# MODULI OF METAPLECTIC BUNDLES ON CURVES AND THETA-SHEAVES

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ABSTRACT. – We give a geometric interpretation of the Weil representation of the metaplectic group, placing it in the framework of the geometric Langlands program.

For a smooth projective curve X we introduce an algebraic stack  $\operatorname{Bun}_G$  of metaplectic bundles on X. It also has a local version  $\operatorname{\widetilde{Gr}}_G$ , which is a gerbe over the affine Grassmanian of G. We define a categorical version of the (nonramified) Hecke algebra of the metaplectic group. This is a category  $\operatorname{Sph}(\operatorname{\widetilde{Gr}}_G)$  of certain perverse sheaves on  $\operatorname{\widetilde{Gr}}_G$ , which act on  $\operatorname{\widetilde{Bun}}_G$  by Hecke operators. A version of the Satake equivalence is proved describing  $\operatorname{Sph}(\operatorname{\widetilde{Gr}}_G)$  as a tensor category. Further, we construct a perverse sheaf on  $\operatorname{\widetilde{Bun}}_G$  corresponding to the Weil representation and show that it is a Hecke eigen-sheaf with respect to  $\operatorname{Sph}(\operatorname{\widetilde{Gr}}_G)$ .  $\ \odot$  2006 Elsevier Masson SAS

RÉSUMÉ. – On donne une interprétation géométrique de la représentation de Weil du groupe métaplectique, qui s'inscrit dans le cadre du programme de Langlands géométrique.

Pour une courbe X lisse projective on introduit un champ algébrique  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G$  des fibrés métaplectiques sur X. Il admet aussi une version locale  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G$ , qui est une gerbe sur la grassmanienne affine de G. On définit une version catégorique de l'algèbre de Hecke (non ramifiée) du groupe métaplectique. C'est une catégorie  $\operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)$  de certains faisceaux pervers sur  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G$ , qui agissent sur  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G$  par les opérateurs de Hecke. On démontre une version de l'équivalence de Satake qui décrit la catégorie tensorielle  $\operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)$ . Ensuite, on construit un faisceau pervers sur  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G$  qui correspond à la représentation de Weil et on établit sa propriété de Hecke par rapport à  $\operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)$ .

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# 1. Introduction

1.1. Historically  $\theta$ -series (such as, in one variable,  $\sum q^{n^2}$ ) have been one of the major methods of constructing automorphic forms. A representation-theoretic approach to the theory of  $\theta$ -series, as discovered by A. Weil [23] and extended by R. Howe [15], is based on the oscillator representation of the metaplectic group (cf. [22] for a recent survey). In this paper we propose a geometric interpretation of this representation (in the non-ramified case) placing it in the framework of the geometric Langlands program.

Let  $k = \mathbb{F}_q$  be a finite field with q odd. Set K = k((t)) and  $\mathcal{O} = k[[t]]$ . Let  $\Omega$  denote the completed module of relative differentials of  $\mathcal{O}$  over k. Let M be a free  $\mathcal{O}$ -module of rank 2n given with a non-degenerate symplectic form  $\bigwedge^2 M \to \Omega$ . It is known that the continuous cohomology group  $H^2(\mathbb{Sp}(M)(K), \{\pm 1\})$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  [19, 10.4]. As  $\mathbb{Sp}(M)(K)$  is

a perfect group, the corresponding metaplectic extension

(1) 
$$1 \to \{\pm 1\} \xrightarrow{i} \widehat{\operatorname{Sp}}(M)(K) \to \operatorname{Sp}(M)(K) \to 1$$

is unique up to unique isomorphism <sup>1</sup>. It can be constructed in two essentially different ways.

Recall the classical construction of A. Weil [23]. The Heisenberg group is  $H(M)=M\oplus\Omega$  with operation

$$(m_1, \omega_1)(m_2, \omega_2) = \left(m_1 + m_2, \omega_1 + \omega_2 + \frac{1}{2}\langle m_1, m_2 \rangle\right).$$

Fix a prime  $\ell$  that does not divide q. Let  $\psi: k \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}^*$  be a nontrivial additive character. Let  $\chi: \Omega(K) \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$  be given by  $\chi(\omega) = \psi(\operatorname{Res} \omega)$ . By the Stone and Von Neumann theorem [21], there is a unique (up to isomorphism) smooth irreducible representation  $(\rho, \mathcal{S}_{\psi})$  of H(M)(K) over  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$  with central character  $\chi$ . The group  $\operatorname{\mathbb{S}p}(M)$  acts on H(M) by group automorphisms  $(m,\omega) \xrightarrow{g} (gm,\omega)$  This gives rise to the group

$$\widetilde{\mathbb{Sp}}(M)(K) = \{ (g, M[g]) \mid g \in \mathbb{Sp}(M)(K), \ M[g] \in \operatorname{Aut} \mathcal{S}_{\psi} \\ \rho(gm, \omega) \circ M[g] = M[g] \circ \rho(m, \omega) \\ \text{for } (m, \omega) \in H(M)(K) \}.$$

The group  $\widetilde{\mathbb{Sp}}(M)(K)$  is an extension of  $\mathbb{Sp}(M)(K)$  by  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}^*$ . Its commutator subgroup is an extension of  $\mathbb{Sp}(M)(K)$  by  $\{\pm 1\} \hookrightarrow \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}^*$ , uniquely isomorphic to (1).

Another way is via Kac–Moody groups. Namely, view  $\mathbb{S}p(M)(K)$  as an ind-scheme over k. Let

(2) 
$$1 \to \mathbb{G}_m \to \overline{\mathbb{Sp}}(M)(K) \to \mathbb{Sp}(M)(K) \to 1$$

denote the canonical extension, here  $\overline{\mathbb{Sp}}(M)(K)$  is an ind-scheme over k (cf. [12]). Passing to k-points we get an extension of abstract groups  $1 \to k^* \to \overline{\mathbb{Sp}}(M)(K) \to \mathbb{Sp}(M)(K) \to 1$ . Then (1) is the push-forward of this extension under  $k^* \to k^*/(k^*)^2$ .

The second construction underlies one of our main results, the Tannakian description of the Langlands dual to the metaplectic group. Namely, the canonical splitting of (2) over  $\mathbb{S}p(M)(\mathcal{O})$  yields a splitting of (1) over  $\mathbb{S}p(M)(\mathcal{O})$ . Consider the Hecke algebra

$$\mathcal{H} = \big\{ f : \mathbb{S}\mathrm{p}(M)(\mathcal{O}) \backslash \widehat{\mathbb{S}\mathrm{p}}(M)(K) / \mathbb{S}\mathrm{p}(M)(\mathcal{O}) \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell} \mid f\big(i(-1)g\big) = -f(g), \ g \in \widehat{\mathbb{S}\mathrm{p}}(M)(K);$$
  $f \text{ is of compact support} \big\}.$ 

The product is convolution, defined using the Haar measure on  $\widehat{\mathbb{Sp}}(M)(K)$  for which the inverse image of  $\mathbb{Sp}(M)(\mathcal{O})$  has volume 1.

Set  $G = \mathbb{S}\mathrm{p}(M)$ . Let  $\check{G}$  denote  $\mathbb{S}\mathrm{p}_{2n}$  viewed as an algebraic group over  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$ . Let  $\mathrm{Rep}(\check{G})$  denote the category of finite-dimensional representations of  $\check{G}$ . Write  $K(\mathrm{Rep}(\check{G}))$  for the Grothendieck ring of  $\mathrm{Rep}(\check{G})$  over  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$ . There is a canonical isomorphism of  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$ -algebras

$$\mathcal{H} \widetilde{\to} K(\operatorname{Rep}(\check{G})).$$

Actually, a categorical version of this isomorphism is proved. Consider the affine Grassmanian  $\operatorname{Gr}_G = G(K)/G(\mathcal{O})$ , viewed as an ind-scheme over k. Let W denote the nontrivial  $\ell$ -adic

The notation  $\widehat{\mathbb{Sp}}(M)(K)$  is ambiguous, these are not K-points of an algebraic group.

local system of rank one on  $\mathbb{G}_m$  corresponding to the covering  $\mathbb{G}_m \to \mathbb{G}_m$ ,  $x \mapsto x^2$ . Denote by  $\mathrm{Sph}(\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_G)$  the category of  $G(\mathcal{O})$ -equivariant perverse sheaves on  $\overline{G}(K)/G(\mathcal{O})$ , which are also  $(\mathbb{G}_m,W)$ -equivariant. Here  $\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_G$  denotes the stack quotient of  $\overline{G}(K)/G(\mathcal{O})$  by  $\mathbb{G}_m$  with respect to the action  $g \xrightarrow{x} x^2 g$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{G}_m$ ,  $g \in \overline{G}(K)$ . Actually,  $\mathrm{Sph}(\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_G)$  is a full subcategory of the category of perverse sheaves on  $\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_G$ .

Replacing for simplicity k by an algebraically closed field, we equip  $Sph(\widetilde{Gr}_G)$  with the structure of a rigid tensor category. We establish a canonical equivalence of tensor categories

$$\operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G) \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{Rep}(\check{G}).$$

**1.2.** In the global setting let X be a smooth projective curve over k. Let G denote the sheaf of automorphisms of  $\mathcal{O}_X^n \oplus \Omega^n$  (now  $\Omega$  is the canonical line bundle on X) preserving the symplectic form  $\bigwedge^2(\mathcal{O}_X^n \oplus \Omega^n) \to \Omega$ . The stack  $\operatorname{Bun}_G$  of G-bundles (= G-torsors) on X classifies vector bundles M of rank 2n on X, given with a non-degenerate symplectic form  $\bigwedge^2 M \to \Omega$ . We introduce an algebraic stack  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G$  of metaplectic bundles on X. The stack  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G$  is a local version of  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G$ . The category  $\operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)$  acts on  $\operatorname{D}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G)$  by Hecke operators.

We construct a perverse sheaf  $\operatorname{Aut}$  on  $\operatorname{Bun}_G$ , a geometric analog of the Weil representation. We calculate the fibres of  $\operatorname{Aut}$  and its constant terms for maximal parabolic subgroups of G. Finally, we argue that  $\operatorname{Aut}$  is a Hecke eigensheaf on  $\operatorname{Bun}_G$  with eigenvalue

$$\mathrm{St} = \mathrm{R}\Gamma \big( \mathbb{P}^{2n-1}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell} \big) \otimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[1] \bigg( \frac{1}{2} \bigg)^{\otimes 2n-1}$$

viewed as a constant complex on X. Note that St is equipped with an action of  $SL_2$  of Arthur, the corresponding representation of  $SL_2$  is irreducible of dimension 2n and admits a unique, up to a multiple, symplectic form. One may imagine that Aut corresponds to a group homomorphism  $\pi_1(X) \times SL_2 \to \check{G}$  trivial on  $\pi_1(X)$ . This agrees with Arthur's conjectures.

#### 2. Weil representation and motivations

**2.1.** Let X be a smooth projective absolutely irreducible curve over  $k = \mathbb{F}_q$ ,  $F = \mathbb{F}_q(X)$ ,  $\mathbb{A}$  be the adeles rings of F,  $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathbb{A}$  be the entire adeles. Assume that q is odd. Fix a prime  $\ell$  that does not divide q. Let  $\Omega$  denote the canonical line bundle on X.

Let M be a 2n-dimensional vector space over F with symplectic form  $\bigwedge^2 M \to \Omega_F$ , where  $\Omega_F$  is the generic fibre of  $\Omega$ . The Heisenberg group  $H(M) = M \oplus \Omega_F$  with operation

$$(m_1, \omega_1)(m_2, \omega_2) = \left(m_1 + m_2, \omega_1 + \omega_2 + \frac{1}{2}\langle m_1, m_2 \rangle\right)$$

is algebraic over F. Fix a nontrivial additive character  $\psi: \mathbb{F}_q \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell^*$ . Then  $H(M)(\mathbb{A}) = M(\mathbb{A}) \oplus \Omega(\mathbb{A})$  admits a canonical central character  $\chi: \Omega(\mathbb{A})/\Omega(F) \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell^*$  given by

$$\chi(\omega) = \psi \left( \sum_{x \in X} \operatorname{tr}_{k(x)/k} \operatorname{Res} \omega_x \right).$$

The Stone and Von Neumann theorem [21] says that there is a unique (up to isomorphism) smooth irreducible representation  $(\rho, S_{\psi})$  of  $H(M)(\mathbb{A})$  over  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$  with central character  $\chi$ . The

group  $\mathbb{S}p(M)$  acts on H(M) by group automorphisms  $(m,\omega) \xrightarrow{g} (gm,\omega)$ . This defines the global metaplectic group

$$\widetilde{\mathbb{Sp}}(M)(\mathbb{A}) = \{ (g, M[g]) \mid g \in \mathbb{Sp}(M)(\mathbb{A}), \ M[g] \in \operatorname{Aut} \mathcal{S}_{\psi}, \\ \rho(gm, \omega) \circ M[g] = M[g] \circ \rho(m, \omega) \text{ for } (m, \omega) \in H(M)(\mathbb{A}) \}$$

included into an exact sequence

$$1 \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}^* \to \widetilde{\mathbb{Sp}}(M)(\mathbb{A}) \to \mathbb{Sp}(M)(\mathbb{A}) \to 1.$$

The representation of  $\widetilde{\mathbb{Sp}}(M)(\mathbb{A})$  on  $S_{\psi}$  is called the Weil (or oscillator) representation [23].

For a subgroup  $K \subset \operatorname{Sp}(M)(\mathbb{A})$  write  $\widetilde{K}$  for the preimage of K in  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Sp}}(M)(\mathbb{A})$ . Since  $\chi$  is trivial on  $\Omega_F$ , one may talk about H(M)-invariant functionals on  $S_{\psi}$ , they are called theta-functionals. The space of theta-functionals is 1-dimensional and preserved by  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Sp}}(M)(F)$ , so the action of  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Sp}}(M)(F)$  on this space defines a splitting of (3) over  $\operatorname{Sp}(M)(F)$ .

View

$$\operatorname{Funct} \left( \operatorname{\mathbb{S}p}(M)(F) \backslash \widetilde{\operatorname{\mathbb{S}p}}(M)(\mathbb{A}) \right) = \left\{ f : \operatorname{\mathbb{S}p}(M)(F) \backslash \widetilde{\operatorname{\mathbb{S}p}}(M)(\mathbb{A}) \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell} \right\}$$

as a representation of  $\widetilde{\mathbb{Sp}}(M)(\mathbb{A})$  by right translations. A theta-functional  $\Theta: S_{\psi} \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$  defines a morphism of  $\widetilde{\mathbb{Sp}}(M)(\mathbb{A})$ -modules

(4) 
$$S_{\psi} \to \operatorname{Funct}(\operatorname{\mathbb{S}p}(M)(F) \backslash \widetilde{\operatorname{\mathbb{S}p}}(M)(\mathbb{A}))$$

sending  $\phi$  to  $\theta_{\phi}$  given by  $\theta_{\phi}(g) = \Theta(g\phi)$  for  $g \in \widetilde{\mathbb{Sp}}(M)(\mathbb{A})$ .

Now assume that M is actually a rank 2n vector bundle on X with symplectic form  $\bigwedge^2 M \to \Omega$ . Then we get the subgroups  $\mathbb{Sp}(M)(\mathcal{O}) \subset \mathbb{Sp}(M)(\mathbb{A})$  and  $M(\mathcal{O}) \oplus \Omega(\mathcal{O}) \subset H(M)(\mathbb{A})$ . Moreover, the space of  $M(\mathcal{O}) \oplus \Omega(\mathcal{O})$ -invariants in  $\mathcal{S}_{\psi}$  is 1-dimensional and preserved by  $\widetilde{\mathbb{Sp}}(M)(\mathcal{O})$ . The action of  $\widetilde{\mathbb{Sp}}(M)(\mathcal{O})$  on this space yields a splitting of (3) over  $\mathbb{Sp}(M)(\mathcal{O})$ . If  $\phi_0 \in \mathcal{S}_{\psi}$  is a nonzero  $M(\mathcal{O}) \oplus \Omega(\mathcal{O})$ -invariant vector then its image under (4) is the classical theta-function

$$f_0: \operatorname{\mathbb{S}p}(M)(F) \backslash \widetilde{\operatorname{\mathbb{S}p}}(M)(\mathbb{A}) / \operatorname{\mathbb{S}p}(M)(\mathcal{O}) \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$$

that we are going to geometrize.

Let G denote the sheaf of automorphisms of M preserving the form  $\bigwedge^2 M \to \Omega$ . This is a sheaf of groups (in flat topology) on X locally in Zariski topology isomorphic to  $\mathbb{S}p_{2n}$ .

**2.2.** Assume  $M=V\oplus (V^*\otimes \Omega)$  is a direct sum of Lagrangian subbundles, the form being given by the canonical pairing  $\langle\cdot\,,\cdot\rangle$  between V and  $V^*$ . Let

$$\chi_V : V(\mathbb{A}) \oplus \Omega(\mathbb{A}) \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}^*$$

denote the character  $\chi_V(v,\omega) = \chi(\omega)$ .

We have the subgroup  $V(\mathbb{A}) \subset H(M)(\mathbb{A})$ . The space of  $V(\mathbb{A})$ -invariant functionals on  $\mathcal{S}_{\psi}$  is 1-dimensional. A choice of such functional identifies  $\mathcal{S}_{\psi}$  with the induced representation of  $(V(\mathbb{A}) \oplus \Omega(\mathbb{A}), \chi_V)$  to  $H(M)(\mathbb{A})$ . The latter identifies with the Schwarz space  $\mathcal{S}(V^* \otimes \Omega(\mathbb{A}))$  of locally constant compactly supported  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$ -valued functions on  $V^* \otimes \Omega(\mathbb{A})$ , the corresponding

functional on  $\mathcal{S}(V^* \otimes \Omega(\mathbb{A}))$  becomes the evaluation at zero  $ev : \mathcal{S}(V^* \otimes \Omega(\mathbb{A})) \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$ . This is the Schrödinger model of  $\mathcal{S}_{\psi}$ .

Write  $g \in \mathbb{Sp}(M)(\mathbb{A})$  as a matrix

$$(5) g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix},$$

with  $a \in \operatorname{End}(V)(\mathbb{A}), b \in \operatorname{Hom}(V^* \otimes \Omega, V)(\mathbb{A}), d \in \operatorname{End}(V^*)(\mathbb{A}), c \in \operatorname{Hom}(V, V^* \otimes \Omega)(\mathbb{A}).$  Write  $a^*$  for the transpose operator to a.

The defined up to a scalar automorphism M[g] of  $S(V^* \otimes \Omega(\mathbb{A}))$  is described as follows.

• For  $a \in \operatorname{GL}(V)(\mathbb{A})$  we have  $\binom{a \quad 0}{0 \quad a^{*-1}} \in \operatorname{\mathbb{S}p}(M)(\mathbb{A})$ . Besides,  $\binom{1 \quad b}{0 \quad 1} \in \operatorname{\mathbb{S}p}(M)(\mathbb{A})$  if and only if  $b \in (V \otimes V \otimes \Omega^{-1})(\mathbb{A})$  is symmetric. For g given by (5) with c = 0 we have

(6) 
$$(M[g]f)(v^*) = \chi \left(\frac{1}{2} \langle a^*v^*, b^*v^* \rangle \right) f(a^*v^*), \quad v^* \in V^* \otimes \Omega(\mathbb{A}),$$

• if  $b: V^* \otimes \Omega(\mathbb{A}) \xrightarrow{\sim} V(\mathbb{A})$  then  $g = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b \\ -b^{*-1} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{Sp}(M)(\mathbb{A})$  and

(7) 
$$(M[g]f)(v^*) = \int_{V(\mathbb{A})} \chi(\langle v, v^* \rangle) f(b^{-1}v) dv, \quad v^* \in V^* \otimes \Omega(\mathbb{A})$$

for any Haar measure dv on  $V(\mathbb{A})$ .

Let  $P \subset G$  denote the Siegel parabolic subgroup preserving V. The subgroup  $\widetilde{P}(\mathbb{A})$  preserves ev up to a multiple, so defining a splitting of (3) over  $P(\mathbb{A})$ . This splitting coincides with the one given by (6).

Let  $\phi_0 \in \mathcal{S}(V^* \otimes \Omega(\mathbb{A}))$  denote the characteristic function of  $V^* \otimes \Omega(\mathcal{O})$ . Using (6) and (7) one shows that  $\phi_0$  generates the space of  $\operatorname{\mathbb{S}p}(M)(\mathcal{O})$ -invariants in  $\mathcal{S}(V^* \otimes \Omega(\mathbb{A}))$ . In this model of  $\mathcal{S}_{\psi}$  the theta functional  $\Theta : \mathcal{S}(V^* \otimes \Omega(\mathbb{A})) \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$  is given by

$$\Theta(\phi) = \sum_{v^* \in V^* \otimes \Omega(F)} \phi(v^*) \quad \text{for } \phi \in \mathcal{S}\big(V^* \otimes \Omega(\mathbb{A})\big).$$

Let  $f_0$  denote the image of  $\phi_0$  under the corresponding map (4). Let us calculate the composition

$$P(F)\backslash P(\mathbb{A})/P(\mathcal{O}) \to \mathbb{S}p(M)(F)\backslash \widetilde{\mathbb{S}p}(M)(\mathbb{A})/\mathbb{S}p(M)(\mathcal{O}) \xrightarrow{f_0} \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$$

denoted by  $f_P$ . We used the fact that the splittings of (3) over  $P(\mathbb{A})$  and  $\mathbb{S}p(M)(\mathcal{O})$  are compatible over  $P(\mathcal{O})$ .

Denote by  $\operatorname{Bun}_n$  the k-stack of rank n vector bundles on X. The set  $\operatorname{GL}(V)(\mathbb{A})/\operatorname{GL}(V)(\mathcal{O})$  naturally identifies with the isomorphism classes of pairs  $(L,\alpha)$ , where  $L \in \operatorname{Bun}_n(k)$  and  $\alpha: L(F) \xrightarrow{\sim} V(F)$ . Here L(F) is the generic fibre of L.

Let  $a \in GL(V)(\mathbb{A})$  and  $(L, \alpha)$  be the pair attached to  $a GL(V)(\mathcal{O})$ . Then

(8) 
$$\left\{ v^* \in V^* \otimes \Omega(F) \mid a^* v^* \in V^* \otimes \Omega(\mathcal{O}) \right\} \xrightarrow{\alpha^*} \operatorname{Hom}(L, \Omega)$$

is an isomorphism.

The group P fits into an exact sequence  $1 \to (\operatorname{Sym}^2 V) \otimes \Omega^{-1} \to P \to \operatorname{GL}(V) \to 1$  of algebraic groups over X. For  $g \in P(\mathbb{A})$  we get

$$f_P(g) = \Theta(g\phi_0) = \sum_{v^* \in V^* \otimes \Omega(F)} (g\phi_0)(v^*)$$

$$= \sum_{v^* \in V^* \otimes \Omega(F)} \chi\left(\frac{1}{2}\langle a^*v^*, b^*v^*\rangle\right) \phi_0(a^*v^*)$$

$$= \sum_{s \in \text{Hom}(L,\Omega)} \chi\left(\frac{1}{2}\langle s, ab^*s\rangle\right)$$

in view of (8).

Let  $\operatorname{Bun}_P$  be the k-stack of P-bundles on X. Its Y-points for a scheme Y is the category of  $(Y \times X) \times_X P$ -torsors over  $Y \times X$ . Then  $\operatorname{Bun}_P$  classifies pairs  $L \in \operatorname{Bun}_n$  together with an exact sequence on X

(9) 
$$0 \to \operatorname{Sym}^2 L \to ? \to \Omega \to 0.$$

(More generally, for a semidirect product of group schemes  $1 \to U \to P \to M \to 1$  providing a P-torsor  $\mathcal{F}_P$  is equivalent to providing a M-torsor  $\mathcal{F}_M$  and a  $U_{\mathcal{F}_M}$ -torsor of isomorphisms Isom $(\mathcal{F}_P, \mathcal{F}_M \times_M P)$  inducing a given one on the corresponding M-torsors.)

In view of the bijection  $P(F)\backslash P(\mathbb{A})/P(\mathcal{O}) \cong \operatorname{Bun}_P(k)$ , the function  $f_P$  on  $\operatorname{Bun}_P(k)$  is described as follows. Let a P-torsor  $\mathcal{F}_P \in \operatorname{Bun}_P(k)$  be given by  $L \in \operatorname{Bun}_n(k)$  together with (9). Consider the map  $q^{\mathcal{F}_P} : \operatorname{Hom}(L,\Omega) \to k$  sending  $s \in \operatorname{Hom}(L,\Omega)$  to the pairing of

$$s \otimes s \in \operatorname{Hom}(\operatorname{Sym}^2 L, \Omega^{\otimes 2})$$

with the exact sequence (9). Then

$$f_P(\mathcal{F}_P) = \sum_{s \in \text{Hom}(L,\Omega)} \psi(q^{\mathcal{F}_P}(s)).$$

The function  $f_P : \operatorname{Bun}_P(k) \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$  is the trace of Frobenius of the following  $\ell$ -adic complex  $S_{P,\psi}$  on  $\operatorname{Bun}_P$ .

Let  $p: \mathcal{X} \to \operatorname{Bun}_P$  be the stack over  $\operatorname{Bun}_P$  with fibre  $\operatorname{Hom}(L,\Omega)$ . Let  $q: \mathcal{X} \to \mathbb{A}^1$  be the map sending  $s \in \operatorname{Hom}(L,\Omega)$  to the pairing of (9) with

$$s \otimes s \in \operatorname{Hom}(\operatorname{Sym}^2 L, \Omega^{\otimes 2}).$$

The geometric analog of  $f_P$  is the complex  $S_{P,\psi} = p_! q^* \mathcal{L}_{\psi} \otimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[1](\frac{1}{2})^{\otimes \dim \mathcal{X}}$  on  $\operatorname{Bun}_P$ , here  $\dim \mathcal{X}$  denotes the dimension of the corresponding connected component of  $\mathcal{X}$ .

#### 3. Main results

## 3.1. Notation

From now on k denotes an algebraically closed field of characteristic p > 2, all the schemes (or stacks) we consider are defined over k.

Let X be a smooth projective connected curve. Write  $\Omega$  for the canonical line bundle on X. Fix a prime  $\ell \neq p$ . For a scheme (or stack) S write D(S) for the bounded derived category of  $\ell$ -adic étale sheaves on S, and  $P(S) \subset D(S)$  for the category of perverse sheaves (the middle perversity function is always taken in absolute sense over  $\operatorname{Spec} k$ ).

Fix a nontrivial character  $\psi: \mathbb{F}_p \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell^*$  and denote by  $\mathcal{L}_\psi$  the corresponding Artin–Shreier sheaf on  $\mathbb{A}^1$ . Fix a square root  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell(\frac{1}{2})$  of the sheaf  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell(1)$  on  $\operatorname{Spec}\mathbb{F}_q$ . Isomorphism classes of such correspond to square roots of q in  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$ . Fix an inclusion of fields  $\mathbb{F}_q \hookrightarrow k$ .

If  $V \to S$  and  $V^* \to S$  are dual rank n vector bundles over a stack S, we normalize the Fourier transform  $\operatorname{Four}_{\psi} : \operatorname{D}(V) \to \operatorname{D}(V^*)$  by  $\operatorname{Four}_{\psi}(K) = (p_{V^*})_!(\xi^* \mathcal{L}_{\psi} \otimes p_V^* K)[n](\frac{n}{2})$ , where  $p_V, p_{V^*}$  are the projections, and  $\xi : V \times_S V^* \to \mathbb{A}^1$  is the pairing.

A G-torsor on a scheme S is also referred to as a G-bundle on S. Write  $\mathrm{Vect}^{\varepsilon}$  for the tensor category of  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded vector spaces, our conventions about this category are those of [8]. Write  $\mathrm{Vect} \subset \mathrm{Vect}^{\varepsilon}$  for its even component, i.e., the tensor category of vector spaces.

**3.1.1.** The sheaf (in flat topology) on the category of k-schemes represented by  $\mu_2 := \operatorname{Ker}(x \mapsto x^2 : \mathbb{G}_m \to \mathbb{G}_m)$  is the constant sheaf  $\{\pm 1\}$ .

For a scheme S and a line bundle A on S denote by  $\widetilde{S}$  the following  $\mu_2$ -gerbe over S. For an S-scheme S', the category of S'-points of  $\widetilde{S}$  is the category of pairs  $(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{A}|_{S'})$ , where  $\mathcal{B}$  is a line bundle on S'. Note that  $\widetilde{S} \to S$  is étale.

- If  $\widetilde{S} \to S$  admits a section given by invertible  $\mathcal{O}_S$ -module  $\mathcal{B}_0$  together with  $\mathcal{B}_0^2 \widetilde{\to} \mathcal{A}$  then the gerbe is trivial, that is,  $\widetilde{S} \widetilde{\to} B(\mu_2/S)$  over S. In this case we get the  $S_2$ -covering  $\operatorname{Cov}(\widetilde{S}) \to \widetilde{S}$ , whose fibre consists of isomorphisms  $\mathcal{B} \widetilde{\to} \mathcal{B}_0$  whose square is the given one  $\mathcal{B}^2 \widetilde{\to} \mathcal{A}$ . This covering is locally trivial in étale topology, but not trivial even for  $S = \operatorname{Spec} k$ . Actually  $S = \operatorname{Cov}(\widetilde{S})$ .
- **3.1.2.** If in addition  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded line bundle on S purely of degree zero, then by definition  $\widetilde{S}$  classifies a  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded line bundle  $\mathcal{B}$  purely of degree zero, given with a  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded isomorphism  $\mathcal{B}^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{A}$ . If  $\mathcal{B}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded line bundle on S of pure degree (that is, placed in one degree only over each connected component) then a  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded isomorphism  $\mathcal{B}^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{A}$  yields a (uniquely defined) section of  $\widetilde{S}$ .
- **3.2.** Let  $\operatorname{Bun}_n$  be the stack of rank n vector bundles on X. Let G denote the sheaf of automorphisms of  $\mathcal{O}_X^n \oplus \Omega^n$  preserving the symplectic form  $\bigwedge^2(\mathcal{O}_X^n \oplus \Omega^n) \to \Omega$ . So, G is a sheaf of groups in flat topology on the category of X-schemes.

The stack  $\operatorname{Bun}_G$  of G-bundles on X classifies  $M \in \operatorname{Bun}_{2n}$  together with a symplectic form  $\bigwedge^2 M \to \Omega$ . A theta-characteristic is a line bundle  $\mathcal N$  on X equipped with  $\mathcal N^{\otimes 2} \to \Omega$ . A choice of a theta-characteristic yields an isomorphism  $\operatorname{Bun}_G \to \operatorname{Bun}_{\mathbb{Sp}_{2n}}$ . So,  $\operatorname{Bun}_G$  is a smooth algebraic stack locally of finite type over k. Since  $\mathbb Sp_{2n}$  is simply-connected,  $\operatorname{Bun}_G$  is irreducible [11, Proposition 5]. Let  $d_G = \dim \operatorname{Bun}_G = (g-1)\dim \mathfrak s\mathfrak p_{2n}$ . To express the dependence on n we write  $G_n$ ,  $\operatorname{Bun}_{G_n}$ ,  $d_{G_n}$  and so on.

Denote by  $\mathcal{A}$  the line bundle on  $\operatorname{Bun}_G$  whose fibre at M is  $\det \operatorname{R}\Gamma(X,M)$  (cf. [8]). As  $\chi(M)=0$ , we view  $\mathcal{A}$  as a  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded line bundle placed in degree zero. It yields a  $\mu_2$ -gerbe

$$\mathfrak{r}: \widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G \to \operatorname{Bun}_G.$$

So, S-points of  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G$  is the category: a line bundle  $\mathcal B$  on S, a vector bundle M on  $S\times X$  of rank 2n with symplectic form  $\bigwedge^2 M \to \Omega_{S\times X/S}$ , and an isomorphism of  $\mathcal O_S$ -modules  $\mathcal B^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} \det \operatorname{R}\Gamma(X,M)$ .

The idea of using the determinant of cohomology was communicated to me by G. Laumon and goes back to P. Deligne [9].

Let  $_i\mathrm{Bun}_G \hookrightarrow \mathrm{Bun}_G$  be the locally closed substack given by  $\dim \mathrm{H}^0(X,M) = i$ . Let  $_i\mathrm{Bun}_G$  denote the preimage of  $_i\mathrm{Bun}_G$  under  $\mathfrak{r}$ .

LEMMA 1. – Each stratum  $_i$ Bun $_G$  of Bun $_G$  is nonempty.

*Proof.* – For n=1 take  $M=\mathcal{A}(D)\oplus (\mathcal{A}^*\otimes\Omega(-D))$ , where D is an effective divisor of degree i on X, and  $\mathcal{A}$  is a line bundle on X of degree g-1 such that  $\mathrm{H}^0(X,\mathcal{A})=\mathrm{H}^1(X,\mathcal{A})=0$ . Such  $\mathcal{A}$  exist, because  $\dim X^{(g-1)}=g-1$ , and the dimension of the Picard scheme of X is g. Then  $\dim \mathrm{H}^0(X,M)=i$ .

For any n construct  $M \in {}_i\operatorname{Bun}_G$  as  $M = M_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus M_n$  with  $M_j \in {}_{i_j}\operatorname{Bun}_{G_1}$  for some  $i_1 + \cdots + i_n = i$ .  $\square$ 

We have a line bundle  ${}_{i}\mathcal{B}$  on  ${}_{i}\mathrm{Bun}_{G}$  whose fibre at  $M\in\mathrm{Bun}_{G}$  is  $\det\mathrm{H}^{0}(X,M)$ . View it as a  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded placed in degree  $\dim\mathrm{H}^{0}(X,M)$  modulo 2. Then for each i we get a  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded isomorphism  ${}_{i}\mathcal{B}^{2} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{A}|_{i\mathrm{Bun}_{G}}$ . By 3.1.2, the gerbe  ${}_{i}\mathrm{Bun}_{G} \to {}_{i}\mathrm{Bun}_{G}$  is trivial. So, we have the two-sheeted covering

$$_{i}\rho$$
:  $\operatorname{Cov}(_{i}\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G}) \to {_{i}\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}}_{G}$ .

By [12, Theorem 17],  $\mathcal{A}$  generates the Picard group  $\operatorname{Pic}(\operatorname{Bun}_G) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{Z}$ . So, the gerb  $\mathfrak{r}$  is nontrivial, and the line bundles  ${}_{i}\mathcal{B}$  (viewed as ungraded) do not glue into a line bundle over  $\operatorname{Bun}_G$ .

DEFINITION 1. – For each i define a local system  $_{i}$ Aut on  $_{i}\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G}$  by

$$_{i}$$
Aut = Hom <sub>$S_{2}$</sub> (sign,  $_{i}\rho_{!}\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$ ).

Let  $\operatorname{Aut}_g \in \operatorname{P}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G)$  (respectively,  $\operatorname{Aut}_s \in \operatorname{P}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G)$ ) denote the Goresky–MacPherson extension of  ${}_0\operatorname{Aut} \otimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell[d_G](\frac{d_G}{2})$  (respectively, of  ${}_1\operatorname{Aut} \otimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell[d_G-1](\frac{d_G-1}{2})$ ) under  ${}_i\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G \hookrightarrow \widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G$ . Set

$$Aut = Aut_a \oplus Aut_s$$
.

By construction,  $\mathbb{D}(\operatorname{Aut}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{Aut}$  canonically.

Here is our main result.

THEOREM 1. – For each i the \*-restriction Aut $|_{i, \text{Bung}}$  identifies with

$$\mathrm{Aut}|_{i\widetilde{\mathrm{Bun}_G}} \widetilde{\longrightarrow} {}_i \mathrm{Aut} \otimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[1] \bigg(\frac{1}{2}\bigg)^{\otimes d_G - i}$$

(once  $\sqrt{-1} \in k$  is fixed, the corresponding isomorphism is well-defined up to a sign). The \*-restriction of  $\operatorname{Aut}_g$  (respectively, of  $\operatorname{Aut}_s$ ) to  ${}_i\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G$  vanishes for i odd (respectively, even).

Remark 1. – Classically, for two symplectic spaces W,W' there is a natural map  $\widetilde{\mathbb{Sp}}(W) \times \widetilde{\mathbb{Sp}}(W') \to \widetilde{\mathbb{Sp}}(W \oplus W')$ , and the restriction of the metaplectic representation under this map is the tensor product of metaplectic representations of the factors [22, Remark 2.7].

In geometric setting we have a map  $s_{n,m}$ :  $\operatorname{Bun}_{G_n} \times \operatorname{Bun}_{G_m} \to \operatorname{Bun}_{G_{n+m}}$  sending M, M' to  $M \oplus M'$ . It extends to a map

$$\widetilde{s}_{n,m}:\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G_n}\times\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G_m}\to\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G_{n+m}}$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Here 'g' stands for generic and 's' for special. We postpone to Proposition 7 the proof of the fact that  ${}_{1}\mathrm{Aut}$  is a shifted perverse sheaf on  ${}_{1}\widetilde{\mathrm{Bun}}_{G}$ .

sending  $(M, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} \det R\Gamma(X, M))$  and  $(M', \mathcal{B}', \mathcal{B}'^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} \det R\Gamma(X, M'))$  to

$$(M \oplus M', \mathcal{B} \otimes \mathcal{B}', \mathcal{B}^2 \otimes \mathcal{B}'^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X, M) \otimes \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X, M') \xrightarrow{\sim} \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X, M \oplus M')).$$

The restriction yields a map  $s_{n,m}: {}_{i}\mathrm{Bun}_{G_{n}} \times {}_{j}\mathrm{Bun}_{G_{m}} \to {}_{i+j}\mathrm{Bun}_{G_{n+m}}$  and we get canonically  $s_{n,m}^{*}({}_{i+j}\mathcal{B}) \xrightarrow{\sim} {}_{i}\mathcal{B} \boxtimes {}_{j}\mathcal{B}$ . For any i,j this yields an isomorphism

$$\tilde{s}_{n,m}^*(i+j\operatorname{Aut}) \xrightarrow{\sim} i\operatorname{Aut} \boxtimes j\operatorname{Aut}$$

of local systems on  $i\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G_n}\times i\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G_m}$ . Thus,

$$\widetilde{s}_{n,m}^*\mathrm{Aut}_g\otimes\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell[1]\bigg(rac{1}{2}\bigg)^{\otimes d_{G_n}+d_{G_m}-d_{G_{n+m}}}\widetilde{\longrightarrow}(\mathrm{Aut}_g\boxtimes\mathrm{Aut}_g)\oplus(\mathrm{Aut}_s\boxtimes\mathrm{Aut}_s)$$

and

$$\widetilde{s}_{n,m}^* \mathrm{Aut}_s \otimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[1] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\otimes d_{G_n} + d_{G_m} - d_{G_{n+m}}} \widetilde{\longrightarrow} \left(\mathrm{Aut}_g \boxtimes \mathrm{Aut}_s\right) \oplus \left(\mathrm{Aut}_s \boxtimes \mathrm{Aut}_g\right)$$

in the completed Grothendieck group  $K(\widehat{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G_n} \times \widehat{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G_m})$  (the completion is with respect to the filtration given by the codimension of support).

**3.3.** For  $1 \le k \le n$  denote by  $\operatorname{Bun}_{P_k}$  the stack classifying  $M \in \operatorname{Bun}_G$  together with an isotropic subbundle  $L_1 \subset M$  of rank k. We write  $L_{-1} \subset M$  for the orthogonal complement of  $L_1$ , so a point of  $\operatorname{Bun}_{P_k}$  gives rise to a flag  $(L_1 \subset L_{-1} \subset M)$ , and  $L_{-1}/L_1 \in \operatorname{Bun}_{G_{n-k}}$  naturally.

Write  $\nu_k : \operatorname{Bun}_{P_k} \to \operatorname{Bun}_G$  for the projection. Define the map

$$\widetilde{\nu}_k : \widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G_{n-k}} \times_{\operatorname{Bun}_{G_{n-k}}} \operatorname{Bun}_{P_k} \to \widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G$$

as follows. An S-point of the source is given by  $(L_1 \subset L_{-1} \subset M) \in \operatorname{Bun}_{P_k}(S)$  together with a  $(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded of pure degree zero) invertible  $\mathcal{O}_S$ -module  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{B}^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} \det \operatorname{R}\Gamma(X, L_{-1}/L_1)$ . We have a canonical isomorphism of  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded lines

(11) 
$$\det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,L_1) \otimes \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,L_{-1}/L_1) \otimes \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,L_1^* \otimes \Omega) \xrightarrow{\sim} \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,M).$$

The map  $\tilde{\nu}_k$  sends this point to  $M \in \operatorname{Bun}_G$  together with an invertible  $\mathcal{O}_S$ -module  $\mathcal{B}' = \mathcal{B} \otimes \det \operatorname{R}\Gamma(X, L_1)$  and  $\mathcal{B}'^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} \det \operatorname{R}\Gamma(X, M)$  given by (11). Since  $\mathcal{B}'$  is of pure degree as  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded, the map is well-defined by 3.1.2.

Let  $\operatorname{Bun}_{Q_k}$  be the stack of collections: an exact sequence  $0 \to L_1 \to L_{-1} \to L_{-1}/L_1 \to 0$  of vector bundles on X with  $L_1 \in \operatorname{Bun}_k$  and  $L_{-1}/L_1 \in \operatorname{Bun}_{2n-2k}$ , and a symplectic form  $\bigwedge^2(L_{-1}/L_1) \to \Omega$  (thus,  $L_{-1}/L_1 \in \operatorname{Bun}_{G_{n-k}}$ ).

THEOREM 2. – For the diagram

$$\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G_{n-k}} \times_{\operatorname{Bun}_{G_{n-k}}} \operatorname{Bun}_{Q_k} \xleftarrow{\operatorname{id} \times \eta_k} \widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G_{n-k}} \times_{\operatorname{Bun}_{G_{n-k}}} \operatorname{Bun}_{P_k} \xrightarrow{\widetilde{\nu}_k} \widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G_{n-k}}$$

we have an isomorphism

$$(\operatorname{id} \times \eta_k)_! \tilde{\nu}_k^* \operatorname{Aut} \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{Aut} \boxtimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[b] \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)$$

over  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G_{n-k}} \times_{\operatorname{Bun}_{G_{n-k}}} {}^0 \operatorname{Bun}_{Q_k}$ . (Once  $\sqrt{-1} \in k$  is fixed, the isomorphism is well-defined up to a sign on generic and special parts.) Here  $b(L_1) = d_G - d_{G_{n-k}} - \chi(L_1) + 2\chi(\Omega^{-1} \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^2 L_1)$  is a function of a connected component of  ${}^0 \operatorname{Bun}_{Q_k}$ . If  $\chi(L_1)$  is even then, over the corresponding connected component, the above isomorphism preserves generic and special parts, otherwise it interchanges them.

**3.4.** In Section 8.1 we consider the affine Grassmanian  $\operatorname{Gr}_G$  for G, it is equipped with a natural line bundle  $\mathcal L$  that generates the Picard group of  $\operatorname{Gr}_G$ . Let  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G \to \operatorname{Gr}_G$  denote the  $\mu_2$ -gerbe of square roots of  $\mathcal L$ . This is a local version of the gerbe (10). We introduce the category  $\operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)^{\flat}$  of *genuine spherical sheaves* on  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G$  (cf. Definitions 4 and 6).

As for usual spherical sheaves on the affine Grassmanian, we equip  $\operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)^{\flat}$  with a structure of a rigid tensor category. Main result of Section 8 is the following version of the Satake equivalence.

THEOREM 3. – The category  $\mathrm{Sph}(\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_G)^{\flat}$  is canonically equivalent, as a tensor category, to the category  $\mathrm{Rep}(\mathbb{Sp}_{2n})$  of finite-dimensional  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$ -representations of  $\mathbb{Sp}_{2n}$ .

In Section 9 we define for  $K \in \operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)^{\flat}$  Hecke operators  $\operatorname{H}(K,\cdot): \operatorname{D}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G) \to \operatorname{D}(X \times \widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G)$  compatible with the tensor structure on  $\operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)^{\flat}$ . Finally, we prove Theorem 4 saying that  $\operatorname{Aut}$  is a Hecke eigen-sheaf with eigenvalue

$$\mathrm{St} = \mathrm{R}\Gamma\big(\mathbb{P}^{2n-1}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell\big) \otimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell[1] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\otimes 2n-1}$$

viewed as a constant complex on X.

Remark 2. – The following observation was communicated to the author by Drinfeld. Let  $\sigma$  be the 2-automorphism of  $\operatorname{id}: \widehat{\operatorname{Bun}}_G \to \widehat{\operatorname{Bun}}_G$  that acts on  $(M, \bigwedge^2 M \to \Omega, \mathcal{B}^2 \widetilde{\to} \det \operatorname{R}\Gamma(X, M)) \in \widehat{\operatorname{Bun}}_G$  as -1 on M and trivially on  $\mathcal{B}$ . Then  $\sigma$  acts as -1 on  $\operatorname{Aut}_s$  and trivially on  $\operatorname{Aut}_g$ . This is a way to think about the decomposition of  $\operatorname{Aut}$  in a direct sum of perverse shaves.

#### 4. Finite-dimensional model

**4.1.** Let V be a k-vector space of dimension d. Write  $\mathrm{ST}^2(V^*)$  for the space of symmetric tensors in  $V^* \otimes V^*$ , this is the space of symmetric bilinear forms on V. Think of  $b \in \mathrm{ST}^2(V^*)$  as a map  $b: V \to V^*$  such that  $b^* = b$ . Let  $p: V \times \mathrm{ST}^2(V^*) \to \mathrm{ST}^2(V^*)$  denote the projection. Let  $\beta: V \times \mathrm{ST}^2(V^*) \to \mathbb{A}^1$  be the map that sends (v,b) to  $\langle v,bv \rangle$ . Set

$$S_{\psi} = p_! \beta^* \mathcal{L}_{\psi} \otimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[1] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\otimes d + \frac{1}{2}d(d+1)}.$$

Let  $\pi: V \to \operatorname{Sym}^2 V$  be the map  $v \mapsto v \otimes v$ . Then

(12) 
$$S_{\psi} = \operatorname{Four}_{\psi} \left( \pi_! \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[d] \left( \frac{d}{2} \right) \right).$$

The map  $\pi$  is finite, and  $\pi_! \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell} = \mathcal{L}_0 + \mathcal{L}_1$ , where  $\mathcal{L}_0$  is the constant sheaf on the image  $\operatorname{Im} \pi$  of  $\pi$ , and  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is a nontrivial local system of rank one on  $\operatorname{Im} \pi - \{0\}$  extended by zero to  $\operatorname{Im} \pi$ . So,  $S_{\psi}$  is a direct sum of two irreducible perverse sheaves.

LEMMA 2. –  $S_{\psi}$  is GL(V)-equivariant.

*Proof.* – Clearly,  $\pi_! \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$  is  $\mathrm{GL}(V)$ -equivariant. The Fourier transform preserves  $\mathrm{GL}(V)$ -equivariance of a perverse sheaf.  $\square$ 

Stratify  $\operatorname{ST}^2(V^*)$  by  $Q_i(V)$ , where  $Q_i(V)$  is the locus of  $b:V\to V^*$  such that  $\dim \operatorname{Ker} b=i$ . For  $b\in\operatorname{ST}^2(V^*)$  denote by  $\beta_b:V\to\mathbb{A}^1$  the map  $v\mapsto \langle v,bv\rangle$ . We have a usual ambiguity in identifying  $\operatorname{ST}^2(V^*)$  with  $\operatorname{Sym}^2(V^*)$ : b goes to  $\beta_b$  or  $\frac{1}{2}\beta_b$ . Since  $S_\psi$  is  $\operatorname{GL}(V)$ -equivariant, we can view it as a perverse sheaf on  $\operatorname{Sym}^2(V^*)$  unambiguously.

LEMMA 3. – For  $b \in Q_0(V)$  the complex  $R\Gamma_c(V, \beta_b^* \mathcal{L}_{\psi})$  is a 1-dimensional vector space placed in degree d.

*Proof.* – In some basis  $\beta_b$  is given by  $(x_1,\ldots,x_d)\mapsto x_1^2+\cdots+x_d^2$ . Thus we may assume d=1. Consider the map  $\pi:\mathbb{A}^1\to\mathbb{A}^1$  given by  $\pi(x)=x^2$ . As above  $\pi_!\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell} \widetilde{\to} \mathcal{L}_0\oplus \mathcal{L}_1$  with  $\mathcal{L}_0=\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell}$ . We get  $\mathrm{R}\Gamma_c(\mathbb{A}^1,\pi^*\mathcal{L}_\psi)\widetilde{\to}\mathrm{R}\Gamma_c(\mathbb{G}_m,\mathcal{L}\otimes\mathcal{L}_\psi)$ . The latter is a vector space of dimension one placed in degree one (a gamma-function on  $\mathbb{G}_m$ ).  $\square$ 

Let  $Cov(Q_0(V)) \to Q_0(V)$  denote the two-sheeted covering of  $Q_0(V)$  whose fibre over  $b: V \xrightarrow{\sim} V^*$  is the set of trivializations  $\det V \xrightarrow{\sim} k$  whose square is the one induced by b.

The group GL(V) acts transitively on  $Q_0(V)$ , so given  $b \in Q_0(V)$  one gets an identification  $Q_0(V) \xrightarrow{\sim} GL(V)/\mathbb{O}(V,b)$ . Our covering becomes the map  $GL(V)/\mathbb{SO}(V,b) \to GL(V)/\mathbb{O}(V)$ .

More generally,  $\operatorname{GL}(V)$  acts transitively on  $Q_i(V)$ . For  $b \in Q_i(V)$  with  $\operatorname{Ker} b = V_0$ , we can consider b as an element of  $\operatorname{Sym}^2(V/V_0)^*$ . We get a parabolic  $P_0 \subset \operatorname{GL}(V)$  of automorphisms of V that preserve  $V_0$ . Let  $\operatorname{St}_{V_0}$  be the preimage of  $\mathbb{O}(V/V_0,b)$  under  $P_0 \to \operatorname{GL}(V/V_0)$ . Then  $\operatorname{St}_{V_0}$  is the stabilizer of  $b \in Q_i(V)$  in  $\operatorname{GL}(V)$ . Since  $\operatorname{SO}(V,b)$  is connected, for i < d there is exactly one (up to isomorphism) nonconstant  $\operatorname{GL}(V)$ -equivariant local system of rank one on  $Q_i(V)$ . It corresponds to the  $S_2$ -covering  $\operatorname{Cov}(Q_i(V)) \to Q_i(V)$  whose fibre over b is the set of trivializations  $\det(V/V_0) \xrightarrow{\sim} k$  compatible with b.

#### PROPOSITION 1. -

- (1) The \*-restriction of  $S_{\psi}$  to  $Q_i(V)$  is a GL(V)-equivariant local system of rank one placed in degree  $i \frac{1}{2}d(d+1)$ . For i < d this local system is nonconstant and comes from the covering  $Cov(Q_i(V)) \rightarrow Q_i(V)$ .
- (2)  $S_{\psi} = S_{\psi,g} \oplus S_{\psi,s}$  is a direct sum of two irreducible perverse sheaves. Here  $S_{\psi,g}$  is the Goresky–MacPherson extension of  $S_{\psi}|_{Q_0(V)}$ , and  $S_{\psi,s}$  is the Goresky–MacPherson extension of  $S_{\psi}|_{Q_1(V)}$  under  $Q_1(V) \hookrightarrow Q_{\geqslant 1}(V)$ .
- (3) We have  $\mathbb{D}S_{\psi,g} \xrightarrow{\sim} S_{\psi^{-1},g}$  and  $\mathbb{D}S_{\psi,s} \xrightarrow{\sim} S_{\psi^{-1},s}$  canonically.
- (4) If  $V = V_1 \oplus V_2$  is a direct sum of two vector spaces of dimensions  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  then the \*-restriction of  $S_{\psi} \otimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[1](\frac{1}{2})^{\otimes -\frac{1}{2}d(d+1)}$  to the subspace  $\operatorname{Sym}^2(V_1^*) \oplus \operatorname{Sym}^2(V_2^*)$  is canonically

$$(S_{\psi} \boxtimes S_{\psi}) \otimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[1] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\otimes -\frac{1}{2}d_1(d_1+1)-\frac{1}{2}d_2(d_2+1)}.$$

*Proof.* – (2) A point of  $Q_i(V)$  is given by a subspace  $V_0 \subset V$  of dimension i together with non-degenerate form  $b: V/V_0 \to (V/V_0)^*$  such that  $b^* = b$ . It follows that

$$\dim Q_i(V) = \frac{1}{2}(d-i)(d+1-i) + (d-i)i = \frac{1}{2}(d-i)(d+1+i).$$

From Lemma 3 applied to  $V/V_0$  we deduce that  $S_{\psi}|_{Q_i(V)}$  is a local system of rank one placed in degree  $i-\frac{1}{2}d(d+1)$ . From (12) we see that  $\mathbb{D}S_{\psi} \xrightarrow{\sim} S_{\psi^{-1}}$ . For  $0 \leqslant i \leqslant d$  we have

$$\dim Q_i(V) = \frac{1}{2}(d-i)(d+1+i) \leqslant \frac{1}{2}d(d+1) - i,$$

the equality holds only for i=0 and i=1. So,  $S_{\psi}$  is the Goresky–MacPherson extension from the open subscheme  $Q_{\leq 1}(V)$ .

Let  $S_{\psi,g}$  be the intermediate extension of  $S_{\psi}|_{Q_0(V)}$  to  $\operatorname{Sym}^2 V^*$ . The \*-restriction  $S_{\psi,g}|_{Q_1(V)}$  vanishes. Indeed, it should be placed in strictly negative perverse degrees, but  $S_{\psi}|_{Q_1(V)}$  is a perverse sheaf. Part (2) follows.

- (3) Follows from (12).
- (4) The composition  $V_1 \oplus V_2 \xrightarrow{\sim} V \xrightarrow{\pi} \operatorname{Sym}^2 V \xrightarrow{a} \operatorname{Sym}^2 V_1 \times \operatorname{Sym}^2 V_2$  equals  $\pi \times \pi$ . So,  $a_!\pi_!\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell} \xrightarrow{\sim} (\pi_!\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell} \boxtimes \pi_!\overline{\mathbb{Q}_\ell})$ . Fourier transform interchanges  $a_!$  and the \*-restriction under the transpose map  $a^* : \operatorname{Sym}^2 V_1^* \times \operatorname{Sym}^2 V_2^* \to \operatorname{Sym}^2 V^*$ .
  - (1) Since  $S_{\psi}|_{Q_i(V)}$  is GL(V)-equivariant, it remains to show it is nonconstant for i < d.

Step 1. Start with d=1 case, so  $Q_0(V) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{G}_m$ . To show that  $S_{\psi}$  is nonconstant on  $Q_0(V)$  in this case, it suffices to prove that  $R\Gamma_c(\mathbb{G}_m, S_{\psi}) = 0$ .

We will show that  $R\Gamma_c(\mathbb{A}^1 \times \mathbb{G}_m, \beta^* \mathcal{L}_{\psi}) = 0$ , where the map  $\beta : \mathbb{A}^1 \times \mathbb{G}_m \to \mathbb{A}^1$  sends (v,b) to  $bv^2$ . Let  $\tilde{\beta} : \mathbb{A}^1 \times \mathbb{G}_m \to \mathbb{A}^1$  be the map that sends (v,b) to bv. For the projection  $\operatorname{pr}_1 : \mathbb{A}^1 \times \mathbb{G}_m \to \mathbb{A}^1$  we have

$$\operatorname{pr}_{1!} \widetilde{\beta}^* \mathcal{L}_{\psi} \widetilde{\to} j_* \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[-1],$$

where  $j: \mathbb{G}_m \to \mathbb{A}^1$  is the open immersion [16, Lemma 2.3]. Let  $\pi: \mathbb{A}^1 \to \mathbb{A}^1$  send v to  $v^2$ . From the diagram

$$\mathbb{A}^{1} \times \mathbb{G}_{m} \xrightarrow{\pi \times \mathrm{id}} \mathbb{A}^{1} \times \mathbb{G}_{m} \xrightarrow{\tilde{\beta}} \mathbb{A}^{1}$$

$$\downarrow^{\mathrm{pr}_{1}} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{\mathrm{pr}_{1}}$$

$$\mathbb{A}^{1} \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbb{A}^{1}$$

we learn that

$$\operatorname{pr}_{1!} \beta^* \mathcal{L}_{\psi} \widetilde{\to} \pi^* \operatorname{pr}_{1!} \widetilde{\beta}^* \mathcal{L}_{\psi}.$$

It suffices to show that  $R\Gamma_c(\mathbb{A}^1, \pi^*j_*\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) = 0$ . Recall that  $\pi_!\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell \xrightarrow{} \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell \oplus \mathcal{L}_1$ , where  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is the local system on  $\mathbb{G}_m$  extended by zero to  $\mathbb{A}^1$ , which corresponds to the Galois covering  $\pi:\mathbb{G}_m \to \mathbb{G}_m$ . We get

$$R\Gamma_c(\mathbb{A}^1, \pi^* j_* \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \xrightarrow{\sim} R\Gamma_c(\mathbb{A}^1, \pi_! \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell \otimes j_* \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) = 0,$$

because  $R\Gamma_c(\mathbb{G}_m,\mathcal{L}_1)=0$  and  $R\Gamma_c(\mathbb{A}^1,j_*\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)=0$ .

Step 2. For any d and i < d choose a decomposition of V as a direct sum  $V = W \oplus V_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus V_{d-i}$ , where  $\dim V_j = 1$  and  $\dim W = i$ . Then  $Q_0(V_1) \times \cdots \times Q_0(V_{d-i}) \subset Q_i(V)$ . The restriction of  $S_{\psi}$  to  $Q_0(V_1) \times \cdots \times Q_0(V_{d-i})$  is nonconstant by step 1 combined with (4).  $\square$ 

PROPOSITION 2. – A choice of a square root  $i = \sqrt{-1} \in k$  yields for any j an isomorphism

$$S_{\psi} \otimes S_{\psi}|_{Q_{j}(V)} \widetilde{\longrightarrow} \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[1] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\otimes -2j+d(d+1)}.$$

*Proof.* – Let  $\beta_2: V \times V \times \operatorname{Sym}^2 V^* \to \mathbb{A}^1$  be the map sending (v, u, b) to  $\langle v, bv \rangle + \langle u, bu \rangle$ . Let  $p_3: V \times V \times \operatorname{Sym}^2 V^* \to \operatorname{Sym}^2 V^*$  be the projection. One checks that

$$S_{\psi}\otimes S_{\psi} \widetilde{\to} p_{3!}\beta_2^*\mathcal{L}_{\psi}\otimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[1]\left(rac{1}{2}
ight)^{\otimes 2d+d(d+1)}.$$

The change of variables

$$\begin{cases} x = v + iu, \\ y = v - iu \end{cases}$$

makes  $\beta_2$  to be the map sending (x, y, b) to  $\langle x, by \rangle$ . Summate first over x with y fixed, the assertion follows.  $\square$ 

PROPOSITION 3. – The \*-restriction  $\operatorname{Four}_{\psi}(\mathcal{L}_i)|_{Q_j(V)}$  vanishes if and only if  $j \neq i + d \mod 2$ . In other words, if  $i = d \mod 2$  then  $\operatorname{Four}_{\psi}(\mathcal{L}_i)$  has nontrivial fibres at  $\bigcup_{j \text{ even }} Q_j(V)$ . If  $i \neq d \mod 2$  then  $\operatorname{Four}_{\psi}(\mathcal{L}_i)$  has nontrivial fibres at  $\bigcup_{j \text{ odd }} Q_j(V)$ .

In particular,  $\operatorname{Four}_{\psi}(\mathcal{L}_i)[d](\frac{d}{2}) = S_{\psi,g}$  for  $i = d \mod 2$  and  $\operatorname{Four}_{\psi}(\mathcal{L}_i)[d](\frac{d}{2}) = S_{\psi,s}$  for  $i \neq d \mod 2$ .

*Proof.* – For d = 1 it is clear. Assume it is true for d - 1.

The complex  $\operatorname{Four}_{\psi}(\mathcal{L}_j)$  is  $\operatorname{GL}(V)$ -equivariant, and  $\operatorname{GL}(V)$  acts transitively on  $Q_i(V)$ . So, for each i exactly one of two sheaves  $\operatorname{Four}_{\psi}(\mathcal{L}_0)|_{Q_i(V)}$  or  $\operatorname{Four}_{\psi}(\mathcal{L}_1)|_{Q_i(V)}$  vanishes, and the other is a rank one (shifted) local system.

Write  $V=V_1\oplus V_2$ , where  $\dim V_1=d-1$  and  $\dim V_2=1$ . Consider the natural map  $s: \operatorname{Sym}^2 V \to \operatorname{Sym}^2 V_1 \times \operatorname{Sym}^2 V_2$ . We have

$$s_!(\mathcal{L}_0) \xrightarrow{\sim} (\mathcal{L}_0 \boxtimes \mathcal{L}_0) \oplus (\mathcal{L}_1 \boxtimes \mathcal{L}_1)$$

and

$$s_1(\mathcal{L}_1) \xrightarrow{\sim} (\mathcal{L}_0 \boxtimes \mathcal{L}_1) \oplus (\mathcal{L}_1 \boxtimes \mathcal{L}_0),$$

where on the right-hand side  $\mathcal{L}_i$  are those for  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ .

Clearly,  $Q_{i-1}(V_1) \times Q_1(V_2) \hookrightarrow Q_i(V)$  and  $Q_i(V_1) \times Q_0(V_2) \hookrightarrow Q_i(V)$ . Consider

(13) 
$$\operatorname{Four}_{\psi}(\mathcal{L}_{0})|_{Q_{i}(V_{1})\times Q_{0}(V_{2})} \xrightarrow{\sim} h^{*}\left(\operatorname{Four}_{\psi}(\mathcal{L}_{0})\boxtimes \operatorname{Four}_{\psi}(\mathcal{L}_{0})\right) \\ \oplus h^{*}\left(\operatorname{Four}_{\psi}(\mathcal{L}_{1})\boxtimes \operatorname{Four}_{\psi}(\mathcal{L}_{1})\right),$$

where  $h: Q_i(V_1) \times Q_0(V_2) \hookrightarrow \operatorname{Sym}^2 V_1^* \times \operatorname{Sym}^2 V_2^*$ . This isomorphism holds up to a shift and a twist

If  $i = d \mod 2$  then  $h^*(\operatorname{Four}_{\psi}(\mathcal{L}_1) \boxtimes \operatorname{Four}_{\psi}(\mathcal{L}_1))$  is nonzero by induction hypothesis, so the LHS of (13) does not vanish, hence  $\operatorname{Four}_{\psi}(\mathcal{L}_0)|_{Q_i(V)}$  does not vanish either.

If  $i \neq d \mod 2$  then the RHS of (13) vanishes by induction hypothesis, so the LHS also vanishes. Thus,  $\operatorname{Four}_{\psi}(\mathcal{L}_0)|_{Q_i(V)}$  vanishes.  $\square$ 

**4.2.** Assume  $d \ge 1$ . Let Y(V) be the moduli scheme of pairs: a one-dimensional subspace  $V_0 \subset V$  and  $b \in \operatorname{Sym}^2(V/V_0)^*$ . The projection  $Y(V) \to \operatorname{Gr}(1,V)$  is a vector bundle, where  $\operatorname{Gr}(1,V)$  denotes the Grassmanian of one-dimensional subspaces in V. Let  $\alpha: Y(V) \to \operatorname{Sym}^2 V^*$  be the map sending the above point to the composition

$$V \to V/V_0 \xrightarrow{b} (V/V_0)^* \hookrightarrow V^*.$$

Clearly,  $\alpha$  factors through  $Q_{\geqslant 1}(V) \hookrightarrow \operatorname{Sym}^2 V^*$ . Note that Y(V) is smooth.

**PROPOSITION** 4. – The map  $\alpha: Y(V) \to Q_{\geqslant 1}(V)$  is proper surjective and semi-small.

*Proof.* – Stratify  $Q_{\geqslant 1}(V)$  by  $Q_i(V)$  for  $i\geqslant 1$ . The fibre of  $\alpha$  over a point  $b\in Q_i(V)$  is the projective space of 1-subspaces in V', where V' is the kernel of b. So,  $\dim \alpha^{-1}(b)=i-1$  and  $\dim Q_i(V)=\frac{1}{2}(d-i)(d+1+i)$ . We get

$$2\dim \alpha^{-1}(b) \leqslant \operatorname{codim}_{Q_{\geqslant 1}(V)} Q_i(V),$$

the equality holds only for i = 1, 2.  $\square$ 

#### 4.3. Relative version

Let now S be a smooth scheme,  $V \to S$  be a vector bundle of rank d. Define  $S_{\psi} \in D(\operatorname{Sym}^2 V^*)$  by (12), so  $S_{\psi}$  is a shifted perverse sheaf.

As above,  $\operatorname{Sym}^2 V^*$  is stratified by locally closed subschemes  $Q_i(V)$ , they are equipped with morphisms  $Q_i(V) \to \operatorname{Gr}(i,V)$  over S.

We also have the  $S_2$ -coverings  $\mathrm{Cov}(Q_i(V)) \to Q_i(V)$ . For an S-scheme S', the S'-points of  $\mathrm{Cov}(Q_i(V))$  are collections: a rank i subbundle  $V_0 \subset V|_{S'}$ , an isomorphism  $b: V/V_0 \to (V/V_0)^*$  of  $\mathcal{O}_{S'}$ -modules with  $b^* = b$ , and a compatible trivialization  $\det(V/V_0) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}_{S'}$ .

Propositions 1, 2 and 3 hold in relative situation (one only changes a shift and a twist in (3) of Proposition 1).

### 4.4. Finite-dimensional theta-sheaf

This subsection is not used in the proofs and may be skipped.

Let M be a symplectic k-vector space of dimension 2d. Write  $\mathcal{L}(M)$  for the scheme of Lagrangian subspaces of M. Set  $Y=\mathcal{L}(M)\times\mathcal{L}(M)$ . Consider the line bundle  $\mathcal{A}$  on Y with fibre  $(\det L_1)\otimes(\det L_2)$  over  $(L_1,L_2)\in Y$ . We view it as  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded purely of degree zero. Let  $\widetilde{Y}$  denote the stack of square roots of  $\mathcal{A}$ . The  $\mu_2$ -gerbe  $\widetilde{Y}\to Y$  is nontrivial. The group  $\mathbb{Sp}(M)$  acts naturally on Y, and  $\mathcal{A}$  is  $\mathbb{Sp}(M)$ -equivariant, so  $\mathbb{Sp}(M)$  acts also on  $\widetilde{Y}$ .

We are going to construct a Sp(M)-equivariant perverse sheaf  $S_M$  on  $\widetilde{Y}$  such that  $-1 \in \mu_2$  acts on  $S_M$  as -1.

The  $\mathbb{S}p(M)$ -orbits on Y are indexed by  $i=0,\ldots,d$ . The orbit  $Y_i$  is given by  $\dim(L_1\cap L_2)=i$ .

LEMMA 4. – The restriction of A to each  $Y_i$  admits a canonical Sp(M)-equivariant square root.

*Proof.* – For  $L_1, L_2 \in \mathcal{L}(M)$  let  $(L_1 \cap L_2)^{\perp} \subset M$  denotes the orthogonal complement to  $L_1 \cap L_2$ . The symplectic form on  $(L_1 \cap L_2)^{\perp}/(L_1 \cap L_2)$  induces an isomorphism  $L_2/(L_1 \cap L_2) \xrightarrow{\sim} (L_1/L_1 \cap L_2)^*$ . This yields a  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded isomorphism  $(\det L_1) \otimes (\det L_2) \xrightarrow{\sim} \det(L_1 \cap L_2)^{\otimes 2}$ . By 3.1.2, we are done.  $\square$ 

Let W denote the nontrivial local system of rank one on  $B(\mu_2)$  corresponding to the covering  $\operatorname{Spec} k \to B(\mu_2)$ . Let  $\widetilde{Y}_i$  denote the restriction of the gerbe  $\widetilde{Y} \to Y$  to  $Y_i$ , so  $\widetilde{Y}_i \xrightarrow{\sim} Y_i \times B(\mu_2)$  canonically.

DEFINITION 2. – Let  $S_{M,g}$  (respectively,  $S_{M,s}$ ) denote the Goresky–MacPherson extension of

$$(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell} \boxtimes W)[\dim Y] \left(\frac{\dim Y}{2}\right)$$

from  $\widetilde{Y}_0$  to  $\widetilde{Y}$  (respectively, of  $(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell \boxtimes W)[\dim Y - 1](\frac{\dim Y - 1}{2})$  from  $\widetilde{Y}_1$  to  $\widetilde{Y}$ ). Set  $S_M = S_{M,g} \oplus S_{M,s}$ .

Denote by  $\mathcal{Y}$  the stack quotient  $Y/\mathbb{Sp}(M)$ . Write  $\widetilde{\mathcal{Y}} \to \mathcal{Y}$  for the corresponding gerbe of square roots of  $\mathcal{A}$ . We may view  $S_M$  as a perverse sheaf on  $\widetilde{\mathcal{Y}}$ .

Fix a Lagrangian subspace  $V \subset M$ , let  $P_V \subset \mathbb{S}p(M)$  be the Seigel parabolic subgroup preserving V. We have canonical isomorphisms of stacks

$$\mathcal{Y} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{L}(M)/P_V \xrightarrow{\sim} P_V \setminus \mathbb{Sp}(M)/P_V$$
.

One may view A as a line bundle on  $\mathcal{L}(M)/P_V$  with fibre  $(\det V) \otimes (\det L)$ .

Fix a splitting  $V^* \to M$  of  $0 \to V \to M \to V^* \to 0$ . Denote by  $P_V^- \subset \mathbb{S}p(M)$  the Seigel parabolic subgroup preserving  $V^* \subset M$ . Let  $Z \subset \mathcal{L}(M)$  be the open  $P_V^-$ -orbit, that is

$$Z = \big\{ L \in \mathcal{L}(M) \mid L \cap V^* = 0 \big\}.$$

The map  $\operatorname{Sym}^2 V^* \to Z$  sending  $b: V \to V^*$  to  $L = \{v + bv \in M \mid v \in V\}$  is an isomorphism commuting with the action of  $\operatorname{GL}(V)$ . Denote by  $\mathcal Z$  the stack quotient  $Z/\operatorname{GL}(V)$ . View  $S_\psi$  introduced in Section 4.1 as a perverse sheaf on  $\mathcal Z$ .

Denote by  $\nu$  the composition (of an open immersion followed by a smooth map)

$$\mathcal{Z} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{L}(M)/\operatorname{GL}(V) \to \mathcal{L}(M)/P_V = \mathcal{Y}.$$

The map  $\nu: \mathcal{Z} \to \mathcal{Y}$  is smooth, surjective and representable. It factors naturally as  $\mathcal{Z} \xrightarrow{\tilde{\nu}} \widetilde{\mathcal{Y}} \to \mathcal{Y}$ .

PROPOSITION 5. – There are isomorphisms of perverse sheaves on  $\mathcal Z$ 

$$\tilde{\nu}^* S_{M,g} \otimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[1] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\otimes \dim \mathcal{Z} - \dim \mathcal{Y}} \widetilde{\to} S_{\psi,g}$$

and

$$\tilde{\nu}^* S_{M,s} \otimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[1] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\otimes \dim \mathcal{Z} - \dim \mathcal{Y}} \widetilde{\longrightarrow} S_{\psi,s}.$$

(Once  $i = \sqrt{-1} \in k$  is fixed, such isomorphisms are well defined up to multiplication by  $\pm 1$ .)

*Proof.* – The stack  $\mathcal{Z}$  is stratified by  $\mathcal{Z}_i = Q_i(V)/\operatorname{GL}(V)$ , the quotient being taken in stack sense. Let  $\mathcal{Y}_i$  denote the stack quotient  $Y_i/\operatorname{Sp}(M)$ . Note that  $\mathcal{Z}_i$  identifies with  $\mathcal{Z} \times_{\mathcal{Y}} \mathcal{Y}_i$  for  $i=0,\ldots,d$ .

Let  $\widetilde{\mathcal{Y}}_i$  denote the restriction of the gerbe  $\widetilde{\mathcal{Y}}$  to  $\mathcal{Y}_i$ , so  $\widetilde{\mathcal{Y}}_i \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{Y}_i \times B(\mu_2)$  canonically. Remind the covering  $\mathrm{Cov}(Q_i(V)) \to Q_i(V)$  from Section 4.1. It is  $\mathrm{GL}(V)$ -equivariant, so the stack quotient  $\mathrm{Cov}(\mathcal{Z}_i) = \mathrm{Cov}(Q_i(V))/\mathrm{GL}(V)$  is a two-sheeted covering of  $\mathcal{Z}_i$ . For each i we have a Cartesian square

$$Cov(\mathcal{Z}_i) \longrightarrow \mathcal{Y}_i$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$\mathcal{Z}_i \stackrel{\tilde{\nu}}{\longrightarrow} \tilde{\gamma}_i$$

Our assertion follows now from Proposition 1.  $\Box$ 

Remark 3. – Write  ${}_MY$  (respectively,  ${}_M\widetilde{\mathcal{Y}}$ ) to express the dependence on M. If M,M' are two symplectic spaces over k of dimensions d,d', consider the map  $\tau_{M,M'}:{}_MY\times{}_{M'}Y\to{}_{M\oplus M'}Y$  sending  $(L_1,L_2),(L'_1,L'_2)$  to  $(L_1\oplus L'_1,L_2\oplus L'_2)$ . It yields a map

$$\widetilde{\tau}_{M,M'}:_{M}\widetilde{\mathcal{Y}}\times_{M'}\widetilde{\mathcal{Y}}\to_{M\oplus M'}\widetilde{\mathcal{Y}}.$$

From (4) of Proposition 1 it follows that  $\tilde{\tau}_{M M'}^* S_{M \oplus M'} \xrightarrow{\sim} S_M \boxtimes S_{M'}[2dd'](dd')$  canonically.

# 5. Fourier coefficients of Aut for Siegel parabolic

**5.1.** Write  $\operatorname{Bun}_P = \operatorname{Bun}_{P_n}$ . So,  $\operatorname{Bun}_P$  classifies  $L \in \operatorname{Bun}_n$  together with an exact sequence  $0 \to \operatorname{Sym}^2 L \to ? \to \Omega \to 0$  on X. It induces an exact sequence

$$0 \to L \to M \to L^* \otimes \Omega \to 0.$$

The map  $\nu_n : \operatorname{Bun}_P \to \operatorname{Bun}_G$  is also denoted by  $\nu$ .

LEMMA 5. – The map  $\nu: \operatorname{Bun}_P \to \operatorname{Bun}_G$  factors as the composition  $\operatorname{Bun}_P \xrightarrow{\tilde{\nu}} \widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{r}} \operatorname{Bun}_G$ .

*Proof.* – The sequence (14) yields a  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded isomorphism

(15) 
$$\det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,M) \xrightarrow{\sim} \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,L) \otimes \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,L^* \otimes \Omega) \xrightarrow{\sim} \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,L^* \otimes \Omega)^2.$$

Define  $\tilde{\nu}$  by letting  $\mathcal{B} = \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X, L^* \otimes \Omega)$  together with  $\mathcal{B}^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{A}$  given by (15). By 3.1.2,  $\tilde{\nu}$  is well-defined.  $\square$ 

Let  ${}^0\mathrm{Bun}_P\subset\mathrm{Bun}_P$  be the open substack given by  $\mathrm{H}^0(X,\mathrm{Sym}^2L)=0$ . One checks that both  $\nu:{}^0\mathrm{Bun}_P\to\mathrm{Bun}_G$  and  $\tilde{\nu}:{}^0\mathrm{Bun}_P\to\mathrm{Bun}_G$  are smooth.

Lemma 6. – The map  $\nu: {}^{0}\mathrm{Bun}_{P} \to \mathrm{Bun}_{G}$  is surjective, so  $\tilde{\nu}: {}^{0}\mathrm{Bun}_{P} \to \widetilde{\mathrm{Bun}}_{G}$  is also surjective.

*Proof.* – Let M be a k-point of  $\operatorname{Bun}_G$ . It admits a line subbundle  $L_1$  with  $\deg L_1 < 0$ . Let  $L_{-1} \subset M$  be the orthogonal complement to  $L_1$ , so  $L_{-1}/L_1 \in \operatorname{Bun}_{G_{n-1}}$  naturally. Continuing this procedure for  $L_{-1}/L_1$  and so on, we get a flag of isotropic subbundles  $L_1 \subset \cdots \subset L_n \subset M$ . Then  $(L_n \subset M)$  is a k-point of  ${}^0\operatorname{Bun}_P$ .  $\square$ 

# **5.2.** The sheaf $S_{P,\psi}$ on $\operatorname{Bun}_P$

Write  $\operatorname{Bun}_n^d$  (respectively,  $\operatorname{Bun}_P^d$ ) for the connected component of the corresponding stack given by  $\deg L = d$ .

Write  $_c\mathrm{Bun}_n\subset\mathrm{Bun}_n$  for the open substack given by  $\mathrm{H}^0(X,L)=0$ . Let  $\mathcal{V}\to\mathrm{Bun}_n$  be the stack whose fibre over  $L\in\mathrm{Bun}_n$  is  $\mathrm{Hom}(L,\Omega)$ . Let  $_c\mathcal{V}\to {}_c\mathrm{Bun}_n$  be the preimage of  $_c\mathrm{Bun}_n$ , over  $_c\mathrm{Bun}_n^d$  this is a vector bundle of rank n(g-1)-d.

Let  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{V} \times_{\operatorname{Bun}_n} \operatorname{Bun}_P$  and  $p : \mathcal{X} \to \operatorname{Bun}_P$  be the projection. Let  $q : \mathcal{X} \to \mathbb{A}^1$  be the map sending  $s \in \operatorname{H}^0(X, L^* \otimes \Omega)$  to the pairing of  $0 \to \operatorname{Sym}^2 L \to ? \to \Omega \to 0$  with

$$s \otimes s \in \mathrm{H}^0(X, (\operatorname{Sym}^2 L^*) \otimes \Omega^2).$$

DEFINITION 3. – Set  $S_{P,\psi} = p_! q^* \mathcal{L}_{\psi} \otimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[1](\frac{1}{2})^{\otimes \dim \mathcal{X}}$ , where  $\dim \mathcal{X}$  is the dimension of the corresponding connected component of  $\mathcal{X}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{V}_2 \to \operatorname{Bun}_n$  be the stack whose fibre over  $L \in \operatorname{Bun}_n$  is  $\operatorname{Hom}(\operatorname{Sym}^2 L, \Omega^2)$ . Let  $\pi_2 : \mathcal{V} \to \mathcal{V}_2$  be the map sending  $s \in \operatorname{Hom}(L, \Omega)$  to  $s \otimes s$ . Note that  $\pi_2$  is finite, a  $S_2$ -covering over the image  $\operatorname{Im} \pi_2$  with removed zero section. By definition,

(16) 
$$S_{P,\psi} \widetilde{\to} \operatorname{Four}_{\psi}(\pi_{2!} \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}) \otimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[1] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\otimes \dim \mathcal{V}},$$

where  $\operatorname{Four}_{\psi}: \operatorname{D}(\mathcal{V}_2) \to \operatorname{D}(\operatorname{Bun}_P)$  is the Fourier transform functor. Note that  $S_2$  acts on  $S_{P,\psi}$ . Let  ${}_c\operatorname{Bun}_P$  denote the preimage of  ${}_c\operatorname{Bun}_n$  in  $\operatorname{Bun}_P$ . We see that over each connected compo-

Let  ${}_c\mathrm{Bun}_P$  denote the preimage of  ${}_c\mathrm{Bun}_n$  in  $\mathrm{Bun}_P$ . We see that over each connected component of  ${}_c\mathrm{Bun}_P, S_{P,\psi}$  is a direct sum of two irreducible perverse sheaves and  $\mathbb{D}(S_{P,\psi}) \xrightarrow{\sim} S_{P,\psi^{-1}}$ .

Let  $\operatorname{Sym}^2 {}_c \mathcal{V} \to {}_c \operatorname{Bun}_n$  denote the symmetric square of the vector bundle  ${}_c \mathcal{V} \to {}_c \operatorname{Bun}_n$ . Let  $\pi : {}_c \mathcal{V} \to \operatorname{Sym}^2 {}_c \mathcal{V}$  be the map sending  $s \in \operatorname{Hom}(L,\Omega)$  to  $s \otimes s$ . Then  $\pi_2$  decomposes as

$$_{c}\mathcal{V} \xrightarrow{\pi} \operatorname{Sym}^{2} {_{c}\mathcal{V}} \xrightarrow{f^{*}} {_{c}\mathcal{V}_{2}}.$$

Given  $L \in \operatorname{Bun}_n$ , the transpose to the linear map  $\operatorname{Sym}^2 \operatorname{H}^0(X, L^* \otimes \Omega) \to \operatorname{Hom}(\operatorname{Sym}^2 L, \Omega^2)$  is

$$\mathrm{H}^1(X,(\mathrm{Sym}^2 L)\otimes\Omega^{-1})\to \mathrm{Sym}^2\mathrm{H}^1(X,L).$$

It defines a morphism of stacks  $f: {}_{c}\operatorname{Bun}_{P} \to \operatorname{Sym}^{2}{}_{c}\mathcal{V}^{*}$  over  ${}_{c}\operatorname{Bun}_{n}$ .

We have the sheaf  $S_{\psi}$  on Sym<sup>2</sup>  $_{c}\mathcal{V}^{*}$  defined in Section 4.3. From (16) we conclude that

(17) 
$$S_{P,\psi} \xrightarrow{\sim} f^* S_{\psi} \otimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[1] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\otimes \dim \mathcal{X} - r - \frac{1}{2}r(r+1)}$$

canonically over  ${}_{c}\mathrm{Bun}_{P}$ , where r and  $\dim \mathcal{X}$  are functions of the corresponding connected component with  $r({}_{c}\mathrm{Bun}_{P}^{d}) = n(g-1) - d$ .

Denote by  $S_{P,\psi,g}$  (respectively, by  $S_{P,\psi,s}$ ) the direct summand of  $S_{P,\psi}$  obtained by replacing  $S_{\psi}$  by  $S_{\psi,g}$  (respectively, by  $S_{\psi,s}$ ) in (17). Both  $S_{P,\psi,g}$  and  $S_{P,\psi,s}$  are irreducible perverse sheaves over each connected component of  ${}_c\mathrm{Bun}_P$ .

Note that  ${}^{0}\mathrm{Bun}_{P} \subset {}_{c}\mathrm{Bun}_{P}$ .

Remark 4. – Consider  $\chi(L)$  as a function of a connected component of  ${}_c\mathrm{Bun}_P$ . By Proposition 3, over a given connected component of  ${}_c\mathrm{Bun}_P$ , the  $S_2$ -invariants of  $S_{P,\psi}$  are  $S_{P,\psi,g}$  for  $\chi(L)$  even and  $S_{P,\psi,s}$  for  $\chi(L)$  odd.

**5.3.** Recall the stratification of  $\operatorname{Sym}^2{}_c\mathcal{V}^*$  by locally closed substacks  $Q_i({}_c\mathcal{V})$  and the coverings  $\operatorname{Cov}(Q_i({}_c\mathcal{V})) \to Q_i({}_c\mathcal{V})$  defined in Section 4.3.

Set  $_i\mathrm{Bun}_P = \nu^{-1}(_i\mathrm{Bun}_G)$  and  $_{i,c}\mathrm{Bun}_P = _c\mathrm{Bun}_P \cap _i\mathrm{Bun}_P$ . For a point of  $_c\mathrm{Bun}_P$  the exact sequence (14) yields an exact sequence

(18) 
$$0 \to \operatorname{H}^{0}(X, M) \to \operatorname{H}^{0}(X, L^{*} \otimes \Omega) \xrightarrow{b} \operatorname{H}^{1}(X, L) \to \operatorname{H}^{1}(X, M) \to 0.$$

Thus, we get a commutative diagram

$$i,c$$
 Bun $_P \hookrightarrow c$  Bun $_P \downarrow f \qquad \qquad \downarrow f$ 

$$Q_i(_c\mathcal{V}) \hookrightarrow \operatorname{Sym}^2 _c \mathcal{V}^*$$

Let  ${}_i\rho_P : \operatorname{Cov}({}_{i,c}\operatorname{Bun}_P) \to {}_{i,c}\operatorname{Bun}_P$  be the covering obtained from  $\operatorname{Cov}(Q_i({}_c\mathcal{V})) \to Q_i({}_c\mathcal{V})$  by the base change  $f : {}_{i,c}\operatorname{Bun}_P \to Q_i({}_c\mathcal{V})$ .

PROPOSITION 6. – For  $i \ge 0$  there is a Cartesian square

$$\operatorname{Cov}(_{i,c}\operatorname{Bun}_{P}) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Cov}(_{i}\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G})$$

$$\downarrow^{i\rho_{P}} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{i\rho}$$

$$_{i,c}\operatorname{Bun}_{P} \longrightarrow _{i}\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G}$$

*Proof.* – Let S be a scheme. Assume given an S-point of  $_{i,c}\mathrm{Bun}_P$ . It yields locally free  $\mathcal{O}_S$ -modules  $V_0=\mathrm{H}^0(X,M)$  and  $V=\mathrm{H}^0(X,L^*\otimes\Omega)$  included into an exact sequence of  $\mathcal{O}_S$ -modules (a relative version of (18))

$$0 \to V_0 \to V \xrightarrow{b} V^* \to V_0^* \to 0$$

with  $b^* = b$ . The  $\mathcal{O}_{S \times X}$ -module L together with the morphism of  $\mathcal{O}_S$ -modules  $V \stackrel{b}{\longrightarrow} V^*$  defines the corresponding S-point of  $Q_i({}_c\mathcal{V})$ .

We have an isomorphism of  $\mathcal{O}_S$ -modules  $\mathcal{B} = \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X, L^* \otimes \Omega) \xrightarrow{\sim} \det V$ , because  $\mathrm{H}^0(X, L) = 0$ . We also have an isomorphism of  $\mathcal{O}_S$ -modules  $t : \mathcal{B}^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X, M) \xrightarrow{\sim} (\det V_0)^2$  given by (15).

A lifting of the corresponding S-point of  $i\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G$  to  $\operatorname{Cov}(i\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G)$  is an isomorphism of  $\mathcal{O}_S$ -modules  $\mathcal{B} \xrightarrow{\sim} \det V_0$  whose square is t. The corresponding category is the category of S-points of  $\operatorname{Cov}(i_{cc}\operatorname{Bun}_P)$ .  $\square$ 

PROPOSITION 7. – There are isomorphisms of perverse sheaves on <sup>0</sup>Bun<sub>P</sub>

$$\tilde{\nu}^* \operatorname{Aut}_g \otimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[1] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\otimes \dim \operatorname{Bun}_P - d_G} \widetilde{\longrightarrow} S_{P,\psi,g}$$

and

$$\tilde{\nu}^* \mathrm{Aut}_s \otimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[1] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\otimes \dim \mathrm{Bun}_P - d_G} \widetilde{\to} S_{P,\psi,s}.$$

Here dim Bun<sub>P</sub> denotes the dimension of the corresponding connected component of Bun<sub>P</sub>. (Once  $\sqrt{-1} \in k$  is fixed, the above isomorphisms are well-defined up to a sign.)

*Proof.* – Recall that  $S_{P,\psi,g}$  and  $S_{P,\psi,s}$  are irreducible perverse sheaves over each connected component of  ${}_c\mathrm{Bun}_P$ . By relative version of Proposition 1,  $S_{P,\psi,g}$  over  ${}_{0,c}\mathrm{Bun}_P$  (respectively,  $S_{P,\psi,s}$  over  ${}_{1,c}\mathrm{Bun}_P$ ) is a nonconstant local system of rank one corresponding to the covering  $\mathrm{Cov}({}_{0,c}\mathrm{Bun}_P) \to {}_{0,c}\mathrm{Bun}_P$  (respectively,  $\mathrm{Cov}({}_{1,c}\mathrm{Bun}_P) \to {}_{1,c}\mathrm{Bun}_P$ ). Moreover, for any i

$$(S_{P,\psi} \otimes S_{P,\psi})|_{i,c} \operatorname{Bun}_P \xrightarrow{\sim} \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[2](1)^{\otimes \dim \operatorname{Bun}_P - i}$$

by Proposition 2 (this requires a choice of  $\sqrt{-1} \in k$ ).

By Proposition 6, for each i we get isomorphisms

$$\widetilde{\nu}^*({}_{i}\mathrm{Aut})|_{{}_{i,c}\mathrm{Bun}_P} \widetilde{\to} \mathrm{Hom}_{S_2}\big(\mathrm{sign}, ({}_{i}\rho_P)_! \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell\big).$$

In particular,

$$\tilde{\nu}^*({}_i\operatorname{Aut}\otimes_i\operatorname{Aut})|_{i\in\operatorname{Bun}_P}\widetilde{\to}\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell.$$

Set  ${}_{i}^{0}\mathrm{Bun}_{P}={}^{0}\mathrm{Bun}_{P}\cap{}_{i}\mathrm{Bun}_{P}$ . By construction,  $S_{P,\psi,s}$  is perverse over  ${}_{1,c}^{0}\mathrm{Bun}_{P}$ , hence also over  ${}_{1}^{0}\mathrm{Bun}_{P}$ . Since  ${}_{1}^{0}\mathrm{Bun}_{P}\to{}_{1}\mathrm{Bun}_{G}$  is smooth and surjective, Propositions 1 and 6 imply that  ${}_{1}\mathrm{Aut}\otimes\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[1](\frac{1}{2})^{\otimes d_{G}-1}$  is perverse on  ${}_{1}\mathrm{Bun}_{G}$ . So, Definition 1 makes sense.

For each connected component  ${}^{0}\mathrm{Bun}_{P}^{d}$  of  ${}^{0}\mathrm{Bun}_{P}$  the stack  ${}^{0}\mathrm{Bun}_{P}^{d} \cap {}_{i}\mathrm{Bun}_{P}$  is nonempty for i=0,1. Since  $\tilde{\nu}:{}^{0}\mathrm{Bun}_{P} \to \widetilde{\mathrm{Bun}}_{G}$  is smooth, our assertion follows.  $\square$ 

*Proof of Theorem 1.* – For each d the map  $\tilde{\nu}: {}^{0}\mathrm{Bun}_{P}^{d} \to \widetilde{\mathrm{Bun}}_{G}$  is smooth with connected fibres, and  $\tilde{\nu}: {}^{0}\mathrm{Bun}_{P} \to \widetilde{\mathrm{Bun}}_{G}$  is surjective. So, by Proposition 7 it suffices to construct isomorphisms

$$S_{P,\psi}|_{{}_{i}^{0}\operatorname{Bun}_{P}}^{0} \widetilde{\longrightarrow} \widetilde{\nu}^{*}({}_{i}\operatorname{Aut}) \otimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[1] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\otimes \dim \operatorname{Bun}_{P}-i}$$

over  ${}_{i}^{0}\mathrm{Bun}_{P}$ . We have them by Proposition 6 combined with relative version of Proposition 1. Proposition 3 implies the second part of the theorem.  $\Box$ 

Remark 5. – From Theorem 1 it follows that  $\tilde{\nu}^* \operatorname{Aut} \otimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[1](\frac{1}{2})^{\otimes \dim \operatorname{Bun}_P - d_G}$  equals  $S_{P,\psi}$  in the Grothendieck group  $K({}_c\operatorname{Bun}_P)$  over  ${}_c\operatorname{Bun}_P$ , which is bigger than  ${}^0\operatorname{Bun}_P$ . We expect that actually the isomorphisms of Proposition 7 hold over  ${}_c\operatorname{Bun}_P$ .

# 6. Constant terms of Aut for maximal parabolics

**6.1.** Recall the smooth map  $\eta_k : \operatorname{Bun}_{P_k} \to \operatorname{Bun}_{Q_k}$  (cf. Section 3.3). Under each of the two projections  $\operatorname{Bun}_{P_k} \times_{\operatorname{Bun}_{Q_k}} \operatorname{Bun}_{P_k} \to \operatorname{Bun}_{P_k}$  the stack  $\operatorname{Bun}_{P_k} \times_{\operatorname{Bun}_{Q_k}} \operatorname{Bun}_{P_k}$  identifies with the one classifying  $(L_1 \subset L_{-1} \subset M) \in \operatorname{Bun}_{P_k}$  together with an exact sequence  $0 \to \operatorname{Sym}^2 L_1 \to ? \to \Omega \to 0$ , the projection being the forgetful map.

Let  $\nu_{k,n}: \operatorname{Bun}_{P_{k,n}} \to \operatorname{Bun}_P$  be the stack classifying  $(0 \to \operatorname{Sym}^2 L \to ? \to \Omega \to 0) \in \operatorname{Bun}_P$  together with a subbundle  $L_1 \subset L$  with  $L_1 \in \operatorname{Bun}_k$ .

LEMMA 7. – The map  $\eta_k : \operatorname{Bun}_{P_k} \to \operatorname{Bun}_{Q_k}$  is surjective.

*Proof.* – Consider a k-point of  $\operatorname{Bun}_{Q_k}$  given by a flag  $(L_1 \subset L_{-1})$  of vector bundles on X with  $L_{-1}/L_1 \in \operatorname{Bun}_{G_{n-k}}$ . Let show that the fibre of  $\eta_k$  over it is nonempty.

Pick a Lagrangian subbundle  $\mathcal{B} \subset L_{-1}/L_1$  such that  $H^1(X, \mathcal{B}^* \otimes L_1) = 0$ , it always exists. Let  $L \subset L_{-1}$  be the preimage of  $\mathcal{B}$  under  $L_{-1} \to L_{-1}/L_1$ . The exact sequence  $0 \to L_1 \to L \to \mathcal{B} \to 0$  splits, we fix a splitting  $L \xrightarrow{\sim} L_1 \oplus \mathcal{B}$ . Then our k-point of  $\operatorname{Bun}_{Q_k}$  becomes the data of two exact sequences

$$0 \to \operatorname{Sym}^2 \mathcal{B} \to ? \to \Omega \to 0$$

and

$$0 \to L_1 \to ? \to \mathcal{B}^* \otimes \Omega \to 0.$$

Pick any exact sequence  $0 \to \operatorname{Sym}^2 L_1 \to ? \to \Omega \to 0$  and summate it with the above two. The result is an exact sequence  $0 \to \operatorname{Sym}^2 L \to ? \to \Omega \to 0$ , the corresponding  $P_{k,n}$ -torsor induces a  $P_k$ -torsor lying in the fibre under consideration.  $\square$ 

Set  $\operatorname{Bun}_{Q_{k,n}}=\operatorname{Bun}_{P(G_{n-k})}\times_{\operatorname{Bun}_{G_{n-k}}}\operatorname{Bun}_{Q_k}$ , where  $P(G_{n-k})\subset G_{n-k}$  is the Siegel parabolic. So,  $\operatorname{Bun}_{Q_{k,n}}$  classifies a point  $0\to L_1\to L_{-1}\to L_{-1}/L_1\to 0$  of  $\operatorname{Bun}_{Q_k}$  together

with a Lagrangian subbundle  $L/L_1 \subset L_{-1}/L_1$ . Consider the diagram

$$\operatorname{Bun}_{P} \overset{\nu_{k,n}}{\longleftarrow} \operatorname{Bun}_{P_{k,n}} \overset{\eta_{k,n}}{\longrightarrow} \operatorname{Bun}_{Q_{k,n}}$$
 
$$\downarrow^{r_{k}}$$
 
$$\operatorname{Bun}_{P(G_{n-k})}$$

where  $r_k$  and  $\eta_{k,n}$  denote the projections.

Write  $S_{P(G_n),\psi}$  to express the dependence of  $S_{P,\psi}$  on n. Note that  $\operatorname{Bun}_{P(G_0)} = \operatorname{Spec} k$ ,  $S_{P(G_0),\psi,g} = \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$  and  $S_{P(G_0),\psi,s} = 0$ .

PROPOSITION 8. – We have a canonical isomorphism commuting with  $S_2$ -action

$$(\eta_{k,n})!\nu_{k,n}^*S_{P,\psi} \xrightarrow{\sim} r_k^*S_{P(G_{n-k}),\psi}[a]\left(\frac{a}{2}\right),$$

where  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  is the function of a connected component of  $\operatorname{Bun}_{Q_{k,n}}$  given by

$$a = \dim \operatorname{Bun}_n - \dim \operatorname{Bun}_{n-k} - \chi(L_1) + \chi(\Omega^{-1} \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^2 L_1) - \chi(\Omega^{-1} \otimes L_1 \otimes (L/L_1)).$$

*Proof.* – Consider the map

$$\mathcal{X} \times_{\operatorname{Bun}_P} \operatorname{Bun}_{P_{k,n}} = \mathcal{V} \times_{\operatorname{Bun}_n} \operatorname{Bun}_{P_{k,n}} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{id} \times \eta_{k,n}} \mathcal{V} \times_{\operatorname{Bun}_n} \operatorname{Bun}_{Q_{k,n}}$$

Write  $\mathbb{A}^1 \stackrel{q_n}{\longleftrightarrow} \mathcal{X}_{G_n} \stackrel{p_n}{\longrightarrow} \operatorname{Bun}_{P(G_n)}$  to express the dependence on n of the diagram  $\mathbb{A}^1 \stackrel{q}{\longleftrightarrow} \mathcal{X} \stackrel{p}{\longrightarrow} \operatorname{Bun}_P$  introduced in Section 5.2.

Denote temporary by  $i: \mathcal{X}_{G_{n-k}} \times_{\operatorname{Bun}_{P(G_{n-k})}} \operatorname{Bun}_{Q_{k,n}} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{V} \times_{\operatorname{Bun}_n} \operatorname{Bun}_{Q_{k,n}}$  the closed embedding given by the condition that  $s \in \operatorname{Hom}(L,\Omega)$  lies in  $\operatorname{Hom}(L/L_1,\Omega)$ .

Set  $a_0 = -\chi(\Omega^{-1} \otimes \operatorname{Sym}^2 L_1)$  viewed as a function of a connected component of  $\operatorname{Bun}_{Q_{k,n}}$ . Let us establish a canonical isomorphism

(19) 
$$(\operatorname{id} \times \eta_{k,n})_! (q^* \mathcal{L}_{\psi} \boxtimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}) \xrightarrow{\sim} i_! (q_{n-k}^* \mathcal{L}_{\psi} \boxtimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}) [-2a_0] (-a_0).$$

Consider a k-point of  $\mathcal{V} \times_{\operatorname{Bun}_n} \operatorname{Bun}_{P_{k,n}}$  given by  $(L_1 \subset L \subset L_{-1} \subset M)$  and  $s \in \operatorname{Hom}(L,\Omega)$ . The fibre, say Y, of  $\operatorname{id} \times \eta_{k,n}$  over its image in  $\mathcal{V} \times_{\operatorname{Bun}_n} \operatorname{Bun}_{Q_{k,n}}$  identifies with the stack of exact sequences

$$(20) 0 \rightarrow \operatorname{Sym}^2 L_1 \rightarrow ? \rightarrow \Omega \rightarrow 0$$

on X. The restriction of  $q^*\mathcal{L}_{\psi}\boxtimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$  to Y is (up to a tensoring by a 1-dimensional vector space) the restriction of  $\mathcal{L}_{\psi}$  under the map  $Y\to \mathbb{A}^1$  pairing  $\operatorname{Sym}^2 L_1\hookrightarrow \operatorname{Sym}^2 L\xrightarrow{s\otimes s}\Omega^2$  with (20).

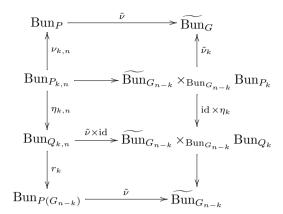
So, the fibre of the LHS of (19) vanishes unless  $s \in \text{Hom}(L/L_1, \Omega)$ . The isomorphism (19) follows, here  $a_0 = \dim Y$ .

For the projection  $\operatorname{pr}: \mathcal{V} \times_{\operatorname{Bun}_n} \operatorname{Bun}_{Q_{k,n}} \to \operatorname{Bun}_{Q_{k,n}}$  we get

$$\operatorname{pr}_!(\operatorname{id} \times \eta_{k,n})_!(q^*\mathcal{L}_{\psi} \boxtimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}) \otimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[1] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\otimes \dim \mathcal{X}} \widetilde{\longrightarrow} (\eta_{k,n})_! \nu_{k,n}^* S_{P,\psi}.$$

Our assertion follows, because  $a = \dim \mathcal{X}_{G_n} - \dim \mathcal{X}_{G_{n-k}} - 2a_0$ .  $\square$ 

Proof of Theorem 2. - We have the diagram



where the middle square is Cartesian. So,

$$(\tilde{\nu} \times \mathrm{id})^* (\mathrm{id} \times \eta_k)_! \tilde{\nu}_k^* \mathrm{Aut} \widetilde{\to} (\eta_{k,n})_! \nu_{k,n}^* \tilde{\nu}^* \mathrm{Aut}.$$

Let  ${}^0\mathrm{Bun}_{Q_{k,n}}\subset\mathrm{Bun}_{Q_{k,n}}$  be the open substack given by three conditions:  $\mathrm{H}^0(X,\mathrm{Sym}^2L_1)=0,\,\mathrm{H}^0(X,L_1\otimes L/L_1)=0,\,\mathrm{and}\,\mathrm{H}^0(X,\mathrm{Sym}^2(L/L_1))=0.$  As in Lemma 6, one checks that

(21) 
$${}^{0}\mathrm{Bun}_{Q_{k,n}} \xrightarrow{\widetilde{\nu} \times \mathrm{id}} \widetilde{\mathrm{Bun}}_{G_{n-k}} \times_{\mathrm{Bun}_{G_{n-k}}} {}^{0}\mathrm{Bun}_{Q_{k}}$$

is smooth and surjective. Since  $\eta_{k,n}^{-1}(^0\mathrm{Bun}_{Q_{k,n}})\subset \nu_{k,n}^{-1}(^0\mathrm{Bun}_P)$ , from Propositions 7 and 8 we get

(22) 
$$(\tilde{\nu} \times \mathrm{id})^* (\mathrm{id} \times \eta_k)_! \tilde{\nu}_k^* \operatorname{Aut} \widetilde{\to} r_k^* S_{P(G_{n-k}), \psi} \otimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[1] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\otimes d_G - \dim \operatorname{Bun}_P + a}$$

over  ${}^{0}\mathrm{Bun}_{Q_{k,n}}$ . The restriction of  $r_k$  to  ${}^{0}\mathrm{Bun}_{Q_{k,n}}$  factors as

$${}^{0}\mathrm{Bun}_{Q_{k,n}}\xrightarrow{r_{k}}{}^{0}\mathrm{Bun}_{P(G_{n-k})}\hookrightarrow\mathrm{Bun}_{P(G_{n-k})}\,.$$

So, by Proposition 7 applied to  $G_{n-k}$ , the RHS of (22) identifies with

$$(\tilde{\nu}\times \mathrm{id})^*(\mathrm{Aut}\boxtimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)\otimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell[1] \bigg(\frac{1}{2}\bigg)^{\otimes d_G-\dim \mathrm{Bun}_P+a+\dim \mathrm{Bun}_{P(G_{n-k})}-d_{G_{n-k}}}.$$

We have  $b(L_1)=d_G-\dim \operatorname{Bun}_P+a+\dim \operatorname{Bun}_{P(G_{n-k})}-d_{G_{n-k}}$ . Since  $\operatorname{Bun}_{Q_k}\to \operatorname{Bun}_{G_{n-k}}$  is smooth,  $\operatorname{Aut}\boxtimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$  is a shifted perverse sheaf on  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G_{n-k}}\times_{\operatorname{Bun}_{G_{n-k}}}\operatorname{Bun}_{Q_k}$ .

Since the restriction of the map (21) to each connected component of  ${}^{0}\mathrm{Bun}_{Q_{k,n}}$  has connected fibres, we get the desired isomorphism.

The second assertion follows from Remark 4 combined with Proposition 8.  $\Box$ 

### 7. Towards geometric $\theta$ -lifting

This section is not used in the proofs and may be skipped. Let  $\tau_{n,m}: \operatorname{Bun}_{G_n} \times \operatorname{Bun}_{\operatorname{SO}_m} \to \operatorname{Bun}_{G_{nm}}$  be the following map. Given  $\operatorname{SO}_m$ -torsor  $\mathcal{F}_W$ , let W denote the vector bundle induced

from it via the standard representation of  $S\mathbb{O}_m$ . Given in addition  $M \in Bun_{G_n}$  we get naturally a symplectic form  $\bigwedge^2(M \otimes W) \to \Omega$ . The map  $\tau_{n,m}$  sends (M,W) to  $M \otimes W$ .

Let  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{SO}_m}$  denote the (naturally  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded) line bundle on  $\mathrm{Bun}_{\mathbb{SO}_m}$ , whose fibre at  $\mathcal{F}_W$  is  $\det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,W)$ . Write  $\mathcal{A}_{G_n}$  to express the dependence on n of the determinant of cohomology on  $\mathrm{Bun}_{G_n}$ .

Lemma 8. – For  $m\geqslant 3$  we have a  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded canonical isomorphism over  $\mathrm{Bun}_{G_n}\times\mathrm{Bun}_{\mathbb{SO}_m}$ 

$$\tau_{n,m}^* \mathcal{A}_{G_{nm}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \left( \mathcal{A}_{G_n}^m \boxtimes \mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{SO}_m}^{2n} \right) \otimes \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,\mathcal{O})^{\otimes -2nm}.$$

*Proof.* – Step 1. Let us show that for any  $M \in \operatorname{Bun}_{G_n}$ ,  $V \in \operatorname{Bun}_{\operatorname{SL}_2}$  we have canonically

$$\det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,M\otimes V) \xrightarrow{\sim} \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,M)^2 \otimes \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,V)^{2n} \otimes \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,\mathcal{O})^{-4n}.$$

Indeed, for  $V=\mathcal{O}^2$  we have  $\det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,M\otimes V) \ \widetilde{\to} \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,M)^2$ . Further, for  $M=\mathcal{O}^n\oplus\Omega^n$ 

$$\det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,M\otimes V) \ \widetilde{\to} \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,V)^n \otimes \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,V\otimes \Omega)^n \ \widetilde{\to} \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,V)^{2n}.$$

Since  $H^0(Bun_{G_n}, \mathcal{O}) = H^0(Bun_{SL_2}, \mathcal{O}) = k$ , the assertion follows.

Step 2. Let  $\mathcal{F}_W^0$  be the trivial  $S\mathbb{O}_m$ -torsor on X. Restricting  $\tau_{n,m}^* \mathcal{A}_{G_{nm}}$  under  $Bun_{G_n} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{id} \times \mathcal{F}_W^0} Bun_{G_n} \times Bun_{S\mathbb{O}_m}$ , we get  $\mathcal{A}_{G_n}^m$  canonically.

For  $a \in \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  denote by  $\operatorname{Bun}_{S\mathbb{O}_m}^a$  the corresponding connected component of  $\operatorname{Bun}_{S\mathbb{O}_m}$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}^0_{G_n}$  be the  $G_n$ -bundle  $\mathcal{O}^n \oplus \Omega^n$  on X. The restriction of  $\tau_{n,m}^* \mathcal{A}_{G_{nm}}$  under  $\mathcal{F}^0_{G_n} \times \operatorname{id} : \operatorname{Bun}_{S\mathbb{O}_m} \to \operatorname{Bun}_{G_n} \times \operatorname{Bun}_{S\mathbb{O}_m}$  is  $\mathcal{A}^{2n}_{S\mathbb{O}_m}$  canonically. This yields the desired isomorphism over  $\operatorname{Bun}_{G_n} \times \operatorname{Bun}^0_{S\mathbb{O}_m}$ .

If  $\mathcal{E}$  is a line bundle on X of odd degree then  $W = \mathcal{E} \oplus \mathcal{E}^* \oplus \mathcal{O}^{m-2} \in \operatorname{Bun}^1_{\mathbb{SO}_m}$ . For this W we get

$$\det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,M\otimes W) \xrightarrow{\sim} \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(M\otimes (\mathcal{E}\oplus \mathcal{E}^*)) \otimes \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,M)^{m-2}.$$

By step 1,

$$\det \mathrm{R}\Gamma\big(M\otimes (\mathcal{E}\oplus \mathcal{E}^*)\big) \ \widetilde{\to} \ \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,M)^2 \otimes \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,\mathcal{E}\oplus \mathcal{E}^*)^{2n} \otimes \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,\mathcal{O})^{-4n}.$$

The desired isomorphism over  $\operatorname{Bun}_{G_n} \times \operatorname{Bun}^1_{\operatorname{SO}_m}$  follows.  $\square$ 

By the lemma combined with 3.1.2, for m even there is a canonical map

$$\tilde{\tau}_{n,m}: \operatorname{Bun}_{G_n} \times \operatorname{Bun}_{\operatorname{SO}_m} \to \widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G_{nm}}$$

extending  $\tau_{n,m}$ . For m odd there is a canonical map

$$\widetilde{\tau}_{n,m}:\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G_n}\times\operatorname{Bun}_{\mathbb{SO}_m}\to\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G_{nm}}$$

extending  $\tau_{n,m}$ .

The complex  $\tilde{\tau}_{n,m}^*$  Aut viewed as a kernel of integral operators gives rise to a pair of functors between the categories  $D(\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G_n})$  and  $D(\operatorname{Bun}_{\mathbb{SO}_m})$  (for m even one may replace  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G_n}$  by  $\operatorname{Bun}_{G_n}$ ). These functors are the geometric counterpart of the classical theta-lifting (in the non-ramified case) for the dual reductive pair  $\mathbb{Sp}_{2n}$ ,  $\mathbb{SO}_m$  (cf., for example, [22, Section 8]), we will study them separately.

# 8. Genuine spherical sheaves on $\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G$

**8.1.** Let  $\mathcal{O} = k[[t]]$  and K = k((t)). Let  $\Omega_{\mathcal{O}}$  denote the completed module of relative differentials of  $\mathcal{O}$  over k. Pick a free  $\mathcal{O}$ -module  $M_0$  of rank 2n with symplectic form  $\bigwedge^2 M_0 \to \Omega_{\mathcal{O}}$ .

In Sections 8.1–8.2 G will denote the sheaf of automorphisms of  $M_0$  preserving the symplectic form. One associates to G the affine Grassmanian  $\operatorname{Gr}_G$  (cf. [20] or [12]), which is an ind-scheme over k, the fpqc quotient  $\operatorname{Gr}_G = G(K)/G(\mathcal{O})$ . Here  $G(\mathcal{O})$  (respectively, G(K)) is the functor associating to a k-algebra R the group of automorphisms of  $M_{0,R} := M_0 \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} R[[t]]$  (respectively, of  $M_0 \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} R((t))$ ) preserving all the structures.

Recall that the Picard group of  $\operatorname{Gr}_G$  is  $\mathbb Z$  (cf. [12]), let us introduce the notation for the generator. We have the affine Grassmanian  $\operatorname{Gr}_{\operatorname{SL}(M_0)}$ . Its R-points are projective R[[t]]-modules of finite type  $M \subset M_0 \otimes_{\mathcal O} R((t))$  with

- $t^m M_{0,R} \subset M \subset t^{-m} M_{0,R}$  for some  $m \gg 0$ ;
- $\det_{R[[t]]} M = \det_{R[[t]]} M_{0,R}$  as a subspace of  $(\det_{R[[t]]} M_{0,R}) \otimes_{R[[t]]} R((t))$ .

We postpone to Lemma 9 the proof of the fact that  $M/t^m M_{0,R}$  is a projective R-module for  $m \gg 0$ . This allows to introduce the line bundle  $\mathcal{L}$  on  $\mathrm{Gr}_{\mathrm{SL}(M_0)}$  whose fibre at M is

$$\det(M_0:M) := \det_R(M_0/t^m M_0) \otimes \det_R(M/t^m M_0)^{-1},$$

independent of m such that  $t^m M_0 \subset M$ . View it as  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded purely of degree zero.

The standard representation of G yields a map  $\operatorname{Gr}_G \to \operatorname{Gr}_{\operatorname{SL}(M_0)}$ , and we also write  $\mathcal L$  for the restriction of this line bundle to  $\operatorname{Gr}_G$ . Then  $\mathcal L$  generates the Picard group of  $\operatorname{Gr}_G$ . Recall that  $\mathcal L$  is  $G(\mathcal O)$ -equivariant on  $\operatorname{Gr}_G$ . Let  $\operatorname{\widetilde{Gr}}_G \to \operatorname{Gr}_G$  denote the  $\mu_2$ -gerbe of square roots of  $\mathcal L$ . Then  $G(\mathcal O)$  acts on  $\operatorname{\widetilde{Gr}}_G$  extending the action on  $\operatorname{Gr}_G$  (cf. A.3).

DEFINITION 4. – Let  $Sph(\widetilde{Gr}_G)$  be the category of  $G(\mathcal{O})$ -equivariant perverse sheaves on  $\widetilde{Gr}_G$  on which  $-1 \in \mu_2$  acts as -1. We call it the category of *genuine spherical sheaves* on  $\widetilde{Gr}_G$ .

A  $\theta$ -characteristic is a free  $\mathcal O$ -module  $\mathcal N$  of rank 1 together with  $\mathcal N\otimes_{\mathcal O}\mathcal N\overset{\sim}{\to}\Omega_{\mathcal O}$ . A choice of a  $\theta$ -characteristic yields an isomorphism of group schemes  $G(\mathcal O)\overset{\sim}{\to}\mathbb Sp(M_0\otimes_{\mathcal O}\mathcal N^{-1})$  over k. A further choice of a symplectic base in  $M_0\otimes_{\mathcal O}\mathcal N^{-1}$  over  $\mathcal O$  identifies  $G(\mathcal O)$  with  $\mathbb Sp_{2n}(\mathcal O)$ . So, we may view the standard maximal torus and Borel  $T\subset B\subset \mathbb Sp_{2n}\subset \mathbb Sp_{2n}(\mathcal O)$  as subgroups of  $G(\mathcal O)$ . Write  $\Lambda^+$  for the set of dominant coweights of  $\mathbb Sp_{2n}$ .

We have a stratification of  $\operatorname{Gr}_G$  by  $G(\mathcal{O})$ -orbits indexed by  $\Lambda^+$ , write  $\operatorname{Gr}_G^{\lambda}$  for the  $G(\mathcal{O})$ -orbit passing by  $\lambda(t) \in T(K)$ . Let  $\operatorname{\widetilde{Gr}}_G^{\lambda}$  be the preimage of  $\operatorname{Gr}_G^{\lambda}$  in  $\operatorname{\widetilde{Gr}}_G$ .

PROPOSITION 9. – For any  $\lambda \in \Lambda^+$  there is a  $G(\mathcal{O})$ -equivariant trivialization  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G^{\lambda} \to \operatorname{Gr}_G^{\lambda} \times B(\mu_2)$ , the  $G(\mathcal{O})$ -action on the RHS being the product of the action on  $\operatorname{Gr}_G^{\lambda}$  and the trivial action on  $B(\mu_2)$ .

*Proof.* – Step 1. For  $\lambda \in \Lambda^+$  denote by  $\operatorname{St}_{\lambda}$  the stabilizer of  $\lambda(t) \in \operatorname{Gr}_G$  in  $G(\mathcal{O})$ . Let  $M_{\lambda} = \lambda(t)M_0$  and  $M' = M_0 + M_{\lambda}$ ,  $M'' = M_0 \cap M_{\lambda}$ .

The symplectic form  $\bigwedge^2(M_0\otimes_{\mathcal{O}}K)\to\Omega(K)=\Omega_{\mathcal{O}}\otimes_{\mathcal{O}}K$  induces a map  $(M'/M_0)\otimes(M'/M_\lambda)\widetilde{\to}(M_\lambda/M'')\otimes(M_0/M'')\to\Omega(K)/\Omega_{\mathcal{O}}$ . Composing further with the residue map, we get a pairing between k-vector spaces  $M'/M_0$  and  $M'/M_\lambda$ . We will check in step 2 that the pairing is perfect. So, the fibre of  $\mathcal{L}$  at  $M_\lambda$  is

$$\mathcal{L}_{M_{\lambda}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \det(M_0: M_{\lambda}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \frac{\det(M'/M_{\lambda})}{\det(M'/M_0)} \xrightarrow{\sim} \det(M'/M_{\lambda})^{\otimes 2}.$$

The group  $\operatorname{St}_{\lambda}$  acts on  $\det(M'/M_{\lambda})$  by some character  $\chi:\operatorname{St}_{\lambda}\to\mathbb{G}_m$ . So,  $\operatorname{St}_{\lambda}$  acts on  $\mathcal{L}_{M_{\lambda}}$  by  $\chi^2$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be the  $G(\mathcal{O})$ -equivariant line bundle on  $\operatorname{Gr}_G^{\lambda}$  corresponding to  $\chi$ . Then we have a  $G(\mathcal{O})$ -equivariant isomorphism  $\mathcal{B}^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{L}|_{\operatorname{Gr}_{\mathcal{O}}^{\lambda}}$ , and our assertion follows from Lemma 17.

Step 2. Realize  $\mathbb{S}_{2n}$  as the subgroup of  $\widetilde{\mathrm{SL}}_{2n}$  preserving the form on  $k^{2n}$  given by the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & E_n \\ -E_n & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $E_n$  is the identity matrix in  $\mathrm{SL}_n$ . Let  $T \subset \mathbb{S}\mathrm{p}_{2n}$  be the maximal torus of diagonal matrices. A coweight  $\lambda = (a_1, \ldots, a_n; -a_1, \ldots, -a_n)$  of T is dominant iff  $a_1 \geqslant \cdots \geqslant a_n \geqslant 0$ . Pick a trivialization  $\mathcal{N} \cong \mathcal{O}$  and a symplectic base  $e_i$  in  $M_0$ . Then

$$M_{\lambda} = t^{a_1} \mathcal{O} e_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus t^{a_n} \mathcal{O} e_n \oplus t^{-a_1} \mathcal{O} e_{n+1} \oplus \cdots \oplus t^{-a_n} \mathcal{O} e_{2n}$$

and  $M' = \mathcal{O}e_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathcal{O}e_n \oplus t^{-a_1}\mathcal{O}e_{n+1} \oplus \cdots \oplus t^{-a_n}\mathcal{O}e_{2n}$ . Since

$$M'/M_0 \xrightarrow{\sim} t^{-a_1} \mathcal{O}e_{n+1} \oplus \cdots \oplus t^{-a_n} \mathcal{O}e_{2n}/\mathcal{O}e_{n+1} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathcal{O}e_{2n},$$
  
 $M'/M_\lambda \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}e_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathcal{O}e_n/t^{a_1} \mathcal{O}e_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus t^{a_n} \mathcal{O}e_n,$ 

the pairing is perfect.  $\Box$ 

Let W denote the nontrivial local system of rank one on  $B(\mu_2)$  corresponding to the covering  $\operatorname{Spec} k \to B(\mu_2)$ . For  $\lambda \in \Lambda^+$  there is a unique irreducible  $G(\mathcal{O})$ -equivariant perverse sheaf on  $\operatorname{\widetilde{Gr}}_G$ , on which  $-1 \in \mu_2$  acts as -1, namely  $(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell \boxtimes W) \otimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell[1](\frac{1}{2})^{\otimes \dim \operatorname{Gr}_G^\lambda}$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{A}_\lambda$  its Goresky–MacPherson extension to  $\operatorname{\widetilde{Gr}}_G$ . By Proposition 9, the irreducible objects of the category  $\operatorname{Sph}(\operatorname{\widetilde{Gr}}_G)$  are exactly  $\mathcal{A}_\lambda, \lambda \in \Lambda^+$ .

Note that  $\operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)$  is closed under extensions in  $\operatorname{P}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)$  (if  $-1 \in \mu_2$  acts as -1 on perverse sheaves  $K_1, K_2$  then it acts as -1 on any extension of  $K_1$  by  $K_2$ ). Since  $\mathbb{D}(\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{A}_{\lambda}$  canonically,  $\operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)$  is preserved by Verdier duality.

Consider the action of the torus  $T \subset G(\mathcal{O})$  on  $Gr_G$ . The following will be used in Section 8.4.

#### LEMMA 9. -

- (i) There is a covering of  $\operatorname{Gr}_G$  by T-invariant open ind-schemes  $U_i$  and T-equivariant trivializations  $\mathcal{L}|_{U_i} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}_{U_i}$ .
- (ii) For an R-point  $M \subset M_0 \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} R((t))$  of  $\operatorname{Gr}_{\operatorname{SL}(M_0)}$  and  $m \gg 0$  the R-module  $M/t^m M_{0,R}$  is projective.

Proof. – (i) Pick a trivialization  $\mathcal{N} \cong \mathcal{O}$ , so that our base of  $M_0 \otimes \mathcal{N}^{-1}$  gives rise to a base  $\{e_1,\ldots,e_{2n}\}$  of  $M_0$ . Consider the corresponding maximal torus T' of  $\mathrm{SL}(M_0)$ . Set  $M^- = Ae_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus Ae_{2n}$  with  $A = t^{-1}k[t^{-1}]$ . For a coweight  $\lambda : \mathbb{G}_m \to T'$  of  $\mathrm{SL}(M_0)$  denote by  $U_\lambda \subset \mathrm{Gr}_{\mathrm{SL}(M_0)}$  the open locus classifying lattices  $M \subset M_0 \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} K$  such that  $M \oplus \lambda(t)M^- = M_0 \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} K$ . Here  $\lambda = (b_1,\ldots,b_{2n})$  with  $\sum b_i = 0$  and  $\lambda(t)M^- = At^{b_1}e_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus At^{b_{2n}}e_{2n}$ .

One checks that the union of  $U_{\lambda}$  is  $\mathrm{Gr}_{\mathrm{SL}(M_0)}$ . Clearly,  $U_{\lambda}$  is T'-invariant. As shown by Faltings [12, Section 2], for each  $\lambda$  there is a trivialization  $\mathcal{L}|_{U_{\lambda}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}_{U_{\lambda}}$  equivariant under the stabilizer of  $\lambda(t)M^-$  in  $\mathrm{SL}(M_0)(K)$ . This stabilizer contains T', so the trivializations are T'-equivariant.

Restricting everything under the map  $\operatorname{Gr}_G \to \operatorname{Gr}_{\operatorname{SL}(M_0)}$  corresponding to the standard representation, one concludes the proof.

(ii) (argument due to the unknown referee) Localizing in Zariski topology of R, pick a coweight  $\lambda$  of  $\mathrm{SL}(M_0)$  such that  $M\oplus \lambda(t)M_R^-=M_0\otimes_{\mathcal{O}}R((t))$ . Here

 $M_R^-=A_Re_1\oplus\cdots\oplus A_Re_{2n}$  and  $A_R=t^{-1}R[t^{-1}].$  For  $m\gg 0$  we get  $t^{-m}M_{0,R}=M\oplus U,$  where  $U=\lambda(t)M_R^-\cap t^{-m}M_{0,R},$  and

$$(M/t^m M_{0,R}) \oplus U \xrightarrow{\sim} t^{-m} M_{0,R}/t^m M_{0,R}.$$

#### 8.2. The convolution product

Following [20], consider the diagram

$$\operatorname{Gr}_G \times \operatorname{Gr}_G \stackrel{p_G \times \operatorname{id}}{\longleftrightarrow} G(K) \times \operatorname{Gr}_G \stackrel{q_G}{\longleftrightarrow} G(K) \times_{G(\mathcal{O})} \operatorname{Gr}_G \stackrel{m}{\longleftrightarrow} \operatorname{Gr}_G.$$

Here  $p_G: G(K) \to Gr_G$  is the projection,  $G(K) \times_{G(\mathcal{O})} Gr_G$  is the quotient of  $G(K) \times Gr_G$  by  $G(\mathcal{O})$ , where the action is given by  $x(g, hG(\mathcal{O})) = (gx^{-1}, xhG(\mathcal{O}))$  for  $x \in G(\mathcal{O})$ , and m is the product map.

The map  $p_G \times m : G(K) \times_{G(\mathcal{O})} \operatorname{Gr}_G \to \operatorname{Gr}_G \times \operatorname{Gr}_G$  sending  $(g, hG(\mathcal{O}))$  to  $(gG(\mathcal{O}), ghG(\mathcal{O}))$  is an isomorphism.

We have a canonical isomorphism  $q_G^*m^*\mathcal{L} \xrightarrow{\sim} p_G^*\mathcal{L} \boxtimes \mathcal{L}$ . Moreover, the above  $G(\mathcal{O})$ -action on  $G(K) \times \mathrm{Gr}_G$  lifts to a  $G(\mathcal{O})$ -equivariant structure on  $p_G^*\mathcal{L} \boxtimes \mathcal{L}$  giving rise to the line bundle  $p_G^*\mathcal{L} \widetilde{\boxtimes} \mathcal{L}$  on  $G(K) \times_{G(\mathcal{O})} \mathrm{Gr}_G$ . Thus,  $m^*\mathcal{L} \xrightarrow{\sim} p_G^*\mathcal{L} \widetilde{\boxtimes} \mathcal{L}$  canonically.

Set  $G(K) = G(K) \times_{\operatorname{Gr}_G} \widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}_G}$ . Both actions of  $G(\mathcal{O})$  on G(K) by left and right translations extend naturally to actions on  $\widetilde{G(K)}$ . We will refer to them again as actions by left and right translations, by abuse of terminology. Under the action on  $\widetilde{G(K)}$  by right translations, the projection  $\widetilde{p}_G: \widetilde{G(K)} \to \widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}_G}$  is a  $G(\mathcal{O})$ -torsor (cf. A.2).

Taking the tensor product of square roots of  $p_G^*\mathcal{L}$  and of  $\mathcal{L}$ , we get a map  $\tilde{m}$  that fits into the diagram

$$\widetilde{G(K)} \times \widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_{G} \xrightarrow{\widetilde{m}} \widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_{G}$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$G(K) \times \operatorname{Gr}_{G} \xrightarrow{m \circ q_{G}} \operatorname{Gr}_{G}$$

One checks that

$$(23) \widetilde{p}_G \times \widetilde{m} : \widetilde{G(K)} \times \widetilde{Gr}_G \to \widetilde{Gr}_G \times \widetilde{Gr}_G$$

is a  $G(\mathcal{O})$ -torsor, where  $G(\mathcal{O})$  acts on  $G(\widetilde{K}) \times \widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G$  as the product of the action by right translations on  $\widetilde{G(K)}$  with the action on  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G$ .

Consider the diagram

$$\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G \times \widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G \xleftarrow{\widetilde{p}_G \times \operatorname{id}} \widetilde{G(K)} \times \widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G \xrightarrow{\widetilde{p}_G \times \widetilde{m}} \widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G \times \widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G \xrightarrow{pr_2} \widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G.$$

DEFINITION 5. – For  $K_1, K_2 \in Sph(\widetilde{Gr}_G)$  define the convolution product  $K_1 * K_2 \in D(\widetilde{Gr}_G)$  by

$$K_1 * K_2 = \operatorname{pr}_{2!} K$$
,

where K is a perverse sheaf on  $\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_G \times \widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_G$  such that  $(\widetilde{p}_G \times \widetilde{m})^*K \longrightarrow \widetilde{p}_G^*K_1 \boxtimes K_2$ . Since (23) is a  $G(\mathcal{O})$ -torsor and  $\widetilde{p}_G^*K_1 \boxtimes K_2$  is equivariant under the corresponding  $G(\mathcal{O})$ -action on  $\widetilde{G(K)} \times \widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_G$ , K is defined up to a unique isomorphism (cf. A.2).

For  $(a,b)\in \mu_2\times \mu_2$  the image under  $\widetilde{p}_G\times \widetilde{m}$  of the corresponding 2-automorphism of  $\widetilde{G(K)}\times \widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_G$  is the 2-automorphism (a,ab) of  $\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_G\times \widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_G$ . So, by Lemma 16, K descends to a perverse sheaf K' on  $\mathrm{Gr}_G\times \widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_G$  (such K' is defined up to a unique isomorphism). Since  $\mathrm{R}\Gamma_c(B(\mu_2),\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)=\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$ , we see that  $K_1*K_2\overset{\sim}{\to}\mathrm{pr}_{2!}\,K'$ , where  $\mathrm{pr}_2:\mathrm{Gr}_G\times \widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_G\to \widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_G$  is the projection. Moreover,  $-1\in \mu_2$  acts on  $K_1*K_2$  as -1.

Proposition 10. – For  $K_1, K_2 \in \operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)$  we have  $K_1 * K_2 \in \operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)$ .

*Proof.* – Following [20], stratify  $\operatorname{Gr}_G \times \widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G$  by locally closed substacks  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G^{\lambda,\mu}$ ,  $\lambda,\mu \in \Lambda^+$ , where  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G^{\lambda,\mu}$  is the preimage of  $(p_G \times m)(p_G^{-1}(\operatorname{Gr}_G^{\lambda}) \times_{G(\mathcal{O})} \operatorname{Gr}_G^{\mu})$  under  $\operatorname{Gr}_G \times \widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G \to \operatorname{Gr}_G \times \operatorname{Gr}_G$ .

Stratify also  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G$  by  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G^\lambda$ ,  $\lambda \in \Lambda^+$ . By Lemma 4.3 of loc.cit.,  $\operatorname{pr}_2 : \operatorname{Gr}_G \times \widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G \to \widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G$  is a stratified semi-small map. Our assertion follows from Lemma 4.2 of loc.cit.

In a similar way one defines a convolution product  $K_1 * K_2 * K_3$  of three sheaves  $K_1, K_2, K_3 \in \operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)$ . Moreover,  $(K_1 * K_2) * K_3 \xrightarrow{\sim} K_1 * K_2 * K_3 \xrightarrow{\sim} K_1 * (K_2 * K_3)$  canonically, and  $\mathcal{A}_0$  is a unit object. So,  $\operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)$  is an associative tensor category (a category with tensor functor and an associativity constraint).

Observe that for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda^+$  the  $G(\mathcal{O})$ -orbit  $\mathrm{Gr}_G^\lambda$  is even-dimensional.

PROPOSITION 11.-

- (1) For  $\lambda \in \Lambda^+$  the odd cohomology sheaves of  $A_{\lambda}$  (with respect to the usual t-structure) vanish.
- (2) The category  $Sph(\widetilde{Gr}_G)$  is semi-simple.

*Proof.* – (1a) Given  $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_r \in \Lambda^+$ , consider the convolution diagram

$$m: \operatorname{Conv}^{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r} \to \overline{\operatorname{Gr}}_G^{\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_r}$$

where we have set  $\operatorname{Conv}^{\lambda_1,\dots,\lambda_r} = \operatorname{Gr}_G^{\lambda_1} \widetilde{\times} \cdots \widetilde{\times} \operatorname{Gr}_G^{\lambda_r}$ . Let  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Conv}}^{\lambda_1,\dots,\lambda_r}$  be the restriction of the gerbe  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G$  under the above map m. The canonical section  $s:\operatorname{Gr}_G^{\lambda_1+\dots+\lambda_r} \to \widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G^{\lambda_1+\dots+\lambda_r}$  yields a section  $m^{-1}(s)$  of the gerbe  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Conv}}^{\lambda_1,\dots,\lambda_r}$  over  $m^{-1}(\operatorname{Gr}_G^{\lambda_1+\dots+\lambda_r})$ . One checks that this section extends to a section  $\operatorname{Conv}^{\lambda_1,\dots,\lambda_r} \to \widetilde{\operatorname{Conv}}^{\lambda_1,\dots,\lambda_r}$ .

(1b) We adopt Gaitsgory's proof of a theorem of Lusztig to our situation [13, A.7]. Namely, let  $\mathcal{F}l$  denote the affine flag variety. This is the ind-scheme classifying a G-bundle  $\mathcal{F}_G$  on  $\operatorname{Spec} \mathcal{O}$  with trivialization  $\mathcal{F}_G \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{F}_G^0|_{\operatorname{Spec} K}$  and a reduction of  $\mathcal{F}_G|_{\operatorname{Spec} \mathcal{O}/(t)}$  to the Borel subgroup B.

Let  $\widehat{\mathcal{F}l}$  denote the restriction of the gerbe  $\operatorname{Gr}_G$  under the (smooth) projection  $\mathcal{F}l \to \operatorname{Gr}_G$ . Let  $I \subset G(\mathcal{O})$  be the Iwahory subgroup. For an element w of the affine Weil group of G, let  $\mathcal{F}l^w$  denote the corresponding I-orbit on  $\mathcal{F}l$ . Set  $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}l}^w = \mathcal{F}l^w \times_{\mathcal{F}l} \widetilde{\mathcal{F}l}$ .

Let  $\mu \in \Lambda^+$  be such that the projection  $\mathcal{F}l^w \to \operatorname{Gr}_G$  factors through  $\operatorname{Gr}_G^\mu$ . The canonical section  $\operatorname{Gr}_G^\mu \to \widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G^\mu$  yields a section  $s : \mathcal{F}l^w \to \widetilde{\mathcal{F}l}_0^w$  of the gerbe  $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}l}_0^w \to \mathcal{F}l^w$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}_w$  denote the irreducible perverse sheaf on the closure of  $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}l}_0^w$  on which  $-1 \in \mu_2$  acts as -1 and whose restriction under s is  $\operatorname{IC}_{\mathcal{F}l^w}$ . It suffices to show the parity vanishing for stalks of  $\mathcal{A}_w$ .

Let  $w=s_1\cdot\ldots\cdot s_r$  be a reduced decomposition of w into a product of simple reflections. Denote by  $p\colon \mathrm{Conv}_{\mathcal{F}l}^{s_1,\ldots,s_r}\to \overline{\mathcal{F}l}^w$  the Bott–Samelson resolution (loc.cit. or [12, Section 3], where it is referred to as Demazure resolution). Let  $\widetilde{\mathrm{Conv}}_{\mathcal{F}l}^{s_1,\ldots,s_r}$  be the restriction of our gerbe

to  $Conv_{\mathcal{F}l}^{s_1,\dots,s_r}$ . By (1a), the section

$$p^{-1}(\mathcal{F}l^w) \to p^{-1}(\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}l^w)$$

induced by s extends to a global section  $\operatorname{Conv}_{\mathcal{F}l}^{s_1,\dots,s_r} \to \widetilde{\operatorname{Conv}_{\mathcal{F}l}}^{s_1,\dots,s_r}$ . The desired assertion follows, because the fibres of p have cohomology with compact support in even degrees only [13, A.7].

(2) Follows from (1) as in [20, Lemma 7.1]. This uses the fact that each  $Gr_G^{\lambda}$  has cohomology only in even degrees [20, Section 2].  $\Box$ 

Remark 6. – The group of automorphisms of the k-algebra  $\mathcal O$  is naturally the group of k-points of a (reduced) affine group scheme  $\operatorname{Aut}^0\mathcal O$  over k. Assume that  $M_0=\mathcal O^n\oplus\Omega^n_{\mathcal O}$  with standard symplectic form. Then  $\operatorname{Aut}^0\mathcal O$  acts on  $M_0$  and, hence, on  $\operatorname{Gr}_G$ . Moreover,  $\mathcal L$  is naturally equivariant under this action. It follows that  $\operatorname{Aut}^0\mathcal O$  acts on  $\operatorname{Gr}_G$ . Proposition 9 then can be strengthened saying that the gerbe  $\operatorname{Gr}_G^\lambda \to \operatorname{Gr}_G^\lambda$  admits a  $G(\mathcal O) \rtimes \operatorname{Aut}^0\mathcal O$ -equivariant trivialization.

We also see that each  $\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}$  is  $G(\mathcal{O}) \rtimes \operatorname{Aut}^0 \mathcal{O}$ -equivariant (this property is true for the constant sheaf over  $\operatorname{Gr}_G^{\lambda}$  and is preserved under intermediate extension). By Proposition 11, each  $K \in \operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)$  is  $\operatorname{Aut}^0 \mathcal{O}$ -equivariant. Moreover, such equivariant structure is unique (because the stabilizer of a point is connected) and compatible with any morphism in  $\operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)$ .

# 8.3. The fusion product

Following [20], we will show that the convolution product defined above can be interpreted as a 'fusion' product, thus leading to a commutativity constraint on  $Sph(\widetilde{Gr}_G)$ . The original idea of this interpretation for spherical sheaves on  $Gr_G$  is due to V. Drinfeld.

Let G denote the sheaf of groups on X introduced in Section 3.2. For  $x \in X(k)$  write  $\mathcal{O}_x$  for the completed local ring at x and  $K_x$  for its fraction field. Write  $\mathrm{Gr}_{G,x} = G(K_x)/G(\mathcal{O}_x)$  for the corresponding version of the affine Grassmanian.

Write  $\mathcal{F}_G^0$  for the 'trivial' G-torsor on X given by  $M_0 = \mathcal{O}_X^n \oplus \Omega^n$  with standard symplectic form  $\bigwedge^2 M_0 \to \Omega$ .

For a k-algebra R write  $X_R = X \times \operatorname{Spec} R$  and  $X_R^* = (X - x) \times \operatorname{Spec} R$ . By [1,2],  $\operatorname{Gr}_{G,x}$  is the functor on the category of k-algebras sending R to the set of isomorphism classes of  $\{\mathcal{F}_G, \nu\}$ , where  $\mathcal{F}_G$  is a G-torsor on  $X_R$  and  $\nu : \mathcal{F}_G \overset{\sim}{\to} \mathcal{F}_G^0|_{X_R^*}$  is a trivialization outside x.

Let M denote the vector bundle on X induced from  $\mathcal{F}_G$  via the standard representation of G. Set  $M_x = M \otimes \mathcal{O}_x$  and  $M_{0,x} = M_0 \otimes \mathcal{O}_x$ . Then  $M_x \subset M_{0,x} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_x} K_x$  is a sublattice, and we continue to denote by  $\mathcal{L}$  the line bundle on  $\mathrm{Gr}_{G,x}$  with fibre  $\det(M_{0,x}:M_x)$ . Then  $\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,x}$  and  $\mathrm{Sph}(\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,x})$  are defined as in Section 8.1.

Write  $Gr_{G,X^d}$  for the functor associating to a k-algebra R the set

$$\{(x_1,\ldots,x_d)\in X^d(R), \text{ a } G\text{-torsor } \mathcal{F}_G \text{ on } X_R, \ \mathcal{F}_G \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{F}_G^0|_{X_R-\cup x_i}\}.$$

Here  $x_i \in X(R)$  are thought of as subschemes in  $X_R$  by taking their graphs.

Let  $G_{X^d}$  denote the functor sending a k-algebra R to the set  $\{(x_1,\ldots,x_d)\in X^d(R),\mu\}$ , where  $\mu$  is an automorphism of  $\mathcal{F}_G^0$  restricted to the formal neighborhood  $\widehat{X}_{R,D}$  of  $D=x_1\cup\cdots\cup x_d$  in  $X_R$ . So,  $G_{X^d}$  is a group scheme over  $X^d$ , whose fibre over  $(x_1,\ldots,x_d)$  is  $\prod_i G(\mathcal{O}_{y_i})$  with  $\{y_1,\ldots,y_s\}=\{x_1,\ldots,x_d\}$  and  $y_i$  pairwise distinct.

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the line bundle on  $\operatorname{Gr}_{G,X^n}$  whose fibre is  $\det \operatorname{R}\Gamma(X,M_0) \otimes \det \operatorname{R}\Gamma(X,M)^{-1}$ , where M is the vector bundle on X induced from  $\mathcal{F}_G$  via the standard representation of G.

LEMMA 10. – For a k-point  $(x_1, \ldots, x_d, \mathcal{F}_G)$  of  $Gr_{G,X^d}$  let  $\{y_1, \ldots, y_s\} = \{x_1, \ldots, x_d\}$  with  $y_i$  pairwise distinct. The fibre of  $\mathcal{L}$  at this k-point is canonically isomorphic (as  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded) to

$$\bigotimes_{i=1}^{s} \det(M_{0,y_i}: M_{y_i}). \qquad \Box$$

One checks that the natural action of  $G_{X^d}$  on  $Gr_{G,X^d}$  lifts to a  $G_{X^d}$ -equivariant structure on  $\mathcal{L}$ . We have  $\widetilde{Gr}_{G,X^d}$  and  $Sph(\widetilde{Gr}_{G,X^d})$  defined as above.

# **8.3.1.** Consider the diagram of stacks over $X^2$ , where the left and right square is Cartesian

$$\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_{G,X} \times \widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_{G,X} \overset{\widetilde{p}_{G,X}}{\longleftarrow} \widetilde{C}_{G,X} \overset{\widetilde{q}_{G,X}}{\longrightarrow} \widetilde{\operatorname{Conv}}_{G,X} \overset{\widetilde{m}_{X}}{\longrightarrow} \widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_{G,X^{2}}$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad$$

Here the low row is the usual convolution diagram [20, (5.2)]. Namely,  $C_{G,X}$  is the ind-scheme classifying collections:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} x_1, x_2 \in X, \ G\text{-torsors } \mathcal{F}_G^1, \ \mathcal{F}_G^2 \text{ on } X \text{ with trivializations } \nu_i \colon \mathcal{F}_G^i \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{F}_G^0|_{X - x_i}, \\ \mu_1 \colon \mathcal{F}_G^1 \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{F}_G^0|_{\widehat{X}_{x_2}}, \end{array} \right.$$

where  $\widehat{X}_{x_2}$  is the formal neighborhood of  $x_2$  in X. The map  $p_{G,X}$  forgets  $\mu_1$ . The ind-scheme  $\mathrm{Conv}_{G,X}$  classifies collections:

(25) 
$$\begin{cases} x_1, x_2 \in X, \ G\text{-torsors } \mathcal{F}_G^1, \ \mathcal{F}_G \text{ on } X, \\ \text{isomorphisms } \nu_1 : \mathcal{F}_G^1 \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{F}_G^0|_{X-x_1}, \text{ and } \eta : \mathcal{F}_G^1 \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{F}_G|_{X-x_2}. \end{cases}$$

The map  $m_X$  sends this collection to  $(x_1,x_2,\mathcal{F}_G)$  together with the trivialization  $\eta \circ \nu_1^{-1}:\mathcal{F}_G^0 \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{F}_G|_{X-x_1-x_2}$ .

The map  $q_{G,X}$  sends (24) to the collection (25), where  $\mathcal{F}_G$  is obtained by gluing  $\mathcal{F}_G^1$  on  $X-x_2$  and  $\mathcal{F}_G^2$  on  $\widehat{X}_{x_2}$  using their identification over  $(X-x_2)\cap \widehat{X}_{x_2}$  via  $\nu_2^{-1}\circ \mu_1$ .

The canonical isomorphism

$$q_{G,X}^*m_X^*\mathcal{L}\,\widetilde{\to}\, p_{G,X}^*(\mathcal{L}\boxtimes\mathcal{L})$$

allows to define  $\tilde{q}_{G,X}$  as follows. Write  $M_i$  (respectively, M) for the vector bundle induced from  $\mathcal{F}_G^i$  (respectively,  $\mathcal{F}_G$ ) via the standard representation of G.

A point of  $C_{G,X}$  is given by (24) together with 1-dimensional vector spaces  $\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2$  and  $\mathcal{B}_i^2 \widetilde{\to} \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{F}_G^i}$ . By Lemma 10,  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{F}_G^i} \widetilde{\to} \det(M_{0,x_i} : \det M_{i,x_i})$ .

A point of  $\widetilde{\mathrm{Conv}}_{G,X}$  is given by (25) together with 1-dimensional vector space  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{B}^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{F}_G}$ . We have

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{F}_{G}} \cong \frac{\det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X, M_{0})}{\det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X, M_{1})} \otimes \frac{\det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X, M_{1})}{\det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X, M)}$$
$$\cong \det(M_{0,x_{1}} : M_{1,x_{1}}) \otimes \det(M_{1,x_{2}} : M_{x_{2}}) \cong \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{F}_{G}^{1}} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{F}_{G}^{2}},$$

the last isomorphism being given by  $\mu_1$ :  $\det(M_{1,x_2}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \det(M_{0,x_2})$  and  $M_{x_2} \xrightarrow{\sim} M_{2,x_2}$ . Define  $\tilde{q}_{G,X}$  by setting  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}_1 \otimes \mathcal{B}_2$ .

As in Section 8.2 one checks that for  $K_1, K_2 \in \operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_{G,X})$  there is a (defined up to a unique isomorphism) perverse sheaf  $K_{12}$  on  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Conv}}_{G,X}$  with  $\tilde{q}^*_{G,X}K_{12} \xrightarrow{\sim} \tilde{p}^*_{G,X}(K_1 \boxtimes K_2)$ . Moreover,  $-1 \in \mu_2$  acts on  $K_{12}$  as -1. We then let

$$K_1 *_X K_2 = \tilde{m}_{X!} K_{12}$$
.

Let  $U\subset X^2$  be the complement to the diagonal. Let  $j:\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,X^2}(U)\hookrightarrow\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,X^2}$  be the preimage of U. Recall that  $m_X$  is stratified small, an isomorphism over the preimage of U [20]. So, the same holds for the representable map  $\tilde{m}_X$ . Thus,  $K_1*_XK_2$  is a perverse sheaf, the Goresky–MacPherson from  $\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,X^2}(U)$ . Besides,  $-1\in\mu_2$  acts on it as -1. Moreover,  $K_1*_XK_2\in\mathrm{Sph}(\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,X^2})$ , because  $G_{X^2}$ -equivariance is clear over  $\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,X^2}(U)$  and is preserved under the intermediate extension.

Recall the group ind-scheme  $\operatorname{Aut}^0\mathcal{O}$  (cf. Remark 6). Let  $\widehat{X} \to X$  be the  $\operatorname{Aut}^0\mathcal{O}$ -torsor whose fibre is the set of all trivializations  $\mathcal{O}_x \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}$ . We have that  $\operatorname{Gr}_{G,X} \xrightarrow{\sim} \widehat{X} \times_{\operatorname{Aut}^0\mathcal{O}} \operatorname{Gr}_G$ . The line bundle  $\mathcal{L}$  on  $\operatorname{Gr}_{G,X}$  identifies with the descent of the  $\operatorname{Aut}^0\mathcal{O}$ -equivariant line bundle  $\mathcal{O} \boxtimes \mathcal{L}$  under  $\widehat{X} \times \operatorname{Gr}_G \to \operatorname{Gr}_{G,X}$ . Since any  $K \in \operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)$  is  $\operatorname{Aut}^0\mathcal{O}$ -equivariant, we have a natural (fully faithful) functor

(26) 
$$\tau^0: \operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G) \to \operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_{G,X})[-1].$$

Let glob:  $\operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G) \to \operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_{G,X})$  denote the functor glob =  $\tau^0[1]$ .

Now define the commutativity constraint following [20]. Let  $i: \widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_{G,X} \to \widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_{G,X^2}$  be the preimage of the diagonal in  $X^2$ . For  $F_1, F_2 \in \operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)$  letting  $K_i = \tau^0 F_i$  define

$$K_{12}|_U := K_{12}|_{\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,X^2}(U)}$$

as above (but now it is placed in perverse degree 2). We get

(27) 
$$K_1 *_X K_2 \xrightarrow{\sim} j_{!*}(K_{12}|_U),$$

(28) 
$$\tau^0(F_1 * F_2) \xrightarrow{\sim} i^*(K_1 *_X K_2).$$

So, the involution  $\sigma$  of  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_{G/X^2}$  interchanging  $x_i$  yields

$$\tau^{0}(F_{1}*F_{2}) \xrightarrow{\sim} i^{*}j_{!*}(K_{12}|_{U}) \xrightarrow{\sim} i^{*}j_{!*}(K_{21}|_{U}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \tau^{0}(F_{2}*F_{1}),$$

because  $\sigma^*(K_{12}|_U) \xrightarrow{\sim} K_{21}|_U$ . (We used the functor  $\tau^0$  instead of glob to avoid the signs ambiguity in the commutativity constraints.)

The fact that the associativity and commutativity constraints are compatible follows from a similar picture over  $X^3$ . Thus,  $Sph(\widetilde{Gr}_G)$  is a tensor category.

Remark 7. – Fix  $x \in X(k)$ . Consider the Hecke stack  $_x\mathcal{H}_G$  classifying two G-bundles  $\mathcal{F}_G, \mathcal{F}'_G$  on X together with an isomorphism  $\mathcal{F}_G \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{F}'_G|_{X-x}$ . Let p (respectively, p') be the projection  $_x\mathcal{H}_G \to \operatorname{Bun}_G$  sending the above collection to  $\mathcal{F}_G$  (respectively,  $\mathcal{F}'_G$ ). Write  $\operatorname{Bun}_G^x$  for the stack classifying a G-torsor  $\mathcal{F}_G$  on X together with a trivialization  $\mathcal{F}_G \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{F}_G^0|_{D_x}$  over the formal disk  $D_x$  around x.

Let  $\gamma$  (respectively,  $\gamma'$ ) be the isomorphism  $\operatorname{Bun}_G^x \times_{G(\mathcal{O}_x)} \operatorname{Gr}_{G,x} \xrightarrow{\sim}_x \mathcal{H}_G$  such that the projection to the first term corresponds to p (respectively, to p'). Write M (respectively, M')

for the vector bundle corresponding to  $\mathcal{F}_G$  (respectively, to  $\mathcal{F}_G'$ ) via the standard representation of G. Write  $\mathcal{L}$  for the  $(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded) line bundle on  $_x\mathcal{H}_G$  with fibre  $\det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,M)\otimes \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,M')^{-1}$ . Let  $_x\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_G$  be the gerbe of square roots of  $\mathcal{L}$ . Both  $\gamma$  and  $\gamma'$  extend to  $G(\mathcal{O}_x)$ -torsors

$$\widetilde{\gamma}, \widetilde{\gamma}' : \operatorname{Bun}_G^x \times \widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_{G,x} \to {}_x \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_G.$$

For  $\mathcal{S}\in \mathrm{Sph}(\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,x})$  denote by  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}\,\widetilde{\boxtimes}\,\mathcal{S}$  (respectively, by  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}\,\widetilde{\boxtimes}'\,\mathcal{S}$ ) the twisted tensor product viewed as a perverse sheaf on  $_x\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_G$  via  $\widetilde{\gamma}$  (respectively,  $\widetilde{\gamma}'$ ). Given  $\mathcal{S}\in \mathrm{Sph}(\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,x})$  there is a (defined up to a unique isomorphism)  $\mathcal{T}\in \mathrm{Sph}(\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,x})$  equipped with an isomorphism  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}\,\widetilde{\boxtimes}\,\mathcal{S}\,\widetilde{\to}\,\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}\,\widetilde{\boxtimes}'\,\mathcal{T}$ . This defines a covariant involution functor  $\star$  on the category  $\mathrm{Sph}(\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,x})$  By Remark 6, we may view  $\star$  as an involution functor on  $\mathrm{Sph}(\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_G)$  independently of a choice of a trivialization  $\mathcal{O}_x\,\widetilde{\to}\,\mathcal{O}$ .

In the same way as for usual spherical sheaves on  $Gr_G$  in [14], one checks that for  $K_1, K_2, K_3 \in Sph(\widetilde{Gr}_G)$  we have canonically

$$R \operatorname{Hom}(K_1 * K_2, K_3) \xrightarrow{\sim} R \operatorname{Hom}(K_1, K_3 * \mathbb{D}(\star K_2)).$$

So,  $K_3 * \mathbb{D}(\star K_2)$  represents the internal  $\mathcal{H}om(K_2,K_3)$  in the sense of the tensor structure on  $\mathrm{Sph}(\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_G)$ . Besides,  $\star(K_1 * K_2) \ \widetilde{\to} \ (\star K_2) * (\star K_1)$  canonically. We also have  $\mathbb{D}(\star \mathcal{A}_\lambda) \ \widetilde{\to} \ \star \mathcal{A}_\lambda \ \widetilde{\to} \ \mathcal{A}_\lambda$  for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda_+$ .

# **8.4.** Functors $F^{\theta}$

Let  $P \subset G$  denote the Siegel parabolic preserving  $\mathcal{O}_X^n \subset \mathcal{O}_X^n \oplus \Omega^n$ . Write Q for the Levi quotient, so  $Q \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathrm{GL}_n$  canonically. Let  $\check{\Lambda}_{G,P}$  denote the lattice of characters of P/[P,P] = Q/[Q,Q] and  $\Lambda_{G,P}$  the dual lattice. Let  $\check{\omega}_n \in \check{\Lambda}_{G,P}$  denote the fundamental weight of G corresponding to the unique simple coroot which is not a coroot of Q. So,  $\check{\omega}_n$  is the highest weight of an irreducible subrepresentation in  $\bigwedge^n M$ , where M is the standard representation of G. Then  $\check{\omega}_n$  is a free generator of  $\check{\Lambda}_{G,P}$ .

The connected components of  $\operatorname{Gr}_{Q,x}$  are indexed by  $\Lambda_{G,P}$ , the component  $\operatorname{Gr}_{Q,x}^{\theta}$  classifies  $(L \in \operatorname{Bun}_n, \nu : L \widetilde{\to} \mathcal{O}^n|_{X-x})$  such that  $\deg L = -\langle \theta, \check{\omega}_n \rangle$ . The reduced part  $\operatorname{Gr}_{Q,x,\operatorname{red}}^{\theta} \hookrightarrow \operatorname{Gr}_{Q,x}^{\theta}$  is the ind-scheme classifying  $(L \in \operatorname{Bun}_n, \nu : L \widetilde{\to} \mathcal{O}^n|_{X-x})$  that induce an isomorphism

(29) 
$$\det L \widetilde{\to} \mathcal{O}(-\langle \theta, \check{\omega}_n \rangle x).$$

Following [5], for  $\theta \in \Lambda_{G,P}$  let  $S_P^\theta$  denote the ind-scheme classifying:  $(\mathcal{F}_P, \nu)$ , where  $\mathcal{F}_P$  is a P-torsor on X and  $\nu : \mathcal{F}_P \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{F}_P^0|_{X-x}$  is a trivialization such that  $(\mathcal{F}_P \times_P Q, \nu)$  lies in  $\operatorname{Gr}_{Q,x}^\theta$ . In other words,  $S_P^\theta$  classifies a P-torsor given by an exact sequence  $0 \to \operatorname{Sym}^2 L \to ? \to \Omega \to 0$  on X with  $L \in \operatorname{Bun}_n$ , a splitting of this sequence over X-x, and a trivialization  $\nu : L \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}^n|_{X-x}$  with  $\deg L = -\langle \theta, \check{\omega}_n \rangle$ . The reduced part  $(S_P^\theta)_{\operatorname{red}}$  is given by the additional condition that  $\nu$  induces an isomorphism (29).

We have a map  $\mathfrak{s}_P^{\theta}: S_P^{\theta} \to \operatorname{Gr}_{G,x}$  sending  $(\mathcal{F}_P, \nu)$  to  $(\mathcal{F}_P \times_P G, \nu)$ , its restriction  $(S_P^{\theta})_{\operatorname{red}} \hookrightarrow \operatorname{Gr}_{G,x}$  is a locally closed immersion.

The map  $\mathfrak{s}^{\theta}_{\overline{P}}: S^{\theta}_{\overline{P}} \to Gr_{G,x}$  is defined in a similar way using the Lagrangian subbundle  $\Omega^n \subset \mathcal{O}^n_X \oplus \Omega^n$  that defines the opposite parabolic subgroup  $\overline{P} \subset G$ .

Write  $\mathfrak{t}_P^{\theta}: S_P^{\theta} \to \operatorname{Gr}_{Q,x}^{\theta}$  for the projection sending  $(\mathcal{F}_P, \nu)$  to  $(\mathcal{F}_P \times_P Q, \nu)$  and  $\mathfrak{r}_P^{\theta}: \operatorname{Gr}_{Q,x}^{\theta} \hookrightarrow S_P^{\theta}$  for the natural section, similarly for  $\overline{P}$ .

Fix an isomorphism  $\mathbb{G}_m \xrightarrow{\sim} Z(Q)$ , where Z(Q) is the center of Q, in such a way that  $\mathbb{G}_m \xrightarrow{\sim} Z(Q)$  acts adjointly on the unipotent radical  $U(P) \subset P$  with strictly positive weights. The subscheme of Z(Q)-fixed points in  $\mathrm{Gr}_G$  is  $Q(K)G(\mathcal{O})/G(\mathcal{O})$ , its connected components are  $\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,\mathrm{red}}^{\theta}$ ,  $\theta \in \Lambda_{G,P}$ . One checks that

$$\begin{split} \left\{x \in \operatorname{Gr}_{G,x} \mid \lim_{t \to 0} tx \in \operatorname{Gr}_{Q,x,\operatorname{red}}^{\theta}\right\} &= \left(S_P^{\theta}\right)_{\operatorname{red}} \quad \text{and} \\ \left\{x \in \operatorname{Gr}_{G,x} \mid \lim_{t \to \infty} tx \in \operatorname{Gr}_{Q,x,\operatorname{red}}^{\theta}\right\} &= \left(S_P^{\theta}\right)_{\operatorname{red}}. \end{split}$$

Consider the diagram

$$\widetilde{S}_{P}^{\theta} \xrightarrow{\widetilde{\mathfrak{s}}_{P}^{\theta}} \widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,x}$$

$$\uparrow \widetilde{\mathfrak{r}}_{P}^{\theta} \qquad \uparrow \widetilde{\mathfrak{s}}_{P}^{\theta}$$

$$\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{Q,x}^{\theta} \xrightarrow{\widetilde{\mathfrak{r}}_{P}^{\theta}} \widetilde{S}_{P}^{\theta}$$

obtained by restricting the gerbe  $\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,x} \to \mathrm{Gr}_{G,x}$  with respect to the corresponding maps.

LEMMA 11. – There exists a canonical  $P(\mathcal{O}_x)$ -equivariant section  $i_P^{\theta}: S_P^{\theta} \to \widetilde{S}_P^{\theta}$  of the gerbe  $\widetilde{S}_P^{\theta} \to S_P^{\theta}$ .

*Proof.* – Remind the line bundle  $\mathcal{L}$  on  $\operatorname{Gr}_{G,x}$  introduced in 8.3. Consider the map  $\operatorname{Gr}_{G,x} \to \operatorname{Bun}_G$  sending  $(\mathcal{F}_G, \nu : \mathcal{F}_G \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{F}_G^0|_{X-x})$  to  $\mathcal{F}_G$ . The restriction of  $\mathcal{A}$  under this map identifies canonically with  $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \otimes \operatorname{det} \operatorname{R}\Gamma(X, M_0)$ , where  $M_0 = \mathcal{O}_X^n \oplus \Omega^n$ . Since  $\operatorname{det} \operatorname{R}\Gamma(X, M_0) \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{det} \operatorname{R}\Gamma(X, \mathcal{O})^{\otimes 2n}$ , we get a Cartesian square

$$\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_{G,x} \longrightarrow \widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G}$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$\operatorname{Gr}_{G,x} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Bun}_{G}$$

Remind the map  $\tilde{\nu}$  defined in Lemma 5. Now the diagram

$$S_P^{\theta} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Bun}_P \xrightarrow{\tilde{\nu}} \widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G$$

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yields the section  $i_P^{\theta}$ .

To see that it is  $P(\mathcal{O}_x)$ -equivariant, rewrite it in local terms as follows. On  $\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,x}^{\theta}$  we have the  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded  $Q(\mathcal{O}_x)$ -equivariant line bundle, say  ${}_{\theta}\mathcal{L}$ , whose fibre at  $(L,L \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}^n|_{X-x})$  is

$$\det(L_0 \otimes \mathcal{O}_x : L \otimes \mathcal{O}_x)$$

with  $L_0 = \mathcal{O}_X^n$ . Hence  $(\mathfrak{t}_P^{\theta})^*{}_{\theta}\mathcal{L}$  is a  $P(\mathcal{O}_x)$ -equivariant line bundle on  $S_P^{\theta}$ . The canonical  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded  $P(\mathcal{O}_x)$ -equivariant isomorphism  $(\mathfrak{s}_P^{\theta})^*\mathcal{L} \xrightarrow{\sim} (\mathfrak{t}_P^{\theta})^*({}_{\theta}\mathcal{L})^{\otimes 2}$  defines the section  $i_P^{\theta}$  via 3.1.2.  $\square$ 

Define the functors  $F^{\theta}, F'^{\theta} : \operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_{G,x}) \to \operatorname{D}(\operatorname{Gr}_{Q,x}^{\theta})$  by

$$F'^{\theta}(K) = \left(\mathfrak{t}_{P}^{\theta}\right)_{!} \left(i_{P}^{\theta}\right)^{*} \left(\tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_{P}^{\theta}\right)^{*} K \quad \text{and} \quad F^{\theta}(K) = F'^{\theta}(K) \otimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[1] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\otimes \langle \theta, 2\check{\rho} - 2\check{\rho}_{Q} \rangle}.$$

We have used the fact that  $2(\check{\rho} - \check{\rho}_Q) \in \check{\Lambda}_{G,P}$ .

Remark 8. – We could replace in the definition of  $F^{\theta}$  and  $F'^{\theta}$  the ind-schemes  $S_{P}^{\theta}$  and  $\operatorname{Gr}_{Q,x}^{\theta}$  by their reduced parts, the corresponding functors would be canonically isomorphic to the old ones. In some geometric questions we work rather with the corresponding reduced ind-schemes (without indicating that explicitly, for example in Propositions 12 and 15, Corollary 1 and so on).

PROPOSITION 12. – The functor  $F^{\theta}(K)$  maps  $\operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_{G,x})$  to the category  $\operatorname{Sph}(\operatorname{Gr}_{Q,x}^{\theta})$  of  $Q(\mathcal{O}_x)$ -equivariant perverse sheaves on  $\operatorname{Gr}_{O,x}^{\theta}$ . In particular, it is exact.

*Proof.* – By Lemma 9 combined with Proposition 19, we get the hyperbolic localization functors  $\mathrm{Sph}(\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,x}) \to \mathrm{D}(\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,x}^{\theta})$  given by

(30) 
$$K \mapsto \left(\tilde{\mathfrak{r}}_{\overline{P}}^{\theta}\right)^{*} \left(\tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_{\overline{P}}^{\theta}\right)^{!} K \xrightarrow{\sim} \left(\tilde{\mathfrak{r}}_{P}^{\theta}\right)^{!} \left(\tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_{P}^{\theta}\right)^{*} K = K^{!*}.$$

By Lemma 11, we have moreover  $K^{!*} \xrightarrow{\sim} (\mathfrak{t}_P^{\theta} \times \mathrm{id})_! (\widetilde{\mathfrak{s}}_P^{\theta})^* K$ , where

$$\mathfrak{t}_P^{\theta} \times \operatorname{id} : \widetilde{S}_P^{\theta} = S_P^{\theta} \times B(\mu_2) \to \operatorname{Gr}_{Q,x}^{\theta} \times B(\mu_2) = \widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_{Q,x}^{\theta}.$$

The complex  $K^{!*}$  is  $Q(\mathcal{O}_x)$ -equivariant, because both  $\tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_P^{\theta}$  and  $\tilde{\mathfrak{r}}_P^{\theta}$  are  $Q(\mathcal{O}_x)$ -equivariant. The dimension estimates given in [5, Proposition 4.3.3] show that  $F^{\theta}(K)$  is placed in non-positive perverse degrees. Now (30) guarantees that  $F^{\theta}(K)$  is placed in non-negative perverse degrees.  $\square$ 

Let  $w_0$  (respectively,  $w_0^Q$ ) denote the longest element of the Weil group W of G (respectively,  $W_Q$  of Q).

COROLLARY 1. -

- (i) Let  $\lambda \in \Lambda^+$  and  $\theta$  be the image of  $\lambda$  in  $\Lambda_{G,P}$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}_{Q,\lambda}$  (respectively,  $\mathcal{A}_{Q,-w_0^Q(\lambda)}$ ) appears with multiplicity one in  $F^{\theta}(\mathcal{A}_{\lambda})$  (respectively, in  $F^{-\theta}(\mathcal{A}_{\lambda})$ ).
- (ii) The functor  $F: \mathrm{Sph}(\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,x}) \to \mathrm{Sph}(\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,x})$  given by  $F = \bigoplus_{\theta \in \Lambda_{G,P}} F^{\theta}$  is exact and faithful.

*Proof.* – (i) Note that  $S_P^{\theta} \cap \operatorname{Gr}_G^{\lambda}$  is open in  $\operatorname{Gr}_G^{\lambda}$ . Moreover,  $\operatorname{Gr}_Q^{\theta} \cap \operatorname{Gr}_G^{\lambda} = \operatorname{Gr}_Q^{\lambda}$ . Since P/Q is affine,  $\operatorname{Gr}_Q \hookrightarrow S_P$  is a closed immersion. So,  $\operatorname{Gr}_Q^{\theta} \cap \operatorname{Gr}_G^{\lambda} \hookrightarrow S_P^{\theta} \cap \operatorname{Gr}_G^{\lambda}$  is a smooth closed subscheme. It follows that  $(\tilde{\mathfrak{r}}_P^{\theta})^! (\tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_P^{\theta})^* \mathcal{A}_{\lambda}$  is a shifted constant sheaf over  $\operatorname{Gr}_Q^{\lambda}$ . The first assertion follows.

For the second, note that  $\operatorname{Gr}_Q^{-\theta} \cap \operatorname{Gr}_Q^{\lambda} = \operatorname{Gr}_Q^{-w_0^Q(\lambda)}$ , and the map

$$\mathfrak{t}_P^{-\theta}: S_P^{-\theta} \cap \mathrm{Gr}_G^{\lambda} \to \mathrm{Gr}_Q^{-\theta}$$

is an isomorphism over the  $Q(\mathcal{O})$ -orbit  $\operatorname{Gr}_{\mathcal{O}}^{-w_0^Q(\lambda)}$ .

(ii) Since F is exact, to show faithfulness, it suffices to prove that F does not annihilate a nonzero object. To this end, it suffices to show that  $F(\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}) \neq 0$  for any dominant coweight  $\lambda$ , which follows from (i).  $\square$ 

#### 8.5. Example: explicit calculation

Let  $\alpha \in \Lambda^+$  denote the coroot of  $\mathbb{S}p_{2n}$  corresponding to the maximal root  $\check{\alpha}_{\max}$  of  $\mathbb{S}p_{2n}$ . So,  $\alpha$  is the highest weight of the standard representation of the Langlands dual group  $\mathbb{S}\mathbb{O}_{2n+1}$  of  $\mathbb{S}p_{2n}$ . For this subsection take G to be that of 8.1 for  $M_0 = \mathcal{O}^n \oplus \Omega^n_{\mathcal{O}}$ . The closure  $\overline{\mathrm{Gr}}_G^{\alpha}$  of  $\mathrm{Gr}_G^{\alpha}$  in  $\mathrm{Gr}_G$  is described as follows.

The G(k)-orbit V in  $\mathrm{Gr}_G$  passing through  $\alpha(t)G(\mathcal{O})$  is identified with the projective space  $V \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{P}^{2n-1}$ , and  $\mathrm{Gr}_G^{\alpha}$  is the total space of the line bundle  $\mathcal{O}(2)$  over V.

Let  $V=\mathbb{P}^{2n-1}\hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^{n(2n+1)-1}$  be the Veronese map. Write  $x_1,\ldots,x_{2n}$  for the homogeneous coordinates in  $\mathbb{P}^{2n-1}$  and  $t_{ij}$  with  $1\leqslant i\leqslant j\leqslant 2n$  for the homogeneous coordinates in  $\mathbb{P}^{n(2n+1)-1}$ . Then the inclusion is given by  $t_{ij}=x_ix_j$ . Its image is the subscheme defined by homogeneous equations

$$(31) t_{ij}t_{kl} = t_{ik}t_{jl}$$

for all i, j, k, l whenever this makes sense.

One may identify the Lie algebra of  $\mathbb{S}p_{2n}$  with  $\mathbb{A}^{n(2n+1)}$  in such a way that the set Z of elements  $\mathbb{S}p_{2n}$ -conjugate to a multiple of the maximal root becomes the subscheme  $Z \subset \mathbb{A}^{n(2n+1)} = \operatorname{Spec} k[t_{ij}]$  given by Eqs. (31). Let  $A \in Z$  denote the origin of this cone. Let  $\overline{Z} \subset \mathbb{P}^{n(2n+1)}$  be the projective closure of Z. Then  $\overline{\operatorname{Gr}}_G^{\alpha} = \overline{Z}$  and  $\operatorname{Gr}_G^{\alpha} = \overline{Z} - A$ .

The projection  $\pi: \overline{Z} - A \to V$  is an affine fibration on which  $\mathcal{O}(2)$  acts transitively and freely (and the corresponding torsor is trivial). So,  $\pi^*$  yields a diagram of isomorphisms

$$Cl(V) \xrightarrow{\sim} Cl(\overline{Z} - A) \xrightarrow{\sim} Cl(\overline{Z})$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$Pic(V) \xrightarrow{\sim} Pic(\overline{Z} - A) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{Z}$$

where for a variety S we denote by Cl(S) the Weil divisors class group.

Write  $(t_{ij}, w)$  for the homogeneous coordinates in  $\mathbb{P}^{n(2n+1)}$ . Let the subscheme  $V \subset \overline{Z}$  be given by w = 0, it is a section of  $\pi$ . We have  $Z = \overline{Z} - V$ .

The image in  $\operatorname{Cl}(V)$  of the hyperplane section of  $\mathbb{P}^{n(2n+1)-1}$  is 2. It follows that the image of V in  $\operatorname{Cl}(\overline{Z})$  is 2 and  $\operatorname{Cl}(Z) \widetilde{\to} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ .

Let  $L \subset Z$  denote the preimage under  $\pi$  of the subscheme of V given by  $x_1 = 0$ . Denote again by L the corresponding Weil divisor on  $\overline{Z}$ . Then L is not locally principal in  $\mathcal{O}_{Z,A}$ . Indeed, let  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}_{Z,A}$  denote the ideal corresponding to L and  $\mathfrak{m}_{Z,A} \subset \mathcal{O}_{Z,A}$  the maximal ideal. Then  $t_{ij}$   $(1 \leqslant i \leqslant j \leqslant n)$  form a base in the cotangent space  $\mathfrak{m}_{Z,A}/\mathfrak{m}_{Z,A}^2$ , and the elements  $t_{1j} \in \mathfrak{p}$   $(1 \leqslant j \leqslant n)$  are linearly independent in  $\mathfrak{m}_{Z,A}/\mathfrak{m}_{Z,A}^2$ . So,  $\mathrm{Pic}\,Z = 0$ , and  $\mathcal{O}_{\overline{Z}}(V)$  generates  $\mathrm{Pic}(\overline{Z})$ . The image of  $\mathcal{O}_{\overline{Z}}(V)$  under the composition

$$\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{Z}) \hookrightarrow \operatorname{Cl}(\overline{Z}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{Cl}(\overline{Z} - A) \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{Z} - A) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{Z}$$

is 2. In other words,  $\mathcal{O}_{\overline{Z}-A}(L)$  does not extend to a line bundle on  $\overline{Z}$ .

The line bundle  $\mathcal{L}|_{\overline{\mathrm{Gr}}_G^{\alpha}}$  identifies with  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^{n(2n+1)}}(1)|_{\overline{Z}}$ . Let  $\widetilde{Z} \to \overline{Z}$  denote the  $\mu_2$ -gerbe of square roots of this bundle. We see that this gerbe is nontrivial, though trivial over  $\overline{Z} - A$ .

Set  $Y = \mathbb{A}^{2n} = \operatorname{Spec} k[x_i]$ . Let  $\tau: Y \to Z$  be the map given by  $t_{ij} = x_i x_j$ . Clearly,  $Y - \tau^{-1}(A) \to Z - A$  is a  $S_2$ -Galois covering.

For a coweight  $\lambda$  of Q denote by  $\mathcal{A}_{Q,\lambda}$  the intersection cohomology sheaf of the  $Q(\mathcal{O})$ -orbit on  $Gr_Q$  passing through  $\lambda(t)Q(\mathcal{O})$ .

PROPOSITION 13. -

(1) The sheaf  $A_{\alpha}$  is the extension by zero from  $\overline{Z} - A$ .

(2) We have  $F^0(\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}) = 0$ . For  $\theta \in \Lambda_{G,P}$  such that  $\langle \theta, \check{\omega}_n \rangle = 1$  we have  $F^{\theta}(\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{A}_{Q,\alpha}$  and  $F^{-\theta}(\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{A}_{Q,-\alpha}$ .

*Proof.* - (1) Note that  $\mathcal{O}_{Z-A}(L)$  generates the group  $\operatorname{Pic}(Z-A) \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{Cl}(Z-A) \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{Cl}(Z) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ . The gerbe  $\widetilde{Z}$  is obtained by gluing together trivial gerbes  $Z \times B(\mu_2)$  and  $(\overline{Z}-A) \times B(\mu_2)$  over Z-A. The gluing data is an automorphism of the gerbe  $(Z-A) \times B(\mu_2)$  which can be described as follows.

An S-point of  $(Z-A) \times B(\mu_2)$  is a line bundle  $\mathcal B$  on S together with  $\mathcal B^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal O_S$  and a map  $S \to (Z-A)$ . Our automorphism sends this point to the same map  $S \to (Z-A)$  and replaces  $\mathcal B$  by  $\mathcal B$  tensored with the restriction of  $\mathcal O_{Z-A}(L)$  to S.

We have the  $\mu_2$ -torsor over Z-A consisting of those sections of  $\mathcal{O}_{Z-A}(L)$  whose square is 1. This is exactly the Galois covering  $Y-\tau^{-1}(A)\to Z-A$ .

Let W denote the nontrivial rank one local system on  $B(\mu_2)$  corresponding to the covering  $\operatorname{Spec} k \to B(\mu_2)$ . If we identify our gerbe over Z with  $Z \times B(\mu_2)$  then over that locus  $\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}$  becomes the exterior product  $N \boxtimes W$ , where N is the nontrivial local system on Z-A extended by zero to A and corresponding to the covering  $Y-\tau^{-1}(A) \to Z-A$ .

(2) Considering  $\operatorname{Gr}_Q^0$  as a subscheme of  $\operatorname{Gr}_G$ , one checks that  $\operatorname{Gr}_Q^0 \cap \overline{\operatorname{Gr}}_G^\alpha$  is the point scheme  $1 \in \operatorname{Gr}_G$ . Consider the \*-restriction  $N|_{Z \cap L}$ . Since the !-fibre at A of  $N|_{Z \cap L}$  vanishes, we get  $F^0(\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}) = 0$ .

Let  $\theta \in \Lambda_{G,P}$  be such that  $\langle \theta, \check{\omega}_n \rangle = 1$ . Recall the map  $\pi : \overline{Z} - A \to V$ . We have

$$\operatorname{Gr}_G^{\alpha} \cap S_P^{\theta} = \pi^{-1}(V_0),$$

where  $V_0 \subset V = \mathbb{P}(M_0(x)/M_0)$  is the complement to  $\mathbb{P}(L_0(x)/L_0)$ . In other words,  $\operatorname{Gr}_G^{\alpha} \cap S_P^{\theta} \subset \operatorname{Gr}_G^{\alpha}$  is the open subscheme given by the condition that the line  $(M+M_0)/M_0$  is not contained in  $L_0(x)/L_0$ . Further,  $\operatorname{Gr}_G^{\alpha} \cap \operatorname{Gr}_Q^{\theta} = \operatorname{Gr}_Q^{\alpha}$ . The isomorphism  $F^{\theta}(\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{A}_{Q,\alpha}$  follows.

We have  $\operatorname{Gr}_G^{\alpha} \cap S_P^{-\theta} = \operatorname{Gr}_Q^{-\alpha}$ . This yields the last isomorphism.  $\square$ 

Remark 9. – Let  $\lambda \in \Lambda^+$  and  $\theta \in \Lambda_{G,P}$ . If  $F^{\theta}(\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}) \neq 0$  then

$$(32) -\langle \lambda, \check{\omega}_n \rangle \leqslant \langle \theta, \check{\omega}_n \rangle \leqslant \langle \lambda, \check{\omega}_n \rangle.$$

Indeed, if  $S_P^\theta \cap \overline{\mathrm{Gr}}_G^\lambda \neq \emptyset$  then (32) holds. More generally, for a reductive group G and its parabolic subgroup P the condition  $S_P^\theta \cap \overline{\mathrm{Gr}}_G^\lambda \neq \emptyset$  implies  $\langle \lambda, w_0(\check{\lambda}) \rangle \leqslant \langle \theta, \check{\lambda} \rangle \leqslant \langle \lambda, \check{\lambda} \rangle$  for any  $\check{\lambda} \in \check{\Lambda}_{G,P}$  which is dominant for G.

# 8.6. The functors $F_{X^d}^{\theta}$

Let  $\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,X^d}$  denote the ind-scheme classifying  $(x_1,\ldots,x_d)\in X^d$  and  $L\in\mathrm{Bun}_n$  with trivialization  $L\overset{\sim}{\to} \mathcal{O}^n|_{X-x_1\cup\cdots\cup x_d}$ . Its connected components are indexed by  $\Lambda_{G,P}$ , the component  $\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,X^d}^\theta$  is given by  $\deg L=-\langle \theta,\check{\omega}_n\rangle$ . We have a natural map  $\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,X^d}\to\mathrm{Gr}_{G,X^d}$  sending the above point to  $L\oplus (L^*\otimes\Omega)$  with the induced trivialization outside  $x_i$ . The composition

$$(\operatorname{Gr}_{Q,X^d})_{\operatorname{red}} \hookrightarrow \operatorname{Gr}_{Q,X^d} \to \operatorname{Gr}_{G,X^d}$$

is a closed immersion.

For  $\theta \in \Lambda_{G,P}$  denote by  $S_{P,X^d}^{\theta}$  the ind-scheme classifying collections:  $(x_1,\ldots,x_d) \in X^d$ , a P-torsor  $\mathcal{F}_P$  on X with trivialization  $\nu:\mathcal{F}_P \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{F}_P^0|_{X-x_1\cup\cdots\cup x_d}$  such that the induced Q-torsor  $\mathcal{F}_P\times_P Q$  lies in  $\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,X^d}^{\theta}$ . Here  $\mathcal{F}_P^0$  is the G-torsor  $\mathcal{F}_G^0=\mathcal{O}_X^n\oplus\Omega^n$  with P-structure corresponding to the Lagrangian subbundle  $\mathcal{O}_X^n$ .

Considering  $\mathcal{F}_{\overline{P}}^0$  as  $\mathcal{F}_{\overline{G}}^0$  with  $\overline{P}$ -structure given by  $\Omega^n$ , one similarly defines the ind-scheme  $S_{\overline{P}|Y^d}^{\theta}$ . As in 8.4, one defines a diagram

(33) 
$$S_{P,X^d}^{\theta} \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{s}_{P,X^d}^{\theta}} \operatorname{Gr}_{G,X^d} \\ \uparrow \mathfrak{r}_{P,X^d}^{\theta} \qquad \uparrow \\ \operatorname{Gr}_{Q,X^d}^{\theta} \longrightarrow S_{\overline{P},X^d}^{\theta}$$

Both  $(S_{P,X^d}^{\theta})_{\mathrm{red}}$  and  $(S_{P,X^d}^{\theta})_{\mathrm{red}}$  are locally closed in  $\mathrm{Gr}_{G,X^d}$ , and their intersection is  $(\mathrm{Gr}_{G,X^d}^{\theta})_{\mathrm{red}}$ .

For a k-point  $(x_1, \ldots, x_d) \in X^d$  with  $\{x_1, \ldots, x_d\} = \{y_1, \ldots, y_s\}$  and  $y_i$  pairwise distinct, the fibre of the diagram (33) over  $(x_1, \ldots, x_d) \in X^d$  is

$$\bigcup_{\theta_1 + \dots + \theta_s = \theta} (\prod_i S_P^{\theta_i}) \longrightarrow \prod_{i=1}^s \operatorname{Gr}_{G, y_i}$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$\bigcup_{\theta_1 + \dots + \theta_s = \theta} (\prod_i \operatorname{Gr}_{Q, y_i}^{\theta_i}) \longrightarrow \bigcup_{\theta_1 + \dots + \theta_s = \theta} (\prod_i S_P^{\theta_i})$$

Similarly to  $G_{X^d}$ , one defines a group scheme  $Q_{X^d}$  (respectively,  $P_{X^d}$ ) over  $X^d$ , it acts naturally on  $\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,X^d}^\theta$  (respectively, on  $S_{P,X^d}^\theta$ ). Denote by  $\mathrm{Sph}(\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,X^d}^\theta)$  the category of  $Q_{X^d}$ -equivariant perverse sheaves on  $\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,X^d}^\theta$ . Let us define the functors

$$F_{X^d}^{\theta}, F_{X^d}^{\prime \theta} : \operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_{G,X^d}) \to \operatorname{D}(\operatorname{Gr}_{G,X^d}^{\theta}).$$

Let  $\tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_{P,X^d}^{\theta}: \widetilde{S}_{P,X^d}^{\theta} \to \widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,X^d}$  be the map obtained by the base change  $\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,X^d} \to \mathrm{Gr}_{G,X^d}$  from (33). As in Lemma 11, one defines a  $P_{X^d}$ -equivariant section  $i_{P,X^d}^{\theta}: S_{P,X^d}^{\theta} \to \widetilde{S}_{P,X^d}^{\theta}$  of the gerbe  $\widetilde{S}_{P,X^d}^{\theta} \to S_{P,X^d}^{\theta}$ . We have a  $Q_{X^d}$ -equivariant line bundle  ${}_{\theta}\mathcal{L}_{X^d}$  on  $\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,X^d}^{\theta}$ , whose fibre at

$$\left(L, L \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}^n|_{X - x_1 \cup \dots \cup x_d}\right)$$

is  $\det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,\mathcal{O}_X^n) \otimes \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,L)^{-1}$ . As  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded, it is placed in degree  $\flat(\theta) := \langle \theta,\check{\omega}_n \rangle \mod 2$ . The canonical  $P_{X^d}$ -equivariant  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded isomorphism

$$\left(\mathfrak{s}_{P,X^d}^{ heta}
ight)^*\mathcal{L}\,\widetilde{
ightarrow}_{ heta}\mathcal{L}_{X^d}^{\otimes 2}|_{S_{P,X^d}^{ heta}}$$

yields  $i_{P,X^d}^{\theta}$  via 3.1.2. Set

$$F_{X^d}^{\prime\theta}(K) = \left(\mathfrak{r}_{P,X^d}^{\theta}\right)^! \left(i_{P,X^d}^{\theta}\right)^* \left(\tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_{P,X^d}^{\theta}\right)^* K \quad \text{ and } \quad$$

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$$F_{X^d}^{\theta}(K) = F_{X^d}'^{\theta}(K) \otimes \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[1] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\otimes \langle \theta, 2\check{\rho} - 2\check{\rho}_Q \rangle}.$$

Note that

$$F_{X^d}^{\prime\,\theta}(K) \xrightarrow{\sim} \left(\mathfrak{t}_{P,X^d}^{\theta}\right), \left(i_{P,X^d}^{\theta}\right)^* \left(\tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_{P,X^d}^{\theta}\right)^* K$$

where  $\mathfrak{t}^{\theta}_{P,X^d}: S^{\theta}_{P,X^d} \to \mathrm{Gr}^{\theta}_{Q,X^d}$  is the corresponding contraction map.

Remind the definition of the tensor category  $\mathrm{Sph}(\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,x})^{\natural}$ . Equip  $\mathrm{Sph}(\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,x})$  with the convolution product, associativity and commutativity constraints given by the fusion procedure, then  $\mathrm{Sph}(\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,x})$  is a tensor category [20]. It has a canonical  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -grading compatible with the tensor structure, namely  $\mathcal{A}_{Q,\lambda}$  is even (respectively, odd) if  $\dim \mathrm{Gr}_Q^{\lambda}$  is even (respectively, odd). The latter condition depends only on the connected component of  $\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,x}$  containing  $\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,x}^{\lambda}$ .

Following [20, Section 6.2], we define  $\mathrm{Sph}(\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,x})^{\natural}$  as the full subcategory of even objects in  $\mathrm{Sph}(\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,x}) \otimes \mathrm{Vect}^{\varepsilon}$ . We have an equivalence of monoidal categories  $\mathrm{Sph}(\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,x})^{\natural} \to \mathrm{Sph}(\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,x})$  (i.e., it is compatible with tensor product and associativity constraint, and the commutativity constraints  $A \otimes B \overset{\sim}{\longrightarrow} B \otimes A$  in these two categories differ by  $(-1)^{\deg A \deg B}$ ).

Let  $h^{\varepsilon} : \mathrm{Sph}(\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,x}) \to \mathrm{Vect}^{\varepsilon}$  denote the global cohomology functor. Since  $h^{\varepsilon}$  is a tensor functor compatible with  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -gradings, it gives rise to a tensor functor

$$h: \operatorname{Sph}(\operatorname{Gr}_{Q,x})^{\natural} \to \operatorname{Vect}.$$

By [20], h is a fibre functor, and there is an isomorphism  $\operatorname{Aut}^{\otimes} h \widetilde{\to} \check{Q}$ , where  $\check{Q}$  is the Langlands dual group to Q (in [20,14] some properties of the action of  $\check{Q}$  on h are listed, which determine this isomorphism uniquely). Thus,  $\operatorname{Sph}(\operatorname{Gr}_{Q,x})^{\natural} \widetilde{\to} \operatorname{Rep}(\check{Q})$  canonically as tensor categories.

Consider

(34) 
$$\operatorname{Sph}'(\operatorname{Gr}_{Q,x}) := \bigoplus_{\theta \in \Lambda_{G,P}} \operatorname{Sph}(\operatorname{Gr}_{Q,x}^{\theta}) \left[ \langle \theta, 2\check{\rho}_{Q} - 2\check{\rho} \rangle \right] \subset \operatorname{D}(\operatorname{Gr}_{Q,x})$$

equipped with the convolution product, commutativity and associativity constraints given by the fusion procedure, so  $\mathrm{Sph}'(\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,x})$  is a tensor category.

LEMMA 12. – There is a canonical equivalence of tensor categories

$$\operatorname{Sph}'(\operatorname{Gr}_Q) \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{Sph}(\operatorname{Gr}_Q)^{\natural}.$$

*Proof.* – Note that  $2(\check{\rho} - \check{\rho}_Q) = (n+1)\check{\omega}_n \in \check{\Lambda}_{G,P}$ . Consider the case of n odd. In this case  $\check{\rho}_Q \in \check{\Lambda}$ , so all  $Q(\mathcal{O})$ -orbits on  $\mathrm{Gr}_Q$  are even-dimensional and  $\mathrm{Sph}(\mathrm{Gr}_G) \cong \mathrm{Sph}(\mathrm{Gr}_G)^{\natural}$ . In this case the shifts in (34) are even, and we are done.

Consider the case of n even. The component  $\operatorname{Gr}_{Q,x}^{\theta}$  is even iff  $\langle \theta, \check{\omega}_n \rangle$  is even. So, in (34) the even (respectively, odd) objects of  $\operatorname{Sph}(\operatorname{Gr}_{Q,x})$  are shifted by even (respectively, odd) cohomological degree. Our assertion follows.  $\square$ 

Equip  $\mathrm{Sph}'(\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,x})$  with a new  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -grading such that  $K \in \mathrm{Sph}'(\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,x}^{\theta})$  is placed in degree  $\flat(\theta)$ . This  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -grading is compatible with the tensor structure. Denote by  $\mathrm{Sph}'(\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,x})^{\flat}$  the category of even objects in  $\mathrm{Sph}'(\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,x}) \otimes \mathrm{Vect}^{\varepsilon}$ , it is equipped with the induced  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -grading. The proof of part (ii) of the following proposition is postponed to Section 8.7.

PROPOSITION 14. -

- (i) The functor  $F': \operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_{G,x}) \to \operatorname{Sph}'(\operatorname{Gr}_{Q,x})^{\flat}$  given by  $F' = \bigoplus_{\theta \in \Lambda_{G,P}} F'^{\theta}$  is a tensor functor.
- (ii) There is a unique  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -grading on  $\mathrm{Sph}(\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,x})$  such that F' is compatible with  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -gradings.

*Proof.* – (i) Pick  $F_1, F_2 \in Sph(\widetilde{Gr}_G)$ . Set  $K_i = \tau^0 F_i$ ,

$$K = F_{X^2}^{\theta}(K_1 *_X K_2)$$
 and  $K' = F_{X^2}^{\theta}(K_1 *_X K_2)$ 

where  $\tau^0$  is given by (26). By abuse of notation, write also  $\tau^0$ :  $Sph(Gr_Q) \to Sph(Gr_{Q,X})[-1]$  for the corresponding functor for Q.

Step 1. Recall that  $U \subset X^2$  denotes the complement to the diagonal. Write  $\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,X^2}(U)$  for the preimage of U in  $\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,X^2}$ . We have a  $\mu_2$ -gerbe  $q: (\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,X} \times \widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,X})|_U \to \widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,X^2}(U)$  (defined as the map  $\widetilde{q}_{G,X}$  in 8.3.1). The complex  $q^*(K_1 *_X K_2)$  identifies canonically with  $(K_1 \boxtimes K_2)|_U$ . Denote by  $i^\theta$  the composition

$$S_{P,X^d}^{\theta} \xrightarrow{i_{P,X^d}^{\theta}} \widetilde{S}_{P,X^d}^{\theta} \xrightarrow{\widetilde{\mathfrak{s}}_{P,X^d}^{\theta}} \widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,X^d}.$$

For  $\theta_1 + \theta_2 = \theta$  the following diagram is 2-commutative

$$(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_{G,X} \times \widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_{G,X})|_{U} \xrightarrow{q} \widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_{G,X^{2}}(U)$$

$$\uparrow^{i^{\theta_{1}} \times i^{\theta_{2}}} \qquad \uparrow^{i^{\theta}}$$

$$(S_{P,X}^{\theta_{1}} \times S_{P,X}^{\theta_{2}})|_{U} \hookrightarrow S_{P,X^{2}}^{\theta}(U)$$

where the low horizontal arrow is the natural open immersion. However, the 2-morphism rending this diagram 2-commutative is well-defined only up to a sign, we normalize it as follows.

Write  $\theta \mathcal{L}_{X^d}$  for the line bundle  $\theta \mathcal{L}_{X^d}$  viewed as *ungraded*. It suffices to pick an isomorphism

$$\varepsilon^{\theta_1,\theta_2}:_{\theta_1}\underline{\mathcal{L}}_X\boxtimes_{\theta_2}\underline{\mathcal{L}}_X\widetilde{\longrightarrow} \left(j^{\theta_1,\theta_2}\right)^*_{\theta}\underline{\mathcal{L}}_{X^2},$$

where  $j^{\theta_1,\theta_2}:(\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,X}^{\theta_1}\times\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,X}^{\theta_2})|_U\hookrightarrow\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,X^2}^{\theta}(U)$  is the natural open immersion. The order of points in  $X^2$  yields such  $\varepsilon^{\theta_1,\theta_2}$ , and the usual Leibnitz rule is satisfied.

Namely, remind that  $\sigma$  denotes the involution of  $X^2$  permuting the points. For the diagram

$$(\operatorname{Gr}_{Q,X}^{\theta_1} \times \operatorname{Gr}_{Q,X}^{\theta_2})|_{U} \xrightarrow{j^{\theta_1,\theta_2}} \operatorname{Gr}_{Q,X^2}^{\theta}(U)$$

$$\uparrow^{\sigma} \qquad \qquad \uparrow^{\sigma}$$

$$(\operatorname{Gr}_{Q,X}^{\theta_2} \times \operatorname{Gr}_{Q,X}^{\theta_1})|_{U} \xrightarrow{j^{\theta_2,\theta_1}} \operatorname{Gr}_{Q,X^2}^{\theta}(U)$$

the following diagram commutes

(35) 
$$\sigma^{*}(j^{\theta_{1},\theta_{2}})^{*}{}_{\theta}\underline{\mathcal{L}}_{X^{2}} \xrightarrow{\sim} (j^{\theta_{2},\theta_{1}})^{*}\sigma^{*}{}_{\theta}\underline{\mathcal{L}}_{X^{2}} \xrightarrow{\sim} (j^{\theta_{2},\theta_{1}})^{*}{}_{\theta}\underline{\mathcal{L}}_{X^{2}}$$

$$\downarrow \text{sign}$$

$$\sigma^{*}(\theta_{1}\underline{\mathcal{L}}_{X} \boxtimes \theta_{2}\underline{\mathcal{L}}_{X}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \theta_{2}\underline{\mathcal{L}}_{X} \boxtimes \theta_{1}\underline{\mathcal{L}}_{X} \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} (j^{\theta_{2},\theta_{1}})^{*}{}_{\theta}\underline{\mathcal{L}}_{X^{2}}$$

where  $\mathrm{sign}=(-1)^{\flat(\theta_1)\flat(\theta_2)}$ , and the isomorphisms denoted by  $\widetilde{\ }$  are the canonical ones. Step 2. Note that  $\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,X^2}^\theta(U)$  is the disjoint union of  $(\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,X}^{\theta_1}\times\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,X}^{\theta_2})|_U$  for  $\theta_1+\theta_2=\theta$ . Let us show that K[2] is a perverse sheaf on  $\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,X^2}^{\theta}$ , the Goresky–MacPherson extension from  $\operatorname{Gr}_{O(X^2)}^{\theta}(U)$ . More precisely, we show that  $\varepsilon$  as above yields an isomorphism

(36) 
$$(\tau^0 F'(F_1)) *_X (\tau^0 F'(F_2)) \xrightarrow{\sim} F'_{X^2} (K_1 *_X K_2).$$

Indeed,  $\varepsilon^{\theta_1,\theta_2}$  yields an isomorphism between the restriction of K' to  $(\operatorname{Gr}_{OX}^{\theta_1} \times \operatorname{Gr}_{OX}^{\theta_2})|_U$ and

$$\tau^0 F'^{\theta_1}(F_1) \boxtimes \tau^0 F'^{\theta_2}(F_2).$$

So, K[2] is a perverse sheaf over  $Gr_{O,X^2}^{\theta}(U)$ . Using (28), we learn that the \*-restriction of K under the diagonal embedding  $\operatorname{Gr}_{Q,X} \hookrightarrow \operatorname{Gr}_{Q,X^2}$  identifies with  $\tau^0 F^\theta(F_1 * F_2)$ , so it is placed in perverse degree 1. Now argue as in Proposition 12, using the corresponding  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -action on  $Gr_{G,X^2}$ . By Proposition 19, the !-restriction of K under  $Gr_{Q,X} \hookrightarrow Gr_{Q,X^2}$  is placed in perverse degree 3. We have constructed the isomorphism (36).

Restricting to the diagonal, it yields  $\tau^0(F'(F_1)*F'(F_2)) \xrightarrow{\sim} \tau^0 F'(F_1*F_2)$ .

Step 3. Let us check the compatibility with the commutativity constraints. Using (35) one shows that the diagram commutes

$$\sigma^*(\tau^0 F'(F_1) *_X \tau^0 F'(F_2)) \xrightarrow{\sigma^* \circ \varepsilon} \sigma^* F'_{X^2}(K_1 *_X K_2)$$

$$\uparrow \qquad \qquad \uparrow \qquad \qquad \uparrow$$

$$\tau^0 F'(F_2) *_X \tau^0 F'(F_1) \xrightarrow{\operatorname{sign} \circ \varepsilon} F'_{X^2}(K_2 *_X K_1)$$

where the vertical arrows are the canonical isomorphisms, and sign is that from step 1. We are done.

# **8.7.** The structure of $Sph(\widetilde{Gr}_G)$

Recall that  $\Lambda_{G,P}$  is canonically identified with the lattice of characters of the center  $Z(\check{Q})$  of the Langlands dual group  $\check{Q}$  of Q. For a representation V of  $S\mathbb{O}_{2n+1}$  and  $\theta \in \Lambda_{G,P}$  write  $V_{\theta}$  for the direct summand of V on which  $Z(\check{Q})$  acts by  $\theta$ .

For  $\lambda \in \Lambda^+$  write  $V^{\lambda}$  for the irreducible representation of  $S\mathbb{O}_{2n+1}$  of highest weight  $\lambda$ . Write  $\omega_i \in \Lambda^+$  for the fundamental coweight of G corresponding to the representation  $\Lambda^i V^{\alpha}$ of  $SO_{2n+1}$ ,  $i=1,\ldots,n$ . Let  $Loc:Rep(\check{Q})\to Sph(Gr_Q)^{\natural}$  denote the Satake equivalence, normalized to send an irreducible representation of  $\check{Q}$  with highest weight  $\mu$  to  $\mathcal{A}_{Q,\mu}$ .

**PROPOSITION** 15. – Let  $\lambda \in \Lambda^+$  and  $\theta$  be the image of  $\lambda$  in  $\Lambda_{G,P}$ . Then  $F^{\theta}(\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{Loc}(V_{\theta}^{\lambda})$ canonically. In particular,  $F^{\theta}(\mathcal{A}_{\omega_n}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{A}_{Q,\omega_n}$  for  $\langle \theta, \check{\omega}_n \rangle = i$ .

*Proof.* – We could similarly define the functor  $F^{\theta}$ :  $Sph(Gr_{G}) \to Sph(Gr_{Q}^{\theta})$ . Write  $\mathcal{A}_{\lambda, old}$  for the corresponding object of  $Sph(Gr_{G})$ . We claim that  $F^{\theta}(\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}) \xrightarrow{\sim} F^{\theta}(\mathcal{A}_{\lambda, old})$  canonically for our particular  $\theta$ .

Indeed,  $S_P^{\theta} \cap \overline{\operatorname{Gr}}_G^{\lambda} \hookrightarrow \overline{\operatorname{Gr}}_G^{\lambda}$  is an open immersion, and the gerbe  $\widetilde{S}_P^{\theta} \to S_P^{\theta}$  is trivial. So, the \*-restriction of  $\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}$  under  $S_P^{\theta} \cap \overline{\operatorname{Gr}}_G^{\lambda} \to \widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G$  is the Goresky–MacPherson extension from  $S_P^{\theta} \cap \operatorname{Gr}_G^{\lambda}$ . The assertion follows now from [5, Proposition 4.3.3 and Theorem 4.3.4].  $\square$ 

PROPOSITION 16. -

- (i) If  $1 \leq i \leq n$  then  $\mathcal{A}_{\omega_i}$  appears in  $\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}^{\otimes i}$ .
- (ii) For  $\lambda, \mu \in \Lambda$  the multiplicity of  $A_{\lambda+\mu}$  in  $A_{\lambda} \otimes A_{\mu}$  is one.

*Proof.* - (i) Let  $\theta \in \Lambda_{G,P}$  be given by  $\langle \theta, \check{\omega}_n \rangle = i$ . By Proposition 14,  $F(\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}^{\otimes i}) \xrightarrow{\sim} (\mathcal{A}_{Q,\alpha} \oplus \mathcal{A}_{Q,-\alpha})^{\otimes i}$ . So,  $F^{\theta}(\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}^{\otimes i}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{A}_{Q,\alpha}^{\otimes i}$ . Applying an appropriate symmetrization functor (either invariants or anti-invariants), one gets a direct summand  $\mathcal{V} \subset \mathcal{A}_{\alpha}^{\otimes i}$  such that  $F^{\theta}(\mathcal{V}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{A}_{Q,\omega_i}$ .

If  $\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}$  appears in  $\mathcal{V}$  then  $F^{\theta}(\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}) \subset F^{\theta}(\mathcal{V})$ , because  $F^{\theta}$  is exact. Besides,  $\lambda \leqslant i\alpha$  in the sense that  $\mathrm{Gr}_{G}^{\lambda} \subset \overline{\mathrm{Gr}_{G}^{i\alpha}}$ , so  $\langle \lambda, \check{\omega}_{n} \rangle \leqslant i$ . If  $\langle \lambda, \check{\omega}_{n} \rangle < i$  then  $F^{\theta}(\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}) = 0$  by Remark 9. If  $\langle \lambda, \check{\omega}_{n} \rangle = i$  then, by Corollary 1,  $\mathcal{A}_{Q,\lambda}$  appears in  $F^{\theta}(\mathcal{V}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{A}_{Q,\omega_{i}}$ , so  $\lambda = \omega_{i}$ . The assertion follows.

(ii) Consider the convolution map  $m: \overline{\operatorname{Gr}}_G^{\lambda} \times \overline{\operatorname{Gr}}_G^{\mu} \to \overline{\operatorname{Gr}}_G^{\lambda+\mu}$  as in Section 8.2. Its restriction to the open subscheme  $\operatorname{Gr}_G^{\lambda} \times \operatorname{Gr}_G^{\mu} \to \operatorname{Gr}_G^{\lambda+\mu}$  is an isomorphism, as follows from [20, Lemma 4.3 and formula 3.6]. We are done.  $\square$ 

Proof of Proposition 14(ii). – Call an object  $K \in \operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)$  even (respectively, odd) if  $F^{\theta}(K) = 0$  unless  $\flat(\theta) = 0$  (respectively,  $\flat(\theta) = 1$ ). Proposition 11 combined with Proposition 16 shows that  $\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}$  is a tensor generator of  $\operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)$ . Since  $\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}$  is odd, we get a  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -grading on  $\operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)$  compatible with the tensor structure. Moreover, F' is compatible with the gradings. The uniqueness of the  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -grading is clear, because  $\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}$  is irreducible.  $\square$ 

DEFINITION 6. – Let  $\mathrm{Sph}(\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,x})^{\flat}$  be the category of even objects in  $\mathrm{Sph}(\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,x}) \otimes \mathrm{Vect}^{\varepsilon}$ .

By Proposition 14, we get a tensor functor  $F': \mathrm{Sph}(\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G,x})^{\flat} \to \mathrm{Sph}'(\mathrm{Gr}_{Q,x})$ . Denote by  $F^{\natural}$  the composition

$$\operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)^{\flat} \xrightarrow{F'} \operatorname{Sph}'(\operatorname{Gr}_Q) \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{Sph}(\operatorname{Gr}_Q)^{\natural}.$$

Let  $\widetilde{h} : \operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)^{\flat} \to \operatorname{Vect}$  denote the tensor functor  $\widetilde{h} = h \circ F^{\natural}$ .

COROLLARY 2. – There is an affine group scheme  $\check{G}$  over  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$  such that  $\mathrm{Sph}(\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_G)^{\flat}$  and the category  $\mathrm{Rep}(\check{G})$  of  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$ -representations of  $\check{G}$  are canonically equivalent as tensor categories.

*Proof.* – By Corollary 1, for each nonzero  $\lambda \in \Lambda^+$  the rank of  $\widetilde{h}(\mathcal{A}_{\lambda})$  is at least 2. By [10, Proposition 1.20],  $\operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)^{\flat}$  is a rigid Abelian tensor category (cf. Definition 1.7, loc.cit) and  $\widetilde{h}:\operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)^{\flat} \to \operatorname{Vect}$  is a fibre functor. Our assertion follows now from (Theorem 2.11, loc.cit.).  $\square$ 

Write  $W^{\lambda}$  for the representation of  $\check{G}$  corresponding to  $\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}$ ,  $\lambda \in \Lambda^{+}$ . The functor  $F^{\natural} : \mathrm{Sph}(\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_{G})^{\flat} \to \mathrm{Sph}(\mathrm{Gr}_{Q})^{\natural}$  yields a morphism  $\check{Q} \to \check{G}$ . By Proposition 13,  $W^{\alpha} = U^{\alpha} \oplus U^{\alpha*}$ , where  $U^{\alpha}$  is the irreducible representation of  $\check{Q}$  of highest weight  $\alpha$ . Since  $W^{\alpha}$  is a faithful representation of  $\check{Q}$ , it follows that  $\check{Q} \to \check{G}$  is an injection.

Since  $W^{\alpha}$  is a tensor generator of  $\mathrm{Sph}(\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_G)^{\flat}$ ,  $\check{G}$  is of finite type. We also get that  $\check{G} \subset \mathrm{SL}(W^{\alpha})$ . Indeed, the only object of rank one in  $\mathrm{Sph}(\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_G)^{\flat}$  is  $\mathcal{A}_0$ , so  $\check{G}$  acts trivially on  $\det W^{\alpha}$ .

Let  $S \in \text{Rep}(\check{G})$  be such that the strictly full subcategory of  $\text{Rep}(\check{G})$ , whose objects are isomorphic to subobjects of  $\bigoplus_{i=1}^m S_i$ , is stable under the tensor structure. Then  $\check{Q}$  acts trivially on

 $F^{\natural}(\mathcal{S})$ , because  $\check{Q}$  is connected. If  $\check{Q}$  acts trivially on some  $F^{\natural}(\mathcal{A}_{\lambda})$  then  $\lambda=0$  by Proposition 15. So,  $\mathcal{S}$  is a multiple of  $\mathcal{A}_0$ . By [10, 2.22], this implies that  $\check{G}$  is connected. Now by (loc.cit., 2.23),  $\check{G}$  is reductive.

The above  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -grading on  $\mathrm{Sph}(\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_G)^{\flat}$  gives rise to a group homomorphism  $\mu_2 \to \check{G}$ .

LEMMA 13. – For i = 1, ..., n the multiplicity of  $W^{\omega_i}$  in  $\bigwedge^i W^{\alpha}$  is one. If  $W^{\lambda}$  appears in  $\bigwedge^i W^{\alpha}$  and  $\lambda \neq \omega_i$  then  $\langle \lambda, \check{\omega}_n \rangle < i$ .

*Proof.* – Let  $\theta \in \Lambda_{G,P}$  be given by  $\langle \theta, \check{\omega}_n \rangle = i$ . The direct summand of  $\bigwedge^i W^\alpha = \bigwedge^i (U^\alpha \oplus U^{\alpha*})$ , on which  $Z(\check{Q})$  acts by  $\theta$  is  $\bigwedge^i U^\alpha$ . It follows that  $F^\theta(\bigwedge^i \mathcal{A}_\alpha) = \mathcal{A}_{Q,\omega_i}$ , where we denoted by  $\bigwedge^i \mathcal{A}_\alpha$  the object of  $\mathrm{Sph}(\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_G)^\flat$  corresponding to  $\bigwedge^i W^\alpha$ .

If  $W^{\lambda}$  appears in  $\bigwedge^i W^{\alpha}$  then  $F^{\theta}(\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}) \subset F^{\theta}(\bigwedge^i \mathcal{A}_{\alpha})$ , because  $F^{\theta}$  is exact. Besides,  $\lambda \leqslant i\alpha$  in the sense that  $\mathrm{Gr}_G^{\lambda} \subset \overline{\mathrm{Gr}_G^{i\alpha}}$ , so  $\langle \lambda, \check{\omega}_n \rangle \leqslant i$ . If  $\langle \lambda, \check{\omega}_n \rangle < i$  then  $F^{\theta}(\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}) = 0$  by Remark 9. If  $\langle \lambda, \check{\omega}_n \rangle = i$  then, by Corollary 1,  $\mathcal{A}_{Q,\lambda}$  appears in  $F^{\theta}(\bigwedge^i \mathcal{A}_{\alpha}) = \mathcal{A}_{Q,\omega_i}$ , so  $\lambda = \omega_i$ . The assertion follows.  $\square$ 

Proof of Theorem 3. – Step 1. Let us show that  $\mathcal{A}_{\alpha} * \mathcal{A}_{\alpha} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{A}_{2\alpha} \oplus \mathcal{A}_{\omega_2} \oplus \mathcal{A}_0$  for  $n \geqslant 2$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{\alpha} * \mathcal{A}_{\alpha} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{A}_{2\alpha} \oplus \mathcal{A}_{0}$  for n = 1. Indeed, by Proposition 16,  $\mathcal{A}_{2\alpha} \oplus \mathcal{A}_{\omega_2}$  appears in  $\mathcal{A}_{\alpha} * \mathcal{A}_{\alpha}$ . Let  $\theta \in \Lambda_{G,P}$  be given by  $\langle \theta, \check{\omega}_n \rangle = 2$ . By Proposition 15,  $F^{\theta}(\mathcal{A}_{2\alpha}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{A}_{Q,2\alpha}$  and  $F^{\theta}(\mathcal{A}_{\omega_2}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{A}_{Q,\omega_2}$ . We have

$$F^{\theta}(\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}*\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}) \widetilde{\to} \operatorname{Loc} \left( \left( W^{\alpha} \otimes W^{\alpha} \right)_{\theta} \right) \widetilde{\to} \operatorname{Loc} \left( U^{\alpha} \otimes U^{\alpha} \right) \widetilde{\to} \mathcal{A}_{Q,2\alpha} \oplus \mathcal{A}_{Q,\omega_{2}}.$$

So,  $\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}*\mathcal{A}_{\alpha} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{A}_{2\alpha} \oplus \mathcal{A}_{\omega_2} \oplus K$  for some  $K \in \mathrm{Sph}(\widetilde{\mathrm{Gr}}_G)$  such that  $F^{\theta'}(K) = 0$  unless  $\langle \theta', \widecheck{\omega}_n \rangle < 2$ . Since  $\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}$  is odd,  $\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}*\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}$  is even, so K is multiple of  $\mathcal{A}_0$ . The desired assertion follows now from  $\mathrm{Hom}(\mathcal{A}_0, \mathcal{A}_{\alpha}*\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathrm{Hom}(\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}, \mathcal{A}_{\alpha}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$ .

Step 2. Let us show that  $\mathcal{A}_0$  appears in  $\bigwedge^2 \mathcal{A}_\alpha$ . Assume the contrary, that is,  $\mathcal{A}_0$  appears in  $\operatorname{Sym}^2 \mathcal{A}_\alpha$ . Then  $n \geqslant 2$  and  $\check{G} \subset \operatorname{SO}(W^\alpha)$  for the symmetric form  $\operatorname{Sym}^2 W^\alpha \to U^\alpha \otimes U^{\alpha*} \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$ .

Let  $\check{U}$  (respectively,  $\check{U}^-$ ) denote the unipotent radical of the Siegel parabolic  $\check{P} \subset S\mathbb{O}(W^\alpha)$  (respectively,  $\check{P}^- \subset S\mathbb{O}(W^\alpha)$ ) preserving the isotropic subspace  $U^\alpha \subset W^\alpha$  (respectively,  $U^{\alpha*} \subset W^\alpha$ ). The Lie algebra  $\mathrm{Lie}\,\check{G}$  is a  $\check{Q}$ -subrepresentation of

$$\mathfrak{so}\big(W^{\alpha}\big)=\mathfrak{gl}\big(U^{\alpha}\big)\oplus \mathrm{Lie}(\check{U})\oplus \mathrm{Lie}(\check{U}^{-}).$$

Since  $\operatorname{Lie}\check{U}$  and  $\operatorname{Lie}\check{U}^-$  are irreducible  $\check{Q}$ -modules,  $\check{G}$  coincides with one of the groups  $\check{Q}, \check{P}, \check{P}^-, \operatorname{SO}(W^\alpha)$ . Since  $\check{G}$  is reductive, it is either  $\check{Q}$  or  $\operatorname{SO}(W^\alpha)$ . Since  $W^\alpha$  is not irreducible as a representation of  $\check{Q}, \check{G} \neq \check{Q}$ , hence  $\check{G} = \operatorname{SO}(W^\alpha)$ .

Now Lemma 13 shows that  $\bigwedge^n W^\alpha \xrightarrow{\sim} W^{\omega_n} \oplus W^\lambda$  for some  $\lambda \in \Lambda^+$  with  $\langle \lambda, \check{\omega}_n \rangle < n$ . Let  $\widetilde{U}$  denote the kernel of the contraction map  $\bigwedge^{n-1} U^\alpha \otimes U^{\alpha*} \to \bigwedge^{n-2} U^\alpha$ , this is an irreducible  $\check{Q}$ -module. By the representation theory for  $\mathbb{SO}_{2n}$ , we have

- $\widetilde{U} \subset W^{\lambda} \subset \bigwedge^n (U^{\alpha} \oplus U^{\alpha*})$  as  $\check{Q}$ -modules;
- if a weight  $\theta$  of  $Z(\check{Q})$  appears in  $W^{\lambda}$  then  $\langle \theta, \check{\omega}_n \rangle \leqslant n-2$ ;
- for  $\langle \theta, \check{\omega}_n \rangle = n 2$  the direct summand of  $W^{\lambda}$  on which  $Z(\check{Q})$  acts by  $\theta$  is  $\widetilde{U}$ .

Let  $\theta$  be the image of  $\lambda$  in  $\Lambda_{G,P}$ , we get  $F^{\theta}(\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \widetilde{U}$ . By Corollary 1,  $\mathcal{A}_{Q,\lambda} \xrightarrow{\sim} \widetilde{U}$ . However, the highest weight of  $\widetilde{U}$  does not lie in  $\Lambda_+$ . This contradiction yields our statement.

Step 3. We know already that  $\check{G} \subset \operatorname{Sp}(W^{\alpha})$  for the form  $\bigwedge^2 W^{\alpha} \to U^{\alpha} \otimes U^{\alpha*} \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$ . Let  $\check{P} \subset \operatorname{Sp}(W^{\alpha})$  (respectively,  $\check{P}^- \subset \operatorname{Sp}(W^{\alpha})$ ) denote the Siegel parabolic preserving the Lagrangian subspace  $U^{\alpha} \subset W^{\alpha}$  (respectively,  $U^{\alpha*} \subset W^{\alpha}$ ). As in step 2, one shows that  $\check{G}$  coincides with one of the groups  $\check{Q}, \check{P}, \check{P}^-, \mathbb{S}p(W^\alpha)$ . Since  $\check{G}$  is reductive, it is either  $\check{Q}$  or  $\mathbb{S}p(W^\alpha)$ . The  $\check{Q}$ -representation  $W^\alpha$  is not irreducible, so  $\check{G} = \mathbb{S}p(W^\alpha)$ .  $\square$ 

## 9. Hecke operators

**9.1.** According to A.3, inside of  $D(\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G)$  we have the full triangulated subcategories  $D_{\pm}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G)$ . Let us define for each  $K \in \operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)$  a Hecke operator  $\operatorname{H}(K,\cdot):D(\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G) \to D(X \times \widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G)$  sending  $D_{\pm}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G)$  to  $D_{\pm}(X \times \widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G)$ .

Denote by  $\mathcal{H}_G$  the Hecke stack classifying  $(\mathcal{F}_G, \mathcal{F}'_G, x \in X, \beta)$ , where  $\mathcal{F}_G, \mathcal{F}'_G$  are G-torsors on X, and  $\beta: \mathcal{F}_G \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{F}'_G|_{X-x}$  is an isomorphism. We have the diagram

$$\operatorname{Bun}_G \stackrel{p}{\longleftarrow} \mathcal{H}_G \stackrel{p'}{\longrightarrow} \operatorname{Bun}_G$$
,

where p (respectively, p') sends the above point to  $\mathcal{F}_G$  (respectively, to  $\mathcal{F}'_G$ ). Let  $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_G$  be the stack obtained from  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G \times \widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G$  by the base change  $\mathcal{H}_G \xrightarrow{p,p'} \operatorname{Bun}_G \times \operatorname{Bun}_G$ . Denote by  $\tilde{p}, \tilde{p}'$  the projections that fit into the diagram

$$\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G} \stackrel{\tilde{p}}{\longleftarrow} \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_{G} \stackrel{\tilde{p}'}{\longrightarrow} \widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G}$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$\operatorname{Bun}_{G} \stackrel{p}{\longleftarrow} \mathcal{H}_{G} \stackrel{p'}{\longrightarrow} \operatorname{Bun}_{G}$$

Recall that the 'trivial' G-torsor  $\mathcal{F}_G^0$  on X is given by  $M_0 = \mathcal{O}_X^n \oplus \Omega^n$ . Write  $\operatorname{Bun}_{G,X}$  for the stack classifying triples  $(\mathcal{F}_G, x \in X, \nu)$ , where  $\mathcal{F}_G \in \operatorname{Bun}_G$  and  $\nu : \mathcal{F}_G \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{F}_G^0|_{D_x}$  is a trivialization over the formal disk  $D_x$  at  $x \in X$ . Then  $\operatorname{Bun}_{G,X}$  is a  $G_X$ -torsor over  $X \times \operatorname{Bun}_G$ . Set  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G,X} = \widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G \times_{\operatorname{Bun}_G} \operatorname{Bun}_{G,X}$ .

Denote by  $\gamma$  (respectively,  $\gamma'$ ) the isomorphism  $\operatorname{Bun}_{G,X} \times_{G_X} \operatorname{Gr}_{G,X} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{H}_G$  such that the projection to the first term corresponds to p (respectively, to p'). Recall the line bundle  $\mathcal A$  on  $\operatorname{Bun}_G$  (cf. 3.2). We have canonically

$$\gamma'^* p^* \mathcal{A} \widetilde{\to} \mathcal{A} \widetilde{\boxtimes} \mathcal{L}^{-1}.$$

This yields a  $G_X$ -torsor  $\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G,X} \times \widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_{G,X} \to \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_G$  extending the  $G_X$ -torsor

$$\operatorname{Bun}_{G,X} \times \operatorname{Gr}_{G,X} \to \operatorname{Bun}_{G,X} \times_{G_X} \operatorname{Gr}_{G,X} \xrightarrow{\gamma'} \mathcal{H}_G.$$

So, for  $S \in \operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_{G,X})$  and  $T \in \operatorname{D}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G})$  we can form their twisted tensor product  $T \widetilde{\boxtimes} S \in \operatorname{D}(\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_{G})$ . Set

$$\mathbf{H}(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T}) = (\operatorname{supp} \times \widetilde{p})_! (\mathcal{T} \widetilde{\boxtimes} \mathcal{S}),$$

where  $\operatorname{supp}: \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_G \to X$  is the projection. In a similar way, for any  $S \in \operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_{G,X^d})$  one defines the functor  $\operatorname{H}(S,\cdot): \operatorname{D}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G) \to \operatorname{D}(X^d \times \widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G)$ .

Recall the functor  $\operatorname{glob} : \operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G) \to \operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_{G,X})$  (cf. 8.3.1). For  $K \in \operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)$  set  $\operatorname{H}(K,\mathcal{T}) = \operatorname{H}(\operatorname{glob}(K),\mathcal{T})$ .

The Hecke functors commute with Verdier duality  $\mathbb{D}H(K, \mathcal{T}) \xrightarrow{\sim} H(\mathbb{D}K, \mathbb{D}\mathcal{T})$ , because  $Gr_G$  is ind-proper. Besides, they are compatible with the convolution product on  $Sph(\widetilde{Gr}_G)$ , namely, for  $\mathcal{S}_1, \mathcal{S}_2 \in Sph(\widetilde{Gr}_{G,X})$  we have canonically  $H(\mathcal{S}_2, H(\mathcal{S}_1, \mathcal{T})) \xrightarrow{\sim} H(\mathcal{S}_1 *_X \mathcal{S}_2, \mathcal{T})$ .

The geometric Langlands program for the metaplectic group would be a trial to understand the action of  $\operatorname{Sph}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Gr}}_G)^{\flat}$  on  $\operatorname{D}_{-}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G)$ , that is, to look for automorphic sheaves or, more generally, for a 'spectral decomposition' of  $\operatorname{D}_{-}(\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G)$  under this action.

Recall that the metaplectic representation is automorphic. In the geometric setting this is reflected in the following Hecke property of Aut. Set

$$\operatorname{St} = \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[2n-1]\left(\frac{2n-1}{2}\right) \oplus \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[2n-3]\left(\frac{2n-3}{3}\right) \oplus \cdots \oplus \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}[1-2n]\left(\frac{1-2n}{2}\right),$$

so St has cohomologies in odd degrees only and  $\mathbb{D}(\operatorname{St}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{St}$  as a complex over  $\operatorname{Spec} k$ .

THEOREM 4. – Over  $X \times \widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G$  we have

$$H(\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}, \operatorname{Aut}_{g}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{St}[1]\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \boxtimes \operatorname{Aut}_{s},$$

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#### 9.2. Proof of Theorem 4

Let  $\mathcal{H}_G^{\alpha} \subset \mathcal{H}_G$  be the locally closed substack given by the condition that  $\mathcal{F}_G$  is in the position  $\alpha$  with respect to  $\mathcal{F}_G'$  (or, equivalently,  $\mathcal{F}_G'$  is in the position  $\alpha$  with respect to  $\mathcal{F}_G$ ). Set  $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_G^{\alpha} = \mathcal{H}_G^{\alpha} \times_{\mathcal{H}_G} \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_G$ .

LEMMA 14. – There exist isomorphisms

$$\kappa, \kappa' : \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_G^{\alpha} \cong (\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G \times_{\operatorname{Bun}_G} \mathcal{H}_G^{\alpha}) \times B(\mu_2),$$

where we used  $p:\mathcal{H}_G^{\alpha} \to \operatorname{Bun}_G$  (respectively,  $p':\mathcal{H}_G^{\alpha} \to \operatorname{Bun}_G$ ) in the fibred product, and the projection to the first term corresponds to  $\tilde{p}:\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_G^{\alpha} \to \operatorname{Bun}_G$  (respectively, to  $\tilde{p}':\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_G^{\alpha} \to \operatorname{Bun}_G$ ).

*Proof.* – A point of  $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_G^{\alpha}$  is given by  $(\mathcal{F}_G, \mathcal{F}_G', x \in X, \beta) \in \mathcal{H}_G^{\alpha}$ , two 1-dimensional vector spaces  $\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}'$  with  $\mathcal{B}^2 \widetilde{\to} \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,M)$ ,  $\mathcal{B}'^2 \widetilde{\to} \det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,M')$ . Here M,M' are vector bundles on X obtained from  $\mathcal{F}_G, \mathcal{F}_G'$  via the standard representation of G.

The symplectic form on M induces a perfect pairing  $(M+M')/M\otimes (M+M')/M'\to \Omega(x)/\Omega \xrightarrow{\sim} k$  between these 1-dimensional spaces. Further,

$$\frac{\det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,M)}{\det \mathrm{R}\Gamma(X,M')} \,\widetilde{\to} \, \frac{(M+M')/M'}{(M+M')/M} \,\widetilde{\to} \, \big((M+M')/M'\big)^{\otimes 2}.$$

Instead of providing  $\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}'$  we may provide  $\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}_0$ , where  $\dim \mathcal{B}_0 = 1$ , with an isomorphism  $\mathcal{B}_0^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} k$ , letting  $\mathcal{B}' = \mathcal{B} \otimes ((M+M')/M')^* \otimes \mathcal{B}_0$ . This defines  $\kappa$ . The datum of  $\mathcal{B}', \mathcal{B}_0$  defines  $\kappa'$ .  $\square$ 

As above, let W denote the nontrivial local system of rank one on  $B(\mu_2)$  corresponding to the covering  $\operatorname{Spec} k \to B(\mu_2)$ . For the diagram

$$X \times \widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G \stackrel{\operatorname{supp} \times \tilde{p}}{\leftarrow} \widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_G^{\alpha} \stackrel{\tilde{p}'}{\longrightarrow} \widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G$$

the Hecke operator writes  $H(\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}, K) \xrightarrow{\sim} (\operatorname{supp} \times \tilde{p})_! (\tilde{p}'^*K \otimes \kappa^*W)[2n+1](\frac{2n+1}{2}).$ 

#### 9.2.1. Stratifications

Let (x,M) be a k-point of  $X \times_i \mathrm{Bun}_G$ . Denote by Y the fibre of  $\mathrm{supp} \times p \colon \mathcal{H}_G^{\alpha} \to X \times \mathrm{Bun}_G$  over (x,M). So, Y can be identified with the variety  $\overline{Z} - A$  of Section 8.5. Let  $Y_k$  denote the preimage of  $_k \mathrm{Bun}_G$  under  $Y \hookrightarrow \mathcal{H}_G^{\alpha} \xrightarrow{p'} \mathrm{Bun}_G$ . We are going to describe the stratification of Y by the subschemes  $Y_k$ .

Recall that  $M \in \operatorname{Bun}_{2n}$  with symplectic form  $\bigwedge^2 M \to \Omega$  and  $\dim \operatorname{H}^0(M) = i$  (for brevity, in this subsection we omit the argument X in the cohomology groups). For a k-point M' of Y we get

and  $\dim(M+M')/M=1$ ,  $\dim(M\cap M')/M(-x))=2n-1$ . Actually,  $(M\cap M')/M(-x)$  is the orthogonal complement to (M+M')/M for the perfect pairing

$$M(x)/M \otimes M/M(-x) \to \Omega(x)/\Omega \xrightarrow{\sim} k$$

induced by the form on M. Let  $\pi: Y \to V = \mathbb{P}(M(x)/M)$  be the map sending M' to the line M+M'/M. Let N be the image of  $H^0(M) \to M/M(-x)$ . Set  $j=\dim N$ , so  $\dim H^0(M(-x))=i-j$ . Since  $M \widetilde{\to} M^* \otimes \Omega$ ,

$$\mathrm{H}^0\big(M(-x)\big) \widetilde{\to} \mathrm{H}^1\big(M(x)\big)^*$$
 and  $\mathrm{H}^1\big(M(-x)\big) \widetilde{\to} \mathrm{H}^0\big(M(x)\big)^*$ .

The long exact sequence

$$0 \to \mathrm{H}^0(M) \to \mathrm{H}^0(M(x)) \to M(x)/M \to \mathrm{H}^1(M) \to \mathrm{H}^1(M(x)) \to 0$$

shows that dim  $H^0(M(x)) = i + 2n - j$ , because dim  $H^1(M(x)) = i - j$ . We have

$$\mathrm{H}^0(M\cap M')\,\widetilde{\to}\,\mathrm{H}^1(M+M')^*\quad\text{and}\quad\mathrm{H}^1(M\cap M')\,\widetilde{\to}\,\mathrm{H}^0(M+M')^*,$$

because  $(M+M')^* \otimes \Omega \xrightarrow{\sim} M \cap M'$ . Note that  $\chi(M \cap M') = -1$  and  $\chi(M+M') = 1$ . We distinguish three cases

- (0) j=0. So,  $\operatorname{H}^0(M(-x))=\operatorname{H}^0(M)$  is i-dimensional and  $\dim\operatorname{H}^0(M(x))=2n$ . Then  $\operatorname{H}^0(M(-x))\widetilde{\to}\operatorname{H}^0(M\cap M')$  is of dimension i, and  $\dim\operatorname{H}^0(M+M')=i+1$ . Clearly, for  $M+M'\in\mathbb{P}(M(x)/M)$  fixed we get a 1-dimensional subspace in  $(M+M')/(M\cap M')$  generated by  $\operatorname{H}^0(M+M')$ . So, for  $M+M'\in V$  fixed there is a unique M' with  $\dim\operatorname{H}^0(M')=i+1$  and for the other M' we have  $\dim\operatorname{H}^0(M')=i$ .
  - Thus,  $\pi: Y \to V$  has a section  $V \to Y$ , which is the closed stratum  $Y_{i+1}$ . Its complement is the open stratum  $Y_i$ .
- (1) 0 < j < 2n. View V as the space of hyperplanes in M/M(-x). We get a nontrivial subspace  $V' \subset V$  of hyperplanes that contain N. Distinguish two cases: Case (1a).  $N \subset (M \cap M')/M(-x)$  then  $\operatorname{H}^0(M \cap M') = \operatorname{H}^0(M)$  is of dimension i, so  $\dim \operatorname{H}^0(M+M')=i+1$ . In the fibre of  $\pi:Y \to V$  over M+M'/M we get a distinguished point corresponding to the subspace of  $(M+M')/(M \cap M')$  generated by  $\operatorname{H}^0(M+M')$ . This point lies in  $i+1\operatorname{Bun}_G$ , and the complement lies in  $i\operatorname{Bun}_G$ . Case (1b).  $N \nsubseteq (M \cap M')/M(-x)$ . Then  $N \cap (M \cap M')$  is of dimension j-1. So,  $\dim \operatorname{H}^0(M \cap M')=i-1$  and  $\dim \operatorname{H}^0(M+M')=i$ . Since  $M' \ne M$ , we get  $M' \in i-1\operatorname{Bun}_G$ .

So, Y has three nonempty strata in case (1). The map  $\pi:\pi^{-1}(V')\to V'$  has a section, which is the closed stratum  $Y_{i+1} \xrightarrow{\sim} V'$ . The complement to this section is the middle stratum  $Y_i = \pi^{-1}(V') - V'$ , and the open stratum is  $Y_{i-1} = \pi^{-1}(V - V')$ .

(2) j=2n. Then  $\mathrm{H}^0(M)=\mathrm{H}^0(M(x))$  is i-dimensional, so  $\dim \mathrm{H}^0(M+M')=i$  and  $\dim \mathrm{H}^0(M\cap M')=i-1$ . The image of  $\mathrm{H}^0(M)\to (M+M')/(M\cap M')$  is 1-dimensional and equals  $M/(M\cap M')$ . So,  $\dim \mathrm{H}^0(M')=i-1$ , because  $M'\neq M$ . In this case  $Y=Y_{i-1}$ .

Fix in addition a vector space  $\mathcal{B}$  together with  $\mathcal{B}^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} \det R\Gamma(X, M)$ .

PROPOSITION 17. — Let K denote the fibre of  $H(\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}, \operatorname{Aut}_g)$  (respectively, of  $H(\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}, \operatorname{Aut}_s)$ ) at  $(x, M, \mathcal{B}) \in X \times_i \widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G$ . Then K = 0 unless i is odd (respectively, even). If i is odd (respectively, even) then we have noncanonically  $K \widetilde{\to} \operatorname{St}[1 + d_G - i]$ .

*Proof.* – (g) Consider the case where K is the fibre of  $H(\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}, \operatorname{Aut}_g)$ . Assume i even, so only the stratum  $Y_i$  of Y contributes to K.

If j=0 then  $Y_i$  is a  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -torsor over V, and the restriction of  $\operatorname{Aut}_g$  to a fibre of  $\pi:Y_i\to V$  is a nontrivial local system of order two, so K=0 in this case. If j=2n then K=0 because  $Y=Y_{i-1}$ . If 0< j< 2n then  $Y_i$  is a  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -torsor over V', and the restriction of  $\operatorname{Aut}_g$  to a fibre of  $\pi:Y_i\to V'$  is a nontrivial local system of order two, so K=0.

Now let i be odd, so only the strata  $Y_{i-1}$  and  $Y_{i+1}$  contribute to K.

If j=0 then the restriction of  $\operatorname{Aut}_g$  to  $Y_{i+1}$  is isomorphic to  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell[d_G-i-1]$  by Theorem 1, because  $Y_{i+1} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{P}^{2n-1}$  is simply-connected. Our assertion follows then from

$$\operatorname{St} \widetilde{\to} \operatorname{R} \Gamma \left( \mathbb{P}^{2n-1}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell} \right) [2n-1] \left( \frac{2n-1}{2} \right).$$

If j=2n then the restriction of  $\operatorname{Aut}_g$  to  $Y_{i-1}$  is isomorphic to  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell[d_G-i+1]$ , because  $Y_{i-1}$  is simply-connected. So,  $K \ \widetilde{\to} \ \operatorname{St}[1+d_G-i]$ . If 0 < j < 2n then the restriction of  $\operatorname{Aut}_g$  to  $Y_{i+1}$  identifies with  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell[d_G-i-1]$ , because  $Y_{i+1}\ \widetilde{\to}\ V'$  is simply-connected. The contribution of  $Y_{i+1}$  to K is

$$R\Gamma(V',\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell})[d_G-i+2n].$$

The restriction of  $\operatorname{Aut}_g$  to  $Y_{i-1}$  is  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell[d_G-i+1]$ , because any rank one local system of order two on  $\pi^{-1}(V-V')$  is trivial. So, the contribution of  $Y_{i-1}$  to K is  $\operatorname{R}\Gamma_c(V-V',\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)[d_G-i+2n]$ . The distinguished triangle

$$\mathrm{R}\Gamma_c(V-V',\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)[d_G-i+2n] \to K \to \mathrm{R}\Gamma(V',\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)[d_G-i+2n]$$

yields the desired isomorphism.

- (s) In the case where K is the fibre of  $H(\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}, \operatorname{Aut}_{s})$ , the argument is similar.  $\square$
- **9.2.2.** For  $k, r \geqslant 0$  denote by  $k, r \mathcal{H}_G^{\alpha}$  the preimage of  $k \operatorname{Bun}_G \times r \operatorname{Bun}_G$  under  $p \times p' : \mathcal{H}_G^{\alpha} \to \operatorname{Bun}_G \times \operatorname{Bun}_G$ . Similarly, define the stack  $k, r \mathcal{H}_G^{\alpha}$  by the Cartesian square

The two  $S_2$ -coverings over  $k,r\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_G^{\alpha}$  obtained from  $k\rho\colon \mathrm{Cov}(k\widetilde{\mathrm{Bun}}_G)\to k\widetilde{\mathrm{Bun}}_G$  and from  $k\rho\colon \mathrm{Cov}(k\widetilde{\mathrm{Bun}}_G)\to k\widetilde{\mathrm{Bun}}_G$  are canonically isomorphic, namely Lemma 14 implies the following.

LEMMA 15. - There is a canonical commutative diagram, where both squares are Cartesian

$$_{k}\operatorname{Bun}_{G} \longleftarrow_{k,r}\mathcal{H}_{G}^{\alpha} \times B(\mu_{2}) \longrightarrow_{r}\operatorname{Bun}_{G}$$

$$\downarrow_{k\rho} \qquad \qquad \downarrow_{r\rho} \qquad \qquad \downarrow_{r\rho}$$

$$_{k}\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G} \longleftarrow_{k,r}\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_{G}^{\alpha} \longrightarrow_{r}\widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_{G}$$

Let  $\mathcal{U} \subset X \times_1 \mathrm{Bun}_G$  be the open substack given by  $\mathrm{H}^0(X, M(-x)) = 0$ . As in Lemma 1, one shows that  $\mathcal{U}$  is nonempty. In general,  $\mathcal{U} \neq X \times_1 \mathrm{Bun}_G$ . Let  $\widetilde{\mathcal{U}}$  be the preimage of  $\mathcal{U}$  in  $X \times_1 \widetilde{\mathrm{Bun}}_G$ .

PROPOSITION 18. – The first isomorphism of Theorem 4 holds over  $\widetilde{\mathcal{U}}$ , the second holds over  $X \times_0 \widetilde{\operatorname{Bun}}_G$ .

 $\begin{array}{l} \textit{Proof.} - (\mathsf{g}) \ \mathsf{Let} \ Y(\mathcal{U}) \ \mathsf{be} \ \mathsf{the} \ \mathsf{preimage} \ \mathsf{of} \ \mathcal{U} \ \mathsf{under} \ \mathsf{supp} \times p : \mathcal{H}_G^{\alpha} \to X \times \mathsf{Bun}_G. \ \mathsf{Write} \ Y_k(\mathcal{U}) \\ \mathsf{for} \ \mathsf{the} \ \mathsf{preimage} \ \mathsf{of} \ {}_k \mathsf{Bun}_G \ \mathsf{under} \ Y(\mathcal{U}) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{H}_G^{\alpha} \xrightarrow{p'} \mathsf{Bun}_G. \ \mathsf{Then} \ Y_0(\mathcal{U}) \to \mathcal{U} \ \mathsf{(respectively,} \\ Y_2(\mathcal{U}) \to \mathcal{U}) \ \mathsf{is} \ \mathsf{a} \ \mathsf{fibration} \ \mathsf{with} \ \mathsf{fibre} \ \mathsf{isomorphic} \ \mathsf{to} \ \mathbb{P}^{2n-2} \ \mathsf{(respectively,} \ \mathsf{to} \ \mathbb{A}^{2n}). \end{array}$ 

Let  $Y_k(\widetilde{\mathcal{U}})$  be the preimage of  $Y_k(\mathcal{U})$  in  $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_G^{\alpha}$ . For k=0,2 the restriction of the local system  $\widetilde{p}'^*({}_k\mathrm{Aut})\otimes\kappa^*W$  descends under  $Y_k(\widetilde{\mathcal{U}})\to\widetilde{\mathcal{U}}$  to a local system, which is canonically identified, by Lemma 15, with  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}\boxtimes_1\mathrm{Aut}$ .

By Proposition 17,  $\mathrm{H}(\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}, \mathrm{Aut}_g)$  vanishes over  $X \times_0 \mathrm{Bun}_G$ , and we denote by K the restriction of this complex to  $\widetilde{\mathcal{U}}$ . By decomposition theorem, K is a direct sum of (shifted) irreducible perverse sheaves. We get an isomorphism

$$\begin{split} K & \widetilde{\to}_1 \mathrm{Aut}[d_G - 2n + 1] \bigg( \frac{d_G - 2n + 1}{2} \bigg) \\ & \oplus_1 \mathrm{Aut}[d_G + 2n - 1] \bigg( \frac{d_G + 2n - 1}{2} \bigg) \otimes \mathrm{R}\Gamma \big( \mathbb{P}^{2n - 2}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell} \big). \end{split}$$

The first assertion follows.

(s) Set  $\mathcal{V}=X\times_0\mathrm{Bun}_G$ . Let K be the restriction of  $\mathrm{H}(\mathcal{A}_\alpha,\mathrm{Aut}_s)$  to  $\widetilde{\mathcal{V}}=X\times_0\widetilde{\mathrm{Bun}}_G$ . Let  $Y(\mathcal{V})$  be the preimage of  $\mathcal{V}$  under  $\mathrm{supp}\times p\colon \mathcal{H}_G^\alpha\to X\times\mathrm{Bun}_G$ . Write  $Y_k(\mathcal{V})$  for the preimage of  ${}_k\mathrm{Bun}_G$  under  $Y(\mathcal{V})\hookrightarrow \mathcal{H}_G^\alpha\xrightarrow{p'}\mathrm{Bun}_G$ . Then  $Y_1(\mathcal{V})\to \mathcal{V}$  is a fibration with fibre isomorphic to  $\mathbb{P}^{2n-1}$ .

Let  $Y_1(\widetilde{\mathcal{V}})$  be the preimage of  $Y_1(\mathcal{V})$  in  $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_G^{\alpha}$ . By Lemma 15, the \*-restriction of  $\underline{\widetilde{p}}'^*(_1\mathrm{Aut})\otimes\kappa^*W$  descends under  $Y_1(\widetilde{\mathcal{V}})\to\widetilde{\mathcal{V}}$  to a local system canonically identified with  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell\boxtimes_0\mathrm{Aut}$ . By decomposition theorem, one gets an isomorphism

$$K \widetilde{\to}_0 \operatorname{Aut} \otimes \operatorname{R}\Gamma(\mathbb{P}^{2n-1}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)[d_G + 2n] \left(\frac{d_G + 2n}{2}\right).$$

We are done.  $\Box$ 

By decomposition theorem,  $H(\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}, \operatorname{Aut})$  is a direct sum of (shifted) irreducible perverse sheaves. Proposition 18 implies that  $\operatorname{St}[1](\frac{1}{2}) \boxtimes \operatorname{Aut}$  appears in it as a direct summand. But

according to Proposition 17, all the fibres of  $H(\mathcal{A}_{\alpha}, \operatorname{Aut})$  and of  $\operatorname{St}[1](\frac{1}{2}) \boxtimes \operatorname{Aut}$  are isomorphic. This concludes the proof of Theorem 4.

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## Appendix A

**A.1.** For the convenience of the reader we collect here some generalities on group actions.

Let  $f: \mathcal{Y} \to \mathcal{Z}$  be a morphism of stacks,  $G \to \mathcal{Z}$  be a group scheme over  $\mathcal{Z}$ . Write  $m_G$  for the product in G and  $1_G: \mathcal{Z} \to G$  for the unit section. Following [6], an action of G on  $\mathcal{Y}$  over  $\mathcal{Z}$  is the data of a 1-morphism  $m: G \times_{\mathcal{Z}} \mathcal{Y} \to \mathcal{Y}$  over  $\mathcal{Z}$ , a 2-morphism  $\mu: m \circ (m_G \times \mathrm{id}) \Longrightarrow m \circ (\mathrm{id} \times m)$  making the following diagram 2-commutative

$$G \times_{\mathcal{Z}} G \times_{\mathcal{Z}} \mathcal{Y} \xrightarrow{m_{G} \times \mathrm{id}} G \times_{\mathcal{Z}} \mathcal{Y}$$

$$\downarrow_{\mathrm{id} \times m} \qquad \qquad \downarrow_{m}$$

$$G \times_{\mathcal{Z}} \mathcal{Y} \xrightarrow{m} \mathcal{Y}$$

and a 2-morphism  $\varepsilon : m \circ (1_G \times \mathrm{id}_{\mathcal{Y}}) \to \mathrm{id}_{\mathcal{Y}}$ . They should satisfy two axioms: an associativity condition with respect to any 3 objects in G (cf. diagram (6.1.3) in loc.cit.);  $\varepsilon$  is compatible with  $\mu$  (cf. diagrams (6.1.4) in loc.cit.). The fact that m is a  $\mathcal{Z}$ -morphism means that the diagram

$$G \times_{\mathcal{Z}} \mathcal{Y} \xrightarrow{m} \mathcal{Y}$$

$$\downarrow^{\operatorname{pr}_{2}} \qquad \downarrow^{f}$$

$$\mathcal{Y} \xrightarrow{f} \mathcal{Z}$$

is 2-commutative.

For a line bundle L on  $\mathcal{Y}$  we have a notion of G-equivariant structure on L (cf. [17, Definition 2.8]). A version of this notion for an  $\ell$ -adic complex is as follows.

DEFINITION 7. – A *G-equivariant structure* on  $K \in D(\mathcal{Y})$  is an isomorphism  $\lambda : m^*K \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{pr}_2^* K$  such that two diagrams commute

$$(m_G \times \mathrm{id}_{\mathcal{Y}})^* m^* K \xrightarrow{\lambda} (m_G \times \mathrm{id}_{\mathcal{Y}})^* \operatorname{pr}_2^* K$$

$$\downarrow^{\mu} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{\lambda}$$

$$(\mathrm{id}_G \times m)^* m^* K \xrightarrow{\lambda} (\mathrm{id}_G \times m)^* \operatorname{pr}_2^* K = \operatorname{pr}_{23}^* m^* K$$

and

$$(1_G \times \mathrm{id}_{\mathcal{Y}})^* m^* K$$

$$\downarrow^{\lambda} \qquad \varepsilon$$

$$(1_G \times \mathrm{id}_{\mathcal{Y}})^* \operatorname{pr}_2^* K = K$$

where  $\operatorname{pr}_2: G \times_{\mathcal{Z}} \mathcal{Y} \to \mathcal{Y}$  and  $\operatorname{pr}_{23}: G \times_{\mathcal{Z}} G \times_{\mathcal{Z}} \mathcal{Y} \to G \times_{\mathcal{Z}} \mathcal{Y}$  are the projections.

**A.2.** Let  $f: \mathcal{Y} \to \mathcal{Z}$  be a representable morphism of algebraic stacks,  $G \to \mathcal{Z}$  be a group scheme over  $\mathcal{Z}$  acting on  $\mathcal{Y}$  over  $\mathcal{Z}$ . By definition,  $\mathcal{Y}$  is a G-torsor over  $\mathcal{Z}$  if, locally in flat topology of  $\mathcal{Z}$ ,  $\mathcal{Y}$  is isomorphic to G over  $\mathcal{Z}$  as a G-scheme.

Assume that  $\mathcal Z$  is locally of finite type. The notion of a perverse sheaf localizes in the smooth topology, so we have a notion of a perverse sheaf on  $\mathcal Z$ . For the same reason, if  $G \to \mathcal Z$  is of finite type and smooth of relative dimension d then the functor  $K \mapsto f^*K[d]$  is an equivalence of the category of perverse sheaves  $P(\mathcal Z)$  on  $\mathcal Z$  with the category of G-equivariant perverse sheaves  $P_G(\mathcal Y)$  on  $\mathcal Y$ .

**A.3.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a line bundle on a scheme S. Let  $\widetilde{S} \to S$  denote the  $\mu_2$ -gerbe of square roots of  $\mathcal{A}$  (cf. 3.3.1). Since  $\mu_2$  acts on  $\widetilde{S}$  by 2-automorphisms of the identity  $\operatorname{id}: \widetilde{S} \to \widetilde{S}, \, \mu_2$  acts on any  $K \in \operatorname{D}(\widetilde{S})$ . Write  $\pi: \widetilde{S} \to S$  for the structural morphism.

LEMMA 16. -

- (1) The functor  $\pi^*$  is an equivalence of the category of perverse sheaves on S with the category of those perverse sheaves on  $\widetilde{S}$  on which  $\mu_2$  acts trivially.
- (2) The functor  $\pi^* : D(S) \to D(\widetilde{S})$  is fully faithful, its image  $D_+(S)$  is a full triangulated subcategory of  $D(\widetilde{S})$ .
- (3) For  $K \in D(S)$  the following are equivalent:
  - (i)  $-1 \in \mu_2$  acts as -1 on each cohomology sheaf of K,
  - (ii)  $\pi_1 K = 0$ ,
  - (iii)  $\pi_* K = 0$ .

Let  $D_{-}(\widetilde{S}) \subset D(\widetilde{S})$  be the full triangulated subcategory of objects satisfying these conditions.

(4) For any  $K_{\pm} \in D_{\pm}(\widetilde{S})$  we have  $\operatorname{Hom}_{D(\widetilde{S})}(K_{+}, K_{-}) = 0$  and  $\operatorname{Hom}_{D(\widetilde{S})}(K_{-}, K_{+}) = 0$ . For  $K \in D(\widetilde{S})$  there exist  $K_{\pm} \in D_{\pm}(\widetilde{S})$  such that  $K \xrightarrow{\sim} K_{+} \oplus K_{-}$ .

*Proof.* – (1a) In the case  $A = \mathcal{O}_S$  consider the presentation  $i: S \to B(S/\mu_2)$ . The functor  $i^*$  identifies the category of perverse sheaves on  $B(S/\mu_2)$  with the category of perverse sheaves on S equipped with an action of the group  $\mu_2(S)$ .

(1b) In general we have a Cartesian square

$$\widetilde{S} \xrightarrow{\pi} S$$

$$\uparrow h \qquad \pi \uparrow$$

$$\widetilde{S} \times B(\mu_2) \xrightarrow{\operatorname{pr}} \widetilde{S}$$

where h sends a T-point  $(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}_0, \mathcal{B}^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{A}|_T \mathcal{B}_0^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}_T)$  to  $\mathcal{B} \otimes \mathcal{B}_0$  for any S-scheme T.

If F is a perverse sheaf on  $\widetilde{S}$  on which  $\mu_2$  acts trivially, then  $\mu_2 \times \mu_2$  acts trivially on  $h^*F$ . By (1a) we then get an isomorphism  $h^*F \widetilde{\to} \operatorname{pr}^*F$  satisfying the usual cocycle condition. So, there is an isomorphism  $F \widetilde{\to} \pi^*H$  for some perverse sheaf H on S.

- (2) The map  $\pi$  is smooth of relative dimension zero, and  $\pi_! \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell} \xrightarrow{\sim} \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$ . It follows formally that  $\pi^*$  is fully faithful.
- (3) The functors  $\pi_!$  and  $\pi_*$  are exact with respect to the usual t-structure. So,  $\pi_!K=0$  iff  $\pi_!(H^i(K))=0$  for each i. The latter is equivalent to requiring that -1 acts nontrivially on  $H^i(K)$  for each i. Similarly for  $\pi_*$ .
  - (4) Given  $K_{-} \in D_{-}(\widetilde{S})$  and  $K_{+} \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi^{*} L \in D_{+}(\widetilde{S})$  we have

$$\operatorname{Hom}(K_-, K_+) \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{Hom}(K_-, \pi^! L) \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{Hom}(\pi_! K_-, L) = 0$$

and

$$\operatorname{Hom}(K_+, K_-) \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{Hom}(\pi^* L; K_-) \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{Hom}(L, \pi_* K_-) = 0.$$

We claim that for each  $K \in D(\widetilde{S})$  the adjointness map  $\pi_*\pi^*\pi_*K \to \pi_*K$  is an isomorphism. Since our derived categories are bounded, by devissage we may assume that K is placed in cohomological dimension zero. Then  $K \to K_0 \oplus K_1$ , where -1 acts on  $K_0$  (respectively, on  $K_1$ ) as 1 (respectively, as -1). Clearly,  $\pi^*\pi_*K_0 \to K_0$  and  $\pi_*K_1 = 0$ , so  $\pi_*\pi^*\pi_*K \to \pi_*K$ .

For  $K \in D(\tilde{S})$  let  $K_-$  be a cone of the adjointness map  $\pi^*\pi_*K \to K$  then  $\pi_*K_- = 0$ . The triangle  $\pi^*\pi_*K \to K \to K_-$  splits, because  $\operatorname{Hom}(K_-, \pi^*\pi_*K[1]) = 0$ .  $\square$ 

Let G be an algebraic group acting on S, assume that A is equipped with a G-equivariant structure. Then G acts on  $\widetilde{S}$ , and the projection  $\widetilde{S} \to S$  is G-equivariant.

The stack  $\widetilde{S}$  is equipped with the universal line bundle  $\mathcal{B}_u$  together with  $\mathcal{B}_u^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{A}|_{\widetilde{S}}$ . One checks that  $\mathcal{B}_u$  is G-equivariant.

Let G act on the trivial gerbe  $S \times B(\mu_2)$  as the product of the action of G on S with the trivial action on  $B(\mu_2)$ . The following lemma is straightforward.

LEMMA 17. – Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a G-equivariant line bundle on S equipped with a G-equivariant isomorphism  $\mathcal{B}^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{A}$ . Then  $\mathcal{B}$  yields a G-equivariant trivialization  $\widetilde{S} \xrightarrow{\sim} S \times B(\mu_2)$ .

**A.4.** Let S be a normal variety with a  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -action,  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -equivariant line bundle on S. Write  $\widetilde{S} \to S$  for the gerbe of square roots of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $S_0 \subset S$  be the variety of fixed points. For a connected component C of  $S_0$  set

$$S^+(C) = \left\{ s \in S \mid \lim_{t \to 0} ts \in C \right\} \quad \text{and} \quad S^-(C) = \left\{ s \in S \mid \lim_{t \to \infty} ts \in C \right\}.$$

By [3],  $S^+(C)$  is a locally closed subscheme of S and the map  $S^+(C) \to C$  sending s to  $\lim_{t\to 0} ts$  is a morphism of schemes (and similarly for  $S^-(C)$ ).

Let  $S^+$  (respectively,  $S^-$ ) denote the disjoint union of  $S^+(C)$  (respectively, of  $S^-(C)$ ) indexed by the connected components of  $S_0$ . Write  $\widetilde{S}^+$  (respectively,  $\widetilde{S}^-, \widetilde{S}_0$ ) for the restriction of the gerbe  $\widetilde{S} \to S$  to the corresponding scheme. Let  $f^{\pm}: \widetilde{S}_0 \to \widetilde{S}^{\pm}$  and  $g^{\pm}: \widetilde{S}^{\pm} \to \widetilde{S}$  denote the corresponding (representable) maps. Following [4], define *hyperbolic localization* functors  $D(\widetilde{S}) \to D(\widetilde{S}_0)$  by

$$K^{!*} = (f^+)^! (g^+)^* K, \qquad K^{*!} = (f^-)^* (g^-)^! K.$$

The following generalization of Theorem 1 from loc.cit. is straightforward.

PROPOSITION 19. – There is a natural map  $i_S: K^{*!} \to K^{!*}$  functorial in  $K \in D(\widetilde{S})$ . Assume that there is a covering of S by open  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -invariant subschemes  $U_i$  and  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -invariant trivializations  $\xi_i: \mathcal{A}|_{U_i} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}|_{U_i}$ . Then for  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -equivariant  $K \in D(\widetilde{S})$  the map  $i_S$  is an isomorphism.

*Proof.* – The map is constructed as in (loc.cit., Section 2). Let  $\widetilde{U}_i$  denote the restriction of  $\widetilde{S}$  to  $U_i$ . It suffices to show the desired map is an isomorphism over  $\widetilde{U}_i$  for any perverse sheaf  $K \in P(\widetilde{S})$ . The trivialization  $\xi_i$  induces  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -equivariant section  $U_i \to \widetilde{U}_i$  of the gerbe  $\widetilde{U}_i \to U_i$ . One concludes applying Theorem 1 from loc.cit. for  $K|_{U_i}$ .  $\square$ 

Assume in addition that there is a  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -equivariant section  $S^+ \to \widetilde{S}^+$  of the gerbe  $\widetilde{S}^+ \to S^+$ . Let  $h^+: S^+ \to S_0$  be the map sending s to  $\lim_{t\to 0} ts$ . Then for any  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -equivariant object  $K \in \mathrm{D}(\widetilde{S})$  we have  $K^{!*} \xrightarrow{\sim} (h^+ \times \mathrm{id})_! (g^+)^* K$  canonically. Here  $h^+ \times \mathrm{id} : \widetilde{S}^+ \xrightarrow{\sim} S^+ \times B(\mu_2) \to S_0 \times B(\mu_2) = \widetilde{S}_0$ .

## Appendix B. Weil representation and the sheaf $S_M$

**B.1.** Let  $k = \mathbb{F}_q$  be a finite field with q odd. Let M be a symplectic space over k of dimension 2d. The sheaf  $S_M$  introduced in Section 4.4 has its origin in the Weil representation, this is what we are going to explain.

Consider the Heisenberg group  $H(M) = M \oplus k$  with operation

$$(m,a)(m',a') = \left(m + m', a + a' + \frac{1}{2}\langle m, m' \rangle\right).$$

Fix an additive character  $\psi: k \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}^*$ . There exists a unique up to isomorphism irreducible representation of H(M) over  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$  with central character  $\psi$ . Let  $(\rho, S_{\psi})$  be such representation. It yields an exact sequence

$$1 \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}^* \to \widetilde{G} \to G \to 1$$

with  $G = \mathbb{Sp}(M)$ . Here

$$\widetilde{G} = \big\{g, M[g] \mid g \in G, \ M[g] \in \operatorname{Aut} S_{\psi}, \ \rho(gm, a) \circ M[g] = M[g] \circ \rho(m, a) \big\}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{L}(M)$  denote the variety of Lagrangian subspaces of M. For  $L \in \mathcal{L}(M)$  let  $\chi_L: L \oplus k \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell^*$  send (l,a) to  $\psi(a)$ . Set

$$S_{L,\psi} = \operatorname{Ind}_{L \oplus k}^{H(M)} \chi_L = \{ f : H(M) \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell} \mid f(xh) = \chi_L(x)f(h) \text{ for } x \in L \oplus k \}.$$

For each  $L \in \mathcal{L}(M)$  there is a pair  $(v_L \in S_\psi, f_L \in S_\psi^*)$  which is  $(L \oplus k, \chi_L)$ -invariant. Normalize it by  $f_L(v_L) = 1$ , so any such pair is  $(av_L, a^{-1}f_L)$  with  $a \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell^*$ . Specifying such pair is equivalent to specifying an isomorphism of H(M)-modules  $S_\psi \xrightarrow{\sim} S_{L,\psi}$  such that the image of  $f_L$  becomes the evaluation at zero  $f_{L,st} \in S_{L,\psi}^*$  (respectively,  $v_L$  becomes the function  $v_{L,st} \colon H(M) \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$  supported at  $L \oplus k$  with  $v_{L,st}(0) = 1$ ).

Let  $P_L \subset G$  be the Seigel parabolic subgroup preserving L. Restricting (37) we get an exact sequence

$$1 \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}^* \to \widetilde{P}_L \to P_L \to 1.$$

The action of  $\widetilde{P}_L$  on  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell f_L$  yields a character  $\widetilde{P}_L \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell^*$  that splits this sequence (the group  $\widetilde{P}_L$  acts on  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell v_L$  by the opposite character).

The finite-dimensional theta-function is  $\theta_L: P_L \setminus \widetilde{G}/P_L \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$  given by  $\theta_L(g) = f_L(gv_L)$ , it does not depend on the choice of the pair  $(v_L, f_L)$ .

**B.2.** Let  $L_1, L_2 \in \mathcal{L}(M)$ . For  $f \in S_{L_1, \psi}$  and  $z \in L_2 \oplus k$  the function  $f(zh)\chi_{L_2}^{-1}(z)$  depends only on the image of z in  $L_2$ , so we may set

$$(F_{L_1,L_2}(f))(h) = \int_{L_2} f(zh)\chi_{L_2}^{-1}(z) dz,$$

where dz is the Haar measure on  $L_2$  such that the volume of a point is one. Then  $F_{L_1,L_2}: S_{L_1,\psi} \xrightarrow{\sim} S_{L_2,\psi}$  is an isomorphism of H(M)-modules.

One checks that  $F_{L_2,L_1}\circ F_{L_1,L_2}\in \operatorname{Aut}(S_{L_1,\psi})$  is the multiplication by  $q^{d+\dim(L_1\cap L_2)}$ .

DEFINITION 8. – For  $L_1, L_2, V \in \mathcal{L}(M)$  with  $V \cap L_i = 0$  define  $\theta(L_1, L_2, V) \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}^*$  by

$$F_{L_2,L_1} \circ F_{V,L_2} \circ F_{L_1,V} = \theta(L_1,L_2,V).$$

We have  $L_1 = \{(bu + u) \mid u \in L_2\}$  for uniquely defined  $b: L_2 \to V$ . The symplectic form on M yields  $L_2 \xrightarrow{\sim} V^*$ , so b becomes an element of  $\operatorname{Sym}^2 V$ . From the definitions it follows that

(38) 
$$\theta(L_1, L_2, V) = q^d \int_{V^*} \psi\left(\frac{1}{2}\langle bv^*, v^*\rangle\right) dv^*,$$

where  $dv^*$  is the Haar measure on  $V^*$  such that the volume of a point is one.

Denote by  $\widetilde{\mathcal{Y}}(k)$  the set of isomorphism classes of collections  $L_1, L_2 \in \mathcal{L}(M)$ , a one-dimensional space  $\mathcal{B}$  together with  $\mathcal{B}^{\otimes 2} \widetilde{\to} (\det L_1) \otimes (\det L_2)$ . So,  $\widetilde{\mathcal{Y}}(k)$  is a two-sheeted covering of the set  $\mathcal{Y}(k)$  of G-orbits on  $\mathcal{L}(M) \times \mathcal{L}(M)$ . Remind that  $\mathcal{Y}(k)$  contains d+1 element.

Given a triple  $L_1, L_2, V \in \mathcal{L}(M)$  with  $L_i \cap V = 0$ , the form on M yields isomorphisms  $L_1 \xrightarrow{\sim} V^* \xrightarrow{\sim} L_2$ . So,  $(L_1, L_2, \mathcal{B} = \det V^*)$  is a point of  $\widetilde{\mathcal{Y}}(k)$ . Now Proposition 5 implies that  $\theta(L_1, L_2, V)$  depends only on the image of  $(L_1, L_2, V)$  in  $\widetilde{\mathcal{Y}}(k)$ , so defining a function

$$\theta: \widetilde{\mathcal{Y}}(k) \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$$

which is (up to a constant) the trace of Frobenius of the sheaf  $S_M$ . It is well-known that for  $(L_1, L_2, \mathcal{B}) \in \widetilde{\mathcal{Y}}(k)$  with  $i = \dim(L_1 \cap L_2)$  one gets

$$\theta(L_1, L_2, \mathcal{B})^2 = \left(\frac{-1}{q}\right)^{d-i} q^{3d+i},$$

where

$$\left(\frac{-1}{q}\right) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } -1 \in k^2, \\ -1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**B.3.** Remind that we fixed a square root  $q^{\frac{1}{2}}$  of q in  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$  (cf. 3.1). For  $L_1, L_2 \in \mathcal{L}(M)$  set

$$\mathcal{F}_{L_1,L_2} = q^{\frac{1}{2}(-d - \dim(L_1 \cap L_2))} F_{L_1,L_2}.$$

The following is a version of the Maslov index (cf. [18], appendix to Chapter 1).

DEFINITION 9. – For  $L_1, L_2, L_3 \in \mathcal{L}(M)$  define  $\gamma(L_1, L_2, L_3) \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}^*$  by

$$\mathcal{F}_{L_2,L_1} \circ \mathcal{F}_{L_3,L_2} \circ \mathcal{F}_{L_1,L_3} = \gamma(L_1,L_2,L_3).$$

Here are its immediate properties (cf. also *loc.cit.*).

PROPOSITION 20. -

- (1)  $\gamma(L_1, L_2, L_3) = \gamma(L_1, L_3, L_2)^{-1} = \gamma(L_2, L_1, L_3)^{-1}$ .
- (2)  $\gamma(gL_1, gL_2, gL_3) = \gamma(L_1, L_2, L_3)$  for  $g \in G$ .
- (3) If  $L_1, L_2, L_3, L_4 \in \mathcal{L}(M)$  then

$$\gamma(L_1, L_2, L_3)\gamma(L_1, L_4, L_2) = \gamma(L_3, L_4, L_2)\gamma(L_1, L_4, L_3).$$

This implies that the function  $(g_1,g_2) \mapsto \gamma(L,g_1L,g_1g_2L)$  is a 2-cocycle of G. This is the cocycle defining the extension (37). In our case of finite field k this extension splits [21, Chapter 2, II.1].

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