

# Noncommutative Tensor Triangular Geometry

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# “Categories Have Hidden Geometry”

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# Monoidal Triangulated Categories

## Definition

A *monoidal triangulated category* ( $\mathbf{M}\Delta\mathbf{C}$ ) is a triple  $(\mathbf{K}, \otimes, \mathbf{1})$  such that

- (i)  $\mathbf{K}$  is a triangulated category,
- (ii)  $\mathbf{K}$  has a monoidal tensor product  $\otimes : \mathbf{K} \times \mathbf{K} \rightarrow \mathbf{K}$  which is exact in each variable with unit object  $\mathbf{1}$ .

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- Then  $\mathbf{K}^c$  and  $\mathbf{K}$  are tensor triangulated categories.

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- (d) [NEW] A *prime ideal*  $\mathbf{P}$  of  $\mathbf{K}$  is a proper thick tensor ideal such that  $\mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{J} \subseteq \mathbf{P}$  implies that  $\mathbf{I} \subseteq \mathbf{P}$  or  $\mathbf{J} \subseteq \mathbf{P}$  for all thick ideals  $\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{J}$  of  $\mathbf{K}$ .

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One can also define

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$$\mathrm{CP}\text{-}\mathrm{Spc}(\mathbf{K}) \subseteq \mathrm{Spc}(\mathbf{K}).$$

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## Example

Let  $R$  is a commutative Noetherian ring.

- (1)  $X = \operatorname{Spec}(R)$ .
- (2)  $X = \operatorname{Proj}(\operatorname{Spec}(R)) := \operatorname{Proj}(R)$  if  $R$  is graded.
- (3)  $X = G\text{-}\operatorname{Proj}(R)$  if  $R$  is graded and  $G$  is an algebraic group.

# Zariski Spaces: Notation

- (ii)  $\mathcal{X}$  be the collection of subsets of  $X$ .
- (ii)  $\mathcal{X}_{cl}$  be the collection of closed subsets of  $X$ .
- (iii)  $\mathcal{X}_{irr}$  be the set of irreducible closed sets.
- (iv) A subset  $W$  in  $X$  is *specialization closed* if and only if  $W = \cup_{j \in J} W_j$  where  $W_j$  are closed sets.
- (v)  $\mathcal{X}_{sp}$  be the collection of all specialization closed subsets of  $X$ .



# Support Data

## Definition

A *support data* (resp. *weak support data*) is an assignment  $\sigma : \mathbf{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$  which satisfies the following six properties (for  $M, M_i, N, Q \in \mathbf{K}$ ):

(S1)  $\sigma(0) = \emptyset$ ,  $\sigma(\mathbf{1}) = X$ ;

(S2)  $\sigma(\oplus_{i \in I} M_i) = \bigcup_{i \in I} \sigma(M_i)$  whenever  $\oplus_{i \in I} M_i$  is an object of  $\mathbf{K}$ ;

(S3)  $\sigma(\Sigma M) = \sigma(M)$ ;

(S4) for any distinguished triangle  $M \rightarrow N \rightarrow Q \rightarrow \Sigma M$  we have

$$\sigma(N) \subseteq \sigma(M) \cup \sigma(Q);$$

(S5)  $\bigcup_{C \in \mathbf{K}} \sigma(M \otimes C \otimes N) = \sigma(M) \cap \sigma(N)$ ;

(WS5)  $\Phi_\sigma(\mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{J}) = \Phi_\sigma(\mathbf{I}) \cap \Phi_\sigma(\mathbf{J})$ ,  $\mathbf{I}$  and  $\mathbf{J}$  are ideals of  $\mathbf{K}$ :  $\Phi_\sigma(\mathbf{I}) = \bigcup_{A \in \mathbf{I}} \sigma(A)$ .

(S6)  $\sigma(M) = \sigma(M^*)$  for  $M \in \mathbf{K}^c$  [the compact objects have a duality].

We will be interested in support data which satisfy an additional two properties:

(S7)  $\sigma(M) = \emptyset$  if and only if  $M = 0$ ; (Faithfulness Property)

(S8) for any  $W \in \mathcal{X}_d$  there exists an  $M \in \mathbf{K}^c$  such that  $\sigma(M) = W$  (Realization Property).

# Classifying Thick Tensor Ideals and the Balmer Spectrum

## Theorem (BKN16, Dell'Ambrogio, NVY19)

Let  $\mathbf{K}$  be a compactly generated  $M\Delta C$ . Let  $X$  be a Zariski space and let  $\sigma : \mathbf{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$  be a weak support data satisfying the additional conditions (S7) and (S8) with  $\sigma(\langle M \rangle) \in \mathcal{X}_{cl}$  for  $M \in \mathbf{K}^c$ . There is a pair of mutually inverse maps

$$\{\text{thick tensor ideals of } \mathbf{K}^c\} \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{\Phi_\sigma} \\ \xleftarrow{\Theta} \end{matrix} \mathcal{X}_{sp},$$

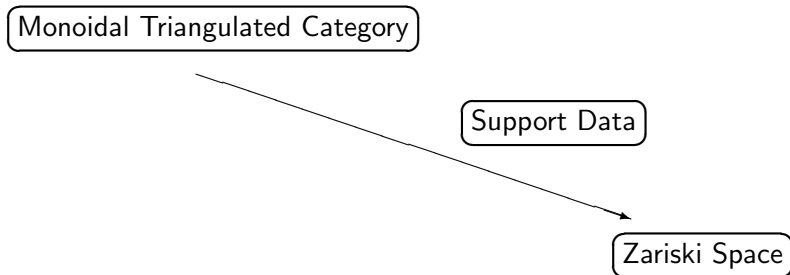
given by

$$\Phi_\sigma(\mathbf{I}) = \bigcup_{M \in \mathbf{I}} \sigma(M), \quad \Theta(W) = \mathbf{I}_W,$$

where  $\mathbf{I}_W = \{M \in \mathbf{K}^c \mid \sigma(M) \subseteq W\}$ . Moreover, there is a homeomorphism

$$f : X \rightarrow \mathrm{Spc}(\mathbf{K}^c).$$

# Recap



# Finite Group Schemes [Symmetric $M\Delta C$ ]

## Example

Let  $G$  be a finite group (scheme),  $A := H^\bullet(G, k) = \text{Ext}_G^\bullet(k, k)$  be the cohomology ring. Set  $\mathbf{K}^c = \text{stmod}(G)$  and  $X = \text{Proj}(\text{Spec}(A))$ .

- (i)  $\{\text{thick } \otimes\text{-ideals of } \mathbf{K}^c\}$  are in one-to-correspondence with  $\mathcal{X}_{sp}$ .
- (ii)  $\text{Spc}(\mathbf{K}^c) \cong \text{Proj}(\text{Spec}(A))$ .

The (classifying) support data is given by

$$W(M) = \{P \in \text{Proj}(\text{Spec}(A)) : \text{Ext}_G^\bullet(M, M)_P \neq 0\}.$$

# Perfect Complexes [Symmetric $M\Delta C$ ]

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# Large Quantum Group [Symmetric $M\Delta C$ ]

## Theorem (BKN17)

Let  $G$  be a complex simple algebraic group over  $\mathbb{C}$  with  $\mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie } G$ . Assume that  $\zeta$  is a primitive  $\ell$ th root of unity where  $\ell > h$ . Let  $\mathbf{K} = \text{Stmod}(U_\zeta(\mathfrak{g}))$ ,  $\mathbf{K}^c = \text{stmod}(U_\zeta(\mathfrak{g}))$  and  $X = G\text{-Proj}(\mathbb{C}[\mathcal{N}])$ . There exists a 1-1 correspondence

$$\{\text{thick tensor ideals of } \mathbf{K}^c\} \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{\Gamma} \\ \xleftarrow{\Theta} \end{matrix} \mathcal{X}_{sp}.$$

Moreover, there is a homeomorphism

$$\text{Spc}(\text{stmod}(U_\zeta(\mathfrak{g}))) \cong G\text{-Proj}(\mathbb{C}[\mathcal{N}]).$$

# Finite-dimensional Hopf-algebras [General $M\Delta C$ ]

## Theorem (NVY19)

- (a) *Let  $\mathbf{K}$  be a compactly generated  $M\Delta C$  and  $\sigma : \mathbf{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$  be a quasi support datum for a Zariski space  $X$  that satisfies the faithfulness and realization properties and the Assumption YY. Then the map*

$$\Phi_\sigma : \{\text{thick right ideals of } \mathbf{K}^c\} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_{sp}$$

*is a bijection.*

- (b) *Let  $A$  be a finite-dimensional Hopf algebra over a field  $k$  that satisfies the standard (Finite Generation) Assumption and the Assumption YY. Set  $X = \text{Proj}(H^\bullet(A, k))$ . The standard cohomological support  $\sigma : \text{stmod}(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_{cl}$  is a quasi support datum, and as a consequence, there is a bijection*

$$\Phi_\sigma : \{\text{thick right ideals of } \text{stmod}(A)\} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_{sp},$$

*where  $\text{stmod}(A)$  is the stable (finite dimensional) module category of  $A$ .*



# Quantum Groups [Non-commutative $M\Delta C$ ]

## Assumptions

*Let  $\Delta$  be an irreducible root system, and  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}$  be a primitive  $\ell$ th root of unity.*

- *The integer  $\ell$  is odd and greater than 1.*
- *If the root system  $\Phi$  has type  $G_2$ , then 3 does not divide  $\ell$ .*
- *$\ell > h$  where  $h$  is the Coxeter number for  $\Delta$ .*

# Quantum Groups for Borel Subalgebras

- $\Delta^+$  be the positive roots of an irreducible root system  $\Delta$ .
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Construct  $u_{\zeta, \Gamma}(\mathfrak{b}) = u_{\zeta}(\mathfrak{u}) \# u_{\zeta, \Gamma}(\mathfrak{t})$  as follows.

- $u_{\zeta}(\mathfrak{u})$  is the small quantum group for nilpotent radical of the Borel.
- $u_{\zeta, \Gamma}(\mathfrak{t}) = \mathbb{C}[K_{\mu_1}^{\pm 1}, \dots, K_{\mu_n}^{\pm 1}] / (K_{\mu_i}^{\ell} - 1, 1 \leq i \leq n)$
- $K_{\mu_i} E_{\beta} K_{\mu_i}^{-1} = \zeta^{\langle \beta, \mu_i \rangle} E_{\beta}$ .
- The (non-cocommutative) coproduct on  $u_{\zeta}(\mathfrak{u})$  is the standard one used for quantum groups. .

# Classification of Thick Tensor Ideals

## Theorem (NVY19, NVY20)

Let  $u_{\zeta, \Gamma}(\mathfrak{b})$  be the small quantum group for the Borel subalgebra for an arbitrary finite dimensional complex simple Lie algebra. Assume that  $\ell$  satisfies the Assumptions (in particular,  $\ell > h$ ) and  $\gcd(\ell, |\Gamma/\mathbb{Z}\Delta|) = 1$ , which implies that  $R \cong S(\mathfrak{u}^*)$ ,  $X = \text{Proj}(R)$ .

(a) For  $\Phi$  and  $\Theta$  as above, there exists a bijection between

$$\{\text{thick tensor ideals of } \text{stmod}(u_{\zeta, \Gamma}(\mathfrak{b}))\} \overset{\Phi_w}{\underset{\Theta}{\longleftrightarrow}} \{\text{specialization closed sets of } X\}.$$

(b) Every thick right ideal of  $\text{stmod}(u_{\zeta, \Gamma}(\mathfrak{b}))$  is two-sided.

(c) There exists a homeomorphism  $f : \text{Proj}(R) \rightarrow \text{Spc}(\text{stmod}(u_{\zeta, \Gamma}(\mathfrak{b})))$ .

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- By carefully keeping track of the relationship between the support theories between  $u_{\zeta, \Gamma}(\mathfrak{b})$  and  $\text{gr } u_{\zeta, \Gamma}(\mathfrak{b})$  we can successfully verify the key assumption. Much of our analysis uses key facts in the local support theory as developed by Benson, Iyengar, and Krause.

# Benson-Witherspoon Hopf Algebras [Non-cocommutative $M\Delta C$ ]

Benson and Witherspoon considered the stable module categories of Hopf algebras of the form

$$A := (k[G] \# kH)^*,$$

where

- $G$  and  $H$  are finite groups with  $H$  acting on  $G$  by group automorphisms,
- $k$  is a field of positive characteristic dividing the order of  $G$ ,
- $kH$  is the group algebra of  $H$ ,  $k[G]$  is the dual of the group algebra of  $G$ ,
- $A$  is a non-cocommutative Hopf algebra.

# Enlightening Example

## Example

Let  $p$  be a prime number and  $n$  be a positive integer. Benson and Witherspoon analyzed the situation for  $G := (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^n$ ,  $H := \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  (with  $H$  cyclically permuting the factors of  $G$ ) and  $k$  a field of characteristic  $p$ ,

In this case,  $A$  admits a non-projective finite dimensional module  $M$  such that  $M \otimes M$  is projective. In particular, if  $W$  is the cohomological support then

$$W(M \otimes M) \neq W(M) \cap W(M).$$

# Classification and the Balmer Spectrum

## Theorem (NVY19)

Let  $A = (k[G] \# kH)^*$  where  $G$  and  $H$  are finite groups with  $H$  acting on  $G$  and  $k$  is a base field of positive characteristic dividing the order of  $G$ . Let  $R = H^\bullet(A, k)$  and  $X = H\text{-Proj}(R)$ . The following hold:

(a) There exists a bijection

$$\{\text{thick tensor ideals of } \text{stmod}(A)\} \overset{\Phi}{\underset{\Theta}{\longleftrightarrow}} \{\text{specialization closed sets of } X\}$$

(b) There exists a homeomorphism  $f : H\text{-Proj}(R) \rightarrow \text{Spc}(\text{stmod}(A))$ .

# Tensor Product Question

Open Question: When does a support datum  $\sigma : \mathbf{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_{sp}(X)$  possesses the *tensor product property*

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- For cohomological supports for modular representations of finite groups (Carlson, Avrunin-Scott) and for finite group schemes (Friedlander-Pevtsova), it is known to hold.
- Many people have been interested in this question for arbitrary finite-dimensional Hopf algebras.

# Connection with Completely Prime Ideals I

## Theorem (NVY20)

*For every monoidal triangulated category  $\mathbf{K}$ , the following are equivalent:*

- (a) The universal support datum  $V : \mathbf{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}(\mathrm{Spc} \mathbf{K})$  has the tensor product property*

$$V(M \otimes N) = V(M) \cap V(N), \quad \forall M, N \in \mathbf{K}.$$

- (b) Every prime ideal of  $\mathbf{K}$  is completely prime.*

Universal support datum:  $V : \mathbf{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{X} : V(M) = \{\mathbf{P} \in \mathrm{Spc} \mathbf{K} : M \notin \mathbf{P}\}.$

# Connection with Completely Prime Ideals II

## Theorem (NVY20)

*Let  $\mathbf{K}$  be a monoidal triangulated category in which every thick right ideal is two-sided. Then every prime ideal of  $\mathbf{K}$  is completely prime, and as a consequence, the universal support datum  $V : \mathbf{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}(\mathrm{Spc} \mathbf{K})$  has the tensor product property*

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# Connections with Nilpotent Elements

## Theorem (NVY20)

*Let  $\mathbf{K}$  be a monoidal triangulated category in which every object is rigid. If  $\mathbf{K}$  has a non-zero nilpotent object  $M$  (i.e.,  $M \not\cong 0$  but  $M^{\otimes n} := M \otimes \cdots \otimes M \cong 0$ , for some  $n > 0$ ) then not all prime ideals of  $\mathbf{K}$  are completely prime. As a consequence, the universal support datum  $V : \mathbf{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}(\mathrm{Spc} \mathbf{K})$  does not have the tensor product property.*

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Recall for the Benson-Witherspoon example, there exists a non-zero module  $M$  (not projective) such that  $M \otimes M = (0)$  in  $\mathbf{K}$ . Therefore, the universal support datum does not satisfy the tensor product property. This implies that the cohomological (classifying) support datum does not satisfy the tensor product property.

# Negron-Pevtsova Conjecture (2020)

## Theorem (Nakano-Vashaw-Yakimov, 2020)

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- (a) All prime ideals of  $\text{stmod}(u_{\zeta, \Gamma}(\mathfrak{b}))$  are completely prime.
- (b) The cohomological support

$$W(-) : \text{stmod}(u_{\zeta, \Gamma}(\mathfrak{b})) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_{sp}(\text{Proj}(H^\bullet(u_{\zeta, \Gamma}(\mathfrak{b}), \mathbb{C})))$$

has the tensor product property  $W(M \otimes N) = W(M) \cap W(N)$  for all  $M, N \in \text{stmod}(u_{\zeta, \Gamma}(\mathfrak{b}))$ .

Thank you for your attention.