

## 2. Stratifications of $A_g$

$$k = \overline{F_p} \supseteq \overline{F_q} \supseteq \overline{F_p}, K$$

### Recap

p-rank  $f(X)$

( $|X[p^f]| = p^f$ )



Newton polygon

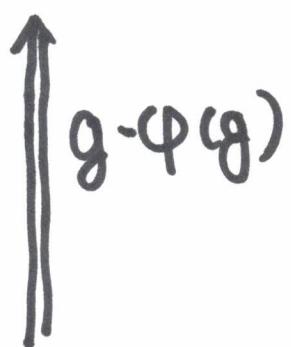
( $X[p^\infty] / \sim \Rightarrow$  slopes)



isogeny  
invariants

a-number  $a(X)$

( $\dim_k \text{Hom}(d_p, X)$ )



EO-type

( $X[p] / \simeq \Rightarrow \varphi$ )



isomorphism  
invariants

Today, we'll study how these invariants vary in families.

Def 2.3 Let  $A_g$  ( $= A_{g,1,1} \otimes \mathbb{F}_p$ ) be the moduli space of  $g$ -dim principally polarised AV's in char  $p$ .

Def 2.11 We'll see how each invariant gives a stratification of  $A_g$ , i.e. a partition into finitely many locally closed subsets.

# Facts about $A_g$ :

## Cox 2.5

1) It is a coarse moduli space.

In particular,

$$A_g(\mathbb{A}) \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \{(\chi, \lambda) \text{ g-dim ppAV}\} / \simeq_{\mathbb{A}}$$

## Thm 2.6

2)  $A_g$  is quasi-projective,  
irreducible,  $\dim \frac{g(g+1)}{2}$ .

Example For elliptic curve over  $K$ ,

the  $j$ -invariant determines its  $\mathbb{F}$ -isomorphism class.

So  $A_{k,j}^1$  is the moduli space  
of elliptic curves, over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ .

Over  $\mathbb{C}$  may also consider

$$\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H} = \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \{ z \in \mathbb{C} : \text{im}(z) > 0 \}$$

## A. p-rank stratification

Def 2.13 For  $0 \leq f \leq g$ , let

$$V_f = \{ (X, \lambda) \in \operatorname{Arg}(R) : f(X) \leq f \}$$

be the closed p-rank ( $f$ ) stratum,

$$V_f^\circ = \{ \text{---} = f \}$$

Thm 2.15 / 2.16 (Koblitz-Norman-Oort)

Let  $W_f \subseteq V_f$  be an irreducible component.

- $\operatorname{codim}(W_f) = g - f$  in  $\operatorname{Arg}$
- generic point has a number 1.  
(non-ordinary)

## Example ( $q=3$ )

$A_3$  has dim  $\frac{3(3+1)}{2} = 6$

$V_3^0 = \{\text{ordinary AVs}\}$

$V_2^0 = \{\text{almost-ord AVs}\}$

$V_1^0 = \{\text{p-rank 1 AVs}\}$

$V_0^0 = \{\text{p-rank 0 AVs}\}$

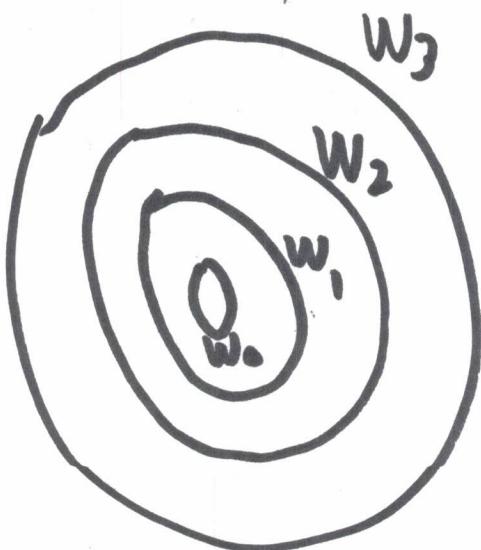
dim 6

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we'll see that  
ss AV's have dim 2!



## B. Newton (polygon) stratification

AV  $X$  has symmetric Newton polygon  $\mathcal{N}(X)$

Def 2.20 For any symmetric Newton polygon  $\xi$ ,  
let

$$W_\xi = \{ f(X, \lambda) \in \text{Alg}(\mathbb{K}) : \mathcal{N}(X) \subset \xi \}$$

be the closed ( $\xi$ -) Newton stratum.

$$W_\xi^o = \{ -\pi \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} f(X, \lambda) : f \in W_\xi \} = \xi^\perp$$

These are always non-empty.

## Thm 2.34/2.35 (Chai-Oort)

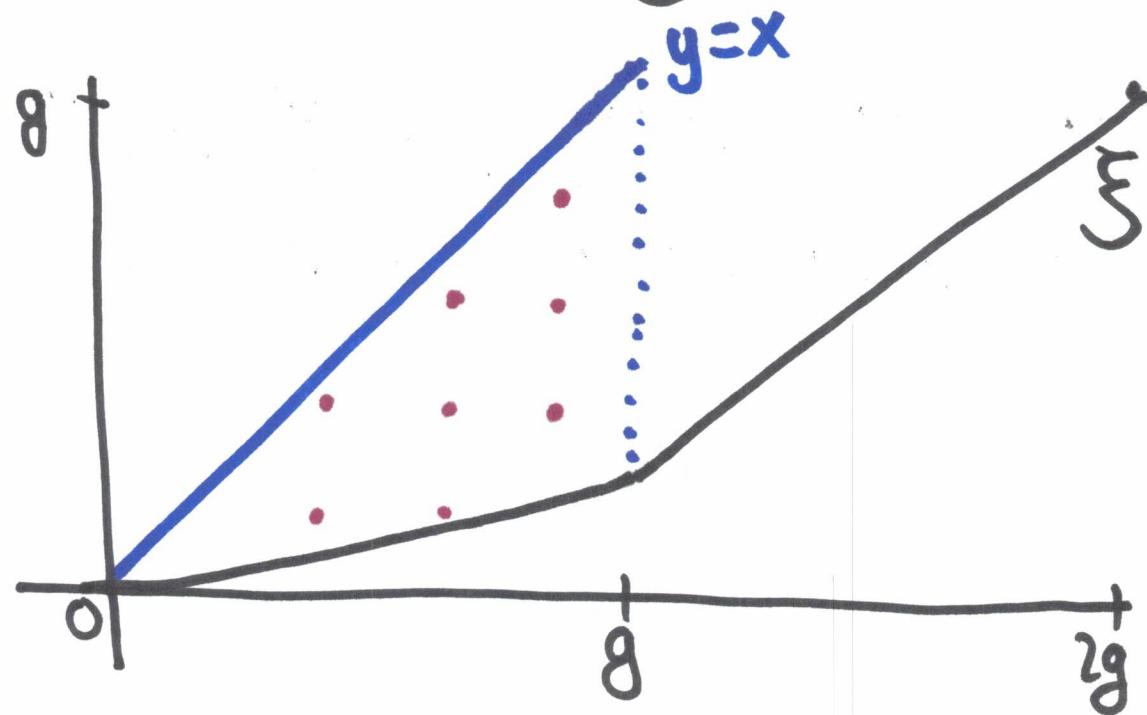
- When  $\xi \neq \sigma$ ,  $W_\xi$  is irreducible.
- Let  $W \subseteq W_\xi$  be an irreducible component;  
its generic NP is  $\xi$ .
- When  $\xi \neq \rho$ , generic a-number is 1.  
(When  $\xi = \rho$ , generic a-number is 0.)

Thm (ctd)

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:  $\dim(W_\xi) = |\Delta(\xi)|$ , where

$$\Delta(\xi) = \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} : y \leq x \leq g, \begin{array}{l} (x, y) \not\in \xi \\ (x, y) \end{array} \right\}$$



Thm (Grothendieck - Oort)

NP goes up  $\iff$  specialisation

## Example ( $g=3$ )

Possible Newton polygons

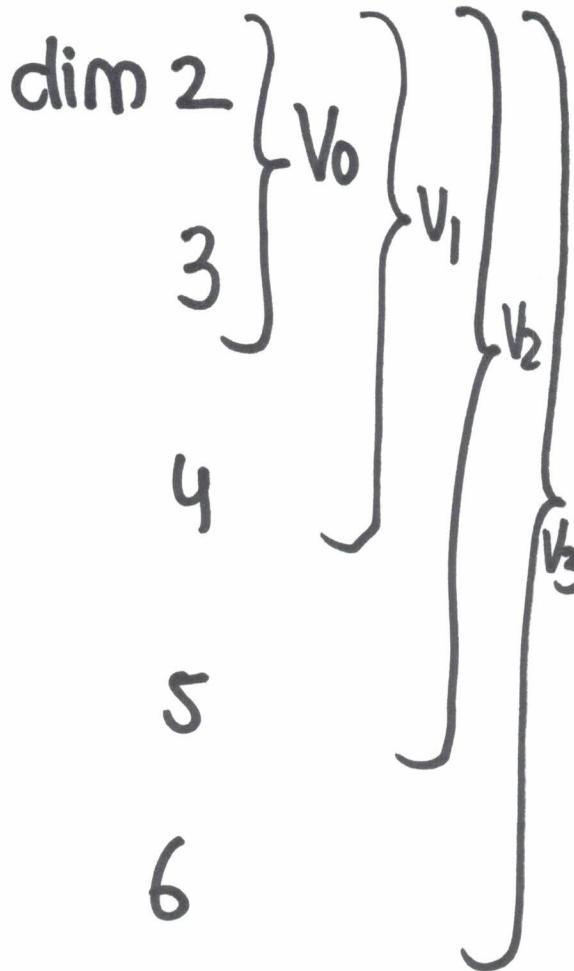
$$\sigma = \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\xi_1 = \left( \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3} \right)$$

$$\xi_2 = (0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 1)$$

$$\xi_3 = (0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 1, 1)$$

$$\varrho = (0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1)$$



## C. $\alpha$ -number stratification

Def 2.36 For  $0 \leq n \leq g$ , let

$$T_n = \{ (X, \lambda) \in A_g(\mathbb{F}) : \alpha(X) \geq n \}$$

be the locally closed  $\alpha$ -number  $n$  stratum

$$T_n^0 = \{ -\text{Id} - \frac{\lambda}{g} \mid \lambda \in \mathbb{F} \} = n \mathbb{F}$$

Theorem (Elkedahl-vd Geer)

For  $n \leq g-1$ ,  $T_n$  is irreducible.

(For  $n=g$ ,  $T_g = \{ \text{superspecial } \text{A}_1 \text{s} \}$ ,  
 $\dim 0$ .)

Example ( $g=3$ )

$$T_3 = T_3^0 = \{\text{superspecial AVs}\}$$

$\dim 0$

$$T_2 = T_2^0 \sqcup T_3^0$$

$$T_1 = T_1^0 \sqcup T_2^0 \sqcup T_3^0$$

$$T_0 = A_3$$

$\dim 6$

## D. EO-stratification

Def 2.50 For elementary sequence  $\varphi$ ,  
let  $S_\varphi = \{ (X, \lambda) \in \text{Ag}(k) : \text{the elementary sequence for } X[p] \text{ is } \varphi \}$   
be the locally closed Ekedahl-Ora (EO)  
stratum for  $\varphi$ .

## Thm 2.51 (Ekedahl-Oort - v/d Geer - Harashita)

- $\mathcal{S}_\varphi$  is non-empty for all  $\varphi$  and quasi-affine.
- Every irreducible component of  $\mathcal{S}_\varphi$  has dimension  $\sum_{i=1}^g \varphi(l_i)$ .
- $\mathcal{S}_\varphi$  is irreducible  $\iff$   $\mathcal{S}_\varphi$  contains non-supersingular AV's.

# Example ( $q=3$ )

Elt seq.	dim	f	a	irr?
(0,0,0)	0	0	3	x
(0,0,1)	1	0	2	x
(0,1,1)	2	0	2	✓
(0,1,2)	3	0	1	✓
(1,1,1)	3	1	2	✓
(1,1,2)	4	1	1	✓
(1,2,2)	5	2	1	✓
(1,2,3)	6	3	0	✓

$S_0 T_3$  dim 0,  $T_2 = T_2^0 \cup T_3^0$  dim 3,

$T_1 = T_1^0 \cup T_2^0 \cup T_3^0 = 5$ ,  $T_0$  dim 6.

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$$W_0 \supseteq \left\{ (0,0,0), (0,0,1) \right\} V_0 \text{ dim } 3$$

$$W_{E_1} \supseteq (0,1,1)$$

$$W_0 \cup W_{E_1} \supseteq (0,1,2)$$

$$W_{E_2} \supseteq \left\{ (1,1,1), (1,1,2) \right\} V_1^0 \text{ dim } 4$$

$$W_{E_3} \supseteq (1,2,2) \quad \} V_2^0 \text{ dim } 5$$

$$W_g \supseteq (1,2,3) - V_3^0 = T_0^0 \text{ dim } 6$$

↑  
NP

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p-rank