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Brian Parshall*, Department of Mathematics, Kerchof Hall, University of Virginia,
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This talk is joint work with Leonard Scott. For a normal subgroup N of a group G , an N -module Q is G -stable if $Q \cong Q^g$, $\forall g \in G$. If the action of N on Q extends G , then Q is clearly G -stable; the converse need not hold. A conjecture in the modular representation theory of reductive groups G asserts that the (obviously G -stable) projective indecomposable modules (PIMs) Q for the Frobenius kernels of G have a G -module structure. It is sometimes just as useful (for general Q) to know that a finite direct sum $Q^{\oplus n}$ has a compatible G -module structure (numerical stability). In previous work, the authors established numerical stability for PIMs. Here we discuss a more general setting for that result, working in the context of group schemes and a suitable version of G -stability, called strong G -stability. We obtain a determination of necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of a compatible G -module structure on a strongly G -stable N -module, in the form of a cohomological obstruction which must be trivial precisely when the G -module structure exists. Our main result is achieved by giving an approach to killing the obstruction by tensoring with certain finite dimensional G/N -modules. (Received September 20, 2010)