

ℓ-INDEPENDENCE OF TANNAKA GROUPS OF PERVERSE SHEAVES ON ABELIAN VARIETIES

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ABSTRACT. Let k be a finite field of characteristic $p > 0$ and X an abelian variety over k . To every ℓ -adic perverse sheaf \mathcal{P} on X , one can attach a Tannaka group $G(\mathcal{P})$, which is an algebraic group over $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$. If \mathcal{P}_ℓ , $\ell \neq p$ is a compatible family of semisimple perverse sheaves on X , we prove that the neutral component $G(\mathcal{P}_\ell)^\circ$ and the group of connected components $\pi_0(G(\mathcal{P}_\ell))$ of $G(\mathcal{P}_\ell)$ are independent of ℓ . Our arguments combine an explicit description of the group of connected components of $G(\mathcal{P})$, the companions correspondence for perverse sheaves, and a reconstruction theorem of Kazhdan-Larsen-Varshavsky or connected reductive groups.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let k be a finite field of characteristic p . Let X be a normal variety (*viz* a separated scheme of finite type) over k . For a prime $\ell \neq p$, let $D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ denote the triangulated category of complexes of étale $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$ -sheaves with bounded constructible cohomology, and $\text{Loc}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \subset D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ the full subcategory of $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$ -local systems on X . To every $\mathcal{K} \in D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ and closed point $x \in |X|$ with residue degree $d_x := [k(x) : k]$, one attaches its local L-function at x

$$L_x(\mathcal{K}, T) := \prod_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \det(1 - t^{d_x} \varphi_x | H^i(\mathcal{K}_{\bar{x}})^{(-1)^{i+1}}) \in (1 + \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell[[T]])^\times.$$

By construction and Chebotarev, the resulting map

$$L_\bullet(-, T) : D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \rightarrow \prod_{x \in |X|} (1 + \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell[[T]])^\times, \quad \mathcal{K} \mapsto (L_x(\mathcal{K}, T))_{x \in |X|}$$

factors through an injective map $L_\bullet(-, T) : K(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \hookrightarrow \prod_{x \in |X|} (1 + \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell[[T]])^\times$, where $[-] : D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \rightarrow K(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ denotes the Grothendieck ring of $D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ [Lau87, Thm. (1.1.2)].

For $\mathcal{K}_1, \mathcal{K}_2 \in D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$, say that \mathcal{K}_1 and \mathcal{K}_2 are compatible - notation: $\mathcal{K}_1 \sim \mathcal{K}_2$, if the following equivalent conditions hold.

- (i) $L_\bullet(\mathcal{K}_1, T) = L_\bullet(\mathcal{K}_2, T)$;
- (ii) $[\mathcal{K}_1] = [\mathcal{K}_2]$ in $K(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$.

By the trace formula, the Euler-Poincaré characteristic

$$\chi(-) : D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, \quad \mathcal{K} \mapsto \chi(\mathcal{K}) := \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^i \dim_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell} (H_c^i(X_{\bar{k}}, \mathcal{P}))$$

factors through $\chi(-) : K(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$. Hence, $\mathcal{K}_1 \sim \mathcal{K}_2$ implies $\chi(\mathcal{K}_1) = \chi(\mathcal{K}_2)$.

More generally, let A be a set of pairs $\alpha = (\ell_\alpha, \iota_\alpha)$ consisting of a prime $\ell_\alpha \neq p$ and a field isomorphism $\iota_\alpha : \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{C}$. For every $\alpha, \beta \in A$, $\mathcal{K}_\alpha \in D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha})$ and $\mathcal{K}_\beta \in D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\beta})$, say that \mathcal{K}_α and \mathcal{K}_β are A -compatible or A -companions - notation: $\mathcal{K}_\alpha \sim_A \mathcal{K}_\beta$ (see [Fu00, §1.2]), if

$$\iota_\alpha L_\bullet(\mathcal{K}_\alpha, T) = \iota_\beta L_\bullet(\mathcal{K}_\beta, T).$$

1.1. $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$ -local systems and pure motives. Fix a prime $\ell \neq p$. One expects that, up to twist, every semisimple object in $\text{Loc}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ be motivic that is, roughly, be cut out by an algebraic cycle on a $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$ -local system of the form $Rf_* \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$ for $f : Y \rightarrow X$ a smooth projective morphism. A formal statement reflecting this expectation is provided by the companions conjecture [D80, Conj. 1.2.10]. For a $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$ -local system \mathcal{F} over X , write $\mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{Q}_{\mathcal{F}} \subset \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$ for the field subextension generated over \mathbb{Q} by the coefficients of the $\chi_x(\mathcal{F}, T) := L_x(\mathcal{F}, T)^{-1}$, $x \in |X|$.

Conjecture 1. *Let X be a connected normal variety over k . Let $\alpha \in A$ and \mathcal{F}_α a simple $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha}$ -local system on X with finite determinant. Then,*

[Purity] \mathcal{F}_α is pure of weight 0: for every isomorphism $\iota : \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{C}$, $x \in |X|$ and root α of $\chi_x(\mathcal{F}_\alpha, T)$, $|\iota\alpha| = 1$;

[Finiteness] The field $\mathbb{Q}_{\mathcal{F}_\alpha}$ is a number field.

[Companions] For every $\beta \in A$ there exists a (automatically simple and unique) $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\beta}$ -local system $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}$ on X such that $\mathcal{F}_\alpha \sim_A \mathcal{F}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}$.

Remark 2. The [Companions] part of Conjecture 1 automatically extends to arbitrary $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha}$ -local system \mathcal{F}_α on X . Namely, for every $\beta \in A$ there exists a unique semisimple $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\beta}$ -local system $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}$ on X such that $\mathcal{F}_\alpha \sim_A \mathcal{F}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}$. The unicity of $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}$ follows from Cebotarev. For the existence, consider the semisimplification $\mathcal{F}_\alpha^{\text{ss}}$ of \mathcal{F}_α in the category of $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha}$ -local systems on X and decompose it as

$$\mathcal{F}_\alpha^{\text{ss}} = \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathcal{S}_{i,\alpha}^{(a_{i,\alpha})}$$

with $\mathcal{S}_{i,\alpha}$ a simple $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha}$ -local system with finite determinant on X and $a_{i,\alpha} \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha}$. Then, writing $a_{i,\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta} := \iota_\beta^{-1} \iota_\alpha(a_{i,\alpha}) \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\beta}$, $i = 1, \dots, r$, the semisimple $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\beta}$ -local system

$$\mathcal{F}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta} := \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathcal{S}_{i,\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}^{(a_{i,\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta})}.$$

is a A -companion of \mathcal{F}_α .

Another expected consequence of the formalism of motives is the following (weakening of) [Ch04, Conj. 1.1], which can be regarded as an upgraded Tannakian version of the [Companions] part in Conjecture 1. For a connected normal variety X over k and a $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$ -local system \mathcal{F} on X write

$$G(\mathcal{F}) \subset \text{GL}_{V_{\mathcal{F}}}$$

for the Zariski-closure of the image of $\pi_1(X, \bar{x})$ acting on $V_{\mathcal{F}} := \mathcal{F}_{\bar{x}}$.

Conjecture 3. *Fix an embedding $\iota : \overline{\mathbb{Q}} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$. Let X be a connected normal variety over k . Let $\alpha \in A$ and \mathcal{F}_α a semisimple objects in $\text{Loc}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha})$. Then, there exists a reductive group G over $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ together with a faithful finite-dimensional $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ -representation $G \subset \text{GL}_V$ such that for every $\beta \in A$,*

$$(G(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}) \subset \text{GL}_{V_{\mathcal{F}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}}}) \otimes_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\beta, \iota_\beta}} \mathbb{C} \simeq (G \subset \text{GL}_V) \otimes_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}, \iota} \mathbb{C}.$$

When X is a curve, Conjecture 1 was proved by L. Lafforgue [L02], as a consequence of the Langlands correspondence and, somewhat, the motive corresponding to \mathcal{F}_α appears in the moduli stack of Shtukas. For X a smooth variety of higher-dimension, Conjecture 1 was proved by Deligne [De12] and Drinfeld [Dr12], by geometric methods reducing to the case of curves; in particular, they do not provide any construction of the expected motive corresponding to \mathcal{F}_α .

1.2. And beyond...? One may ask to what extent the considerations and results of Subsection 1.1 extend to arbitrary objects in $D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$, in particular:

- (1) Does the companions correspondence extend to arbitrary $\mathcal{K} \in D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$?
- (2) If so, can one formulate upgraded Tannakian variants of the companions correspondence for $\mathcal{K} \in D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ in the spirit of Conjecture 3?

One can answer (1) in a satisfactory way provided one has a good notion of "semisimplification" in $D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$. Let $\text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \subset D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ denote the full subcategory of perverse sheaves on X and let ${}^p H^i(-) : D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \rightarrow \text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ denote the i th perverse cohomology functor, $i \in \mathbb{Z}$. For $\mathcal{K} \in D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ define the semisimplification of \mathcal{K} in $D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ as

$$\mathcal{K}^{\text{ss}} := \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} {}^p H^i(\mathcal{K})^{\text{ss}}[-i],$$

where, here, $(-)^{\text{ss}} : \text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \rightarrow \text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ denotes the semisimplification functor in $\text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$, and say that \mathcal{K} is semisimple in $D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ if $\mathcal{K} \simeq \mathcal{K}^{\text{ss}}$ in $D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$.

Remark 4.

- (1) The definition of $\mathcal{K}^{\text{ss}} = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} {}^p H^i(\mathcal{K})^{\text{ss}}[-i]$ is tautologically compatible with the usual definition of semisimplification in $\text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ and, if X is smooth over k , with the usual definition of semisimplification in $\text{Loc}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ (in the sense that, if X is connected, $(\mathcal{F}^{\text{ss}})[d] = (\mathcal{F}[d])^{\text{ss}}$, where $d := \dim(X)$).

- (2) If $\mathcal{K} \in D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ is ι -pure for some field isomorphism $\iota : \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{C}$ then, by the decomposition theorem [BBerDG82, Thm. 5.4.5], $\mathcal{K}^{\text{ss}}|_{X_{\bar{k}}} \simeq \mathcal{K}|_{X_{\bar{k}}}$ in $D_c^b(X_{\bar{k}}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$.
- (3) **Warning:** Let $\mathcal{K}_1, \mathcal{K}_2 \in D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$.
- If $\mathcal{K}_1, \mathcal{K}_2 \in \text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$, then $\mathcal{K}_1 \sim \mathcal{K}_2$ implies $\mathcal{K}_1^{\text{ss}} \simeq \mathcal{K}_2^{\text{ss}}$ [Lau87, Prop. (1.1.2.1)].
 - If $\mathcal{K}_1, \mathcal{K}_2 \in \text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ are both pure of weight w , then $\mathcal{K}_1 \sim \mathcal{K}_2$ implies $\mathcal{K}_1^{\text{ss}} \simeq \mathcal{K}_2^{\text{ss}}$. Indeed, then ${}^p H^i(\mathcal{K}_1), {}^p H^i(\mathcal{K}_2)$ are both pure of weight $w+i$, $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ hence, with the notation of [Z09, §6], $[{}^p H^i(\mathcal{K}_1)] = p_{w+i}[\mathcal{K}_1], [{}^p H^i(\mathcal{K}_2)] = p_{w+i}[\mathcal{K}_2]$ in the Grothendieck group $K(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$. But then, by [Z09, Prop. 2.7], ${}^p H^i(\mathcal{K}_1) \sim {}^p H^i(\mathcal{K}_2)$ and the assertion follows from the case of perverse sheaves.

But, in general, $\mathcal{K}_1 \sim \mathcal{K}_2$ does not imply $\mathcal{K}_1^{\text{ss}} \simeq \mathcal{K}_2^{\text{ss}}$ in $D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$. For instance, if X is smooth over k , connected of dimension d and $\mathcal{S} \in \text{Loc}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ is a simple (non-zero) $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$ -local system on X , then $\mathcal{S}[d] \sim \mathcal{S}[d-2]$, but $\mathcal{S}[d] \not\sim \mathcal{S}[d-2]$ in $D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$. So, to get the unicity of the companion $\mathcal{K}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}$ one has to strengthen the companion relation \sim . For $\alpha, \beta \in A$ and $\mathcal{K}_\alpha \in D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha}), \mathcal{K}_\beta \in D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\beta})$, say that \mathcal{K}_α and \mathcal{K}_β are derived- A -compatible or derived- A -companions - notation: $\mathcal{K}_\alpha \equiv_A \mathcal{K}_\beta$ if ${}^p H^i(\mathcal{K}_\alpha) \sim_A {}^p H^i(\mathcal{K}_\beta), i \in \mathbb{Z}$.

From Remark 4 (3) and the classification of simple objects in $\text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$, one deduces from the [Companions] part of Conjecture 1 the following perverse version.

Corollary 5. *Let X be a variety over k . For every $\alpha \in A$ and $\mathcal{P}_\alpha \in \text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha})$ there exists a unique semisimple $\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta} \in \text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\beta})$ such that $\mathcal{P}_\alpha \sim_A \mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}$. More generally, for every $\mathcal{K}_\alpha \in D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha})$ there exists a unique semisimple $\mathcal{K}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta} \in D_c^b(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\beta})$ such that $\mathcal{K}_\alpha \equiv_A \mathcal{K}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}$.*

One immediately deduces from Corollary 5 that

Proof. The unicity follows from Remark 4 (3) and the second part of the assertion immediately follows from the first part and the definitions. We prove the existence. Without loss of generality, one may assume \mathcal{P}_α is a simple object in $\text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha})$. From [BBerDG82, Thm. 4.3.1 (ii)], $\mathcal{P}_\alpha = \iota_* j_! (\mathcal{F}_\alpha[d])$ for some closed immersion $\iota : Z \hookrightarrow X$, open immersion $j : U \hookrightarrow Z$ with Zariski-dense image and U smooth over k , irreducible, of dimension d , and \mathcal{F}_α a simple object in $\text{Loc}(U, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha})$. From the [Companions] part of Conjecture 1, there exists a unique simple object $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}$ in $\text{Loc}(U, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\beta})$ such that $\mathcal{F}_\alpha \sim_A \mathcal{F}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}$. From the [Purity] part of Conjecture 1, \mathcal{F}_α - hence $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}$ are both pure so that from [Fu00], $\mathcal{P}_\alpha = \iota_* j_! (\mathcal{F}_\alpha[d]) \sim_A \iota_* j_! (\mathcal{F}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}[d])$. So that one can take:

$$\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta} := \iota_* j_! (\mathcal{F}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}[d]).$$

□

Remark 6. It follows from the explicit construction (and unicity) of $\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}$ that for every semisimple $\mathcal{P}_\alpha \in \text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha})$,

- (1) \mathcal{P}_α is simple in $\text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha})$ if and only if $\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}$ is simple in $\text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\beta})$ and, more generally, that

$$\text{Length}_{\text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha})}(\mathcal{P}_\alpha) = \text{Length}_{\text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\beta})}(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}).$$

- (2) $\text{supp}(\mathcal{P}_\alpha) = \text{supp}(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta})$ etc.

Formulating a consistent answer to (2) seems more delicate as it is unclear how to upgrade Corollary 5 to a statement for which A -independence would make sense. For instance, and contrary to $\text{Loc}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$, $\text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ does not carry a natural structure of Tannakian category in general. Still, if X is a connected commutative algebraic group over k , one can attach to objects in $\text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ a Tannakian category and ask for A -independence results in the spirit of Conjecture 3. The main result of this note is the following. Let X be an abelian variety over k . For $\mathcal{P} \in \text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$, let $G(\mathcal{P})$ denote the corresponding Tannaka group [FoFrKo25, Chap. 3]; see also Section 2).

Theorem 7. *Let $\alpha \in A$ and \mathcal{P}_α a semisimple object in $\text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha})$. The group of connected components $\pi_0(G(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}))$ and the neutral component $G(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta})^\circ$ of $G(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta})$ are independant of $\beta \in A$ in the sense of Conjecture 3.*

Theorem 7 extends the results of [FoFrKo25, §8] (when the base is an abelian variety); it relies on the combination of the following three ingredients:

- the properties of the companion correspondence for perverse sheaves - Corollary 5 (and its proof);

- the structure of the Tannaka category of perverse sheaves on abelian varieties (See Section 3);
- Kazhdan-Larsen-Varshavsky's reconstruction theorem [KLarV14] for the connected component of a reductive groups from its semiring of representations.

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Notation / conventions: Let Q be a field of characteristic 0.

For an algebraic group G over Q write $G \twoheadrightarrow G^{\text{ab}}$ for its abelianization, $G^{\text{der}} := \ker(G \twoheadrightarrow G^{\text{ab}}) \subset G$ for its derived subgroup, $G \twoheadrightarrow \pi_0(G)$ for its group of connected components, $G^\circ := \ker(G \twoheadrightarrow \pi_0(G)) \subset G$ for its neutral component and $\Xi(G) := \text{Hom}(G, \mathbb{G}_{m, \bar{Q}})$ for its character group; when G is finite, we sometimes write $G^\vee := \Xi(G)$. We use similar notation for proalgebraic groups.

For a neutral Tannaka category \mathcal{T} over Q , a fiber functor $\omega : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \text{Vect}_Q$ and a Tannaka subcategory¹ $\mathcal{T}' \hookrightarrow \mathcal{T}$, write $G_\omega(\mathcal{T}')$ for the corresponding Tannaka group of \mathcal{T}' with respect to the induced fiber functor $\mathcal{T}' \hookrightarrow \mathcal{T} \xrightarrow{\omega} \text{Vect}_Q$. For an object $T \in \mathcal{T}$, write $G_\omega(T) \subset \text{GL}_{\omega(T)}$ for the Tannaka group of T in \mathcal{T} (*viz* of the smallest Tannaka subcategory $\langle T \rangle \hookrightarrow \mathcal{T}$ containing T).

From now on, let X be an abelian variety over k . Let $m : X \times X \rightarrow X$ denote the product on X .

2. RECOLLECTION ON TANNAKA CATEGORIES OF PERVERSE SHEAVES ON ABELIAN VARIETIES

See [KrW15], [W16], [FoFrKo25, §3] for more details and proofs. Let X be an abelian variety over k . Fix a prime $\ell \neq p$.

2.1. The categories $\text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ and $\text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ar,ss}}(X_{\bar{k}}, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$. Recall that every $\mathcal{P} \in \text{Perv}(X_{\bar{k}}, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ has positive Euler-Poincaré characteristic $\chi(\mathcal{P}) \geq 0$ [DM25, Prop. 3.7] and say that an object $\mathcal{P} \in \text{Perv}(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ is *negligible* if $\chi(\mathcal{P}) = 0$. The full subcategory $N(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \subset \text{Perv}(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ of negligible objects is a Serre subcategory and its quotient

$$[-] : \text{Perv}(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \twoheadrightarrow P(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) := \text{Perv}(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) / N(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$$

is endowed with a natural structure of Tannakian category with monoidal structure given by

$$[\mathcal{P}_1] \otimes [\mathcal{P}_2] = [{}^p H^0(Rm_*(\mathcal{P}_1 \boxtimes^L \mathcal{P}_2))], \quad [\mathcal{P}]^\vee = [D_X(\mathcal{P})], \quad \mathbf{1} = [\delta_0],$$

where $D_X : D_c^b(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \rightarrow D_c^b(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ denotes Verdier duality and $\delta_0 := \iota_{0*} \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$ is the trivial skyscraper sheaf supported on the origin.

Write

$$(-)_\neg : \text{Perv}(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \twoheadrightarrow N(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell), \quad (-)^\neg : \text{Perv}(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \twoheadrightarrow N(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$$

for the right adjoint ("maximal negligible subobject") and left adjoint ("maximal negligible quotient object") of the inclusion functor

$$N(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \hookrightarrow \text{Perv}(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$$

respectively. Note that, for every $\mathcal{P} \in \text{Perv}(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$, $(\mathcal{P}_\neg)|_{X_{\bar{k}}} = (\mathcal{P}|_{X_{\bar{k}}})_\neg \hookrightarrow \mathcal{P}|_{X_{\bar{k}}}$ and $\mathcal{P}|_{X_{\bar{k}}} \twoheadrightarrow (\mathcal{P}^\neg)|_{X_{\bar{k}}} = (\mathcal{P}|_{X_{\bar{k}}})^\neg$. We use the internal description of the Tannaka category $P(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$. Namely, consider the full subcategory $\text{Perv}_{\text{int}}(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \subset \text{Perv}(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$, whose objects are those $\mathcal{P} \in \text{Perv}(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ with $\mathcal{P}_\neg = \mathcal{P}^\neg = 0$. Then the functor $[-] : \text{Perv}(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \twoheadrightarrow P(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ restricts to an equivalence of abelian $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$ -linear categories $[-] : \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \hookrightarrow \text{Perv}(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \twoheadrightarrow P(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ with quasi-inverse

$$(-)_{\text{int}} : P(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}(X, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$$

given on objects by

$$[\mathcal{P}]_{\text{int}} = (\ker(\mathcal{P} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{P}^\neg) + \mathcal{P}_\neg) / \mathcal{P}_\neg.$$

¹Recall that a Tannaka subcategory of \mathcal{T} is a strictly full abelian subcategory $\mathcal{T}' \hookrightarrow \mathcal{T}$ stable by \otimes , $(-)^{\vee}$, and such that every subquotient in \mathcal{T} of an object in \mathcal{T}' is again in \mathcal{T}' .

Note that, if $\mathcal{P} \in \text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ is semisimple, then the canonical epimorphism $\mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}^\perp$ restricts to an isomorphism $\mathcal{P}_- \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{P}^\perp$ so that, in that case, $[\mathcal{P}]_{\text{int}} = \ker(\mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}^\perp) \simeq \mathcal{P}/\mathcal{P}_-$.

The tensor structure on $P(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ induces a tensor structure on $\text{Perv}_{\text{int}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ via $(-)_{\text{int}} : P(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$, and which is explicitly given by

$$\mathcal{P}_1 \otimes \mathcal{P}_2 = {}^p\text{H}(\mathcal{P}_1 \boxtimes^L \mathcal{P}_2)_{\text{int}}.$$

Note that, as $\text{Perv}_{\text{int}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ is a neutral Tannaka category on $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$, the full-subcategory $\text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \subset \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ of semisimple objects is again a Tannaka category².

We will also need to introduce a geometric variant of $\text{Perv}_{\text{int}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$. The above discussion extends as it is if one replaces X with $X_{\bar{k}}$ except possibly for the assertion that $\text{Perv}_{\text{int}}(X_{\bar{k}}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ admits a fiber functor but for our purpose, it will be enough to consider the full subcategory $\text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss, ar}}(X_{\bar{k}}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \hookrightarrow \text{Perv}(X_{\bar{k}}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ of arithmetic objects *viz* of those $\mathcal{P} \in \text{Perv}(X_{\bar{k}}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ which are a direct factor³ in $\text{Perv}(X_{\bar{k}}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ of an object in the essential image of the canonical restriction functor $-|_{X_{\bar{k}}} : \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(X_{k'}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \rightarrow \text{Perv}(X_{\bar{k}}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ for some finite field extension k'/k . Then $\text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ar, ss}}(X_{\bar{k}}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ is a Tannaka category over $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$, whose objects are semisimple in $\text{Perv}(X_{\bar{k}}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$, and the canonical restriction functor $-|_{X_{\bar{k}}} : \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \rightarrow \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ar, ss}}(X_{\bar{k}}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ is an exact \otimes -functor.

2.2. The arithmetic / geometric decomposition. The exact, fully faithful functor $0_* : \text{Perv}(0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \simeq \text{Perv}(\text{spec}(k), \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \rightarrow \text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ factors through a tensor functor

$$0_* : \text{Perv}(0) \rightarrow \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \hookrightarrow \text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$$

and induces a canonical commutative diagram of Tannaka categories

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) & \xrightarrow{0_*} & \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Perv}(0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) & \xrightarrow{0_*} & \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \end{array}$$

Let $\text{Perv}_{\text{int}, 00}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \subset \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ denote the essential image of $0_* : \text{Perv}^{\text{ss}}(0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \rightarrow \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$.

Fix a fiber functor $\omega : \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ar, ss}}(X_{\bar{k}}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \rightarrow \text{Vect}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell}$ and, for simplicity, write $\overline{G}_\omega(X)$, $G_\omega(X)$ and $\Gamma_\omega(X)$ for the Tannaka groups of $\text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ar, ss}}(X_{\bar{k}}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$, $\text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$, and $\text{Perv}_{\text{int}, 00}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ respectively. The sequence of Tannaka categories

$$\text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ar, ss}}(X_{\bar{k}}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \xleftarrow{(-)|_{X_{\bar{k}}}} \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \xleftarrow{\quad} \text{Perv}_{\text{int}, 00}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$$

then induces a short exact sequence of proreductive groups over $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$

$$1 \rightarrow \overline{G}_\omega(X) \rightarrow G_\omega(X) \rightarrow \Gamma_\omega(X) \rightarrow 1$$

- see *e.g.* [JKrLeM25, Thm. 4.3]. More generally, for every Tannaka subcategory $\mathcal{T} \hookrightarrow \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$, define $\overline{\mathcal{T}} \hookrightarrow \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ar, ss}}(X_{\bar{k}}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ to be the Tannaka subcategory generated by the essential image of $\mathcal{T} \hookrightarrow \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \xrightarrow{(-)|_{X_{\bar{k}}}} \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ar, ss}}(X_{\bar{k}}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ and $\mathcal{T}_{00} := \mathcal{T} \cap \text{Perv}_{\text{int}, 00}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$; write $\overline{G}_\omega(\mathcal{T}) := G_\omega(\overline{\mathcal{T}})$ and $\Gamma_\omega(\mathcal{T}) := G_\omega(\mathcal{T}_{00})$. With these notation, the sequence of Tannaka categories

$$\overline{\mathcal{T}} \xleftarrow{(-)|_{X_{\bar{k}}}} \mathcal{T} \xleftarrow{\quad} \mathcal{T}_{00}$$

induces a short exact sequence of proreductive groups over $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$

$$1 \rightarrow \overline{G}_\omega(\mathcal{T}) \rightarrow G_\omega(\mathcal{T}) \rightarrow \Gamma_\omega(\mathcal{T}) \rightarrow 1$$

In particular, when $\mathcal{T} = \langle \mathcal{P} \rangle \subset \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ for some $\mathcal{P} \in \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$, one has $\overline{\mathcal{T}} = \langle \mathcal{P}|_{X_{\bar{k}}} \rangle \subset \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ar, ss}}(X_{\bar{k}}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ and hence, writing $\overline{G}_\omega(\mathcal{P}) := \overline{G}_\omega(\mathcal{T})$, a short exact sequence of algebraic reductive groups over $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$

$$(1) \quad 1 \rightarrow \overline{G}_\omega(\mathcal{P}) \rightarrow G_\omega(\mathcal{P}) \rightarrow \Gamma_\omega(\mathcal{P}) \rightarrow 1$$

²The non-obvious fact is that the tensor product of two semisimple objects is again semisimple.

³Actually, such a direct factor automatically descends to a finite subextension k' of k - see [BBerDG82, Prop. 5.3.9 (ii)].

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As we are working with Tannaka categories over the algebraically closed field $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$, the Tannaka groups $G_\omega(X)$, $G_\omega(\mathcal{P})$ etc. appearing depend on the fiber functor ω only up to isomorphism so that, in the following, we will almost always omit the subscript $(-)_\omega$ from the notation and simply write $G(X) := G_\omega(X)$, $G(\mathcal{P}) := G_\omega(\mathcal{P})$ etc.

3. STRUCTURE OF $G(X)$ AND $G(\mathcal{P})$

Let $\mathcal{P} \in \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$.

3.1. Structure of $\Gamma(X)$ and $\Gamma(\mathcal{P})$. The tensor category⁴ $\text{Perv}_{\text{int}}(0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) = \text{Perv}(0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ is equivalent to the tensor category $\text{Loc}(0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ of continuous $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$ -representations of $\pi_1(0) \simeq \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ and the full subcategory $\text{Perv}^{\text{ss}}(0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \hookrightarrow \text{Perv}(0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ to the full subcategory $\text{Loc}^{\text{ss}}(0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \hookrightarrow \text{Loc}(0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ of semisimple ones. As $0_* : \text{Perv}^{\text{ss}}(0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \rightarrow \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ induces an equivalence of Tannaka categories onto its essential image $\text{Perv}_{\text{int},00}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$, one gets that $\Gamma(X)$ fits into a short exact sequence of proalgebraic groups of multiplicative type

$$1 \rightarrow \Gamma(X)^\circ \rightarrow \Gamma(X) \rightarrow \pi_0(\Gamma(X)) \simeq \pi_1(k) \rightarrow 1$$

One can 'explicitly' describe the corresponding quotient $\Gamma(X) \twoheadrightarrow \Gamma(\mathcal{P})$ as follows. Let $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Loc}^{\text{ss}}(0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ be such that $0_*\mathcal{F} \in \langle \mathcal{P} \rangle_{00}$ is a tensor generator of $\langle \mathcal{P} \rangle_{00}$ and let $\phi \in \text{GL}(\mathcal{F}_0)$ denote the image of $1 \in \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ so that $\Gamma(\mathcal{P})$ identifies with the Zariski closure $G(\mathcal{F}) \subset \text{GL}_{\mathcal{F}_0}$ of $\phi^{\mathbb{Z}} \subset \text{GL}(\mathcal{F}_0)$. As \mathcal{F} is semisimple in $\text{Loc}^{\text{ss}}(0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$, the $\text{GL}(\mathcal{F}_0)$ -conjugacy class of ϕ is uniquely determined by the multiset $\Lambda(\mathcal{F}) \subset \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell^\times$ of the eigenvalues of ϕ and $\Xi(\Gamma(\mathcal{P})) = \Xi(G(\mathcal{F}))$ identifies with the subgroup $\langle \Lambda(\mathcal{F}) \rangle \subset \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell^\times$ generated by $\Lambda(\mathcal{F})$ in $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell^\times$. As $\Gamma(\mathcal{P})$ is of multiplicative type, it is uniquely determined by $\Xi(\Gamma(\mathcal{P}))$.

3.2. Structure of $\overline{G}(X)$ and $\overline{G}(\mathcal{P})$. Let $\overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P}) \subset X(\overline{k})$ denote the subset of all $x \in X(\overline{k})$ such that $\delta_x := x_*\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell \in \langle \mathcal{P} \rangle_{X(\overline{k})}$. As $\delta_{x_1} * \delta_{x_2} = \delta_{x_1+x_2}$, $\overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P}) \subset X(\overline{k})$ is a subgroup and one gets a canonical commutative square of commutative groups

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P}) & \xrightarrow[\simeq]{\delta_-} & \Xi(\overline{G}(\mathcal{P})) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X(\overline{k}) & \xrightarrow[\simeq]{\delta_-} & \Xi(\overline{G}(X)) \end{array}$$

whose horizontal arrows are isomorphisms [W15, Prop. 3]. As $X(\overline{k})$ is a finitely generated (as $\overline{G}(\mathcal{P})$ is algebraic) torsion (as k is finite!) group, it is actually finite; in particular $\pi_0(\overline{G}(\mathcal{P})) \twoheadrightarrow \overline{G}(\mathcal{P})^{\text{ab}}$. But as, on the other hand, $\pi_0(\overline{G}(\mathcal{P}))$ is abelian [W15, End of §2], one eventually gets

$$\pi_0(\overline{G}(\mathcal{P})) \xrightarrow{\sim} \overline{G}(\mathcal{P})^{\text{ab}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P})^\vee.$$

This also implies that $\overline{G}(\mathcal{P})$ is semisimple. Indeed, as $\mathcal{P} \in \text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$, the finite subgroup $\overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P}) \subset X(\overline{k})$ is the group of \overline{k} -points of a finite étale over k subgroup $\overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P}) \subset X$; let $p_{\overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P})} : X \rightarrow X/\overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P})$ denote the corresponding étale isogeny. By Tannaka duality, the exact functor

$$p_{\overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P})*} : \langle \mathcal{P} \rangle \rightarrow \langle a_{\mathcal{P}*}\mathcal{P} \rangle$$

corresponds to

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 1 & \longrightarrow & \overline{G}(\mathcal{P})^\circ = \overline{G}(p_{\overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P})*}\mathcal{P}) & \longrightarrow & G(p_{\overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P})*}\mathcal{P}) & \longrightarrow & \Gamma(p_{\overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P})*}\mathcal{P}) \longrightarrow 1 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \parallel \\ 1 & \longrightarrow & \overline{G}(\mathcal{P}) & \longrightarrow & G(\mathcal{P}) & \longrightarrow & \Gamma(\mathcal{P}) \longrightarrow 1 \end{array}$$

(Observe that $p_{\overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P})*}\iota_{0*} \simeq \iota_{0*} : \text{Perv}(0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \rightarrow \text{Perv}(X_{\overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P})}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$). Applying the above considerations to $p_{\overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P})*}\mathcal{P}$, one gets $\overline{G}(\mathcal{P})^{\circ, \text{ab}} = 0$.

⁴Here, we regard 0 as the 0-dimensional abelian variety over k .

As a result,

$$\overline{G}(\mathcal{P})^\circ = \overline{G}(\mathcal{P})^{\text{der}} = (G(\mathcal{P})^{\text{der}})^\circ = (G(\mathcal{P})^\circ)^{\text{der}}.$$

Passing to the projective limit, one gets, similarly, that $\overline{G}(X)$ is a prosemisimple group with

$$\pi_0(\overline{G}(X)) \xrightarrow{\sim} \overline{G}(X)^{\text{ab}} \xrightarrow{\sim} X(\bar{k})^\vee \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_1(X_{\bar{k}}, \bar{0}).$$

Let $\text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^\circ(X_{\bar{k}}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \hookrightarrow \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ar,ss}}(X_{\bar{k}}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ denote the full Tannaka category generated by the skyscraper sheaves δ_x , $x \in X(\bar{k})$ and set $\langle \mathcal{P}|_{X_{\bar{k}}} \rangle^\circ := \langle \mathcal{P}|_{X_{\bar{k}}} \rangle \cap \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^\circ(X_{\bar{k}}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \hookrightarrow \langle \mathcal{P}|_{X_{\bar{k}}} \rangle$. From the above discussion, the commutative square of Tannaka categories

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^\circ(X_{\bar{k}}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) & \hookrightarrow & \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ar,ss}}(X_{\bar{k}}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \langle \mathcal{P}|_{X_{\bar{k}}} \rangle^\circ & \hookrightarrow & \langle \mathcal{P}|_{X_{\bar{k}}} \rangle \end{array}$$

corresponds to the commutative square of proalgebraic groups

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_0(\overline{G}(X)) & \longleftarrow & \overline{G}(X) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \pi_0(\overline{G}(\mathcal{P})) & \longleftarrow & \overline{G}(\mathcal{P}). \end{array}$$

3.3. Structure of $\pi_0(G(\mathcal{P}))$. Let $\text{Perv}^\circ(0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \hookrightarrow \text{Perv}^{\text{ss}}(0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ denote the full Tannaka subcategory generated by the torsion characters $\pi_1(0) \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell^\times$ and let $\text{Perv}_{\text{int},00}^\circ(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \hookrightarrow \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ denote its essential image.

Let $X_0(k)$ denote the set of dimension 0 irreducible algebraic cycles on X or, equivalently, the set $|X|/\pi_1(k)$ of orbits of $\pi_1(k)$ acting on the set of closed points $|X|$ of X ; note that for $x_0 = \pi_1(k) \cdot x \in X_0(k)$, $\pi_1(x_0) \simeq \pi_1(x) \subset \pi_1(k)$ identifies with the stabilizer of x in $\pi_1(k)$. For $x_0 \in X_0(k)$ the $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$ -linear abelian category $\text{Perv}(x_0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ is equivalent to $\text{Loc}(x_0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ and the full subcategory $\text{Perv}^{\text{ss}}(x_0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \hookrightarrow \text{Perv}(x_0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ to the full subcategory $\text{Loc}^{\text{ss}}(x_0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \hookrightarrow \text{Loc}(x_0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$. Let again $\text{Perv}^\circ(x_0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \subset \text{Perv}^{\text{ss}}(x_0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ denote the full abelian subcategory generated by the torsion characters $\chi : \pi_1(x_0) \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell^\times$. The closed immersion corresponding to x_0 induces a fully faithful exact $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$ -linear functor $x_{0*} : \text{Perv}^{\text{ss}}(x_0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \rightarrow \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$. Let $\text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^\circ(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \hookrightarrow \text{Perv}_{\text{int},0}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \hookrightarrow \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ denote the full Tannaka subcategories generated by the essential images of

$x_{0*} : \text{Perv}^\circ(x_0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \rightarrow \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$, $x_0 \in X_0(k)$, and $x_{0*} : \text{Perv}^{\text{ss}}(x_0, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \rightarrow \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$, $x_0 \in X_0(k)$ respectively.

Lemma 8. *The sequence of Tannaka categories*

$$(2) \quad \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^\circ(X_{\bar{k}}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \xleftarrow{(-)|_{X_{\bar{k}}}} \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^\circ(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \xleftarrow{\sim} \text{Perv}_{\text{int},00}^\circ(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$$

corresponds to the canonical split short exact sequence of proalgebraic groups

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 1 & \longrightarrow & \pi_0(\overline{G}(X)) & \longrightarrow & \pi_0(G(X)) & \longrightarrow & \pi_0(\Gamma(X)) \longrightarrow 1 \\ & & \downarrow \simeq & & \downarrow \simeq & & \downarrow \simeq \\ 1 & \longrightarrow & X(\bar{k})^\vee & \longrightarrow & X(\bar{k})^\vee \rtimes \pi_1(k) & \longrightarrow & \pi_1(k) \longrightarrow 1, \end{array}$$

where the semidirect product $X(\bar{k})^\vee \rtimes \pi_1(k)$ is the one given by the natural action of $\pi_1(k)$ on $X(\bar{k})^\vee$ viz

$$X(\bar{k})^\vee \rtimes \pi_1(k) \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_1(X, \bar{0}) = \pi_1(X_{\bar{k}}, \bar{0}) \rtimes \pi_1(0, \bar{0}).$$

Proof. As every simple object in $\text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^\circ(X_{\bar{k}}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ is of the form δ_x for some $x \in X(\bar{k})$ hence satisfies $H^i(X_{\bar{k}}, \delta_x) = 0$, $i \neq 0$, one can apply the observation of [JKrLeM25, §4.3], namely that the functor

$$(3) \quad \omega := H^0(X_{\bar{k}}, -) : \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^\circ(X_{\bar{k}}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \rightarrow \text{Vect}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell}$$

is a fiber functor and that it factors through the following commutative diagram of Tannaka categories

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
\mathrm{Perv}_{\mathrm{int}}^{\circ}(X_{\bar{k}}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}) & \xleftarrow{(-)|_{X_{\bar{k}}}} & \mathrm{Perv}_{\mathrm{int}}^{\circ}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathrm{Perv}_{\mathrm{int},00}^{\circ}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}) \\
\downarrow \simeq & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \simeq \\
\mathrm{Rep}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}}(X(\bar{k})^{\vee}) & \xleftarrow{\quad} & \mathrm{Rep}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}}(X(\bar{k})^{\vee} \rtimes \pi_1(k)) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathrm{Rep}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}}(\pi_1(k)) \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
& & \mathrm{Vect}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}} & &
\end{array}$$

By Tannaka duality, it is thus enough to prove that the sequence (2) corresponds to the exact sequence

$$\pi_0(\overline{G}(X)) \rightarrow \pi_0(G(X)) \rightarrow \pi_0(\Gamma(X)) \rightarrow 1.$$

As $\mathrm{Perv}_{\mathrm{int}}^{\circ}(X_{\bar{k}}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}) = \overline{\mathrm{Perv}_{\mathrm{int}}^{\circ}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell})}$ and $\mathrm{Perv}_{\mathrm{int},00}^{\circ}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}) = \mathrm{Perv}_{\mathrm{int}}^{\circ}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell})_{00}$, in view of the discussion in Subsection 2.2 and Subsections 3.1, 3.2, the only thing to check is that, for a simple object $\mathcal{S} \in \mathrm{Perv}_{\mathrm{int}}^{\circ}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell})$, $\mathcal{S} \in \mathrm{Perv}_{\mathrm{int}}^{\circ}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell})$ if and only if it generates a submonoid of finite rank in the Grothendieck semiring $K^+[\mathrm{Perv}_{\mathrm{int}}^{\circ}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell})]$. But, if \mathcal{S} generates a $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ -submonoid of finite rank, by Tannaka duality and the short exact sequence (1), $\mathcal{S}|_{X_{\bar{k}}} \in K^+[\pi_0(\overline{G}(\mathcal{P}))]$ hence is of the form

$$\mathcal{S}|_{X_{\bar{k}}} = \sum_{x \in \overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{S})} m_x \delta_x$$

for some integers $m_x \geq 0$, $x \in \overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{S})$. In particular, the support of \mathcal{S} is 0-dimensional hence $\mathcal{S} = \delta_{x_0, \chi} := x_0 * \chi$ for some $x_0 \in X_0(k)$ and torsion character $\chi : \pi_1(x_0) \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}^{\times}$. The converse inclusion is clear. \square

Remark 9.

- (1) Let X_1, X_2 be two abelian varieties over k . Assume there exists a tensor-equivalence of Tannaka categories $\mathrm{Perv}_{\mathrm{int}}^{\mathrm{ss}}(X_1, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}) \simeq \mathrm{Perv}_{\mathrm{int}}^{\mathrm{ss}}(X_2, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell})$. Then, by Tannaka duality, $G(X_1) \simeq G(X_2)$ as proalgebraic group and, in particular, $\pi_1(X_1, \overline{0}) \simeq \pi_1(X_2, \overline{0})$ as profinite groups. This already implies that X_1 and X_2 are isogenous. Indeed, as $\pi_1(X_{i\bar{k}}, \overline{0}) \subset \pi_1(X_i, \overline{0})$ is the maximal normal abelian closed subgroup $\Pi \subset \pi_1(X_i, \overline{0})$ such that $\pi_1(X_i, \overline{0})/\Pi$ is infinite procyclic, $i = 1, 2$, every isomorphism of profinite groups $\alpha : \pi_1(X_1, \overline{0}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_1(X_2, \overline{0})$ induces an isomorphism $\alpha : \pi_1(X_{1\bar{k}}, \overline{0}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_1(X_{2\bar{k}}, \overline{0})$, and hence an isomorphism $\bar{\alpha} : \pi_1(0, \overline{0}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_1(0, \overline{0})$. Fix a prime ℓ and let r_{ℓ} denote the rank of the pro- ℓ completions $\pi_1(X_i, \overline{0})^{(\ell)}$ and fix an isomorphism $\pi_1(X_i, \overline{0})^{(\ell)} \simeq \mathbb{Z}_{\ell}^{\oplus r_{\ell}}$ so that the semidirect product structure $\pi_1(X_{i\bar{k}}, \overline{0})^{(\ell)} \rtimes \pi_1(0, \overline{0}) \simeq \mathbb{Z}_{\ell}^{\oplus r_{\ell}} \rtimes \pi_1(k)$ is given by the image $M_{\ell, i}(\varphi) \in \mathrm{GL}_{r_{\ell}}(\mathbb{Z}_{\ell})$ of the geometric Frobenius $\varphi \in \pi_1(0, \overline{0})$ acting on $\pi_1(X_i, \overline{0})^{(\ell)} \simeq \mathbb{Z}_{\ell}^{\oplus r_{\ell}}$, $i = 1, 2$. Then $\alpha : \pi_1(X_{1\bar{k}}, \overline{0})^{(\ell)} \rtimes \pi_1(0, \overline{0}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_1(X_{2\bar{k}}, \overline{0})^{(\ell)} \rtimes \pi_1(0, \overline{0})$ is given by a couple $(N_{\ell}, u_{\ell}) \in \mathrm{GL}_{2g}(\mathbb{Z}_{\ell}) \times \mathbb{Z}_{\ell}^{\times}$ such that $N_{\ell} M_{\ell, 1}(\varphi) N_{\ell}^{-1} = M_{\ell, 2}(\varphi)^{u_{\ell}}$. In particular, the characteristic polynomial of $M_{\ell, 1}(\varphi), M_{\ell, 2}(\varphi)^{u_{\ell}} \in \mathrm{GL}_{r_{\ell}}(\mathbb{Q}_{\ell})$ should coincide. But as those of $M_{\ell, 1}(\varphi), M_{\ell, 2}(\varphi)$ both have roots which are $|k|$ -Weil numbers of weight 1, this forces $u = \pm 1$. From Tate's theorem [Ta66] X_1 is thus k -isogenous to X_2 (the case $u_{\ell} = -1$ corresponds to an isogeny from X_1 to the dual abelian variety X_2^* of X_2 but X_2 and X_2^* are isogenous anyway).
- (2) The proof of Lemma 8 extends as it is if k is a field of characteristic 0 provided one replaces $X(\bar{k})^{\vee}$ with $X(\bar{k})_{\mathrm{tors}}^{\vee}$ - see [W15] so that, again, one recovers $\pi_1(X, \overline{0})$ as $\pi_1(X, \overline{0}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_0(G(X))$. If one assumes k is finitely generated over \mathbb{Q} and if X_1, X_2 are two abelian varieties over k such that there exists a tensor-equivalence of Tannaka categories $\mathrm{Perv}_{\mathrm{int}}^{\mathrm{ss}}(X_1, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}) \simeq \mathrm{Perv}_{\mathrm{int}}^{\mathrm{ss}}(X_2, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell})$, the resulting isomorphism of profinite groups $\pi_1(X_1, \overline{0}) \simeq \pi_1(X_2, \overline{0})$ ensures that there exists a field automorphism $\sigma : k \xrightarrow{\sim} k$ such that X_1 and $X_2^{\sigma} := X_2 \times_{k, \sigma} k$ are k -isogenous. Indeed, as $\pi_1(X_{i\bar{k}}, \overline{0}) \subset \pi_1(X_i, \overline{0})$ is the maximal normal closed subgroup $\Pi \subset \pi_1(X_i, \overline{0})$ which is topologically finitely generated [FriJ08, Prop. 16.11.6], every isomorphism of profinite groups $\alpha : \pi_1(X_1, \overline{0}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_1(X_2, \overline{0})$ induces an isomorphism $\alpha : \pi_1(X_{1\bar{k}}, \overline{0}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_1(X_{2\bar{k}}, \overline{0})$, and hence an isomorphism $\bar{\alpha} : \pi_1(0, \overline{0}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_1(0, \overline{0})$. By the Neukirch-Uchida-Pop theorem [N69], [U77], [P94], [P95] $\bar{\alpha} : \pi_1(0, \overline{0}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_1(0, \overline{0})$ arises from a field isomorphism $\sigma : \bar{k} \xrightarrow{\sim} \bar{k}$ such that $\sigma(k) = k$ and hence, as in Remark 9 (1), the assertion follows from Faltings' theorem [F83], [FW92, IV, VI].
- (3) In view of Remarks 9 (1), (2), and if k is finite (resp. finitely generated over \mathbb{Q}), one may ask whether X (resp. X up to Galois twists) can be reconstructed from the whole $G(X)$ up to k -isomorphism (and

not only up to k -isogeny) or, in the opposite direction, whether if X_1 and X_2 (resp. X_1 and X_2^σ for some field automorphism $\sigma : k \xrightarrow{\sim} k$) are k -isogenous then $G(X_1) \simeq G(X_2)$ as proreductive groups over $\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}$.

Write also

$$\langle \mathcal{P} \rangle^\circ := \langle \mathcal{P} \rangle \cap \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^\circ(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}) \hookrightarrow \langle \mathcal{P} \rangle, \quad \langle \mathcal{P} \rangle_{00}^\circ := \langle \mathcal{P} \rangle \cap \text{Perv}_{\text{int},00}^\circ(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}) \hookrightarrow \langle \mathcal{P} \rangle.$$

The sequence of Tannaka categories

$$\langle \mathcal{P}|_{X_{\bar{k}}} \rangle^\circ \xleftarrow{(-)|_{X_{\bar{k}}}} \langle \mathcal{P} \rangle^\circ \xrightarrow{\quad} \langle \mathcal{P} \rangle_{00}^\circ$$

induces an exact sequence

$$\pi_0(\overline{G}(\mathcal{P})) \rightarrow \pi_0(G(\mathcal{P})) \rightarrow \pi_0(\Gamma(\mathcal{P})) \rightarrow 1$$

which is not left-exact in general but, by Tannaka duality, the kernel

$$\overline{\pi}_0(G(\mathcal{P})) := \ker(\pi_0(G(\mathcal{P})) \rightarrow \pi_0(\Gamma(\mathcal{P})))$$

corresponds to the Tannaka subcategory $\langle \mathcal{P} \rangle^\circ \hookrightarrow \langle \mathcal{P}|_{X_{\bar{k}}} \rangle^\circ$. Explicitly, let $\Xi(\mathcal{P}) \subset \overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P})$ denote the subset of all $x \in \overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P})$ such that δ_x is a direct factor of an object in the essential image of $(-)|_{X_{\bar{k}}} : \langle \mathcal{P} \rangle^\circ \rightarrow \langle \mathcal{P}|_{X_{\bar{k}}} \rangle^\circ$. Then, again, $\Xi(\mathcal{P}) \subset \overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P})$ is a subgroup and the canonical morphism

$$\delta_- : \Xi(\mathcal{P}) \rightarrow \Xi(\overline{\pi}_0(G(\mathcal{P})))$$

is an isomorphism.

3.3.1. The equivalence $\omega : \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^\circ(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Rep}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}}(X(\bar{k})^\vee \rtimes \pi_1(k))$ provided by the fiber functor (3) can be described explicitly as follows on simple objects in $\text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^\circ(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell})$. Let $x_0 \in X_0(k)$ and $\chi : \pi_1(x_0) \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}^\times$ a torsion character; fix $x \in |x_0|$, giving rise to an identification

$$\pi_1(k)/\pi_1(x) \xrightarrow{\sim} |x_0|, \quad \sigma \mapsto \sigma \cdot x.$$

Note that as $\Xi(\delta_{x_0, \chi}) \subset X(\bar{k})$ is the subgroup generated by $|x_0| = \pi_1(k) \cdot x$, the kernel of $X(\bar{k})^\vee \rightarrow \Xi(\delta_{x_0, \chi})$ is normalized by $\pi_1(x_0)$ and, as $\pi_1(x_0)$ is the stabilizer of x in $\pi_1(k)$, the resulting semidirect product

$$X(\bar{k})^\vee \rtimes \pi_1(x_0) \rightarrow \Xi(\delta_{x_0, \chi})^\vee \rtimes \pi_1(x_0) = \overline{\Xi}(\delta_{x_0, \chi})^\vee \times \pi_1(x_0)$$

is actually a direct product. Then

$$\omega(\delta_{x_0, \chi}) = \text{H}^0(X_{\bar{k}}, \delta_{x_0, \chi}) \simeq \text{Ind}_{X(\bar{k})^\vee \rtimes \pi_1(x_0)}^{X(\bar{k})^\vee \rtimes \pi_1(k)}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}(\tilde{\chi}) \otimes \tilde{\delta}_x)$$

as a $X(\bar{k})^\vee \rtimes \pi_1(k)$ -representation. Here, we write

$$\tilde{\chi} : X(\bar{k})^\vee \rtimes \pi_1(x_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(x_0) \xrightarrow{\chi} \overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}^\times,$$

and

$$\tilde{\delta}_x : X(\bar{k})^\vee \rtimes \pi_1(x_0) \rightarrow \Xi(\delta_{x_0, \chi})^\vee \times \pi_1(x_0) \rightarrow \Xi(\delta_{x_0, \chi})^\vee = \Xi(\delta_{x_0})^\vee \xrightarrow{\delta_x} \overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}^\times,$$

where $\delta_x : \Xi(\delta_{x_0})^\vee \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}^\times$ is the character induced by duality

$$\Xi(\delta_{x_0})^\vee \times \Xi(\delta_{x_0}) \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}^\times, \quad (a, x) \mapsto a(x) =: \delta_x(a)$$

3.3.2. As $\mathcal{P} \in \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^\circ(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell})$ the subgroup $\Xi(\mathcal{P}) \subset X(\bar{k})$ is $\pi_1(k)$ -invariant hence the kernel of $X(\bar{k})^\vee \rightarrow \Xi(\mathcal{P})^\vee$ is normalized by $\pi_1(k)$ and the short exact sequence

$$(4) \quad 1 \rightarrow \overline{\pi}_0(G(\mathcal{P})) \rightarrow \pi_0(G(\mathcal{P})) \rightarrow \pi_0(\Gamma(\mathcal{P})) \rightarrow 1$$

fits into a commutative exact diagram of proalgebraic groups

$$(5) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} 1 & \longrightarrow & \Xi(\mathcal{P})^\vee & \longrightarrow & \Xi(\mathcal{P})^\vee \rtimes \pi_1(k) & \longrightarrow & \pi_1(k) \longrightarrow 1 \\ & & \downarrow \simeq & & \downarrow (5-1) & & \downarrow (5-2) \\ 1 & \longrightarrow & \overline{\pi}_0(G(\mathcal{P})) & \longrightarrow & \pi_0(G(\mathcal{P})) & \longrightarrow & \pi_0(\Gamma(\mathcal{P})) \longrightarrow 1 \end{array}$$

In particular, the canonical projection $\Xi(\mathcal{P})^\vee \rtimes \pi_1(k) \rightarrow \pi_1(k)$ induces an isomorphism

$$\text{K}(\mathcal{P}) := \ker((5-1)) \xrightarrow{\sim} \ker((5-2)).$$

Let $\varphi \in \pi_1(k)$ denote the Frobenius so that $\ker((5-2)) = \langle \varphi^N \rangle$ for some $N \geq 1$. Then $\ker((5-1)) = \langle (a, \varphi^N) \rangle$ for some (a unique) $a \in \Xi(\mathcal{P})^\vee$. But the condition that $\ker((5-1))$ be normal in $\Xi(\mathcal{P})^\vee \rtimes \pi_1(k)$ imposes that:

- $(0, \varphi)(a, \varphi^N)(0, \varphi^{-1}) = (\varphi \cdot a, \varphi^N) \in \langle (a, \varphi^N) \rangle$ - viz $\varphi \cdot a = a$ hence $a \in (\Xi(\mathcal{P})^\vee)^{\pi_1(k)}$;
- $(b, 1)(a, \varphi^N)(-b, 1) = (b + a - \varphi^N b, \varphi^N) \in \langle (a, \varphi^N) \rangle$ - viz $\varphi^N \cdot b = b$, $b \in \Xi(\mathcal{P})^\vee$ hence φ^N acts trivially on $\Xi(\mathcal{P})^\vee$.

Let $k_{\mathcal{P}}^\circ/k$ denote the finite extension defined by $\pi_1(k_{\mathcal{P}}^\circ) = \ker((5-2))$. The short exact sequence (4) does not split in general ; it does split if and only if there exists $b \in \Xi(\mathcal{P})$ such that

$$\sum_{0 \leq i \leq N-1} \varphi^i b = a.$$

But in general, $H^2(\text{Gal}(k_{\mathcal{P}}^\circ/k), \overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P})) \neq 0$ (even though $H^2(k, \overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P})) = 0$). Still, one can compute explicitly $K(\mathcal{P})$ as follows, which is enough for our purpose. Let $\delta_{x_{0,1}, \chi_1}, \dots, \delta_{x_{0,s}, \chi_s}$ denote a set of representatives of the finitely many isomorphism classes of simple objects in $\langle \mathcal{P} \rangle^\circ$. For each $i = 1, \dots, s$, the action of $X(\bar{k})^\vee \rtimes \pi_1(k)$ on $\omega(\delta_{x_{0,i}, \chi_i})$ (see Subsection 3.3.1) factors through $X(\bar{k})^\vee \rtimes \pi_1(k) \rightarrow \Xi(\mathcal{P}) \rtimes \pi_1(k)$; write $K(x_{0,i}, \chi_i) \subset X(\bar{k})^\vee \rtimes \pi_1(k)$ for the kernel of $\Xi(\mathcal{P})^\vee \rtimes \pi_1(k)$ acting on $\omega(\delta_{x_{0,i}, \chi_i})$. Then

$$K(\mathcal{P}) = \bigcap_{1 \leq i \leq s} K(x_{0,i}, \chi_i) \subset \Xi(\mathcal{P})^\vee \rtimes \pi_1(k).$$

Furthermore, from the above analysis, setting again $N := [k_{\mathcal{P}}^\circ : k]$, one also has

$$K(\mathcal{P}) = \langle (a, \varphi^N) \rangle \subset (\Xi(\mathcal{P})^\vee)^{\pi_1(k)} \times \pi_1(k),$$

with $a \in (\Xi(\mathcal{P})^\vee)^{\pi_1(k)}$ and $N \geq 1$ characterized by the following properties:

- (1) $a(x_i) = \chi_i(\varphi^N)^{-1}$, $i = 1, \dots, s$;
- (2) Every $(a', \varphi^{N'}) \in (\Xi(\mathcal{P})^\vee)^{\pi_1(k)} \times \pi_1(k)$ satisfying (1) is a multiple of (a, φ^N) .

Note that, setting $n_i := |\text{im}(\chi_i)|$, $i = 1, \dots, s$, Property (1) and the fact that x_1, \dots, x_s generates $\Xi(\mathcal{P})$ impose that the order of a divides $\text{gcm}(n_1, \dots, n_s)$.

4. THE COMPANION CORRESPONDENCE IN TERMS OF SEMIRINGS

4.1. Semirings. Let Q be a field of characteristic 0 and \mathcal{T} a Tannaka category neutral over Q . Write $K^+[\mathcal{T}]$ for the semiring of \mathcal{T} that is the set of isomorphism classes $[V]$ of semisimple objects V in \mathcal{T} endowed with the laws $[V_1] + [V_2] = [V_1 \oplus V_2]$, with neutral element $[0]$, and $[V_1] \cdot [V_2] = [V_1 \otimes V_2]$, with neutral element $[Q]$. An element $[V] \in K^+[\mathcal{T}]$ is called simple if the corresponding object V is simple in \mathcal{T} . The Tannaka dimension $\dim : [V] \mapsto \dim_Q(V)$ induces a morphism of semirings $\dim : K^+[\mathcal{T}] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$.

If G is an algebraic group over Q , write $K^+[G]$ for the semiring of the Tannaka category $\text{Rep}_Q(G)$ of finite dimensional Q -rational representations of G . Every fiber functor $\omega : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \text{Vect}_Q$ induces an equivalence of Tannaka category $\omega : \mathcal{T} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Rep}_Q(G(\mathcal{T}, \omega))$ and, correspondingly, a canonical isomorphism of semirings over $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K^+[\mathcal{T}] & \xrightarrow[\omega]{\cong} & K^+[G(\mathcal{T}, \omega)] \\ & \searrow \text{dim} & \swarrow \text{dim} \\ & \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} & \end{array}$$

Remark 10. One can immediately reconstruct the semirings $K^+[G(\mathcal{T}, \omega)^\circ] \hookrightarrow K^+[G(\mathcal{T}, \omega)]$ and $K^+[G(\mathcal{T}, \omega)^{\text{ab}}] \hookrightarrow K^+[G(\mathcal{T}, \omega)]$ from $\dim : K^+[\mathcal{T}] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ as the largest semiring with underlying $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ -monoid of finite rank and the semiring generated by $\dim^{-1}(1) \subset K^+[\mathcal{T}]$ respectively.

4.2. Output of the companion correspondence. Fix $\alpha, \beta \in A$ and a semisimple $\mathcal{P}_\alpha \in \text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha})$. As $\chi(\mathcal{P}_\alpha) = \chi(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta})$, one gets

$$(\mathcal{P}_\alpha)_\neg \sim (\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta})_\neg$$

so that $(\mathcal{P}_\alpha)_{\text{int}} \sim (\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta})_{\text{int}}$, and the companions correspondence induces an isomorphism on the set of isomorphism classes of semisimple objects

$$(-)_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta} : \text{Ob}(\text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha})) / \simeq \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Ob}(\text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\beta})) / \simeq$$

Furthermore, from [Fu00] and [Z09, Prop. 2.1], [BBerDG82, Thm. 5.4.1], for every $\mathcal{P}_\alpha, \mathcal{Q}_\alpha \in \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha})$,

$${}^p\text{H}^0(\mathcal{P}_\alpha \boxtimes \mathcal{Q}_\alpha) \sim_A {}^p\text{H}^0(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta} \boxtimes \mathcal{Q}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}),$$

hence

$$\mathcal{P}_\alpha \otimes \mathcal{Q}_\alpha \sim_A \mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta} \otimes \mathcal{Q}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta},$$

and

$$\mathcal{P}_\alpha^\vee = D_X(\mathcal{P}_\alpha) \sim_A D_X(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}) = \mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}^\vee.$$

For every $\alpha \in A$, fix a fiber functor

$$\omega_\alpha : \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha}) \rightarrow \text{Vect}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha}}$$

and for $\mathcal{P}_\alpha \in \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha})$, set $G(\mathcal{P}_\alpha) := G_{\omega_\alpha}(\mathcal{P}_\alpha) \subset \text{GL}_{\omega_\alpha(\mathcal{P}_\alpha)}$. The above discussion implies, in particular, the following.

Corollary 11. *For every $\alpha, \beta \in A$ and semisimple $\mathcal{P}_\alpha \in \text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha})$ the companion correspondence induces an isomorphism of semirings*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K^+[G(\mathcal{P}_\alpha)] & \xrightarrow[\phi_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}]{\simeq} & K^+[G(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta})] \\ & \searrow \text{dim} & \swarrow \text{dim} \\ & \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} & \end{array}$$

5. PROOF OF THEOREM 7

Fix $\alpha, \beta \in A$, and $\mathcal{P}_\alpha \in \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha})$.

5.1. A-independence of $\Gamma(\mathcal{P}_\alpha)$. By construction of and unicity in the companion correspondence, if $0_*\mathcal{F}_\alpha \in \langle \mathcal{P}_\alpha \rangle_{00}$ is a tensor generator of $\langle \mathcal{P}_\alpha \rangle_{00}$ then $0_*\mathcal{F}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta} \in \langle \mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta} \rangle_{00}$ is a tensor generator of $\langle \mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta} \rangle_{00}$. But as $\mathcal{F}_\alpha \sim_A \mathcal{F}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}$, one has, by definition of the companions correspondence on local systems, $\iota_\alpha(\Lambda(\mathcal{F}_\alpha)) = \iota_\beta(\Lambda(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}))$ hence

$$\iota_\alpha \Gamma(\mathcal{P}_\alpha) \xrightarrow{\sim} \iota_\beta \Gamma(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}).$$

5.2. A-independence of $\pi_0(\overline{G}(\mathcal{P}_\alpha))$, $\pi_0(G(\mathcal{P}_\alpha))$. For every simple object $\mathcal{S}_\alpha := \delta_{x_0, \chi_\alpha}$ in $\langle \mathcal{P}_\alpha \rangle_0$, $\mathcal{S}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta} = \delta_{x_0, \chi_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}}$. In particular

$$\overline{\Xi} := \overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P}_\alpha) = \overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}), \quad \Xi := \Xi(\mathcal{P}_\alpha) = \Xi(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}),$$

and hence

$$\pi_0(\iota_\alpha \overline{G}(\mathcal{P}_\alpha)) = \pi_0(\iota_\beta \overline{G}(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta})), \quad \overline{\pi}_0(\iota_\alpha \overline{G}(\mathcal{P}_\alpha)) = \overline{\pi}_0(\iota_\beta \overline{G}(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta})).$$

Also, if $\delta_{x_{0,1}, \chi_{1,\alpha}}, \dots, \delta_{x_{0,s}, \chi_{s,\alpha}}$ is a set of representatives of the finitely many isomorphism classes of simple objects in $\langle \mathcal{P}_\alpha \rangle^\circ$ then $\delta_{x_{0,1}, \chi_{1,\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}}, \dots, \delta_{x_{0,s}, \chi_{s,\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}}$ are non-isomorphic simple objects in $\langle \mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta} \rangle^\circ$ hence, by symmetry of \sim_A , is a set of representatives of the finitely many isomorphism classes of simple objects in $\langle \mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta} \rangle^\circ$ as well. Let $N_i := |x_{0,i}|$ and $n_i := |\text{im}(\chi_i)|$ so that $\chi_{i,\alpha}(\varphi^{N_i}) = \zeta_{n_i}$ for some primitive n_i th root of unity $\zeta_{n_i} \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}} \subset \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha}$, $i = 1, \dots, s$. Let $n := \text{gcm}(n_1, \dots, n_s)$ and fix a primitive n th root of unity $\zeta_n \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}} \subset \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha}$. Then $\iota_\beta^{-1} \iota_\alpha : \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha} \xrightarrow{\sim} \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\beta}$ maps ζ_n to $\zeta_n^u \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}} \subset \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\beta}$ for some $u \in (\mathbb{Z}/n)^\times$ and $\chi_{i,\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta} : \pi_1(x_{0,i}) = \pi_1(x_i) \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\beta}^\times$ is characterized by $\chi_{i,\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}(\varphi^{N_i}) = \zeta_{n_i}^u$, $i = 1, \dots, s$. As in Subsection 3.2, write

$$K(\mathcal{P}_\alpha) = \bigcap_{1 \leq i \leq s} K(x_{0,i}, \chi_{i,\alpha}) = \langle (a_\alpha, \varphi^{N_\alpha}) \rangle$$

and

$$K(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}) = \bigcap_{1 \leq i \leq s} K(x_{0,i}, \chi_{i,\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}) = \langle (a_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}, \varphi^{N_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}}) \rangle$$

Then the characterization of $K(\mathcal{P}_\alpha)$, $K(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta})$ given in *loc. cit* shows that $N := N_\alpha = N_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}$ and $a_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta} = ua_\alpha$. As the order of a divides n and u is prime to n , the multiplication-by- u map on $\langle a \rangle$ extends to a $\pi_1(k)$ -equivariant automorphism $U : \Xi^\vee \xrightarrow{\sim} \Xi^\vee$ as follows. For every prime q , let $\Xi^\vee[q^\infty] \subset \Xi^\vee$ denote the q -Sylow of Ξ^\vee . Let $I(\Xi^\vee)$ denote the set of primes dividing $|\Xi^\vee|$ and $I(a) \subset I(\Xi^\vee)$ the subset of those dividing the order of a . Then

$$\Xi^\vee = \bigoplus_{q \in I(\Xi^\vee)} \Xi^\vee[q^\infty],$$

and define $U : \Xi^\vee \xrightarrow{\sim} \Xi^\vee$ to be the multiplication-by- u automorphism on $\bigoplus_{q \in I(a)} \Xi^\vee[q^\infty]$ and the identity on $\bigoplus_{q \notin I(a)} \Xi^\vee[q^\infty]$. By construction, one gets the following canonical commutative diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
1 & \longrightarrow & K(\mathcal{P}_\alpha) & \longrightarrow & \Xi^\vee \rtimes \pi_1(k) & \longrightarrow & \pi_0(G(\mathcal{P}_\alpha)) \longrightarrow 1 \\
& & U \downarrow \simeq & & U \rtimes Id \downarrow \simeq & & \downarrow \simeq \\
1 & \longrightarrow & K(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}) & \longrightarrow & \Xi^\vee \rtimes \pi_1(k) & \longrightarrow & \pi_0(G(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta})) \longrightarrow 1
\end{array}$$

5.3. A-independence of $G(\mathcal{P}_\alpha)^\circ$.

5.3.1. *Passing to the neutral component.* Let $\mathcal{P} \in \text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$. Retaining the notation of Subsection 3.1 for $p_{\overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P})} : X \rightarrow X/\overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P})$ and of Subsection 3.2 for $k_{\mathcal{P}}^\circ$,

$$G(p_{\overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P}),*} \mathcal{P})|_{(X/\overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P}))_{k_{\mathcal{P}}^\circ}} = G(\mathcal{P})^\circ.$$

5.3.2. *A-independence of the neutral component.* From Subsection 5.2, one has

$$\overline{\Xi} := \overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P}_\alpha) = \overline{\Xi}(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta})$$

and

$$k^\circ := k_{\mathcal{P}_\alpha}^\circ = k_{\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}}^\circ.$$

As both $a_{\overline{\Xi}*} : \text{Perv}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \rightarrow \text{Perv}(X/\overline{\Xi})$ and $(-)|_{(X/\overline{\Xi})_{k^\circ}} : \text{Perv}(X/\overline{\Xi}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \rightarrow \text{Perv}((X/\overline{\Xi})_{k^\circ})$ preserve compatibility (and semisimplicity), one has

$$(p_{\overline{\Xi}*} \mathcal{P}_\alpha)|_{(X/\overline{\Xi})_{k^\circ}} \sim_A (p_{\overline{\Xi}*} \mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta})|_{(X/\overline{\Xi})_{k^\circ}}.$$

Whence, as

$$G(p_{\overline{\Xi}*} \mathcal{P}_\alpha)|_{(X/\overline{\Xi})_{k^\circ}} = G(\mathcal{P}_\alpha)^\circ, \quad G(p_{\overline{\Xi}*} \mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta})|_{(X/\overline{\Xi})_{k^\circ}} = G(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta})^\circ,$$

and from Corollary 11, an isomorphism of semirings

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
K^+[G(\mathcal{P}_\alpha)^\circ] & \xrightarrow[\phi_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}]{\simeq} & K^+[G(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta})^\circ]^+ \\
\searrow \text{dim} & & \swarrow \text{dim} \\
& \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} &
\end{array}$$

From [KLarV14, Thm. 1.2], $\phi_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta} : K^+[G(\mathcal{P}_\alpha)^\circ] \xrightarrow{\sim} K^+[G(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta})^\circ]$ arises from a unique isomorphism of algebraic groups

$$\iota_\beta G(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta})^\circ \xrightarrow{\sim} \iota_\alpha G(\mathcal{P}_\alpha)^\circ.$$

6. FINAL REMARKS

(1) We already observed that $\pi_0(\iota_\beta \overline{G}(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta})) \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_0(\iota_\alpha \overline{G}(\mathcal{P}_\alpha))$. From the fact that $\overline{G}(\mathcal{P})^\circ = G(\mathcal{P})^{\circ, \text{der}}$, one immediately gets $\iota_\beta \overline{G}(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta})^\circ \xrightarrow{\sim} \iota_\alpha \overline{G}(\mathcal{P}_\alpha)^\circ$ as well.

(2) From Remark 10, the isomorphism of semirings

$$\phi_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta} : K^+[G(\mathcal{P}_\alpha)] \xrightarrow{\sim} K^+[G(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta})]$$

restricts to an isomorphism of semirings

$$\phi_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta} : K^+[G(\mathcal{P}_\alpha)^{\text{ab}}] \xrightarrow{\sim} K^+[G(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta})^{\text{ab}}],$$

and hence $\iota_\alpha G(\mathcal{P}_\alpha)^{\text{ab}}$ is also independent of $\alpha \in A$ (as an algebraic group of multiplicative type can be reconstructed from its semiring of representations).

(3) From Remark 10, the isomorphism of semirings

$$\phi_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta} : K^+[G(\mathcal{P}_\alpha)] \xrightarrow{\sim} K^+[G(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta})]$$

also restricts to an isomorphism of semirings

$$\phi_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta} : K^+[\pi_0(\iota_\alpha G(\mathcal{P}_\alpha))] \xrightarrow{\sim} K^+[\pi_0(\iota_\beta G(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}))].$$

Still, in general, for a finite group G , $\text{dim} : K^+[G] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ does not determine the isomorphism class of G - for instance the dihedral group D_8 of order 8 and the quaternion group \mathbb{H}_8 have the same character table hence *a fortiori*, the same semiring $\text{dim} : K^+[G] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$. So, we really need to carry out the non-formal analysis of Subsection 3.3.

- (4) If instead of a single $\mathcal{P}_\alpha \in \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha})$ one considers the whole Tannaka category $\mathcal{T}_\alpha := \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha})$, one gets a canonical isomorphisms (of pro-algebraic groups)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 1 & \longrightarrow & \pi_0(G(\overline{\mathcal{T}}_\alpha)) & \longrightarrow & \pi_0(G(\mathcal{T}_\alpha)) & \longrightarrow & \pi_0(G(\mathcal{T}_{\alpha,00})) \longrightarrow 1 \\ & & \downarrow \simeq & & \downarrow \simeq & & \downarrow \simeq \\ 1 & \longrightarrow & X(\bar{k})^\vee & \longrightarrow & X(\bar{k})^\vee \times \pi_1(k) & \longrightarrow & \pi_1(k) \longrightarrow 1, \end{array}$$

as well as isomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned} \iota_\alpha G^\circ(\overline{\mathcal{T}}_\alpha) (= \lim \iota_\alpha \overline{G}^\circ(\mathcal{P}_\alpha)) &\simeq (\lim \iota_\beta \overline{G}^\circ(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}) =) \iota_\beta G^\circ(\overline{\mathcal{T}}_\beta). \\ \iota_\alpha G^\circ(\mathcal{T}_\alpha) (= \lim \iota_\alpha G^\circ(\mathcal{P}_\alpha)) &\simeq (\lim \iota_\beta G^\circ(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}) =) \iota_\beta G^\circ(\mathcal{T}_\beta). \end{aligned}$$

- (5) For every $\mathcal{P}_\alpha \in \text{Perv}_{\text{int}}^{\text{ss}}(X, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell_\alpha})$ there exists a finite field extension Q of \mathbb{Q} such that $\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta}$, $\beta \in A$ is Q -compatible (in the sense of [Fu00]). One may then ask whether, up to replacing Q by a finite field extension, the common $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ -form G of the $G(\mathcal{P}_{\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta})$, $\beta \in A$ descends to Q (compare with [Ch04, Thm. 1.4]).
- (6) For the Tannaka category of $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$ -local systems on smooth varieties X , stronger ℓ -independence results hold - see [Dr18]. One may ask whether the enhanced reconstruction result à la Kazhan-Larsen-Varshavsky [Dr12, Thm. 4.3.7] could be adapted to the setting of perverse $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$ -sheaves on abelian varieties to show the A -independence of $\iota_\alpha G(\mathcal{P}_\alpha)$.
- (7) One may also ask whether similar A -independence results hold for the Tannaka categories of perverse sheaves on arbitrary commutative algebraic groups X over k .

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