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Lemma (Kashiwara)

Let Λ be dominant integral. Then there exists a unique crystal morphism $S_h : B(\Lambda) \rightarrow B(h\Lambda)$ of amplitude h , for all $h \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$.

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The set of e -cores is the W -orbit through the empty partition. Recall that the map $\nu \mapsto \text{wt}(\nu)$, for e -cores ν , is injective. Thus the theorem gives a realization of $B(\Lambda_m)$ in terms of sequences of e -cores. Namely,

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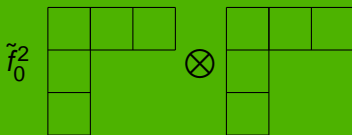
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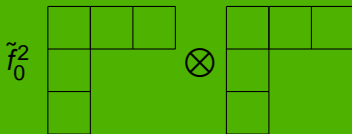
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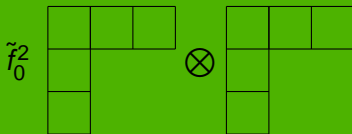
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Jacon and I proved the following, which is the second application of the Littelmann's path model.

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Hence, the conjecture is equivalent to the statement that λ is (Q, e) -restricted if and only if λ is Kleshchev.

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