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Nori proved in 2002 that given a complex algebraic variety  $X$ , the bounded derived category of the abelian category of constructible sheaves on  $X$  is equivalent to the usual triangulated category  $D(X)$  of bounded constructible complexes on  $X$ . He moreover showed that given any constructible sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\mathbf{A}^n$ , there is an injection  $\mathcal{F} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{G}$  with  $\mathcal{G}$  constructible and  $H^i(\mathbf{A}^n, \mathcal{G}) = 0$  for  $i > 0$ .

In this talk, I will explain how to extend Nori's theorem to the case of a variety over an algebraically closed field of positive characteristic, with Betti constructible sheaves replaced by  $\ell$ -adic sheaves. This is the case  $p = 0$  of the general problem which asks whether the bounded derived category of  $p$ -perverse sheaves is equivalent to  $D(X)$ , resolved affirmatively for the middle perversity by Beilinson, and has possible applications to a future motivic sheaf theory and to defining a six-functor formalism for algebraic stacks. (Received August 21, 2020)