

# Queen's Algebraic Geometry — Seminar —

THE GROTHENDIECK GAMMA-FILTRATION,  
VARIETIES OF BOREL SUBGROUPS,  
AND THE ROST INVARIANT FOR LINEAR ALGEBRAIC GROUPS

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## Abstract

Let  $X$  be the variety of Borel subgroups of a simple and strongly inner linear algebraic group  $G$  over a field  $k$ . We prove that the torsion part of the second quotient of Grothendieck's gamma-filtration on  $X$  is a cyclic group of order dividing the Dynkin index of  $G$ . As a byproduct of the proof we obtain an explicit cycle which generates this cyclic group; and we relate the generating cycle with the Rost invariant and the torsion of the respective generalized Rost motives.

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