## QUASI-PARABOLIC STRUCTURES ON GROUPS

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# INTRODUCTION

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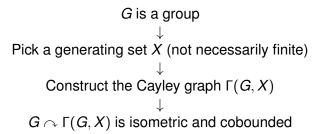


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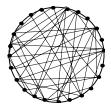
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Elements of  $\mathcal{H}(G)$ 

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Equivalence classes of cobounded actions of *G* on hyperbolic spaces (up to a natural equivalence)

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## Theorem (ABO)

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- H(G) is a way to study all possible cobounded actions of a group on hyperbolic spaces, upto q.i.

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4. If  $|\mathcal{H}_{qp}(G)| \neq 0$ , is  $|\mathcal{H}_{\ell}(G)| \leq |\mathcal{H}_{qp}(G)|$  ?

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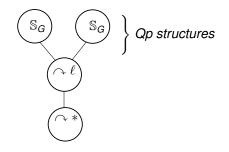
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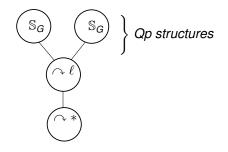
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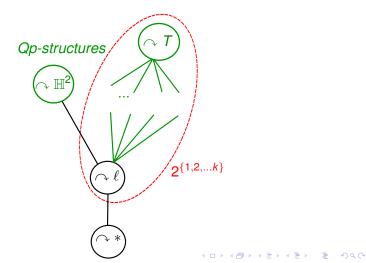
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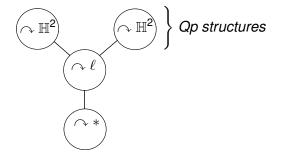
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