

GI_T characterizations of Harder-Narasimhan filtrations

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- Call it *the maximal destabilizing subbundle of E*

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