

On generalizations of an old theorem of Rickard's

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Question (Krause 2018): Is there an algorithm to produce $\mathbf{D}^b(R\text{-mod})$ out of $\mathbf{D}^b(R\text{-proj})$?



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In the remainder of the slides we only consider the “preferred” \mathcal{T}^- , \mathcal{T}^+ and \mathcal{T}^b .

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Projective resolutions—a different perspective

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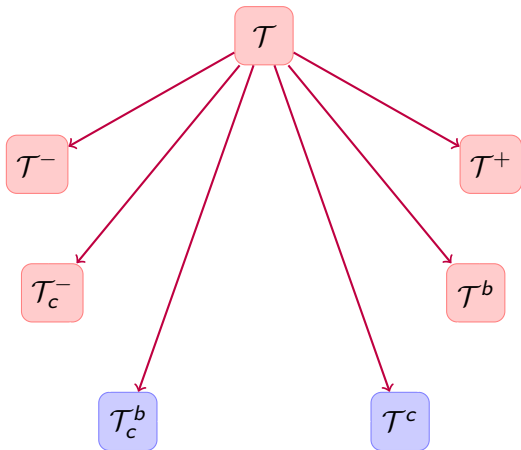
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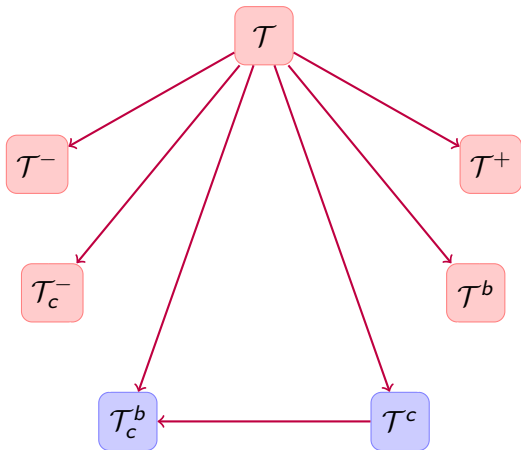
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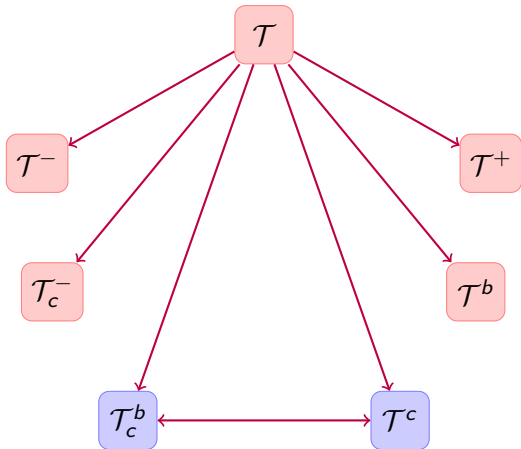
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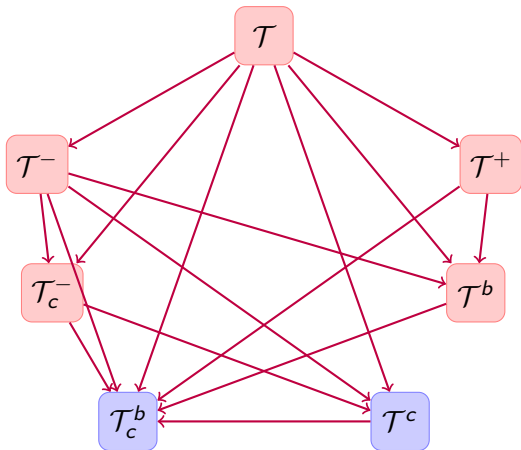
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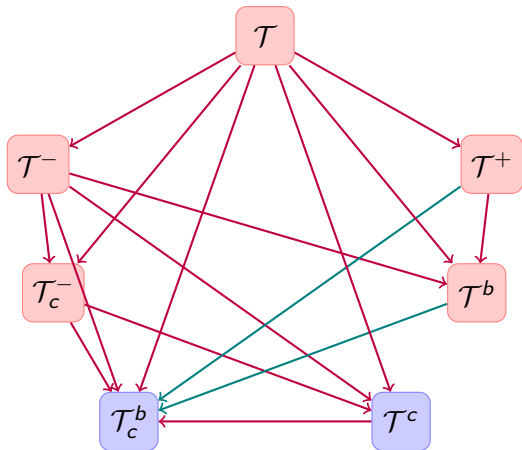
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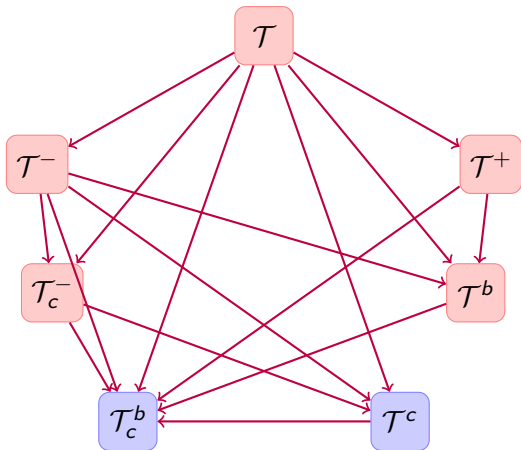
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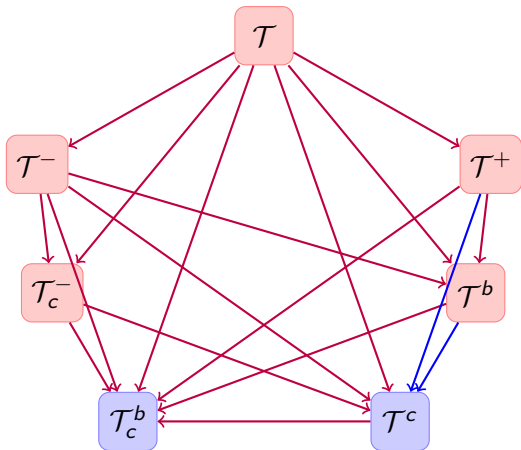
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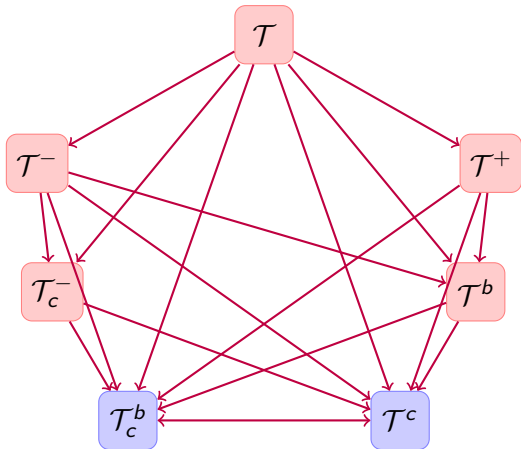
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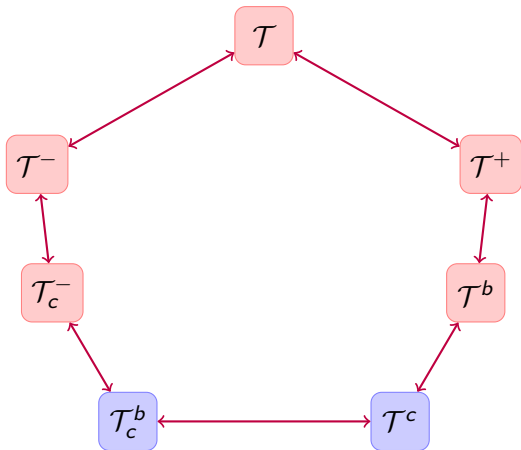
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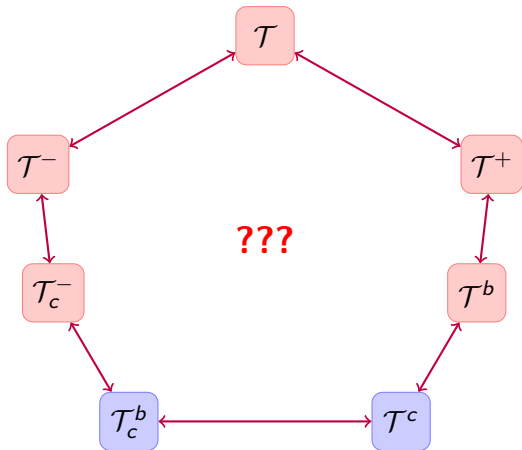
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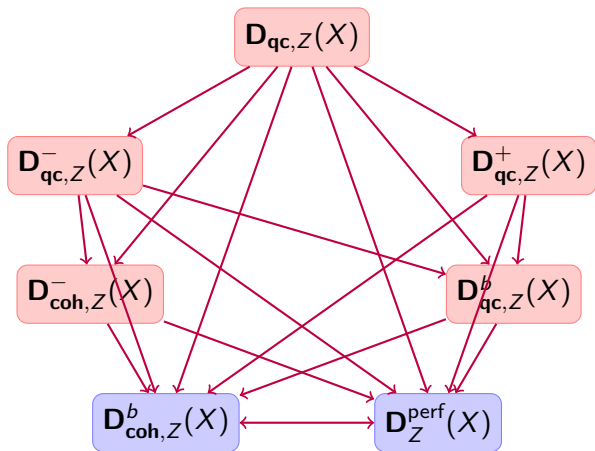
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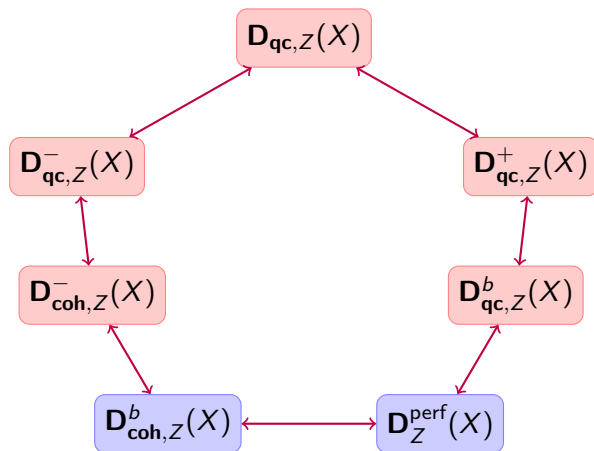
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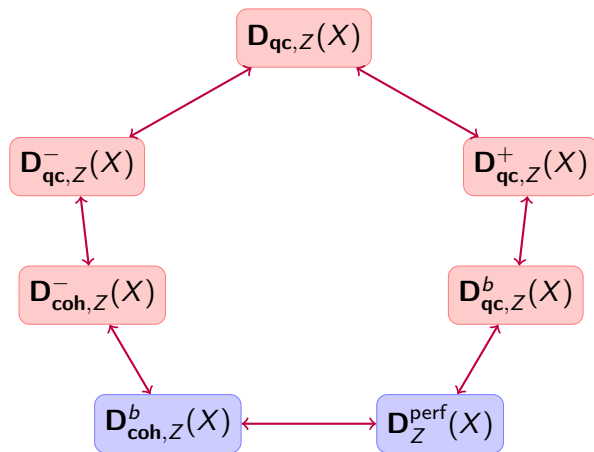
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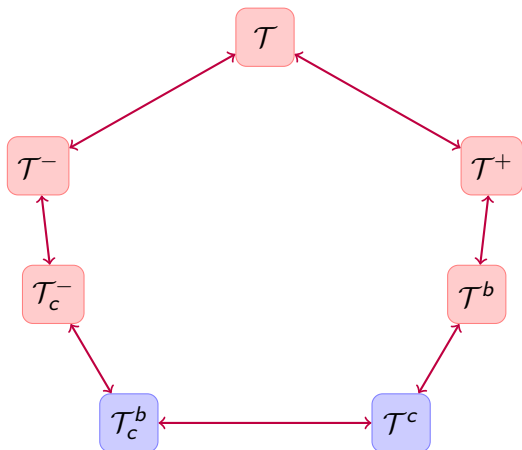
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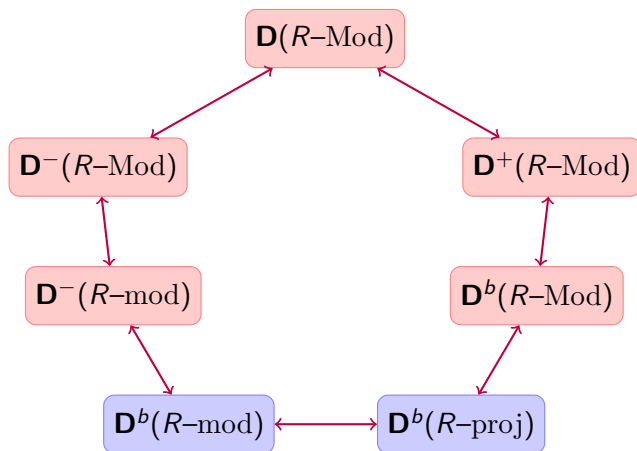
Example not from representation theory or algebraic geometry

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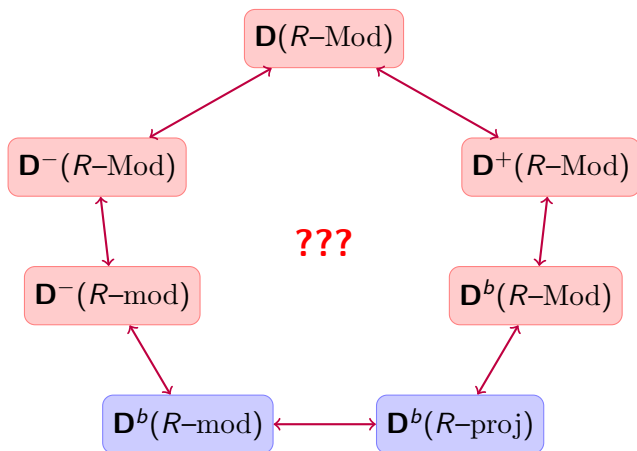
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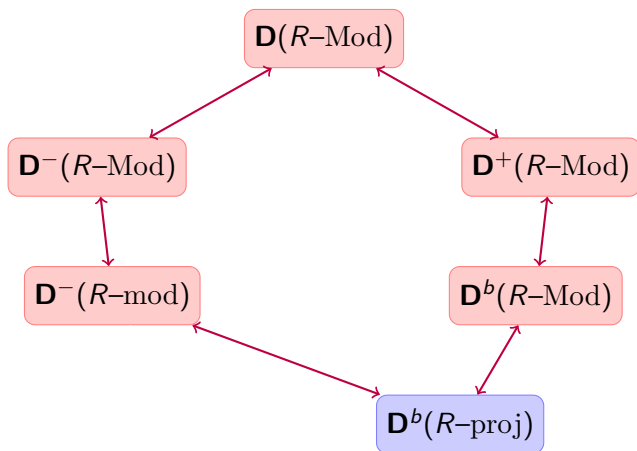
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