

$k$  global field

$X$  smooth geom. integral  $k$ -variety

$\Omega_k$  = set of places of  $k$

$v \in \Omega_k$   $k_v$  completion,  $\mathcal{O}_v$  val ring (if  $v$  nonarch)

$A_k$  - adèle ring of  $k$

Q Given  $X/k$  how do we det if  $X(k) \neq \emptyset$ ?

If  $X(k) \neq \emptyset$  then  $X(k_v) \neq \emptyset$   $\forall X(A_k)$   
then  $\prod_{v \in \Omega_k} (X(k_v), X(\mathcal{O}_v)) \neq \emptyset$

Rmk  $X$  proper  $X(A_k) = \prod_{v \in \Omega_k} X(k_v)$

$k_v$  is complete so  $X(k_v)$  is easier to compute  
 Furthermore, Weil conj. show that  $X(k_v) \neq \emptyset$   
 $\forall v \in S \subseteq \Omega_k$   
 $\uparrow$   
 finite

## The Brauer-Manin obstruction

Given a field  $F$  & an  $F$ -pt  $: P : \text{Spec } F \rightarrow X$   
 we obtain  $P^* : \text{Br } X \rightarrow \text{Br } F$   
 $H^2(X, \mathbb{Q}_m) \subseteq \text{Br } k(X)$

Fix  $\alpha \in \text{Br } X$

$$\alpha(P) = P^* \alpha$$

Example  $X : \begin{aligned} xy + 5z^2 - s^2 &= 0 \\ (x+y)(x+2y) - s^2 + 5t^2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \subseteq \mathbb{P}^4$   
 $\alpha := \left(5, \frac{x+y}{x}\right)_{-1}$ , Claim  $\alpha \in \text{Br } X$

$x \in X^{(n)}$   $v_x$  splits completely in  $k(x)\sqrt{S}$

 $\partial_x(\alpha) = 0 \iff$  or  $v_x\left(\frac{x+y}{x}\right) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ 

If  $x \leftrightarrow V(x+y)$

then in  $k(x)\sqrt{S}$   $x$  splits completely

What is  $\alpha(P)$ ?

If  $P \notin V(x+y) \cup V(x)$  then  $\alpha(P) = (5, \frac{x(P)}{x+y}(P))$

Claim

$$\alpha(P_n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \neq 5 \\ 1/2 & \text{if } n = 5 \end{cases}$$

Fix  $n$

$\forall P_n \in X(Q_n)$

$$\Rightarrow X(Q) = \emptyset$$

Fix  $\alpha \in \text{Br } X$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X(k) & \hookrightarrow & X(A_k) & & \\ \alpha(-) \downarrow & & \alpha(-) \downarrow & & \varphi_\alpha \\ \text{Br } k & & \pi'(\text{Br } k_v, \text{Br } \mathcal{O}_v) & & \\ \parallel & & \parallel & \xrightarrow{\sum n_v} & \\ 0 \rightarrow \text{Br } k \hookrightarrow \bigoplus \text{Br } k_v & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} & \rightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

complex  $\Rightarrow X(k) \subseteq \varphi_\alpha^{-1}(0) =: X(A_k)^\alpha$

For any  $S \subseteq \text{Br } X$

$$X(k) \subseteq X(A_k)^S = \bigcap_{\alpha \in S} X(A_k)^\alpha$$

$$S = \text{Br } X$$

$$X(A_k)^{\text{Br } X} = X(A_k)^{\text{Br } X}$$

Lemma If  $X$  smooth, then

$\alpha(-): X(k_v) \rightarrow \text{Br } k_v$  locally constant.

(wavy line)

Rmk  $X/k$

$$\text{Br}_0 X = \text{im}(\text{Br } k \rightarrow \text{Br } X)$$

$$X(A_k)^{\text{Br}_0 X} = X(A_k) \quad \text{in}$$

$$\text{Spec } F \rightarrow X$$

$\dashv$   $\dashv$   $\text{Spec } k$

$$\text{Br}_1 X = \ker(\text{Br } X \rightarrow \text{Br } X^{\text{sep}})$$

in algebraic elements

$$\text{Br } X$$

$$X(A_k)^{\text{Br}_1}$$

1999 Skorobogatov defined  
 étale-Braverman obstruction

$G$  finite étale grp scheme /  $k$   
 $f: Y \rightarrow X$  <sup>sep étale</sup>  $G$ -torsor

Let  $x \in X(k)$  then  $f_x: Y_x \rightarrow x$   $G$ -torsor /  $k$

$$X(k) = \coprod_{[\tau] \in H^1(k, G)} \left\{ x \in X(k) : [Y_x] = [\tau] \right\} [X^\tau(k)]^\tau$$

For  $\tau$  a cocycle repr an elt in  $H^1(k, G)$ , can const.

$f^\tau: Y^\tau \rightarrow X$   $G$ -torsor s.t.

$$f^\tau(Y^\tau(k)) = (X(k))^\tau$$

$$X(k) = \coprod_{[\tau] \in H^1(k, G)} f^\tau(Y^\tau(k))$$

$\sqcap$

$$X(A_k)^{\text{et}, \text{Br}} := \bigcap_{\substack{f: Y \rightarrow X \\ G \text{ finite} \\ \text{\'etale}}} \coprod_{[\tau] \in H^1(k, G)} f^\tau(Y^\tau(A_k)^{\text{Br}}) \subseteq X(A_k)$$

Prop If  $X$  proper then  $Y^\tau(A_k) = \emptyset$   
 for all  $\tau \in H^1(k, G)$   
 outside of a finite set.

Ex

$$\begin{aligned} Y^{(d)}: d(x+y+5z^2) - s^2 &= 0 \\ d((x+y)(x+2y)) - s^2 + 5t^2 &= 0 \\ d(12x^2 + 11y^2 + 13z^2) - u^2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\sigma: \mathbb{P}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^5$

$$(s, t, u, x, y, z) \mapsto (-s, -t, -u, x, y, z)$$

$\sigma|_Y$  has no fixed pts

so  $f: Y \rightarrow X = Y/\sigma$  is an étale tensor under  $\mathbb{Z}/2$

$$H^*(\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{Z}/2) \cong \mathbb{Q}^*/\mathbb{Q}^{*2} \Rightarrow [d] \quad d \text{ sqfree int.}$$

~~$X^{(d)}$~~  =

$$X(k) \subseteq X(A_k)^{\text{et}, \text{Br}} \subseteq X(A_k)^{\text{Br}} \subseteq X(A_k)^{\text{Br}_1} \subseteq X(A_k)$$

Thm (Poonen '09)  $\forall k$  global fields  $k$

$$\exists X/k \text{ s.t. } X(k) = \emptyset \wedge X(A_k)^{\text{et}, \text{Br}} \neq \emptyset$$

Q HS, CTPS, Smeets

Common

$$X \rightarrow Z \xrightarrow{g} P'$$

lower dim' l.  
s.t.  $g(Z(k))$  is finite.