

# **Pointed Hopf algebras over simple groups**

## **III. Computing Nichols algebras**

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## i. First methods.

Throughout this section,  $H$  is a Hopf algebra and  $(V, c)$  is a finite dimensional braided vector space realizable in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . Recall the Nichols algebra  $\mathcal{B}(V) = \mathcal{B}(V, c) = T(V)/\tilde{I}(V)$ , where

$$I(V) = \sum_{I \in \mathfrak{I}} I = \tilde{I}(V) = \sum_{J \in \tilde{\mathfrak{I}}} J = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \ker \Omega^n$$

Here  $\Omega^n$  is the (image of) the quantum symmetrizer and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{I} &= \{I \subset \bigoplus_{n \geq 2} T^n(V) : I \text{ is a homogeneous ideal and coideal}\}, \\ \tilde{\mathfrak{I}} &= \{I \in \mathfrak{I} : I \text{ is a Yetter-Drinfeld submodule of } T(V)\}. \end{aligned}$$

**Remark.** A morphism of braided vector spaces  $\phi : (V, c) \rightarrow (W, c)$  induces a morphism of braided Hopf algebras  $\Phi : \mathcal{B}(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(W)$ , e.g., because the induced morphism of braided Hopf algebras  $T(\phi) : T(V) \rightarrow T(W)$  intertwines the respective actions of the braid groups. Furthermore,

◆ if  $\phi$  is injective, then  $\Phi : \mathcal{B}(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(W)$  is injective, because the image of  $\Phi$ , which is the subalgebra of  $\mathcal{B}(W)$  generated by  $V$ , is a pre- and post-Nichols algebra.

◆ if  $\phi$  is surjective, then  $\Phi : \mathcal{B}(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(W)$  is surjective, because  $\mathcal{B}(W)$  is generated by  $W = \phi(V)$ .

Thus, if  $V \hookrightarrow W$  is a braided subspace (not necessarily a Yetter-Drinfeld submodule) such that  $\dim \mathcal{B}(V) = \infty$ , then  $\dim \mathcal{B}(W) = \infty$ .

## i.i Brute force.

The first problem in the study of Nichols algebras is that we ignore a priori when the ideal  $I(V)$  is finitely generated (and it could actually happen that it is not so; the second, that we ignore the degrees of a minimal set of homogeneous generators (that could be arbitrarily large).

To overcome this obstacle, we can appeal to the following basic observation: Let  $I \in \tilde{\mathfrak{G}}$ ; then  $\mathcal{B} = T(V)/I$  is a pre-Nichols algebra of  $V$ , hence there is a surjective map  $\mathcal{B} \twoheadrightarrow \mathscr{B}(V)$ . Therefore

$$\text{GK-dim } \mathscr{B}(V) \leq \text{GK-dim } \mathcal{B},$$

in particular  $\dim \mathcal{B} < \infty$  implies  $\dim \mathscr{B}(V) < \infty$ .

More systematically, we propose:

**Definition.** Let  $d \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 2}$ . The  $d$ -th approximation of  $\mathcal{B}(V)$  is the pre-Nichols algebra  $\mathcal{B}_d(V) := T(V)/I_d(V)$  where  $I_d(V)$  is the ideal of  $T(V)$  generated by

$$\bigoplus_{0 \leq j \leq d} I^j(V) = \bigoplus_{0 \leq j \leq d} \ker \Omega^j.$$

It is easy to see that  $I_d(V) \in \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}$ , hence  $\mathcal{B}_d(V)$  is a pre-Nichols algebra of  $V$  and  $\text{GK-dim } \mathcal{B}(V) \leq \text{GK-dim } \mathcal{B}_d(V)$ , in particular  $\dim \mathcal{B}_d(V) < \infty$  implies  $\dim \mathcal{B}(V) < \infty$ .

For instance, the quadratic approximation is

$$\mathcal{B}_2(V) := T(V) / \ker \langle (\text{id} + c) \rangle;$$

the cubic approximation is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}_3(V) = T(V) / \langle &\ker \langle (\text{id} + c) \\ &+ \ker(\text{id} + c_1 + c_2 + c_1c_2 + c_2c_1 + c_1c_2c_1) \rangle, \text{ etc.} \end{aligned}$$

## II.i.ii Bilinear forms and derivations

Let  $(W, c)$  be a braided vector space provided with non degenerate bilinear form  $(|) : V \otimes W \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$  satisfying

$$(c(v_1 \otimes v_2)|w_1 \otimes w_2) = (v_1 \otimes v_2|c(w_1 \otimes w_2)).$$

Here and below we extend  $(|)$  to  $(|) : T(V) \otimes T(W) \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} (1|1) &= 1, \\ (T^n(V)|T^m(W)) &= 0, & \text{if } n \neq m, \\ (v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_n|w_1 \otimes \dots \otimes w_n) &= \prod_{i \in \mathbb{I}_n} (v_i|w_i), \end{aligned}$$

if  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$ ,  $w_1, \dots, w_n \in W$ . Clearly, this is again non degenerate and  $(\sigma \cdot x|y) = (x|\sigma \cdot y)$  for all  $x \in T^n(V)$ ,  $y \in T^n(W)$ ,  $\sigma \in \mathbb{B}_n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ .

Set  $\langle | \rangle : T(V) \otimes T(W) \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$  by  $\langle x | y \rangle := (x | \Omega(y)) = (\Omega(x) | y)$ , for  $x \in T(V)$ ,  $y \in T(W)$ , i.e.,

$$\langle 1 | 1 \rangle := 1,$$

$$\langle v | w \rangle := (v | w), \quad v \in V, w \in W,$$

$$\langle T^n(V) | T^m(W) \rangle := 0 \quad \text{if } n \neq m,$$

$$\langle x | y \rangle := (x | \Omega^n(y)) = (\Omega^n(x) | y), \quad x \in T^n(V), y \in T^n(W), n \geq 2.$$

Clearly, the radicals of the form  $\langle | \rangle$  coincide with the defining ideals of the Nichols algebras:

$$\text{rad}_{\text{left}} \langle | \rangle = \{x \in T(V) \mid \langle x | y \rangle = 0 \ \forall y \in T(W)\}$$

$$= \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \ker(\Omega^n|_{T^n(V)}) = I(V),$$

$$\text{rad}_{\text{right}} \langle | \rangle = \{y \in T(W) \mid \langle x | y \rangle = 0 \ \forall x \in T(V)\}$$

$$= \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \ker(\Omega^n|_{T^n(W)}) = I(W).$$

Thus  $(\mid \mid)$  induces a bilinear form  $(\mid \mid) : \mathcal{B}(V) \otimes \mathcal{B}(W) \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$ , which is non-degenerate.

**Application.** This description of  $\mathcal{B}(V)$  as  $T(V)/\text{rad}_{\text{left}}(\mid \mid)$  allows to interpret the algebra  $\mathfrak{f}$  in [Lusztig, Introduction to quantum groups] as a Nichols algebra.

**Proposition.** For  $x, u \in \mathcal{B}(V)$  and  $y, z \in \mathcal{B}(W)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (x \mid y \cdot z) &= (x^{(1)} \mid y) (x^{(2)} \mid z), \\ (x \cdot u \mid y) &= (x \mid y^{(1)}) (u \mid y^{(2)}), \end{aligned}$$



*Sketch of the proof.* Below,  $i + j = n$ . Recall

$$\mathfrak{S}_{i,j}^n := \sum_{\sigma \in X_{i,j}^n} M_n(\sigma) \in \mathbb{k}\mathbb{B}_n$$

where  $X_{i,j}^n \subset \mathbb{S}_n$  is the set of all  $(i, j)$ -shuffles. Let  $\Omega_{i,j} := \varrho_n(\mathfrak{S}_{i,j})$ . It can be shown that

$$\Omega^n = (\Omega^i \otimes \Omega^j) \Omega_{i,j}.$$

Recall that the  $(i, j)$ -graded component of the comultiplication  $\Delta$ :  $\Delta_{i,j} : C(i+j) \rightarrow C(i) \otimes C(j)$ ,  $i, j \geq 0$ , is given by  $\Delta_{i,j} = \Omega_{i,j}$ . We use a Sweedler-like notation:

$$\Omega_{i,j}(x) = \Omega_{i,j}(x)_{(i)} \otimes \Omega_{i,j}(x)_{(j)} \in T^i(V) \otimes T^j(V),$$

for  $x \in T^n(V)$ .

Hence, for  $x \in T^n(V)$ ,  $y \in T^i(W)$  and  $z \in T^j(W)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x \mid y \cdot z \rangle &= (\Omega^n(x) \mid y \cdot z) = ((\Omega^i \otimes \Omega^j) \Omega_{i,j}(x) \mid y \cdot z) \\ &= \left( \Omega^i \Omega_{i,j}(x)_{(i)} \mid y \right) \left( \Omega^j \Omega_{i,j}(x)_{(j)} \mid z \right). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x^{(1)} \mid y \rangle \langle x^{(2)} \mid z \rangle &= \sum_{k+\ell=n} \langle \Omega_{k,\ell}(x)_{(k)} \mid y \rangle \langle \Omega_{k,\ell}(x)_{(\ell)} \mid z \rangle \\ &= \langle \Omega_{i,j}(x)_{(i)} \mid y \rangle \langle \Omega_{i,j}(x)_{(j)} \mid z \rangle \\ &= \left( \Omega^i \Omega_{i,j}(x)_{(i)} \mid y \right) \left( \Omega^j \Omega_{i,j}(x)_{(j)} \mid z \right). \end{aligned}$$

### *Skew derivations.*

Here is a useful tool to verify that some  $r \in \mathcal{B}^n(V)$  is not 0.

For  $f \in V^*$  we set

$$\partial_f = (\text{id} \otimes f) \Delta^{n-1,1} : \mathcal{B}^n(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}^{n-1}(V).$$

Fix a basis  $(x_i)_{i \in \mathbb{I}}$  of  $V$  and let  $(f_i)_{i \in \mathbb{I}}$  be its dual basis. Set  $\partial_i = \partial_{f_i}$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{I}$ .

Suppose that there is a family  $(g_i)_{i \in \mathbb{I}}$  in  $G(H)$  such that  $\delta(x_i) = g_i \otimes x_i$ , for  $i \in \mathbb{I}$ . Then

$$\partial_i(xy) = x\partial_i(y) + \partial_i(x) g_i \cdot y, \quad x, y \in \mathcal{B}(V), \quad i \in \mathbb{I}.$$

**Poincaré duality.** Let now  $\mathcal{R} = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \mathcal{R}^n$  be a connected graded, locally finite, Hopf algebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$ . Then  $\dim \mathcal{R} < \infty$  if and only if there exists  $M \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$  s.t.:

$$\mathcal{R}^M \neq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{R}^{M+j} = 0 \quad \forall j \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}.$$

**Lemma.**  $\dim \mathcal{R}^M = 1$  and  $\dim \mathcal{R}^i = \dim \mathcal{R}^{M-i}$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{I}_{0,M}$ .

*Sketch of the proof.* (i) Let  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{R}^M \setminus 0$ . Then

$$x\Lambda = 0 = \varepsilon(x)\Lambda = \Lambda x, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{R}^i, i \in \mathbb{I}_M;$$

while if  $x \in \mathcal{R}^0 = \mathbb{k}$ , then  $x\Lambda = \varepsilon(x)\Lambda = \Lambda x$ . Hence  $\Lambda$  is an integral of  $R$ ; but the space of integrals of a Hopf algebra in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  has dimension  $\leq 1$ . Hence  $\dim \mathcal{R}^M = 1$ .

(ii) Now pick a non-zero element  $f \in (\mathcal{R}^*)^M$ ; this is an integral in  $R^*$ , hence the bilinear form  $(|) : \mathcal{R} \times \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$  given by

$$(x|y) = \langle f, xy \rangle$$

is non-degenerate. Observe that

$$(x|y) = 0 \text{ if } x \in \mathcal{R}^d, y \in \mathcal{R}^e, d + e \neq M.$$

Thus, the restriction of the bilinear form  $(|)$  to  $\mathcal{R}^d \times \mathcal{R}^{M-d}$  is non-degenerate, implying the claim.

A rough algorithm:

Compute the pre-Nichols algebra  $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{B}_2(V)$ ; i.e., compute first  $I_2(V) = \ker(\text{id} + c)$  and then try to compute the homogeneous components  $\mathcal{R}^n$  of  $\mathcal{R}$ . If lucky to find that  $\mathcal{R}^{M+1} = 0$ , then  $\dim \mathcal{R} < \infty$ . Thus,  $\dim \mathcal{R}^M = 1$ . Check with skew derivations if  $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{B}(V)$ .

If not lucky, proceed with the cubic approximation  $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{B}_3(V)$  ... and so on.

### Example.

Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 3}$  and let  $V_n$  be the vector space with basis  $y_\tau$ ,  $\tau \in \mathbb{S}_n$  a transposition  $\tau = (i, j)$ ,  $i \neq j$ . Then  $V \in {}_{\mathbb{k}\mathbb{S}_n}^{\mathbb{k}\mathbb{S}_n}\mathcal{YD}$  by

$$\delta(y_\tau) = \tau \otimes y_\tau, \quad \sigma \rightharpoonup y_\tau = \text{sgn}(\sigma)y_{\sigma\tau\sigma^{-1}}.$$

The ideal  $I$  generated by  $\ker(\Omega^2)$  is generated by the elements

$$y_\tau^2 \quad \forall \tau, \quad (1)$$

$$y_\tau y_{\tau'} + y_{\tau'} y_\tau \quad \text{if } \tau\tau' = \tau'\tau, \quad (2)$$

$$y_\tau y_{\tau'} + y_{\tau'} y_{\tau''} + y_{\tau''} y_\tau \quad \text{if } \tau\tau' = \tau''\tau. \quad (3)$$

Let  $\mathcal{R}(n) := T(V_n)/I$ , a Hopf algebra in  ${}_{\mathbb{k}\mathbb{S}_n}^{\mathbb{k}\mathbb{S}_n}\mathcal{YD}$ .

**Theorem.**  $\mathcal{R}(3) \simeq \mathcal{B}(V_3)$  has dimension 12.

Set  $y_0 = (12)$ ,  $y_1 = (23)$  and  $y_2 = (23)$ . By direct computations using the relations we have that

$$y_0 y_1 y_0 = -y_1 y_2 y_0 = y_1 y_0 y_1 = -y_0 y_2 y_1,$$

$$y_0 y_1 y_2 = -y_0 y_2 y_0 = y_2 y_1 y_0 = -y_2 y_0 y_2,$$

$$y_1 y_0 y_2 = -y_2 y_1 y_2 = y_2 y_0 y_1 = -y_1 y_2 y_1,$$

and the other monomials in degree 3 vanish since in all of them appears  $y_i^2$  for some  $i$ . This in turn implies

$$\begin{aligned} y_0 y_1 y_0 y_2 &= -y_1 y_2 y_0 y_2 = y_1 y_0 y_1 y_2 = -y_0 y_2 y_1 y_2 \\ &= y_0 y_2 y_0 y_1 = -y_0 y_1 y_2 y_1 = -y_2 y_1 y_0 y_1 \\ &= y_2 y_0 y_2 y_1 = -y_2 y_0 y_1 y_0 = -y_1 y_0 y_2 y_0 \\ &= y_2 y_1 y_2 y_0 = y_1 y_2 y_1 y_0, \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
y_0y_1y_0y_1 &= y_1y_2y_0y_1 = y_1y_0y_1y_0 = y_0y_2y_1y_0 \\
&= y_0y_1y_2y_0 = y_2y_0y_2y_0 = y_0y_2y_0y_2 \\
&= y_2y_1y_0y_2 = y_1y_0y_2y_1 = y_2y_1y_2y_1 \\
&= y_2y_0y_1y_2 = y_1y_2y_1y_2 = 0,
\end{aligned}$$

and the other monomials in degree 4 vanish since in all of them appears  $y_i^2$  for some  $i$ . Moreover, the monomials in (4) are annihilated by multiplying them with any of the  $y_i$ , and then

$$\mathcal{R}(3)^n = 0 \quad \forall n \geq 5.$$

With this, we get the set of generators of  $R_3^2$  consisting of

$$\begin{aligned}
\{1, y_0, y_1, y_2, y_0y_1, y_1y_2, y_0y_2, y_1y_0, \\
y_0y_1y_0, y_0y_1y_2, y_1y_0y_2, y_0y_1y_0y_2\}. \quad (5)
\end{aligned}$$

It can be proved that this set is indeed a basis by various methods (it is enough to check that  $\mathcal{R}(3)^4 \neq 0$  and  $\dim \mathcal{R}(3)^3 = 4$ ).

We check now that  $\mathcal{R}(3) \simeq \mathcal{B}(V_3)$ . Since  $I \subseteq \ker \Omega$ , there exists a surjective map  $\pi : \mathcal{R}(3) \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{B}(V_3)$ . Let  $N$  be such that

$$\mathcal{B}^N(V_3) \neq 0, \quad \mathcal{B}^i(V_3) = 0 \quad \forall i > N.$$

By Poincaré duality,  $\dim \mathcal{B}(V_3)^N = 1$ ,  $\dim \mathcal{B}^i(V_3) = \dim \mathcal{B}^{N-i}(V_3)$ . We have the possibilities:

$N = 4$ , and then  $\dim \mathcal{B}^3(V_3) = \dim V_3 = 3$ , hence  $\pi$  is an isomorphism unless  $\dim \mathcal{B}^2(V_3) < 4$ .

$N = 3$ , and then  $\dim \mathcal{B}^2(V_3) = \dim \mathcal{B}^1(V_3) = 3$ .

$N = 2$ , and then  $\dim \mathcal{B}^2(V_3) = \dim \mathcal{B}^0(V_3) = 1$ .

We see that in any case  $\pi$  is an isomorphism unless  $\dim T(2) < 4$ , but  $\dim \mathcal{B}^2(V_3)$  is the codimension of  $\ker \Omega^2$ , which is 4.

**Theorem.**  $\mathcal{R}(4) \simeq \mathcal{B}(V_4)$  has dimension  $576 = 24^2$ .

**Theorem.**  $\mathcal{R}(5) \simeq \mathcal{B}(V_5)$  has dimension 8.294.400.

**Problem.**

$\mathcal{R}(6) \simeq \mathcal{B}(V_6)$ ?

$\dim \mathcal{R}(6) < \infty$ ?

$\dim \mathcal{B}(V_6) < \infty$ ?

### i.ii. Cocycle deformations and twisting.

Recall that if  $(A, \mu)$  is an algebra and  $(C, \Delta)$  is a coalgebra, the map  $*$  :  $\text{hom}(C, A) \times \text{hom}(C, A) \rightarrow \text{hom}(C, A)$  (called the convolution product), given by

$$T * S := \mu \circ (T \otimes S) \circ \Delta,$$

is an associative multiplication on  $\text{hom}(C, A)$  with unit  $u\varepsilon$ .

**Definition.** A linear map  $\phi : H \otimes H \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$ , which is invertible with respect to the convolution, is a unitary 2-cocycle if

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(x_{(1)} \otimes y_{(1)}) \phi(x_{(2)} y_{(2)} \otimes z) &= \phi(y_{(1)} \otimes z_{(1)}) \phi(x \otimes y_{(2)} z_{(2)}), \\ \phi(x \otimes 1) &= \phi(1 \otimes x) = \varepsilon(x), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in H$ .

If  $\phi$  is a unitary 2-cocycle  $\phi$ , then the multiplication  $\cdot_\phi$  given by

$$x \cdot_\phi y = \phi(x_{(1)} \otimes y_{(1)}) x_{(2)} y_{(2)} \phi^{-1}(x_{(3)} \otimes y_{(3)}), \quad x, y \in H,$$

is associative and unital with the same unit as  $H$ .

Let  $H_\phi = (H, \cdot_\phi, \Delta)$ , with the new multiplication and the given comultiplication.

**Lemma.**  $H_\phi$  is a Hopf algebra.

**Exercise.** Let  $G$  be a group. A unitary 2-cocycle on  $\mathbb{k}G$  is determined by a cocycle  $\phi \in Z^2(G, \mathbb{k}^\times)$ , i.e., a map  $\phi : G \times G \rightarrow \mathbb{k}^\times$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(g, h) \phi(gh, t) &= \phi(h, t) \phi(g, ht), \\ \phi(g, e) &= \phi(e, g) = 1, \end{aligned} \quad g, h, t \in G.$$

**Theorem.** [Majid-Oeckl, Theorem 2.7, Corollary 3.4]

Let  $\phi : H \otimes H \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$  be an invertible unitary 2-cocycle.

(a) There is an equivalence  $\mathcal{T}_\phi : {}^H_H\mathcal{YD} \rightarrow {}^{H_\phi}_{H_\phi}\mathcal{YD}$  of braided categories,  $V \mapsto V_\phi$ , which is the identity on the underlying vector spaces, morphisms and coactions, and transforms the action of  $H$  on  $V$  to  $\cdot_\phi : H_\phi \otimes V_\phi \rightarrow V_\phi$ , given for  $h \in H_\phi$ ,  $v \in V_\phi$  by

$$h \cdot_\phi v = \phi(h_{(1)}, v_{(-1)})(h_{(2)} \cdot v_{(0)})_{(0)} \phi^{-1}((h_{(2)} \cdot v_{(0)})_{(-1)}, h_{(3)}).$$

The monoidal structure on  $\mathcal{T}_\phi$  is given by the natural transformation  $b_{V,W} : (V \otimes W)_\phi \rightarrow V_\phi \otimes W_\phi$

$$b_{V,W}(v \otimes w) = \phi(v_{(-1)}, w_{(-1)})v_{(0)} \otimes w_{(0)}, \quad v \in V, w \in W.$$

(b)  $\mathcal{T}_\phi$  preserves Nichols algebras:  $\mathcal{B}(V)_\phi \simeq \mathcal{B}(V_\phi)$  as objects in  ${}^{H_\phi}_{H_\phi}\mathcal{YD}$ . In particular, the Hilbert-Poincaré series of  $\mathcal{B}(V)$  and  $\mathcal{B}(V_\phi)$  are the same.

**Application.** We say that two matrices  $q = (q_{ij})_{i,j \in \mathbb{I}_\theta}$  and  $q' = (q'_{ij})_{i,j \in \mathbb{I}_\theta}$  with invertible entries are *twist-equivalent* if

$$q_{ii} = q'_{ii}, \quad i \in \mathbb{I}_\theta \quad \text{and} \quad q_{ij}q_{ji} = q'_{ij}q'_{ji}, \quad i \neq j \in \mathbb{I}_\theta.$$

Let  $V$  and  $V'$  be the braided vector spaces of diagonal type associated to twist-equivalent matrices  $q$  and  $q'$ , respectively.

**Corollary.** [AS3, Proposition 3.9]

The Hilbert-Poincaré series of  $\mathcal{B}(V)$  and  $\mathcal{B}(V')$  coincide.

*Proof.* One defines a suitable cocycle  $\phi$  on the group  $\mathbb{Z}$  and applies the Theorem.

### i.iii. The splitting technique.

Let  $H$  be a Hopf algebra. Let  $V, U \in {}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$  and

$$W = V \oplus U;$$

this is a decomposition of  $W$  as above (any decomposition can be realized over a suitable  $H$  provided that  $c_W$  is rigid). Set

$$\mathcal{A}(W) = \mathcal{B}(W) \# H, \quad \mathcal{A}(V) = \mathcal{B}(V) \# H, \quad \mathcal{A}(U) = \mathcal{B}(U) \# H.$$

The natural maps of Hopf algebras in  ${}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$

$$\pi_{\mathcal{B}(V)} : \mathcal{B}(W) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(V) \quad \text{and} \quad \iota_{\mathcal{B}(V)} : \mathcal{B}(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(W)$$

induce—by tensoring with  $\text{id}_H$ —morphisms of Hopf algebras

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{\mathcal{A}(V)} : \mathcal{A}(W) &\rightarrow \mathcal{A}(V), & \pi_{\mathcal{A}(V)} &:= \pi_{\mathcal{B}(V)} \# \text{id}_H, \\ \text{and } \iota_{\mathcal{A}(V)} : \mathcal{A}(V) &\rightarrow \mathcal{A}(W), & \iota_{\mathcal{A}(V)} &:= \iota_{\mathcal{B}(V)} \# \text{id}_H, \end{aligned}$$



Now  $\pi_{\mathcal{A}(V)} \iota_{\mathcal{A}(V)} = \text{id}_{\mathcal{A}(V)}$ , hence by Radford-Majid we have that

$$\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{A}(W)^{\text{co} \pi_{\mathcal{A}(V)}}$$

is a Hopf algebra in  ${}_{\mathcal{A}(V)}^{\mathcal{A}(V)}\mathcal{YD}$  with the adjoint action and the coaction

$$\delta = (\pi_{\mathcal{A}(V)} \otimes \text{id}) \Delta_{\mathcal{A}(W)},$$

so that  $\mathcal{A}(W)$  is the bosonization of  $\mathcal{K}$  by  $\mathcal{A}(V)$ :

$$\mathcal{A}(W) \simeq \mathcal{K} \# \mathcal{A}(V).$$

**Proposition.** [Rosso, Proposition 22] [HS-adv, Proposition 8.6].

$\mathcal{K} \simeq \mathcal{B}(Z_U)$ , where

$$Z_U := \text{ad}_c \mathcal{B}(V)(U) \in {}_{\mathcal{A}(V)}^{\mathcal{A}(V)}\mathcal{YD}.$$

In fact,  $\mathcal{B}(W)$  is the braided bosonization  $\mathcal{K} \# \mathcal{B}(V)$ , i.e.,

$$\mathcal{B}(W) \simeq \mathcal{B}(Z_U) \# \mathcal{B}(V).$$

This result can be used in two directions, both assuming that  $\mathcal{B}(V)$  is known:

- To compute  $\mathcal{B}(W)$  by computing first  $\mathcal{B}(Z_U)$ ,
- To compute  $\mathcal{B}(Z_U)$  by computing first  $\mathcal{B}(W)$ .