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**Cara Monical, Oliver Pechenik\*** (pechenik@umich.edu) and **Travis Scrimshaw**. *Crystal structures for symmetric Grothendieck polynomials*.

The symmetric Grothendieck polynomials representing Schubert classes in the  $K$ -theory of Grassmannians are generating functions for semistandard set-valued tableaux. We construct a type A crystal structure on these tableaux. Applications include a new combinatorial formula for decomposing symmetric Grothendieck polynomials into Schur polynomials. For rectangular shapes, we give a new interpretation of Lascoux polynomials ( $K$ -analogues of Demazure characters) by constructing a  $K$ -theoretic analogue of crystals with an appropriate analogue of a Demazure subcrystal. (Received February 20, 2020)