

# Abelian Sheaves and Picard Stacks

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The image shows two commutative diagrams. The left diagram is a square with vertices  $\mathcal{P}^3$  (top-left),  $\mathcal{P}^2$  (top-right),  $\mathcal{P}^2$  (bottom-left), and  $\mathcal{P}$  (bottom-right). The top arrow is  $\text{id} \times \otimes$ , the right arrow is  $\otimes$ , the bottom arrow is  $\otimes$ , and the left arrow is  $\otimes \times \text{id}$ . A diagonal arrow labeled  $a$  points from the top-left to the bottom-right. The right diagram is a triangle with vertices  $\mathcal{P}^2$  (top-left),  $\mathcal{P}^2$  (top-right), and  $\mathcal{P}$  (bottom). The top arrow is  $\text{flip}$ , the left arrow is  $\otimes$ , and the right arrow is  $\otimes$ . A diagonal arrow labeled  $c$  points from the top-left to the bottom-right.

satisfying:

- $- \otimes X : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$  is an equivalence for all  $X \in \mathcal{P}$ ,
- pentagon identity,
- hexagon identities,
- $c_{Y,X} \circ c_{X,Y} = \text{id}_{X \otimes Y}$  for all  $X, Y \in \mathcal{P}$ ,
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- [Artin-Mazur], [Dugger-Hollander-Isaksen].

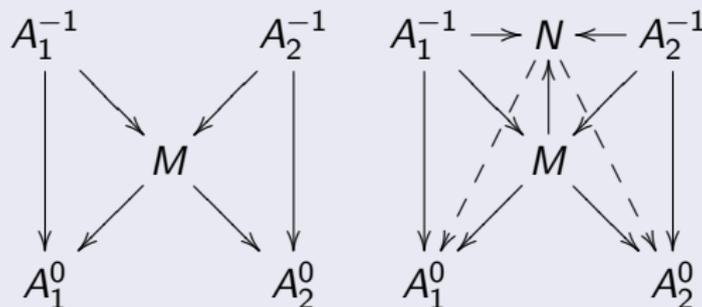
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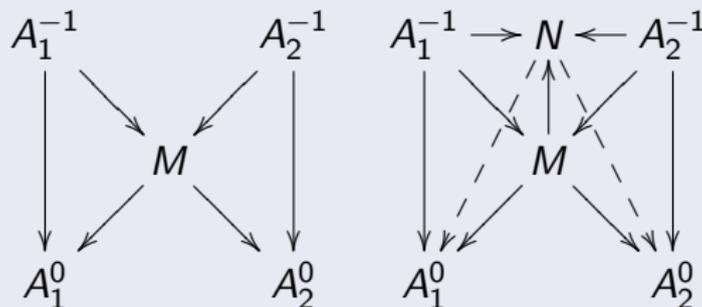
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**Remark:** Butterflies and non-abelian version of the structure theorem by Aldrovandi and Noohi.

## Corollary

*The functor  $\mathrm{ch}$  induces an equivalence*

$$D^{[-1,0]}(S) \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathrm{PIC}^b(S)$$

*of categories where*

- $D^{[-1,0]}(S)$  is the subcategory of the derived category of category of complexes of abelian sheaves  $A^\bullet$  over a site  $S$  with  $H^{-i}(A^\bullet) \neq 0$  only for  $i = 0, 1$
- $\mathrm{PIC}^b(S)$  is the category of Picard stacks over  $S$  with 1-morphisms isomorphism classes of additive functors.

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- $\otimes : \mathbb{P} \times \mathbb{P} \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}$  is a 2-functor,
- $a$  is the natural 2-transformation and  $\pi$  is the modification defining the monoidal structure,
- $c$  is the natural 2-transformation and  $\mathfrak{h}_1, \mathfrak{h}_2$  are the modifications defining the braiding structure,
- $\zeta$  is the modification defining the functorial 2-morphism of symmetry,

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- $\eta$  is the modification defining the functorial 2-morphism of Picard,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{c_{X,X}} & \\ X \otimes X & \Downarrow \eta_X & X \otimes X \\ & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & \end{array}$$

satisfying conditions

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**Observation**: natural 2-transformations are invertible up to a modifications and modifications are strictly invertible.

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We are going to define...

the tricategory of length 3 complexes of abelian sheaves

$$A^\bullet : A^{-2} \longrightarrow A^{-1} \longrightarrow A^0$$

denoted by  $\mathbb{T}^{[-2,0]}(\mathcal{S})$ .

# Hom-bigroupoid of Fractions

For any  $A^\bullet$  and  $B^\bullet$ , the hom-bicategory of  $\mathbb{T}^{[-2,0]}(S)$  is the bigroupoid denoted by  $\text{Frac}(A^\bullet, B^\bullet)$  whose

- objects,
- 1-morphisms,
- 2-morphisms,

are defined as . . .

# Objects of $\text{Frac}(A^\bullet, B^\bullet)$

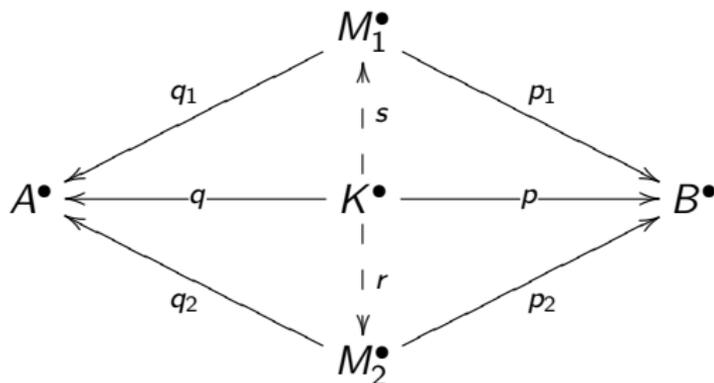
- Objects are ordered triples  $(q, M^\bullet, p)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & M^\bullet & \\ q \swarrow & & \searrow p \\ A^\bullet & & B^\bullet \end{array}$$

$M^\bullet$  complex,  $p$  morphism of complexes, and  $q$  quasi-isomorphism.

# 1-morphisms of $\text{Frac}(A^\bullet, B^\bullet)$

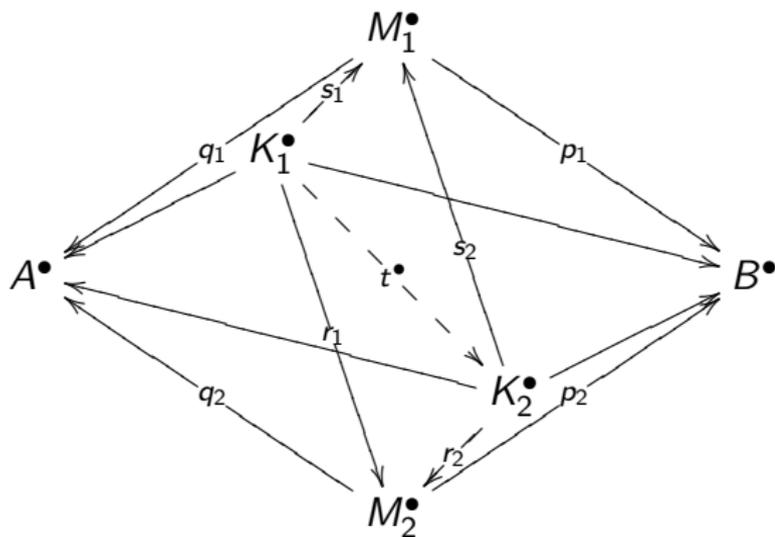
- 1-morphisms  $(q_1, M_1^\bullet, p_1) \rightarrow (q_2, M_2^\bullet, p_2)$  are ordered triples  $(r, K^\bullet, s)$  such that the diagram commutes.



$K^\bullet$  complex,  $r$  and  $s$  quasi-isomorphisms.

## 2-morphisms of $\text{Frac}(A^\bullet, B^\bullet)$

- 2-morphisms  $(r_1, K_1^\bullet, s_1) \Rightarrow (r_2, K_2^\bullet, s_2)$  are isomorphisms  $t^\bullet : K_1^\bullet \rightarrow K_2^\bullet$  of complexes such that the diagram commutes.



# Strict Subcategory of $\mathcal{T}^{[-2,0]}(\mathcal{S})$

$\mathcal{T}^{[-2,0]}(\mathcal{S})$  has a strict subcategory  $\mathcal{C}^{[-2,0]}(\mathcal{S})$  whose objects are same as  $\mathcal{T}^{[-2,0]}(\mathcal{S})$  and whose hom-bicategory  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}^{[-2,0]}(\mathcal{S})}(A^\bullet, B^\bullet)$  is the 2-groupoid associated to the complex

$$\text{Hom}^{-2}(A^\bullet, B^\bullet) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}^{-1}(A^\bullet, B^\bullet) \longrightarrow Z^0(\text{Hom}^0(A^\bullet, B^\bullet))$$

Explicitly,  $\mathcal{C}^{[-2,0]}(\mathcal{S})$  has

- *objects*: complexes of abelian sheaves,
- *1-morphisms*: morphism of complexes
- *2-morphisms*: homotopies
- *3-morphisms*: homotopies of homotopies

$\mathcal{C}^{[-2,0]}(\mathcal{S})$  is a **3-category**.

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## Theorem (A.E.T.)

*The trihomomorphism*

$$2\text{ch} : \mathbb{T}^{[-2,0]}(\mathcal{S}) \longrightarrow 2\text{PIC}(\mathcal{S})$$

*defined by sending  $A^\bullet$  to  $[A^\bullet]^\sim$  is a triequivalence.*

## Proof.

- Construct the trihomomorphism  $2\text{ch}$  on  $\mathbb{C}^{[-2,0]}(\mathcal{S})$ .
- For any  $A^\bullet$  and  $B^\bullet$ , and for any morphism  $F : [A^\bullet]^\sim \rightarrow [B^\bullet]^\sim$ , there exists a fraction  $(q, M^\bullet, p)$  such that  $F \circ 2\text{ch}(q) \simeq 2\text{ch}(p)$ .
- Use the 2<sup>nd</sup> step and the observation that  $2\text{ch}$  sends quasi-isomorphisms to equivalences, to extend  $2\text{ch}$  onto  $\mathbb{T}^{[-2,0]}(\mathcal{S})$ .
- Verify that  $2\text{ch}$  is essentially surjective.



## Corollary

The functor  $2\text{ch}$  induces an equivalence

$$2\text{ch}^{\text{bb}} : D^{[-2,0]}(S) \longrightarrow 2\text{PIC}^{\text{bb}}(S)$$

of categories where

- $2\text{PIC}^{\text{bb}}(S)$ : the **category of Picard 2-stacks** obtained from  $2\text{PIC}(S)$  by ignoring the modifications and taking as morphisms the equivalence classes of additive 2-functors.
- $D^{[-2,0]}(S)$ : the **subcategory of the derived category** of category of complexes of abelian sheaves  $A^\bullet$  over  $S$  with  $H^{-i}(A^\bullet) \neq 0$  for  $i = 0, 1, 2$ .

## Proof.

$$\pi_0(\text{Frac}(A^\bullet, B^\bullet)) \simeq \text{Hom}_{D^{[-2,0]}(S)}(A^\bullet, B^\bullet) \quad \square$$

- **The trihomomorphism  $2_{\text{ch}}$  on  $\mathcal{C}^{[-2,0]}(\mathcal{S})$  is not a triequivalence.** Not all morphisms of Picard 2-stacks are obtained from a morphism of complexes of abelian sheaves. Therefore the 1-morphisms in  $\mathcal{C}^{[-2,0]}(\mathcal{S})$  are not geometric.

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|                                | $\mathbf{T}^{[-2,0]}(\mathcal{S})$ | $\mathbf{2Pic}(\mathcal{S})$ |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>3-categorical structure</b> | weak                               | strict                       |
| <b>objects</b>                 | simple                             | complicated                  |
| <b>morphisms</b>               | complicated                        | simple                       |

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# Some Ideas for Future Work

- Tensor product of Picard 2-stacks.
- Extensions of gr-stacks by gr-stacks.
- Biextensions of length 3 complexes of abelian sheaves.