

# Gabriel-Popescu Theorem revisited

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P. Gabriel, N. Popescu, *Caractérisation des catégories abéliennes avec générateurs et limites inductives exactes*, C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris **258** (1964), 4188–4190.

## Theorem (Gabriel-Popescu)

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a Grothendieck category with a generator  $G$ ,  $R = \text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}(G)$  and  $\text{Mod}(R)$  the category of unitary right  $R$ -modules. Then  $T = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(G, -) : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \text{Mod}(R)$  is fully faithful and has an exact left adjoint  $S$ .

- The proof is inspired by a result by Giraud, which characterizes Grothendieck toposes.
- The original proof seemed rather complicated, especially the part on the exactness of the functor  $S$ .

# A bit of history

Revisited by several authors:



M. Takeuchi, *A simple proof of Gabriel and Popesco's theorem*, *J. Algebra* **18** (1971), 112–113.

It keeps the first part of the original proof and simplifies the part on the exactness of the left adjoint  $S$  of  $T$ .



F. Ulmer, *A flatness criterion in Grothendieck categories*, *Invent. Math.* **19** (1973), 331–336.

It gives an exactness criterion for the left adjoint  $S$  of  $T$ .



B. Mitchell, *A quick proof of the Gabriel-Popescu theorem*, *J. Pure Appl. Algebra* **20** (1981), 313–315.

It uses some different ideas: an ingenious lemma and the result that every Grothendieck category has enough injective objects, already known from Grothendieck's Tôhoku paper from 1957.

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# Gabriel-Popescu Theorem in more general categories

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-  Y. Imamura, *Grothendieck enriched categories*, Appl. Categ. Struct. **30** (2022), 1017–1041.
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Main ingredients: generalized Mitchell Lemma and one-sided exact categories.

- Rosenberg 2007, Rump 2010, 2011, Henrard-van Roosmalen 2019

## Definition (Bazzoni-C. 2013)

An *inflation-exact category* is an additive category  $\mathcal{C}$  endowed with a distinguished class of kernels, called *inflations* and denoted by  $\twoheadrightarrow$ , satisfying the axioms:

[R0] The identity morphism  $1_0 : 0 \rightarrow 0$  is an inflation.

[R1] The composition of any two inflations is again an inflation.

[R2] The pushout of any inflation along an arbitrary morphism exists and is again an inflation.

The pushout of an inflation  $i : A \twoheadrightarrow B$  along  $A \rightarrow 0$  yields its cokernel  $d : B \rightarrow C$ , called *deflation* and denoted by  $d : B \twoheadrightarrow C$ . Then the kernel-cokernel pair  $A \twoheadrightarrow B \twoheadrightarrow C$  is called *conflation*.

A *strongly inflation-exact category* is an inflation-exact category  $\mathcal{C}$  satisfying:

[R3] If  $i : A \rightarrow B$  and  $p : B \rightarrow C$  are morphisms in  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $i$  has a cokernel and  $pi$  is an inflation, then  $i$  is an inflation.

Many homological lemmas still hold in strongly inflation-exact categories:

Short Five Lemma,  $3 \times 3$  Lemma.

A full subcategory of an additive category is *coreflective* if the inclusion functor has a right adjoint.

## Theorem (Cortés-Izurdiaga-C.-Saorín 2023)

*Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an additive category such that every morphism has a pseudokernel and a pseudocokernel. Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}$ . Consider the following statements:*

- 1  $\mathcal{B}$  is a coreflective subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}$ .
- 2  $\mathcal{B}$  is precovering, closed under direct summands and every morphism in  $\mathcal{B}$  has a pseudocokernel in  $\mathcal{C}$  which belongs to  $\mathcal{B}$ .

*Then (1)  $\implies$  (2). If  $\mathcal{C}$  has split idempotents, then (2)  $\implies$  (1).*

# Coreflective subcategories revisited

## Corollary (Cortés-Izurdiaga-C.-Saorín 2023)

*Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a preabelian category and  $\mathcal{B}$  be an additive subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then  $\mathcal{B}$  is coreflective iff it is precovering and closed under cokernels.*

If  $\mathcal{U}$  is a set of objects of an abelian category, then  $\text{Gen}(\mathcal{U})$  is a coreflective subcategory.

## Corollary (Cortés-Izurdiaga-C.-Saorín 2023)

- 1 *Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a set of objects of an AB3 abelian category  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then  $\text{Pres}(\mathcal{U})$  is a coreflective subcategory iff  $\text{Pres}(\mathcal{U})$  is closed under cokernels in  $\mathcal{A}$ .*
- 2 *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a Grothendieck category. Then  $\text{fg}(\mathcal{A})$  is a skeletally small subcategory, and  $\text{Gen}(\text{fg}(\mathcal{A})) = \text{Pres}(\text{fg}(\mathcal{A}))$  is a coreflective subcategory.*
- 3 *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a Grothendieck category. Then  $\text{fp}(\mathcal{A})$  is a skeletally small subcategory, and  $\text{Pres}(\text{fp}(\mathcal{A}))$  is a coreflective subcategory.*



## Question

What (one-sided) exact structure to consider on a coreflective subcategory of an AB5 category to be compatible with direct limits?

An additive category is *right quasi-abelian* if it is preabelian, and the pushout of a kernel along an arbitrary morphism is again a kernel (Schneiders, Rump).

Coreflective subcategories are right quasi-abelian categories, and the class of all kernel-cokernel pairs define an inflation-exact structure.

## Example (González-Férez-Marín 2011)

Let  $R$  be a non-unital ring and consider the category  $\text{Mod}(R)$  of right  $R$ -modules  $M$  such that  $M \otimes_R R \cong M$  (*firm* modules). Then  $\text{Mod}(R)$  is a coreflective subcategory of the AB5 category  $\text{Mod}(R^*)$  of right  $R^*$ -modules over the unitary Dorroh extension  $R^*$  of  $R$ , but in general direct limits are not exact in  $\text{Mod}(R)$ .

## Proposition (Bazzoni-C. 2013)

*Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a strongly inflation-exact category,  $\mathcal{D}$  a right quasi-abelian category (in particular, a coreflective full subcategory), and  $L : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  an additive functor which preserves cokernels (in particular, a left adjoint). Then there is an induced strongly inflation-exact structure on  $\mathcal{D}$  defined by the property:*

*A kernel  $j$  in  $\mathcal{D}$  is an inflation iff  $L(j)$  is an inflation in  $\mathcal{C}$ .*

A functor between inflation-exact categories is *conflation-exact* if it preserves conflations.

## Lemma (C.-Năstăsescu)

*Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an AB5 category endowed with the exact structure given by all short exact sequences, and  $\mathcal{Q}$  a coreflective full subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$  endowed with the strongly inflation-exact structure induced from  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then direct limits are conflation-exact in  $\mathcal{Q}$ .*

- $\mathcal{C}$ : additive category
- $\mathcal{A}$ : AB5 category  
(abelian with coproducts and exact direct limits)
- $\mathcal{U}$ : set of objects of  $\mathcal{A}$
- $\text{Gen}(\mathcal{U})$ : the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of the  $\mathcal{U}$ -generated objects
- $\text{Pres}(\mathcal{U})$  is the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of the  $\mathcal{U}$ -presented objects
- $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{U}}$ : the class of objects  $M$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that for every morphism  $f : \bigoplus_{U \in F} U \rightarrow M$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $F$  a finite subset of  $\mathcal{U}$ ,  $\text{Ker}(f) \in \text{Gen}(\mathcal{U})$ .
- $(\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab})$ : the category of additive contravariant functors from  $\mathcal{U}$  to  $\text{Ab}$ , which has the generating family of f.g. projective objects  $(h_U)_{U \in \mathcal{U}}$
- $T : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow (\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab})$  is given by  $T(X) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(-, X)|_{\mathcal{U}}$  on objects  $X$ ,  $T(f) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(-, f)|_{\mathcal{U}} : T(X) \rightarrow T(Y)$  on morphisms  $f : X \rightarrow Y$
- $T$  has a left adjoint  $S : (\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab}) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$   
Denote by  $\nu : ST \rightarrow 1_{\mathcal{A}}$  the counit of the adjunction  $(S, T)$
- $\text{Stat}(T)$  is the class of objects  $A$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\nu_A$  is an isomorphism
- $\text{Ker}(S)$  is the class of objects  $K$  in  $(\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab})$  such that  $S(K) = 0$

# An adjoint functor theorem

## Theorem (C.-Năstăsescu)

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an additive category with cokernels,  $\mathcal{U}$  a set of objects of  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $T : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow (\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab})$  an additive functor. The following are equivalent:

- ①  $T$  has a left adjoint  $S : (\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  such that  $S(h_U) = U$  for every  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ .
- ②
  - ① There exists a natural isomorphism  $T \cong H$ , where  $H : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow (\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab})$  is the functor defined by  $H(X) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, X)|_{\mathcal{U}}$  on objects  $X$  of  $\mathcal{C}$ , and correspondingly on morphisms.
  - ② There exists the coproduct in  $\mathcal{C}$  of any family of objects in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

## Corollary (C.-Năstăsescu)

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be cocomplete, and  $\mathcal{U}$  a set of objects of  $\mathcal{C}$ . Let  $T : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow (\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab})$  be given by  $T(X) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, X)|_{\mathcal{U}}$  on objects, and correspondingly on morphisms, and let  $S : (\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  be its left adjoint.

Let  $\mathcal{Q}$  be a coreflective full subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{Q}$ . Then  $\text{Im}(S) \subseteq \mathcal{Q}$ , and there are 3 pairs of adjoint functors  $(S, T)$ ,  $(i, q)$  and  $(S', T')$  such that  $T' = Ti$  and  $iS' = S$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{C} & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{T} \\ \xleftarrow{S} \end{array} & (\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab}) \\
 \uparrow i & \begin{array}{c} \parallel \\ \downarrow q \end{array} & \parallel \\
 \mathcal{Q} & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{T'} \\ \xleftarrow{S'} \end{array} & (\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab})
 \end{array}$$

## Lemma (C.-Năstăsescu-L. Năstăsescu 2012)

Let  $\mathcal{U} = (U_i)_{i \in I}$ ,  $A$  and  $B$  objects of  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $A \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{U}}$ ,  $M$  a subobject of  $T(A)$  and  $G : M \rightarrow T(B)$  a morphism in  $(\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab})$ . For every  $\alpha \in \Lambda = \bigcup_{i \in I} M(U_i)$ , denote by  $i_\alpha : U_i \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\beta \in \Lambda} U_\beta$  the canonical injection, where  $U_\beta = U_i$  for  $\beta \in M(U_i)$ . Let  $\psi : \bigoplus_{\beta \in \Lambda} U_\beta \rightarrow A$  be the unique morphism such that  $\psi i_\beta = \alpha$  for every  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , and  $\phi : \bigoplus_{\beta \in \Lambda} U_\beta \rightarrow B$  the unique morphism such that  $\phi i_\alpha = G_{U_i}(\alpha)$  for every  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ . Then  $\phi$  factors through  $\text{Im}(\psi)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 M \hookrightarrow T(A) & & \bigoplus_{\beta \in \Lambda} U_\beta \xrightarrow{\psi} A \\
 \downarrow G & & \downarrow \phi \\
 T(B) & & B
 \end{array}$$

# Generalized Mitchell Lemma

If  $\mathcal{U} = \{U\}$  and  $\text{Gen}(\mathcal{U}) = \mathcal{A}$  one obtains the Mitchell Lemma.

## Lemma (Mitchell 1981)

*Let  $A$  and  $B$  be objects of a Grothendieck category  $\mathcal{A}$  with generator  $U$  and  $R = \text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}(U)$ ,  $M$  a submodule of  $T(A) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(U, A)$  and  $g : M \rightarrow T(B)$  an  $R$ -homomorphism. For every  $m \in M$ , denote by  $i_m : U \rightarrow \bigoplus_{m \in M} U_m$  the canonical injection, where  $U_m = U$  for  $m \in M$ . Let  $\psi : \bigoplus_{m \in M} U \rightarrow A$  be the unique morphism such that  $\psi i_m = m$  for every  $m \in M$ , and  $\phi : \bigoplus_{m \in M} U \rightarrow B$  the unique morphism such that  $\phi i_m = g(m)$  for every  $m \in M$ . Then  $\phi$  factors through  $\text{Im}(\psi)$ .*

## Corollary (C.-Năstăsescu)

$\text{Gen}(\mathcal{U}) \cap \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{U}} \subseteq \text{Stat}(T)$ .

## Lemma (C.-Năstăsescu)

*Let  $A \in \text{Gen}(\mathcal{U}) \cap \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{U}}$ ,  $M$  a subobject of  $T(A)$ , and  $i_A : M \rightarrow T(A)$  the inclusion morphism. Then  $S(i_A) : S(M) \rightarrow ST(A)$  is an inflation in  $\text{Gen}(\mathcal{U})$ .*

If  $\mathcal{U} = \{U\}$  and  $\text{Gen}(\mathcal{U}) = \mathcal{A}$  one obtains the Takeuchi Lemma.

## Lemma (Takeuchi 1971)

*Let  $A$  be an object of a Grothendieck category  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $M$  a subobject of  $T(A)$ , and  $i_A : M \rightarrow T(A)$  the inclusion morphism. Then  $S(i_A) : S(M) \rightarrow ST(A)$  is a monomorphism in  $\mathcal{A}$ .*



## Theorem (C.-Năstăsescu)

Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a small preadditive category,  $\mathcal{C}$  a strongly inflation-exact category having colimits and conflation-exact direct limits, and let  $F : (\mathcal{V}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  be a functor which preserves colimits. Then the following are equivalent:

- 1  $F$  is conflation-exact.
- 2 For every object  $V$  of  $\mathcal{V}$  and every f.g. subfunctor  $K$  of  $h_V$ ,  $F(I)$  is an inflation in  $\mathcal{C}$ , where  $I : K \rightarrow h_V$  is the inclusion.

## Theorem (C.-Năstăsescu)

Assume that  $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{Q}$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- 1 The functor  $S' : (\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab}) \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}$  is conflation-exact.
- 2 For every object  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  and every f.g. subfunctor  $K$  of  $h_U$ ,  $S'(I)$  is an inflation in  $\mathcal{Q}$ , where  $I : K \rightarrow h_U$  is the inclusion.

If  $\mathcal{Q} \subseteq \text{Gen}(\mathcal{U})$ , then they are further equivalent to:

- 3  $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{U}}$ .

If  $\mathcal{Q} = \text{Gen}(\mathcal{U}) = \mathcal{A}$  one obtains the Ulmer Theorem.

## Theorem (Ulmer 1973)

The functor  $S : (\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab}) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is exact iff  $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{U}}$ .

## Theorem (C.-Năstăsescu)

Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a set of objects of an AB5 category  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{U}}$ . Then:

- 1 There exists a unique coreflective full subcategory  $\mathcal{Q}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{Q} \subseteq \text{Gen}(\mathcal{U}) \cap \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{U}}$ , namely

$$\mathcal{Q} = \text{Stat}(T) = \text{Im}(S) = \text{Pres}(\mathcal{U}) \cap \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{U}} = \text{Gen}(\mathcal{U}) \cap \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{U}}.$$

- 2  $T' : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow (\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab})$  is fully faithful, and its left adjoint  $S' : (\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab}) \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}$  is conflation-exact.
- 3  $T'$  induces an equivalence between  $\mathcal{Q}$  and the full subcategory of  $\text{Ker}(S')$ -closed objects of  $(\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab})$ .

[An object  $M$  of  $(\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab})$  is  $\text{Ker}(S')$ -closed if for every morphism  $g : X \rightarrow X'$  in  $(\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab})$  with  $\text{Ker}(g), \text{Coker}(g) \in \text{Ker}(S')$ , every morphism  $X \rightarrow M$  extends uniquely to a morphism  $X' \rightarrow M$ .]

Corollary (Gabriel-Popescu 1964; Prest 1980; Kuhn 1994)

*Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a Grothendieck category with a generating set of objects  $\mathcal{U}$ . Then the functor  $T : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow (\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab})$  is fully faithful, and has an exact left adjoint  $S$ . Moreover,  $T$  induces an equivalence between  $\mathcal{A}$  and the full subcategory of  $\text{Ker}(S)$ -closed objects of  $(\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab})$ .*

In this case  $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \text{Gen}(\mathcal{U}) \cap \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{U}} = \mathcal{A}$ . The induced strongly inflation-exact structure in  $\mathcal{A}$  coincides with the usual exact structure in  $\mathcal{A}$  given by all short exact sequences, and so the left adjoint  $S$  of  $T$  is an exact functor in the usual sense.

# Equivalence of categories

$\mathcal{U}$  is *self-small* if the canonical map  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(U, U_i) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(U, \bigoplus_{i \in I} U_i)$  is an isomorphism for every object  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  and every family  $(U_i)_{i \in I}$  of objects of  $\mathcal{U}$ .

## Corollary (C.-Năstăsescu)

Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a set of objects of an AB5 category  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{U}}$ , and let  $\mathcal{Q} = \text{Gen}(\mathcal{U}) \cap \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{U}}$ . Then the functor  $T' : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow (\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab})$  is an equivalence of categories iff  $\mathcal{U}$  is a self-small set of projective objects of  $\mathcal{Q}$ .

$\mathcal{U}$  is a set of *progenerators* of  $\mathcal{A}$  if  $\mathcal{U}$  is a self-small set of projective generators of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

## Corollary (Menini 1988)

Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a set of objects of a Grothendieck category  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then the functor  $T : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow (\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab})$  is an equivalence of categories iff  $\mathcal{U}$  is a set of *progenerators* of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Proposition (C.-Năstăsescu; Cortés-Izurdiaga-C.-Saorín 2023)

*The following are equivalent:*

- 1  $\text{Gen}(\mathcal{U}) \subseteq \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{U}}$ .
- 2 For every  $A \in \text{Gen}(\mathcal{U})$  and for every epimorphism  $f : \bigoplus_{i \in I} U_i \rightarrow A$  with  $U_i \in \mathcal{U}$  for every  $i \in I$ ,  $\text{Ker}(f) \in \text{Gen}(\mathcal{U})$ .
- 3 For every  $A \in \text{Gen}(\mathcal{U})$  and for every epimorphism  $f : B \rightarrow A$  with  $B \in \text{Gen}(\mathcal{U})$ ,  $\text{Ker}(f) \in \text{Gen}(\mathcal{U})$ .
- 4 Every cokernel in  $\text{Gen}(\mathcal{U})$  is a deflation.
- 5  $\text{Gen}(\mathcal{U})$  is a left quasi-abelian category.

*If  $\text{Gen}(\mathcal{U})$  is an abelian (exact) subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$ , then  $\text{Gen}(\mathcal{U}) \subseteq \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{U}}$  and  $\text{Gen}(\mathcal{U})$  is a Grothendieck category.*

## Proposition (C.-Năstăsescu)

*The following are equivalent:*

- 1  $\text{Pres}(\mathcal{U}) \subseteq \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{U}}$ .
- 2  $\text{Pres}(\mathcal{U})$  is a coreflective subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$ , and for every  $A \in \text{Pres}(\mathcal{U})$  and for every epimorphism  $f : \bigoplus_{i \in I} U_i \rightarrow A$  with  $U_i \in \mathcal{U}$  for every  $i \in I$ ,  $\text{Ker}(f) \in \text{Gen}(\mathcal{U})$ .
- 3  $\text{Pres}(\mathcal{U})$  is a coreflective subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$ , and for every  $A \in \text{Pres}(\mathcal{U})$  and for every epimorphism  $f : B \rightarrow A$  with  $B \in \text{Gen}(\mathcal{U})$ ,  $\text{Ker}(f) \in \text{Gen}(\mathcal{U})$ .
- 4  $\text{Pres}(\mathcal{U})$  is a coreflective subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$ , and for every  $A \in \text{Pres}(\mathcal{U})$  and for every epimorphism  $f : B \rightarrow A$  with  $B \in \text{Pres}(\mathcal{U})$ ,  $\text{Ker}(f) \in \text{Gen}(\mathcal{U})$ .

*If  $\text{Pres}(\mathcal{U})$  is a coreflective abelian exact subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$ , then  $\text{Pres}(\mathcal{U}) \subseteq \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{U}}$  and  $\text{Pres}(\mathcal{U})$  is a Grothendieck category.*

The set  $\mathcal{U}$  is:

- 1 *tilting* if  $\text{Gen}(\mathcal{U}) = \mathcal{U}^\perp$  where  $\mathcal{U}^\perp$  is the class of objects  $A$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(-, A)|_{\mathcal{U}} = 0$  (Yoneda Ext).
- 2 *self-tilting* if  $\text{Gen}(\mathcal{U}) = \text{Pres}(\mathcal{U})$  and  $\mathcal{U}$  is  $w\text{-}\Sigma\mathcal{U}$ -projective.
- 3  *$w\text{-}\Sigma\mathcal{U}$ -projective* if every object of  $\mathcal{U}$  is  $w\text{-}\Sigma\mathcal{U}$ -projective, that is, it is projective with respect to short exact sequences  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i \in I} U_i \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  with  $U_i \in \mathcal{U}$  for every  $i \in I$  and  $K \in \text{Gen}(\mathcal{U})$ .

tilting  $\Rightarrow$  self-tilting  $\Rightarrow$   $w\text{-}\Sigma\mathcal{U}$ -projective.

## Corollary (C.-Năstăsescu)

Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a  $w\text{-}\Sigma\mathcal{U}$ -projective set in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then:

- 1  $\text{Gen}(\mathcal{U}) \subseteq \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{U}}$  iff  $\text{Gen}(\mathcal{U}) = \text{Pres}(\mathcal{U})$ .
- 2  $\text{Pres}(\mathcal{U})$  is a coreflective full subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\text{Pres}(\mathcal{U}) \subseteq \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{U}}$ .



## Corollary (C.-Năstăsescu)

- 1 Assume that  $\mathcal{U}$  is  $w$ - $\Sigma$ - $\mathcal{U}$ -projective. Then  $T' : \text{Pres}(\mathcal{U}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab})$  is fully faithful conflation-exact, and has a conflation-exact left adjoint. Moreover,  $T'$  induces an equivalence between  $\text{Pres}(\mathcal{U})$  and the full subcategory of  $\text{Ker}(S')$ -closed objects of  $(\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab})$ .
- 2 Assume that  $\mathcal{U}$  is self-tilting. Then  $T' : \text{Gen}(\mathcal{U}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab})$  is fully faithful conflation-exact, and has a conflation-exact left adjoint. Moreover,  $T'$  induces an equivalence between  $\text{Gen}(\mathcal{U})$  and the full subcategory of  $\text{Ker}(S')$ -closed objects of  $(\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab})$ .

## Corollary (C.-Năstăsescu)

- 1  $T$  induces an equivalence with inverse  $S'$  between  $\text{Pres}(\mathcal{U})$  and the full subcategory of  $\text{Ker}(S')$ -closed objects of  $(\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab})$  iff  $\mathcal{U}$  is  $w\text{-}\Sigma\text{-}\mathcal{U}$ -projective.
- 2  $T$  induces an equivalence with inverse  $S'$  between  $\text{Gen}(\mathcal{U})$  and the full subcategory of  $\text{Ker}(S')$ -closed objects of  $(\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab})$  iff  $\mathcal{U}$  is self-tilting.

## Corollary (C.-Năstăsescu)

Assume that  $\mathcal{A}$  has a family of cogenerators  $\mathcal{V}$ . Then:

- 1  $T$  induces an equivalence between  $\text{Pres}(\mathcal{U})$  and  $\text{Copres}(T(\mathcal{V}))$  iff  $\mathcal{U}$  is  $w$ - $\Sigma$ - $\mathcal{U}$ -projective.
- 2  $T$  induces an equivalence between  $\text{Gen}(\mathcal{U})$  and  $\text{Copres}(T(\mathcal{V}))$  iff  $\mathcal{U}$  is self-tilting.
- 3  $T$  induces an equivalence between  $\text{Pres}(\mathcal{U})$  and  $\text{Cogen}(T(\mathcal{V}))$  iff  $\mathcal{U}$  is self-small  $w$ - $\Sigma$ - $\mathcal{U}$ -projective.
- 4  $T$  induces an equivalence between  $\text{Gen}(\mathcal{U})$  and  $\text{Cogen}(T(\mathcal{V}))$  iff  $\mathcal{U}$  is self-small self-tilting.

## Corollary (C.-Năstăsescu)

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a Grothendieck category, let  $\mathcal{U} = \text{fp}(\mathcal{G})$  and let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a family of cogenerators of  $\mathcal{G}$ .

- 1 If  $\mathcal{U}$  is  $w\text{-}\Sigma\text{-}\mathcal{U}$ -projective, then  $T' : \text{Pres}(\mathcal{U}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab})$  is fully faithful conflation-exact, and has a conflation-exact left adjoint.
- 2  $T$  induces an equivalence between  $\text{Pres}(\mathcal{U})$  and  $\text{Cogen}(T(\mathcal{V}))$  iff  $\mathcal{U}$  is  $w\text{-}\Sigma\text{-}\mathcal{U}$ -projective.

## Corollary (C.-Năstăsescu)

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a Grothendieck category, let  $\mathcal{U} = \text{fg}(\mathcal{G})$  and let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a family of cogenerators of  $\mathcal{G}$ .

- 1 If  $\mathcal{U}$  is  $w\text{-}\Sigma\text{-}\mathcal{U}$ -projective, then  $T' : \text{Gen}(\mathcal{U}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{U}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab})$  is fully faithful conflation-exact, and has a conflation-exact left adjoint.
- 2  $T$  induces an equivalence between  $\text{Gen}(\mathcal{U})$  and  $\text{Cogen}(T(\mathcal{V}))$  iff  $\mathcal{U}$  is  $w\text{-}\Sigma\text{-}\mathcal{U}$ -projective.

## Corollary (Colpi 1990)

Let  $U$  be a right  $R$ -module with  $A = \text{End}_R(U)$ . Consider  $T = \text{Hom}_R(U, -) : \text{Mod}(R) \rightarrow \text{Mod}(A)$  and its restriction  $T'$ .

- 1 If  $U$  is  $w$ - $\Sigma$ -quasi-projective, then  $T' : \text{Pres}(U) \rightarrow \text{Mod}(A)$  is fully faithful conflation-exact, and has a conflation-exact left adjoint  $S' = - \otimes_A U : \text{Mod}(A) \rightarrow \text{Pres}(U)$ .
- 2 If  $U$  is self-tilting, then  $T' : \text{Gen}(U) \rightarrow \text{Mod}(A)$  is fully faithful conflation-exact, and has a conflation-exact left adjoint  $S' = - \otimes_A U : \text{Mod}(A) \rightarrow \text{Gen}(U)$ .

Corollary (Bazzoni 2010; Colpi 1990; Castaño-Iglesias-Gómez-Torrecillas-Wisbauer 2003)

Let  $U$  be a right  $R$ -module with  $A = \text{End}_R(U)$ , and let  $V$  be a cogenerator of  $\text{Mod}(R)$ . Let  $T = \text{Hom}_R(U, -) : \text{Mod}(R) \rightarrow \text{Mod}(A)$  and  $V^* = \text{Hom}_R(U, V)$ . Then:

- 1  $T$  induces an equivalence between  $\text{Pres}(U)$  and  $\text{Copres}(V^*)$  iff  $U$  is  $w$ - $\Sigma$ -quasi-projective.
- 2  $T$  induces an equivalence between  $\text{Gen}(U)$  and  $\text{Copres}(V^*)$  iff  $U$  is self-tilting.
- 3  $T$  induces an equivalence between  $\text{Pres}(U)$  and  $\text{Cogen}(V^*)$  iff  $U$  is self-small  $w$ - $\Sigma$ -quasi-projective.
- 4  $T$  induces an equivalence between  $\text{Gen}(U)$  and  $\text{Cogen}(V^*)$  iff  $U$  is self-small self-tilting.

Let  $R$  is an algebra over a commutative ring  $k$ , and let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $R$ -coring (in particular, a coalgebra over  $k$ ).

## Corollary (C.-Năstăsescu)

Let  $U$  be a right  $\mathcal{C}$ -comodule with  $A = \text{End}^{\mathcal{C}}(U)$ . Consider  $T = \text{Hom}^{\mathcal{C}}(U, -) : \mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow \text{Mod}(A)$  and its restriction  $T'$ .

- 1 Assume  $U$  is  $w$ - $\Sigma$ -quasi-projective. Then  $T' : \text{Pres}(U) \rightarrow \text{Mod}(A)$  is fully faithful conflation-exact, and has a conflation-exact left adjoint  $S' = - \otimes_A U : \text{Mod}(A) \rightarrow \text{Pres}(U)$ .
- 2 Assume  $U$  is self-tilting. Then  $T' : \text{Gen}(U) \rightarrow \text{Mod}(A)$  is fully faithful conflation-exact, and has a conflation-exact left adjoint  $S' = - \otimes_A U : \text{Mod}(A) \rightarrow \text{Gen}(U)$ .

Corollary (C.-Năstăsescu; Brzeziński-Wisbauer 2003;  
Castaño-Iglesias-Gómez-Torrecillas-Wisbauer 2003)

Let  $U$  be a right  $\mathcal{C}$ -comodule with  $A = \text{End}^{\mathcal{C}}(U)$ , and let  $V$  be a cogenerator of  $\mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{C}}$ . Let  $T = \text{Hom}^{\mathcal{C}}(U, -) : \mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow \text{Mod}(A)$  and  $V^* = \text{Hom}^{\mathcal{C}}(U, V)$ . Then:

- 1  $T$  induces an equivalence between  $\text{Pres}(U)$  and  $\text{Copres}(V^*)$  iff  $U$  is  $w$ - $\Sigma$ -quasi-projective.
- 2  $T$  induces an equivalence between  $\text{Gen}(U)$  and  $\text{Copres}(V^*)$  iff  $U$  is self-tilting.
- 3  $T$  induces an equivalence between  $\text{Pres}(U)$  and  $\text{Cogen}(V^*)$  iff  $U$  is self-small  $w$ - $\Sigma$ -quasi-projective.
- 4  $T$  induces an equivalence between  $\text{Gen}(U)$  and  $\text{Cogen}(V^*)$  iff  $U$  is self-small self-tilting.



## Example (Rickard 2020)










Rickard constructed a cocomplete abelian category that is not complete. Start with a fixed chain of fields  $\{k_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \mathbf{On}\}$  indexed by the ordinals such that  $k_\beta/k_\alpha$  is an infinite field extension for every  $\alpha < \beta$ .









- First, consider a category  $\mathbf{C}$  as follows. An object of  $\mathbf{C}$  consists of a  $k_\alpha$ -vector space  $V_\alpha$  for each ordinal  $\alpha$  together a  $k_\alpha$ -linear map  $v_{\alpha,\beta} : V_\alpha \rightarrow V_\beta$  for each pair  $\alpha < \beta$  of ordinals such that  $v_{\alpha,\gamma} = v_{\beta,\gamma}v_{\alpha,\beta}$  whenever  $\alpha < \beta < \gamma$ . A morphism of  $\mathbf{C}$  consists of a  $k_\alpha$ -linear map  $\varphi_\alpha : V_\alpha \rightarrow W_\alpha$  for each ordinal  $\alpha$  such that  $\varphi_\beta v_{\alpha,\beta} = w_{\alpha,\beta} \varphi_\alpha$  whenever  $\alpha < \beta$ , where  $w_{\alpha,\beta} : W_\alpha \rightarrow W_\beta$  is a  $k_\alpha$ -linear map corresponding to  $W_\alpha$  whenever  $\alpha < \beta$ . If  $\psi : U \rightarrow V$  and  $\varphi : V \rightarrow W$  are morphisms in  $\mathbf{C}$ , their composition  $\varphi\psi : U \rightarrow W$  is defined by  $(\varphi\psi)_\alpha = \varphi_\alpha \psi_\alpha$  for every ordinal  $\alpha$ . Then  $\mathbf{C}$  is a (not locally small) abelian category with (small) products and coproducts in which (small) filtered colimits are exact. Kernels, cokernels, products and coproducts in  $\mathbf{C}$  are “pointwise” constructions, which are obtained from the corresponding ones in the category of  $k_\alpha$ -vector spaces for each ordinal  $\alpha$ .










## Example (Rickard 2020)

- Next, for every ordinal  $\alpha$ , consider the full subcategory  $\alpha\text{-}\mathbf{G}$  of  $\mathbf{C}$  of the  $\alpha$ -grounded objects in the following sense. An object  $V$  of  $\mathbf{C}$  is called  $\alpha$ -grounded if, for every  $\beta > \alpha$ ,  $V_\beta$  is generated as a  $k_\beta$ -vector space by the image of the corresponding  $k_\alpha$ -linear map  $v_{\alpha,\beta} : V_\alpha \rightarrow V_\beta$ . Then the full subcategory  $\alpha\text{-}\mathbf{G}$  of  $\alpha$ -grounded objects of  $\mathbf{C}$  is a Grothendieck category with generator  $\bigoplus_{\beta \leq \alpha} M^\beta$ , where  $M_\gamma^\beta = k_\gamma$  for  $\gamma \geq \beta$  and zero otherwise, and the associated linear maps  $m_{\gamma,\delta}^\beta : k_\gamma \rightarrow k_\delta$  are the inclusions for  $\beta \leq \gamma \leq \delta$ .
- Finally, consider the full subcategory  $\mathbf{G}$  of  $\mathbf{C}$  consisting of the *grounded* objects in the sense that they are  $\alpha$ -grounded for some ordinal  $\alpha$ . Note that  $\mathbf{G}$  is an abelian exact full subcategory of  $\mathbf{C}$ . It follows that  $\mathbf{G}$  is a (locally small) AB5 category that is not complete. Since every Grothendieck category must be complete,  $\mathbf{G}$  also offers an example of an AB5 category which is not Grothendieck.









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