

# The $N$ -Stable Category

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# Introduction

This talk is based on a joint work with Vanessa Miemietz (UEA)

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# Exact Categories

# Reference

- Bühler (2010). *Exact categories*.

# Exact Categories

Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be an additive category.

- A **kernel-cokernel pair** in  $\mathcal{E}$  is a diagram  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{g} \twoheadrightarrow Z$  such that  $f = \ker(g)$  and  $g = \operatorname{coker}(f)$ .
- An **exact category**  $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{S})$  is the data of an additive category  $\mathcal{E}$  and a collection  $\mathcal{S}$  of kernel-cokernel pairs in  $\mathcal{E}$  (called the **admissible exact sequences**) satisfying certain axioms.

# Frobenius Exact Categories

Let  $\mathcal{E}$  an exact category.

- $\mathcal{E}$  is **Frobenius** if projective and injective objects coincide, and there are enough of each.
- In this case, define the **stable category of  $\mathcal{E}$** ,  $\text{stab}(\mathcal{E})$ , to be the additive quotient  $\mathcal{E} / \text{Proj}(\mathcal{E})$ .
- Objects: Same as  $\mathcal{E}$
- Morphisms:  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{E}}(X, Y) / \mathcal{P}(X, Y)$ , where  $\mathcal{P}(X, Y)$  is the subgroup of morphisms factoring through a projective-injective object.
- $\text{stab}(\mathcal{E})$  is a triangulated category with suspension functor  $\Omega^{-1}$  defined by

$$X \xrightarrow{\quad} I_X \twoheadrightarrow \Omega^{-1}X$$

# $N$ -Complexes



# Reference

- Iyama, Kato, Miyachi (2017). *Derived categories of N-complexes*.

# Complexes

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote an additive category.

- Category of complexes over  $\mathcal{A}$ :  $C(\mathcal{A})$
- Objects:  $(X^\bullet, d_X^\bullet)$

$$\dots \xrightarrow{d_X^{-2}} X^{-1} \xrightarrow{d_X^{-1}} X^0 \xrightarrow{d_X^0} X^1 \xrightarrow{d_X^1} \dots$$

- Differential satisfies  $d^2 = 0$
- Morphisms:  $f^\bullet : X^\bullet \rightarrow Y^\bullet$

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# N-Complexes

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote an additive category.

- Category of  $N$ -complexes over  $\mathcal{A}$ :  $C_N(\mathcal{A})$
- Objects:  $(X^\bullet, d_X^\bullet)$

$$\dots \xrightarrow{d_X^{-2}} X^{-1} \xrightarrow{d_X^{-1}} X^0 \xrightarrow{d_X^0} X^1 \xrightarrow{d_X^1} \dots$$

- Differential satisfies  $d_X^N = 0$
- Morphisms:  $f^\bullet : X^\bullet \rightarrow Y^\bullet$

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# Homotopy Category of Complexes

- We say the sequence  $X^\bullet \xrightarrow{f^\bullet} Y^\bullet \xrightarrow{g^\bullet} Z^\bullet$  is **chainwise split exact** if  $X^n \xrightarrow{f^n} Y^n \xrightarrow{g^n} Z^n$  is split exact for each  $n$ .
- The chainwise split exact sequences give  $C(\mathcal{A})$  the structure of a Frobenius exact category.
- Projective-injective objects are direct sums of shifts of complexes of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} \dots & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & X & \xrightarrow{id_X} & X & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & \dots \\ & & & & 0 & & 1 & & & & \end{array}$$

- The stable category of  $C(\mathcal{A})$  is the **homotopy category of complexes**,  $K(\mathcal{A})$

# Homotopy Category of $N$ -Complexes

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- The stable category of  $C_N(\mathcal{A})$  is the **homotopy category of  $N$ -complexes**,  $K_N(\mathcal{A})$

# Null-homotopic maps

- $f^\bullet : X^\bullet \rightarrow Y^\bullet$  is **null-homotopic** if it factors through a projective-injective object
- Equivalently, there exist morphisms  $h^i : X^i \rightarrow Y^{i-1}$  such that

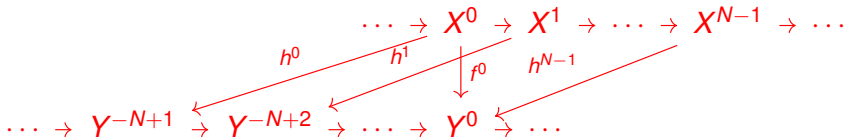
$$f^k = d_Y^{k-1} \circ h^k + h^{k+1} \circ d_X^k$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \dots & \longrightarrow & X^0 & \longrightarrow & X^1 & \longrightarrow & \dots \\
 & & \swarrow h^0 & \downarrow f^0 & \swarrow h^1 & & \\
 \dots & \longrightarrow & Y^{-1} & \longrightarrow & Y^0 & \longrightarrow & \dots
 \end{array}$$

# N-Null-homotopic maps

- $f^\bullet : X^\bullet \rightarrow Y^\bullet$  is **null-homotopic** if it factors through a projective-injective object
- Equivalently, there exist morphisms  $h^k : X^k \rightarrow Y^{k-(N-1)}$  such that

$$f^k = \sum_{j=1}^N d_Y^{k+j-N, N-j} \circ h^{k+j-1} \circ d_X^{k, j-1}$$



Suspension Functor in  $K(\mathcal{A})$ 

- The shift functor  $[1]$  can be computed via the chainwise split exact sequence  $C^\bullet \twoheadrightarrow I^\bullet \twoheadrightarrow C^\bullet[1]$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc}
 C^\bullet & = & \dots & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & X & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & \dots \\
 \downarrow & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 I^\bullet & = & \dots & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & X & \xrightarrow{id_X} & X & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & \dots \\
 \downarrow & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 C^\bullet[1] & = & \dots & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & X & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & \dots \\
 & & & & & & -1 & & 0 & & & & 
 \end{array}$$



Suspension Functor in  $K_N(\mathcal{A})$ 

- The **suspension functor**  $\Sigma$  can be computed via the chainwise split exact sequence  $C^\bullet \twoheadrightarrow I_N^\bullet \rightarrow \Sigma C^\bullet$

$$\begin{array}{cccccccccccc}
 C^\bullet & = \cdots & \rightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & \cdots & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & X & \longrightarrow & 0 & \rightarrow \cdots \\
 \downarrow & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 I_N^\bullet & = \cdots & \rightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & X & \longrightarrow & \cdots & \longrightarrow & X & \xrightarrow{id_X} & X & \longrightarrow & 0 & \rightarrow \cdots \\
 \downarrow & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \Sigma C^\bullet & = \cdots & \rightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & X & \longrightarrow & \cdots & \longrightarrow & X & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & 0 & \rightarrow \cdots \\
 & & & & & -N+1 & & & & -1 & & 0 & & & & 
 \end{array}$$

## Suspension Functor, Cont'd

- $\Sigma \not\cong [1]$ , but  $\Sigma^2 \cong [N]$  in  $K_N(\mathcal{A})$ .

$$\begin{array}{cccccccccccc}
 \Sigma C^\bullet & = \dots & \rightarrow & 0 & \rightarrow & 0 & \rightarrow & X & \rightarrow & \dots & \rightarrow & X & \rightarrow & 0 & \rightarrow & \dots \\
 \downarrow & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 I_N^\bullet[1] & = \dots & \rightarrow & 0 & \rightarrow & X & \rightarrow & X & \rightarrow & \dots & \rightarrow & X & \rightarrow & 0 & \rightarrow & \dots \\
 \downarrow & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \Sigma^2 C^\bullet & = \dots & \rightarrow & 0 & \rightarrow & X & \rightarrow & 0 & \rightarrow & \dots & \rightarrow & 0 & \rightarrow & 0 & \rightarrow & \dots \\
 & & & & & & & -N & & -N+1 & & & & -1 & & 0
 \end{array}$$

# Homology

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an abelian category.

- Let  $(X^\bullet, d_X^\bullet) \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A})$ .
- Cycles:  $Z^n(X^\bullet) = \ker(d_X^n)$
- Boundaries:  $B^n(X^\bullet) = \operatorname{im}(d_X^{n-1})$
- Homology:  $H^n(X^\bullet) = Z^n(X^\bullet)/B^n(X^\bullet)$

# N-Homology

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an abelian category.

- Let  $(X^\bullet, d_X^\bullet) \in \mathcal{C}_N(\mathcal{A})$ .
- Cycles:  $Z_r^n(X^\bullet) = \ker(d_X^{n,r})$
- Boundaries:  $B_r^n(X^\bullet) = \operatorname{im}(d_X^{n-(N-r), N-r})$
- Homology:  $H_r^n(X^\bullet) = Z_r^n(X^\bullet) / B_r^n(X^\bullet)$
- $d_X^{n,r} := d_X^{n+r-1} \cdots d_X^n$  is the composition of  $r$  successive differentials, starting at  $d_X^n$ .

# The Derived Category of Complexes

- $X^\bullet \in K(\mathcal{A})$  is **acyclic** if  $H^n(X^\bullet) = 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- Acyclic complexes form a thick subcategory of  $K^{ac}(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq K(\mathcal{A})$ .
- The derived category is the Verdier quotient  
 $D(\mathcal{A}) = K(\mathcal{A})/K^{ac}(\mathcal{A})$ .

# The Derived Category of $N$ -Complexes

- $X^\bullet \in H_N(\mathcal{A})$  is **acyclic** if  $H_r^n(X^\bullet) = 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq N - 1$ .
- Acyclic complexes form a thick subcategory  $K_N^{ac}(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq K_N(\mathcal{A})$ .
- The derived category is the Verdier quotient  

$$D_N(\mathcal{A}) = K_N(\mathcal{A})/K_N^{ac}(\mathcal{A}).$$

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Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an abelian category which is Frobenius exact.

- The perfect derived category,  $D^{perf}(\mathcal{A})$  is the image of  $K^b(\text{Proj}(\mathcal{A}))$  in  $D^b(\mathcal{A})$ .
- The singularity category  $D^s(\mathcal{A})$  is the Verdier quotient  $D^b(\mathcal{A})/D^{perf}(\mathcal{A})$ .
- There are equivalences of categories

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 K^{ac}(\text{Proj}(\mathcal{A})) & & \\
 \downarrow & \searrow^{z^0} & \\
 & & \text{stab}(\mathcal{A}) \\
 & \swarrow_{\iota} & \\
 D^s(\mathcal{A}) & & 
 \end{array}$$



# Buchweitz's Theorem for $N$ -Complexes

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an abelian category which is Frobenius exact.

- The perfect derived category,  $D_N^{perf}(\mathcal{A})$  is the image of  $K_N^b(\text{Proj}(\mathcal{A}))$  in  $D_N^b(\mathcal{A})$ .
- The singularity category  $D_N^s(\mathcal{A})$  is the Verdier quotient  $D_N^b(\mathcal{A})/D_N^{perf}(\mathcal{A})$ .
- There are equivalences of categories

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 K_N^{ac}(\text{Proj}(\mathcal{A})) & & \\
 \downarrow & \searrow ? & \\
 & & \text{????} \\
 & \swarrow ? & \\
 D_N^s(\mathcal{A}) & & 
 \end{array}$$

# The $N$ -Stable Category

# The Monomorphism Category

Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be an exact category. Let  $k \geq 0$ .

- Let  $\text{MMor}_k(\mathcal{E})$  be the category whose objects are diagrams

$$(X_\bullet, \alpha_\bullet) = X_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} X_2 \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} \cdots \xrightarrow{\alpha_k} X_{k+1}$$

of  $k$  successive admissible monomorphisms.

- A morphism  $f_\bullet : (X_\bullet, \alpha_\bullet) \rightarrow (Y_\bullet, \beta_\bullet)$  is a collection of morphisms  $f_i : X_i \rightarrow Y_i$  making the obvious diagram commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} X_1 & \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} & X_2 & \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} & \cdots & \xrightarrow{\alpha_k} & X_{k+1} \\ \downarrow f_1 & & \downarrow f_2 & & & & \downarrow f_{k+1} \\ Y_1 & \xrightarrow{\beta_1} & Y_2 & \xrightarrow{\beta_2} & \cdots & \xrightarrow{\beta_k} & Y_{k+1} \end{array}$$

- Define the (epi)morphism category  $(\text{E})\text{Mor}_k(\mathcal{E})$  similarly.

# The Exact Structure on the Monomorphism Category

- Define an admissible short exact sequence in  $\text{MMor}_k(\mathcal{E})$  to be a kernel-cokernel pair  $X_\bullet \xrightarrow{f_\bullet} Y_\bullet \xrightarrow{g_\bullet} Z_\bullet$  such that each  $f_i$  is an admissible monomorphism and each  $g_i$  is an admissible epimorphism in  $\mathcal{E}$ .

## Theorem (B., Miemietz, 2021)

Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be an exact category and let  $k \geq 0$ . Then  $\text{MMor}_k(\mathcal{E})$  is an exact category. If  $\mathcal{E}$  is Frobenius, so is  $\text{MMor}_k(\mathcal{E})$ .

- Define the  **$N$ -stable category of  $\mathcal{E}$** ,  $\text{stab}_N(\mathcal{E})$ , to be the stable category of  $\text{MMor}_{N-2}(\mathcal{E})$ .
- $(X_\bullet, \alpha_\bullet) \in \text{MMor}_k(\mathcal{A})$  is projective (injective) iff each  $X_i$  is projective (injective) and each  $\alpha_i$  is split.

# Buchweitz's Theorem for $N$ -Complexes

Theorem (B., Miemietz, 2021)

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an abelian category which is Frobenius exact. There are equivalences of categories

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 K_N^{ac}(\text{Proj}(\mathcal{A})) & & \\
 \downarrow & \searrow^{Z_\bullet^0} & \\
 & & \text{stab}_N(\mathcal{A}) \\
 & \swarrow_{\iota} & \\
 D_N^s(\mathcal{A}) & & 
 \end{array}$$

- $Z_\bullet^0(X^\bullet) = Z_1^0(X^\bullet) \hookrightarrow Z_2^0(X^\bullet) \hookrightarrow \dots \hookrightarrow Z_{N-1}^0(X^\bullet)$
- $\iota$  includes  $\text{stab}_N(\mathcal{A})$  as  $N$ -complexes concentrated in degrees 1 through  $N - 1$ .

# Fractional Calabi-Yau Categories

## Related Work

- Ringel, Schmidmeier (2008). *The Auslander-Reiten translation in submodule categories.*
- Xiong, Zhang, and Zhang (2014). *Auslander-Reiten translations in monomorphism categories.*

# Rotation Functor

Let  $A$  be a finite-dimensional, self-injective  $k$ -algebra.

- Define the cokernel functor  $\text{Cok} : \text{MMor}_{N-2}(A) \rightarrow \text{EMor}_{N-2}(A)$  be given by

$$\text{Cok}(X_1 \hookrightarrow \cdots \hookrightarrow X_{N-1}) = X_{N-1} \twoheadrightarrow X_{N-1}/X_1 \twoheadrightarrow \cdots \twoheadrightarrow X_{N-1}/X_{N-2}$$

- Define the minimal monomorphism functor  $\text{Mimo} : \text{Mor}_{N-1}(A) \rightarrow \text{MMor}_{N-1}(A)$  by

$$\text{Mimo}(X_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow X_{N-1}) = X_1 \hookrightarrow X_2 \oplus I_2 \hookrightarrow \cdots \hookrightarrow X_{N-1} \oplus I_{N-1}$$

for some injective objects  $I_i$ .

- Define the **rotation** functor  $R : \text{stab}_N(A) \rightarrow \text{stab}_N(A)$  to be the composition  $\text{Mimo} \circ \text{Cok}$ .



## The Rotation Functor and Suspension

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{stab}_N(A) & \xrightarrow{R} & \text{stab}_N(A) \\
 \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong \\
 D_N^s(A) & \xrightarrow{\Sigma[-1]} & D_N^s(A)
 \end{array}$$

- Since  $(\Sigma[-1])^N = \Sigma^N[-N] = \Sigma^{N-2}$ , we have that  $R^N = \Omega_N^{N-2}$ .

$$\begin{array}{l}
 X_\bullet = 0 \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow X \\
 R(X_\bullet) = X \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow X \\
 R^2(X_\bullet) = X \hookrightarrow I_X^0 \longrightarrow I_X^0 \\
 R^3(X_\bullet) = 0 \longrightarrow \Omega^{-1}X \longrightarrow I_X^{-1} \\
 R^4(X_\bullet) = 0 \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow \Omega^{-2}X
 \end{array}$$

# Serre Functor

- Let  $\nu_A = D \operatorname{Hom}_A(-, A)$  be the Nakayama functor on  $\operatorname{mod}\text{-}A$ .
- Let  $\nu_{A^*} : \operatorname{stab}_N(A) \rightarrow \operatorname{stab}_N(A)$  act by  $\nu_A$  componentwise.
- $S := \Omega_N R \nu_{A^*}$  is a Serre functor for  $\operatorname{stab}_N(A)$ .
- If the Nakayama automorphism of  $A$  has order  $r$ , let  $x = \operatorname{lcm}(N, r)$ ,  $y = \frac{x}{N}$ . Then, for  $N > 2$ ,

$$S^x = \Omega_N^{2y}$$

- Thus  $\operatorname{stab}_N(A)$  is  $\frac{-2y}{x}$ -Calabi-Yau.
- When  $A$  is symmetric,  $\operatorname{stab}_N(A)$  is  $\frac{-2}{N}$ -Calabi-Yau.

Thank you!