\mathbb{U}}(\hat{\mathfrak{p}}(r)) \mid \epsilon(u) = 1, \Delta(u) = u \hat{\otimes} u\}$$

in the complete Hopf algebras  $\hat{\mathbb{U}}(\hat{\mathfrak{p}}(r))$ .

- ▶ Regard these groups as the morphism sets of groupoids  $\text{CD}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\wedge}(r)$  such that  $0\text{b CD}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\wedge}(r) = \text{pt}$ .
- ▶ These groupoids  $\text{CD}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\wedge}(r)$  form an operad (in the category of groupoids)  $\text{CD}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\wedge}$ , with the composition products on morphisms

$$\underbrace{\text{Mor CD}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\wedge}(k)}_{=\mathbb{G} \hat{\mathbb{U}}\hat{\mathfrak{p}}(k)} \times \underbrace{\text{Mor CD}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\wedge}(l)}_{=\mathbb{G} \hat{\mathbb{U}}\hat{\mathfrak{p}}(l)} \xrightarrow{\circ_i} \underbrace{\text{Mor CD}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\wedge}(k+l-1)}_{=\mathbb{G} \hat{\mathbb{U}}\hat{\mathfrak{p}}(k+l-1)}$$

induced by the operadic composition of chord diagrams.

- ▶ **Reminder:** We have  $\pi D_2 \sim \text{PaB} \Rightarrow D_2 \sim \text{B}(\text{PaB})$  and  $\langle \text{Pois}_1^c(r) \rangle = \text{MC}_\bullet(\hat{p}(r)) \sim \text{B}(\mathbb{G} \hat{U} \hat{p}(r)) = \text{B}(\text{CD}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\wedge}(r))$ .
- ▶ **Definition:** The set of Drinfeld's associators  $\text{Ass}_{\mathbb{Q}}$  is the set of operad morphisms  $\phi : \text{PaB} \rightarrow \text{CD}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\wedge}$  whose extension to a Malcev completion of the operad of parenthesized braids

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{PaB} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \text{CD}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\wedge} \\
 & \searrow & \nearrow \hat{\phi} \\
 & \text{PaB}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\wedge} &
 \end{array}$$

is an equivalence of groupoids arity-wise.

- ▶ **Observation:** Any such  $\phi : \text{PaB} \rightarrow \text{CD}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\wedge}$  gives a rational weak-equivalence on classifying spaces:

$$\phi_* : \text{B}(\text{PaB}) \xrightarrow{\sim_{\mathbb{Q}}} \text{B}(\text{CD}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\wedge})$$