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## Some Trends in Algebra

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Obstruction theory for the representability  
of cohomological functors

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- $\mathcal{T}$  is a **triangulated category** with coproducts (additive,  $\Sigma: \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$  equivalence, family of **exact triangles**  $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \Sigma X$ ).
- $H: \mathcal{T}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$  is **cohomological** if it sends triangles to long exact sequences.

$$X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \Sigma X \quad \mapsto \quad \dots H(\Sigma^{-1}Z) \leftarrow H(X) \leftarrow H(Y) \leftarrow H(Z) \leftarrow H(\Sigma X) \dots$$

- $\mathcal{T}^\alpha$  the full subcategory of  **$\alpha$ -compact objects** for a regular cardinal  $\alpha$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{\vee} & \coprod_I Y_i \\
 & \searrow & \uparrow \cup \\
 & \searrow & \coprod_J X_i \rightarrow \coprod_J Y_i
 \end{array}
 \quad \text{card}(J) < \alpha, X_i \text{ } \alpha\text{-compact}$$

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We define an obstruction theory for the representability of objects and morphisms in the subcategory  $\text{Mod}_\alpha(\mathcal{T}^\alpha) \subset \text{Mod}(\mathcal{T}^\alpha)$  with objects

$$\begin{aligned} \{\mathcal{T}^\alpha\}^{\text{op}} &\longrightarrow \text{Ab} \\ \coprod_{<\alpha} &\longmapsto \Pi \end{aligned}$$

- Restricted Yoneda functor  $S_\alpha: \mathcal{T} \longrightarrow \text{Mod}_\alpha(\mathcal{T}^\alpha)$   
 $X \longmapsto \mathcal{T}(-, X)|_{\mathcal{T}^\alpha}$

- $\text{ARO}_\alpha \Leftrightarrow \text{Cohomological functors in } \text{Mod}_\alpha(\mathcal{T}^\alpha) \subset \text{Ess. Im}(S_\alpha)$

- $\text{ARM}_\alpha \Leftrightarrow S_\alpha \text{ is full}$

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## Examples

- 1  $\text{Ho}(\text{Sp})$  is generated by finite spectra  $\text{Ho}(\text{Sp})^{\aleph_0}$ .
- 2  $\mathcal{M}$  stable combinatorial model category  $\Rightarrow \text{Ho}(\mathcal{M})$  well generated [Rosický 2005].
- 3  $D(R)$  is generated by complexes quasi-isomorphic to bounded complexes of finitely generated projective  $R$ -modules  $D(R)^{\aleph_0}$ .
- 4  $\mathcal{A}$  Grothendieck category  $\Rightarrow D(\mathcal{A})$  well generated [Alonso, Jeremías & Souto 2000].
- 5  $S \subset \mathcal{T}$  localizing subcategory of a well generated  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{T}/S$  well generated [Thomason localization theorem, Neeman 2001].

### Theorem [Neeman 1997]

$\mathcal{T}$   $\aleph_0$ -compactly generated &  $\text{card } \mathcal{T}^{\aleph_0} \leq \aleph_0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{T}$  satisfies  $\text{ARO}_{\aleph_0}$  &  $\text{ARM}_{\aleph_0}$

### Theorem [Christensen, Keller & Neeman 2001]

$D(\mathbb{C}\langle X, Y \rangle)$  satisfies  $\text{ARM}_{\aleph_0} \Leftrightarrow$  Continuum Hypothesis

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- $\mathcal{T} = \bigcup_{\alpha} \mathcal{T}^{\alpha}$  and
- $\mathcal{T}$  satisfies Brown representability.

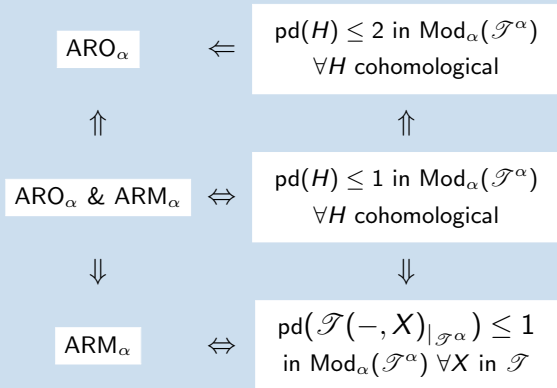
$\mathcal{T}$  well generated  $\stackrel{?}{\Rightarrow}$   $\mathcal{T}$  satisfies  $\alpha$ -ARO &  $\alpha$ -ARM for  $\alpha$  large enough

### Theorem [Neeman 2009]

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$$\begin{array}{l} \alpha \leq \aleph_n \\ \text{card } \mathcal{T}^\alpha \leq \aleph_n \end{array} \Rightarrow \sup\{\text{pd}(F) \mid F \text{ cohomological in } \text{Mod}_\alpha(\mathcal{T}^\alpha)\} \leq n + 1$$

## Corollary

$\mathcal{T}$  is  $\alpha$ -compactly generated  
 $\text{card } \mathcal{T}^\alpha \leq \aleph_1$  with  $\alpha = \aleph_0$  or  $\aleph_1$   $\Rightarrow$   $\mathcal{T}$  satisfies  $\text{ARO}_\alpha$

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[Christensen, Keller & Neeman]

## Examples that satisfy $\text{ARO}_{\aleph_1}$ assuming the continuum hypothesis

- 1 The stable homotopy category  $\text{Ho}(\text{Sp})$ .
- 2 The derived category of a ring  $D(R)$  with  $\text{card } R \leq \aleph_1$ .
- 3 The homotopy category of complexes of injective  $R$ -modules  $K(R\text{-Inj})$  with  $R$  noetherian and  $\text{card } R \leq \aleph_1$ .
- 4 The homotopy category of complexes of projective  $R$ -modules  $K(R\text{-Proj})$  with  $\text{card } R \leq \aleph_1$ .
- 5 The derived category of sheaves on a connected paracompact manifold  $D(\text{Sh}/M)$ .
- 6 The stable motivic homotopy theory  $\mathcal{SH}(S)$  over a noetherian scheme of finite Krull dimension  $S = \bigcup_{i \in I} \text{Spec}(R_i)$  with  $\text{card } R_i \leq \aleph_1$  for all  $i \in I$ .

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- Let  $R$  be right  $\alpha$ -coherent &  $\alpha > \aleph_0$ .

$$D(R) \text{ satisfies } \text{ARM}_\alpha \Rightarrow \text{Pgl dim}_\alpha(R) \leq 1$$

- Let  $R$  be an hereditary ring.

$$D(R) \text{ satisfies } \text{ARO}_\alpha \Leftrightarrow \text{Pgl dim}_\alpha(R) \leq 2$$

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- $\alpha$ -coherent:**  $R$ -modules with  $< \alpha$  generators have  $< \alpha$  relations.
- Hereditary:** global projective dimension  $\leq 1$ .
- $\alpha$ -pure global dimension:**  $\text{Pgl dim}_\alpha(R) \leq n$  if for any right  $R$ -module  $M$ , there is a sequence

$$0 \rightarrow P_n \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

where each  $P_i$  is a retract of a direct sum of right  $R$ -modules with  $< \alpha$  generators &  $< \alpha$  relations and

$$0 \rightarrow \text{hom}_R(Q, P_n) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \text{hom}_R(Q, P_1) \rightarrow \text{hom}_R(Q, M) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact for all right  $R$ -modules  $Q$  with  $< \alpha$  generators &  $< \alpha$  relations.

$R$   $\alpha$ -coherent &  $\text{Pgldim}_\alpha(R) > 1 \Rightarrow D(R)$  does not satisfy  $\text{ARM}_\alpha$

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$\text{ARM}_\alpha$  is not satisfied for rings  $R$  & cardinals  $\alpha$  as indicated:

- 1  $R = \mathbb{Z}$  &  $\alpha > \aleph_0$ .
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$R$  hereditary,  $\text{Pgldim}_\alpha(R) > 2$  &  $\alpha > \aleph_0 \Rightarrow D(R)$  does not satisfy  $\text{ARO}_\alpha$

We do not know any ring with this property

Definition (after [Benson, Krause & Schwede 2004] for  $\alpha = \aleph_0$ )

An  $n$ -truncated Postnikov system  $(X_{\leq n}, P_*)$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , is a diagram in  $\mathcal{T}$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \xrightarrow{i_0} & X_0 & \xrightarrow{i_1} & X_1 & \cdots & X_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{i_n} & X_n & & P_{n+1} & \xleftarrow{\frac{d_{n+2}}{+1}} & P_{n+2} & \cdots \\
 & & \swarrow +1 & \searrow +1 & \swarrow +1 & & \swarrow +1 & \searrow +1 & \swarrow +1 & & \swarrow +1 & & & \\
 & & P_0 & & P_1 & \cdots & P_n & & P_{n+1} & & & & & 
 \end{array}$$

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- triangles are exact
- $f_{n+1}d_{n+2} = 0$  (cocycle condition)
- the restricted Yoneda functor  $S_\alpha(X) = \mathcal{T}(-, X)|_{\mathcal{T}^\alpha}$  maps

$$P_0 \xleftarrow{\frac{q_0 f_1}{+1}} P_1 \longleftarrow \cdots \longleftarrow P_n \xleftarrow{\frac{q_n f_{n+1}}{+1}} P_{n+1} \xleftarrow{\frac{d_{n+2}}{+1}} P_{n+2} \longleftarrow \cdots$$

to an exact sequence of projective objects.

- **Post<sub>n</sub>** the category of  $n$ -truncated Postnikov systems.
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- $(\psi_{\leq n}, \varphi_*) \simeq (\bar{\psi}_{\leq n}, \bar{\varphi}_*) \Leftrightarrow \psi_k - \bar{\psi}_k$  factors through  $f_{k+1}: P_{k+1} \rightarrow X_k$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq n$
- **Postnikov resolution**:  $(\text{Hocolim}_n X_n, X_*, P_*)$  with  $(X_*, P_*)$  in  $\lim_n \text{Post}_n^{\sim}$ .
  - **Pres<sub>∞</sub><sup>~</sup>** the category of Postnikov resolutions.



## Theorem [M. & R.]

- There is a sequence of exact sequences of categories,  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$\text{Ext}_{\alpha, \mathcal{T}}^{n+1, -1-n} \xrightarrow{\iota_n} \text{Post}_{n+1}^{\simeq} \xrightarrow{\text{trunc.}} \text{Post}_n^{\simeq} \xrightarrow{\theta_n} \text{Ext}_{\alpha, \mathcal{T}}^{n+2, -1-n}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \text{Ext}_{\alpha, \mathcal{T}}^{n+3, -1-n} \\ & & \uparrow \kappa_n \\ & & \text{Post}_n^{\simeq} \end{array}$$

- There exists an essentially unique functor

$$\Psi: \mathcal{T} \longrightarrow \text{Pres}_{\infty}^{\simeq}$$

- additive, full and essentially surjective,
- $\ker \Psi$  is the ideal  $\mathcal{I}^{\infty}$  of  $\infty$ -phantom maps, and
- $\mathcal{I}^{\infty}$  is a square zero ideal.
- The restricted Yoneda functor  $S_{\alpha}(X) = \mathcal{T}(-, X)|_{\mathcal{T}^{\alpha}}$  factors as

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{T} & \xrightarrow{\Psi} & \text{Pres}_{\infty}^{\simeq} \longrightarrow \text{Post}_0^{\simeq} \simeq \text{Mod}_{\alpha}(\mathcal{T}^{\alpha}) \\ X \longmapsto & (\text{Hocolim}_n X_n, X_*, P_*) \longmapsto & H_* S_{\alpha}(P_*) \end{array}$$

- $\kappa_n(X_{\leq n}, P_*) \in \text{Ext}_{\alpha, \mathcal{T}}^{n+3, -1-n}(H_0 S_{\alpha}(P_*), H_0 S_{\alpha}(P_*))$ : Obstruction to extend an  $n$ -truncated Postnikov system  $(X_{\leq n}, P_*)$  to an  $(n+1)$ -truncated one.
- $\theta_n(\psi_{\leq n}, \varphi_*) \in \text{Ext}_{\alpha, \mathcal{T}}^{n+2, -1-n}(H_0 S_{\alpha}(P_*), H_0 S_{\alpha}(Q_*))$ : Obstruction to extend an  $n$ -truncated morphism  $(\psi_{\leq n}, \varphi_*)$  between  $(n+1)$ -truncated Postnikov systems to an  $(n+1)$ -truncated one.