

# COHERENT SHEAVES FOR THE STEINBERG PARAMETER OF $\mathrm{PGL}_2$

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $k$  be an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0. In this note, we study the derived category  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{G}_m}(R)$  of  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -equivariant coherent sheaves on the ring  $R = k[x, y]/(xy)$ , with trivial  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -action on  $x$  and  $t \cdot y = t^2 y$ . Our reason for studying these sheaves is that they should correspond by the categorical conjecture to the various sheaves on  $\mathrm{Bun}_{\mathrm{PGL}_2}$  with Fargues–Scholze parameter equal to the semi-simplification of the L-parameter of the Steinberg representation.

## 2. COHERENT SHEAVES

**Definition 2.1.** We let  $R_n$ , (resp.  $\mathcal{L}_n$ )  $\in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{G}_m}(R)$  be the object equal to  $R$  (resp.  $R/(x)$ ) as an  $R$ -module with  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -action given by  $t \cdot 1 \mapsto t^n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

As we shall see, the sheaves  $\mathcal{L}_n$  are the fundamental objects of study.

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $T$  be a reductive group. A  $T$ -equivariant  $R$ -module is projective if its underlying  $R$ -module is.*

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be a  $T$ -equivariant  $R$ -module. By definition,  $M$  is projective if  $\mathrm{Hom}_{R \rtimes T}(M, -)$  is exact. But we have an equality of functors

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{R \rtimes T}(M, -) = (-)^T \circ \mathrm{Hom}_R(M, -).$$

Moreover,  $(-)^T$  is exact since algebraic  $T$ -representations are completely reducible. If  $M$  is projective as an  $R$ -module, then  $\mathrm{Hom}_R(M, -)$  is exact, which therefore implies it is projective in the equivariant category.  $\square$

As a consequence of Lemma 2.2, we have that  $R_n$  is projective. Thus, we have the following projective resolution of  $\mathcal{L}_n$ .

$$(2.1) \quad \dots \xrightarrow{y} R_{n+2} \xrightarrow{x} R_{n+2} \xrightarrow{y} R_n \xrightarrow{x} R_n \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_n.$$

From this, it is easy to compute that the maps between the various  $\mathcal{L}_n$  sheaves are as follows. We use the notation that  $\mathrm{Hom}^i(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})$  is defined to be  $\mathrm{Hom}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}[i])$  and denote  $\bigoplus_n \mathrm{Hom}^n(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})$  by  $\mathrm{Hom}^\bullet(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})$ . Then, if  $m$  and  $n$  are of different parity, we

have  $\mathrm{Hom}^\bullet(\mathcal{L}_m, \mathcal{L}_n) = 0$ . If they are of the same parity and  $m \geq n$ , then we have a *lowering operator*

$$L_{m,n} : \mathcal{L}_m \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_n,$$

given by multiplication by  $y^{m-n}$ . In fact, for  $m \geq n$ , we have

$$\mathrm{Hom}^i(\mathcal{L}_m, \mathcal{L}_n) = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq 0 \\ k & i = 0 \end{cases}$$

We normalize the identification of  $\mathrm{Hom}^0(\mathcal{L}_m, \mathcal{L}_n)$  and  $k$  such that  $L_{m,n}$  corresponds to 1. If  $m < n$  and are of the same parity, then it is easy to verify from (2.1) that

$$\mathrm{Hom}^i(\mathcal{L}_m, \mathcal{L}_n) = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq n - m \\ k & i = n - m. \end{cases}$$

We define a *raising operator*

$$R_{m,n} : \mathcal{L}_m \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_n[n - m],$$

given by the identity map between the modules in the projective resolutions. We normalize the identification of  $\mathrm{Hom}^{n-m}(\mathcal{L}_m, \mathcal{L}_n)$  and  $k$  such that  $R_{m,n}$  corresponds to 1.

**Definition 2.3.** We define sheaves  $\delta_n$  and  $\epsilon_n$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  up to isomorphism via the following triangles

$$(2.2) \quad \mathcal{L}_{n+2} \xrightarrow{L_{n+2,n}} \mathcal{L}_n \rightarrow \delta_n, \quad \epsilon_n \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_n \xrightarrow{R_{n+2,n}} \mathcal{L}_{n+2}[2].$$

We now describe how these sheaves are supposed to relate to the Categorical Conjecture. Recall that the Kottwitz set  $B(\mathrm{PGL}_2)$  has two basic elements that we denote  $b_0$  and  $b_{1/2}$  in accordance with the slopes of their Newton polygons. Then the closure of  $b_0$  contains non-basic elements  $b_2, b_4, b_6, \dots$  satisfying that  $b_{n+2} \in \overline{b_n}$ . Similarly, the closure of  $b_{1/2}$  contains non-basic elements  $b_1, b_3, b_5, \dots$

**Conjecture 2.4.** *Under the hypothetical correspondence between  $\ell$ -adic sheaves on  $\mathrm{Bun}_G$  and (Ind-)coherent sheaves on  $Z^1(W, \hat{G})/\hat{G}$ , the stack of  $L$ -parameters, we expect the following for  $n > 0$ :*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_0 &\longleftrightarrow i_{b_0!}^{\mathrm{ren}} \mathrm{St} \\ \mathcal{L}_2[1] &\longleftrightarrow i_{b_0!}^{\mathrm{ren}} 1 \\ \delta_0 &\longleftrightarrow i_{b_0!}^{\mathrm{ren}} \mathrm{Ind}(\delta^{1/2}) \\ \epsilon_0 &\longleftrightarrow i_{b_0!}^{\mathrm{ren}} \mathrm{Ind}(\delta^{-1/2}) \\ \mathcal{L}_1 &\longleftrightarrow i_{b_{1/2}!}^{\mathrm{ren}} 1 \\ \delta_n &\longleftrightarrow i_{b_n\#}^{\mathrm{ren}} \delta^{-1/2} \\ \epsilon_{-n} &\longleftrightarrow i_{b_n\#}^{\mathrm{ren}} \delta^{1/2} \\ \delta_{-n} &\longleftrightarrow i_{b_n!}^{\mathrm{ren}} \delta^{1/2} \\ \epsilon_n &\longleftrightarrow i_{b_n!}^{\mathrm{ren}} \delta^{-1/2} \end{aligned}$$

From the triangles (2.2), one can compute the following Hom-table (where we assume that  $m$  and  $n$  have the same parity)

$H^i(A_m, B_n)$	$\mathcal{L}_n$	$\delta_n$	$\epsilon_n$
$\mathcal{L}_m$	$m \geq n : H^0 = k$ $m < n : H^{n-m} = k$	$m > n : H^i = 0, \forall i$ $m \leq n : H^{n-m} = H^{n-m+1} = k$	$m > n : H^0 = H^{-1} = k$ $m \leq n : H^i = 0, \forall i$
$\delta_m$	$m \geq n : H^i = 0, \forall i$ $m < n : H^{n-m} = H^{n-m-1} = k$	$m > n : H^i = 0, \forall i$ $m = n : H^0 = H^1 = k$ $m < n : H^{n-m+1} = H^{n-m-1} = k, H^{n-m} = k^2$	$m > n : H^i = 0, \forall i$ $m = n : H^0 = H^1 = k$ $m < n : H^i = 0, \forall i$
$\epsilon_m$	$m \geq n : H^1 = H^0 = k$ $m < n : H^i = 0, \forall i$	$m > n : H^i = 0, \forall i$ $m = n : H^1 = H^0 = k$ $m < n : H^i = 0, \forall i$	$m > n : H^1 = H^{-1} = k, H^0 = k^2$ $m = n : H^1 = H^0 = k$ $m < n : H^i = 0, \forall i$

## 3. IND-SHEAVES

To go further, we must study the Ind-completion of  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{G}_m}(R)$ , which we denote  $\mathrm{Ind}(\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{G}_m}(R))$ . There is a natural injective system

$$(3.1) \quad \mathcal{L}_n \xrightarrow{L_{n,n-2}} \mathcal{L}_{n-2} \xrightarrow{L_{n-2,n-4}} \mathcal{L}_{n-4} \xrightarrow{L_{n-4,n-6}} \dots$$

The commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{L}_n & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{L}_{n-2} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{L}_{n-4} & \longrightarrow & \dots \\ & \searrow & \parallel & & \parallel & & \\ & & \mathcal{L}_{n-2} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{L}_{n-4} & \longrightarrow & \dots \end{array}$$

implies that the limit of this system in  $\mathrm{Int}(\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{G}_m}(R))$  only depends on the parity of  $n$ . Hence, the above system defines two objects  $\mathcal{L}_e^-, \mathcal{L}_o^- \in \mathrm{Ind}(\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{G}_m}(R))$  based on whether  $n$  is even or odd, respectively.

We also have the injective system

$$(3.2) \quad \mathcal{L}_n \xrightarrow{R_{n,n+2}} \mathcal{L}_{n+2}[2] \xrightarrow{R_{n+2,n+4}} \mathcal{L}_{n+4}[4] \xrightarrow{L_{n+4,n+6}} \dots$$

The commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{L}_n & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{L}_{n+2}[2] & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{L}_{n+4}[4] & \longrightarrow & \dots \\ & \searrow & \parallel & & \parallel & & \\ & & \mathcal{L}_{n+2}[2] & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{L}_{n+4}[4] & \longrightarrow & \dots \end{array}$$

shows that this system only depends on the parity of  $n$  up to a shift. We denote by  $\mathcal{L}_e^+$  (resp.  $\mathcal{L}_o^+[-1]$ ) the limit of the system starting with  $n = 0$  (resp.  $n = 1$ ). Using our computation of  $\mathrm{Hom}^\bullet(\mathcal{L}_m, \mathcal{L}_n)$ , we can compute that for even  $n$  we have

$H^i(A_m, B_n)$	$\mathcal{L}_n$	$\mathcal{L}_e^+$	$\mathcal{L}_e^-$
$\mathcal{L}_m$	$m \geq n : H^0 = k$ $m < n : H^{n-m} = k$	$H^{-m} = k$	$H^0 = k$
$\mathcal{L}_e^+$	$H^i = 0, \forall i$	$H^0 = k$	$H^i = 0, \forall i$
$\mathcal{L}_e^-$	$H^i = 0, \forall i$	$H^i = 0, \forall i$	$H^0 = k$

and in fact, we have the same table when  $n$  is odd but we must replace each  $e$  with an  $o$ .

The presentation of the sheaves given by the next definition was suggested to us by an email exchange with T. Koshikawa.

**Definition 3.1.** For  $n$  even, we define  $\mathcal{M}_n \in \mathrm{Ind}(\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{G}_m}(R))$  up to isomorphism by pushout of  $\mathcal{L}_{n+2}$  along the natural maps to  $\mathcal{L}_e^+[-n-2]$  and  $\mathcal{L}_e^-$ . In other words,

we have a triangle

$$\mathcal{L}_{n+2} \xrightarrow{(1,-1)} \mathcal{L}_e^- \oplus \mathcal{L}_e^+[-n-2] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_n,$$

where the first map is the sum of the natural map to  $\mathcal{L}_e^-$  and the negative of the natural map to  $\mathcal{L}_e^+[-n-2]$ . When  $n$  is odd, we use the same construction, but replace each instance of  $e$  by  $o$ .

The sheaves  $\mathcal{M}_n$  seem to behave quite analogously to the sheaves  $\mathcal{L}_n$ . For instance, we can compute that we have canonically

$$\mathrm{Hom}^\bullet(\mathcal{L}_m, \mathcal{L}_n) = \mathrm{Hom}^\bullet(\mathcal{M}_m, \mathcal{M}_n).$$

We let  $L'_{m,n}$  and  $R'_{m,n}$  denote the maps between the  $\mathcal{M}$ -sheaves under this correspondence, defined such that the following diagrams commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{M}_n & \xrightarrow{L'_{n,n-2}} & \mathcal{M}_{n-2} \\ \downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{L}_{n+2}[1] & \xrightarrow{L_{n+2,n}[1]} & \mathcal{L}_n[1] \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{M}_{n-2} & \xrightarrow{R'_{n-2,n}} & \mathcal{M}_n[2] \\ \downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{L}_n[1] & \xrightarrow{R_{n,n+2}[1]} & \mathcal{L}_{n+2}[3] \end{array}$$

We record the following lemma which is useful when working with the  $\mathcal{M}_n$  sheaves.

**Lemma 3.2.** *Given objects  $A, B, C$  and a map  $A \rightarrow B \oplus C$ , we have a triangle*

$$(3.3) \quad C \rightarrow \mathrm{Cone}(A \rightarrow B \oplus C) \rightarrow \mathrm{Cone}(A \rightarrow B).$$

*Alternatively, if we have a map  $B \oplus C \rightarrow A$ , we have a triangle*

$$(3.4) \quad B \rightarrow \mathrm{Cone}(C \rightarrow A) \rightarrow \mathrm{Cone}(B \oplus C \rightarrow A).$$

*Proof.* These are easy applications of the octahedral axiom using the factorings

$$A \rightarrow A \oplus C \rightarrow B \oplus C,$$

and

$$B \oplus C \rightarrow B \oplus A \rightarrow A.$$

□

We can now make the following definition.

**Definition 3.3.** We define the sheaves  $\alpha_n, \beta_n \in \mathrm{Ind}(\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{G}_m}(R))$  via the following triangles

$$\alpha_n \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_n \xrightarrow{L'_{n,n-2}} \mathcal{M}_{n-2}, \quad \mathcal{M}_{n-2}[-2] \xrightarrow{R'_{n-2,n}[-2]} \mathcal{M}_n \rightarrow \beta_n.$$

Using these triangles, we deduce the following Hom-table

$H^i(A_m, B_n)$	$\mathcal{M}_n$	$\alpha_n$	$\beta_n$
$\mathcal{M}_m$	$m \geq n : H^0 = k$ $m < n : H^{n-m} = k$	$m \geq n : H^i = 0, \forall i$ $m < n : H^{n-m} = H^{n-m-1} = k$	$m \geq n : H^1 = H^0 = k$ $m < n : H^i = 0, \forall i$
$\alpha_m$	$m > n : H^i = 0, \forall i$ $m \leq n : H^{n-m} = H^{n-m+1} = k$	$m > n : H^i = 0, \forall i$ $m = n : H^1 = H^0 = k$ $m < n : H^{n-m-1} = H^{n-m+1} = k, H^{n-m} = k^2$	$m > n : H^i = 0, \forall i$ $m = n : H^1 = H^0 = k$ $m < n : H^i = 0, \forall i$
$\beta_m$	$m > n : H^0 = H^{-1} = k$ $m \leq n : H^i = 0, \forall i$	$m > n : H^i = 0, \forall i$ $m = n : H^1 = H^0 = k$ $m < n : H^i = 0, \forall i$	$m > n : H^1 = H^{-1} = k, H^0 = k^2$ $m = n : H^1 = H^0 = k$ $m < n : H^i = 0, \forall i$

We are about to state another conjecture, but before doing so, we define another pushforward functor  $i_{bb}^{\mathrm{ren}} : \mathcal{D}(G_b(E), \Lambda)^{\mathrm{ULA}} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{\mathrm{lis}}(\mathrm{Bun}_G)$  given by

$$\pi \mapsto D_{\mathrm{Verd}}(i_{b\#} D_{\mathrm{sm}}(\pi)).$$

The Verdier dual of the canonical map  $i_{b\#}^{\mathrm{ren}} \pi \rightarrow i_{b!}^{\mathrm{ren}} \pi$  is a map  $i_{b*}^{\mathrm{ren}} \pi \rightarrow i_{bb}^{\mathrm{ren}} \pi$ . Altogether therefore, we have canonical maps

$$i_{b\#}^{\mathrm{ren}} \pi \rightarrow i_{b!}^{\mathrm{ren}} \pi \rightarrow i_{b*}^{\mathrm{ren}} \pi \rightarrow i_{bb}^{\mathrm{ren}} \pi.$$

**Conjecture 3.4.** *Under the hypothetical correspondence between  $\ell$ -adic sheaves on  $\mathrm{Bun}_G$  and (Ind-)coherent sheaves on  $Z^1(W, \hat{G})/\hat{G}$ , the stack of  $L$ -parameters, we expect the following for  $n > 0$ :*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_0 &\longleftrightarrow i_{b_0*}^{\mathrm{ren}} \mathrm{St} \\ \mathcal{M}_{-2}[-1] &\longleftrightarrow i_{b_0*}^{\mathrm{ren}} 1 \\ \mathcal{M}_{-1} &\longleftrightarrow i_{b_{1/2}*}^{\mathrm{ren}} 1 \\ \alpha_0 &\longleftrightarrow i_{b_0*}^{\mathrm{ren}} \mathrm{Ind}(\delta^{-1/2}) \\ \beta_0 &\longleftrightarrow i_{b_0*}^{\mathrm{ren}} \mathrm{Ind}(\delta^{1/2}) \\ \alpha_n &\longleftrightarrow i_{b_n*}^{\mathrm{ren}} \delta^{-1/2} \\ \beta_{-n} &\longleftrightarrow i_{b_n*}^{\mathrm{ren}} \delta^{1/2} \\ \alpha_{-n} &\longleftrightarrow i_{b_n^b}^{\mathrm{ren}} \delta^{1/2} \\ \beta_n &\longleftrightarrow i_{b_n^b}^{\mathrm{ren}} \delta^{-1/2} \end{aligned}$$

Finally, in order to understand the  $t$ -structure corresponding to the perverse  $t$ -structure on  $\mathrm{Bun}_G$ , we need to define some other sheaves.

**Definition 3.5.** Let  $n$  be even (the odd definitions are analogous). We define the sheaf  $\epsilon_n^+$  such that it fits into a triangle

$$\epsilon_n^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_e^+[-n].$$

We define  $\delta_n^-$  such that it fits into a triangle

$$\mathcal{L}_{n+2} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_e^- \rightarrow \delta_n^-.$$

The composition  $\mathcal{L}_{n+2} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_e^-$  implies a triangle

$$(3.5) \quad \delta_n \rightarrow \delta_n^- \rightarrow \delta_{n-2}^-.$$

Similarly, the composition  $\mathcal{L}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{n+2}[2] \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_e^+[-n]$  implies a triangle

$$(3.6) \quad \epsilon_n \rightarrow \epsilon_n^+ \rightarrow \epsilon_{n+2}^+[2].$$

In particular, applying (3.3) to the definition of  $\mathcal{M}_n$  yields the triangles

$$\mathcal{L}_e^+[-n-2] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_n \rightarrow \delta_n^-,$$

and

$$\epsilon_n^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_e^- \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{n-2}.$$

The compositions  $\mathcal{L}_e^+[-n] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{n-2} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_n[2]$  and  $\mathcal{L}_e^- \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{n-2}$  give triangles

$$(3.7) \quad \delta_{n-2}^-[-2] \rightarrow \delta_n^- \rightarrow \beta_n$$

$$(3.8) \quad \epsilon_{n+2}^+ \rightarrow \epsilon_n^+ \rightarrow \alpha_n.$$

4. EXCEPTIONAL  $t$ -STRUCTURES

The sheaves we have defined yield at least three interesting  $t$ -structures, two of which are described by dualizable exceptional sets. We briefly recall these following [Bez03].

**Definition 4.1.** An exceptional set is a totally ordered collection  $\{\nabla^i\}_{i \in I}$  satisfying the following properties

- (1)  $\mathrm{Hom}^\bullet(\nabla^i, \nabla^j) = 0$  for  $i < j$ ,
- (2)  $\mathrm{Hom}^{<0}(\nabla^i, \nabla^i) = 0$  for all  $i$ ,
- (3)  $\mathrm{End}(\nabla^i) = k$  for all  $i$ .

We furthermore say that an exceptional set is *dualizable* if there exists a collection  $\{\Delta_i\}_{i \in I}$  satisfying

- (1)  $\mathrm{Hom}^\bullet(\Delta_n, \nabla^i) = 0$  for  $n > i$ ,
- (2) there exists an isomorphism  $\Delta_n \cong \nabla_n \pmod{\mathcal{D}_{<n}}$ ,

where  $\mathcal{D}_{<n}$  denotes the triangulated category generated by all shifts of the  $\nabla^i$  for  $i < n$ .

**Proposition 4.2.** *The collection*

$$\mathcal{L}_0, \mathcal{L}_1, \epsilon_0, \delta_{-1}, \epsilon_1, \delta_{-2}, \epsilon_2, \dots$$

*is a dualizable exceptional set with dual equal to*

$$\mathcal{L}_0, \mathcal{L}_1, \delta_0, \epsilon_{-1}, \delta_1, \epsilon_{-2}, \delta_2, \dots$$

*Similarly, the collection*

$$\mathcal{M}_0, \mathcal{M}_{-1}, \alpha_0, \beta_1, \alpha_{-1}, \beta_2, \alpha_{-2}, \dots$$

*is a dualizable exceptional set with dual equal to*

$$\mathcal{M}_0, \mathcal{M}_{-1}, \beta_0, \alpha_1, \beta_{-1}, \alpha_2, \beta_{-2}, \dots$$

*Proof.* In fact, one can immediately verify all the conditions except for the last from our Hom-tables. We now explain how to verify the last property. From Definition 2.3, we get maps

$$\delta_n \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{n+2}[1] \rightarrow \epsilon_n \quad \epsilon_n \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_n \rightarrow \delta_n.$$

Consider  $n \geq 0$  and apply the octahedral axiom to the first composition, we get a triangle

$$\mathcal{L}_n[1] \rightarrow \mathrm{Cone}(\delta_n \rightarrow \epsilon_n) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_n[2].$$

In particular, if we can show that  $\mathcal{L}_n \in \mathcal{D}_{<2n+2}$ , then we would get  $\delta_n \cong \epsilon_n \pmod{\mathcal{D}_{<2n+2}}$  as desired. We automatically have  $\mathcal{L}_0, \mathcal{L}_1 \in \mathcal{D}_{<2n+2}$  and by inductive assumption, this category contains  $\mathcal{L}_k$  and  $\epsilon_k$  for  $0 \geq k < n$ . But then the triangle

$$\mathcal{L}_{n-2}[-1] \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_n[1] \rightarrow \epsilon_{n-2},$$

implies  $\mathcal{L}_n \in \mathcal{D}_{<2n+2}$ . The case when  $n < 0$  uses  $\epsilon_n \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_n \rightarrow \delta_n$  but is otherwise analogous. Finally, we use the same argument for the second exceptional set but now with the compositions

$$\alpha_n \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_n \rightarrow \beta_n \quad \beta_n \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{n-2}[-1] \rightarrow \alpha_n.$$

□

Given a dualizable exceptional set generating a triangulated category  $\mathcal{D}$ , we get by [Bez03, Proposition 1] a unique  $t$ -structure such that  $\nabla^i \in \mathcal{D}^{\geq 0}$  and  $\Delta_i \in \mathcal{D}^{\leq 0}$ . In our case, we denote the relevant triangulated categories by  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{L}}$  and  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{M}}$ .

**Conjecture 4.3.** *Under the categorical conjecture, we expect that the exceptional  $t$ -structure on  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{L}}$  corresponds to the Hadal  $t$ -structure and that the exceptional  $t$ -structure on  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{M}}$  corresponds to the Verdier dual of the Hadal  $t$ -structure.*

By [Bez03, Proposition 2], the irreducible elements in the heart of an exceptional  $t$ -structure are precisely the  $\mathrm{im}H^0(\Delta_i \rightarrow \nabla_i)$ . Our notation here is that  $H^0$  is the cohomological functor valued in the heart and given by the truncations  $\tau_{\leq 0} \circ \tau_{\geq 0}$ . We now describe the irreducible objects of each  $t$ -structure.

We discuss  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{L}}$  first. From the Hom-tables, it is easy to check that  $\mathcal{L}_{m+2}[1]$ ,  $\delta_n$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_{-m+1}$ ,  $\epsilon_0$ ,  $\epsilon_1$  lie in the heart for  $m \geq 0$  and each  $n$ . To compute  $H^0(\epsilon_n)$  we look at the triangle

$$\mathcal{L}_n[-1] \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{n+2}[1] \rightarrow \epsilon_n \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{n+2}[2].$$

When  $n \geq 2$ , we can take  $H^0$  everywhere and deduce that  $H^0(\epsilon_n) \cong \mathcal{L}_{n+2}[1]$ . When  $n < 0$ , we deduce that  $H^0(\epsilon_n) \cong \mathcal{L}_n$ . Thus the irreducible objects are as follows. We have  $\mathcal{L}_0, \mathcal{L}_1$  are irreducible. We have short exact sequences in the heart

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_0 \hookrightarrow \delta_0 \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{L}_2[1] \rightarrow 0 \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_2[1] \hookrightarrow \epsilon_0 \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{L}_0 \rightarrow 0,$$

and

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_1 \hookrightarrow \delta_1 \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{L}_3[1] \rightarrow 0 \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_3[1] \hookrightarrow \epsilon_1 \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{L}_1 \rightarrow 0,$$

and hence  $\mathcal{L}_2[1]$  and  $\mathcal{L}_3[1]$  are irreducible. When  $n < 0$ , the map  $H^0(\epsilon_n \rightarrow \delta_n)$  becomes  $\mathcal{L}_n \rightarrow \delta_n$  which fits into an exact sequence in the heart:

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{n+2} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{L}_n \twoheadrightarrow \delta_n \rightarrow 0,$$

and hence  $\delta_n$  is irreducible. When  $n \geq 2$ ,  $H^0(\epsilon_n) = \mathcal{L}_{n+2}[1]$  and so  $H^0(\delta_n \rightarrow \epsilon_n)$  becomes  $\delta_n \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{n+2}[1]$  which fits into an exact sequence in the heart

$$0 \rightarrow \delta_n \hookrightarrow \mathcal{L}_{n+2}[1] \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{L}_n[1] \rightarrow 0,$$

and hence  $\delta_n$  is irreducible. In all, the irreducible objects are therefore  $\mathcal{L}_0, \mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_2[1], \mathcal{L}_3[1], \delta_n$  for  $n \neq 0, 1$ .

We now study  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{M}}$ . It is easy to check that  $\mathcal{M}_{m-1}, \mathcal{M}_{-m-2}[-1], \alpha_n, \beta_0, \beta_{-1}$  lie in the heart for  $m \geq 0$  and each  $n$ . We compute that  $H^0(\beta_n) \cong \mathcal{M}_n$  for  $n \geq 1$  and  $H^0(\beta_n) \cong \mathcal{M}_{n-2}[-1]$  for  $n \leq -2$ . Then for  $n = 0, -1$ , we have short exact sequences in the heart

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{-2}[-1] \hookrightarrow \alpha_0 \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{M}_0 \rightarrow 0 \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_0 \hookrightarrow \beta_0 \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{-2}[-1]$$

and

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{-3}[-1] \hookrightarrow \alpha_{-1} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{-1} \rightarrow 0 \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{-1} \hookrightarrow \beta_{-1} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{-3}[-1].$$

Thus,  $\mathcal{M}_{-2}[-1]$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{-3}[-1]$  are irreducible. For  $n \geq 1$  we have a short exact sequence in the heart

$$0 \rightarrow \alpha_n \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}_n \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{n-2} \rightarrow 0$$

and for  $n \leq -2$ , we have the the short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_n[-1] \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{n-2}[-1] \twoheadrightarrow \alpha_n \rightarrow 0.$$

We conclude the irreducible objects are  $\mathcal{M}_0, \mathcal{M}_{-1}, \mathcal{M}_{-2}[-1], \mathcal{M}_{-3}[-1], \alpha_n$  for  $n \neq 0, -1$ . We have therefore proven

**Proposition 4.4.** *The irreducible objects in the heart of the exceptional  $t$ -structure on  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{L}}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{M}}$ ) are  $\mathcal{L}_0, \mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_2[1], \mathcal{L}_3[1], \delta_n$  for  $n \neq 0, 1$  (resp.  $\mathcal{M}_0, \mathcal{M}_{-1}, \mathcal{M}_{-2}[-1], \mathcal{M}_{-3}[-1], \alpha_n$  for  $n \neq 0, -1$ ).*

### 5. THE PERVERSE $t$ -STRUCTURE

We now describe the  $t$ -structure that should conjecturally correspond to the perverse  $t$ -structure on  $\mathrm{Bun}_G$ . The category  $\mathcal{D}^{\leq 0}$  is generated by  $\mathcal{L}_0[n], \mathcal{L}_1[n], \mathcal{L}_2[n+1], \delta_{-m}[n], \epsilon_m[n]$  for  $m > 0$  and  $n \geq 0$ . The category  $\mathcal{D}^{\geq 0}$  is generated by  $\mathcal{M}_0[-n], \mathcal{M}_{-2}[-n-1], \mathcal{M}_{-1}[-n], \alpha_m[-n], \beta_{-m}[-n]$  for  $m > 0$  and  $n \geq 0$ .

The following Hom-table is useful for computations. As usual, we always assume  $m$  and  $n$  have the same parity, and any “ $e$ ” can be replaced with an “ $o$ ”.

$H^i(A_m, B_n)$	$\mathcal{M}_n$	$\mathcal{L}_e^+$	$\mathcal{L}_e^-$	$\alpha_n$	$\beta_n$
$\mathcal{L}_m$	$m > n : H^{n-m+2} = k$ $m \leq n : H^0 = k$	$H^{-m} = k$	$H^0 = k$	$m > n : H^{n-m+1} = H^{n-m+2} = k$ $m \leq n : H^i = 0, \forall i$	$m > n : H^i = 0, \forall i$ $m \leq n : H^1 = H^0 = k$
$\mathcal{L}_e^+$	$H^{n+2} = k$	$H^0 = k$	$H^i = 0, \forall i$	$H^{n+1} = H^{n+2} = k$	$H^i = 0, \forall i$
$\mathcal{L}_e^-$	$H^0 = k$	$H^i = 0, \forall i$	$H^0 = k$	$H^i = 0, \forall i$	$H^i = H^0 = k$
$\delta_m^-$	$m > n : H^{n-m+2} = H^{n-m+1} = k$ $m \leq n : H^i = 0, \forall i$	$H^{-m} = H^{-m-1} = k$	$H^i = 0, \forall i$	$m > n : H^{n-m} = H^{n-m+2} = k, H^{n-m+1} = k^2$ $m = n : H^1 = H^0 = k$ $m < n : H^i = 0, \forall i$	$m > n : H^i = 0, \forall i$ $m = n : H^1 = H^0 = k$ $m < n : H^i = 0, \forall i$
$\epsilon_m$	$m > n : H^i = 0, \forall i$ $m \leq n : H^1 = H^0 = k$	$H^i = 0, \forall i$	$H^1 = H^0 = k$	$m > n : H^i = 0, \forall i$ $m = n : H^1 = H^0 = k$ $m < n : H^i = 0, \forall i$	$m > n : H^i = 0, \forall i$ $m = n : H^1 = H^0 = k$ $m < n : H^2 = H^0 = k, H^1 = k^2$

We also record the following

$H^i(A_m, B_n)$	$\mathcal{M}_n$	$\alpha_n$	$\beta_n$
$\delta_m^-$	$m > n : H^0 = H^{n-m+1} = k$ $m \leq n : H^i = 0, \forall i$	$m \geq n : H^{m-n} = H^{m-n+1} = k$ $m < n : H^i = 0, \forall i$	$m \geq n : H^1 = H^0 = k$ $m < n : H^i = 0, \forall i$
$\epsilon_m^+$	$m > n : H^i = 0, \forall i$ $m \leq n : H^0 = H^{n-m+1} = k$	$m > n : H^i = 0, \forall i$ $m \leq n : H^{n-m} = H^{n-m+1} = k$	$m > n : H^i = 0, \forall i$ $m \leq n : H^1 = H^0 = k$

and

$H^i(A_m, B_n)$	$\delta_n^-$	$\epsilon_n^+$
$\mathcal{L}_m$	$m > n : H^i = 0, \forall i$ $m \leq n : H^0 = H^{n-m+1} = k$	$m > n : H^0 = H^{n-m+1} = k$ $m \leq n : H^i = 0, \forall i$
$\delta_m$	$m > n : H^i = 0, \forall i$ $m \leq n : H^{n-m+1} = H^{n-m} = k$	$m \geq n : H^{n-m+1} = H^{n-m} = k$ $m < n : H^i = 0, \forall i$
$\epsilon_m$	$m > n : H^i = 0, \forall i$ $m \leq n : H^1 = H^0 = k$	$m \geq n : H^1 = H^0 = k$ $m < n : H^i = 0, \forall i$

We can now verify that a number of sheaves lie in the heart. In particular,  $\mathcal{L}_e^-, \mathcal{L}_o^-, \mathcal{L}_e^+[-1], \mathcal{L}_o^+[-1], \mathcal{L}_0, \mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{M}_0, \mathcal{M}_{-1}, \alpha_n, \delta_{-n}, \epsilon_n^+, \delta_{-n}^-$  for  $n \geq 0$  are all perverse. We can now describe the irreducible objects assuming Conjectures 2.4 and 3.4. We describe  $H^0(\mathcal{L}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_0)$ . To do so, we define the sheaf  $Z_e$  to be the pushout of  $\mathcal{L}_2$  along the natural maps to  $\mathcal{L}_0$  and  $\mathcal{L}_e^+[-2]$ , such that there is a triangle

$$\mathcal{L}_2 \xrightarrow{(1, -1)} \mathcal{L}_0 \oplus \mathcal{L}_e^+[-2] \rightarrow Z_e,$$

and the first map is given as the sum of  $\mathcal{L}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_0$  and the canonical map  $\mathcal{L}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_e^+[-2]$ . Via the composition

$$\mathcal{L}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_0 \oplus \mathcal{L}_e^+[-2] \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_e^- \oplus \mathcal{L}_e^+[-2],$$

and an application of the octahedral axiom, we deduce a triangle

$$Z_e \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_0 \rightarrow \delta_{-2}^-.$$

from the definition of  $Z_e$ , and using (3.3), we deduce a triangle

$$\epsilon_2^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_0 \rightarrow Z_e.$$

Since both  $\delta_{-2}^-$  and  $\epsilon_2^+$  are perverse, this implies that  $Z_e$  is. We therefore deduce that the above triangles are short exact sequences in the heart. Hence we have maps

$$\mathcal{L}_0 \twoheadrightarrow Z_e \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}_0,$$

and so  $Z_e \cong \mathrm{im}H^0(\mathcal{L}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_0)$  and is therefore irreducible. There is another sheaf in the picture which is  $\mathcal{L}_e^-$ . First, we observe that the definition of  $\mathcal{M}_0$  and (3.3), implies a triangle

$$\mathcal{L}_e^- \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_0 \rightarrow \epsilon_2^+[1].$$

Then, from the facts that  $\delta_{-2}^-$  and  $\epsilon_2^+$  are perverse, we deduce that we have a sequence

$$\mathcal{L}_0 \hookrightarrow \mathcal{L}_e^- \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{M}_0.$$

*Remark 5.1.* The sheaf  $\mathcal{F}_e^-$  corresponding to  $\mathcal{L}_e^-$  under the categorical conjecture will be a tilting extension of  $\mathrm{St}$  along  $i : \mathrm{Bun}_G^{b_0} \hookrightarrow \mathrm{Bun}_G$  in the sense that the restriction to  $\mathrm{Bun}_G^{b_0}$  of  $\mathcal{F}_e^-$  is  $\mathrm{St}$  and the following canonical maps are respectively surjective and injective.

$$\mathcal{F}_e^- \twoheadrightarrow i_*i^*\mathcal{F}_e^- \quad i!i^*\mathcal{F}_e^- \hookrightarrow \mathcal{F}_e^-$$

See [BBM04, §1].

We now study  $\mathrm{im}H^0(\mathcal{L}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{-1})$ . We define  $Z_o$  as the pushout of  $\mathcal{L}_1$  along the maps to  $\mathcal{L}_{-1}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_o^+[-1]$ . Hence we have a triangle

$$\mathcal{L}_1 \xrightarrow{(1,-1)} \mathcal{L}_{-1} \oplus \mathcal{L}_o^+[-1] \rightarrow Z_o.$$

One can check that the map  $\mathcal{L}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{-1}$  factors in both of the following ways:

$$\mathcal{L}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{-1} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_o^- \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{-1},$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_o^+[-1] \rightarrow Z_o \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{-1}.$$

We claim we have the following short exact sequences in the heart

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow \epsilon_1^+ \hookrightarrow \mathcal{L}_1 \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{L}_o^+[-1] \rightarrow 0, \\ 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_1 \hookrightarrow \mathcal{L}_{-1} \twoheadrightarrow \delta_{-1} \rightarrow 0, \\ 0 \rightarrow \epsilon_1^+ \hookrightarrow \mathcal{L}_o^- \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{-1} \rightarrow 0, \\ 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_o^+[-1] \hookrightarrow Z_o \twoheadrightarrow \delta_{-1} \rightarrow 0, \\ 0 \rightarrow Z_o \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{-1} \twoheadrightarrow \delta_{-3}^- \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

These imply that we have the following maps in the heart:

$$\mathcal{L}_1 \hookrightarrow \mathcal{L}_o^- \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{-1},$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}_1 \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{L}_o^+[-1] \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{-1}.$$

Hence, the  $\mathcal{L}_o^+[-1]$  is an IC-sheaf and  $\mathcal{L}_o^-$  corresponds to a tilting extension.

We now study the map  $\mathcal{L}_2[1] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{-2}[-1]$ . This map factors through  $\mathcal{L}_e^+[-1]$  and one can deduce that  $H^0(\mathcal{L}_2[1] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{-2}[-1])$  is the identity map on  $\mathcal{L}_e^+[-1]$ .

Next we compute  $H^0(\delta_{-n} \rightarrow \beta_{-n})$ . The sheaf  $\delta_{-n}$  is perverse and the sequence (3.7) implies that  $H^0(\beta_{-n}) = \delta_{-n}^-$ . Then (3.5) implies that  $\delta_{-n}$  injects into  $\delta_{-n}^-$ , so  $\delta_{-n}$  is the IC-sheaf.

Finally we study  $H^0(\epsilon_n \rightarrow \alpha_n)$ . We deduce from (3.6) that  $H^0(\epsilon_n) = \epsilon_n^+$ . Then (3.8) implies that  $\epsilon_n^+$  surjects onto  $\alpha_n$  and hence  $\alpha_n$  is the IC-sheaf.

**Proposition 5.2.** *The irreducible objects in the heart of the perverse  $t$ -structure are  $Z_e$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_o^+[-1]$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_e^+[-1]$ ,  $\delta_{-n}$ ,  $\alpha_n$ . Additionally,  $\mathcal{L}_o^-$  and  $\mathcal{L}_e^-$  correspond to tilting extensions.*

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