

THE CATEGORY OF LOCAL REPRESENTATIONS  
OF A FINITE GROUP

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# The category of local representations of a finite group

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Isle of Skye, 2015

Inspiration for this project:  $n^{\text{th}}$  Morava  $K$ -theory  
structure of the  $K(n)$ -local category  
of spectra in stable homotopy theory

## Setting for this task

or a finite group scheme

$G$  a finite group,  $k$  a field of characteristic  $p > 0$

$kG =$  group algebra (self-injective algebra)

$H^*(G, k) = \text{Ext}_{kG}^*(k, k)$  group cohomology

(graded comm. Noetherian algebra)

$\text{Mod } kG =$  cat. of all  $kG$ -modules

$\text{StMod } kG =$  stable category (modulo projectives)

- compactly generated triangulated category

- admits a tensor product  $-\otimes_k -$  (diagonal action)

and functors  $\text{Hom}_k(-, -)$

$\rightsquigarrow$  tensor triangulated category

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$\mathcal{P} \in \text{Proj } H^*(G, k) =$  set of homogeneous prime ideals  
different from  $H^{>0}(G, k)$

$\Gamma_{\mathcal{P}} : \text{StMod } kG \rightarrow \text{StMod } kG$  local cohomology functor

$X \mapsto X \otimes (\Gamma_{\mathcal{P}} k)$  (exact and idempotent,

Rickard idempotent module

preserving all  $\oplus$ s)

$\Gamma_P(\text{StMod } kG) =$  minimal tensor ideal localising  
subcategory of  $\text{StMod } kG$   
(= category of local representations of  $G$ )

Aim of this talk Discuss the structure of  
 $\Gamma_P(\text{StMod } kG)$  as a tensor triangulated category  
(= smallest building block of  $\text{StMod } kG$ ).

Plan of this talk

- an analogy (highest weight categories)
- the local cohomology functor  $\Gamma_P$
- compact/dualising objects in  $\Gamma_P(\text{StMod } kG)$
- an example (Klein four group)

Digression FD Semis: :

finite dimensional algebras

versus finite dimensional representations

# Highest weight categories via recollements

Recall: a recollement of abelian/triangulated categories is a diagram of functors

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & i_2 & & \\ & & \longleftarrow & & \\ \mathcal{C}' & \xrightarrow{i} & \mathcal{C} & \xrightarrow{p} & \mathcal{C}'' \\ & & \longleftarrow & & \\ & & i_1 & & \\ & & p_1 & & \\ & & \longleftarrow & & \\ & & p_2 & & \end{array}$$

- $\text{Ker } p = \text{Im } i$
- $(i_2, i, i_1)$  and  $(p_1, p, p_2)$  are adjoint triples
- $i, p_1, p_2$  are fully faithful

A an (abelian) length category

$\{L_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  a representative set of simple objects  
 $\Lambda = (\Lambda, \leq)$  finite poset (weights)

$\mathcal{A} \ni X \mapsto \text{supp } X := \{\lambda \in \Lambda \mid L_\lambda \text{ comp. factor of } X\}$

For  $U \subseteq \Lambda$   
 $\mathcal{A}_U := \{X \in \mathcal{A} \mid \text{supp } X \subseteq U\} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$   
(Serre subcategory)

Suppose: There is a proj. cover  $\Delta_\lambda \rightarrow L_\lambda$  in  $\mathcal{A}_{\leq \lambda}$   $\lambda \in \Lambda$ .

Cecil-Parshall-Scott, 1988

Theorem  $\mathcal{A}$  is a highest weight category with standard objects  $\{\Delta_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$   $(\iff)$

For each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  there is a recollement of abelian categories

$$\mathcal{A}_{< \lambda} \begin{array}{c} \longleftarrow \\ \longrightarrow \\ \longleftarrow \end{array} \mathcal{A}_{\leq \lambda} \begin{array}{c} \longleftarrow \\ \xrightarrow{-p} \\ \longleftarrow \end{array} \text{mod } K_\lambda$$

with  $p = \text{Hom}(\Delta_\lambda, -)$  and  $K_\lambda = \text{End}(\Delta_\lambda)$  a division ring, inducing a recollement of derived categories

$$\mathcal{D}^b(\mathcal{A}_{< \lambda}) \begin{array}{c} \longleftarrow \\ \longrightarrow \\ \longleftarrow \end{array} \mathcal{D}^b(\mathcal{A}_{\leq \lambda}) \begin{array}{c} \longleftarrow \\ \longrightarrow \\ \longleftarrow \end{array} \mathcal{D}^b(\text{mod } K_\lambda).$$

Idea Standard objects  $\Delta_\lambda$  are building blocks of  $\mathcal{A}$ , glued via resolution sequences

$$\text{Filt} \{\Delta_\mu \mid \mu < \lambda\} \begin{array}{c} \longleftarrow \\ \longrightarrow \\ \longleftarrow \end{array} \text{Filt} \{\Delta_\mu \mid \mu \leq \lambda\} \begin{array}{c} \longleftarrow \\ \longrightarrow \\ \longleftarrow \end{array} \text{Filt} \{\Delta_\lambda\}.$$

(given by exact functors)

$\text{Filt}(\mathcal{X}) :=$  smallest extension closed subcategory containing  $\mathcal{X}$

# Representations of finite groups via recollements (analogy)

$$\text{StMod } kG \ni X \mapsto \text{supp } X := \{p \in \text{Proj } H^*(G, k) \mid T_p X \neq 0\}$$

Support

$\text{Proj } H^*(G, k)$  poset (ordered by inclusion)  
↙ Benson-Iyengar-K-Reutsava, 2017

Theorem For each  $p \in \text{Proj } H^*(G, k)$  there is a  
recollement

$$(\text{StMod } kG)_{\leq p} \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\quad} \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \xleftarrow{\quad} \end{array} (\text{StMod } kG)_{\leq p} \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\quad} \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \xleftarrow{\quad} \end{array} T_p(\text{StMod } kG)$$

↙ functor  $T_p$

Goal Identify the local building blocks  
(analogues of standard objects  $\Delta_i$ ).

# Local cohomology

$R = H^0(G, k)$  gr. comm. Loeth.

$\bar{J} = \text{St mod } kG$  comp. gen. free j. cat.

$x \in \bar{J}$  compact :  $\text{Hom}(x, -)$  preserves all  $\oplus$ 's

$\bar{J}^c = \{x \in \bar{J} \mid x \text{ compact}\}$  thick subset.

$x, y \in \bar{J}$  (equivalent to  $\text{st mod } kG$ )

$\text{Hom}^*(x, y) = \bigoplus_{z \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Hom}(x, \Sigma^z y)$  graded  $R$ -module

via  $R \xrightarrow{- \otimes x} \text{End}^*(x)$  or  $R \xrightarrow{- \otimes y} \text{End}^*(y)$

Fix  $p \in \text{Spec } R$

$x \in \bar{J}$   $p$ -local if  $\text{Hom}^*(C, x) \simeq \text{Hom}^*(C, x)_p$   
 $\forall$  compact  $C$

$\bar{J}_p = \{x \in \bar{J} \mid x \text{ } p\text{-local}\} \hookrightarrow \bar{J}$

admits a left adjoint  $x \mapsto x_p$

$\underline{a} \subseteq R$  ideal

$R$ -module  $M$  is  $\underline{a}$ -torsion if  $M_{\underline{a}} = 0$  for  $\underline{a} \neq \mathfrak{q}$

$\chi \in \mathcal{J}$  is a-torsion iff  $\text{Hom}^0(\mathcal{O}, \chi)$  is a-torsion  
 $R$ -module

$\Gamma_{V(\mathfrak{a})} \mathcal{J} = \{ \chi \in \mathcal{J} \mid \chi \text{ is } \mathfrak{a}\text{-torsion} \} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{J}$   
 has a right adjoint  $\chi \mapsto \Gamma_{V(\mathfrak{a})} \chi$

$\Gamma_{\mathfrak{p}} \mathcal{J} := \{ \chi \in \mathcal{J} \mid \chi \text{ } \mathfrak{p}\text{-local and } \mathfrak{p}\text{-torsion} \}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Gamma_{\mathfrak{p}} : \mathcal{J} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{J} \quad , \quad \chi \longmapsto \Gamma_{V(\mathfrak{p})}(\chi_{\mathfrak{p}}) \\ \mathcal{J}^c & \xrightarrow{(\ )_{\mathfrak{p}}} & (\mathcal{J}_{\mathfrak{p}})^c \\ \mathcal{J} & \xleftrightarrow{\quad} & \mathcal{J}_{\mathfrak{p}} \xleftrightarrow{\Gamma_{V(\mathfrak{p})}} \Gamma_{\mathfrak{p}} \mathcal{J} \end{array}$$

Compact objects ?

$$(\Gamma_{\mathfrak{p}} \mathcal{J})^c = \Gamma_{\mathfrak{p}} \mathcal{J} \cap (\mathcal{J}_{\mathfrak{p}})^c$$

Problem  $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{p}} k$  (tensor unit) is  $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{p}} \mathcal{J}$  not compact  
 except when  $\mathfrak{p}$  is maximal

Compact / dualizing objects in  $T_P^c(\text{StMod } kG)$

$\mathcal{T} = (\mathcal{T}, \otimes, \mathbb{1})$  tensor triang. and comp. f.c.

$\text{Hom}(X, -)$  right adj. of  $X \otimes -$  (Brown represent.)

$X \mapsto \text{Hom}(-, \mathbb{1})$  Spanceri - Whitehead duality

$X$  dualizing:  $\text{Hom}(X, \mathbb{1}) \otimes Y \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}(X, Y)$   
also right

Lemma For  $\mathcal{T} = \text{StMod } kG$ : compact = dualizing

Same for  $\mathcal{T}_P$ ,  $P \in \text{Proj } R$ .

Theorem (BirkP, 2020) For  $X \in T_P^c(\mathcal{T})$

are equivalent:

(1)  $\text{Hom}^n(C, X)$  is a finite length  $R_P$ -module

for all  $C \in (T_P^c \mathcal{T})^c$

(2)  $\text{Hom}^n(C, X)$  is an artinian  $R_P$ -module

for all  $C \in \mathcal{T}^c$

(3)  $X$  is a direct summand of  $T^P C$  for some  $C \in \mathcal{T}^c$

(4)  $X$  is a dualizing object in  $T_p \mathcal{T}$

Corollary These objects form a thick subcategory of  $T_p(\text{stmod } kG)$  closed under  $\otimes$ ,  $\text{Hom}(-, -)$  and  $\text{SL}$ -duality. Moreover, it is a Krull-Schmidt category (consists of  $\Sigma$ -pure-injective  $kG$ -modules).

Remarks 1)  $X \in T_p \mathcal{T}$  compact iff

$\text{Hom}^b(C, X)$  finite length over  $R_p$   $\forall C \in \mathcal{T}^c$

2) Proof uses Gorenstein property of  $\text{stmod } kG$ , Matlis duality, Bousfield reps.,  $\text{stmod } kG$  is strongly generated

3) There is an analogue for  $D(\text{mod } A)$ ,  $A$  com. art.

Example

Klein four group  $G = \mathbb{Z}/2 \times \mathbb{Z}/2$

char  $k = 2$

$$kG \cong k[x, y] / (x^2, y^2)$$

$$\bullet \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{x} \\ \xrightarrow{y} \\ \bullet \end{array}$$

$$\bullet \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{x^2, y^2} \\ \xrightarrow{xy - yx} \\ \bullet \end{array}$$

$$X: V \rightrightarrows U \longmapsto \bar{X}: \begin{array}{c} (V \oplus U) \\ \curvearrowright \quad \curvearrowleft \end{array}$$

Kronecker repres.

group repres.

$$H^1(G, k) \cong k[\xi_0, \xi_1]$$

$$\xi_i \in \text{Ext}^1(k, k)$$

$$\text{Proj } H^1(G, k) \cong \mathbb{P}_k^1$$

$$\mathfrak{p} = (0) \quad \text{generic point}$$

$$Q: k(t) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{1} \\ \xrightarrow{t} \\ \bullet \end{array} k(t) \longmapsto \bar{Q}: \begin{array}{c} (k(t) \oplus k(t)) \\ \curvearrowright \quad \curvearrowleft \end{array}$$

generic repres.

$$\Gamma_{\mathfrak{p}}(\text{StMod } kG) = \text{Add } \bar{Q}$$

$$\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Proj } H^1(G, k) \quad \text{closed point}$$

$$\text{base } \{R_p[u] \mid u \geq 1\}$$

$$R_p[\infty] = \varinjlim R_p[u]$$

regular repres.

Proj module

$$\Gamma_p(\text{StMod } kG)^c = \text{add} \{ \overline{R}_p[n] \mid 1 \leq n < \infty \} \quad \underline{\text{compacts}}$$

$$\Gamma_p(\text{stmod } kG) = \text{add} \{ \overline{R}_p[n] \mid 1 \leq n \leq \infty \} \quad \underline{\text{dualizing}} \\ \underline{\text{objects}}$$

Conclusion:  $\Gamma_p(\text{stmod } kG)$  is a complete of  $\Gamma_p(\text{StMod } kG)^c$  !