

# Rationality problem for fields of invariants

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$\mathrm{Br}_{\mathrm{nr}}(X/\mathbb{C}) \simeq H^3(X, \mathbb{Z})_{\mathrm{tors}}$ ; Artin-Mumford invariant ( $X : RC$ )

$H_{\mathrm{nr}}^3(X, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \simeq \mathrm{Hdg}^4(X, \mathbb{Z})/\mathrm{Hdg}^4(X, \mathbb{Z})_{\mathrm{alg}} \leftrightarrow$  integral Hodge conjecture

cf. Colliot-Thélène and Voisin, *Duke Math. J.* **161** (2012) 735–801.

# §0. Introduction

## Inverse Galois problem (IGP)

Does every finite group occur as a quotient group of the absolute Galois group  $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$  ?

- ▶ Related to **rationality problem** (**Emmy Noether's strategy**: 1913)

A finite group  $G \curvearrowright k(x_g \mid g \in G)$ : rational function field over  $k$  by permutation

$k(x_g \mid g \in G)^G$  is **rational** over  $k$ , i.e.  $k(x_g \mid g \in G)^G \simeq k(t_1, \dots, t_n)$   
(Noether's problem has an **affirmative** answer)

$\implies k(x_g \mid g \in G)^G$  is **retract rational** over  $k$  (weaker concept)

$\iff \exists$  generic extension (polynomial) for  $(G, k)$  (Saltman's sense)

$\xrightarrow{k:\text{Hilbertian}} \text{IGP for } (k, G) \text{ has an } \text{affirmative answer}$

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## Definition (quasi-monomial action)

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The action of  $G$  on  $K(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is called **quasi-monomial** if

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(ii)  $K^G = k$ ;

(iii) for any  $\sigma \in G$ , 
$$\sigma(x_j) = c_j(\sigma) \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{a_{ij}}$$

where  $c_j(\sigma) \in K^\times$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ ,  $[a_{i,j}]_{1 \leq i,j \leq n} \in GL_n(\mathbb{Z})$ .

## Rationality problem

Under what situation the fixed field  $K(x_1, \dots, x_n)^G$  is **rational** over  $k$ , i.e.  $K(x_1, \dots, x_n)^G \simeq k(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  (= **purely transcendental** over  $k$ ), if  $G$  acts on  $K(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  by **quasi-monomial**  $k$ -automorphisms.

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- ▶ When  $G \curvearrowright K$ ; trivial (i.e.  $K = k$ ), called (just) **monomial action**.
- ▶ When  $G \curvearrowright K$ ; trivial and permutation  $\leftrightarrow$  Noether's problem.
- ▶ When  $c_j(\sigma) = 1$  ( $\forall \sigma \in G, \forall j$ ), called **purely (quasi-)monomial**.
- ▶  $G = \text{Gal}(K/k)$  and **purely**  $\leftrightarrow$  Rationality problem for algebraic tori.

# Exercises (1/2): Noether's problem

- ▶  $S_n \curvearrowright \mathbb{Q}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ; permutation

Q. Is  $\mathbb{Q}(x_1, \dots, x_n)^{S_n}$  rational over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ? Ans. Yes!

$\mathbb{Q}(x_1, \dots, x_n)^{S_n} = \mathbb{Q}(s_1, \dots, s_n)$ ;  $s_i$ ,  $i$ th elementary symmetric  
 $\implies$  IGP for  $(\mathbb{Q}, S_n)$  has affirmative solution.

- ▶  $A_n \curvearrowright \mathbb{Q}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ; permutation

Q. Is  $\mathbb{Q}(x_1, \dots, x_n)^{A_n}$  rational over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ? Ans. Yes? ?? ??

$\mathbb{Q}(x_1, \dots, x_n)^{A_n} = \mathbb{Q}(s_1, \dots, s_n, \Delta)$ ; but ...

Open problem Is  $\mathbb{Q}(x_1, \dots, x_n)^{A_n}$  rational over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ? ( $n \geq 6$ )

- ▶  $\mathbb{Q}(x_1, \dots, x_5)^{A_5}$  is rational over  $\mathbb{Q}$  (Maeda, 1989).

## Exercises (2/2): Noether's problem

- ▶  $\mathbb{Q}(x_1, x_2, x_3)^{A_3} = \mathbb{Q}(x_1, x_2, x_3)^{C_3} = \mathbb{Q}(t_1, t_2, t_3)$ ,  $\boxed{\text{Q.}}$   $t_1, t_2, t_3$ ?  
( $C_3 : x_1 \mapsto x_2 \mapsto x_3 \mapsto x_1$ )

- ▶  $\boxed{\text{Ans.}}$   $\mathbb{Q}(x_1, x_2, x_3)^{C_3} = \mathbb{Q}(t_1, t_2, t_3)$  where

$$t_1 = x_1 + x_2 + x_3,$$

$$t_2 = \frac{x_1x_2^2 + x_2x_3^2 + x_3x_1^2 - 3x_1x_2x_3}{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 - x_1x_2 - x_2x_3 - x_3x_1},$$

$$t_3 = \frac{x_1^2x_2 + x_2^2x_3 + x_3^2x_1 - 3x_1x_2x_3}{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 - x_1x_2 - x_2x_3 - x_3x_1}.$$

- ▶  $\mathbb{Q}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_8)^{C_8} = \mathbb{Q}(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_8)$ ,  $\boxed{\text{Q.}}$   $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_8$ ?  
( $C_8 : x_1 \mapsto x_2 \mapsto x_3 \mapsto \dots \mapsto x_8 \mapsto x_1$ )

- ▶  $\boxed{\text{Ans.}}$  **None:**  $\mathbb{Q}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_8)^{C_8}$  is **not rational** over  $\mathbb{Q}$ !

# Today's talk (1/2)

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§4.  $G = \text{Gal}(K/k)$  and **purely**: rationality problem for algebraic tori



# Today's talk (2/2)

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Hoshi-Kitayama-Yamasaki, *J. Algebra* **341** (2011) 45–108.

§2.  $G \curvearrowright K$ ; trivial and permutation: Noether's problem over  $\mathbb{C}$

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Hoshi-Yamasaki, *Mem. AMS* **248** (2017) no. 1176, 215 pp.

## Various rationalities: definitions

$k \subset L$ ; f.g. field extension,  $L$  is **rational** over  $k \iff^{def} L \simeq k(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .

### Definition (stably rational)

$L$  is called **stably rational** over  $k \iff^{def} L(y_1, \dots, y_m)$  is rational over  $k$ .

### Definition (retract rational)

$L$  is **retract rational** over  $k \iff^{def} \exists k$ -algebra  $R \subset L$  such that

- (i)  $L$  is the quotient field of  $R$ ;
- (ii)  $\exists f \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n] \exists k$ -algebra hom.  $\varphi : R \rightarrow k[x_1, \dots, x_n][1/f]$  and  $\psi : k[x_1, \dots, x_n][1/f] \rightarrow R$  satisfying  $\psi \circ \varphi = 1_R$ .

### Definition (unirational)

$L$  is **unirational** over  $k \iff^{def} L \subset k(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ .

- ▶ Assume  $L_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) \simeq L_2(y_1, \dots, y_m)$ ; **stably isomorphic**.  
If  $L_1$  is retract rational over  $k$ , then so is  $L_2$  over  $k$ .
- ▶ “**rational**”  $\implies$  “**stably rational**”  $\implies$  “**retract rational**”  $\implies$  “**unirational**”

“rational”  $\implies$  “stably rational”  $\implies$  “retract rational”  $\implies$  “unirational”

- ▶ The direction of the implication **cannot be reversed**.
- ▶ (Lüroth’s problem) “unirational”  $\implies$  “rational” ? YES if  $\text{trdeg} = 1$
- ▶ (Castelnuovo, 1894)  
 $L$  is unirational over  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\text{trdeg}_{\mathbb{C}} L = 2 \implies L$  is rational over  $\mathbb{C}$ .
- ▶ (Zariski, 1958) Let  $k$  be an alg. closed field and  $k \subset L \subset k(x, y)$ . If  $k(x, y)$  is separable algebraic over  $L$ , then  $L$  is rational over  $k$ .
- ▶ (Zariski cancellation problem)  $V_1 \times \mathbb{P}^n \approx V_2 \times \mathbb{P}^n \implies V_1 \approx V_2$ ?  
In particular, “stably rational”  $\implies$  “rational”?
- ▶ (Beauville, Colliot-Thélène, Sansuc, Swinnerton-Dyer, 1985, Ann. Math.)  
 $L = \mathbb{Q}(x, y, t)$  with  $x^2 + 3y^2 = t^3 - 2$  (Châtelet surface)  
 $\implies L$  is **not rational** but **stably rational** over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .  
Indeed,  $L(y_1, y_2, y_3)$  is **rational** over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
- ▶  $L(y_1, y_2)$  is **rational** over  $\mathbb{Q}$  (Shepherd-Barron, 2002, Fano Conf.).
- ▶  $\mathbb{Q}(x_1, \dots, x_{47})^{C_{47}}$  is **not stably** but **retract rational** over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
- ▶  $\mathbb{Q}(x_1, \dots, x_8)^{C_8}$  is **not retract** but **unirational** over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

# Châtelet surface as an invariant field

- ▶ (Beauville, Colliot-Thélène, Sansuc, Swinnerton-Dyer, 1985, Ann. Math.)  
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- ▶  $L = \mathbb{Q}(x, y, t) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3})(X, Y)^{\langle \sigma \rangle}$  where

$$\sigma : \sqrt{-3} \mapsto -\sqrt{-3}, X \mapsto X, Y \mapsto \frac{X^3 - 2}{Y}.$$

Indeed, we have

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \frac{1}{2} \left( Y + \frac{X^3 - 2}{Y} \right), \\y &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{-3}} \left( Y - \frac{X^3 - 2}{Y} \right), \\t &= X.\end{aligned}$$

# Retract rationality and generic extension

## Theorem (Saltman, 1982, DeMeyer)

Let  $k$  be an infinite field and  $G$  be a finite group.

The following are equivalent:

- (i)  $k(x_g \mid g \in G)^G$  is **retract rational** over  $k$ .
- (ii) There is a **generic**  $G$ -Galois extension over  $k$ ;
- (iii) There exists a **generic**  $G$ -polynomial over  $k$ .

▶ related to Inverse Galois Problem (IGP).      (i)  $\implies$  IGP( $G/k$ ): true

## Definition (generic polynomial)

A polynomial  $f(t_1, \dots, t_n; X) \in k(t_1, \dots, t_n)[X]$  is **generic** for  $G$  over  $k$  if

(1)  $\text{Gal}(f/k(t_1, \dots, t_n)) \simeq G$ ;

(2)  $\forall L/M \supset k$  with  $\text{Gal}(L/M) \simeq G$ ,

$\exists a_1, \dots, a_n \in M$  such that  $L = \text{Spl}(f(a_1, \dots, a_n; X)/M)$ .

▶ By Hilbert's irreducibility theorem,  $\exists L/\mathbb{Q}$  such that  $\text{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q}) \simeq G$ .

## §1. Monomial action & Noether's problem

Definition (monomial action)  $G \curvearrowright K$ ; trivial,  $k = K^G = K$

An action of  $G$  on  $k(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is **monomial**  $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$

$$\sigma(x_j) = c_j(\sigma) \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{a_{i,j}}, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n, \forall \sigma \in G$$

where  $[a_{i,j}]_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} \in \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{Z})$ ,  $c_j(\sigma) \in k^\times := k \setminus \{0\}$ .

If  $c_j(\sigma) = 1$  for any  $1 \leq j \leq n$  then  $\sigma$  is called **purely monomial**.

- ▶ Application to Noether's problem (permutation action)

# Noether's problem (1/3) [ $G = A$ ; abelian case]

- ▶  $k$ ; field,  $G$ ; finite group
- ▶  $G \curvearrowright k$ ; trivial,  $G \curvearrowright k(x_g \mid g \in G)$ ; permutation.
- ▶  $k(G) := k(x_g \mid g \in G)^G$ ; invariant field

## Noether's problem (Emmy Noether, 1913)

Is  $k(G)$  **rational** over  $k$ ?, i.e.  $k(G) \simeq k(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ ?

- ▶ Is the quotient variety  $\mathbb{P}^n/G$  **rational** over  $k$ ?
- ▶ Assume  $G = A$ ; abelian group.
- ▶ (Fisher, 1915)  $\mathbb{C}(A)$  is **rational** over  $\mathbb{C}$ .
- ▶ (Masuda, 1955, 1968)  $\mathbb{Q}(C_p)$  is **rational** over  $\mathbb{Q}$  for  $p \leq 11$ .
- ▶ (Swan, 1969, Invent. Math.)  
 $\mathbb{Q}(C_{47}), \mathbb{Q}(C_{113}), \mathbb{Q}(C_{233})$  are **not rational** over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
- ▶ S. Endo and T. Miyata (1973), V.E. Voskresenskii (1973), ...  
e.g.  $\mathbb{Q}(C_8)$  is **not rational** over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
- ▶ (Lenstra, 1974, Invent. Math.)  
 $k(A)$  is **rational** over  $k \iff$  some condition;

## Noether's problem (2/3) [ $G = A$ ; abelian case]

- ▶ (Endo-Miyata, 1973)  $\mathbb{Q}(C_{p^r})$  is **rational** over  $\mathbb{Q}$   
 $\iff \exists \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_{\varphi(p^r)}]$  such that  $N_{\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{\varphi(p^r)})/\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha) = \pm p$
- ▶  $h(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m)) = 1$  if  $m < 23$   
 $\implies \mathbb{Q}(C_p)$  is **rational** over  $\mathbb{Q}$  for  $p \leq 43$  and  $p = 61, 67, 71$ .
- ▶ (Endo-Miyata, 1973) For  $p = 47, 79, 113, 137, 167, \dots$ ,  
 $\mathbb{Q}(C_p)$  is **not rational** over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
- ▶ However, for  $p = 59, 83, 89, 97, 107, 163, \dots$ , **unknown**.  
**Under the GRH**,  $\mathbb{Q}(C_p)$  is **not rational** for the above primes.  
But it was **unknown** for  $p = 251, 347, 587, 2459, \dots$
- ▶ For  $p \leq 20000$ , see speaker's paper (using PARI/GP):  
Proc. Japan Acad. Ser. A 91 (2015) 39-44.

Theorem (Plans, 2017, Proc. AMS)

$\mathbb{Q}(C_p)$  is **rational** over  $\mathbb{Q} \iff p \leq 43$  or  $p = 61, 67, 71$ .

- ▶ Using lower bound of height,  $\mathbb{Q}(C_p)$  is rational  $\implies p < 173$ .



# Noether's problem (3/3) [ $G$ ; non-abelian case]

## Noether's problem (Emmy Noether, 1913)

Is  $k(G)$  **rational** over  $k$ ?, i.e.  $k(G) \simeq k(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ ?

- ▶ Assume  $G$ ; non-abelian group.
- ▶ (Maeda, 1989)  $k(A_5)$  is **rational** over  $k$ ;
- ▶ (Rikuna, 2003; Plans, 2007)  
 $k(GL_2(\mathbb{F}_3))$  and  $k(SL_2(\mathbb{F}_3))$  is **rational** over  $k$ ;
- ▶ (Serre, 2003)  
if 2-Sylow subgroup of  $G \simeq C_{8m}$ , then  $\mathbb{Q}(G)$  is **not rational** over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ;  
if 2-Sylow subgroup of  $G \simeq Q_{16}$ , then  $\mathbb{Q}(G)$  is **not rational** over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ;  
e.g.  $G = Q_{16}, SL_2(\mathbb{F}_7), SL_2(\mathbb{F}_9),$   
 $SL_2(\mathbb{F}_q)$  with  $q \equiv 7$  or  $9 \pmod{16}$ .

# From Noether's problem to monomial actions (1/2)

- ▶  $k(G) := k(x_g \mid g \in G)^G$ ; invariant field

## Noether's problem (Emmy Noether, 1913)

Is  $k(G)$  rational over  $k$ ?, i.e.  $k(G) \simeq k(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ ?

By Hilbert 90, we have:

## No-name lemma (e.g. Miyata, 1971, Remark 3)

Let  $G$  act faithfully on  $k$ -vector space  $V$ ,  $W \subset V$  faithful  $k[G]$ -submodule. Then  $K(V)^G = K(W)^G(t_1, \dots, t_m)$ .

## Rationality problem: linear action

Let  $G$  act on finite-dimensional  $k$ -vector space  $V$  and  $\rho : G \rightarrow GL(V)$  be a representation. Whether  $k(V)^G$  is rational over  $k$ ?

- ▶ the quotient variety  $V/G$  is rational over  $k$ ?

## From Noether's problem to monomial actions (2/2)

- ▶ For  $\rho : G \rightarrow GL(V)$ ; **monomial representation**, i.e. matrix rep. has exactly one non-zero entry in each row and each column,  $G$  acts on  $k(\mathbb{P}(V)) = k(\frac{w_1}{w_n}, \dots, \frac{w_{n-1}}{w_n})$  by **monomial action**.

By Hilbert 90, we have:

Lemma (e.g. Miyata, 1971, Lemma)

$$k(V)^G = k(\mathbb{P}(V))^G(t).$$

- ▶  $V/G \approx \mathbb{P}(V)/G \times \mathbb{P}^1$  (birational)
- ▶  $k(\mathbb{P}(V))^G$  (monomial action) is **rational** over  $k$   
 $\implies k(V)^G$  (linear action) is **rational** over  $k$   
 $\implies k(G)$  (permutation action) is **rational** over  $k$   
(Noether's problem has an **affirmative** answer)

# Example: Noether's problem for $GL_2(\mathbb{F}_3)$ and $SL_2(\mathbb{F}_3)$

- ▶  $G = GL_2(\mathbb{F}_3) = \langle A, B, C, D \rangle \subset GL_4(\mathbb{Q})$ ,  $|G| = 48$ ,
- ▶  $H = SL_2(\mathbb{F}_3) = \langle A, B, C \rangle \subset GL_4(\mathbb{Q})$ ,  $|H| = 24$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- ▶  $G$  and  $H$  act on  $k(V) = k(w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4)$  by

$$A : w_1 \mapsto -w_2 \mapsto -w_1 \mapsto w_2 \mapsto w_1, w_3 \mapsto -w_4 \mapsto -w_3 \mapsto w_4 \mapsto w_3,$$

$$B : w_1 \mapsto -w_3 \mapsto -w_1 \mapsto w_3 \mapsto w_1, w_2 \mapsto w_4 \mapsto -w_2 \mapsto -w_4 \mapsto w_2,$$

$$C : w_1 \mapsto -w_2 \mapsto w_3 \mapsto w_1, w_4 \mapsto w_4, \quad D : w_1 \mapsto w_1, w_2 \mapsto -w_2, w_3 \leftrightarrow w_4.$$

- ▶  $k(\mathbb{P}(V)) = k(x, y, z)$ ,  $x = w_1/w_4$ ,  $y = w_2/w_4$ ,  $z = w_3/w_4$ .
- ▶  $G$  and  $H$  act on  $k(x, y, z)$  as  $G/Z(G) \simeq S_4$  and  $H/Z(H) \simeq A_4$ :

$$A : x \mapsto \frac{y}{z}, y \mapsto \frac{-x}{z}, z \mapsto \frac{-1}{z}, \quad B : x \mapsto \frac{-z}{y}, y \mapsto \frac{-1}{y}, z \mapsto \frac{x}{y},$$

$$C : x \mapsto y \mapsto z \mapsto x, \quad D : x \mapsto \frac{x}{z}, y \mapsto \frac{-y}{z}, z \mapsto \frac{1}{z}.$$

- ▶  $k(\mathbb{P}(V))^G$ : **rational**  $\implies k(V)^G$ : **rational**  $\implies k(G)$ : **rational**.

## Monomial action (1/3) [3-dim. case]

Theorem (Hajja,1987) 2-dim. monomial action

$k(x_1, x_2)^G$  is **rational** over  $k$ .

Theorem (Hajja-Kang 1994, H-Rikuna 2008) 3-dim. **purely monomial**

$k(x_1, x_2, x_3)^G$  is **rational** over  $k$ .

Theorem (Prokhorov, 2010) 3-dim. monomial action over  $k = \mathbb{C}$

$\mathbb{C}(x_1, x_2, x_3)^G$  is **rational** over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

However,

$\mathbb{Q}(x_1, x_2, x_3)^{\langle \sigma \rangle}$ ,  $\sigma : x_1 \mapsto x_2 \mapsto x_3 \mapsto \frac{-1}{x_1 x_2 x_3}$  is **not rational** over  $\mathbb{Q}$   
(Hajja,1983).

## Monomial action (2/3) [3-dim. case]

Theorem (Saltman, 2000) char  $k \neq 2$

If  $[k(\sqrt{a_1}, \sqrt{a_2}, \sqrt{a_3}) : k] = 8$ , then  $k(x_1, x_2, x_3)^{\langle \sigma \rangle}$ ,

$$\sigma : x_1 \mapsto \frac{a_1}{x_1}, x_2 \mapsto \frac{a_2}{x_2}, x_3 \mapsto \frac{a_3}{x_3}$$

is **not retract** rational over  $k$  (hence **not** rational over  $k$ ).

Theorem (Kang, 2004)

$k(x_1, x_2, x_3)^{\langle \sigma \rangle}$ ,  $\sigma : x_1 \mapsto x_2 \mapsto x_3 \mapsto \frac{c}{x_1 x_2 x_3} \mapsto x_1$ , is **rational** over  $k$

$\iff$  at least one of the following conditions is satisfied:

(i) char  $k = 2$ ; (ii)  $c \in k^2$ ; (iii)  $-4c \in k^4$ ; (iv)  $-1 \in k^2$ .

If  $k(x, y, z)^{\langle \sigma \rangle}$  is **not retract** rational over  $k$ , then it is **not retract** rational over  $k$ .

Recall that

► “**rational**”  $\implies$  “**stably rational**”  $\implies$  “**retract rational**”  $\implies$  “**unirational**”

## Monomial action (3/3) [3-dim. case]

Theorem (Yamasaki, 2012) 3-dim. monomial, char  $k \neq 2$

$\exists$  8 cases  $G \leq GL_3(\mathbb{Z})$  s.t  $k(x_1, x_2, x_3)^G$  is **not retract rational** over  $k$ .  
Moreover, the necessary and sufficient conditions are given.

- ▶ Two of 8 cases are Saltman's and Kang's cases.
- ▶  $\exists G \leq GL_3(\mathbb{Z})$ ; 73 finite subgroups (up to conjugacy)

Theorem (H-Kitayama-Yamasaki, 2011) 3-dim. monomial, char  $k \neq 2$

$k(x_1, x_2, x_3)^G$  is **rational** over  $k$  except for the 8 cases and  $G = A_4$ .  
For  $G = A_4$ , if  $[k(\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{-1}) : k] \leq 2$ , then it is **rational** over  $k$ .

### Corollary

$\exists L = k(\sqrt{a})$  such that  $L(x_1, x_2, x_3)^G$  is **rational** over  $L$ .

- ▶ However,  $\exists$  4-dim.  $\mathbb{C}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)^{C_2 \times C_2}$  is **not retract rational**.

## §2. Noether's problem over $\mathbb{C}$ (1/3)

Let  $G$  be a  $p$ -group.  $\mathbb{C}(G) := \mathbb{C}(x_g \mid g \in G)^G$ .

- ▶ (Fisher, 1915)  $\mathbb{C}(A)$  is **rational** over  $\mathbb{C}$  if  $A$ ; finite abelian group.
- ▶ (Saltman, 1984, Invent. Math.)  
For  $\forall p$ ; prime,  $\exists$  meta-abelian  $p$ -group  $G$  of order  $p^9$   
such that  $\mathbb{C}(G)$  is **not retract rational** over  $\mathbb{C}$ .
- ▶ (Bogomolov, 1988)  
For  $\forall p$ ; prime,  $\exists$   $p$ -group  $G$  of order  $p^6$   
such that  $\mathbb{C}(G)$  is **not retract rational** over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Indeed they showed  $\text{Br}_{\text{nr}}(\mathbb{C}(G)/\mathbb{C}) \neq 0$ ; unramified Brauer group

- ▶ **rational**  $\implies$  **stably rational**  $\implies$  **retract rational**  $\implies \text{Br}_{\text{nr}}(\mathbb{C}(G)) = 0$ .
- not rational**  $\Leftarrow$  **not stably rational**  $\Leftarrow$  **not retract rational**  $\Leftarrow \text{Br}_{\text{nr}}(\mathbb{C}(G)) \neq 0$ .
- ▶  $k(G)$ ; **retract rational**  $\implies$  IGP for  $(k, G)$  has an **affirmative** answer.



# Unramified Brauer group

## Definition (Unramified Brauer group) Saltman (1984)

Let  $k \subset K$  be an extension of fields.

$\text{Br}_{\text{nr}}(K/k) = \bigcap_R \text{Image}\{\text{Br}(R) \rightarrow \text{Br}(K)\}$  where  $\text{Br}(R) \rightarrow \text{Br}(K)$  is the natural map of Brauer groups and  $R$  runs over all the DVR such that  $k \subset R \subset K$  and  $K = \text{Quot}(R)$ .

- ▶ If  $K$  is **retract rational** over  $k$ , then  $\text{Br}(k) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Br}_{\text{nr}}(K/k)$ .  
In particular, if  $K$  is retract rational over  $\mathbb{C}$ , then  $\text{Br}_{\text{nr}}(K/\mathbb{C}) = 0$ .
- ▶ For a smooth projective variety  $X$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  with function field  $K$ ,  $\text{Br}_{\text{nr}}(K/\mathbb{C}) \simeq H^3(X, \mathbb{Z})_{\text{tors}}$  which is given by Artin-Mumford (1972).

Theorem (Bogomolov 1988, Saltman 1990)  $\text{Br}_{\text{nr}}(\mathbb{C}(G)/\mathbb{C}) \simeq B_0(G)$

Let  $G$  be a finite group. Then  $\text{Br}_{\text{nr}}(\mathbb{C}(G)/\mathbb{C})$  is isomorphic to

$$B_0(G) = \bigcap_A \text{Ker}\{\text{res} : H^2(G, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^2(A, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})\}$$

where  $A$  runs over all the **bicyclic** subgroups of  $G$   
(**bicyclic** = cyclic or direct product of two cyclic groups).

- ▶  $\mathbb{C}(G)$  : “retract rational”  $\implies B_0(G) = 0$ .  
 $B_0(G) \neq 0 \implies \mathbb{C}(G)$  : **not (retract)** rational over  $k$ .
- ▶  $B_0(G) \leq H^2(G, \mu) \simeq H_2(G, \mathbb{Z})$ ; Schur multiplier.
- ▶  $B_0(G)$  is called **Bogomolov multiplier**.

## Noether's problem over $\mathbb{C}$ (2/3)

- ▶ (Chu-Kang, 2001)  $G$  is  $p$ -group ( $|G| \leq p^4$ )  $\implies \mathbb{C}(G)$  is **rational**.

### Theorem (Moravec, 2012, Amer. J. Math.)

Assume  $|G| = 3^5 = 243$ .  $B_0(G) \neq 0 \iff G = G(243, i)$ ,  $28 \leq i \leq 30$ .  
In particular,  $\exists 3$  groups  $G$  such that  $\mathbb{C}(G)$  is **not retract rational** over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

- ▶  $\exists G$ : 67 groups such that  $|G| = 243$ .

### Theorem (H-Kang-Kunyavskii, 2013, Asian J. Math.)

Assume  $|G| = p^5$  where  $p$  is odd prime.

$B_0(G) \neq 0 \iff G$  belongs to the isoclinism family  $\Phi_{10}$ .

In particular,  $\exists \gcd(4, p-1) + \gcd(3, p-1) + 1$  (resp.  $\exists 3$ ) groups  $G$  of order  $p^5$  ( $p \geq 5$ ) (resp.  $p = 3$ ) s.t.  $\mathbb{C}(G)$  is **not retract rational** over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

- ▶  $\exists 2p + 61 + \gcd(4, p-1) + 2 \gcd(3, p-1)$  groups such that  $|G| = p^5$  ( $p \geq 5$ ). ( $\exists \Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_{10}$ )

# From the proof (1/3)

## Definition (isoclinic)

$p$ -groups  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are **isoclinic**  $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$   
isom.  $\theta : G_1/Z(G_1) \xrightarrow{\sim} G_2/Z(G_2)$ ,  $\phi : [G_1, G_1] \xrightarrow{\sim} [G_2, G_2]$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_1/Z(G_1) \times G_1/Z(G_1) & \xrightarrow[\simeq]{(\theta, \theta)} & G_2/Z(G_2) \times G_2/Z(G_2) \\ \downarrow [\cdot, \cdot] & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow [\cdot, \cdot] \\ [G_1, G_1] & \xrightarrow[\simeq]{\phi} & [G_2, G_2] \end{array}$$

## Invariants

- ▶ lower central series
- ▶ # of conj. classes with precisely  $p^i$  members
- ▶ # of irr. complex rep. of  $G$  of degree  $p^i$

# From the proof (2/3)

- ▶  $|G| = p^4 (p > 2)$ .  $\exists 15$  groups  $(\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \Phi_3)$
- ▶  $|G| = 2^4 = 16$ .  $\exists 14$  groups  $(\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \Phi_3)$
- ▶  $|G| = p^5 (p > 3)$ .  $\exists 2p + 61 + (4, p - 1) + 2 \times (3, p - 1)$  groups  $(\Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_{10})$

	$\Phi_1$	$\Phi_2$	$\Phi_3$	$\Phi_4$	$\Phi_5$	$\Phi_6$	$\Phi_7$	$\Phi_8$
#	7	15	13	$p + 8$	2	$p + 7$	5	1
$(p = 3)$						7		
	$\Phi_9$			$\Phi_{10}$				
#	$2 + (3, p - 1)$			$1 + (4, p - 1) + (3, p - 1)$				
$(p = 3)$				3				

## From the proof (3/3)

[HKK, Question 1.11] (2013) (arXiv:1202.5812)

Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be isoclinic  $p$ -groups.

Is it true that the fields  $k(G_1)$  and  $k(G_2)$  are stably isomorphic, or, at least, that  $B_0(G_1)$  is isomorphic to  $B_0(G_2)$ ?

Theorem (Moravec, 2013) (arXiv:1203.2422)

$G_1$  and  $G_2$  are isoclinic  $\implies B_0(G_1) \simeq B_0(G_2)$ .

Theorem (Bogomolov-Böhning, 2013) (arXiv: 1204.4747)

$G_1$  and  $G_2$  are isoclinic  $\implies \mathbb{C}(G_1)$  and  $\mathbb{C}(G_2)$  are stably isomorphic.

# Proof ( $\Phi_{10}$ ): $B_0(G) \neq 0$

## Lemma 1. $N \triangleleft G$ .

(i)  $\text{tr}: H^1(N, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})^G \rightarrow H^2(G/N, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$  is **not surjective**

where  $\text{tr}$  is the transgression map.

(ii)  $AN/N \leq G/N$  is **cyclic** ( $\forall A \leq G$ ; bicyclic).

$\implies B_0(G) \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* Consider the Hochschild-Serre 5-term exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow H^1(G/N, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^1(G, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^1(N, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})^G \\ \xrightarrow{\text{tr}} H^2(G/N, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\psi} H^2(G, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\psi$  is an inflation map.

(i)  $\implies \psi$  is **not** zero-map  $\implies \text{Image}(\psi) \neq 0$ .

We will show that  $\text{Image}(\psi) \subset B_0(G)$  by (ii).

It **suffices** to show that  $H^2(G/N, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\psi} H^2(G, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\text{res}} H^2(A, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$  is zero-map ( $\forall A \leq G$ : bicyclic).

Consider the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 H^2(G/N, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) & \xrightarrow{\psi} & H^2(G, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) & \xrightarrow{\text{res}} & H^2(A, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \\
 \psi_0 \downarrow & & & & \uparrow \psi_1 \\
 H^2(AN/N, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\psi}} & H^2(A/A \cap N, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) & & 
 \end{array}$$

where  $\psi_0$  is the restriction map,  $\psi_1$  is the inflation map,  $\tilde{\psi}$  is the natural isomorphism.

$$(ii) \implies AN/N \simeq C_m \implies H^2(C_m, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) = 0.$$

$\implies \psi_0$  is zero-map.

$\implies \text{res} \circ \psi: H^2(G/N, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^2(A, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$  is zero-map.

$\therefore \text{Image}(\psi) \subset B_0(G)$

$\text{Image}(\psi) \subset B_0(G)$  and  $\text{Image}(\psi) \neq 0$  (by (i))  $\implies B_0(G) \neq 0$ . □



## Proof ( $\Phi_6$ ): $B_0(G) = 0$

- ▶  $G = \Phi_6(211)a = \langle f_1, f_2, f_0, h_1, f_2 \rangle, f_1^p = h_1, f_2^p = h_2,$   
 $Z(G) = \langle h_1, h_2 \rangle, f_0^p = h_1^p = h_2^p = 1$   
 $[f_1, f_2] = f_0, [f_0, f_1] = h_1, [f_0, f_2] = h_2$

Hochschild-Serre 5-term exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow H^1(G/N, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^1(G, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^1(N, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})^G \xrightarrow{\text{tr}} H^2(G/N, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\psi} H^2(G, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$$

# Proof ( $\Phi_6$ ): $B_0(G) = 0$

- ▶  $G = \Phi_6(211)a = \langle f_1, f_2, f_0, h_1, f_2 \rangle, f_1^p = h_1, f_2^p = h_2,$   
 $Z(G) = \langle h_1, h_2 \rangle, f_0^p = h_1^p = h_2^p = 1$   
 $[f_1, f_2] = f_0, [f_0, f_1] = h_1, [f_0, f_2] = h_2$

Hochschild-Serre 5-term exact sequence:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 \rightarrow H^1(G/N, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) & \rightarrow & H^1(G, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) & \rightarrow & H^1(N, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})^G & \xrightarrow{\text{tr}} & H^2(G/N, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\psi} H^2(G, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \\ & & & & & & \downarrow \\ & & & & \text{Ker}\{H^2(G, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\text{res}} H^2(N, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})\} & =: & H^2(G, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})_1 \\ & & & & & & \downarrow \\ & & & & & & H^1(G/N, H^1(N, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})) \\ & & & & & & \lambda \downarrow \\ & & & & & & H^3(G/N, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \end{array}$$

- ▶ Explicit formula for  $\lambda$  is given by Dekimpe-Hartl-Wauters (2012)
- ▶  $N := \langle f_1, f_0, h_1, h_2 \rangle \implies G/N \simeq C_p \implies H^2(G/N, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) = 0$
- ▶  $B_0(G) \subset H^2(G, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})_1$
- ▶ We should show  $H^2(G, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})_1 = 0$  ( $\iff \lambda$ : injective)

# Noether's problem over $\mathbb{C}$ (3/3)

Theorem (H-Kang-Kunyavskii, 2013, Asian J. Math.)

Assume  $|G| = p^5$  where  $p$  is odd prime.

$B_0(G) \neq 0 \iff G$  belongs to the isoclinism family  $\Phi_{10}$ .

Theorem (Chu-H-Hu-Kang, 2015, J. Algebra)  $|G| = 3^5 = 243$

If  $B_0(G) = 0$ , then  $\mathbb{C}(G)$  is **rational** over  $\mathbb{C}$  except for  $\Phi_7$ .

- ▶ **Non-rationality** of  $\Phi_7$  is **detected by**  $H_{\text{nr}}^3(\mathbb{C}(G), \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$  (later).
- ▶  $\Phi_5$  and  $\Phi_7$  are very similar:  $C = 1$  ( $\Phi_5$ ),  $C = \omega$  ( $\Phi_7$ ).

$\mathbb{C}(G)$  is stably isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, z_5, z_6, z_7, z_8, z_9)^{\langle f_1, f_2 \rangle}$

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 : z_1 &\mapsto z_2, z_2 \mapsto \frac{1}{z_1 z_2}, z_3 \mapsto z_4, z_4 \mapsto \frac{1}{z_3 z_4}, \\ z_5 &\mapsto \frac{z_5}{z_1^2 z_3}, z_6 \mapsto \frac{z_1 z_6}{z_3}, z_7 \mapsto z_8, z_8 \mapsto \frac{1}{z_7 z_8}, z_9 \mapsto \frac{z_4 z_9}{z_1}, \\ f_2 : z_1 &\mapsto z_3, z_2 \mapsto z_4, z_3 \mapsto \frac{1}{z_1 z_3}, z_4 \mapsto \frac{1}{z_2 z_4}, \\ z_5 &\mapsto z_6, z_6 \mapsto \frac{1}{z_5 z_6}, z_7 \mapsto C \frac{z_4 z_7}{z_3}, z_8 \mapsto C \frac{z_8}{z_3 z_4^2}, z_9 \mapsto \frac{z_4 z_9}{z_1}. \end{aligned}$$

# Unramified Brauer group: purely monomial case (1/2)

## Theorem (H-Kang-Yamasaki, arXiv:1609.04142) purely monomial

Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $M$  be a faithful  $G$ -lattice.

- (1) If  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}} M \leq 3$ , then  $\text{Br}_{\text{nr}}(\mathbb{C}(M)^G) = 0$ .
- (2) When  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}} M = 4$ ,  $\exists 5$   $M$ 's with  $\text{Br}_{\text{nr}}(\mathbb{C}(M)^G) \neq 0$ .
- (3) When  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}} M = 5$ ,  $\exists 46$   $M$ 's with  $\text{Br}_{\text{nr}}(\mathbb{C}(M)^G) \neq 0$ .
- (4) When  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}} M = 6$ ,  $\exists 1073$   $M$ 's with  $\text{Br}_{\text{nr}}(\mathbb{C}(M)^G) \neq 0$ .

rank	# of $G$ -lattices	# of unramified Brauer groups $\neq 0$
1	2	0
2	13	0
3	73	0
4	710	5
5	6079	46
6	85308	1073

- ▶ If  $M$  is of rank  $\leq 6$  and  $\text{Br}_{\text{nr}}(\mathbb{C}(M)^G) \neq 0$ , then  $G$  is **solvable** and **non-abelian**, and  $\text{Br}_{\text{nr}}(\mathbb{C}(M)^G) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$  or  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ .

## Unramified Brauer group: purely monomial case (2/2)

Theorem (H-Kang-Yamasaki, arXiv:1609.04142)  $G = A_6$ : simple

Embed  $A_6 \simeq PSL_2(\mathbb{F}_9) \hookrightarrow S_{10}$ . Let  $N = \bigoplus_{1 \leq i \leq 10} \mathbb{Z} \cdot x_i$  be the  $S_{10}$ -lattice defined by  $\sigma \cdot x_i = x_{\sigma(i)}$  for any  $\sigma \in S_{10}$ ; it becomes an  $A_6$ -lattice by restricting the action of  $S_{10}$  to  $A_6$ . Define  $M = N / (\mathbb{Z} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{10} x_i)$  with  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}} M = 9$ .  $\exists A_6$ -lattices  $M = M_1, M_2, \dots, M_6$  which are  $\mathbb{Q}$ -conjugate but not  $\mathbb{Z}$ -conjugate to each other; in fact, all these  $M_i$  form a single  $\mathbb{Q}$ -class, but this  $\mathbb{Q}$ -class consists of six  $\mathbb{Z}$ -classes. Then we have

$$H_{\text{nr}}^2(A_6, M_1) \simeq H_{\text{nr}}^2(A_6, M_3) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}, \quad H_{\text{nr}}^2(A_6, M_i) = 0 \text{ for } i = 2, 4, 5, 6.$$

In particular,  $\mathbb{C}(M_1)^{A_6}$  and  $\mathbb{C}(M_3)^{A_6}$  are **not retract  $\mathbb{C}$ -rational**.

Furthermore,  $M_1$  and  $M_3$  may be distinguished by Tate cohomologies:

$$\begin{aligned} H^1(A_6, M_1) &= 0, & \widehat{H}^{-1}(A_6, M_1) &= \mathbb{Z}/10\mathbb{Z}, \\ H^1(A_6, M_3) &= \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}, & \widehat{H}^{-1}(A_6, M_3) &= \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}. \end{aligned}$$

# Unramified cohomology (1/4)

Colliot-Thélène and Ojanguren (1989) generalized the notion of the unramified Brauer group  $\text{Br}_{\text{nr}}(K/\mathbb{C})$  to the unramified cohomology  $H_{\text{nr}}^i(K/\mathbb{C}, \mu_n^{\otimes j})$  of degree  $i \geq 1$ :

**Definition (Colliot-Thélène and Ojanguren, 1989, Invent. Math.)**

Let  $K/\mathbb{C}$  be a function field, that is finitely generated as a field over  $\mathbb{C}$ . The **unramified cohomology group**  $H_{\text{nr}}^i(K/\mathbb{C}, \mu_n^{\otimes j})$  of  $K$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  of degree  $i \geq 1$  is defined to be

$$H_{\text{nr}}^i(K/\mathbb{C}, \mu_n^{\otimes j}) = \bigcap_R \text{Ker}\{r_R : H^i(K, \mu_n^{\otimes j}) \rightarrow H^{i-1}(\mathbb{k}_R, \mu_n^{\otimes(j-1)})\}$$

where  $R$  runs over all the DVR of rank one such that  $\mathbb{C} \subset R \subset K$  and  $K = \text{Quot}(R)$  and  $r_R$  is the residue map.

- ▶ Note that  ${}_n\text{Br}_{\text{nr}}(K/\mathbb{C}) \simeq H_{\text{nr}}^2(K/\mathbb{C}, \mu_n)$ .

## Proposition (Colliot-Thélène and Ojanguren, 1989)

If  $K$  and  $L$  are stably  $\mathbb{C}$ -isomorphic, then

$$H_{\text{nr}}^i(K/\mathbb{C}, \mu_n^{\otimes j}) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_{\text{nr}}^i(L/\mathbb{C}, \mu_n^{\otimes j}).$$

In particular,  $K$  is stably  $\mathbb{C}$ -rational, then  $H_{\text{nr}}^i(K/\mathbb{C}, \mu_n^{\otimes j}) = 0$ .

- ▶ Moreover, if  $K$  is retract  $\mathbb{C}$ -rational, then  $H_{\text{nr}}^i(K/\mathbb{C}, \mu_n^{\otimes j}) = 0$ .
- ▶ CTO (1989)  $\exists$   $\mathbb{C}$ -unirational field  $K$  with  $\text{trdeg}_{\mathbb{C}} K = 6$  s.t.  $H_{\text{nr}}^3(K/\mathbb{C}, \mu_2^{\otimes 3}) \neq 0$  and  $\text{Br}_{\text{nr}}(K/\mathbb{C}) = 0$ .
- ▶ Peyre (1993) gave a sufficient condition for  $H_{\text{nr}}^i(K/\mathbb{C}, \mu_p^{\otimes i}) \neq 0$ :
- ▶  $\exists K$  s.t.  $H_{\text{nr}}^3(K/\mathbb{C}, \mu_p^{\otimes 3}) \neq 0$  and  $\text{Br}_{\text{nr}}(K/\mathbb{C}) = 0$ ;
- ▶  $\exists K$  s.t.  $H_{\text{nr}}^4(K/\mathbb{C}, \mu_2^{\otimes 4}) \neq 0$  and  $\text{Br}_{\text{nr}}(K/\mathbb{C}) = 0$ .

## Unramified cohomology (2/4)

Take the direct limit with respect to  $n$ :

$$H^i(K/\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}(j)) = \varinjlim_n H^i(K/\mathbb{C}, \mu_n^{\otimes j})$$

and we also define the unramified cohomology group

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\text{nr}}^i(K/\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}(j)) \\ = \bigcap_R \text{Ker}\{r_R : H^i(K/\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}(j)) \rightarrow H^{i-1}(\mathbb{k}_R, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}(j-1))\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have  $\text{Br}_{\text{nr}}(K/\mathbb{C}) \simeq H_{\text{nr}}^2(K/\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}(1))$ .

► The case  $K = \mathbb{C}(G)$ :

**Theorem (Peyre, 2008, Invent. Math.)**  $p$ : odd prime

$\exists$   $p$ -group  $G$  of order  $p^{12}$  such that  $B_0(G) = 0$  and  $H_{\text{nr}}^3(\mathbb{C}(G), \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \neq 0$ .  
In particular,  $\mathbb{C}(G)$  is **not (retract, stably)  $\mathbb{C}$ -rational**.



- ▶ Asok (2013) generalized Peyre's argument (1993):

### Theorem (Asok, 2013, Compos. Math.)

(1) For any  $n > 0$ ,  $\exists$  a smooth projective complex variety  $X$  that is  $\mathbb{C}$ -unirational, for which  $H_{\text{nr}}^i(\mathbb{C}(X), \mu_2^{\otimes i}) = 0$  for each  $i < n$ , yet  $H_{\text{nr}}^n(\mathbb{C}(X), \mu_2^{\otimes n}) \neq 0$ , and so

$X$  is **not  $\mathbb{A}^1$ -connected, nor (retract, stably)  $\mathbb{C}$ -rational**;

(2) For any prime  $l$  and any  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\exists$  a smooth projective rationally connected complex variety  $Y$  such that  $H_{\text{nr}}^n(\mathbb{C}(Y), \mu_l^{\otimes n}) \neq 0$ .

In particular,  $Y$  is **not  $\mathbb{A}^1$ -connected, nor (retract, stably)  $\mathbb{C}$ -rational**.

- ▶ Namely, the triviality of the unramified Brauer group or the unramified cohomology of higher degree is just a necessary condition of  $\mathbb{C}$ -rationality of fields.
- ▶ It is interesting to consider an analog of above Theorem for quotient varieties  $V/G$ , e.g.  $\mathbb{C}(V_{\text{reg}}/G) = \mathbb{C}(G)$ .

## Unramified cohomology (3/4)

Theorem (Peyre, 2008, Invent. Math.)  $p$ : odd prime

$\exists$   $p$ -group  $G$  of order  $p^{12}$  such that  $B_0(G) = 0$  and  $H_{\text{nr}}^3(\mathbb{C}(G), \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \neq 0$ .  
In particular,  $\mathbb{C}(G)$  is **not (retract, stably)  $\mathbb{C}$ -rational**.

Using Peyre's method, we improve this result:

Theorem (H-Kang-Yamasaki, 2016, J. Algebra)  $p$ : odd prime

$\exists$   $p$ -group  $G$  of order  $p^9$  such that  $B_0(G) = 0$  and  $H_{\text{nr}}^3(\mathbb{C}(G), \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \neq 0$ .  
In particular,  $\mathbb{C}(G)$  is **not (retract, stably)  $\mathbb{C}$ -rational**.

On the other hand, CT and Voisin proved: ( $\leftrightarrow$  integral Hodge conjecture)

Theorem (Colliot-Thélène and Voisin, 2012, Duke Math. J.)

Let  $X$  be a smooth projective rationally connected complex variety. Then  
 $H_{\text{nr}}^3(X, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \simeq \text{Hdg}^4(X, \mathbb{Z}) / \text{Hdg}^4(X, \mathbb{Z})_{\text{alg}}$ .

# Unramified cohomology (4/4)

- Using Peyre's formula [Peyre, 2008, Invent. Math.], we get:

**Theorem (H-Kang-Yamasaki, 2020, J. Algebra)  $|G| = 3^5$**

$H_{\text{nr}}^3(\mathbb{C}(G), \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \neq 0 \iff G$  belongs to the isoclinism family  $\Phi_7$ .

In particular,  $\mathbb{C}(G)$  is **not rational** over  $\mathbb{C} \iff G$  belongs to  $\Phi_7, \Phi_{10}$ .

$ G  = 3^5$	$\Phi_1$	$\Phi_2$	$\Phi_3$	$\Phi_4$	$\Phi_5$	$\Phi_6$	$\Phi_7$	$\Phi_8$	$\Phi_9$	$\Phi_{10}$
$H_{\text{nr}}^2(\mathbb{C}(G), \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$
$H_{\text{nr}}^3(\mathbb{C}(G), \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$	0	0	0

**Theorem (H-Kang-Yamasaki, 2020, J. Algebra)  $|G| = 5^5$  or  $7^5$**

$H_{\text{nr}}^3(\mathbb{C}(G), \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \neq 0 \iff G$  belongs to  $\Phi_6, \Phi_7$  or  $\Phi_{10}$ .

$ G  = p^5$ ( $p = 5, 7$ )	$\Phi_1$	$\Phi_2$	$\Phi_3$	$\Phi_4$	$\Phi_5$	$\Phi_6$	$\Phi_7$	$\Phi_8$	$\Phi_9$	$\Phi_{10}$
$H_{\text{nr}}^2(\mathbb{C}(G), \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$
$H_{\text{nr}}^3(\mathbb{C}(G), \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$	0	0	0	0	0	$\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$	0	0	$\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$

# Noether's problem over $\mathbb{C}$ for 2-groups

- ▶ (Chu-Kang, 2001)  $G$  is  $p$ -group ( $|G| \leq p^4$ )  $\implies \mathbb{C}(G)$  is **rational**.
- ▶ (Chu-Hu-Kang-Prokhorov, 2008)  
 $|G| = 32 = 2^5 \implies \mathbb{C}(G)$  is **rational**.
- ▶  $\exists 267$  groups  $G$  of order  $64 = 2^6$  which are classified into 27 isoclinism families  $\Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_{27}$ .

**Theorem (Chu-Hu-Kang-Kunyavskii, 2010)**  $|G| = 64 = 2^6$

(1)  $B_0(G) \neq 0 \iff G$  belongs to  $\Phi_{16}$ . ( $\exists 9$  such  $G$ 's)

Moreover, if  $B_0(G) \neq 0$ , then  $B_0(G) \simeq C_2$ .

(2) If  $B_0(G) = 0$ , then  $\mathbb{C}(G)$  is **rational** except for  $\Phi_{13}$ . ( $\exists 5$  such  $G$ 's)

- ▶ ([CHKK10], [HY14]) ( $B_0(G) = 0$ , but **rationality unknown**)  
If  $G$  belongs to  $\Phi_{13}$ , then  $\mathbb{C}(G)$  is stably  $\mathbb{C}$ -isomorphic to  $L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(0)}$ .
- ▶ ([CHKK10], [HKK14]) ( $B_0(G) \simeq C_2$ , **not retract rational**)  
If  $G$  belongs to  $\Phi_{16}$ , then  $\mathbb{C}(G)$  is stably  $\mathbb{C}$ -isomorphic to  $L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(1)}$ .

- ▶ ([CHKK10], [HY14]) ( $B_0(G) = 0$ , but rationality unknown)  
If  $G$  belongs to  $\Phi_{13}$ , then  $\mathbb{C}(G)$  is stably  $\mathbb{C}$ -isomorphic to  $L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(0)}$ .
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If  $G$  belongs to  $\Phi_{16}$ , then  $\mathbb{C}(G)$  is stably  $\mathbb{C}$ -isomorphic to  $L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(1)}$ .

### Definition (The fields $L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(0)}$ and $L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(1)}$ )

(i) The field  $L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(0)}$  is defined to be  $\mathbb{C}(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6)^H$  where  $H = \langle \sigma_1, \sigma_2 \rangle \simeq C_2 \times C_2$  act on  $\mathbb{C}(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6)$  by

$$\sigma_1 : X_1 \mapsto X_3, X_2 \mapsto \frac{1}{X_1 X_2 X_3}, X_3 \mapsto X_1, X_4 \mapsto X_6, X_5 \mapsto \frac{1}{X_4 X_5 X_6}, X_6 \mapsto X_4,$$

$$\sigma_2 : X_1 \mapsto X_2, X_2 \mapsto X_1, X_3 \mapsto \frac{1}{X_1 X_2 X_3}, X_4 \mapsto X_5, X_5 \mapsto X_4, X_6 \mapsto \frac{1}{X_4 X_5 X_6}.$$

(ii) The field  $L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(1)}$  is defined to be  $\mathbb{C}(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4)^{\langle \tau \rangle}$  where  $\langle \tau \rangle \simeq C_2$  acts on  $\mathbb{C}(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4)$  by

$$\tau : X_1 \mapsto -X_1, X_2 \mapsto \frac{X_4}{X_2}, X_3 \mapsto \frac{(X_4 - 1)(X_4 - X_1^2)}{X_3}, X_4 \mapsto X_4.$$

- ▶ ([CHKK10], [HY14]) ( $B_0(G) = 0$ , but rationality unknown)

If  $G$  belongs to  $\Phi_{13}$ , then  $\mathbb{C}(G)$  is stably  $\mathbb{C}$ -isomorphic to  $L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(0)}$ .

- ▶ ([CHKK10], [HKK14]) ( $B_0(G) \simeq C_2$ , not retract rational)

If  $G$  belongs to  $\Phi_{16}$ , then  $\mathbb{C}(G)$  is stably  $\mathbb{C}$ -isomorphic to  $L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(1)}$ .

- ▶  $L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(0)} = \mathbb{C}(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, u_4, u_5, u_6)$  where

$$(z_1^2 - a)(z_4^2 - d) = (z_2^2 - b)(z_3^2 - c),$$

$$a = u_4(u_4 - 1), b = u_4 - 1, c = u_4(u_4 - u_6^2), d = u_5^2(u_4 - u_6^2).$$

- ▶  $L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(0)} = \mathbb{C}(u, v, t, w_3, w_4, w_5, w_6)$  where

$$u^2 - tv^2 = - (w_4^2(w_5^2 - 1)t^2 + (w_3^2 - w_3^2w_5^2 + 1)t - w_5^2)$$

$$\cdot (w_4^2w_6^2t^2 - (w_4^2 + w_3^2w_6^2)t + w_3^2 - w_6^2 + 1).$$

- ▶  $L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(0)} = \mathbb{C}(m_0, \dots, m_6)$  where

$$m_0^2 = (4m_3 + m_3m_4^2 + m_4^2)(m_3 - m_5^2 + 1)$$

$$\cdot (m_1^2m_3 + m_6^2 - 1)(4m_3 + m_1^2m_2^2m_3 + m_2^2m_6^2).$$

- ▶  $L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(1)} = \mathbb{C}(u, v, t, w_3, w_4)$  where

$$u^2 - tv^2 = (tw_4^2 - w_3^2 + 1)(t + tw_4^2 - w_3^2).$$

- ▶  $\exists 2328$  groups  $G$  of order  $128 = 2^7$  which are classified into 115 isoclinism families  $\Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_{115}$ .

Theorem (Moravec, 2012, Amer. J. Math.)  $|G| = 128 = 2^7$

$B_0(G) \neq 0$  if and only if  $G$  belongs to the isoclinism family  $\Phi_{16}, \Phi_{30}, \Phi_{31}, \Phi_{37}, \Phi_{39}, \Phi_{43}, \Phi_{58}, \Phi_{60}, \Phi_{80}, \Phi_{106}$  or  $\Phi_{114}$ . If  $B_0(G) \neq 0$ , then

$$B_0(G) \simeq \begin{cases} C_2 & (\Phi_{16}, \Phi_{31}, \Phi_{37}, \Phi_{39}, \Phi_{43}, \Phi_{58}, \Phi_{60}, \Phi_{80}, \Phi_{106}, \Phi_{114}) \\ C_2 \times C_2 & (\Phi_{30}). \end{cases}$$

In particular,  $\mathbb{C}(G)$  is **not (retract, stably)  $\mathbb{C}$ -rational**.

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	Total
Family	$\Phi_{16}$	$\Phi_{31}$	$\Phi_{37}$	$\Phi_{39}$	$\Phi_{43}$	$\Phi_{58}$	$\Phi_{60}$	$\Phi_{80}$	$\Phi_{106}$	$\Phi_{114}$	$\Phi_{30}$	
$B_0(G)$	$C_2$										$C_2 \times C_2$	
# $G$ 's	48	55	18	6	26	20	10	9	2	2	34	220

- ▶ **Q.** Birational classification of  $\mathbb{C}(G)$ ?

In particular, what happens when  $B_0(G) \neq 0$ ?

How many  $\mathbb{C}(G)$ 's exist up to stably  $\mathbb{C}$ -isomorphism?

## Theorem (H, 2016, J. Algebra) $|G| = 128 = 2^7$

Assume that  $B_0(G) \neq 0$ .

Then  $\mathbb{C}(G)$  and  $L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(m)}$  are stably  $\mathbb{C}$ -isomorphic where

$$m = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } G \text{ belongs to } \Phi_{16}, \Phi_{31}, \Phi_{37}, \Phi_{39}, \Phi_{43}, \Phi_{58}, \Phi_{60} \text{ or } \Phi_{80}, \\ 2 & \text{if } G \text{ belongs to } \Phi_{106} \text{ or } \Phi_{114}, \\ 3 & \text{if } G \text{ belongs to } \Phi_{30}. \end{cases}$$

In particular,  $\text{Br}_{\text{nr}}(L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(1)}) \simeq \text{Br}_{\text{nr}}(L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(2)}) \simeq C_2$  and  $\text{Br}_{\text{nr}}(L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(3)}) \simeq C_2 \times C_2$  and hence the fields  $L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(1)}$ ,  $L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(2)}$  and  $L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(3)}$  are not (retract, stably)  $\mathbb{C}$ -rational.

- ▶  $L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(1)} \not\sim L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(3)}$ ,  $L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(2)} \not\sim L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(3)}$  (not stably  $\mathbb{C}$ -isomorphic) because their unramified Brauer groups are not isomorphic.
- ▶ However, we do **not** know whether  $L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(1)} \sim L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(2)}$ .
- ▶ If not, evaluate the higher unramified cohomologies  $H_{\text{nr}}^i(i \geq 3)$  (Peyre's formula **can not work** for  $|G| = 2^m$ )



## Definition (The fields $L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(2)}$ and $L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(3)}$ )

(i) **The field  $L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(2)}$**  is defined to be  $\mathbb{C}(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6)^{\langle \rho \rangle}$  where  $\langle \rho \rangle \simeq C_4$  acts on  $\mathbb{C}(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6)$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \rho : X_1 &\mapsto X_2, X_2 \mapsto -X_1, X_3 \mapsto X_4, X_4 \mapsto X_3, \\ X_5 &\mapsto X_6, X_6 \mapsto \frac{(X_1^2 X_2^2 - 1)(X_1^2 X_3^2 + X_2^2 - X_3^2 - 1)}{X_5}. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) **The field  $L_{\mathbb{C}}^{(3)}$**  is defined to be  $\mathbb{C}(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6, X_7)^{\langle \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \rangle}$  where  $\langle \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \rangle \simeq C_2 \times C_2$  acts on  $\mathbb{C}(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6, X_7)$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 : X_1 &\mapsto X_1, X_2 \mapsto \frac{X_1}{X_2}, X_3 \mapsto \frac{1}{X_1 X_3}, X_4 \mapsto \frac{X_2 X_4}{X_1 X_3}, \\ X_5 &\mapsto -\frac{X_1 X_6^2 - 1}{X_5}, X_6 \mapsto -X_6, X_7 \mapsto X_7, \\ \lambda_2 : X_1 &\mapsto \frac{1}{X_1}, X_2 \mapsto X_3, X_3 \mapsto X_2, X_4 \mapsto \frac{(X_1 X_6^2 - 1)(X_1 X_7^2 - 1)}{X_4}, \\ X_5 &\mapsto -X_5, X_6 \mapsto -X_1 X_6, X_7 \mapsto -X_1 X_7. \end{aligned}$$

### §3. (general) quasi-monomial actions

Notion of “quasi-monomial” actions

is defined in H-Kang-Kitayama [HKK14], J. Algebra (2014).

Theorem ([HKK14]) 1-dim. quasi-monomial actions

- (1) **purely** quasi-monomial  $\implies K(x)^G$  is **rational** over  $k$ .
- (2)  $K(x)^G$  is **rational** over  $k$  **except for** the case:  $\exists N \leq G$  such that
  - (i)  $G/N = \langle \sigma \rangle \simeq C_2$ ;
  - (ii)  $K(x)^N = k(\alpha)(y)$ ,  $\alpha^2 = a \in K^\times$ ,  $\sigma(\alpha) = -\alpha$  (if  $\text{char } k \neq 2$ ),  
 $\alpha^2 + \alpha = a \in K$ ,  $\sigma(\alpha) = \alpha + 1$  (if  $\text{char } k = 2$ );
  - (iii)  $\sigma \cdot y = b/y$  for some  $b \in k^\times$ .

**For the exceptional case**,  $K(x)^G = k(\alpha)(y)^{G/N}$  is **rational** over  $k \iff$   
Hilbert symbol  $(a, b)_k = 0$  (if  $\text{char } k \neq 2$ ),  $[a, b]_k = 0$  (if  $\text{char } k = 2$ ).  
Moreover,  $K(x)^G$  is **not rational** over  $k \implies$  **not unirational** over  $k$ .

## Theorem ([HKK14]) 2-dim. purely quasi-monomial actions

$N = \{\sigma \in G \mid \sigma(x) = x, \sigma(y) = y\}$ ,  $H = \{\sigma \in G \mid \sigma(\alpha) = \alpha(\forall \alpha \in K)\}$ .

$K(x, y)^G$  is **rational** over  $k$  **except for**:

(1)  $\text{char } k \neq 2$  and (2) (i)  $(G/N, HN/N) \simeq (C_4, C_2)$  or (ii)  $(D_4, C_2)$ .

**For the exceptional case**, we have  $k(x, y) = k(u, v)$ :

(i)  $(G/N, HN/N) \simeq (C_4, C_2)$ ,

$K^N = k(\sqrt{a})$ ,  $G/N = \langle \sigma \rangle \simeq C_4$ ,  $\sigma : \sqrt{a} \mapsto -\sqrt{a}$ ,  $u \mapsto \frac{1}{u}$ ,  $v \mapsto -\frac{1}{v}$ ;

(ii)  $(G/N, HN/N) \simeq (D_4, C_2)$ ;

$K^N = k(\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b})$ ,  $G/N = \langle \sigma, \tau \rangle \simeq D_4$ ,  $\sigma : \sqrt{a} \mapsto -\sqrt{a}$ ,  $\sqrt{b} \mapsto \sqrt{b}$ ,  
 $u \mapsto \frac{1}{u}$ ,  $v \mapsto -\frac{1}{v}$ ,  $\tau : \sqrt{a} \mapsto \sqrt{a}$ ,  $\sqrt{b} \mapsto -\sqrt{b}$ ,  $u \mapsto u$ ,  $v \mapsto -v$ .

Case (i),  $K(x, y)^G$  is **rational** over  $k \iff$  Hilbert symbol  $(a, -1)_k = 0$ .

Case (ii),  $K(x, y)^G$  is **rational** over  $k \iff$  Hilbert symbol  $(a, -b)_k = 0$ .

Moreover,  $K(x, y)^G$  is **not rational** over  $k \implies$

$\text{Br}(k) \neq 0$  and  $K(x, y)^G$  is **not unirational** over  $k$ .

Galois-theoretic interpretation:

(i) **rational** over  $k \iff k(\sqrt{a})$  may be embedded into  $C_4$ -ext. of  $k$ .

(ii) **rational** over  $k \iff k(\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b})$  may be embedded into  $D_4$ -ext. of  $k$ .

## Application to purely monomial actions (1/2)

### Theorem ([HKK14]), 4-dim. purely monomial

Let  $M$  be a  $G$ -lattice with  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}} M = 4$  and  $G$  act on  $k(M)$  by purely monomial  $k$ -automorphisms. If  $M$  is decomposable, i.e.  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  as  $\mathbb{Z}[G]$ -modules where  $1 \leq \text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}} M_1 \leq 3$ , then  $k(M)^G$  is **rational** over  $k$ .

- ▶ When  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}} M_1 = 1, \text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}} M_2 = 3$ , it is easy to see  $k(M)^G$  is **rational**.
- ▶ When  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}} M_1 = \text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}} M_2 = 2$ , we may apply Theorem of 2-dim. to  $k(M) = k(x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2) = k(x_1, x_2)(y_1, y_2) = K(y_1, y_2)$ .

## Theorem ([HKK14]) char $k \neq 2$

Let  $C_2 = \langle \tau \rangle$  act on the rational function field  $k(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$  by  $k$ -automorphisms defined as

$$\tau : x_1 \mapsto -x_1, \quad x_2 \mapsto \frac{x_4}{x_2}, \quad x_3 \mapsto \frac{(x_4-1)(x_4-x_1^2)}{x_3}, \quad x_4 \mapsto x_4.$$

Then  $k(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)^{C_2}$  is **not retract rational** over  $k$ .  
In particular, it is **not rational** over  $k$ .

## Theorem A ([HKK14]) char $k \neq 2, 5$ -dim. purely monomial

Let  $D_4 = \langle \rho, \tau \rangle$  act on the rational function field  $k(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5)$  by  $k$ -automorphisms defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \rho : x_1 &\mapsto x_2, \quad x_2 \mapsto x_1, \quad x_3 \mapsto \frac{1}{x_1 x_2 x_3}, \quad x_4 \mapsto x_5, \quad x_5 \mapsto \frac{1}{x_4}, \\ \tau : x_1 &\mapsto x_3, \quad x_2 \mapsto \frac{1}{x_1 x_2 x_3}, \quad x_3 \mapsto x_1, \quad x_4 \mapsto x_5, \quad x_5 \mapsto x_4. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $k(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5)^{D_4}$  is **not retract rational** over  $k$ .  
In particular, it is **not rational** over  $k$ .

## Application to purely monomial actions (2/2)

### Theorem ([HKK14]), 5-dim. purely monomial

Let  $M$  be a  $G$ -lattice and  $G$  act on  $k(M)$  by purely monomial  $k$ -automorphisms. Assume that

- (i)  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  as  $\mathbb{Z}[G]$ -modules where  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}} M_1 = 3$  and  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}} M_2 = 2$ ,
- (ii) either  $M_1$  or  $M_2$  is a faithful  $G$ -lattice.

Then  $k(M)^G$  is **rational** over  $k$  except for the case as in Theorem A.

- ▶ we may apply Theorem of 2-dim. to

$$k(M) = k(x_1, x_2, x_3, y_1, y_2) = k(x_1, x_2, x_3)(y_1, y_2) = K(y_1, y_2).$$

#### More recent results

- ▶ 3-dim. purely quasi-monomial actions  
(H-Kitayama, 2020, Kyoto J. Math.)

## §4. Rationality problem for algebraic tori (2-dim., 3-dim.)

$G \simeq \text{Gal}(K/k) \curvearrowright K(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ : purely quasi-monomial,  
 $K(x_1, \dots, x_n)^G$  may be regarded as the function field of  
algebraic torus  $T$  over  $k$  which splits over  $K$  ( $T \otimes_k K \simeq \mathbb{G}_m^n$ ).

- ▶  $T$  is unirational over  $k$ , i.e.  $K(x_1, \dots, x_n)^G \subset k(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ .
- ▶  $\exists 13$   $\mathbb{Z}$ -conjugacy subgroups  $G \leq \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ .

Theorem (Voskresenskii, 1967) 2-dim. algebraic tori  $T$

$T$  is rational over  $k$ .

- ▶  $\exists 73$   $\mathbb{Z}$ -conjugacy subgroups  $G \leq \text{GL}_3(\mathbb{Z})$ .

Theorem (Kunyavskii, 1990) 3-dim. algebraic tori  $T$

(i)  $T$  is rational over  $k \iff T$  is stably rational over  $k$

$\iff T$  is retract rational over  $k \iff \exists G$ : 58 groups;

(ii)  $T$  is not rational over  $k \iff T$  is not stably rational over  $k$

$\iff T$  is not retract rational over  $k \iff \exists G$ : 15 groups.

# Rationality of algebraic tori (4-dim., 5-dim.)

- ▶  $\exists 710$   $\mathbb{Z}$ -conjugacy subgroups  $G \leq \mathrm{GL}_4(\mathbb{Z})$ .

Theorem (H-Yamasaki, 2017, Mem. AMS) 4-dim. alg. tori  $T$

- (i)  $T$  is **stably rational** over  $k \iff \exists G$ : 487 groups;
- (ii)  $T$  is **not stably** but **retract rational** over  $k \iff \exists G$ : 7 groups;
- (iii)  $T$  is **not retract rational** over  $k \iff \exists G$ : 216 groups.

- ▶  $\exists 6079$   $\mathbb{Z}$ -conjugacy subgroups  $G \leq \mathrm{GL}_5(\mathbb{Z})$ .

Theorem (H-Yamasaki, 2017, Mem. AMS) 5-dim. alg. tori  $T$

- (i)  $T$  is **stably rational** over  $k \iff \exists G$ : 3051 groups;
- (ii)  $T$  is **not stably** but **retract rational** over  $k \iff \exists G$ : 25 groups;
- (iii)  $T$  is **not retract rational** over  $k \iff \exists G$ : 3003 groups.

- ▶ (Voskresenskii's conjecture) any **stably rational** torus is **rational**.
- ▶  $\exists 85308$   $\mathbb{Z}$ -conjugacy subgroups  $G \leq \mathrm{GL}_6(\mathbb{Z})$ !



# Proof: Flabby (Flasque) resolution (1/2)

- ▶ The function field of  $n$ -dim.  $T \xleftrightarrow{\text{identified}} L(M)^G$ ,  $G \leq \text{GL}(n, \mathbb{Z})$
- ▶  $M$ :  $G$ -lattice, i.e. f.g.  $\mathbb{Z}$ -free  $\mathbb{Z}[G]$ -module.

## Definition

- (i)  $M$  is **permutation**  $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} M \simeq \bigoplus_{1 \leq i \leq m} \mathbb{Z}[G/H_i]$ .
- (ii)  $M$  is **stably permutation**  $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} M \oplus \exists P \simeq P'$ ,  $P, P'$ : permutation.
- (iii)  $M$  is **invertible**  $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} M \oplus \exists M' \simeq P$ : permutation.
- (iv)  $M$  is **coflabby**  $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} H^1(H, M) = 0$  ( $\forall H \leq G$ ).
- (v)  $M$  is **flabby**  $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \widehat{H}^{-1}(H, M) = 0$  ( $\forall H \leq G$ ). ( $\widehat{H}$ : Tate cohomology)

- ▶ “permutation”
  - $\implies$  “stably permutation”
  - $\implies$  “invertible”
  - $\implies$  “flabby and coflabby”.

## Proof: Flabby (Flasque) resolution (2/2)

### Commutative monoid $\mathcal{M}$

$M_1 \sim M_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} M_1 \oplus P_1 \simeq M_2 \oplus P_2$  ( $\exists P_1, \exists P_2$ : permutation).  
 $\implies$  commutative monoid  $\mathcal{M}$ :  $[M_1] + [M_2] := [M_1 \oplus M_2]$ ,  $0 = [P]$ .

### Theorem (Endo-Miyata, 1974, Colliot-Thélène-Sansuc, 1977)

$\exists P$ : permutation,  $\exists F$ : flabby such that

$$0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow P \rightarrow F \rightarrow 0: \text{ flabby resolution of } M.$$

$[M]^{fl} := [F]$ ,  $[M]^{fl}$  is invertible  $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} [M]^{fl} = [E]$  ( $\exists E$ : invertible).

### Theorem (Endo-Miyata, 1973, Voskresenskii, 1974, Saltman, 1984)

(EM73)  $[M]^{fl} = 0 \iff L(M)^G$  is **stably rational** over  $k$ .

(Vos74)  $[M]^{fl} = [M']^{fl} \iff L(M)^G(x_1, \dots, x_m) \simeq L(M')^G(y_1, \dots, y_n)$ .

(Sal84)  $[M]^{fl}$  is invertible  $\iff L(M)^G$  is **retract rational** over  $k$ .

# Our contribution

- ▶ We give a procedure to compute a flabby resolution of  $M$ , in particular  $[M]^{fl} = [F]$ , **effectively** (with smaller rank after base change) by computer software GAP.
- ▶ The function `IsFlabby` (resp. `IsCoflabby`) may determine whether  $M$  is **flabby** (resp. **coflabby**).
- ▶ The function `IsInvertibleF` may determine whether  $[M]^{fl} = [F]$  is **invertible** ( $\leftrightarrow$  whether  $L(M)^G$  (resp.  $T$ ) is **retract rational**).
- ▶ We provide some functions for checking **a possibility** of isomorphism

$$\left( \bigoplus_{i=1}^r a_i \mathbb{Z}[G/H_i] \right) \oplus a_{r+1} F \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^r b'_i \mathbb{Z}[G/H_i] \quad (*)$$

by computing **some invariants** (e.g. trace,  $\widehat{Z}^0$ ,  $\widehat{H}^0$ ) of both sides.

- ▶ [HY17, Example 10.7].  $G \simeq S_5 \leq \mathrm{GL}(5, \mathbb{Z})$  with number  $(5, 946, 4)$   
 $\implies \mathrm{rank}(F) = 17$  and  $\mathrm{rank}(*) = 88$  holds  
 $\implies [F] = 0 \implies L(M)^G$  (resp.  $T$ ) is **stably rational** over  $k$ .

# Application

Corollary ( $[F] = [M]^{fl}$ : invertible case,  $G \simeq S_5, F_{20}$ )

$\exists T, T'$ ; 4-dim. **not stably rational** algebraic tori over  $k$  such that  $T \not\sim T'$  (birational) and  $T \times T'$ : 8-dim. **stably rational** over  $k$ .  
 $\because -[M]^{fl} = [M']^{fl} \neq 0$ .

Prop. ([HY17], Krull-Schmidt fails for permutation  $D_6$ -lattices)

$\{1\}, C_2^{(1)}, C_2^{(2)}, C_2^{(3)}, C_3, C_2^2, C_6, S_3^{(1)}, S_3^{(2)}, D_6$ : conj. subgroups of  $D_6$ .  
$$\mathbb{Z}[D_6] \oplus \mathbb{Z}[D_6/C_2^{(2)}]^{\oplus 2} \oplus \mathbb{Z}[D_6/C_6] \oplus \mathbb{Z}[D_6/S_3^{(1)}] \oplus \mathbb{Z}[D_6/S_3^{(2)}]$$
$$\simeq \mathbb{Z}[D_6/C_2^{(1)}] \oplus \mathbb{Z}[D_6/C_2^{(2)}] \oplus \mathbb{Z}[D_6/C_2^{(3)}] \oplus \mathbb{Z}[D_6/C_3] \oplus \mathbb{Z}^{\oplus 2}.$$

►  $D_6$  is the smallest example exhibiting the failure of K-S:

Theorem (Dress, 1973)

Krull-Schmidt holds for permutation  $G$ -lattices  $\iff G/O_p(G)$  is cyclic where  $O_p(G)$  is the maximal normal  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ .

# Krull-Schmidt and Direct sum cancelation

**Theorem (Hindman-Klingler-Odenthal, 1998)** Assume  $G \neq D_8$

Krull-Schmidt **holds** for  $G$ -lattices  $\iff$  (i)  $G = C_p$  ( $p \leq 19$ ; prime),  
(ii)  $G = C_n$  ( $n = 1, 4, 8, 9$ ), (iii)  $G = V_4$  or (iv)  $G = D_4$ .

**Theorem (Endo-Hironaka, 1979)**

Direct sum cancellation **holds**, i.e.  $M_1 \oplus N \simeq M_2 \oplus N \implies M_1 \simeq M_2$ ,  
 $\implies G$  is abelian, dihedral,  $A_4$ ,  $S_4$  or  $A_5$  (\*).

- ▶ via projective class group (see Swan (1988) Corollary 1.3, Section 7).
- ▶ Except for (\*)  $\implies$  Direct sum cancelation **fails**  $\implies$  K-S **fails**

**Theorem ([HY17])**  $G \leq GL(n, \mathbb{Z})$  (up to conjugacy)

- (i)  $n \leq 4 \implies$  K-S **holds**.
- (ii)  $n = 5$ . K-S **fails**  $\iff$  11 groups  $G$  (among 6079 groups).
- (iii)  $n = 6$ . K-S **fails**  $\iff$  131 groups  $G$  (among 85308 groups).

## Special case: $T = R_{K/k}^{(1)}(\mathbb{G}_m)$ ; norm one tori (1/5)

- ▶ Rationality problem for  $T = R_{K/k}^{(1)}(\mathbb{G}_m)$  is investigated by S. Endo, Colliot-Thélène and Sansuc, W. Hürlimann, L. Le Bruyn, A. Cortella and B. Kunyavskii, N. Lemire and M. Lorenz, M. Florence, etc.

### Theorem (Endo-Miyata, 1974), (Saltman, 1984)

Let  $K/k$  be a finite **Galois** field extension and  $G = \text{Gal}(K/k)$ .

- (i)  $T$  is **retract**  $k$ -rational  $\iff$  all the Sylow subgroups of  $G$  are cyclic;
- (ii)  $T$  is **stably**  $k$ -rational  $\iff$   $G$  is a cyclic group, or a direct product of a cyclic group of order  $m$  and a group  $\langle \sigma, \tau \mid \sigma^n = \tau^{2^d} = 1, \tau\sigma\tau^{-1} = \sigma^{-1} \rangle$ , where  $d, m \geq 1, n \geq 3, m, n$ : odd, and  $(m, n) = 1$ .

### Theorem (Endo, 2011)

Let  $K/k$  be a finite **non-Galois**, separable field extension and  $L/k$  be the Galois closure of  $K/k$ . Assume that the Galois group of  $L/k$  is **nilpotent**. Then the norm one torus  $T = R_{K/k}^{(1)}(\mathbb{G}_m)$  is **not retract**  $k$ -rational.

## Special case: $T = R_{K/k}^{(1)}(\mathbb{G}_m)$ ; norm one tori (2/5)

- ▶ Let  $K/k$  be a finite **non-Galois**, separable field extension
- ▶ Let  $L/k$  be the Galois closure of  $K/k$ .
- ▶ Let  $G = \text{Gal}(L/k)$  and  $H = \text{Gal}(L/K) \leq G$ .

### Theorem (Endo, 2011)

Assume that all the Sylow subgroups of  $G$  are cyclic.

Then  $T$  is **retract**  $k$ -rational.

$T = R_{K/k}^{(1)}(\mathbb{G}_m)$  is **stably**  $k$ -rational  $\iff G = D_n, n$  odd ( $n \geq 3$ ) or  $C_m \times D_n, m, n$  odd ( $m, n \geq 3$ ),  $(m, n) = 1, H \leq D_n$  with  $|H| = 2$ .

## Special case: $T = R_{K/k}^{(1)}(\mathbb{G}_m)$ ; norm one tori (3/5)

Theorem (Endo, 2011)  $\dim T = n - 1$

Assume that  $\text{Gal}(L/k) = S_n$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , and  $\text{Gal}(L/K) = S_{n-1}$  is the stabilizer of one of the letters in  $S_n$ .

- (i)  $R_{K/k}^{(1)}(\mathbb{G}_m)$  is **retract**  $k$ -rational  $\iff n$  is a prime;
- (ii)  $R_{K/k}^{(1)}(\mathbb{G}_m)$  is **(stably)  $k$ -rational**  $\iff n = 3$ .

Theorem (Endo, 2011)  $\dim T = n - 1$

Assume that  $\text{Gal}(L/k) = A_n$ ,  $n \geq 4$ , and  $\text{Gal}(L/K) = A_{n-1}$  is the stabilizer of one of the letters in  $A_n$ .

- (i)  $R_{K/k}^{(1)}(\mathbb{G}_m)$  is **retract**  $k$ -rational  $\iff n$  is a prime;
- (ii)  $\exists t \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $[R_{K/k}^{(1)}(\mathbb{G}_m)]^{(t)}$  is **stably**  $k$ -rational  $\iff n = 5$ .

- ▶  $[R_{K/k}^{(1)}(\mathbb{G}_m)]^{(t)}$ : the product of  $t$  copies of  $R_{K/k}^{(1)}(\mathbb{G}_m)$ .



## Special case: $T = R_{K/k}^{(1)}(\mathbb{G}_m)$ ; norm one tori (4/5)

Theorem ([HY17], Rationality for  $R_{K/k}^{(1)}(\mathbb{G}_m)$  (dim. 4,  $[K : k] = 5$ ))

Let  $K/k$  be a separable field extension of degree 5 and  $L/k$  be the Galois closure of  $K/k$ . Assume that  $G = \text{Gal}(L/k)$  is a transitive subgroup of  $S_5$  and  $H = \text{Gal}(L/K)$  is the stabilizer of one of the letters in  $G$ . Then the rationality of  $R_{K/k}^{(1)}(\mathbb{G}_m)$  is given by

$G$	$L(M) = L(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)^G$
5T1	$C_5$ stably $k$ -rational
5T2	$D_5$ stably $k$ -rational
5T3	$F_{20}$ not stably but retract $k$ -rational
5T4	$A_5$ stably $k$ -rational
5T5	$S_5$ not stably but retract $k$ -rational

- ▶ This theorem is already known **except for the case of  $A_5$**  (Endo).
- ▶ Stably  $k$ -rationality for the case  $A_5$  is asked by S. Endo (2011).

# Special case: $T = R_{K/k}^{(1)}(\mathbb{G}_m)$ ; norm one tori (5/5)

## Corollary of (Endo, 2011) and [HY17]

Assume that  $\text{Gal}(L/k) = A_n$ ,  $n \geq 4$ , and  $\text{Gal}(L/K) = A_{n-1}$  is the stabilizer of one of the letters in  $A_n$ . Then  $R_{K/k}^{(1)}(\mathbb{G}_m)$  is **stably**  $k$ -rational  $\iff n = 5$ .

## More recent results on stably/retract $k$ -rational classification for $T$

- ▶  $G \leq S_n$  ( $n \leq 10$ ) and  $G \neq 9T27 \simeq PSL_2(\mathbb{F}_8)$ ,  
 $G \leq S_p$  and  $G \neq PSL_2(\mathbb{F}_{2^e})$  ( $p = 2^e + 1 \geq 17$ ; Fermat prime)  
(H-Yamasaki, arXiv:1811.01676, to appear in Israel J. Math.)
- ▶  $G \leq S_n$  ( $n = 12, 14, 15$ ) ( $n = 2^e$ )  
(H-Hasegawa-Yamasaki, 2020, Math. Comp.)

## III( $T$ ) and Hasse norm principle over number fields $k$

- ▶ (H-Kanai-Yamasaki, arXiv:1910.01469, arXiv:2003.08253)