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- ▶ **Open problem:** Understand the perverse cohomology groups of the Rouquier complexes $C_{\beta(x,y)}^{\bullet, \min}$.

Thank you !