Quantum Schur algebras and their affine and super counterparts

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Almost at the same time, Ringel himself introduced the notion of **Ringel–Hall algebras** and proved that they are isomorphic to the \pm -part of the corresponding quantum groups.

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- ► The realisation conjecture; [Done in 2014 by D.-Fu]
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- The second centraliser property conjecture.

Theorem (D.-Fu, 2013)

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$$\sum_{\substack{T \in \Theta_{\Delta}(n) \\ ro(T) = \alpha}} v^{f_{\mathcal{A},T}} \prod_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq n \\ j \in \mathbb{Z}, j \neq i}} \left[\begin{bmatrix} a_{i,j} + t_{i,j} - t_{i-1,j} \\ t_{i,j} \end{bmatrix} (\mathcal{A} + T^{\pm} - \tilde{T}^{\pm})(\mathbf{j}_{T}, \delta_{T}).$$

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Equipped a superalgebra \mathcal{A} with the super commutator defined by $[x, y] := xy - (-1)^{\hat{x} \cdot \hat{y}} yx$, where $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ are homogeneous elements and $\hat{z} = i$ if $z \in \mathcal{A}_i$, the two series simple superalgebras \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{Q} give rise to, respectively, two series Lie superalgebras: $\mathfrak{gl}_{n|m}$, the general linear Lie superalgebra, and \mathfrak{q}_n , the queer Lie superalgebra.

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