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*Galois coverings and mutation of  $G$ -orbits*

For an algebraically closed field  $\mathbb{K}$ , we consider a Galois  $G$ -covering  $\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  between locally bounded  $\mathbb{K}$ -categories given by bound quivers, where  $G$  is torsion-free and acts freely on the objects of  $\mathcal{B}$ . We define the notion of  $(G, \tau_{\mathcal{B}})$ -rigid subcategory and of support  $(G, \tau_{\mathcal{B}})$ -tilting pairs over  $\mathcal{B}\text{-mod}$ . These are the analogues of the similar concepts in the context of a finite-dimensional algebra, where we additionally require that the subcategory be  $G$ -equivariant. When  $\mathcal{A}$  is a finite-dimensional algebra, we show that the corresponding push-down functor  $\mathcal{F}_{\lambda} : \mathcal{B}\text{-mod} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}\text{-mod}$  sends  $(G, \tau_{\mathcal{B}})$ -rigid subcategories (respectively support  $(G, \tau_{\mathcal{B}})$ -tilting pairs) to  $\tau_{\mathcal{A}}$ -rigid modules (respectively support  $\tau_{\mathcal{A}}$ -tilting pairs). We further show that there is a notion of mutation for support  $(G, \tau_{\mathcal{B}})$ -tilting pairs over  $\mathcal{B}\text{-mod}$ . Mutations of support  $\tau_{\mathcal{A}}$ -tilting pairs and of support  $(G, \tau_{\mathcal{B}})$ -tilting pairs commute with the push-down functor. We derive some consequences of this, and in particular, we derive a  $\tau$ -tilting analogue of the result of P. Gabriel that locally representation-finiteness is preserved under coverings. Finally, we prove that when the Galois group  $G$  is finitely generated free, any rigid  $\mathcal{A}$ -module (and in particular  $\tau_{\mathcal{A}}$ -rigid  $\mathcal{A}$ -modules) lies in the essential image of the push-down functor.