## Some combinatorics of $\widehat{\mathfrak{s l}}_{n}$ crystals

## (different models for $\widehat{\mathfrak{s}}_{n}$ crystals and how they are related) ${ }^{1}$

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${ }^{1}$ Notes "Explicit crystal maps between cylindric plane partitions, multi-partitions and multi-segments" are available at www-math.mit.edu/~ptingley/

## Outline

(1) Motivation

- Crystals, Characters and Combinatorics
- What does "understand" mean anyway?
- Two examples
(2) Some structures I understand
- The multi-partition realization of $B(\Lambda)$
- Understanding the infinity crystal
- Relationship with the Kyoto path model
(3) A structure I only partly understand
- Fayers' crystals
- Relationship with monomial crystals (partly conjectural)


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