

# A CATEGORIFICATION OF THE ATIYAH-BOTT LOCALIZATION FORMULA

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Let  $X$  be a smooth proper algebraic variety with a  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -action. The Atiyah-Bott localization theorem compares the topology of the fixed locus  $X^{\mathbb{C}^*}$  with the topology of  $X$ . There are at least three versions of the localization theorem, which we state here in topological  $K$ -theory rather than in cohomology:

- (1) The restriction map  $K_{\mathbb{C}^*}^i(X) \rightarrow K_{\mathbb{C}^*}^i(X^{\mathbb{C}^*})$  is a map of finite  $K_{\mathbb{C}^*}(\text{pt})$ -modules whose kernel and cokernel is torsion, i.e. it becomes an isomorphism after inverting finitely many elements of the ground ring,
- (2) There is a decomposition of the identity  $1_X = \sum_{\alpha} (\sigma_{\alpha})_* \left( \frac{1_{Z_{\alpha}}}{e(N_{Z_{\alpha}} X)} \right)$  in  $K_{\mathbb{C}^*}(X)$ , where  $\sigma_{\alpha} : Z_{\alpha} \hookrightarrow X$  are the connected components of the fixed locus and  $e(-)$  denotes the Euler class, and
- (3) The  $K$ -theoretic index localizes on the fixed loci  $Z_{\alpha}$ , i.e.  $\chi(X, E) = \sum_{\alpha} \chi(Z_{\alpha}, \frac{E_{Z_{\alpha}}}{e(N_{Z_{\alpha}} X)})$  for any equivariant class  $E \in K_{\mathbb{C}^*}(X)$ .

For any of these statements, one must invert some elements of the base ring  $K_{\mathbb{C}^*}(X)$  and work with localized  $K$ -theory.

There is, however, an isomorphism  $K_{\mathbb{C}^*}^i(X) \simeq K_{\mathbb{C}^*}^i(X^{\mathbb{C}^*})$  as modules over  $K_{\mathbb{C}^*}(X)$  which does not require localization. When the fixed loci  $Z_{\alpha}$  consist of individual points, one constructs this isomorphism quite explicitly by proving that the closures of the Bialynicki-Birula strata of  $X$  form a basis for  $K_{\mathbb{C}^*}(X)$  as a free  $K_{\mathbb{C}^*}(\text{pt})$ -module. This version of the localization theorem can be elevated to a theorem on the derived category of equivariant coherent sheaves on  $X$  as an application of the main structure theorem of [HL]. Using the Bialynicki-Birula stratification, one can construct “extension functors” from  $D^b(X^{\mathbb{C}^*}/\mathbb{C}^*)$  to  $D^b(X/\mathbb{C}^*)$  which induce an equivalence on algebraic (and also topological)  $K$ -theory.<sup>1</sup>

The difficulty in finding a categorification of (1-3) above rests mainly in the question of what procedure on the level of categories corresponds to “inverting elements of  $K_{\mathbb{C}^*}(\text{pt})$ .” In this note, we explain one approach, which is closer in spirit to completion than to localization. We construct a “completed” category  $D^b(X/\mathbb{C}^*)^{\wedge}$  containing  $D^b(X/\mathbb{C}^*)$  as a full subcategory.  $D^b(X/\mathbb{C}^*)^{\wedge}$  is a carefully chosen subcategory of the category of quasi-coherent complexes.  $D^b(X/\mathbb{C}^*)^{\wedge}$  is small

<sup>1</sup>In our notation if  $G$  is an algebraic group and  $X$  is a  $G$ -scheme, then the quotient  $X/G$  will always denote the quotient stack. In particular  $D^b(X/G)$  denotes the derived category of  $G$ -equivariant coherent sheaves on  $X$ .

enough that objects still have finite dimensional hypercohomology, but large enough that versions of (1),(2), and (3) can be formulated and proved in  $K_0(\mathcal{D}^b(X/G)^\wedge)$ .

**0.1. What’s in this paper.** We actually work in a more general context. Instead of working with the Bialynicki-Birula stratification of a  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -action, we work with an arbitrary algebraic group  $G$  and a smooth scheme  $X$  with a stratification

$$X = X^{\text{ss}} \cup \bigcup_{\alpha} S_{\alpha}$$

which is  $G$ -equivariant and induced a  $\Theta$ -stratification of  $X/G$  (referred to as a KN-stratification in [?HL]).  $X^{\text{ss}} \subset X$  is the open “semistable” locus. The strongest statements are for the situation when  $X^{\text{ss}} = \emptyset$ . We formulate and prove a version of the “non-abelian” localization theorem of Witten, Kirwan, and Jeffrey, whose  $K$ -theoretic version in the guise of (3) was formulated by Teleman and Woodward.

Stratifications of this kind typically arise in geometric invariant theory. For a first read of this note, the reader can keep the following example in mind:  $\lambda : \mathbb{C}^* \rightarrow G$  is a one parameter subgroup which is central in  $G$ , and  $X$  is a smooth variety such that the Bialynicki-Birula strata with respect to  $\lambda$  cover  $X$ . Then  $X^{\text{ss}} = \emptyset$  and  $X = \bigcup_{\alpha} S_{\alpha}$  can be taken as the Bialynicki-Birula stratification, which will be  $G$ -equivariant in this case. The “centers” of the strata  $Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}} \subset S_{\alpha}$ , discussed below, are just the connected components of the fixed loci  $X^{\lambda(\mathbb{C}^*)}$ .

In addition, we work over an arbitrary field.

## 1. BARIC STRUCTURES AND COMPLETION

Recall [?achar] that a *baric structure* on a stable dg-category  $\mathcal{D}$  is a collection of semiorthogonal decompositions  $\mathcal{D} = \langle \mathcal{D}^{<w}, \mathcal{D}^{\geq w} \rangle$  such that  $\mathcal{D}^{<w} \subset \mathcal{D}^{<w+1}$ , or equivalently  $\mathcal{D}^{\geq w} \subset \mathcal{D}^{\geq w-1}$ . By definition this means that  $\text{RHom}(A, B) = 0$  for  $A \in \mathcal{D}^{\geq w}$  and  $B \in \mathcal{D}^{<w}$ , and for every object  $E \in \mathcal{D}$  we have an exact triangle

$$\beta^{\geq w}(E) \rightarrow E \rightarrow \beta^{<w}(E) \rightarrow,$$

with  $\beta^{\geq w}(E) \in \mathcal{D}^{\geq w}$  and  $\beta^{<w}(E) \in \mathcal{D}^{<w}$ . The semiorthogonality implies that this exact triangle is unique and functorial, hence our introduction of the *baric truncation functors*  $\beta^{\geq w}$  and  $\beta^{<w}$ .

Given a baric structure on an essentially small stable dg-category  $\mathcal{D}$ , one obtains a baric structure on the formal ind-completion  $\text{Ind}(\mathcal{D}) = \langle \text{Ind}(\mathcal{D})^{<w}, \text{Ind}(\mathcal{D})^{\geq w} \rangle$  defined uniquely in such a way that both factors are co-complete, and the baric truncations functors commute with filtered colimits.

**Definition 1.1.** Given an essentially small stable dg-category  $\mathcal{D}$  with a baric structure, we define the *right baric completion* to be the full subcategory of  $E \in \text{Ind}(\mathcal{D})$  such that  $\beta^{\geq w}(E) \in \mathcal{D}$  for all  $w$ .

The completion  $\mathcal{D}^\wedge$  has the following equivalent characterizations:

**Lemma 1.2.** *Assume that the baric structure on  $\mathcal{D}$  is right bounded, meaning  $\mathcal{D} = \bigcup_w \mathcal{D}^{\geq w}$ . Then  $\mathcal{D}^\wedge \subset \text{Ind}(\mathcal{D})$  can be characterized alternatively as the category of objects which can be written as a filtered colimit  $F = \text{colim}_i P_i$  with  $P_i \in \mathcal{D}$  satisfying either*

- (1)  $\forall w \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\beta^{\geq w}(P_i) \rightarrow \beta^{\geq w}(P_j)$  is an equivalence for  $i$  sufficiently large and all  $i < j$ , or
- (2)  $\forall w \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\text{Cone}(P_i \rightarrow F) \in \text{Ind}(\mathcal{D})^{<w}$  for  $i$  sufficiently large.

*Proof.* The fact that a filtered colimit of  $P_i \in \mathcal{D}$  satisfying either of these conditions will have  $\beta^{\geq w}(F) \in \mathcal{D}$  is an immediate consequence of the fact that  $\beta^{\geq w}$  commutes with filtered colimits and  $\beta^{\geq w}(P_i)$  stabilizes for  $i \gg 0$ .

Conversely, note that for any  $F \in \text{Ind}(\mathcal{D})$  we have a canonical diagram  $\cdots \rightarrow \beta^{\geq w}(F) \rightarrow \beta^{\geq w-1}(F) \rightarrow \cdots$  coming from the canonical map  $\beta^{\geq w}(\beta^{\geq w-1}(F)) \rightarrow \beta^{\geq w-1}(F)$  and the canonical

isomorphism  $\beta^{\geq w}(\beta^{\geq w-1}(F)) \simeq \beta^{\geq w}(F)$ . For any  $P \in \mathcal{D}$  the induced map

$$\mathrm{RHom}(P, \mathrm{colim}_w \beta^{\geq w}(F)) \rightarrow \mathrm{RHom}(P, F)$$

is an equivalence because  $P$  is a compact object of  $\mathrm{Ind}(\mathcal{D})$  (so we may commute  $\mathrm{RHom}(P, -)$  with filtered colimits), and  $P \in \mathcal{D}^{\geq w}$  for sufficiently low  $w$ , which implies that  $\mathrm{RHom}(P, \beta^{\geq w}(F)) \simeq \mathrm{RHom}(P, F)$  for all sufficiently low  $w$ . It follows, because  $\mathrm{Ind}(\mathcal{D})$  is generated by  $P \in \mathcal{D}$  that  $\mathrm{colim}_w \beta^{\geq w}(F) \rightarrow F$  is an equivalence for any  $F \in \mathrm{Ind}(\mathcal{D})$ . Now if  $F \in \mathcal{D}^\wedge$ , then each  $\beta^{\geq w}(F) \in \mathcal{D}$  by definition, so the presentation  $F \simeq \mathrm{colim}_w \beta^{\geq w}(F)$  is an explicit presentation satisfying (1) and (2).  $\square$

## 2. BARIC STRUCTURES ON EQUIVARIANT DERIVED CATEGORIES

Let  $X/G = X^{\mathrm{ss}} \cup \bigcup_\alpha S_\alpha/G$  be a  $\Theta$ -stratification of a smooth quotient stack – we call  $X^{\mathrm{us}} = \bigcup_\alpha S_\alpha$  the unstable locus. All we will need to know about these strata is that each contains a smooth locally closed “center”  $Z_\alpha^{\mathrm{ss}} \subset S_\alpha$  which is fixed (pointwise) by a distinguished one parameter subgroup  $\lambda_\alpha$  and equivariant with respect to the centralizer  $L_\alpha$  of  $\lambda_\alpha$ . We denote  $\sigma_\alpha : Z_\alpha^{\mathrm{ss}}/L_\alpha \rightarrow X/G$  and  $\iota_\alpha : S_\alpha \rightarrow X$ .

We choose, once and for all, an integer  $s_\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$  and a positive integer  $m_\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$  for each index  $\alpha$  in the stratification. Any  $G$ -equivariant complex restricted to  $Z_\alpha^{\mathrm{ss}}$  decomposes canonically into a direct sum of complexes whose homology sheaves are concentrated in a single  $\lambda_\alpha$ -weight. We define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{D}^b(X/G)^{\geq w} &:= \{F \in \mathrm{D}^b(X/G) \mid \forall \alpha, \mathcal{H}_*(F|_{Z_\alpha^{\mathrm{ss}}}) \text{ has weights } \geq m_\alpha w + s_\alpha\} \\ \mathrm{D}_{X^{\mathrm{us}}}^b(X/G)^{< w} &:= \left\{ F \in \mathrm{D}^b(X/G) \mid \begin{array}{l} \mathrm{Supp}(F) \subset X^{\mathrm{us}} \text{ and} \\ \forall \alpha, \mathcal{H}_*(F|_{Z_\alpha^{\mathrm{ss}}}) \text{ has weights } < m_\alpha w + s_\alpha + \eta_\alpha \end{array} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

where “weights” of a coherent sheaf on  $Z_\alpha^{\mathrm{ss}}/L_\alpha$  always refers to  $\lambda_\alpha$ -weights, and  $\eta_\alpha$  is defined to be the weight of  $\det(N_{S_\alpha}^\vee X)|_{Z_\alpha^{\mathrm{ss}}}$ . Then categorical Kirwan surjectivity [?HL, ???] provides a baric structure

$$\mathrm{D}^b(X/G) = \langle \mathrm{D}_{X^{\mathrm{us}}}^b(X/G)^{< w}, \mathrm{D}^b(X/G)^{\geq w} \rangle. \quad (1) \quad \{\mathrm{eqn:baric}\}$$

For any perfect complex, the weights of  $F|_{Z_\alpha^{\mathrm{ss}}}$  are bounded above and below. It follows that the baric structure (1) is always right bounded, i.e.  $\mathcal{D} = \bigcup \mathcal{D}^{\geq w}$ , and is left bounded, i.e.  $\mathcal{D} = \bigcup \mathcal{D}^{< w}$ , if and only if  $X^{\mathrm{ss}} = \emptyset$  and hence  $X^{\mathrm{us}} = X$ .

**Example 2.1.** A special case of this is when  $X = Z_\alpha^{\mathrm{ss}}$  and  $\lambda_\alpha$  is central in  $G$ . If we let  $m_\alpha = 1$ , then the baric structure (1) is just the direct sum decomposition of  $\mathrm{D}^b(Z_\alpha^{\mathrm{ss}}/L_\alpha)$  into subcategories of complexes whose homology has constant  $\lambda_\alpha$ -weight.

**Example 2.2.** Another example is when  $X = S$  consists of a single  $\Theta$ -stratum, in which case  $\mathrm{D}^b(S/G)$  receives a baric structure. Among the properties established in [?HL] is that for a closed  $\Theta$ -stratum  $S \hookrightarrow X$ , the functors  $\iota_* : \mathrm{D}^b(S/G) \rightarrow \mathrm{D}^b(X/G)$  and  $\sigma^* : \mathrm{D}^b(S/G) \rightarrow \mathrm{D}^b(Z^{\mathrm{ss}}/L)$  are both compatible with the baric structures which we’ve discussed.<sup>2</sup>

Because  $X/G$  is a quotient stack in characteristic 0, we have  $\mathrm{QC}(X/G) = \mathrm{Ind}(\mathrm{D}^b(X/G))$ , so it inherits a baric structure as well

$$\mathrm{QC}(X/G) = \langle \mathrm{QC}(X/G)^{< w}, \mathrm{QC}_{X^{\mathrm{us}}}(X/G)^{\geq w} \rangle$$

for all  $w \in \mathbb{Z}$ . The truncation functors  $\beta^{\geq w} : \mathrm{QC}(X/G) \rightarrow \mathrm{QC}(X/G)^{\geq w}$  and  $\beta^{< w} : \mathrm{QC}(X/G) \rightarrow \mathrm{QC}_{X^{\mathrm{us}}}(X/G)^{< w}$  commute with colimits by definition. The baric truncation functors can be computed by writing every  $F \in \mathrm{QC}(X/G)$  as a filtered colimit  $F = \mathrm{colim}_i P_i$  with  $P_i$  perfect. Then  $\beta^{\geq w}(F) = \mathrm{colim}_i \beta^{\geq w}(P_i)$  and  $\beta^{< w} = \mathrm{colim}_i \beta^{< w}(P_i)$ .

<sup>2</sup>By this we mean a functor  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  which maps  $\mathcal{C}^{\geq w}$  to  $\mathcal{D}^{\geq w}$  and  $\mathcal{C}^{< w}$  to  $\mathcal{D}^{< w}$ .

**Definition 2.3.** We define the  $D^b(X/G)^\wedge \subset \mathrm{QC}(X/G)$  to be the right baric completion of  $D^b(X/G)$  with respect to the baric structure (1). It consists of complexes such that  $\beta^{\geq w}(F) \in D^b(X/G)$  for all  $w \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

The general Lemma 1.2 implies that  $D^b(X/G)^\wedge$  can be characterized alternatively as the category of complexes which can be written as a filtered colimit of perfect complexes  $F = \mathrm{colim}_i P_i$  satisfying either

- (1)  $\forall w \in \mathbb{Z}, \beta^{\geq w}(P_i) \rightarrow \beta^{\geq w}(P_j)$  is an equivalence for  $i$  sufficiently large and all  $i < j$ , or
- (2)  $\forall w \in \mathbb{Z}, \mathrm{Cone}(P_i \rightarrow F) \in \mathrm{QC}_{X^{\mathrm{us}}}(X/G)^{<w}$  for  $i$  sufficiently large.

One consequence of this is that the subcategory  $D^b(X/G)^\wedge \subset \mathrm{QC}(X/G)$  does not depend on the initial choice of integers  $s_\alpha$  or  $m_\alpha$  used to define the baric structure on  $D^b(X/G)$ .

**Lemma 2.4.**  $D^b(X/G)^\wedge$  is a stable (i.e. pre-triangulated) dg-subcategory of  $\mathrm{QC}(X/G)$ . It contains  $D^b(X/G)$ , it is a symmetric monoidal subcategory, and it is idempotent complete.

*Proof.* Most of these properties are immediate from the definition and the fact that  $\beta^{\geq w}$  is an exact functor of pre-triangulated dg-categories. Let us prove that  $D^b(X/G)^\wedge$  is symmetric monoidal: if  $F$  is perfect, then for any  $E \in \mathrm{QC}(X/G)$

$$\beta^{\geq w}(F \otimes E) \simeq \beta^{\geq w}(F \otimes \beta^{\geq v}(E)) \quad (2)$$

for  $v < n$  for some integer  $n$  which only depends on the highest weights of  $F|_{Z_\alpha^{\mathrm{ss}}}$ . This is because the weights of  $F|_{Z_\alpha^{\mathrm{ss}}}$  are bounded above for each  $\alpha$ , so we can choose a sufficiently large integer  $n$  such that  $F \otimes \beta^{<v}(E) \in \mathrm{QC}_{X^{\mathrm{us}}}(X/G)^{<v+n}$  for all  $E \in \mathrm{QC}(X/G)$ . Thus (2) results from applying  $\beta^{\geq w}$  to the exact triangle  $F \otimes \beta^{\geq v}(E) \rightarrow F \otimes E \rightarrow F \otimes \beta^{<v}(E) \rightarrow$ .

To deduce that  $E \otimes F \in D^b(X/G)^\wedge$  for  $E, F \in D^b(X/G)^\wedge$ , we apply (2) twice. In particular we use that the highest weights of the perfect complexes  $\beta^{\geq w}(F)|_{Z_\alpha^{\mathrm{ss}}}$  do not depend on  $w$  for  $w$  sufficiently large. We compute

$$\beta^{\geq w}(F \otimes E) \simeq \mathrm{colim}_v \beta^{\geq w}(\beta^{\geq v}(F) \otimes E) \simeq \mathrm{colim}_v \beta^{\geq w}(\beta^{\geq v}(F) \otimes \beta^{\geq u}(E))$$

where  $u$  is sufficiently low and does not depend on  $v$ . Now commuting the colimit and  $\beta^{\geq w}$  once more, we can identify this with

$$\simeq \beta^{\geq w}(F \otimes \beta^{\geq u}(E)) \simeq \beta^{\geq w}(\beta^{\geq z}(F) \otimes \beta^{\geq u}(E))$$

where now  $z$  is sufficiently low. This will be perfect by hypothesis, hence  $F \otimes E \in D^b(X/G)^\wedge$ .  $\square$

Recall that we say the  $\Theta$ -stratification of  $X/G$  is *complete* if  $X^{\mathrm{ss}}/G$  and  $Z_\alpha^{\mathrm{ss}}/G$  admit projective good quotients for all  $\alpha$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** *If the  $\Theta$ -stratification of  $X/G$  is complete, then for any  $E \in D^b(X/G)$  and  $F \in D^b(X/G)^\wedge$ , the complex  $\mathrm{RHom}_{X/G}(E, F)$  has finite dimensional total cohomology.*

*Proof.* It suffices to prove this for  $E = \mathcal{O}_X$ . This is a consequence of the quantization commutes with reduction theorem [HL, Theorem 3.29], which implies that  $R\Gamma(F) = R\Gamma(\beta^{\geq w}(F))$  for  $w$  sufficiently low.  $\square$

### 3. THE PUSHFORWARD THEOREM

Note that if  $j : U \subset X$  is an open union of strata, then  $D^b(U/G)$  also has a baric structure induced by the strata which lie in  $U$ . It follows from the exactness of the restriction functor  $j^* : D^b(X/G) \rightarrow D^b(U/G)$  and the definitions of the categories  $D^b(U/G)^{\geq w}$  and  $D_{U^{\mathrm{us}}}^b(U/G)^{<w}$  that  $j^*$  is compatible with the baric structure. Our main result is the following:

{thm:main}

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $j : U \subset X$  be an open complement of a union of strata. Then  $j_* : \mathrm{QC}(U/G) \rightarrow \mathrm{QC}(X/G)$  maps  $\mathrm{D}^b(U/G)^\wedge$  to  $\mathrm{D}^b(X/G)^\wedge$ , where the former is defined with respect to the strata which lie in  $U$ .*

*Proof.* It suffices by a simple inductive argument to assume that the complement of  $U$  consists of a single closed stratum  $i : S \hookrightarrow X$ . First of all, note that  $R\underline{\Gamma}_S(\mathcal{O}_X) \in \mathrm{QC}(X/G)$  actually lies in  $\mathrm{D}^b(X/G)^\wedge$  – this is [?HL, Lemma 3.37], and it is proved by considering  $R\underline{\Gamma}_S(\mathcal{O}_X)$  as a colimit of Koszul complexes. It follows from the exact triangle  $R\underline{\Gamma}_S \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow j_*(\mathcal{O}_U) \rightarrow$  that  $j_*(\mathcal{O}_U) \in \mathrm{D}^b(X/G)^\wedge$ .

Take  $F \in \mathrm{QC}(U)$ , and write  $F = \mathrm{colim}_w \beta_U^{\geq w}(F)$ , so that we have  $\beta_U^{\geq w}(F) \in \mathrm{D}^b(X/G)$  by hypothesis. Then by the categorical Kirwan surjectivity, we can fix any particular  $s \in \mathbb{Z}$  and uniquely and functorially lift the complex  $\beta_U^{\geq w}(F)$  to a perfect complex  $F_w \in \mathrm{D}^b(X/G)$  such that the weights of  $F_w|_{Z^{\mathrm{ss}}}$  lie in the window  $[mw + s, mw + s + \eta)$  for each  $w$ . The quantization theorem [?HL, Theorem 3.29] implies that the restriction map

$$\mathrm{RHom}_{X/G}(F_w, F_{w-1}) \rightarrow \mathrm{RHom}_{U/G}(\beta_U^{\geq w}(F), \beta_U^{\geq w-1}(F)),$$

so we can lift the filtered system  $\cdots \rightarrow \beta_U^{\geq w}(F) \rightarrow \beta_U^{\geq w-1}(F) \rightarrow \cdots$  uniquely to a filtered system  $\cdots \rightarrow F_w \rightarrow F_{w-1} \rightarrow \cdots$  in  $\mathrm{D}^b(X/G)$ . Let us define  $\tilde{F} := \mathrm{colim}_w F_w \in \mathrm{QC}(X/G)$ .

Note that the cone  $\mathrm{Cone}(F_w \rightarrow F_{w-1})$  is supported set theoretically on  $X^{\mathrm{us}}$ . Furthermore the weights of  $\mathrm{Cone}(F_w \rightarrow F_{w-1})|_{Z_\alpha^{\mathrm{ss}}}$  get lower and lower as  $w \rightarrow -\infty$ : for the  $Z_\alpha^{\mathrm{ss}}$  contained in  $U$ , this is because  $\mathrm{Cone}(\beta_U^{\geq w}(F) \rightarrow \beta_U^{\geq w-1}(F)) \simeq \beta_U^{< w}(\beta_U^{\geq w-1}(F))$ , and for the  $Z^{\mathrm{ss}}$  in the stratum we are adding this follows from the weight bounds on  $F_w$  and  $F_{w-1}$  individually. Thus for any fixed  $v$ ,  $\beta^{\geq v}(F_w)$  stabilizes for  $w$  sufficiently low, and hence  $\tilde{F} \in \mathrm{D}^b(X/G)^\wedge$ . Finally, by construction we have a canonical equivalence  $\tilde{F}|_U \simeq F$ , so  $\tilde{F} \otimes j_*(\mathcal{O}_U) \simeq j_*(F) \in \mathrm{D}^b(X/G)^\wedge$  because  $j_*(\mathcal{O}_U) \in \mathrm{D}^b(X/G)^\wedge$  and the subcategory is closed under tensor products.  $\square$

**Definition 3.2.** Consider the closed subsets  $X_{>\alpha} = \bigcup_{\beta>\alpha} S_\beta \subset X$ . For any stratum  $S_\alpha \subset X$ , we define the object  $R\underline{\Gamma}_{S_\alpha}(\mathcal{O}_X) \in \mathrm{QC}(X/G)$  to be the local cohomology complex for the close subset  $S_\alpha \hookrightarrow X \setminus X_{>\alpha}$  pushed forward to  $X$  along the open immersion  $X \setminus X_{>\alpha}$ .

**Corollary 3.3.** *For all  $\alpha$ ,  $R\underline{\Gamma}_{S_\alpha} \mathcal{O}_X \in \mathrm{D}^b(X/G)^\wedge$ , as are  $R\underline{\Gamma}_{X_{>\alpha}} \mathcal{O}_X$ . All of these objects are idempotent for the symmetric monoidal structure. The the structure sheaf  $\mathcal{O}_X$  thus has a filtration in  $\mathrm{D}^b(X/G)^\wedge$*

$$R\underline{\Gamma}_{X_{>N}} \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow R\underline{\Gamma}_{X_{>N-1}} \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow R\underline{\Gamma}_{X_{>-1}} \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X$$

whose associated graded is  $\mathcal{O}_{X^{\mathrm{ss}}} \oplus \bigoplus_\alpha R\underline{\Gamma}_{S_\alpha} \mathcal{O}_X$ .

Note that if  $j : U \subset X$  is a  $G$ -equivariant open subset and  $Y = X \setminus U$  its close complement, then one has a semiorthogonal decomposition

$$\mathrm{QC}(X/G) = \langle \mathrm{QC}(U/G), \mathrm{QC}_Y(X/G) \rangle, \tag{3} \quad \{\mathrm{eqn:tautolo}$$

where the first factor is the essential image of the fully faithful functor  $j_*$ , and the second factor is the subcategory of complexes supported (set theoretically) on  $Y$ . For  $F \in \mathrm{QC}(X/G)$  the exact triangle of this semiorthogonal decomposition is the local cohomology exact triangle  $R\underline{\Gamma}_Y(F) \rightarrow F \rightarrow j_*(F|_U) \rightarrow$ .

**Corollary 3.4.** *If  $U \subset X$  is an open union of strata, then the semirthogonal decomposition (3) induces a semiorthogonal decomposition of  $\mathrm{D}^b(X/G)^\wedge$  as well.*

*Proof.* This is immediate from **Theorem 3.1**, which implies that the local cohomology exact triangle  $R\underline{\Gamma}_{X \setminus U}(F) \rightarrow F \rightarrow j_*(F|_U) \rightarrow$  lies in  $\mathrm{D}^b(X/G)^\wedge$ .  $\square$

#### 4. BARIC COMPLETION AND $K$ -THEORY

One can describe the effect of right baric completion on  $K$ -theory in general. For a stable dg-category with baric structure  $\mathcal{D} = \langle \mathcal{D}^{<w}, \mathcal{D}^{\geq w} \rangle$  we introduce the notation  $\mathcal{D}^{[w]} = \mathcal{D}^{\geq w} \cap \mathcal{D}^{<w+1}$ , and let  $\beta^{[w]}(F) = \beta^{\geq w} \beta^{<w+1}(F) \simeq \beta^{<w+1} \beta^{\geq w}$  denote the canonical projection onto this subcategory.

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{D} = \langle \mathcal{D}^{<w}, \mathcal{D}^{\geq w} \rangle$  be a baric structure which is left bounded, i.e. such that  $\mathcal{D} = \bigcup_w \mathcal{D}^{<w}$ .<sup>3</sup> Then the functor*

$$\prod \beta^{[w]} : \mathcal{D}^\wedge \rightarrow \bigoplus_{w \geq 0} \mathcal{D}^{[w]} \oplus \prod_{w < 0} \mathcal{D}^{[w]}$$

*induces an isomorphism in  $K$ -theory*

$$K_0(\mathcal{D}^\wedge) \simeq \bigoplus_{w \geq 0} K_0(\mathcal{D}^{[w]}) \oplus \prod_{w < 0} K_0(\mathcal{D}^{[w]})$$

*Proof.* The boundedness hypothesis guarantees that the functor  $\prod \beta^{[w]}$  actually has image in the full subcategory  $\mathcal{C} := \bigoplus_{w \geq 0} \mathcal{D}^{[w]} \oplus \prod_{w < 0} \mathcal{D}^{[w]}$  as claimed.  $K_0$  commutes with arbitrary direct sums and products, so  $K_0(\mathcal{C})$  agrees with the right hand side of the above equality.

It thus suffices to show that  $\prod \beta^{[w]}$  induces an isomorphism on  $K$ -theory. We can define a one-sided inverse functor  $\phi : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^\wedge$  mapping  $\{A_w\} \mapsto \bigoplus_w A_w$ . We have  $(\prod_w \beta^{[w]}) \circ \phi \simeq \text{id}_{\mathcal{C}}$ , so the same holds after applying  $K_0$ . Conversely for any  $F \in \mathcal{D}^\wedge$  and any  $w$ , we consider the exact triangle  $\beta^{\geq w}(F) \rightarrow F \rightarrow \beta^{<w}(F) \rightarrow$  and the exact triangles  $\beta^{[w-i]}(F) \rightarrow \beta^{<w-i+1}(F) \rightarrow \beta^{<w-i}(F)$  for  $i \geq 1$ . The direct sum of these exact triangles converges to an exact triangle in  $\mathcal{D}^\wedge$ , so we have

$$[F \oplus \bigoplus_{i \geq 1} \beta^{<w-i+1}(F)] = [\bigoplus_{i \geq 1} \beta^{<w-i+1}(F)] + [\beta^{\geq w}(F) \oplus \bigoplus_{i \geq 1} \beta^{[w-i]}(F)]$$

So choosing  $w \gg 0$  large enough so that  $\beta^{\geq w}(F) = 0$ , we have  $[F] = [\bigoplus_{i \geq 1} \beta^{[w-i]}(F)] \in K_0(\mathcal{D}^\wedge)$ , and hence  $\phi \circ (\prod \beta^{[w]}) \simeq \text{id}_{K_0(\mathcal{D}^\wedge)}$ .  $\square$

In our setting, the baric structure of  $\text{D}^b(X/G)$  will be left bounded if and only if  $X^{\text{ss}} = \emptyset$ . Let us fix an invertible sheaf  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(X/G)$  such that the weight of  $\mathcal{L}|_{Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}}$  is  $< 0$  for all  $\alpha$ .

**Example 4.2.** If the stratification of  $X$  arises from geometric invariant theory, the  $G$ -ample bundle used to define the stratification will satisfy this condition.

**Example 4.3.** If the stratification of  $X$  is the Bialynicki-Birula stratification associated to a central one parameter subgroup of  $G$ , then we can let  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}_X \otimes \chi$  where  $\chi$  is a character of  $G$  which pair negatively with this one-parameter-subgroup.

Given such an invertible sheaf, we regard both  $K_0(X/G)$  and  $K_0(Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha)$  as  $\mathbb{Z}[u^\pm]$ -modules, where  $u$  acts by  $\mathcal{L} \otimes (-)$ . We also use  $\mathcal{L}$  to fix our choice of parameters  $m_\alpha = -\text{wt}(\mathcal{L}|_{Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}})$  in the definition of our baric structure of  $\text{D}^b(X/G)$  and  $\text{D}^b(Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha)$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** *Assume that  $X^{\text{ss}} = \emptyset$  and choose  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $m_\alpha$  as above. Then for any  $w$  we have a canonical equivalence<sup>4</sup>*

$$K_0(\text{D}^b(X/G)^{[w]}((u))) \rightarrow K_0(\text{D}^b(X/G)^\wedge),$$

*mapping  $\sum_i [E_i]u^i \mapsto [\bigoplus_i L^{\otimes i} \otimes E_i]$ . Furthermore if  $K_0(\text{D}^b(Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha)^{[w]})$  is finitely generated for all  $\alpha$ , then we have a canonical equivalence*

$$K_0(\text{D}^b(X/G)) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[u^\pm]} \mathbb{Z}((u)) \rightarrow K_0(\text{D}^b(X/G)^\wedge)$$

<sup>3</sup>This is equivalent to  $\beta^{\geq w}(F) = 0$  for  $w \gg 0$ .

<sup>4</sup>The notation  $M((u))$  denotes the group  $M[[u][u^{-1}]]$ , which differs from  $M \otimes \mathbb{Z}((u))$  if  $M$  is not finitely generated.



given by the same formula.

**Remark 4.5.** It is possible to rephrase the condition on  $Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha$  in the theorem:  $Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha$  is a  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -gerbe over  $Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L'_\alpha$ , where  $L'_\alpha = L_\alpha/\lambda(\alpha)$ . The Brauer group class of this gerbe is torsion. The condition in the statement of the theorem is equivalent to asking that the category of twisted perfect complexes on  $Z_\alpha/L'_\alpha$ , twisted by any power of this gerbe, has finitely generated  $K_0$ .

**Example 4.6.** Let  $\lambda : \mathbb{G}_m \rightarrow G$  be a one parameter subgroup which is central in  $G$ , and let  $G$  act on a smooth variety  $X$  such that the Bialynicki-Birula stratification on  $X$  is exhaustive, and  $K_0(X^{\lambda(\mathbb{G}_m)})$  is a finitely generated abelian group – for instance it could consist of isolated points, or it could admit a stratification by affine spaces. Then [Theorem 4.4](#) implies that

$$K_0(\mathbb{D}^b(X/G)^\wedge) \simeq K_0(\mathbb{D}^b(X/G)) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[u^\pm]} \mathbb{Z}((u)).$$

Before proving this theorem let us say a bit more about the structure of the category  $\mathbb{D}^b(X/G)^{[w]}$ .

**Proposition 4.7.** *If  $X^{\text{ss}} = \emptyset$ , then  $\mathbb{D}^b(X/G)^{[w]}$  has a finite semiorthogonal decomposition*

$$\mathbb{D}^b(X/G)^{[w]} = \langle \mathcal{A}_0^0, \dots, \mathcal{A}_0^{m_0-1}, \mathcal{A}_1^0, \dots, \mathcal{A}_1^{m_1-1}, \dots, \mathcal{A}_N^0, \dots, \mathcal{A}_N^{m_N-1} \rangle,$$

where the functor of restriction to  $Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha$  followed by projection onto the weight  $m_\alpha w + i + s_\alpha$  summand defines an equivalence

$$\mathcal{A}_\alpha^i \simeq \{F \in \mathbb{D}^b(Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha) \mid \mathcal{H}_*(F) \text{ is concentrated in weight } m_\alpha w + i + s_\alpha\}$$

for  $i = 0, \dots, m_\alpha - 1$ . These equivalence combined with the inclusion into  $\mathbb{D}^b(Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha)$  defines a functor

$$\mathbb{D}^b(X/G)^{[w]} \xrightarrow{\text{gr}} \bigoplus_{\alpha, i} \mathcal{A}_\alpha^i \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\alpha} \mathbb{D}^b(Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha)^{[w]}$$

which induces an isomorphism in  $K$ -theory.

*Proof.* The semiorthogonal decomposition is a consequence of [\[?HL, ???\]](#). We refer the reader to that paper for an explicit description of the categories  $\mathcal{A}_\alpha^i$ . Informally, the objects in  $\mathcal{A}_\alpha^i$  arise from pulling back complexes concentrated in constant weight along a canonical map  $\pi_\alpha : S_\alpha/G \rightarrow Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha$ , then pushing forward to  $X \setminus X_{>\alpha}$  and extending uniquely over the strata  $S_\beta$  using grade restriction rules. On the other hand,  $\mathbb{D}^b(Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha)^{[w]}$  consists by definition of complexes whose homology has weights concentrated in the interval  $[m_\alpha w + s_\alpha, \dots, m_\alpha w + m_\alpha - 1 + s_\alpha]$ . Hence this category has a semiorthogonal decomposition (in fact a direct sum decomposition) whose summands are identified canonically with the  $\mathcal{A}_\alpha^i$ . The result follows from the fact that  $K$ -theory takes semiorthogonal decompositions to direct sums.  $\square$

**Remark 4.8.** One can define the inverse of the equivalence  $K_0(\mathbb{D}^b(X/G)^{[w]}) \simeq \bigoplus_{\alpha} K_0(\mathbb{D}^b(Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha)^{[w]})$  a bit more explicitly by unravelling the main theorem of [\[?HL\]](#). The image of the pullback functor  $\pi_\alpha^* : \mathbb{D}^b(Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha)^{[w]} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}^b(S_\alpha/G)^{[w]}$  generates and induces an equivalence on  $K$ -theory. We compose  $\pi_\alpha^*$  with the pushforward functor  $(\iota_\alpha)_* : \mathbb{D}^b(S_\alpha/G) \rightarrow \mathbb{D}^b((X \setminus X_{>\alpha})/G)^{[w]}$ , followed by the functorial extension functor  $\mathbb{D}^b((X \setminus X_{>\alpha})/G) \rightarrow \mathbb{D}^b(X/G)^{[w]}$  determined by a grade restriction rule to define a functor

$$\bigoplus_{\alpha} \mathbb{D}^b(Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha)^{[w]} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}^b(X/G)^{[w]}.$$

This is an equivalence on  $K$ -theory, and in fact the image freely generates  $K_0(\mathbb{D}^b(X/G))$  as a  $\mathbb{Z}[u^\pm]$ -module.

**Remark 4.9.** A word of caution: The restriction functor  $\sigma^* : \mathbb{D}^b(X/G) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\alpha} \mathbb{D}^b(Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha)$  is not compatible with the baric structures on the respective categories. For a complex  $F \in \mathbb{D}^b(X/G)^{<w}$  the weights of  $F|_{Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha}$  by definition are  $< m_\alpha w + s_\alpha + \eta_\alpha$ , whereas  $\mathbb{D}^b(Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha)^{<w}$  consists of

complexes whose weights are  $< m_\alpha w + s_\alpha$ . As a consequence  $\sigma_\alpha^*$  does not map  $D^b(X/G)^{[w]}$  to  $D^b(Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha)^{[w]}$ , and this functor is not suitable for comparing the  $K$ -theory of these two categories. We will, however, study the restriction map in ?? below.

*Proof of Theorem 4.4.* The choice of  $m_\alpha = -\text{wt}(\mathcal{L}|_{Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}})$  implies that  $L \otimes (-)$  is an equivalence  $D^b(X/G)^{\geq w} \rightarrow D^b(X/G)^{\geq w-1}$  and likewise for  $D^b(X/G)^{< w}$  and  $D^b(X/G)^{[w]}$ . The first claim is thus an immediate consequence of the lemma above.

For the second claim, Proposition 4.7 implies that  $K_0(D^b(X/G)^{[w]})$  is finitely generated if  $K_0(D^b(Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha)^{[w]})$  is finitely generated for all  $\alpha$ . One can use the fact that the baric structure on  $D^b(X/G)$  is bounded along with the observation above to show that  $K_0(D^b(X/G)) \simeq K_0(D^b(X/G)^{[w]}) \otimes \mathbb{Z}[u^\pm]$ , where the equivalence maps  $\sum_i [E_i] u^i \mapsto [\bigoplus L^{\otimes i} \otimes E_i]$ . If  $K_0(D^b(X/G)^{[w]})$  is a finitely generated abelian group, then the canonical map

$$K_0(D^b(X/G)^{[w]}) \otimes \mathbb{Z}[u^\pm] \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[u^\pm]} \mathbb{Z}((u)) \simeq K_0(D^b(X/G)^{[w]}) \otimes \mathbb{Z}((u)) \rightarrow K_0(D^b(X/G)^{[w]})(u)$$

is an equivalence, hence the claim.  $\square$

## 5. EXPRESSIONS INVOLVING THE CENTERS OF THE STRATA

We work in the same context as the previous section, so  $X^{\text{ss}} = \emptyset$ , and  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(X/G)$  is an appropriately chosen invertible sheaf. The usual formulation of Atiyah-Bott localization involves statements involving the centers  $Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha$  of the strata. The key observation is the following

**Lemma 5.1.** *Let  $E$  be a locally free sheaf on  $Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha$  whose weight 0 piece is trivial. Then  $e(E) := \sum_i (-1)^i [\wedge^i E^*] \in K_0(D^b(Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha)^\wedge)$  is a unit.*

*Proof.* First decompose  $E = E^+ \oplus E^-$  into summands of positive and negative weight respectively. Because  $e(E) = e(E^+) \cdot e(E^-)$ , it suffices to prove the lemma for each individually.  $(E^+)^*$  has strictly negative weights, and hence the object  $\text{Sym}((E^+)^*) := \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \text{Sym}^n((E^+)^*)$  lies in  $D^b(Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha)^\wedge$ . The usual formal computation showing that  $\text{Sym}((E^+)^*) \otimes \wedge((E^+)^*) \sim \mathcal{O}_{Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}} \in K_0(D^b(Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha)^\wedge)$  is actually rigorous because these complexes are well-defined in the completed category. On the other hand  $e(E^-) = (-1)^{\text{rank}(E^-)} \det(E^-)^\vee \otimes e((E^-)^*)$ . The invertible sheaf is a unit, and now the previous argument shows that  $e(E^-)$  is a unit as well with

$$e(E^-)^{-1} = (-1)^{\text{rank}(E^-)} \det(E^-) \otimes \text{Sym}(E^-)$$

$\square$

**Remark 5.2.** It follows from this that we can define  $e(E)$  for any complex  $E \in D^b(Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha)$  whose homology vanishes in weight 0. To do this, we choose a presentation as a finite complex of locally free sheaves  $\rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow E_1 \rightarrow E_0 \rightarrow \cdots$ . Because the homology vanishes in weight 0 we may discard the weight zero piece of each locally free sheaf  $E_i$  in this presentation, so we may assume that  $E_i^0 = 0$ . Then we define  $e(E) = \prod_i e(E_i)^{(-1)^i}$ . This is the unique extension of  $e$  to a group homomorphism  $K_0(D^b(Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha)^{\neq 0}) \rightarrow K_0(D^b(Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha)^\wedge)^\times$ .

**Proposition 5.3.** *The restriction functor  $\sigma^*$  induces an equivalence*

$$K_0(D^b(X/G)^\wedge) \simeq \bigoplus_{\alpha} K_0(D^b(Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha)^\wedge) \simeq K_0(D^b(Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha)^{[w]})(u).$$

*Proof.* Note that even though the restriction functor  $\sigma_\alpha^* : D^b(X/G) \rightarrow D^b(Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha)$  is not compatible with the baric structures, it is compatible with the baric structures up to a finite shift in weights, and hence it maps  $D^b(X/G)^\wedge$  to  $D^b(Z_\alpha^{\text{ss}}/L_\alpha)^\wedge$ .



We apply [Theorem 4.4](#) directly to the stack  $\bigsqcup_{\alpha} Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha}$  itself to obtain an isomorphism

$$\bigoplus_{\alpha} K_0(\mathbb{D}^b(Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha})^{\wedge}) \simeq \bigoplus_{\alpha} K_0(\mathbb{D}^b(Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha})^{[w]}((u))).$$

Then we compose this with the isomorphism of [Proposition 4.7](#) and [Theorem 4.4](#)

$$\bigoplus_{\alpha} K_0(\mathbb{D}^b(Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha})^{[w]}((u))) \simeq K_0(\mathbb{D}^b(X/G)^{[w]}((u))) \simeq K_0(\mathbb{D}^b(X/G)^{\wedge}).$$

Finally we compose this with the restriction functor to  $\bigoplus_{\alpha} \mathbb{D}^b(Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha})^{\wedge}$ . If one traces through these maps, one finds that the composition  $\bigoplus_{\alpha} K_0(\mathbb{D}^b(Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha})^{\wedge}) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\alpha} K_0(\mathbb{D}^b(Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha})^{\wedge})$  is multiplication by  $\bigoplus e(N_{S_{\alpha}}X)$ . Hence by [Lemma 5.1](#) the restriction functor  $K_0(\mathbb{D}^b(X/G)^{\wedge}) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\alpha} K_0(\mathbb{D}^b(Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha})^{\wedge})$  differs from a known equivalence by multiplication by a unit, and it is therefore also an equivalence.  $\square$

We now reformulate our version of the localization theorem in the more familiar terms of [\[?AB\]](#).

**Proposition 5.4.** *The pushforward functor  $(\sigma_{\alpha})_* : \text{QC}(Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha}) \rightarrow \text{QC}(X/G)$  maps  $\mathbb{D}^b(Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha})^{\wedge}$  to  $\mathbb{D}^b(X/G)^{\wedge}$ .*

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*Proof.* Because the functor  $(\iota_{\alpha})_* : \mathbb{D}^b(S_{\alpha}/G) \rightarrow \mathbb{D}^b(X/G)$  is compatible with the baric structure, it suffices to show that the pushforward  $(\sigma_{\alpha})_* : \text{QC}(Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha}) \rightarrow \text{QC}(S_{\alpha}/G)$  maps  $\mathbb{D}^b(Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha})^{\wedge}$  to  $\mathbb{D}^b(S_{\alpha}/G)^{\wedge}$ . It suffices to show that  $(\sigma_{\alpha})_*$  maps  $\mathbb{D}^b(Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha})^{<w}$  to  $\mathbb{D}^b(S_{\alpha}/G)^{<w+n}$  for some fixed integer  $n$ , independent of  $w$ .

In order to study this, we use a different presentation of the stack  $S_{\alpha}/G \simeq Y_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/P_{\alpha}$ , where  $Y_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}} \rightarrow Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}$  is the Bialynicki-Birula stratum associated to the distinguished one parameter subgroup  $\lambda_{\alpha}$ , and  $P_{\alpha} \subset G$  is the parabolic subgroup associated to  $\lambda_{\alpha}$ . Then the section  $\sigma_{\alpha} : Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha} \rightarrow Y_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/P_{\alpha}$  factors as closed immersion  $Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha} \hookrightarrow Y_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha}$  followed by the projection  $Y_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha} \rightarrow Y_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/P_{\alpha}$ .

The stack  $Y_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha}$  is also a  $\Theta$ -stratum with center  $Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha}$ , so  $\mathbb{D}^b(Y_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha})$  has a baric structure according to the weights of  $F|_{Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}}$ . The conormal bundle of  $Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}$  in  $Y_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}$  has negative weights, so the pushforward functor  $\mathbb{D}^b(Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha}) \rightarrow \mathbb{D}^b(Y_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha})$  maps  $\mathbb{D}^b(Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha})^{<w} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}^b(Y_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha})^{<w}$ .

The map  $Y_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha} \rightarrow Y_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/P_{\alpha}$  is representable and affine, admitting a presentation by the map  $(P_{\alpha}/L_{\alpha}) \times Y_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/P_{\alpha} \rightarrow Y_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/P_{\alpha}$ . The scheme  $P_{\alpha}/L_{\alpha}$  is isomorphic to a copy of affine space which is attracted to a single fixed point under the action of  $\lambda_{\alpha}(t)$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ . It follows that under the grading induced by  $\lambda_{\alpha}$  we have  $\mathcal{O}_{P_{\alpha}/L_{\alpha}} = k \oplus \bigoplus_{w < 0} A_w$ . Using this one can show that the pushforward  $\text{QC}(Y_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha}) \rightarrow \text{QC}(Y_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/P_{\alpha})$  maps  $\text{QC}(Y_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha})^{<w}$  to  $\text{QC}(Y_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/P_{\alpha})^{<w}$ , and it also maps  $\mathbb{D}^b(Y_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha})$  to  $\mathbb{D}^b(Y_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/P_{\alpha})^{\wedge}$ . This implies (using the criteria of [Lemma 1.2](#)) that the pushforward functor maps  $\mathbb{D}^b(Y_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha})^{\wedge}$  to  $\mathbb{D}^b(Y_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/P_{\alpha})^{\wedge}$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 5.5.** *The complex  $e(N_{Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}}X)$  is a unit in  $K_0(\mathbb{D}^b(Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha})^{\wedge})$ , and in  $K_0(\mathbb{D}^b(X/G)^{\wedge})$  we have,*

$$[R\underline{\Gamma}_{S_{\alpha}} \mathcal{O}_X] = (\sigma_{\alpha})_* \left( \frac{e(\mathcal{O}_{Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}} \otimes \mathfrak{g}^{\lambda_{\alpha} \neq 0})}{e(N_{Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}}X)} \right).$$

where  $\mathfrak{g}^{\lambda_{\alpha} \neq 0}$  denotes the direct summand of  $\mathfrak{g}$  on which  $\lambda_{\alpha}$  acts with non-zero weight.

**Remark 5.6.** Note that the tangent complex of the stack  $X/G$  is a two term complex  $\mathcal{O}_X \otimes \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow TX$ , and the tangent complex of  $Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha}$  is a two term complex  $\mathcal{O}_{Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}} \otimes \mathfrak{g}^{\lambda_{\alpha} = 0} \rightarrow TZ_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}$ . Therefore  $e(\mathcal{O}_{Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}} \otimes \mathfrak{g}^{\lambda_{\alpha} \neq 0})/e(N_{Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}}X) = e(T_{\sigma_{\alpha}}[-1])^{-1}$ , where  $T_{\sigma_{\alpha}}$  is the relative tangent complex of the map  $\sigma_{\alpha} : Z_{\alpha}/L_{\alpha} \rightarrow X/G$ , and hence  $T_{\sigma_{\alpha}}[-1]$  is the ‘‘virtual normal bundle’’ of the map  $\sigma_{\alpha}$ . When  $\lambda_{\alpha}$  is central, and in particular when  $G$  is abelian,  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}^{\lambda_{\alpha} = 0}$ , so this formula simplifies to  $(\sigma_{\alpha})_*(e(N_{Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}}X)^{-1})$ , which is closer to the usual form of the Atiyah-Bott localization formula.

*Proof.* By [Theorem 3.1](#) it suffices to prove the claim for a single closed  $\Theta$ -stratum  $\iota : S \hookrightarrow X$ . Using the description of the local cohomology complex as a colimit  $R\Gamma_S(\mathcal{O}_X) = \text{colim}_n \underline{\text{RHom}}_X(\mathcal{O}_X/I_S^n, \mathcal{O}_X)$ , one can deduce that it has a bounded below filtration whose associated graded is

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\text{RHom}}_X(\iota_*(\text{Sym}(N_S^\vee X)), \mathcal{O}_X) &\simeq \iota_*(\underline{\text{RHom}}_S(\text{Sym}(N_S^\vee X), \iota^!(\mathcal{O}_X))) \\ &\simeq \iota_*(\det(N_S X) \otimes \text{Sym}(N_S X)[-c]) \end{aligned}$$

where  $c = \text{codim}(S, X)$ . Thus factoring the map from the center of the strata as  $\sigma : Z^{\text{ss}}/L \xrightarrow{\sigma} Y^{\text{ss}}/P \simeq S/G \xrightarrow{\iota} X/G$ , it suffices to show that

$$\sigma_* \left( \frac{e(\mathcal{O}_{Z^{\text{ss}}} \otimes \mathfrak{g}^{\lambda \neq 0})}{e(N_{Z^{\text{ss}}} X)} \right) = \det(N_S X) \otimes \text{Sym}(N_S X)[-c] \in K_0(\text{D}^b(S/G)^\wedge) \quad (4)$$

The computation at the end of the proof of [Lemma 5.1](#) shows identifies the restriction  $\det(N_S X|_{Z^{\text{ss}}}) \otimes \text{Sym}(N_S X|_{Z^{\text{ss}}})[-c]$  with  $e(N_S X|_{Z^{\text{ss}}})^{-1}$ , because  $N_S X|_{Z^{\text{ss}}}$  is a locally free sheaf concentrated in negative weights by construction. On the other hand, we have a short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^{<0} \rightarrow (N_{Z^{\text{ss}}} X)^{<0} \rightarrow N_S X|_{Z^{\text{ss}}} \rightarrow 0$ , so

$$e(N_{Z^{\text{ss}}} X)^{-1} = e((N_{Z^{\text{ss}}} X)^{>0})^{-1} e(\mathcal{O}_{Z^{\text{ss}}} \otimes \mathfrak{g}^{<0})^{-1} e(N_S X|_{Z^{\text{ss}}})^{-1}.$$

By the projection formula, in order to verify (4) it suffices to show that

$$\sigma_* (e((N_{Z^{\text{ss}}} X)^{>0})^{-1} e(\mathcal{O}_{Z^{\text{ss}}} \otimes \mathfrak{g}^{>0})) = \mathcal{O}_S \in K_0(\text{D}^b(S/G)^\wedge),$$

which we now verify.

By the projection formula it suffices to show: 1) that the pushforward  $\text{D}^b(Z^{\text{ss}}/L)^\wedge \rightarrow \text{D}^b(Y^{\text{ss}}/L)^\wedge$  maps  $e((N_{Z^{\text{ss}}} X)^{>0})^{-1}$  to  $\mathcal{O}_{Y^{\text{ss}}} \in K_0(\text{D}^b(Y^{\text{ss}}/L)^\wedge)$ , then 2) that the pushforward  $\text{D}^b(Y^{\text{ss}}/L)^\wedge \rightarrow \text{D}^b(Y^{\text{ss}}/P)^\wedge$  maps  $e(\mathcal{O}_{Y^{\text{ss}}} \otimes \mathfrak{g}^{>0})$  to  $\mathcal{O}_{Y^{\text{ss}}} \in K_0(\text{D}^b(Y^{\text{ss}}/P)^\wedge)$ :

*Step 1:* The map  $\pi : Y^{\text{ss}} \rightarrow Z^{\text{ss}}$  is a locally trivial fibration of affine spaces with the section given by  $\sigma : Z^{\text{ss}} \rightarrow Y^{\text{ss}}$ . Under scaling action of the distinguished one parameter subgroup  $\lambda$ ,  $\pi_* \mathcal{O}_{Y^{\text{ss}}}$  is negatively graded with weight 0 piece isomorphic to  $\mathcal{O}_{Z^{\text{ss}}}$ . Using the equivalence between the category of equivariant quasi-coherent sheaves on  $Y^{\text{ss}}$  and quasi-coherent equivariant sheaves of  $\pi_* \mathcal{O}_{Y^{\text{ss}}}$ -modules on  $Z^{\text{ss}}$ , we see that the filtration of  $\mathcal{O}_{Y^{\text{ss}}}$  by  $\lambda$ -weights has as its associated graded  $\sigma_*(\text{Sym}(N_{Z^{\text{ss}}}^\vee Y^{\text{ss}}))$ , so these classes are equal in  $K_0(\text{D}^b(Y^{\text{ss}}/L)^\wedge)$ .<sup>5</sup> On the other hand  $N_{Z^{\text{ss}}}^\vee Y^{\text{ss}} \simeq ((N_{Z^{\text{ss}}} X)^{>0})^\vee$ , so  $\text{Sym}(N_{Z^{\text{ss}}}^\vee Y^{\text{ss}}) = e((N_{Z^{\text{ss}}} X)^{>0})^{-1}$  by [Lemma 5.1](#).

*Step 2:* As discussed in the proof of [Proposition 5.4](#), the map  $Y^{\text{ss}}/L \rightarrow Y^{\text{ss}}/P$  is affine – it is the relative Spec of the sheaf of algebras  $\mathcal{O}_{Y^{\text{ss}}} \otimes_k \mathcal{O}_{P/L} \in \text{QC}(Y^{\text{ss}}/P)$ . The object  $\mathcal{O}_{Y^{\text{ss}}} \otimes \mathfrak{g}^{>0} \in \text{D}^b(Y^{\text{ss}}/L)$  is the pullback of the complex of the same name in  $\text{D}^b(Y^{\text{ss}}/P)$ , so by the projection formula it suffices to show that

$$[\mathcal{O}_{Y^{\text{ss}}} \otimes_k \mathcal{O}_{P/L}] \otimes e(\mathcal{O}_{Y^{\text{ss}}} \otimes \mathfrak{g}^{>0}) = [\mathcal{O}_{Y^{\text{ss}}}] \in K_0(\text{D}^b(Y^{\text{ss}}/P)^\wedge).$$

Evidently, all of these classes are pulled back from  $\text{D}^b(\text{pt}/P)^\wedge$ , so it suffices to verify the identity  $[\mathcal{O}_{P/L}]e(\mathfrak{g}^{>0}) = [k] \in K_0(\text{D}^b(\text{pt}/P)^\wedge)$ . So  $\mathcal{O}_{P/L}$  has a filtration whose associated graded is  $\text{Sym}((\mathfrak{g}^{>0})^*)$ , which implies  $[\mathcal{O}_{P/L}] = e(\mathfrak{g}^{>0})^{-1}$  and thus our identity.  $\square$

Our final statement of Atiyah-Bott localization is thus

<sup>5</sup>The latter sum converges because the weights of  $\text{Sym}^n(N_{Z^{\text{ss}}}^\vee Y^{\text{ss}})$  approach  $-\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Corollary 5.7.** *We have a decomposition of the unit  $[\mathcal{O}_X] \in K_0(\mathbf{D}^b(X/G)^\wedge)$  as a finite sum of idempotents*

$$[\mathcal{O}_X] = \sum_{\alpha} [R\underline{\Gamma}_{S_{\alpha}}(\mathcal{O}_X)] = \sum_{\alpha} (\sigma_{\alpha})_* \left( \frac{e(\mathcal{O}_{Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}} \otimes \mathfrak{g}^{\lambda_{\alpha} \neq 0})}{e(N_{Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}} X)} \right),$$

where  $\sigma_{\alpha} : Z_{\alpha}^{\text{ss}}/L_{\alpha} \rightarrow X/G$  are the centers of the strata.