

## Universal suspension via noncommutative motives

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**Abstract.** In this article we further the study of noncommutative motives, initiated in [5], [6], [28]. Our main result is the construction of a simple model, given in terms of infinite matrices, for the suspension in the triangulated category of noncommutative motives. As a consequence, this simple model holds in all the classical invariants such as Hochschild homology, cyclic homology and its variants (periodic, negative, . . .), algebraic K-theory, topological Hochschild homology, topological cyclic homology, etc.

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### 1. Introduction

**Noncommutative motives.** A *differential graded (dg) category* over a commutative base ring  $k$  is a category enriched over complexes of  $k$ -modules (morphisms sets are such complexes) in such a way that composition satisfies the Leibniz rule:  $d(f \circ g) = (df) \circ g + (-1)^{\deg(f)} f \circ (dg)$ . Dg categories enhance and solve many of the technical problems inherent to triangulated categories; see Keller's ICM address [16]. In *noncommutative algebraic geometry* in the sense of Bondal, Drinfeld, Kaledin, Kapranov, Kontsevich, Toën, Van den Bergh, and others [2], [3], [7], [10], [17], [18], [31], they are considered as dg-enhancements of derived categories of (quasi-)coherent sheaves on a hypothetical noncommutative space.

All the classical (functorial) invariants, such as Hochschild homology  $\mathrm{HH}$ , cyclic homology  $\mathrm{HC}$ , (non-connective) algebraic K-theory  $\mathbb{K}$ , topological Hochschild homology  $\mathrm{THH}$ , and topological cyclic homology  $\mathrm{TC}$ , extend naturally from  $k$ -algebras to dg categories. In order to study *all* these classical invariants simultaneously the author introduced in [28] the notion of *localizing invariant*. This notion that we now recall makes use of the language of Grothendieck derivators [9], a formalism which allows us to state and prove precise universal properties. Let  $L: \mathrm{HO}(\mathrm{dgc}at) \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  be a morphism of derivators from the derivator associated with the derived Morita

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model structure on dg categories (see §2.2) to a triangulated derivator. We say that  $L$  is a *localizing invariant* if it preserves filtered homotopy colimits as well as the terminal object, and sends exact sequences of dg categories (see §2.3)

$$\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{C} \mapsto L(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow L(\mathcal{B}) \rightarrow L(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow L(\mathcal{A})[1]$$

to distinguished triangles in the base category  $\mathbb{D}(e)$  of  $\mathbb{D}$ . Due to the work of Keller [15], [13], Thomason–Trobaugh [30], Schlichting [22], and Blumberg–Mandell [1] (see also [29]) all the mentioned invariants satisfy localization<sup>1</sup>, and so give rise to localizing invariants. In [28], the author constructed the universal localizing invariant

$$\mathcal{U}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}} : \text{HO}(\text{dgcats}) \rightarrow \text{Mot}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}},$$

i.e., given any triangulated derivator  $\mathbb{D}$ , we have an induced equivalence of categories

$$(\mathcal{U}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}})^* : \underline{\text{Hom}}_1(\text{Mot}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}}, \mathbb{D}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \underline{\text{Hom}}_{\text{loc}}(\text{HO}(\text{dgcats}), \mathbb{D}), \quad (1.1)$$

where the left-hand side denotes the category of homotopy colimit preserving morphisms of derivators, and the right-hand side denotes the category of localizing invariants. Because of this universality property, which is a reminiscence of motives,  $\text{Mot}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}}$  is called the *localizing motivator*, and its base category  $\text{Mot}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}}(e)$  the *category of noncommutative motives*. We invite the reader to consult [5], [6], [28] for several applications of this theory of noncommutative motives.

**Universal suspension.** The purpose of this article is to construct a simple model for the suspension in the triangulated category of noncommutative motives.

Consider the  $k$ -algebra  $\Gamma$  of  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ -matrices  $A$  which satisfy the following two conditions: (1) the set  $\{A_{i,j} \mid i, j \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is finite; (2) there exists a natural number  $n_A$  such that each row and each column has at most  $n_A$  non-zero entries; see Definition 3.5. Let  $\Sigma$  be the quotient of  $\Gamma$  by the two-sided ideal consisting of those matrices with finitely many non-zero entries; see Definition 3.1. Alternatively, take the (left) localization of  $\Gamma$  with respect to the matrices  $I_n$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , with entries  $(I_n)_{i,j} = \mathbf{1}$  for  $i = j > n$  and 0 otherwise; see Proposition 3.11. The algebra  $\Sigma$  goes back to the work of Karoubi and Villamayor [11] on negative K-theory. Recently, it was used by Cortiñas and Thom [4] in the construction of a bivariant algebraic K-theory. Given a dg category  $\mathcal{A}$ , we denote by  $\Sigma(\mathcal{A})$  the tensor product of  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $\Sigma$ ; see §2.1. The main result of this article is the following.

**Theorem 1.2.** *For every dg category  $\mathcal{A}$  we have a canonical isomorphism*

$$\mathcal{U}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}}(\Sigma(\mathcal{A})) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{U}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}}(\mathcal{A})[1].$$

The proof of Theorem 1.2 is based on several properties of the category of noncommutative motives (see Section 6), on an exact sequence relating  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\Sigma(\mathcal{A})$  (see Section 4), and on the *flasqueness* of  $\Gamma$  (see Section 5). Let us now describe some applications of Theorem 1.2.

<sup>1</sup>In the case of algebraic K-theory we consider its non-connective version.

**Applications.** A realization of the category of noncommutative motives is a triangulated functor  $R: \text{Mot}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}}(e) \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$ . An important aspect of a realization is the fact that every result which holds on  $\text{Mot}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}}(e)$  also holds on  $\mathcal{T}$ . In particular, given a dg category  $\mathcal{A}$ , Theorem 1.2 gives us a canonical isomorphism

$$(R \circ \mathcal{U}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}})(\Sigma(\mathcal{A})) \xrightarrow{\sim} (R \circ \mathcal{U}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}})(\mathcal{A})[1].$$

Due to the above equivalence (1.1) every localizing invariant gives rise to a realization. Hence we obtain the canonical isomorphisms

$$\text{HH}(\Sigma(\mathcal{A})) \simeq \text{HH}(\mathcal{A})[1], \quad \text{HH}_{*+1}(\Sigma(\mathcal{A})) \simeq \text{HH}_*(\mathcal{A}), \quad (1.3)$$

$$\text{HC}(\Sigma(\mathcal{A})) \simeq \text{HC}(\mathcal{A})[1], \quad \text{HC}_{*+1}(\Sigma(\mathcal{A})) \simeq \text{HC}_*(\mathcal{A}), \quad (1.4)$$

$$\mathbb{K}(\Sigma(\mathcal{A})) \simeq \mathbb{K}(\mathcal{A})[1], \quad \mathbb{K}_{*+1}(\Sigma(\mathcal{A})) \simeq \mathbb{K}_*(\mathcal{A}), \quad (1.5)$$

$$\text{THH}(\Sigma(\mathcal{A})) \simeq \text{THH}(\mathcal{A})[1], \quad \text{THH}_{*+1}(\Sigma(\mathcal{A})) \simeq \text{THH}_*(\mathcal{A}), \quad (1.6)$$

$$\text{TC}(\Sigma(\mathcal{A})) \simeq \text{TC}(\mathcal{A})[1], \quad \text{TC}_{*+1}(\Sigma(\mathcal{A})) \simeq \text{TC}_*(\mathcal{A}). \quad (1.7)$$

Negative cyclic homology  $\text{HC}^-$  and periodic cyclic homology  $\text{HP}$  are not examples of localizing invariants since they do *not* preserve filtered (homotopy) colimits. Nevertheless, as explained in [6], Examples 8.10 and 8.11, they factor through  $\text{Mot}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}}$  thus giving rise to realizations. We obtain then the canonical isomorphisms:

$$\text{HC}^-(\Sigma(\mathcal{A})) \simeq \text{HC}^-(\mathcal{A})[1], \quad \text{HC}_{*+1}^-(\Sigma(\mathcal{A})) \simeq \text{HC}_*^-(\mathcal{A}), \quad (1.8)$$

$$\text{HP}(\Sigma(\mathcal{A})) \simeq \text{HP}(\mathcal{A})[1], \quad \text{HP}_{*+1}(\Sigma(\mathcal{A})) \simeq \text{HP}_*(\mathcal{A}). \quad (1.9)$$

Note that since  $\text{HP}$  is 2-periodic, the homologies of  $\Sigma(\mathcal{A})$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  can be obtained from each other by simply switching the degrees. To the best of the author’s knowledge the isomorphisms (1.3)–(1.9) are new. They show us that  $\Sigma(\mathcal{A})$  is a simple model for the suspension in all these classical invariants.<sup>2</sup>

We would like to mention that Kassel constructed an isomorphism related to (1.4), but for ordinary algebras over a field and with cyclic homology replaced by bivariant cyclic cohomology; see [12], Theorem 3.1. Instead of  $\Gamma$ , he considered the larger algebra of infinite matrices which have finitely many non-zero entries in each line and column.

Now let  $X$  a quasi-compact and quasi-separated scheme. It is well known that the category of perfect complexes in the (unbounded) derived category of quasi-coherent sheaves on  $X$  admits a dg-enhancement  $\text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(X)$ ; see for instance [2], [20] or [6], Example 4.5. Due to [1], Theorem 1.3, [13], §5.2, and [22], §8, Theorem 5, the algebraic K-theory and the (topological) cyclic homology<sup>3</sup> of the scheme  $X$  can be obtained from the dg category  $\text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(X)$  by applying the corresponding invariant. Therefore, when  $\mathcal{A} = \text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(X)$ , the above isomorphisms (1.3)–(1.9) suggest that the dg category  $\Sigma(\text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(X))$  should be considered as the “noncommutative suspension”

<sup>2</sup>Recall that all these invariants take values in arbitrary degrees.

<sup>3</sup>In fact we can consider any variant of (topological) cyclic homology.

or “noncommutative delooping” of the scheme  $X$ . This will be the subject of future research.

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*Convention.* Throughout the article  $k$  will denote a commutative base ring with unit  $\mathbf{1}$ . Given a dg algebra  $H$  we will denote by  $\underline{H}$  the dg category with a single object  $*$  and with  $H$  as the dg algebra of endomorphisms.

## 2. Background on dg categories

In this section we collect some notions and results on dg categories which will be used throughout the article.

Let  $\mathcal{C}(k)$  be the category of (unbounded) complexes of  $k$ -modules; we use cohomological notation. A *differential graded (dg) category* is a category enriched over  $\mathcal{C}(k)$  and a *dg functor* is a functor enriched over  $\mathcal{C}(k)$ ; consult Keller’s ICM address [16] for a survey on dg categories. The category of dg categories will be denoted by  $\text{dgcats}$ .

**Notation 2.1.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a dg category. The category  $Z^0(\mathcal{A})$  has the same objects as  $\mathcal{A}$  and morphisms given by  $Z^0(\mathcal{A})(x, y) := Z^0(\mathcal{A}(x, y))$ . The category  $H^0(\mathcal{A})$  has the same objects as  $\mathcal{A}$  and morphisms given by  $H^0(\mathcal{A})(x, y) := H^0(\mathcal{A}(x, y))$ . The *opposite* dg category  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{op}}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  has the same objects as  $\mathcal{A}$  and complexes of morphisms given by  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{op}}(x, y) := \mathcal{A}(y, x)$ .

**2.1. (Bi)modules.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a dg category. A *right  $\mathcal{A}$ -module*  $M$  is a dg functor  $M: \mathcal{A}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{\text{dg}}(k)$  with values in the dg category  $\mathcal{C}_{\text{dg}}(k)$  of complexes of  $k$ -modules. We will denote by  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A})$  the category of right  $\mathcal{A}$ -modules; see [16], §2.3. As explained in [16], §3.1, the differential graded structure of  $\mathcal{C}_{\text{dg}}(k)$  makes  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A})$  naturally into a dg category  $\mathcal{C}_{\text{dg}}(\mathcal{A})$ . Recall from [16], Theorem 3.2, that  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A})$  carries a standard projective  $\mathcal{C}(k)$ -model structure. The *derived category*  $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A})$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  is the localization of  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A})$  with respect to the class of objectwise quasi-isomorphisms.

**Notation 2.2.** We denote by  $\text{perf}(\mathcal{A})$ , resp. by  $\text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(\mathcal{A})$ , the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A})$ , resp. full dg subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}_{\text{dg}}(\mathcal{A})$ , whose objects are the cofibrant right  $\mathcal{A}$ -modules that are compact ([21], Definition 4.2.7) in the triangulated category  $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A})$ .

Given dg categories  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  their *tensor product*  $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B}$  is defined as follows: the set of objects is the cartesian product and given objects  $(x, z)$  and  $(y, w)$  in  $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B}$ , we set  $(\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B})((x, z), (y, w)) := \mathcal{A}(x, y) \otimes \mathcal{B}(z, w)$ . An  *$\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathcal{B}$ -bimodule*  $X$  is a dg functor  $X: \mathcal{A}^{\text{op}} \otimes \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{\text{dg}}(k)$ , i.e., a right  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{op}} \otimes \mathcal{B}$ -module.

**2.2. Derived Morita equivalences.** A dg functor  $F: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  is called a *derived Morita equivalence* if its derived extension of scalars functor  $\mathbb{L}F_! : \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{B})$  (see [31], §3) is an equivalence of triangulated categories. Due to [25], Theorem 5.3 (and [27]), the category  $\text{dgcats}$  carries a (cofibrantly generated) Quillen model structure whose weak equivalences are the derived Morita equivalences. We denote by  $\text{Hmo}$  the homotopy category hence obtained.

The tensor product of dg categories can be derived into a bifunctor  $-\otimes^{\mathbb{L}}-$  on  $\text{Hmo}$ . Moreover, due to [31], Theorem 6.1, the bifunctor  $-\otimes^{\mathbb{L}}-$  admits an internal Hom-functor  $\text{rep}(-, -)$ .<sup>4</sup> Given dg categories  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $\text{rep}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  is the full dg subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}_{\text{dg}}(\mathcal{A}^{\text{op}} \otimes^{\mathbb{L}} \mathcal{B})$  spanned by the cofibrant  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathcal{B}$ -bimodules  $X$  such that, for every object  $x$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ , the right  $\mathcal{B}$ -module  $X(x, -)$  is compact in  $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{B})$ . The set of morphisms in  $\text{Hmo}$  from  $\mathcal{A}$  to  $\mathcal{B}$  is given by the set of isomorphism classes of the triangulated category  $\text{H}^0(\text{rep}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}))$ .

**2.3. Exact sequences.** A sequence of triangulated categories

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{R} \xrightarrow{I} \mathcal{S} \xrightarrow{P} \mathcal{T} \rightarrow 0$$

is called *exact* if the composition is zero, the functor  $I$  is fully faithful and the induced functor from the Verdier quotient  $\mathcal{S}/\mathcal{R}$  to  $\mathcal{T}$  is *cofinal*, i.e., it is fully faithful and every object in  $\mathcal{T}$  is a direct summand of an object of  $\mathcal{S}/\mathcal{R}$ ; see [21], §2. A sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{X} \mathcal{B} \xrightarrow{Y} \mathcal{C} \rightarrow 0$$

in  $\text{Hmo}$  is called *exact* if the induced sequence of triangulated categories

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A}) \xrightarrow{-\otimes_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathbb{L}} X} \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{B}) \xrightarrow{-\otimes_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathbb{L}} Y} \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact; see [16], §4.6.

### 3. Infinite matrix algebras

In this section we introduce the matrix algebras used in the construction of the universal suspension.

**Definition 3.1.** Given  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we denote by  $M_n$  the  $k$ -algebra of  $n \times n$ -matrices with coefficients in  $k$ . Let

$$M_{\infty} := \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} M_n$$

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<sup>4</sup>Denoted by  $\mathbb{R}\underline{\text{Hom}}(-, -)$  in loc. cit.

be the  $k$ -algebra of *finite matrices*, where  $M_n \subset M_{n+1}$  via the map

$$A \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Note that  $M_\infty$  does *not* have a unit object. Moreover, transposition of matrices gives rise to an isomorphism of  $k$ -algebras

$$(-)^T : (M_\infty)^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\sim} M_\infty. \tag{3.2}$$

**Notation 3.3.** Given  $k, l \in \mathbb{N}$ , we denote by  $E_{kl} \in M_\infty$  the matrix

$$(E_{kl})_{i,j} := \begin{cases} \mathbf{1} & \text{if } i = k \text{ and } j = l, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Note that given  $k, l, m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the product  $E_{kl} \cdot E_{nm}$  equals  $E_{km}$  if  $l = n$  and is zero otherwise. Given a non-negative integer  $n \geq 0$ , we denote by  $I_n \in M_\infty$  the matrix

$$(I_n)_{i,j} := \begin{cases} \mathbf{1} & \text{if } i = j \leq n, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

In particular,  $I_0$  stands for the zero matrix.

**Lemma 3.4.** *The  $k$ -algebra  $M_\infty$  has **idempotent local units**, i.e., for each finite family  $A_s, s \in S$ , of elements in  $M_\infty$  there exists an idempotent  $E \in M_\infty$  such that  $E \cdot A_s = A_s \cdot E = A_s$  for all  $s \in S$ .*

*Proof.* Since the matrices  $A_s, s \in S$ , have only a finite number of non-zero entries there exist natural numbers  $m_s, s \in S$ , such that  $(A_s)_{i,j} = 0$  when  $i$  or  $j$  is greater than  $m_s$ . Let  $m := \max\{m_s \mid s \in S\}$ . If  $E$  is the idempotent matrix  $I_m$  we observe that  $I_m \cdot A_s = A_s \cdot I_m = A_s$  for all  $s \in S$ . □

**Definition 3.5.** Let  $\Gamma$  be the  $k$ -algebra of  $(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N})$ -matrices  $A$  with coefficients in  $k$  and satisfying the following two conditions:

- (1) the set  $\{A_{i,j} \mid i, j \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is finite;
- (2) there exists a natural number  $n_A$  (which depends on  $A$ ) such that each row and each column has at most  $n_A$  non-zero entries.

The  $k$ -module structure is defined entrywise and the multiplication is given by the ordinary matrix multiplication law; note that if  $A, B \in \Gamma$  we can take  $n_A \times n_B$  as the natural number  $n_{A \cdot B}$ . In contrast to  $M_\infty$ ,  $\Gamma$  does *have* a unit object

$$I_{i,j} := \begin{cases} \mathbf{1} & \text{if } i = j, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Moreover, transposition of matrices induces an isomorphism of  $k$ -algebras

$$(-)^T : \Gamma^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \Gamma$$

which extends isomorphism (3.2).

Now let us fix a bijection

$$\theta : \mathbb{N} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}, \quad n \mapsto (\theta_1(n), \theta_2(n));$$

take for instance the inverse of Cantor’s classical pairing function. As in [23], Lemma 19, we define a  $k$ -algebra homomorphism

$$\phi : \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma, \quad A \mapsto \phi(A),$$

by

$$\phi(A)_{i,j} := \begin{cases} A_{\theta_1(i), \theta_1(j)} & \text{if } \theta_2(i) = \theta_2(j), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Note that the non-zero elements in line  $i$ , resp. in column  $j$ , of the matrix  $\phi(A)$  are precisely the non-zero elements in line  $i$ , resp. in column  $j$ , of the matrix  $A$ .

**Definition 3.6.** Let  $W$  be the  $\Gamma$ - $\Gamma$ -bimodule, which is  $\Gamma$  as a left  $\Gamma$ -module, and whose right  $\Gamma$ -action is given by

$$\Gamma \times \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma, \quad (B, A) \mapsto B \cdot \phi(A).$$

**Lemma 3.7.** *There exists a natural  $\Gamma$ - $\Gamma$ -bimodule isomorphism  $\Gamma \oplus W \xrightarrow{\sim} W$ .*

*Proof.* Consider the elements

$$\alpha_{i,j} := \begin{cases} \mathbf{1} & \text{if } \theta(j) = (i, 0), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and

$$\beta_{i,j} := \begin{cases} \mathbf{1} & \text{if } \theta(j) = \theta(i) + (0, 1), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

in  $\Gamma$ . Using  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , we define maps

$$\Gamma \oplus W \rightarrow W, \quad (A, B) \mapsto A \cdot \alpha + B \cdot \beta, \tag{3.8}$$

$$W \rightarrow \Gamma \oplus W, \quad B \mapsto (B \cdot \alpha^T, B \cdot \beta^T). \tag{3.9}$$

The map (3.8) is a left  $\Gamma$ -module homomorphism. The fact that it is also a right  $\Gamma$ -module homomorphism follows from the equalities

$$\beta \cdot \alpha^T = 0, \quad \alpha \cdot \alpha^T = \beta \cdot \beta^T = I, \quad \alpha^T \cdot \alpha + \beta^T \cdot \beta = I.$$

Moreover, since for every  $A \in \Gamma$  we have

$$A \cdot \alpha = \alpha \cdot \phi(A) \quad \text{and} \quad \phi(A) \cdot \beta = \beta \cdot \phi(A),$$

we conclude that the maps (3.8) and (3.9) are inverse of each other. □

**Notation 3.10.** Clearly the  $k$ -algebra  $M_\infty$  forms a two-sided ideal in  $\Gamma$ . We denote by  $\Sigma$  the associated quotient  $k$ -algebra  $\Gamma/M_\infty$ .

Alternatively, we can describe the quotient  $k$ -algebra  $\Sigma$  as follows.

**Proposition 3.11.** *The matrices*

$$\bar{I}_n := I - I_n$$

(see Notation 3.3) form a left denominator set  $S$  in  $\Gamma$  ([19], §4), i.e.,  $I \in S$ ,  $S \cdot S \subset S$  and

- (i) given  $\bar{I}_n \in S$  and  $E \in \Gamma$ , there are  $\bar{I}_m \in S$  and  $E' \in \Gamma$  such that  $E' \cdot \bar{I}_n = \bar{I}_m \cdot E$ ;
- (ii) if  $\bar{I}_n \in S$  and  $E \in \Gamma$  satisfy  $E \cdot \bar{I}_n = 0$ , there is  $\bar{I}_m \in S$  such that  $\bar{I}_m \cdot E = 0$ .

Moreover, the localized  $k$ -algebra  $\Gamma[S^{-1}]^5$  is naturally isomorphic to  $\Sigma$ .

*Proof.* In order to simplify the proof we consider the following block-matrix graphical notation

$$E = {}^k \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} E_a & E_b \\ \hline E_c & E_d \end{array} \right] \in \Gamma,$$

where  $k, l \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $E_a$  is a  $(k \times l)$ -matrix,  $E_b$  is a  $(k \times \mathbb{N})$ -matrix,  $E_c$  is a  $(\mathbb{N} \times l)$ -matrix, and  $E_d$  is a  $(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N})$ -matrix. Under this notation we have, for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the equalities

$$\bar{I}_n \cdot {}^n \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} E_a & E_b \\ \hline E_c & E_d \end{array} \right] = {}^n \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 0 \\ \hline E_c & E_d \end{array} \right] \tag{3.12}$$

and

$${}^n \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} E_a & E_b \\ \hline E_c & E_d \end{array} \right] \cdot \bar{I}_n = {}^n \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & E_b \\ \hline 0 & E_d \end{array} \right]. \tag{3.13}$$

By definition  $I = \bar{I}_0 \in S$ . Equalities (3.12) and (3.13), and the fact that  $\bar{I}_0 = I$ , imply that

$$\bar{I}_n \cdot \bar{I}_m = \overline{I_{\max\{n,m\}}}, \quad n \geq 0.$$

This shows that  $S \cdot S \subset S$ .

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<sup>5</sup>Since  $S$  is a left denominator set, this  $k$ -algebra is given by left fractions, i.e., equivalence classes of pairs  $(\bar{I}_n, E)$  modulo the relation which identifies  $(\bar{I}_n, E)$  with  $(\bar{I}_m, E')$  if there are  $B, B' \in \Gamma$  such that  $B \cdot \bar{I}_n = B' \cdot \bar{I}_m$  belongs to  $S$  and  $B \cdot E = B' \cdot E'$ .

(i) Note first that when  $n = 0$  the claim is trivial. Since  $E$  belongs to  $\Gamma$ , there exist natural numbers  $m_j, 1 \leq j \leq n$ , such that  $E_{i,j} = 0$  for  $i \geq m_j$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . Take  $m = \max\{n, m_j \mid 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ . Then, we have the equality

$$\bar{I}_m \cdot m \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} E_a & E_b \\ \hline E_c & E_d \end{array} \right]^n = m \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & E_d \end{array} \right]^n. \tag{3.14}$$

Since  $m \geq n$ , the above equality (3.13) shows us that we can take for  $E'$  the above matrix (3.14). This proves the claim.

(ii) When  $n = 0$  the claim is trivial. If  $E \cdot \bar{I}_n = 0$  the above equality (3.13) shows us that

$$E = n \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} E_a & 0 \\ \hline E_c & 0 \end{array} \right]^n. \tag{3.15}$$

Since  $E$  belongs to  $\Gamma$ , there exist natural numbers  $m_j, 1 \leq j \leq n$ , such that  $E_{i,j} = 0$  for  $i \geq m_j$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . Take  $m = \max\{m_j \mid 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ . Then the above description (3.15) combined with equality (3.13) show us that  $\bar{I}_m \cdot E = 0$ . This proves the claim.

We now show that the localized  $k$ -algebra  $\Gamma[S^{-1}]$  is naturally isomorphic to  $\Sigma$ . Since the matrices

$$I_n = I - \bar{I}_n, \quad n \geq 0,$$

belong to  $M_\infty$ , we conclude that all the elements of the set  $S$  become the identity object in  $\Sigma$ . Therefore, by the universal property of  $\Gamma[S^{-1}]$  we obtain a  $k$ -algebra map

$$\Gamma[S^{-1}] \rightarrow \Sigma. \tag{3.16}$$

On the other hand, the kernel of the localization map  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma[S^{-1}]$  consists of those matrices  $E \in \Gamma$  for which  $\bar{I}_n \cdot E = 0$  for some  $n \geq 0$ . Due to equality (3.12) we observe that the elements of  $M_\infty$  satisfy this condition. Therefore, by the universal property of  $\Sigma := \Gamma/M_\infty$  we obtain a  $k$ -algebra map

$$\Sigma \rightarrow \Gamma[S^{-1}]. \tag{3.17}$$

The maps (3.16) and (3.17) are clearly inverse of each other and so the proof is finished. □

**Lemma 3.18.** *The algebras  $M_\infty, \Gamma$  and  $\Sigma$  are flat as  $k$ -modules.*

*Proof.* We start by proving this proposition in the particular case where the base ring  $k$  is  $\mathbb{Z}$ . In this case the underlying  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules of  $(M_\infty)_\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\Gamma_\mathbb{Z}$  are torsion-free and so by [33], Corollary 3.1.5, are flat. Due to Proposition 3.11,  $\Sigma_\mathbb{Z}$  identifies with the (left) localization of  $\Gamma_\mathbb{Z}$  with respect to the set  $S$ , and so a standard argument shows that the right  $\Gamma_\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\Sigma_\mathbb{Z}$  is flat. Since  $\Gamma_\mathbb{Z}$  is flat as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module, we conclude that  $\Sigma_\mathbb{Z}$  is also flat as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module.

Let us now consider the general case. Clearly we have a natural isomorphism of  $k$ -modules

$$(M_\infty)_\mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} k \xrightarrow{\sim} (M_\infty)_k.$$

By [4], Lemma 4.7.1, we also have natural isomorphisms of  $k$ -modules

$$\Gamma_{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} k \xrightarrow{\sim} \Gamma_k \quad \text{and} \quad \Sigma_{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} k \xrightarrow{\sim} \Sigma_k.$$

Therefore, since flat modules are stable under extension of scalars, the proof is achieved.  $\square$

#### 4. An exact sequence

Let  $H$  be a  $k$ -algebra and  $J \subset H$  a two-sided ideal.

**Definition 4.1.** The category  $\mathcal{J}$  of idempotents of  $J$  is defined as follows: its objects are the symbols  $\mathbf{u}$ , where  $u$  is an idempotent of  $J$ ; the  $k$ -module  $\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}')$  of morphisms from  $\mathbf{u}$  to  $\mathbf{u}'$  is  $uJu'$ ; composition is given by multiplication in  $J$  and the unit of each object  $\mathbf{u}$  is the idempotent  $u$ . Associated to  $H$  and  $J$  there is also a  $\mathcal{J}$ - $\underline{H}$ -bimodule  $X$  such that  $X(\mathbf{u}, *) := uJ$ , with left and right actions given by multiplication.

Recall from [14], Example 3.3 (b), that if  $H$  and  $J$  are flat as  $k$ -modules and  $J$  has *idempotent local units* (i.e., for each finite family  $a_s, s \in S$ , of elements in  $J$  there exists an idempotent  $u \in J$  such that  $ua_s = a_su = a_s$  for all  $s \in S$ ) we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{J} \xrightarrow{X} \underline{H} \rightarrow \underline{H/J} \rightarrow 0.$$

in  $\text{Hmo}$ . By Lemmas 3.4 and 3.18, if we take  $H = \Gamma$  and  $J = M_\infty$ , we obtain the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_\infty \xrightarrow{X} \underline{\Gamma} \rightarrow \underline{\Sigma} \rightarrow 0 \tag{4.2}$$

in  $\text{Hmo}$ .

**Proposition 4.3.** *The dg functor*

$$\underline{k} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_\infty, \quad * \mapsto \mathbf{E}_{11} \tag{4.4}$$

(see Notation 3.3), is a derived Morita equivalence.

*Proof.* We will prove a stronger statement, namely that the above functor (4.4) is a Morita equivalence; see [24], §2. The category  $\mathcal{M}_\infty$  is by definition enriched over  $k$ -modules and the classical theory of Morita holds in this setting. Let  $\text{Mod-}\mathcal{M}_\infty$  be the abelian category of right  $\mathcal{M}_\infty$ -modules (i.e., contravariant  $k$ -linear functors from  $\mathcal{M}_\infty$  to  $k$ -modules) and

$$\widehat{(-)}: \mathcal{M}_\infty \rightarrow \text{Mod-}\mathcal{M}_\infty, \quad \mathbf{E} \mapsto \mathcal{M}_\infty(-, \mathbf{E}) =: \widehat{\mathbf{E}},$$

the (enriched) Yoneda functor. Following [24], Theorems 2.2 and 2.5, we need to show that  $\widehat{E_{11}}$  is a small projective generator of  $\text{Mod-}\mathcal{M}_\infty$  and that its ring of endomorphisms is isomorphic to  $k$ . Note that we have natural isomorphisms

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{Mod-}\mathcal{M}_\infty}(\widehat{E_{11}}, \widehat{E_{11}}) \simeq \mathcal{M}_\infty(E_{11}, E_{11}) = E_{11} \cdot \mathcal{M}_\infty \cdot E_{11} \simeq k.$$

Moreover,  $\widehat{E_{11}}$  is small and projective by definition. Therefore, it only remains to show that  $\widehat{E_{11}}$  is a generator, i.e., that every right  $\mathcal{M}_\infty$ -module  $P$  is an epimorphic image of a sum of (possibly infinitely many) copies of  $\widehat{E_{11}}$ . Given an object  $E$  in  $\mathcal{M}_\infty$  we have, by the (enriched) Yoneda lemma, an isomorphism

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{Mod-}\mathcal{M}_\infty}(\widehat{E}, P) \simeq P(E)$$

and so we obtain a natural epimorphism

$$\bigoplus_{E \in \mathcal{M}_\infty} \bigoplus_{P(E)} \widehat{E} \twoheadrightarrow P.$$

This shows that it suffices to treat the case where  $P$  is of shape  $\widehat{E}$ . We consider first the cases  $E = E_{nn}, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . The following morphisms in  $\mathcal{M}_\infty$

$$E_{11} \xrightarrow{E_{11} \cdot E_{1n} \cdot E_{nn}} E_{nn} \quad \text{and} \quad E_{nn} \xrightarrow{E_{nn} \cdot E_{n1} \cdot E_{11}} E_{11}$$

show us that  $E_{11}$  and  $E_{nn}$  are isomorphic and so the claim follows.

We consider now the cases  $E = I_m, m \in \mathbb{N}$ . The natural morphisms in  $\mathcal{M}_\infty$

$$E_{nn} \xrightarrow{E_{nn} \cdot E_{nn} \cdot I_m} I_m, \quad 1 \leq n \leq m,$$

give rise to a map

$$\bigoplus_{n \geq 1}^m \widehat{E_{nn}} \rightarrow \widehat{I_m} \tag{4.5}$$

in  $\text{Mod-}\mathcal{M}_\infty$ . In order to show that the map (4.5) is surjective, we need to show that its evaluation

$$\bigoplus_{n \geq 1}^m \mathcal{M}_\infty(B, E_{nn}) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_\infty(B, I_m) \tag{4.6}$$

at each object  $B$  of  $\mathcal{M}_\infty$  is surjective. We have  $I_m = \sum_{n \geq 1}^m E_{nn}$ , and so (4.6) identifies with the natural map

$$\bigoplus_{n \geq 1}^m (B \cdot \mathcal{M}_\infty \cdot E_{nn}) \rightarrow B \cdot \mathcal{M}_\infty \cdot (\sum_{n \geq 1}^m E_{nn}),$$

which is easily seen to be surjective. Since  $E_{11}$  is isomorphic to  $E_{nn}, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the claim is proved.

Finally, we consider the case of a general object  $E$  in  $\mathcal{M}_\infty$ . Since  $E$  has only a finite number of non-zero entries there exists a natural number  $m$  such that  $E_{i,j} = 0$  when  $i$  or  $j$  is greater than  $m$ . We have then the equality

$$E \cdot I_m = I_m \cdot E = E.$$

This implies that the composition

$$E \xrightarrow{E \cdot I_m \cdot I_m} I_m \xrightarrow{I_m \cdot I_m \cdot E} E$$

equals the identity map of the object  $E$ . Since the abelian category  $\text{Mod-}\mathcal{M}_\infty$  is idempotent complete, we conclude that the right  $\mathcal{M}_\infty$ -module  $\widehat{E}$  is a direct factor of  $\widehat{I_m}$ . This achieves the proof.  $\square$

By combining the exact sequence (4.2) with the derived Morita equivalence (4.4) we obtain in  $\text{Hmo}$  an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \underline{k} \rightarrow \underline{\Gamma} \rightarrow \underline{\Sigma} \rightarrow 0. \tag{4.7}$$

**Notation 4.8.** Given a dg category  $\mathcal{A}$ , we denote by  $\Gamma(\mathcal{A})$  the dg category  $\underline{\Gamma} \otimes \mathcal{A}$  and by  $\Sigma(\mathcal{A})$  the dg category  $\underline{\Sigma} \otimes \mathcal{A}$ ; see §2.1.

**Proposition 4.9.** *For every dg category  $\mathcal{A}$  we have an exact sequence*

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \Gamma(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \Sigma(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow 0$$

in  $\text{Hmo}$ .

*Proof.* The exact sequence (4.7) and [7], Proposition 1.6.3, leads to the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \underline{k} \otimes^{\mathbb{L}} \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \underline{\Gamma} \otimes^{\mathbb{L}} \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \underline{\Sigma} \otimes^{\mathbb{L}} \mathcal{A} \rightarrow 0$$

in  $\text{Hmo}$ . By Lemma 3.18 the algebras  $\Gamma$  and  $\Sigma$  are flat as  $k$ -modules and so the derived tensor products are identified in  $\text{Hmo}$  with the ordinary ones. Moreover, we have a natural isomorphism  $\underline{k} \otimes^{\mathbb{L}} \mathcal{A} \simeq \mathcal{A}$ .  $\square$

### 5. Flasqueness of $\Gamma$

**Definition 5.1.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a dg category with *sums* (i.e., the diagonal dg functor  $\Delta: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A}$  admits a left adjoint  $\oplus: \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ ) such that  $Z^0(\mathcal{A})$  is equivalent to  $\text{perf}(\mathcal{A})$ ; see Notations 2.1 and 2.2. Under these hypothesis, we say that  $\mathcal{A}$  is *flasque* if there exists a dg functor  $\tau: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  and a natural isomorphism  $\text{Id} \oplus \tau \simeq \tau$ .

**Proposition 5.2.** *The dg category  $\text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(\Gamma)$  is flasque.*

*Proof.* Notice first that since we have an isomorphism of  $k$ -algebras

$$(-)^T : \Gamma^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \Gamma,$$

it is equivalent to show that the dg category  $\text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(\Gamma^{\text{op}})$  is flasque. By definition,  $\text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(\Gamma^{\text{op}})$  has sums and  $Z^0(\text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(\Gamma^{\text{op}}))$  is equivalent to  $\text{perf}(\Gamma^{\text{op}})$ . Now recall from Definition 3.6 the construction of the  $\Gamma$ - $\Gamma$ -bimodule  $W$ . As explained in [16], §3.8, the bimodule  $W$  gives rise to a Quillen adjunction

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{C}(\Gamma^{\text{op}}) \\ W \otimes_{\Gamma} - \updownarrow \\ \mathcal{C}(\Gamma^{\text{op}}), \end{array}$$

which is moreover compatible with the  $\mathcal{C}(k)$ -enrichment. Since the  $\Gamma$ - $\Gamma$ -bimodule  $W$  is  $\Gamma$  as a left  $\Gamma$ -module, the left Quillen dg functor

$$W \otimes_{\Gamma} - : \mathcal{C}_{\text{dg}}(\Gamma^{\text{op}}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{\text{dg}}(\Gamma^{\text{op}})$$

restricts to a dg functor

$$\tau : \text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(\Gamma^{\text{op}}) \rightarrow \text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(\Gamma^{\text{op}}).$$

Moreover, given an object  $P$  in  $\text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(\Gamma^{\text{op}})$  we have a functorial isomorphism

$$P \oplus \tau(P) = P \oplus (W \otimes_{\Gamma} P) \simeq (\Gamma \oplus W) \otimes_{\Gamma} P \xrightarrow[\sim]{\psi} W \otimes_{\Gamma} P = \tau(P),$$

where  $\psi$  is obtained by tensoring the  $\Gamma$ - $\Gamma$ -bimodule isomorphism  $\Gamma \oplus W \xrightarrow{\sim} W$  of Lemma 3.7 with  $P$ . This finishes the proof. □

**Lemma 5.3.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  be two dg categories, with  $\mathcal{A}$  flasque. Then the dg category  $\text{rep}(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{A})$  (see §2.2) is also flasque.*

*Proof.* By construction, the dg category  $\text{rep}(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{A})$  has sums and  $Z^0(\text{rep}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}))$  is equivalent to  $\text{perf}(\text{rep}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}))$ . Moreover, since  $\mathcal{A}$  is flasque and  $\text{rep}(\mathcal{B}, -)$  is a 2-functor which preserves (derived) products, we obtain a dg functor

$$\text{rep}(\mathcal{B}, \tau) : \text{rep}(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \text{rep}(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{A})$$

and a natural isomorphism  $\text{Id} \oplus \text{rep}(\mathcal{B}, \tau) \simeq \text{rep}(\mathcal{B}, \tau)$ . □

Let us now recall the definition of the algebraic K-theory of dg categories. Given a dg category  $\mathcal{A}$  we denote by  $\text{perf}^{\mathcal{W}}(\mathcal{A})$  the Waldhausen category  $\text{perf}(\mathcal{A})$ , whose weak equivalences and cofibrations are those of the Quillen model structure on  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A})$ ; see [8], §3. The algebraic K-theory spectrum  $K(\mathcal{A})$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  is the Waldhausen K-theory spectrum ([32]) of  $\text{perf}^{\mathcal{W}}(\mathcal{A})$ . Given a dg functor  $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ , the extension

of scalars left Quillen functor  $F_! : \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{B})$  preserves weak equivalences, cofibrations, and pushouts. Therefore, it restricts to an exact functor  $F_! : \text{perf}^{\mathcal{W}}(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \text{perf}^{\mathcal{W}}(\mathcal{B})$  between Waldhausen categories and so it gives rise to a morphism of spectra  $K(F) : K(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow K(\mathcal{B})$ .

**Lemma 5.4.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a flasque dg category. Then its algebraic K-theory spectrum  $K(\mathcal{A})$  is contractible.*

*Proof.* By applying the functor  $Z^0(-)$  to  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\tau$ , we obtain an exact functor

$$Z^0(\tau) : \text{perf}^{\mathcal{W}}(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \text{perf}^{\mathcal{W}}(\mathcal{A})$$

and a natural isomorphism  $\text{Id} \oplus Z^0(\tau) \simeq Z^0(\tau)$ . Since Waldhausen’s K-theory satisfies additivity ([32], Proposition 1.3.2 (4)), we have the equality

$$K(\text{Id}) + K(Z^0(\tau)) = K(Z^0(\tau))$$

in the homotopy category of spectra. Therefore, we conclude that  $\text{Id}_{K(\mathcal{A})} \simeq K(\text{Id})$  is the trivial map. This shows that the algebraic K-theory spectrum  $K(\mathcal{A})$  is contractible. □

### 6. Proof of Theorem 1.2

We start by showing that  $\Gamma(\mathcal{A})$  (see Notation 4.8) becomes the zero object in the triangulated category  $\text{Mot}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}}(e)$  after application of  $\mathcal{U}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}}$ . Since  $\Gamma(\mathcal{A}) \simeq \underline{\Gamma} \otimes^{\mathbb{L}} \mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{U}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}}$  is symmetric monoidal with respect to a homotopy colimit preserving symmetric monoidal structure on  $\text{Mot}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}}$  (see [6], Theorem 7.5), it suffices to show that  $\underline{\Gamma}$  becomes the zero object in  $\text{Mot}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}}(e)$ .

Recall from [28], §17, that the universal localizing invariant admits the factorization

$$\mathcal{U}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}} : \text{HO}(\text{dgcats}) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{U}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{add}}} \text{Mot}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{add}} \xrightarrow{\gamma} \text{Mot}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}}, \tag{6.1}$$

where  $\text{Mot}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{add}}$  is the additive motivator<sup>6</sup> and  $\gamma$  is a localizing morphism between triangulated derivators. Moreover, due to [5], Proposition 3.7, the objects  $\mathcal{U}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{add}}(\mathcal{B})[n]$ , with  $\mathcal{B}$  a dg cell and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , form a set of (compact) generators of the triangulated category  $\text{Mot}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{add}}(e)$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{U}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{add}}(\underline{\Gamma})$  is the zero object in  $\text{Mot}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{add}}(e)$  if and only if the spectra of morphisms  $\mathbb{R} \underline{\text{Hom}}(\mathcal{U}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{add}}(\mathcal{B}), \mathcal{U}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{add}}(\underline{\Gamma}))$ , with  $\mathcal{B}$  a dg cell, are (homotopically) trivial; see [5], §A.3. By [28], Theorem 15.10, we have the equivalences

$$\mathbb{R} \underline{\text{Hom}}(\mathcal{U}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{add}}(\mathcal{B}), \mathcal{U}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{add}}(\underline{\Gamma})) \simeq K \text{rep}(\mathcal{B}, \underline{\Gamma}) \simeq K \text{rep}(\mathcal{B}, \text{perf}_{\text{dg}}(\underline{\Gamma})).$$

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<sup>6</sup>The additive motivator has a construction similar to the localizing one. Instead of imposing localization we impose the weaker requirement of additivity.

Therefore, Proposition 5.2 and Lemmas 5.3 and 5.4 imply that  $\mathcal{U}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{add}}(\Gamma)$  is the zero object in  $\text{Mot}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{add}}(e)$ . From the above factorization (6.1) we conclude that  $\mathcal{U}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}}(\Gamma)$  (and so  $\mathcal{U}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}}(\Gamma(\mathcal{A}))$ ) is the zero object in  $\text{Mot}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}}(e)$ .

Now recall from Proposition 4.9 that we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \Gamma(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \Sigma(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow 0.$$

By applying the universal localizing invariant to the preceding exact sequence we obtain a distinguished triangle

$$\mathcal{U}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}}(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}}(\Gamma(\mathcal{A})) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}}(\Sigma(\mathcal{A})) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}}(\mathcal{A})[1]$$

in  $\text{Mot}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}}(e)$ . Therefore, since  $\mathcal{U}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}}(\Gamma(\mathcal{A}))$  is the zero object, we have a canonical isomorphism

$$\mathcal{U}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}}(\Sigma(\mathcal{A})) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{U}_{\text{dg}}^{\text{loc}}(\mathcal{A})[1].$$

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