

# Cluster-tilted algebras and their intermediate coverings

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## Abstract

The intermediate coverings of cluster-tilted algebras are constructed from the repetitive cluster categories which are defined in this paper. These repetitive cluster categories are Calabi-Yau triangulated categories with fractional CY-dimension and have also cluster tilting objects. Furthermore we show that the representations of these intermediate coverings of cluster-tilted algebras are induced from the repetitive cluster categories.

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## 1 Introduction

Cluster categories defined in [BMRRT], and in [CCS] for type  $A_n$ , are the orbit categories  $\frac{D^b(H)}{\langle F \rangle}$  of derived categories  $D^b(H)$  of a hereditary algebra  $H$  by the automorphism group generated by  $F = \tau^{-1}[1]$ , where  $\tau$  is the Auslander-Reiten translation in  $D^b(H)$  and  $[1]$  is the shift functor of  $D^b(H)$ . They are triangulated categories and are Calabi-Yau categories of CY-dimension 2 [K1].

Cluster-tilted algebras defined in [BMRRT][BMR1] are by definition, the endomorphism algebras of cluster tilting objects in the cluster categories of hereditary algebras. Together with cluster categories they provide an algebraic understanding (see [BMRRT] [CK1] [CK2]) of combinatorics of cluster algebras defined and studied by Fomin and Zelevinsky in [FZ]. In this connection, the indecomposable exceptional objects in cluster categories correspond to the cluster variables, and cluster tilting objects(= maximal 1-orthogonal subcategories [I1, I2]) to clusters of corresponding cluster algebras, see [CK1, CK2]. We refer to [K2] for a more recent nice survey on this topic. It was proved in [KR] that cluster-tilted algebras provide a class of Gorenstein algebras of Gorenstein dimension at most 1, which are important in representation theory of algebras [Rin2]. Since they were introduced, they have been studied by many authors, see for example: [ABS1-3], [BFPPT], [BKL], [BM], [BMR1-2], [CCS], [KR], [KZ], [IY], [Rin2-4], [Zh]....

Now let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a hereditary abelian category with tilting objects. The endomorphism algebra of a tilting object in  $\mathcal{H}$  is called a quasi-tilted algebra [HRS]. The class of quasi-tilted algebras consists of tilted algebras and canonical algebras [H2]. From [H2],  $\mathcal{H}$  is

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either derived equivalent to  $\text{mod}H$  for a hereditary algebra  $H$  or to the category  $\text{coh}P$  of coherent sheaves over a weighted projective line  $P$ . The latter is derived equivalent to the module categories of canonical algebras [Rin1]. From such a hereditary abelian category  $\mathcal{H}$ , one can also define cluster category  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$  as the orbit category of  $D^b(\mathcal{H})$  by  $\tau^{-1}[1]$  [BMRRT][Zh][BKL]. The cluster tilting objects in such a cluster category  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$  coincide with tilting objects in  $\mathcal{H}$  by [BKL]. For a general hereditary category  $\mathcal{H}$ , it was shown that any cluster tilting object is induced from a tilting object of a hereditary abelian category which is derived equivalent to  $\mathcal{H}$  [BMRRT]. The endomorphism algebra of a cluster tilting object in  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$  is called a cluster-tilted algebra of type  $\mathcal{H}$ . Since the ordinary quiver of a non-hereditary cluster-tilted algebra always has oriented cycles, it has non-trivial coverings [BoG][G]. A certain Galois covering of a cluster-tilted algebra was constructed by defining the cluster repetitive algebra of a tilted algebra in [ABS3], see also [KZ] for a different construction. For the notions of covering functors, and the notion of push-down functors, we refer to [BoG][G].

The aim of the note is to show that the coverings of cluster-tilted algebras can be constructed from repetitive cluster categories. Repetitive cluster categories are defined as the orbit categories of the derived categories  $D^b(\mathcal{H})$  by the group  $\langle F^m \rangle$  generated by  $F^m$ , for any positive integer  $m$ . They are triangulated by Keller [K1], which are Calabi-Yau categories with fractional Calabi-Yau dimension. The cluster tilting objects in the repetitive cluster categories are shown to correspond bijectively to ones in the cluster categories; the endomorphism algebras of cluster tilting objects in  $D^b(\mathcal{H})/\langle F^m \rangle$  are the coverings of the corresponding cluster-tilted algebras. They all share a Galois covering: the endomorphism algebra of the corresponding cluster tilting subcategory in  $D^b(\mathcal{H})$ .

This note is organized as follows:

In Section 2 we collect basic material on cluster tilting objects and cluster-tilted algebras. We generalize the Assem-Brüstle-Schiffler's characterization [ABS1] of cluster-tilted algebras to the general case: the cluster-tilted algebras of type  $\mathcal{H}$ , i.e., we show that the trivial extension algebra  $A = B \times \text{Ext}_B^2(DB, B)$  is a cluster-tilted algebra of type  $\mathcal{H}$  if and only if  $B$  is a quasi-tilted algebra.

In Section 3 we first introduce the repetitive cluster categories  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$ , which are triangulated categories and are coverings of the corresponding cluster categories  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$ . We then study cluster tilting theory in these triangulated categories. We show that the covering functor  $\rho_m : \mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$  induces a covering functor from the subcategory of projective modules of the endomorphism algebra (called generalized cluster-tilted algebra) of a cluster tilting object in  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$  to the cluster-tilted algebra of the corresponding cluster tilting objects in  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$ .  $\rho_m$  also induces the corresponding push-down functors between their module categories. The similar result is proved for the covering functor  $\pi_m : D^b(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$ .

## 2 Basics on cluster-tilted algebras

Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be a  $k$ -linear triangulated category with finite dimensional Hom-spaces over a field  $k$  and with Serre duality. We assume that  $\mathcal{D}$  is a Krull-Remak-Schmidt category. Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a full subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}$  closed under taking direct summands. The quotient category of

$\mathcal{D}$  by  $\mathcal{T}$  denoted by  $\mathcal{D}/\mathcal{T}$ , is by definition, a category with the same objects as  $\mathcal{D}$  and the space of morphisms from  $X$  to  $Y$  is the quotient of group of morphisms from  $X$  to  $Y$  in  $\mathcal{D}$  by the subgroup consisting of morphisms factor through an object in  $\mathcal{T}$ . The quotient  $\mathcal{D}/\mathcal{T}$  is also an additive Krull-Remak-Schmidt category (see for example Lemma 2.1 in [KZ]). For  $X, Y \in \mathcal{D}$ , we use  $Hom(X, Y)$  to denote  $Hom_{\mathcal{D}}(X, Y)$  for simplicity, and define that  $Ext^k(X, Y) := Hom(X, Y[k])$ . For a subcategory  $\mathcal{T}$ , we say that  $Ext^i(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}) = 0$  provided that  $Ext^i(X, Y) = 0$  for any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{T}$ . For an object  $T$ ,  $addT$  denotes the full subcategory consisting of direct summands of direct sum of finitely many copies of  $T$ . Throughout the article, the composition of morphisms  $f : M \rightarrow N$  and  $g : N \rightarrow L$  is denoted by  $fg : M \rightarrow L$ . For basic references on representation theory of algebras and triangulated categories, we refer [Rin1] and [H1].

Fix a triangulated category  $\mathcal{D}$ , and assume that  $\mathcal{T}$  is a functorially finite subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}$  (see for example [AS]).

**Definition 2.1.** 1.  $\mathcal{T}$  is called rigid, provided  $Ext^1(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}) = 0$ ; in particular, an object  $T$  is called rigid provided  $Ext^1(T, T) = 0$ .

2.  $\mathcal{T}$  is called a cluster tilting subcategory provided  $X \in \mathcal{T}$  if and only if  $Ext^1(X, \mathcal{T}) = 0$  and  $X \in \mathcal{T}$  if and only if  $Ext^1(\mathcal{T}, X) = 0$ . An object  $T$  is a cluster tilting object if and only if  $addT$  is a cluster tilting subcategory.

**Remark 2.2.** 1. Not all triangulated categories have cluster tilting subcategories, see for example, the example in Section 5 in [KZ].

2. In a module category  $\Lambda - \text{mod}$  of a self-injective algebra  $\Lambda$ ,  $T \oplus \Lambda$  is a cluster tilting module (=maximal 2-orthogonal module in [I1, I2]) if and only if  $T$  is cluster tilting in  $\Lambda - \text{mod}$ .

**Remark 2.3.** It was proved in [KZ] that if  $\mathcal{T}$  is contravariantly finite and satisfies the condition that  $X \in \mathcal{T}$  if and only if  $Ext^1(\mathcal{T}, X) = 0$ , then  $\mathcal{T}$  is a cluster tilting subcategory.

For a triangulated category  $\mathcal{D}$  with Serre duality  $\Sigma$ ,  $\mathcal{D}$  has Auslander-Reiten triangles and  $\Sigma = \tau[1]$ , where  $\tau$  is the Auslander-Reiten translation. Denote by  $F = \tau^{-1}[1]$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be a triangulated category with Serre duality  $\Sigma$ , and  $\mathcal{T}$  a cluster tilting subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}$ . Then  $F\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}$ .

*Proof.* The assertion was proved in [KZ] or [IY].

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The following results were proved in [KZ], see also [BMRRT][BMR1][KR][IY].

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $T$  be a cluster tilting object of a triangulated category  $\mathcal{D}$ , and  $A = \text{End}_{\mathcal{D}}T$ . Then the following hold:

1. (Corollaries 4.4, 4.5 in [KZ]). The functor  $\text{Hom}(T, -) : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow A\text{-mod}$  induces an equivalence  $\mathcal{D}/\text{add}(T[1]) \cong A\text{-mod}$ , and  $A$  is a Gorenstein algebra of Gorenstein dimension at most 1.
2. (Proposition 4.8 in [KZ]). Assume that the field  $k$  is algebraically closed. If  $B = \text{End}_{\mathcal{D}} T'$  is the endomorphism algebra of another cluster tilting object  $T'$ , then  $A$  and  $B$  have same representation type.

Let  $T = T_1 \oplus T'$  be a cluster tilting object of a triangulated category  $\mathcal{D}$ , where  $T_1$  is indecomposable object. Let  $T_1^* \rightarrow E \xrightarrow{f} T_1 \rightarrow T_1^*[1]$  be the triangle with  $f$  a minimal right  $\text{add}T'$ -approximation of  $T_1$ . It follows from [IY] that  $T^* = T_1^* \oplus T'$  is a cluster tilting object and there is a triangle  $T_1 \rightarrow E' \xrightarrow{g} T_1^* \rightarrow T_1[1]$  with  $g$  being a minimal right  $\text{add}T'$ -approximation of  $T_1^*$ . Let  $A, B$  be the endomorphism algebras of cluster tilting objects  $T, T^*$  respectively. Denote by  $S_{T_1}$ , (or  $S_{T_1^*}$ ) the simple  $A$ -module corresponding to  $T_1$  (resp. simple  $B$ -module corresponding to  $T_1^*$ ). The following proposition is a generalization of Proposition 2.2 in [KR] and Theorem B in [BMR1].

**Proposition 2.6.** *Let  $T$  and  $T^*$  be as above. Then  $A\text{-mod}/\text{add}S_{T_1} \approx B\text{-mod}/\text{add}S_{T_1^*}$ .*

*Proof.* Denote by  $G = \text{Hom}(T, -)$ . The induced functor  $\bar{G} : \mathcal{D}/\text{add}(T[1]) \rightarrow A\text{-mod}$  is an equivalence by Theorem 2.5(1). We consider the composition of the functor  $\bar{G}$  with the quotient functor  $Q : A\text{-mod} \rightarrow \frac{A\text{-mod}}{\text{add}(\text{Hom}(T, T_1^*[1]))}$ , which is denoted by  $G_1$ . The functor  $G_1$  is full and dense since  $\bar{G}$  and  $Q$  are. Under the equivalence  $\bar{G}$ ,  $T_1^*[1]$  corresponds to  $\text{Hom}(T, T_1^*[1])$ . For any morphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  in the category  $\frac{\mathcal{D}}{\text{add}(T[1])}$ ,  $\bar{G}(f) : G(X) \rightarrow G(Y)$  factors through  $\text{add}(\text{Hom}(T, T_1^*[1]))$  if and only if  $f$  factors through  $\text{add}T_1^*[1]$ . Then  $G_1$  induces an equivalence, denoted by  $\bar{G}_1$ , from the category  $\frac{\mathcal{D}}{\text{add}(T[1] \oplus T_1^*[1])}$  to the category  $\frac{A\text{-mod}}{\text{add}(\text{Hom}(T, \tau T_1^*[1]))}$ . Therefore we have that  $\frac{A\text{-mod}}{\text{add}(\text{Hom}(T, \tau T_1^*[1]))} \approx \frac{B\text{-mod}}{\text{add}(\text{Hom}(T', T_1[1]))}$ . It is easy to prove that  $\text{Hom}(T, T_1^*[1]) \cong S_{T_1}$  and  $\text{Hom}(T', T_1[1]) \cong S_{T_1^*}$  (compare Lemma 4.1 in [BMR1]). Then  $A\text{-mod}/\text{add}S_{T_1} \approx B\text{-mod}/\text{add}S_{T_1^*}$ . The proof is finished.  $\square$

From now on, we assume that  $\mathcal{H}$  is a hereditary  $k$ -linear category with finite dimensional Hom-spaces and Ext-spaces. We also assume that  $\mathcal{H}$  has tilting objects. The endomorphism algebra of tilting object  $T$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  is called a quasi-tilted algebra [HRS]. Since  $\mathcal{H}$  has tilting objects,  $D^b(\mathcal{H})$  has Serre duality [HRS], and has also Auslander-Reiten triangles, the Auslander-Reiten translation is denoted by  $\tau$  [HRS]. Let  $F = \tau^{-1}[1]$  be the automorphism of the bounded derived category  $D^b(\mathcal{H})$ . We call the orbit category  $D^b(\mathcal{H})/\langle F \rangle$  the cluster category of type  $\mathcal{H}$ , which is denoted by  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$  [BMRRT]. For cluster tilting theory in the cluster category  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$ , we refer [BKL][BMRRT][Zh]. The endomorphism algebra  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})} T$  of a cluster tilting object  $T$  in  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$  is called a cluster-tilted algebra of type  $\mathcal{H}$ . When  $\mathcal{H}$  is the module category over a hereditary algebra  $H = kQ$ , we call the corresponding orbit category the cluster category of  $H$  or of  $Q$ . In this case the endomorphism algebra of a cluster tilting object is called a cluster-tilted algebra of  $H$  [BM], [BMR1], [Zh], [ABS1-3].

Now we give a characterization of cluster-tilted algebras of type  $\mathcal{H}$ , which generalizes some results in [ABS1], [Zh].

Given any finite-dimensional algebra  $B$ , from the  $B$ -bimodule  $\text{Ext}^2(DB, B)$ , one can form the trivial extension algebra of  $B$  with the bimodule  $\text{Ext}^2(DB, B)$ :  $A = B \ltimes \text{Ext}^2(DB, B)$ . It was proved that this trivial extension algebra is a cluster-tilted algebra of  $H$  if and only if  $B$  is a tilted algebra [ABS1], see also [Zh]. In the following, we generalize the characterization of cluster-tilted algebras to the cluster-tilted algebras of type  $\mathcal{H}$ . The proof is exactly the same as the proof in [ABS1], we omit it here.

**Proposition 2.7.** *Let  $A = B \ltimes \text{Ext}^2(DB, B)$ . Then  $A$  is a cluster-tilted algebra of type  $\mathcal{H}$  for some hereditary abelian category  $\mathcal{H}$  if and only if  $B$  is a quasi-tilted algebra, i.e. the endomorphism algebra of a tilting object in  $\mathcal{H}$ .*

### 3 Intermediate covers of cluster tilted algebras of type $\mathcal{H}$

As in the previous section,  $\mathcal{H}$  denotes a hereditary  $k$ -linear category with finite dimensional Hom-spaces and Ext-spaces. We assume that  $\mathcal{H}$  has tilting objects. Since  $\mathcal{H}$  has tilting objects,  $D^b(\mathcal{H})$  has Serre duality, and also Auslander-Reiten translate  $\tau$  (AR-translate for short)[HRS]. Let  $F = \tau^{-1}[1]$  be the automorphism of the bounded derived category  $D^b(\mathcal{H})$ . Fix a positive integer  $m$  throughout this section.

We consider the orbit category  $D^b(\mathcal{H}) / \langle F^m \rangle$ , which is by definition a  $k$ -linear category whose objects are the same in  $D^b(\mathcal{H})$ , and whose morphisms are given by:

$$\text{Hom}_{D^b(\mathcal{H}) / \langle F^m \rangle}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbf{Z}} \text{Hom}_{D^b(\mathcal{H})}(X, (F^m)^i Y).$$

Here  $X$  and  $Y$  are objects in  $D^b(\mathcal{H})$ , and  $\tilde{X}$  and  $\tilde{Y}$  are the corresponding objects in  $D^b(\mathcal{H}) / \langle F^m \rangle$  (although we shall sometimes write such objects simply as  $X$  and  $Y$ ).

**Definition 3.1.** *The orbit category  $D^b(\mathcal{H}) / \langle F^m \rangle$  is called the repetitive cluster category of type  $\mathcal{H}$ . We denote it by  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$ .*

**Remark 3.2.** *When  $m = 1$ , we get back to the usual cluster category  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$ , which was introduced by Buan-Marsh-Reineke-Reiten-Todorov in [BMRRT], and also by Caldero-Chapoton-Schiffler in [CCS] for  $A_n$  case.*

The repetitive cluster categories  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$  serve as intermediate categories between the cluster categories  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$  and derived categories  $D^b(\mathcal{H})$ . Similarly as for the case of cluster categories, for any positive integer  $m$ , we have a natural projection functor  $\pi_m : D^b(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$ . If  $m = 1$ , the projection functor  $\pi_m$  is simply denoted by  $\pi$ .

Now we define a functor  $\rho_m : \mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$ , which sends objects  $\tilde{X}$  in  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$  to objects  $X$  in  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$  and morphisms  $f : \tilde{X} \rightarrow \tilde{Y}$  in  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$  to the morphisms  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  in  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$ .

It is easy to check that  $\pi = \rho_m \circ \pi_m$ .

One can identify the set  $\text{ind}\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$  with the fundamental domain for the action of  $F$  on  $\text{ind}D^b(\mathcal{H})$  [BMRRT]. Passing to the orbit category  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$ , one can view  $\text{ind}\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$  as a (usually not full) subcategory of  $\text{ind}\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$ .

- Proposition 3.3.** 1.  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$  is a triangulated category with Auslander-Reiten triangles and Serre functor  $\Sigma = \tau[1]$ , where  $\tau$  is the AR-translate in  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$ , which is induced from AR-translate in  $D^b(\mathcal{H})$ .
2. The projections  $\pi_m : D^b(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $\rho_m : \mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$  are triangle functors and also covering functors.
3.  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$  is a fractional Calabi-Yau category of CY-dimension  $\frac{2m}{m}$ .
4.  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$  is a Krull-Remak-Schmidt category.
5.  $\text{ind}\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H}) = \bigcup_{i=0}^{m-1} (\text{ind}F^i(\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})))$ .

- Proof.* 1. It follows from [K1] that  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$  is a triangulated category. The remaining claims follow from Proposition 1.3 [BMRRT].
2. It is proved in Corollary 1 in Section 8.4 of [K1] that  $\pi_m : D^b(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$  is a triangle functor. It is easy to check that  $\pi \circ F^m \cong \pi$ . By the universal property of the orbit category  $D^b(\mathcal{H}) / \langle F^m \rangle$  [K1], we obtain a triangle functor  $\rho : \mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$  satisfying that  $\rho\pi_m = \pi$ , which turns out to be the functor  $\rho_m$ .
3. The Serre functor  $\Sigma = \tau[1]$  in  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$  satisfies that  $\Sigma^m = \tau^m[m] = F^m[2m] \cong [2m]$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$  is a fractional Calabi-Yau category with CY-dimension  $\frac{2m}{m}$ .
4. The proof given in Proposition 1.6 [BMRRT] for  $m = 1$ , can be modified to work for any positive value of  $m$ . □

We note that if the hereditary abelian category  $\mathcal{H}$  is equivalent to the module category of a finite dimensional hereditary algebra  $H$ , then the indecomposable objects in  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$  are of form  $\tilde{M}$  or of form  $P[1]$ , where  $M$  is an indecomposable  $H$ -module and  $P[1]$  is the first shift of an indecomposable projective  $H$ -module  $P$ . If the hereditary abelian category  $\mathcal{H}$  is not equivalent to the module category of a finite dimensional hereditary algebra  $H$ , then the indecomposable objects in  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$  are of form  $\tilde{M}$ , where  $M$  is an indecomposable object in  $\mathcal{H}$ .

Now we discuss the cluster tilting objects in  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$ . Denoted by  $F = \tau^{-}[1]$ , which can be viewed an automorphism of  $D^b(\mathcal{H})$  or of  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$ . The following proposition is a generalization of Lemma 4.14 in [KZ].

**Proposition 3.4.** *An object  $T$  in  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$  is a cluster tilting object if and only if  $\pi_m^{-1}(\text{add}T)$  is a cluster tilting subcategory of  $D^b(\mathcal{H})$*

*Proof.* We only give a detailed proof in the case  $\mathcal{H}$  is equivalent to the module category of a finite dimensional hereditary algebra  $H$ . The proof in case  $\mathcal{H}$  is not of the form is similar.

Suppose that  $\mathcal{H} \approx H\text{-mod}$ , where  $H$  is a finite dimensional hereditary algebra over a field  $k$ . For an object  $T$  in  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$ , we denote  $\mathcal{T} = \pi_m^{-1}(\text{add}T)$ , which is a full subcategory of  $D^b(H)$ . It is easy to prove that  $F(\mathcal{T}) = \mathcal{T}$  in  $D^b(\mathcal{H})$  if and only if  $F(\text{add}T) = \text{add}T$  in  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$ .

Suppose  $\mathcal{T}$  is a cluster tilting subcategory of  $D^b(H)$ . Then  $F\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}$  by Lemma 2.4 or Proposition 4.7 [KZ]. Hence  $F(\text{add}\mathcal{T}) = \text{add}\mathcal{T}$  in  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{T}'$  the intersection of  $\mathcal{T}$  with the additive subcategory  $\mathcal{C}'$  generated by all  $H$ -modules as stalk complexes of degree 0 together with  $H[1]$ . Then we have that  $\mathcal{T} = \{F^n(\mathcal{T}') | n \in \mathbf{Z}\}$ . Now  $\pi_m(\mathcal{T}) = \pi_m(\bigcup_{i=0}^{i=m-1} F^i(\mathcal{T}'))$ , denoted by  $\mathcal{T}_1$ . For any pair of objects  $\tilde{T}_1, \tilde{T}_2 \in \mathcal{T}_1$ , there are  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{T}'$  such that  $\tilde{T}_1 = F^t(\pi_m(T_1)), \tilde{T}_2 = F^s(\pi_m(T_2))$  with  $0 \leq t, s \leq m-1$ . Then  $\text{Ext}^1(\tilde{T}_1, \tilde{T}_2) = \text{Hom}(\tilde{T}_1, \tilde{T}_2[1]) \cong \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbf{Z}} \text{Hom}_{D^b(H)}(F^s(T_1), (F^m)^n F^t(T_2[1])) = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbf{Z}} \text{Hom}_{D^b(H)}(T_1, F^{mn+t-s}T_2[1])$ . By an easy computation, one has that  $\text{Hom}_{D^b(H)}(T_1, F^{mn+t-s}T_2[1]) = 0$  if  $nm+t-s \leq -2$  or  $nm+t-s \geq 1$ . When  $nm+t-s = -1$ ,  $\text{Hom}_{D^b(H)}(T_1, F^{mn+t-s}T_2[1]) = \text{Hom}_{D^b(H)}(T_1, F^{-1}T_2[1]) = \text{Hom}_{D^b(H)}(T_1, \tau T_2) \cong \text{DExt}_{D^b(H)}(T_2, T_1)$ , which equals 0 by the fact that  $\mathcal{T}$  is a cluster tilting subcategory of  $D^b(H)$ . When  $nm+t-s = 0$ ,  $\text{Hom}_{D^b(H)}(T_1, F^{mn+t-s}T_2[1]) = \text{Hom}_{D^b(H)}(T_1, T_2[1]) = \text{Ext}_{D^b(H)}(T_1, T_2)$ , which equals 0 by the fact that  $\mathcal{T}$  is a cluster tilting subcategory of  $D^b(H)$ . Therefore  $\text{Ext}^1(\tilde{T}_1, \tilde{T}_2) = 0$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{T}_1$  is rigid in  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$ .

If there are indecomposable objects  $\tilde{X} = \pi_m(X) \in \mathcal{C}_{F^m}(H)$  with  $X \in D^b(\mathcal{H})$  satisfying  $\text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{T}_1, \tilde{X}) = 0$ , then  $\text{Ext}^1(F^n \mathcal{T}', X) = 0$  for any  $n$ , and then  $\text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{T}, X) = 0$ . Hence  $X$  is in  $\mathcal{T}$  since  $\mathcal{T}$  is a cluster tilting subcategory. Thus  $\tilde{X} \in \mathcal{T}_1$ . This proves that the image  $\mathcal{T}_1$  of  $\mathcal{T}$  under  $\pi_m$  is a cluster tilting subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(H)$ .

Conversely, from  $\mathcal{T} = \pi_m^{-1}(\mathcal{T}_1)$  and  $F(\mathcal{T}_1) = \mathcal{T}_1$ , we get  $F(\mathcal{T}) = \mathcal{T}$ . As above we denote by  $\mathcal{T}'$  the intersection of  $\mathcal{T}$  with the additive subcategory  $\mathcal{C}'$  generated by all  $H$ -modules as stalk complexes of degree 0 together with  $H[1]$ . Then  $\mathcal{T} = \{F^n(\mathcal{T}') | n \in \mathbf{Z}\}$  and  $\mathcal{T}_1 = \pi_m(\mathcal{T}) = \pi_m(\bigcup_{i=0}^{i=m-1} F^i(\mathcal{T}'))$ . From  $\mathcal{T}_1$  being contravariantly finite, we have  $\mathcal{T}$  is also contravariantly finite. Since  $\text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_1) \cong \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbf{Z}} \text{Ext}_{D^b(H)}^1(\bigcup_{i=0}^{i=m-1} F^i(\mathcal{T}'), F^n(\bigcup_{i=0}^{i=m-1} F^i(\mathcal{T}'))) = 0$ , we have that  $\text{Ext}_{D^b(H)}^1(F^m \mathcal{T}', F^n \mathcal{T}') \cong \text{Ext}_{D^b(H)}^1(\mathcal{T}', F^{n-m} \mathcal{T}') = 0$ . This proves that  $\mathcal{T}$  is a rigid subcategory. Now if  $X \in D^b(H)$  satisfies  $\text{Ext}_{D^b(H)}^1(\mathcal{T}, X) = 0$ , then  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})}^1(F^i(\mathcal{T}_1), \tilde{X}) = 0, \forall 0 \leq i \leq m-1$ . It follows that  $\tilde{X} \in \mathcal{T}_1$ , hence  $X \in \mathcal{T}$ . Similarly, if  $X \in D^b(H)$  satisfies  $\text{Ext}_{D^b(H)}^1(X, \mathcal{T}) = 0$ , then  $X \in \mathcal{T}$ .  $\square$

From Proposition 3.4 above and Lemma 4.14 in [KZ], we have a one-to-one correspondence between the three sets: the set of cluster tilting subcategories in  $D^b(\mathcal{H})$ ; the set of cluster tilting subcategories in  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$ ; the set of cluster tilting subcategories in  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$ , via triangle covering functors:  $\pi_m : D^b(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $\rho_m : \mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a hereditary abelian category with tilting objects. Let  $T \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$ .*

1.  *$T$  is a cluster tilting object in cluster category  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$  if and only if  $\rho_m^{-1}(T)$  is a cluster tilting object in  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$  if and only if  $\pi^{-1}(\text{add}T)$  is a cluster tilting subcategory in  $D^b(\mathcal{H})$ .*
2. *For any tilting object  $T'$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $\bigoplus_{i=0}^{i=m-1} F^i T'$  is a cluster tilting object in  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$ , and any cluster tilting object in  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$  arises in this way, i.e. there is a hereditary abelian category  $\mathcal{H}'$ , which is derived equivalent to  $\mathcal{H}$ , and a tilting object  $T$  in  $\mathcal{H}'$  such that the cluster tilting object is induced from  $T$ .*

*Proof.* 1. It follows Lemma 4.14 in [KZ] or the special case of Proposition 3.4 where  $m = 1$ , that  $T$  is a cluster tilting object in  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$  if and only if  $\pi^{-1}(\text{add}T)$  is a

cluster tilting subcategory in  $D^b(\mathcal{H})$ . By Proposition 3.4, we have that  $\rho_m^{-1}(T)$  is a cluster tilting object in  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$  if and only if  $\pi_m^{-1}(\text{add}(\rho_m^{-1}(T)))$  is a cluster tilting subcategory in  $D^b(\mathcal{H})$ . Since  $\pi = \rho_m \pi_m$ ,  $\pi(\pi_m^{-1}(\text{add}(\rho_m^{-1}(T)))) = T$ , we have that  $\rho_m^{-1}(T)$  is a cluster tilting object in  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$  if and only if  $T$  is a cluster tilting object in  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$ .

2. For any tilting object  $T'$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ , from [BMRRT] and [Zh],  $T'$  is a cluster tilting object in  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$ . Hence  $\bigoplus_{i=0}^{i=m-1} F^i T'$  is a cluster tilting object in  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$  by the first part of the theorem. Suppose  $M$  is a cluster tilting object in  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$ . Then by the first part of the theorem,  $\rho_m(M)$  is a cluster tilting object in the cluster category  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$ . Therefore  $\rho_m(M)$  is induced from a tilting object of a hereditary abelian category  $\mathcal{H}'$ , which is derived equivalent to  $\mathcal{H}$  [Zh, BMRRT]. Then  $M$  is induced from a tilting object of  $\mathcal{H}'$ .

□

**Definition 3.6.** We call the endomorphism algebras  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})} T$  of cluster tilting objects  $T$  in the repetitive cluster category  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$  the generalized cluster-tilted algebras of type  $\mathcal{H}$ , or simply the generalized cluster-tilted algebras.

Now we study the representation theory of generalized cluster-tilted algebras. We recall that  $\pi_m : D^b(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$  is the projection.

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $T$  be a tilting object in  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $\tilde{A} = \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})}(\bigoplus_{i=0}^{i=m-1} F^i T)$  the generalized cluster-tilted algebra.

1.  $\tilde{A}$  has a Galois covering  $\pi_m : \pi^{-1}(\text{add}T) \rightarrow \rho_m^{-1}(\text{add}T)$  which is the restriction of the projection  $\pi_m : D^b(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$ .
2. The projection  $\pi_m$  induces a push-down functor  $\tilde{\pi}_m : \frac{D^b(\mathcal{H})}{\text{add}\{\tau^n T[-n] \mid n \in \mathbf{Z}\}} \rightarrow \tilde{A} - \text{mod}$ .
3. If  $T'$  is a tilting object in  $\mathcal{H}$ , then the generalized cluster tilted algebra  $\tilde{A}' = \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})}(\bigoplus_{i=0}^{i=m-1} F^i T')$  has the same representation type as  $A$ .

*Proof.* (1). Let  $\mathcal{T} = \text{add}(\{ F^i(T) \mid i \in \mathbf{Z} \})$ .  $\mathcal{T} = \pi^{-1}(\text{add}T)$  is a cluster tilting subcategory of  $D^b(\mathcal{H})$ . Hence by Proposition 3.4,  $\pi_m(\mathcal{T}) = \rho_m^{-1}(\text{add}T)$  is a cluster tilting object in  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$ . By Theorem 2.5, we have the equivalence  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})}(\bigoplus_{i=0}^{i=m-1} \pi_m(F^i(T)), -) : \frac{\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})}{\text{add}(\bigoplus_{i=0}^{i=m-1} \pi_m(F^i(T)))} \rightarrow \tilde{A} - \text{mod}$ . Under this equivalence, the subcategory  $\text{add}(\pi_m(\mathcal{T}))$  correspondences to the subcategory of projective  $\tilde{A}$ -modules.

The projection  $\pi_m$  sends  $\mathcal{T}$  to  $\pi_m(\mathcal{T})$ . Thus  $\pi_m|_{\mathcal{T}} : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \rho_m^{-1}(\text{add}T)$  is a Galois covering with Galois group generated by  $F^m$ .

(2). By Theorem 3.3 and Corollary 4.4 in [KZ] there are equivalences  $D^b(H)/\mathcal{T}[1] \cong \text{mod}(\mathcal{T})$  and  $\mathcal{C}_m(\mathcal{H})/(\pi_m(\mathcal{T}[1])) \cong \text{mod}(\pi_m(\mathcal{T}))$ . We define the induced functor  $\bar{\pi}_m$  as follows:  $\bar{\pi}_m(X) := \pi_m(X)$  for any object  $X \in D^b(H)/\mathcal{T}[1]$ , and  $\bar{\pi}_m(f) := \pi_m(f)$  for any morphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  in  $D^b(H)/\mathcal{T}$ . Clearly  $\bar{\pi}_m$  is well-defined and makes the following diagram commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
D^b(\mathcal{H}) & \xrightarrow{\pi_m} & \mathcal{C}_m(\mathcal{H}) \\
P_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow P_2 \\
D^b(\mathcal{H})/\mathcal{T}[1] & \xrightarrow{\bar{\pi}_m} & \mathcal{C}_m(\mathcal{H})/\pi(\mathcal{T})[1].
\end{array}$$

Where  $P_1, P_2$  are the natural quotient functors. Then  $\bar{\pi}_m$  is a covering functor from  $D^b(\mathcal{H})/\mathcal{T}[1]$  to  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}/\pi(\mathcal{T}[1])$ , i.e., it is a covering functor from  $D^b(\mathcal{H})/\mathcal{T}[1]$  to  $\tilde{A} - \text{mod}$  ( $\approx \text{mod}(\pi_m(\mathcal{T}))$ ).

(3). This is a direct consequence of Theorem 2.2  $\square$

Similarly as above, the triangle covering functor  $\rho_m : \mathcal{C}_m(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})$  induces a covering functor from  $\tilde{A}$  to the cluster-tilted algebra  $\text{End}_{\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})}T$  indicated as the following Theorem.

**Theorem 3.8.** *Let  $T$  be a tilting object in  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $A = \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})}T$  and  $\tilde{A} = \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})}(\bigoplus_{i=0}^{i=m-1} F^i T)$  the generalized cluster-tilted algebra.*

1.  $\rho_m : \mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(H)$  restricted to the cluster tilting subcategory  $\text{add}(\bigcup_{i=0}^{i=m-1} F^i T)$  induces a Galois covering of  $A$ .
2. The functor  $\rho_m$  also induces a push-down functor  $\tilde{\rho}_m : \tilde{A} - \text{mod} \rightarrow A - \text{mod}$ .

*Proof.* The strategy of the proof is almost the same as that of Theorem 3.7, we present it here for the convenience of reader.

(1). By Theorem 3.5,  $\rho_m^{-1}(T)$  is a cluster tilting object in  $\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})$ , and  $\rho_m^{-1}(T) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{i=m-1} F^i(T)$ . By Theorem 2.5, we have the equivalence  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})}(\rho_m^{-1}(T), -) : \frac{\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})}{\text{add}(\rho_m^{-1}(T))} \rightarrow \tilde{A} - \text{mod}$ . Under this equivalence, the subcategory  $\text{add}(\rho_m^{-1}(T))$  corresponds to the subcategory of projective  $\tilde{A}$ -modules.

The triangle functor  $\rho_m$  sends  $\text{add}\rho_m^{-1}(T)$  to  $\text{add}T$ . Thus  $\rho_m|_{\text{add}\rho_m^{-1}(T)} : \text{add}\rho_m^{-1}(T) \rightarrow \text{add}T$  is a Galois covering with Galois group  $Z_m$ .

(2). By Theorem 3.3 and Corollary 4.4 in [KZ], there is an equivalence  $\mathcal{C}_m(\mathcal{H})/(\text{add}\rho_m^{-1}(T)[1]) \cong \tilde{A} - \text{mod}$ . We define the induced functor  $\bar{\rho}_m$  as follows:  $\bar{\rho}_m(X) := \rho_m(X)$  for any object  $X \in \mathcal{C}_m(\mathcal{H})/(\rho_m^{-1}(T))[1]$ , and  $\bar{\rho}_m(\underline{f}) := \rho_m(\underline{f})$  for any morphism  $\underline{f} : X \rightarrow Y$  in  $\mathcal{C}_m(\mathcal{H})/(\rho_m^{-1}(T))$ . Clearly  $\bar{\rho}_m$  is well-defined and makes the following diagram commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H}) & \xrightarrow{\rho_m} & \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H}) \\
P'_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow P'_2 \\
\mathcal{C}_{F^m}(\mathcal{H})/\text{add}(\rho_m^{-1}(T))[1] & \xrightarrow{\bar{\rho}_m} & \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{H})/\text{add}(T[1]).
\end{array}$$

Where  $P'_1, P'_2$  are the natural quotient functors. Then  $\bar{\rho}_m$  is a covering functor from  $\mathcal{C}_m(\mathcal{H})/(\text{add}\rho_m^{-1}(T)[1])$  to  $\mathcal{C}/\text{add}(T[1])$ , i.e., it is a covering functor from  $\tilde{A} - \text{mod}$  to  $A - \text{mod}$ .  $\square$

**Remark 3.9.** *By Proposition 2.7, see also [ABS,Zh], the cluster-tilted algebra  $A$  of type  $\mathcal{H}$  can be written as a trivial extension  $A = B \times M$ , where  $M = \text{Ext}_B^2(DB, B)$ . Then*

$A$  has as  $\mathbf{Z}$ -covering the following (infinite dimensional) matrix algebra (i.e. the cluster repetitive algebra in [ABS3]):

$$A_\infty = \begin{bmatrix} \ddots & & & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & & & \\ & & B & & & & \\ & & M & B & & & \\ & & & M & B & & \\ & & & & & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & & & & & \ddots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

On the other hand,  $A = B \ltimes M$  is also a  $Z_m$ -graded algebra. Then  $A$  has a  $Z_m$ -covering  $A \sharp Z_m$ , the smash product of graded algebra  $A$  with group  $Z_m[CM]$ .

### Examples

1. Let  $D^b(H)$  be the (bounded) derived category of hereditary algebra  $H$ , where  $H$  is the path algebra of the quiver :

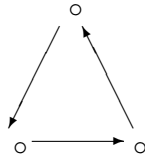
$$a \circ \longrightarrow \circ b \longrightarrow \circ c$$

If we take  $\mathcal{T}$  to be the subcategory generated by  $\{\tau^{-n}P_a[n], \tau^{-n}S_a[n], \tau^{-n}P_c[n] \mid n \in \mathbf{Z}\}$ , then  $\mathcal{T}$  is a cluster tilting subcategory of  $D^b(H)$  and  $D^b(H)/\mathcal{T} \cong A_\infty\text{-mod}$  where  $A_\infty$  is the algebra with quiver

$$A_\infty^\infty : \cdots \circ \longrightarrow \circ \longrightarrow \circ \longrightarrow \cdots$$

and with  $rad^2 = 0$  [KZ].

2. Let  $m = 1$ . We consider the cluster category  $\mathcal{C}(H)$ . If we take  $T = P_a \oplus P_c \oplus S_a$ , then  $T$  is a cluster tilting object of  $\mathcal{C}(H)$  and  $\mathcal{C}(H)/(addT) \cong A\text{-mod}$  where  $A$  is the algebra with quiver



and with  $rad^2 = 0$ .

3. Let  $m = 2$ . We consider the repetitive cluster category  $\mathcal{C}_{F^2}(A)$ . If we take  $\mathcal{T}'$  to be the subcategory generated by  $\{\tau^{-n}P_a[n], \tau^{-n}S_a[n], \tau^{-n}P_c[n] \mid n = 0, 1\}$ , then  $\mathcal{T}'$  is a cluster tilting subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}_{F^2}(A)$  and  $\mathcal{C}_{F^2}(A)/\mathcal{T}' \cong A_1 - mod$  where  $A_1$  is the algebra with quiver

$$Q_1 : \begin{array}{ccccc} \circ & \longrightarrow & \circ & \longrightarrow & \circ \\ \uparrow & & & & \downarrow \\ \circ & \longleftarrow & \circ & \longleftarrow & \circ \end{array}$$

and with  $rad^2 = 0$ .

4. Let  $m = 3$ . We consider the repetitive cluster category  $\mathcal{C}_{F^3}(A)$ . If we take  $\mathcal{T}''$  to be the subcategory generated by  $\{\tau^{-n}P_a[n], \tau^{-n}S_a[n], \tau^{-n}P_c[n] \mid n = 0, 1, 2\}$ , then  $\mathcal{T}''$  is a cluster tilting subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}_{F^3}(A)$  and  $\mathcal{C}_{F^3}(A)/\mathcal{T}'' \cong A_2 - mod$  where  $A_2$  is the algebra with quiver

$$Q_2 : \begin{array}{ccccccccc} \circ & \longrightarrow & \circ & \longrightarrow & \circ & \longrightarrow & \circ & \longrightarrow & \circ \\ \uparrow & & & & & & & & \swarrow \\ \circ & \longleftarrow & \circ & \longleftarrow & \circ & \longleftarrow & \circ & & \circ \end{array}$$

and with  $rad^2 = 0$ .

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