

## **Nichols algebras with many cubic relations**

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The talk is based on a joint work with A. Lochmann and L. Vendramin. We classify Nichols algebras of irreducible Yetter-Drinfeld modules over groups under the assumption that the underlying rack is braided and the homogeneous component of degree three of the Nichols algebra satisfies a given inequality. This assumption turns out to be equivalent to a factorization assumption on the Hilbert series. Besides the known Nichols algebras, a new example is obtained. The proof is based on a combinatorial invariant of the Hurwitz orbits with respect to the action of the braid group on three strands.

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 $\min\{m \in \mathbb{N} \mid (m)_p := 1 + p + p^2 + \dots + p^{m-1} = 0\} < \infty$ .  
 $\mathcal{B}(V) = TV / (x_1 x_{12} - pr x_{12} x_1, x_1^N, x_2^3)$ ,  
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**Theorem. (Andruskiewitsch, Graña, '03)** Let  
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