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# Jerusalem - Be'er Sheva Algebraic Geometry Seminar

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**In**

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will talk about

## **Recent progress on the Diophantine geometry of curves**

Abstract: The study of rational or integral solutions to polynomial equations is among the oldest subjects in mathematics. After a brief description of the history, we will review some recent geometric approaches to describing sets of solutions when the number of variables is  $\geq 2$ .

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# Some Recent Progress on the Diophantine Geometry of Curves

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## The main problem

$X$  smooth projective curve over a number field  $F$  of genus  $g \geq 2$ .

Effective Mordell problem:

**Find a terminating algorithm:  $X \mapsto X(F)$**

The **effective Mordell conjecture** (Szpiro, Vojta, ABC, ...) makes this precise using height inequalities:

$$h(x) \leq C(X, F)$$

for all  $x \in X(F)$  and some (more or less) specific  $C$ .

The non-abelian method of Chabauty is concerned with non-Archimedean analogues using moduli of principal bundles and non-abelian Hodge theory.

## Principal bundles in Diophantine geometry: a little history

Weil in 1929 constructed an embedding

$$j : X \hookrightarrow J_X,$$

where  $J_X$  is an abelian variety of dimension  $g$ .

That is, over  $\mathbb{C}$ ,

$$J_X(\mathbb{C}) = \mathbb{C}^g / \Lambda = H^0(X(\mathbb{C}), \Omega_{X(\mathbb{C})}^1)^* / H_1(X, \mathbb{Z}).$$

The map  $j$  is defined over  $\mathbb{C}$  by fixing a basepoint  $b$  and

$$j(x)(\alpha) = \int_b^x \alpha \pmod{H_1(X, \mathbb{Z})},$$

for  $\alpha \in H^0(X(\mathbb{C}), \Omega_{X(\mathbb{C})}^1)$ .

## Principal bundles in Diophantine geometry: a little history

But Weil's point was that  $J_X$  is also a projective algebraic variety defined over  $F$ , and if  $b \in X(F)$ , then the map  $j$  is also defined over  $F$ .

The reason is that  $J_X$  is a moduli space of line bundles of degree 0 on  $X$  and

$$j(x) = \mathcal{O}(x) \otimes \mathcal{O}(-b).$$

The main application is that

$$j : X(F) \hookrightarrow J(F).$$

Weil also proved that  $J(F)$  is a finitely-generated abelian group, and hoped, without success, that this could be somehow used to control  $X(F)$ .

## Principal bundles in Diophantine geometry: a little history

In the 1938 paper 'Généralisation des fonctions abéliennes', Weil studied

$$\text{Bun}_X(GL_n) = GL_n(K(X)) \backslash GL_n(\mathbb{A}_{K(X)}) / \left[ \prod_x GL_n(\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_x) \right]$$

as a 'non-abelian Jacobian'.

Proved a number of foundational theorems, including the fact that vector bundles of degree zero admit flat connections, beginning non-abelian Hodge theory.

## Principal bundles in Diophantine geometry: a little history

This paper was very influential in geometry, leading to the paper of Narsimhan and Seshadri:

$$\text{Bun}_X(GL_n)_0^{st} \simeq H^1(X, U(n))^{irr}.$$

This was extended by Donaldson, influencing this work on smooth manifolds and gauge theory, and by Simpson to

$$\text{Higgs}(GL_n) \simeq H^1(X, GL_n).$$

Serre on Weil's paper:

*'a text presented as analysis, whose significance is essentially algebraic, but whose motivation is arithmetic'*

## Arithmetic principal bundles

Go back to Hodge theory of Jacobian:

$$X(\mathbb{C}) \longrightarrow J_X(\mathbb{C}) \simeq \text{Ext}_{MHS, \mathbb{Z}}^1(\mathbb{Z}, H_1(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z})).$$

$$\begin{aligned} X(F) \longrightarrow J_X(F) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p &\simeq \text{Ext}_{\text{Gal}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}/F), f}^1(\mathbb{Z}_p, H_1^{et}(\bar{X}, \mathbb{Z}_p)) \\ &\simeq H_f^1(\text{Gal}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}/F), \pi_1^{p, ab}(\bar{X}, b)). \end{aligned}$$

This suggests the possibility of extending the constructions to non-abelian homotopy and moduli space of non-abelian structures:

- over  $\mathbb{C}$ , Hain's 'higher Albanese varieties;'
- over  $F_v/\mathbb{Q}_p$ ,  $p$ -adic period spaces;
- over global fields, Selmer schemes and variants.



## Arithmetic principal bundles

Construction generally proceeds via a category  $\mathcal{C}$  of sheaves on  $\bar{X}$  such that points  $b \in \bar{X}$  give fibre functors

$$F_b : \mathcal{C} \longrightarrow \mathcal{V}.$$

Then we get

$$\pi_{\mathcal{C}}(\bar{X}, b) := \text{Aut}^*(F_b)$$

and

$$\pi_{\mathcal{C}}(\bar{X}; b, x) = \text{Isom}^*(F_b, F_x),$$

which is a principal bundle for  $\pi_{\mathcal{C}}(\bar{X}, b)$ .

The basic case is when  $\mathcal{C}$  is the category of finite étale covering spaces, and  $\mathcal{V}$ , the category of finite sets, which leads to profinite  $\hat{\pi}(\bar{X}, b)$  and  $\hat{\pi}(\bar{X}; b, x)$ .

## Arithmetic principal bundles

When we use the Tannakian category

$$\mathrm{Un}(\bar{X}, \mathbb{Q}_p)$$

of unipotent  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ -local systems, there are the fibre functors

$$F_b, F_x : \mathrm{Un}(\bar{X}, \mathbb{Q}_p) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Vect}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}$$

and we get the  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  pro-unipotent completions

$$U(\bar{X}, b) := \mathrm{Aut}^{\otimes}(F_b),$$

$$P(\bar{X}; b, x) := \mathrm{Isom}^{\otimes}(F_b, F_x).$$

The role of the universal covering space is played by the universal unipotent  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ -local system  $\mathcal{E}$  pointed at  $b$ , which is equipped with a comultiplication

$$\Delta : \mathcal{E} \longrightarrow \mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{E}.$$

## Arithmetic principal bundles

$$U(\bar{X}, b) = \mathcal{E}_b^{gp} := \{a \in \mathcal{E}_b \mid \Delta(a) = a \otimes a\};$$

$$P(\bar{X}; b, x) = \mathcal{E}_x^{gp} := \{p \in \mathcal{E}_x \mid \Delta(p) = p \otimes p\}.$$

## Arithmetic principal bundles

One can consider many other fundamental groups, for example,

$$\pi_{\mathcal{L}}(\bar{X}, b)$$

the completion with respect to a specific local system  $\mathcal{L}$ : Tannaka group of the Tannakian category generated by  $\mathcal{L}$ . (Lawrence and Venkatesh)

There is also the *relative completion*

$$\pi_{R\mathcal{L}}(\bar{X}, b),$$

the Tannaka group of the category generated by  $\mathcal{L}$  allowing extensions. (Noam Kantor's Oxford thesis.)

One can also consider reductive completions, algebraic completions, or more complicated homotopy types, e.g., differential graded algebras and modules in suitable homotopy categories.

## Arithmetic principal bundles

### **Key Arithmetic Fact:**

When  $X$ ,  $b$  and  $x$  are defined over  $F$  or  $F_v$ , these give rise to groups and principal bundles with  $G_F = \text{Gal}(\bar{F}/F)$  or  $G_{F_v}$ -action.

## Arithmetic principal bundles: the unipotent case

Focus on  $F = \mathbb{Q}$  and  $G = \text{Gal}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ . (Netan Dogra generalises to number fields.)

Localisation diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X(\mathbb{Q}) & \longrightarrow & \prod_{v \in S} X(\mathbb{Q}_v) \\ \downarrow j & & \prod_{v \in S} j_v \downarrow \\ H_f^1(G, U(\bar{X}, b)) & \xrightarrow{\text{loc}} & \prod_{v \in S} H^1(G_v, U(\bar{X}, b)) \end{array}$$

The effect is that the moduli spaces become pro-algebraic varieties over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  and the lower row of this diagram is an algebraic map.

## Arithmetic principal bundles: the unipotent case

That is, the key object of study is

$$H_f^1(G, U(\bar{X}, b))$$

the **Selmer scheme** of  $X$ , defined to be the subfunctor of  $H^1(G, U(\bar{X}, b))$  satisfying local conditions at all  $v$ : unramified at  $v \notin S$  and crystalline at  $p$ .

The local portion at  $p$  of the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X(\mathbb{Q}_p) & & \\ \downarrow j_p & \searrow j_{DR} & \\ H_f^1(G_p, U) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & U^{DR}/F^0 \end{array}$$

is computable in terms of  $p$ -adic Hodge theory and *iterated integrals*, which, in particular, shows that the image is Zariski dense.

## Arithmetic principal bundles: the unipotent case

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X(\mathbb{Q}) & \longrightarrow & \prod_{v \in S} X(\mathbb{Q}_v) \\
 \downarrow j & & \downarrow \prod_{v \in S} j_v \\
 H_f^1(G, U(\bar{X}, b)) & \xrightarrow{\text{loc}} & \prod_{v \in S} H^1(G_v, U(\bar{X}, b))
 \end{array}$$

Conjecture:

$$X(\mathbb{Q}) = pr_p [H_f^1(G, U) \times_{\prod_{v \in S} H_f^1(G_v, U(X, b))} [\prod_{v \in S} X(\mathbb{Q}_v)]],$$

where

$$pr_p : \prod_{v \in S} X(\mathbb{Q}_v) \longrightarrow X(\mathbb{Q}_p).$$



## Arithmetic principal bundles: the unipotent case

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X(\mathbb{Q}) & \longrightarrow & \prod_{v \in S} X(\mathbb{Q}_v) \\
 \downarrow j & & \downarrow \prod_{v \in S} j_v \\
 H_f^1(G, U(\bar{X}, b)) & \xrightarrow{loc} & \prod_{v \in S} H^1(G_v, U(\bar{X}, b)) \xrightarrow{\alpha} \mathbb{Q}_p
 \end{array}$$

If  $\alpha$  is an algebraic function vanishing on the image of  $loc$ , then

$$\alpha \circ \prod_v j_v$$

gives a defining equation for  $X(\mathbb{Q})$  inside  $\prod_{v \in S} X(\mathbb{Q}_v)$ .

## Arithmetic principal bundles: the unipotent case

To make this concretely computable, we take the projection

$$pr_p : \prod_{v \in S} X(\mathbb{Q}_v) \longrightarrow X(\mathbb{Q}_p)$$

and try to compute

$$\cap_{\alpha} pr_p(Z(\alpha \circ \prod_v j_v)) \subset X(\mathbb{Q}_p).$$

Conjecture (Non-Archimedean effective Mordell)

$$\cap_{\alpha} pr_p(Z(\alpha \circ \prod_v j_v)) = X(\mathbb{Q})$$

*and this set is effectively computable.*

## Arithmetic principal bundles: the unipotent case

Some motivation comes from the fact that the previous diagram breaks into levels

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X(\mathbb{Q}) & \longrightarrow & \prod_v X(\mathbb{Q}_v) \\
 \downarrow j & & \downarrow \prod_v j_v \\
 H_f^1(G, U_n(X, b)) & \xrightarrow{\text{loc}} & \prod_v H^1(G_v, U_n(X, b)) \xrightarrow{\alpha_n} \mathbb{Q}_p
 \end{array}$$

So we could define

$$X(\mathbb{Q}_p)_n = \cap_{\alpha_n} \text{pr}_p(Z(\alpha_n))$$

and conjecture that

$$X(\mathbb{Q}) = \cap_n X(\mathbb{Q}_p)_n.$$

## Arithmetic principal bundles: the unipotent case

Standard motivic conjectures (Bloch-Kato, Fontaine-Mazur,...) give bounds on the dimensions of

$$H_f^1(G, U_n(X, b))$$

and imply that for each  $n$ , there are  $\alpha_n$  algebraically independent from the functions  $\alpha_i$  for  $i < n$ .

In fact, many interesting examples give equality already at  $n = 2$ .

## Diophantine geometry: remark on non-abelian reciprocity

There is a **non-abelian class field theory** with coefficients in a fairly general variety  $X$  over a number field  $F$  generalising CFT with coefficients in  $\mathbb{G}_m$ .

This consists (with some simplifications) of a filtration

$$X(\mathbb{A}_F) = X(\mathbb{A}_F)_1 \supset X(\mathbb{A}_F)_2 \supset X(\mathbb{A}_F)_3 \supset \cdots$$

and a sequence of maps

$$\text{rec}_n : X(\mathbb{A}_F)_n \longrightarrow \mathfrak{G}_n(X)$$

to a sequence of groups such that

$$X(\mathbb{A}_F)_{n+1} = \text{rec}_n^{-1}(0).$$

## Diophantine geometry: remark on non-abelian reciprocity

Here,

$$\mathfrak{G}_n(X) = H^1(G_F, \text{Hom}(Z^n(\hat{\pi}_1(\bar{X}, b)), \mu_\infty))^\vee,$$

where  $Z^n$  refers to the lower central series. The reciprocity maps measure the obstruction to a collection of local torsors being a global torsor while going up the levels.

## Diophantine geometry: remark on non-abelian reciprocity

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \dots & rec_3^{-1}(0) & \subset & rec_2^{-1}(0) & \subset & rec_1^{-1}(0) & \subset & X(\mathbb{A}_F) \\ & \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel \\ \dots & X(\mathbb{A}_F)_4 & \subset & X(\mathbb{A}_F)_3 & \subset & X(\mathbb{A}_F)_2 & \subset & X(\mathbb{A}_F)_1 \\ & \downarrow rec_4 & & \downarrow rec_3 & & \downarrow rec_2 & & \downarrow rec_1 \\ \dots & \mathfrak{G}_4(X) & & \mathfrak{G}_3(X) & & \mathfrak{G}_2(X) & & \mathfrak{G}_1(X) \end{array}$$

## Diophantine geometry: remark on non-abelian reciprocity

Put

$$X(\mathbb{A}_F)_\infty = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} X(\mathbb{A}_F)_n.$$

Theorem (Non-abelian reciprocity)

$$X(F) \subset X(\mathbb{A}_F)_\infty.$$

Conjecture

$$pr_p(X(\mathbb{A}_F)_\infty) = X(\mathbb{Q}) \subset X(\mathbb{Q}_p).$$



## Computing rational points

[Dan-Cohen, Wewers]

For  $X = \mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\}$ ,

$$X(\mathbb{Z}[1/2]) = \{2, -1, 1/2\} \subset \{D_2(z) = 0\} \cap \{D_4(z) = 0\},$$

where

$$D_2(z) = \ell_2(z) + (1/2) \log(z) \log(1 - z),$$

$$D_4(z) = \zeta(3)\ell_4(z) + (8/7)[\log^3 2/24 + \ell_4(1/2)/\log 2] \log(z)\ell_3(z) \\ + [(4/21)(\log^3 2/24 + \ell_4(1/2)/\log 2) + \zeta(3)/24] \log^3(z) \log(1 - z),$$

and

$$\ell_k(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n^k}.$$

Numerically, the inclusion appears to be an equality.

## Computing rational points

[Balakrishnan, Dan-Cohen, K., Wewers], [Bianchi  
arXiv:1904.04622v1]

$X = E \setminus O$ , where  $E$  is an elliptic curve of rank 1 written as

$$y^2 + a_1xy + a_3y = x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_4x + a_6.$$

$$\alpha = dx/(2y + a_1 + a_3), \quad \beta = x\alpha.$$

Choose  $p$  an ordinary prime of good reduction.  $S$ , set of primes of bad reduction.

Let  $h : E(\mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p$  be the cyclotomic  $p$ -adic height, written in terms of local  $p$ -adic Neron functions:

$$h = \lambda_p + \sum_{v \neq p} \lambda_v.$$

## Computing rational points

For each  $v \in S$ , have a finite set

$$W_v = \lambda_v(X(\mathbb{Z}_v)) \cup \{0\}$$

and

$$W = \prod_{v \in S} W_v.$$

For  $w = (w_v) \in W$ , let

$$\|w\| = \sum w_v.$$

Let  $c = h(P)/\log_\alpha^2(P)$  for  $P$  a point of infinite order, and

$$C = \frac{a_1^2 + 4a_2}{12} + \mathbf{E}_2(E, \alpha),$$

where  $\mathbf{E}_2$  is Katz's  $p$ -adic Eisenstein series of weight 2.

## Computing rational points

Then

Theorem

$$X(\mathbb{Z}) \subset X(\mathbb{Z}_p)_2 = \cup_w \left\{ \int_b^z \beta \alpha + (c + C/2) \log_\alpha^2(z) = \|w\| \right\}$$

When  $E$  has CM,  $c$  can be expressed as a ratio of  $p$ -adic  $L$ -values.

Proposition (Bianchi)

$$X(\mathbb{Q}) \cap X(\mathbb{Z}_p)_2 = X(\mathbb{Z}).$$

In practice, this can be used to efficiently compute  $X(\mathbb{Z})$  by using several  $p$  (Mordell-Weil sieve) [Balakrishnan, Besser, Mueller].

## Computing rational points

Given a point  $z \in X(\mathbb{Z}_p)_2$  need to figure out which ones are in  $X(\mathbb{Q})$ . Write  $P$  for a generator of free-part, so we are looking for  $N$  such that

$$z = NP + \text{torsion} \in X(\mathbb{Z}_p)_2 \Rightarrow z \in X(\mathbb{Z})$$

Need to figure out possible  $N$ .

If there were such an  $N$ , we would have

$$N = \log_{\alpha} z / \log_{\alpha} P.$$

We can restrict possibilities for  $N$  now using several primes.

## Computing rational points

[Balakrishnan, Dogra, Mueller, Tuitmann, Vonk (arXiv 1711.05846, 'Explicit Chabauty-Kim theory for the split modular curve of level 13,' to be published in Annals of Math.)]

Let

$$X_s^+(N) = X(N)/C_s^+(N),$$

where  $X(N)$  is the compactification of the moduli space of pairs

$$(E, \phi : E[N] \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/N)^2),$$

and  $C_s^+(N) \subset GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/N)$  is the normaliser of a split Cartan subgroup.

Bilu-Parent-Rebolledo had shown that  $X_s^+(p)(\mathbb{Q})$  consists entirely of cusps and CM points for all primes  $p > 7$ ,  $p \neq 13$ . They called  $p = 13$  the 'cursed level'.

## Computing rational points

Theorem (BDMTV)

$$X_s^+(13)(\mathbb{Q}) = X_s^+(13)(\mathbb{Q}_{19})_2$$

*has exactly 7 points, consisting of the cusp and 6 CM points.*

This concludes an important chapter of a conjecture of Serre:

There is an absolute constant  $A$  such that

$$G \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(E[p])$$

is surjective for all non-CM elliptic curves  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  and primes  $p > A$ .

## Computing rational points

[Burcu Baran]

$$y^4 + 5x^4 - 6x^2y^2 + 6x^3z + 26x^2yz + 10xy^2z - 10y^3z - 32x^2z^2 - 40xyz^2 + 24y^2z^2 + 32xz^3 - 16yz^3 = 0$$



Figure: The cursed curve

$$\{(1:1:1), (1:1:2), (0:0:1), (-3:3:2), (1:1:0), (0,2:1), (-1:1:0)\}$$



## Computing rational points

Explain by way of recent work of Dogra, Le Fourn, and Siksek.

We have an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \wedge^2 V / \mathbb{Q}_p(1) \longrightarrow U_2 \longrightarrow V \longrightarrow 0,$$

where  $V = T_p \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  and the  $\mathbb{Q}_p(1)$  comes from the Weil pairing.

Suppose one has a correspondence

$$Z \subset X \times X$$

such that

$$[Z] \in H^2(\bar{X} \times \bar{X})(1)$$

lives in  $\wedge^2 H^1(\bar{X})(1) = H^2(\bar{J})(1)$  and the corresponding map

$$\wedge^2 V \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p(1)$$

kills  $\mathbb{Q}_p(1)$ .

## Computing rational points

Then we get a pushout extension

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p(1) \longrightarrow A_Z \longrightarrow V \longrightarrow 0,$$

and the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X(\mathbb{Q}) & \longrightarrow & \prod_v X(\mathbb{Q}_v) \\ \downarrow j & & \downarrow \prod_v j_v \\ H_f^1(G, A_Z) & \xrightarrow{\text{loc}} & \prod_v H_f^1(G_v, A_Z) \end{array}$$

Denote by

$$X(\mathbb{Q}_p)_Z \subset X(\mathbb{Q}_p)$$

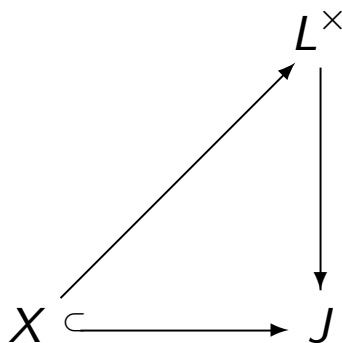
the common zero set of functions obtained from this diagram.

## Computing rational points

There is a unique line bundle  $L \longrightarrow J$  such that

$$c_1(L) = [Z] \in H^2(\bar{J})(1)$$

and  $L|_X$  is trivial, so that the choice of a basepoint  $\tilde{b} \in L_e^\times$  determines a lifting



We can define a  $p$ -adic height with respect to  $L$

$$h_L = \sum_v \lambda_v : L^\times(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p.$$

## Computing rational points

### Theorem (Dogra, Le Fourn, Siksek)

Suppose  $X = X_0^+(N)$  or  $X_{ns}^+(N)$ . Then for any homologically non-trivial  $Z$  as above,  $X(\mathbb{Q}_p)_Z$  is finite, and can be effectively computed.

In fact, if

$$Z = \sum_f a_f \mathbf{1}_f,$$

where  $f$  runs over cuspidal eigenforms of weight 2, then  $X(\mathbb{Q}_p)_Z$  can be described by means of an equation

$$\lambda_p(x) = \sum_f \left[ \frac{h(c_f, c_f)}{\log_f(c)^2} \log_f(x) (a_f \log_f(x) + \sum_g a_g \log_f(\Delta_g)) \right]$$

where  $c$  is a Heegner point coming from the modular curve and  $\Delta_g$  is the Chow-Heegner cycle associated to the modular form  $g$ .

## Computing rational points

Note that

$$X(\mathbb{Q}) \subset X(\mathbb{Q}_p)_2 \subset X(\mathbb{Q})_Z.$$

Thus, if  $X(\mathbb{Q}) = X(\mathbb{Q}_p)_Z$ , get equality everywhere, and conjecture is verified.

In fact, need only check  $X(\mathbb{Q}) = \bigcap_Z X(\mathbb{Q}_p)_Z$ .

This was checked recently for  $X_s^+(13)$ , but also for  $X_0^+(p)$  when

$$p = 67, 73, 97, 103, 107, 109$$

by Jennifer Balakrishnan, Steffen Mueller, Netan Dogra, and Kiran Kedlaya.

All these examples have  $\text{rank} J(\mathbb{Q}) = g$ .

Here as well, can try to apply Mordell-Weil sieve to  $L^\times(\mathbb{Q})$ .

## Some speculations on rational points and critical points

Would like to think of

$$H^1(G, U(X, b)) \longrightarrow \prod_v H^1(G_v, U(X, b))$$

as being like

$$\mathbb{S}(M, G) \subset \mathcal{A}(M, G),$$

where  $\mathcal{A}$  is some space of connections and  $\mathbb{S}$  solutions to Euler-Lagrange equations.

In particular, functions cutting out the image of localisation should be thought of as 'classical equations of motion' for gauge fields.

## Some speculations on rational points and critical points

When  $X$  is smooth and projective,  $X(\mathbb{Q}) = X(\mathbb{Z})$ , and we are actually interested in

$$\text{Im}(H^1(G_S, U)) \cap \prod_{v \in S} H_f^1(G_v, U) \subset \prod_{v \in S} H^1(G_v, U),$$

where

$$H_f^1(G_v, U) \subset H^1(G_v, U)$$

is a subvariety defined by some integral or Hodge-theoretic conditions.

In order to apply symplectic techniques, replace  $U$  by

$$T^*(1)U := (\text{Lie}U)^*(1) \rtimes U.$$

## Some speculations on rational points and critical points

Then

$$\prod_{v \in S} H^1(G_v, T^*(1)U)$$

is a symplectic variety and

$$\text{Im}(H^1(G_S, T^*(1)U)), \quad \prod_{v \in S} H_f^1(G_v, T^*(1)U)$$

are Lagrangian subvarieties.

Thus, the (derived) intersection

$$\mathcal{D}_S(X) := \text{Im}(H^1(G_S, T^*(1)U)) \cap \prod_{v \in S} H_f^1(G_v, T^*(1)U)$$

has a  $[-1]$ -shifted symplectic structure.

Zariski-locally the critical set of a function. [Ben-Basset, Brav, Bussi, Joyce]

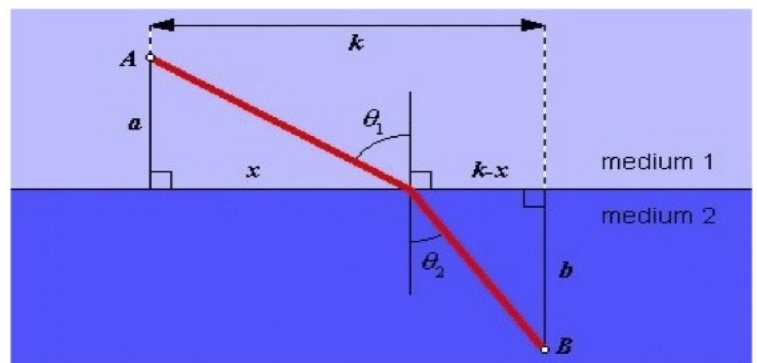


## Some speculations on rational points and critical points

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 X(\mathbb{Z}) & \longrightarrow & j_S^{-1}(\mathcal{D}_S(X)) & \hookrightarrow & \prod_{v \in S} X(\mathbb{Q}_v) \\
 \downarrow j^g & & \downarrow j_S & & \downarrow j_S \\
 H_f^1(G_S, T^*(1)U) & \xrightarrow{\text{loc}_S} & \mathcal{D}_S(X) & \hookrightarrow & \prod_{v \in S} H^1(G_v, T^*(1)U_n)
 \end{array}$$

From this view, the global points can be obtained by pulling back 'Euler-Lagrange equations' via a period map.

## Some speculations on rational points and critical points



For integers  $n > 2$  the equation

$$a^n + b^n = c^n$$

cannot be solved with positive integers  $a, b, c$ .

Figure: Pierre de Fermat (1607-1665)