



# ALGEBRA SEMINAR

## Functorial equivalence of blocks of finite groups

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**Abstract:** Let  $k$  be an algebraically closed field of positive characteristic  $p > 0$  and let  $F$  be an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0. In this talk we consider the  $F$ -linear category  $F_{ppk}$  of diagonal  $p$ -permutation functors over  $F$ . We first show that the category  $F_{ppk}$  is semisimple, and we give a parametrization of its simple objects, together with a description of their evaluations. Next, to any pair  $(G; b)$  of a finite group  $G$  and a block idempotent  $b$  of  $kG$ , we associate a diagonal  $p$ -permutation functor  $FT_{G;b}$  in  $F_{ppk}$ . We find the decomposition of the functor  $FT_{G;b}$  as a direct sum of simple functors in  $F_{ppk}$ . This leads to a characterization of nilpotent blocks in terms of their associated functors in  $F_{ppk}$ .

Finally, for such pairs  $(G; b)$  of a finite group and a block idempotent, we introduce the notion of functorial equivalence over  $F$  and we prove a corresponding finiteness theorem: for a given finite  $p$ -group  $D$ , there is only a finite number of pairs  $(G; b)$ , where  $G$  is a finite group and  $b$  a block idempotent of  $kG$  with defect isomorphic to  $D$ , up to functorial equivalence over  $F$ . We also give a sufficient condition for two pairs  $(G; b)$  and  $(H; c)$  to be functorially equivalent over  $F$  in the situation of Broué's abelian defect group conjecture.

This is joint work with Serge Bouc.

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