

**February 17, 2015:** Ivan Loseu (Northeastern), “Cacti and cells.”

Let  $W$  be a Weyl group. To  $W$  one can assign its cactus group that should be thought as a crystal analog of the braid group. I will construct an action of the cactus group on  $W$  that is nicely compatible with Kazhdan-Lusztig cells. A motivation for this comes from a new conjectural approach to cells due to Bonnafé and Rouquier.

The talk is based on <http://arxiv.org/abs/1506.04400>