

# Graded sheaves and Applications

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# Summary

- ① Motivation: categorification of Hecke algebra
- ② Graded sheaves on Artin stacks
- ③ Applications (GNR conjecture, Serre duality)
- ④ Expectations and Conjectures

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## Theorem (Soergel, Beilinson–Ginzburg–Soergel)

Let  $\mathcal{H}_G := D_{Tate}^b(B_0 \backslash G_0 / B_0) \subseteq D^b(B_0 \backslash G_0 / B_0)$  be the subcategory “generated” by  $IC_w \langle k \rangle, w \in W$ . Then

$$\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H}_G) \simeq H_W$$

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## Main Goal

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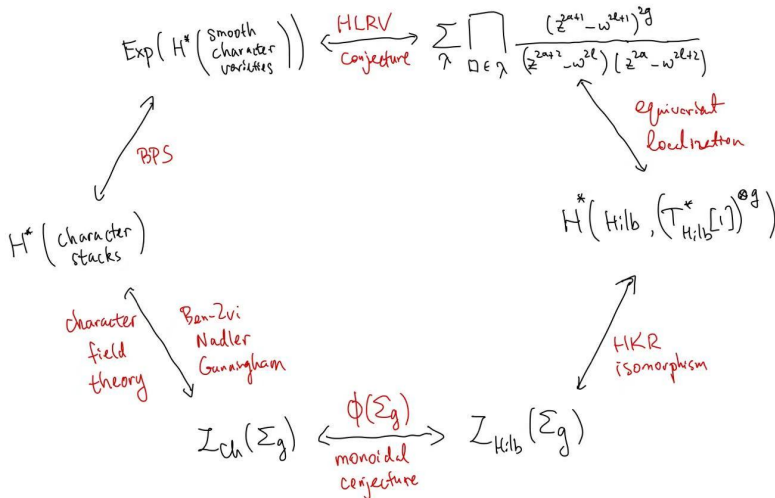
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