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Main character of the story :

$$\mathrm{Ext}_{\mathcal{P}_k}^*(F^{(r)}, G^{(r)}) \simeq \mathrm{Ext}_{\mathcal{P}_k}^*(F, G_{E_r})$$

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Repres. theories related by taking  $\mathbb{F}$ -points :

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 GL_{n,\mathbb{F}_p}\text{-Mod} & \xrightarrow{\mathbb{F}\text{-points}} & GL_n(\mathbb{F})\text{-Mod} \\
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Are the extensions  $\text{Ext}_{GL_n, \mathbb{F}_p}^i(V^{(r)}, W^{(r)})$   
accessible to computations in general?

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- The formula is also part of another story : cohom finite generation for red. gp schemes.

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$F_{V,W} : \text{hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(V, W) \rightarrow \text{hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(F(V), F(W))$   
which give the action of  $F$  on morphisms

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→ Fundamental computation of Franjou-  
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$\Leftrightarrow$

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- **Thm** : (Franjou Friedlander)  $\deg B = (d, d)$  and  $n \geq d$   
 $H^*(B) := Ext_{\mathcal{P}(1,1)}^*(\Gamma^d(gl), B) \simeq H^*(GL_{n,\mathbb{k}}, B(\mathbb{k}^n, \mathbb{k}^n))$ .

Example relevant for the universal classes :

$$H^*(\Gamma^d(gl^{(1)})) \simeq H^*(GL_{n,\mathbb{k}}, \Gamma^d(\mathfrak{gl}_n^{(1)}))$$

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Touzé (2013) : Formula (Bweak) holds  $\Rightarrow$  Classes exist

- First produce  $c[1] \neq 0$  (easy).
- Using (Bweak), it suffices to find  $c[d]$  in  $H^*(\Gamma^d(gl_{E_1}))$  such that

$$c[1]^{\cup d} = \Delta_*(c[d])$$

This is an equality in  $H^*(gl_{E_r}^{\otimes d})$ .

- Observe :  $H^*(gl_{E_r}^{\otimes d}) = H^0(gl_{E_r}^{\otimes d})$  (!)

and  $c[1]^{\cup d} \in H^0(gl_{E_r}^{\otimes d})^{\Sigma_d}$

So  $c[d]$  exists by left exactness of  $H^0$  (!)

## 4. Relation to CFG theorem (5)

Chalupnik (2015) : Classes exist  $\Rightarrow$  Formula (F) holds

- Adjunction idea

Precomposition by Frobenius twist has a right adjoint  $r$

$$\mathbf{D}(\mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{k}}) \xrightarrow{-\circ I^{(1)}} \mathbf{D}(\mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{k}}), \quad r(F)(V) = \mathbf{R}Hom((\Gamma^{d,V})^{(1)}, F)$$

$\rightarrow$  Formula (F) follows if we can prove formality :

$$\ell(F^{(1)}) \simeq F_{E_1} \quad (*)$$

- We know both sides of (\*) have same homology.

Main problem : produce a map  $F_{E_1} \rightarrow r(F^{(1)})$

This map is produced in two steps :

$$F_{E_1} \xrightarrow{\eta} r(F_{E_r}^{(1)}) \xrightarrow{\text{classes}} r(F^{(1)})$$

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