

# Perfectoid covers of abelian varieties and the weight-monodromy conjecture

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# Outline

- Background on the weight-monodromy conjecture
- Overview of Scholze's strategy, using perfectoid covers of toric varieties
- Moving this strategy to abelian varieties

## Motivation: $L$ -functions of varieties

For  $X/\mathbb{Q}$  a proper smooth variety of dimension  $d$ , to any integer  $i \in [0, 2d]$  we associate an  $L$ -function

$$L_{X,i}(s) = \prod_v L_{X_v,i}(s).$$

This is a product of local factors over places  $v$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . It is expected to satisfy a functional equation and analogue of the Riemann hypothesis. It should encode lots of global information about  $X$ .

### Conjecture (Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer (1965))

*The  $L$ -function associated to an elliptic curve has a zero at 1 precisely when the elliptic curve has infinitely many rational points.*

## Motivation: local factors at primes of bad reduction

When  $X$  has good reduction at a prime  $p$ , the local factor at  $p$  is relatively well-understood thanks to the Weil conjectures. The Riemann hypothesis implies that the poles of the  $i$ th local factor have real part  $i/2$ .

To get global information, we need to understand the bad reduction picture as well.

Weight-monodromy implies that at primes of bad reduction, the poles of the  $i$ th local factor have real part at most  $i/2$ .

## The weight-monodromy conjecture: setup

$p \neq \ell$  primes,  $X/\mathbb{Q}_p$  a proper, smooth variety

Finite-dimensional  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$ -vector space  $V := H_{\text{ét}}^i(X_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p}, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ .

Galois representation  $\rho : G_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \rightarrow \text{GL}(V)$ .

$$1 \rightarrow I_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \rightarrow G_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \rightarrow G_{\mathbb{F}_p} \rightarrow 1.$$

Fix  $\Phi \in G_{\mathbb{Q}_p}$  mapping to geometric Frobenius

### Definition

The  $i$ th local factor of  $X$  at  $p$  is  $\det(1 - p^{-s}\Phi|V^{I_{\mathbb{Q}_p}})^{-1}$ .

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Different lifts  $\Phi$  give different decompositions of  $V$ , but the same *weight filtration*

$$W_0 \subset W_1 \subset \cdots \subset W_{2i} = V$$

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For any lift  $\Phi$ ,  $N\Phi = p\Phi N$ , so  $NW_j \subset W_{j-2}$ .

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## Theorem (W.)

*The weight-monodromy conjecture holds for complete intersections in abelian varieties.*

## Scholze's approach: Perfectoid fields

$K := \mathbb{Q}_p(p^{1/p^\infty})^\wedge = \left( \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{Q}_p(p^{1/n}) \right)^\wedge$  is a perfectoid field.

$K^b := \varprojlim_{x \mapsto x^p} K \cong \mathbb{F}_p((t^{1/p^\infty}))^\wedge$  is the tilt.

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**Theorem (Fontaine-Wintenberger (1979))**

*The absolute Galois groups  $G_K$  and  $G_{K^b}$  are isomorphic.*

Can we transfer Deligne's result from  $G_{K^b}$  to  $G_K$ ?

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# Tilting perfectoid spaces

$R := K\langle T_1^{1/p^\infty}, \dots, T_n^{1/p^\infty} \rangle$  is a perfectoid  $K$ -algebra.

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Perfectoid spaces are built from perfectoid rings.

## Theorem (Scholze (2012))

*Tilting induces an equivalence of categories between perfectoid spaces over  $K$  and perfectoid spaces over  $K^b$ . Perfectoid spaces  $X$  and  $X^b$  have isomorphic topological spaces and étale topoi.*



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$$(x_0^\# : \cdots : x_n^\#) \longleftarrow \longmapsto (x_0 : \cdots : x_n)$$

Can we pull back varieties from  $\mathbb{P}_K^{n,\text{ad}}$  to  $\mathbb{P}_{K^\flat}^{n,\text{ad}}$  and apply Deligne's result?

# Scholze's approach to weight-monodromy

Varieties don't pull back to varieties!

Approximation lemma: given a hypersurface  $Y \subset \mathbb{P}_K^{n,\text{ad}}$ , and a small open neighborhood  $U \supset Y$ , there is a hypersurface  $Y' \subset \pi^{-1}(U)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{P}_K^{n,\text{ad}} & \xleftarrow{\pi} & \mathbb{P}_{K^b}^{n,\text{ad}} \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ U & \xleftarrow{\pi} & \pi^{-1}(U) \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ Y & & Y' \end{array}$$

Huber: For small enough  $U$ , the map on étale cohomology induced by  $Y \hookrightarrow U$  is an isomorphism. Get  $H^i(Y, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \cong H^i(U, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \hookrightarrow H^i(Y', \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell)$ .

# Generalizing to abelian varieties

Abelian variety  $A$  over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$

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The main idea is to construct an inverse system of formal schemes

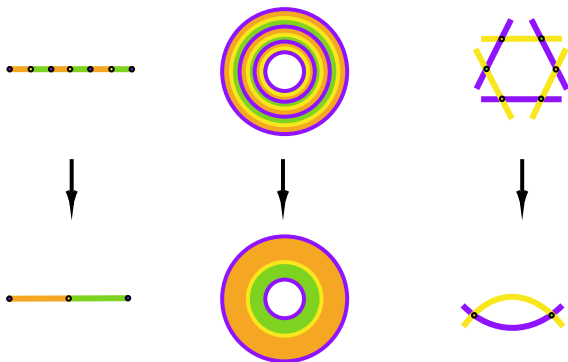
$$\dots \xrightarrow{[p_2]} \mathfrak{A}_1 \xrightarrow{[p_1]} \mathfrak{A}_0$$

all flat over  $K^\circ$  such that:

- The transition maps are all affine,
- The adic generic fiber of each  $\mathfrak{A}_i$  is  $A$ , and the adic generic fiber of each morphism is  $[p]$ , and
- The mod  $\varpi$  special fiber of each  $[p_i]$  factors through relative Frobenius.

$$A_\infty := \left( \varprojlim_{[p_i]} \mathfrak{A}_i \right)_\eta$$

# The tower over the Tate curve



Middle: a system of formal analytic coverings of a Tate curve  $\mathbb{G}_m/q^{\mathbb{Z}}$ .

Right: the tower of special fibers.

Left: the tropicalization, coming from the log map

$$\mathbb{G}_m(K) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : x \mapsto \log(|x|_K).$$

## Formal models of abelian varieties: Raynaud uniformization

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$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & M & & \\ & & \downarrow & & \\ T & \longrightarrow & E & \longrightarrow & B \\ & & \downarrow & & \\ & & A & & \end{array}$$

- $T = \mathbb{G}_m^r$  a split torus
- $B$  an abelian variety with good reduction
- $E$  a semi-abelian variety: a product of translation-invariant  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -torsors on  $B$
- $M$  a lattice in  $E(K)$ : a discrete subgroup isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}^r$
- $A \cong E/M$



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Construct a formal model of  $T$ , take the pushout to get a formal model of  $E$ .

Make sure this model retains  $M$ -action, and take the quotient to get a model of  $A$ .

# Tilting perfectoid covers of abelian varieties

## Theorem (Heuer, W.)

*After a pro- $p$  extension of  $K$ , there is an abelian variety  $A'$  over  $K^{\flat}$  such that  $A_{\infty}^{\flat} \sim \varprojlim_{[p]} A'$ .*

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Starting with an inverse system of formal models of  $A/K$

$$\dots \xrightarrow{[p_2]} \mathfrak{A}_1 \xrightarrow{[p_1]} \mathfrak{A}_0$$

Need to construct  $A'/K^b$  along with an inverse system of formal models

$$\dots \xrightarrow{[p'_2]} \mathfrak{A}'_1 \xrightarrow{[p'_1]} \mathfrak{A}'_0$$

Such that the mod  $\varpi$  and mod  $\varpi^b$  special fibers agree.

## Tilting examples

Given  $B/K$  with good reduction, we can extend to an abelian scheme over  $K^\circ$  with special fiber an abelian scheme  $\tilde{B}$  over  $K^\circ/\varpi \cong K^{b^\circ}/\varpi^b$ .

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Given a Tate curve  $\mathbb{G}_{m,K}/q^{\mathbb{Z}}$ , there's a natural candidate for  $q' \in \mathbb{G}_{m,K^b}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\sharp : (K^b)^\times &\rightarrow K^\times \\ q^b &\mapsto q \\ (K^b)^\times / (q^b)^{\mathbb{Z}} &\hookrightarrow K^\times / q^{\mathbb{Z}}\end{aligned}$$

A pro- $p$  extension of  $K$  is needed to ensure  $q$  is in the image of  $\sharp$ . Again non-unique.

## Tilting in general

- Use deformation theory to construct a Raynaud extension  $T' \rightarrow E' \rightarrow B'$  over  $K^b$  with the correct special fiber.
- Choose a compatible system of  $p$ th power roots of  $M$  (after a pro- $p$  extension of  $K$ ), giving a lattice  $M \cong M_\infty \subset E_\infty \sim \varprojlim E$ .
- Tilt to get a lattice  $M_\infty^b \subset E_\infty^b$  which projects to a lattice  $M' \subset E'$ .

This gives a candidate  $E'/M'$  for  $A'$  which will have the correct perfectoid cover. Need to check that this is an abelian variety: that it has an ample line bundle.

## Tilting line bundles

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Tilting this sequence of perfectoid groups gives a  $\mathbb{G}_{m,\infty,K^b}$ -torsor over  $A_\infty^b \cong A'_\infty$ .

If we've made good choices, this will descend to a line bundle  $L'$  on  $A'$ .



# Hypersurface approximation

- Given a hypersurface  $Y \subset A$ , there is a line bundle  $L$  on  $A$  and an element  $f \in H^0(A, L)$  with zero locus  $Y$ .
- We can put  $H^0(A, L) \hookrightarrow \Gamma(L_\infty^\times)$ , which is a perfectoid ring tilting to  $\Gamma(L'_\infty^\times)$ .
- We can approximate  $f$  by  $g^\sharp$  for some  $g \in \Gamma(L'_\infty^\times)$ .
- Then approximate  $g$  by an element coming from finite level, which defines a hypersurface  $Z \subset A'$ .

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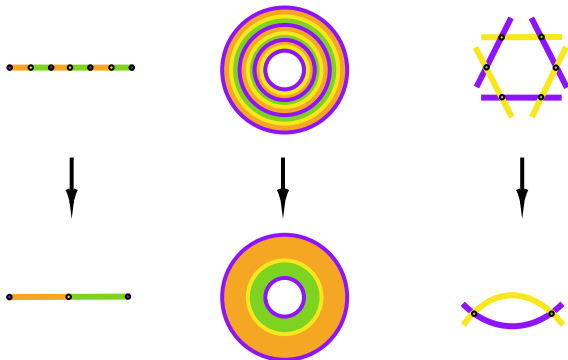
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Use the trace map on the finite étale part.

Thank you!



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