

BIRS Workshop  
Cycles on modular varieties

# Diagonal cycles and Euler systems for real quadratic fields

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A report on joint work with Victor Rotger  
(as well as earlier work with Bertolini, Dasgupta, Prasanna...)

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# Summary of Victor Rotger's Lecture

Algebraic cycles in the triple product of modular curves/  
Kuga-Sato varieties can be used to construct rational points on  
elliptic curves (“Zhang points”).

These points make it possible to relate:

- Certain extension classes (of mixed motives) arising in the pro-unipotent fundamental groups of modular curves;
- Special values of  $L$ -functions of modular forms.

General philosophy (Deligne, Wojtkowiak, ...) relating  $\pi_1^{\text{unip}}(X)$  to values of  $L$ -functions.

# Questions

- Are these points “genuinely new”?
- New cases of the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture?
- Relation with Stark-Heegner points?

The fact that “Zhang points” are defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and controlled by  $L'(E/\mathbb{Q}, 1)$  justifies a certain pessimism.

**Theme of this talk.** Diagonal cycles, *when made to vary in  $p$ -adic families*, should yield new applications to the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture and to Stark-Heegner points.

# Stark-Heegner points: executive summary

## Stark-Heegner points arising from $\mathcal{H}_p \times \mathcal{H}$ :

- Points in  $E(\mathbb{C}_p)$ , with  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  a (modular) elliptic curve with  $p \mid N_E$ .
- They are computed as images of certain real one-dimensional null-homologous cycles on  $\Gamma \backslash (\mathcal{H}_p \times \mathcal{H})$ , (with  $\Gamma \subset \mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}[1/p])$ ) under a kind of Abel-Jacobi map.
- The cycles are indexed by ideals in real quadratic orders.
- The resulting local points on a (modular) elliptic curve  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  are *conjecturally* defined over ring class fields of *real* quadratic fields.

# Stark-Heegner points and the BSD conjecture

Theorem (Bertolini-Dasgupta-D and Longo-Rotger-Vigni)

*Assume the conjectures on Stark-Heegner points attached to the real quadratic field  $F$  (in a stronger, more precise form given in Samit Dasgupta's PhD thesis). Then*

$$L(E/F, \chi, 1) \neq 0 \implies (E(H) \otimes \mathbb{C})^\chi = 0,$$

*for all ring class  $\chi : \text{Gal}(H/F) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$ .*

This result draws a connection between

- 1 Stark-Heegner points and explicit class field theory for real quadratic fields;
- 2 certain concrete cases of the BSD conjecture.

# BDD-LRV without Stark-Heegner points?

We would like to prove the BDD-LRV result *unconditionally*, without appealing to Stark-Heegner points.

## Key Ingredients in our approach:

1. A  $p$ -adic Gross-Kudla formula relating certain Garrett Rankin triple product  $p$ -adic  $L$ -functions to the images of (generalised) diagonal cycles under the  $p$ -adic Abel-Jacobi map.
2. A “ $p$ -adic deformation” of this formula.

# Triples of modular forms

## Definition

A triple of eigenforms

$$f \in S_k(\Gamma_0(N_f), \varepsilon_f), \quad g \in S_\ell(\Gamma_0(N_g), \varepsilon_g), \quad h \in S_m(\Gamma_0(N_h), \varepsilon_h)$$

is said to be *self-dual* if

$$\varepsilon_f \varepsilon_g \varepsilon_h = 1.$$

In particular,  $k + \ell + m$  is even.

It is said to be *balanced* if each weight is strictly smaller than the sum of the other two.

## Generalised Diagonal cycles

Assume for simplicity  $N = N_f = N_g = N_h$ .

$$k = r_1 + 2, \quad \ell = r_2 + 2, \quad m = r_3 + 2, \quad r = \frac{r_1 + r_2 + r_3}{2}.$$

$\mathcal{E}^r(N)$  =  $r$ -fold Kuga-Sato variety over  $X_1(N)$ ;  $\dim = r + 1$ .

$$V = \mathcal{E}^{r_1}(N) \times \mathcal{E}^{r_2}(N) \times \mathcal{E}^{r_3}(N), \quad \dim V = 2r + 3.$$

**Victor's lecture:** When  $(k, \ell, m)$  is balanced, there is an *essentially unique* interesting way of embedding  $\mathcal{E}^r(N)$  as a null-homologous cycle in  $V$ . (**Generalised Gross-Kudla Schoen cycle.**)

$$\Delta = \mathcal{E}^r \subset V, \quad \Delta \in CH^{r+2}(V).$$

## Diagonal cycles and $L$ -series

The height of the  $(f, g, h)$ -isotypic component of the generalised diagonal cycle  $\Delta$  should be related to the central critical derivative

$$L'(f \otimes g \otimes h, r + 2).$$

Work of Gross-Kudla, vastly extended by Yuan-Zhang-Zhang, represents substantial progress in this direction, when  $r_1 = r_2 = r_3 = 0$ . (Cf. this afternoon's talks).

**Goal of the  $p$ -adic Gross-Kudla formula:** to describe relationships between  $\Delta$  and  $p$ -adic  $L$ -series attached to  $(f, g, h)$ .

# Hida families

$\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}_p[[1 + p\mathbb{Z}_p]] \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p[[T]]$ : Iwasawa algebra.

**Weight space:**  $W = \text{hom}(\Lambda, \mathbb{C}_p) \subset \text{hom}((1 + p\mathbb{Z}_p)^\times, \mathbb{C}_p^\times)$ .

The integers form a dense subset of  $W$  via  $k \leftrightarrow (x \mapsto x^k)$ .

**Classical weights:**  $W_{\text{cl}} := \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 2} \subset W$ .

If  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  is a finite flat extension of  $\Lambda$ , let  $\tilde{\mathcal{X}} = \text{hom}(\tilde{\Lambda}, \mathbb{C}_p)$  and let

$$\kappa : \tilde{\mathcal{X}} \longrightarrow W$$

be the natural projection to weight space.

**Classical points:**  $\tilde{\mathcal{X}}_{\text{cl}} := \{x \in \tilde{\mathcal{X}} \text{ such that } \kappa(x) \in W_{\text{cl}}\}$ .

## Hida families, cont'd

### Definition

A *Hida family* of tame level  $N$  is a triple  $(\Lambda_f, \Omega_f, \underline{f})$ , where

- 1  $\Lambda_f$  is a finite flat extension of  $\Lambda$ ;
- 2  $\Omega_f \subset \mathcal{X}_f := \text{hom}(\Lambda_f, \mathbb{C}_p)$  is a non-empty open subset (for the  $p$ -adic topology);
- 3  $\underline{f} = \sum_n \mathbf{a}_n q^n \in \Lambda_f[[q]]$  is a formal  $q$ -series, such that  $\underline{f}(x) := \sum_n x(\mathbf{a}_n) q^n$  is the  $q$  series of the *ordinary  $p$ -stabilisation*  $f_x^{(\rho)}$  of a normalised eigenform, denoted  $f_x$ , of weight  $\kappa(x)$  on  $\Gamma_1(N)$ , for all  $x \in \Omega_{f,\text{cl}} := \Omega_f \cap \mathcal{X}_{f,\text{cl}}$ .

## Hida's theorem

$f$  = normalised eigenform of weight  $k \geq 1$  on  $\Gamma_1(N)$ .

$p \nmid N$  an ordinary prime for  $f$  (i.e.,  $a_p(f)$  is a  $p$ -adic unit).

### Theorem (Hida)

*There exists a Hida family  $(\Lambda_f, \Omega_f, \underline{f})$  and a classical point  $x_0 \in \Omega_{f,\text{cl}}$  satisfying*

$$\kappa(x_0) = k, \quad f_{x_0} = f.$$

As  $x$  varies over  $\Omega_{f,\text{cl}}$ , the specialisations  $f_x$  give rise to a “ $p$ -adically coherent” collection of classical newforms on  $\Gamma_1(N)$ , and one can hope to construct  $p$ -adic  $L$ -functions by interpolating classical special values attached to these eigenforms.

## A ‘Heegner-type’ hypothesis

Triple product  $L$ -function  $L(f \otimes g \otimes h, s)$  has a functional equation

$$\Lambda(f \otimes g \otimes h, s) = \epsilon(f, g, h) \Lambda(f \otimes g \otimes h, k + \ell + m - 2 - s).$$

$$\epsilon(f, g, h) = \pm 1, \quad \epsilon(f, g, h) = \prod_{q|N_\infty} \epsilon_q(f, g, h).$$

**Key assumption:**  $\epsilon_q(f, g, h) = 1$ , for all  $q|N$ .

This assumption is satisfied when, for example:

- $\gcd(N_f, N_g, N_h) = 1$ , or,
- $N_f = N_g = N_h = N$  and  $a_p(f)a_p(g)a_p(h) = -1$  for all  $p|N$ .

$\epsilon(f, g, h) = \epsilon_\infty(f, g, h) = -1$ , hence  $L(f, g, h, c) = 0$ .  
( $c = \frac{k+\ell+m-2}{2}$ )

# Triple product $p$ -adic Rankin $L$ -functions

They interpolate the *central critical values*

$$\frac{L(\underline{f}_x \otimes \underline{g}_y \otimes \underline{h}_z, c)}{\Omega(\underline{f}_x, \underline{g}_y, \underline{h}_z)} \in \bar{\mathbb{Q}}.$$

Four *distinct* regions of interpolation in  $\Omega_{f,cl} \times \Omega_{g,cl} \times \Omega_{h,cl}$ :

- 1  $\Sigma_f = \{(x, y, z) : \kappa(x) \geq \kappa(y) + \kappa(z)\}$ .  $\Omega = * \langle \underline{f}_x, \underline{f}_x \rangle^2$ .
- 2  $\Sigma_g = \{(x, y, z) : \kappa(y) \geq \kappa(x) + \kappa(z)\}$ .  $\Omega = * \langle \underline{g}_y, \underline{g}_y \rangle^2$ .
- 3  $\Sigma_h = \{(x, y, z) : \kappa(z) \geq \kappa(x) + \kappa(y)\}$ .  $\Omega = * \langle \underline{h}_z, \underline{h}_z \rangle^2$ .
- 4  $\Sigma_{\text{bal}} = (\mathbb{Z}^{\geq 2})^3 - \Sigma_f - \Sigma_g - \Sigma_h$ .  
 $\Omega(\underline{f}_x, \underline{g}_y, \underline{h}_z) = * \langle \underline{f}_x, \underline{f}_x \rangle^2 \langle \underline{g}_y, \underline{g}_y \rangle^2 \langle \underline{h}_z, \underline{h}_z \rangle^2$ .

Resulting  $p$ -adic  $L$ -functions:  $L_p^f(\underline{f} \otimes \underline{g} \otimes \underline{h})$ ,  $L_p^g(\underline{f} \otimes \underline{g} \otimes \underline{h})$ , and  $L_p^h(\underline{f} \otimes \underline{g} \otimes \underline{h})$  respectively.

## Garrett's formula

Let  $(f, g, h)$  be a triple of eigenforms with unbalanced weights  $(k, \ell, m)$ ,

$$k = \ell + m + 2n, \quad n \geq 0.$$

**Theorem (Garrett, Harris-Kudla)**

*The central critical value  $L(f, g, h, c)$  is a multiple of*

$$\langle f, g \delta_m^n h \rangle^2,$$

where

$$\delta_k = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left( \frac{d}{d\tau} + \frac{k}{\tau - \bar{\tau}} \right) : S_k(\Gamma_1(N))^\dagger \longrightarrow S_{k+2}(\Gamma_1(N))^\dagger$$

*is the Shimura-Maass operator on “nearly holomorphic” modular forms, and*

$$\delta_m^n := \delta_{m+2n-2} \cdots \delta_{m+2} \delta_m.$$

# The $p$ -adic $L$ -function

## Theorem (Hida, Harris-Tilouine)

There exists a (unique) element  $\mathcal{L}_p^f(\underline{f}, \underline{g}, \underline{h}) \in \text{Frac}(\Lambda_f) \otimes \Lambda_g \otimes \Lambda_h$  such that, for all  $(x, y, z) \in \Sigma_f$ , with  $(k, \ell, m) := (\kappa(x), \kappa(y), \kappa(z))$  and  $k = \ell + m + 2n$ ,

$$\mathcal{L}_p^f(\underline{f}, \underline{g}, \underline{h})(x, y, z) = \frac{\mathcal{E}(f_x, g_y, h_z)}{\mathcal{E}(f_x)} \frac{\langle f_x, g_y \delta_m^n h_z \rangle}{\langle f_x, f_x \rangle},$$

where, after setting  $c = \frac{k+\ell+m-2}{2}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}(f_x, g_y, h_z) &:= (1 - \beta_{f_x} \alpha_{g_y} \alpha_{h_z} p^{-c}) \times (1 - \beta_{f_x} \alpha_{g_y} \beta_{h_z} p^{-c}) \\ &\quad \times (1 - \beta_{f_x} \beta_{g_y} \alpha_{h_z} p^{-c}) \times (1 - \beta_{f_x} \beta_{g_y} \beta_{h_z} p^{-c}), \\ \mathcal{E}(f_x) &:= (1 - \beta_{f_x}^2 p^{-k}) \times (1 - \beta_{f_x}^2 p^{1-k}). \end{aligned}$$

## Complex Abel-Jacobi maps

The cycle  $\Delta$  is null-homologous:

$$\text{cl}(\Delta) = 0 \text{ in } H^{2r+4}(V(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Q}).$$

Our formula of “Gross-Kudla-Zhang type” will not involve heights, but rather  $p$ -adic analogues of the *complex Abel-Jacobi map* of Griffiths and Weil:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{AJ} : \text{CH}^{r+2}(V)_0 &\longrightarrow \frac{H_{\text{dR}}^{2r+3}(V/\mathbb{C})}{\text{Fil}^{r+2} H_{\text{dR}}^{2r+3}(V/\mathbb{C}) + H_B^{2r+3}(V(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z})} \\ &= \frac{\text{Fil}^{r+2} H_{\text{dR}}^{2r+3}(V/\mathbb{C})^\vee}{H_{2r+3}(V(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z})}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{AJ}(\Delta)(\omega) = \int_{\partial^{-1}\Delta} \omega.$$

# $p$ -adic étale Abel-Jacobi maps

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathrm{CH}^{r+2}(V/\mathbb{Q})_0 & \xrightarrow{\mathrm{AJ}_{\mathrm{et}}} & H_f^1(\mathbb{Q}, H_{\mathrm{et}}^{2r+3}(\bar{V}, \mathbb{Q}_p)(r+2)) \\
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 \mathrm{CH}^{r+2}(V/\mathbb{Q}_p)_0 & \xrightarrow{\mathrm{AJ}_{\mathrm{et}}} & H_f^1(\mathbb{Q}_p, H_{\mathrm{et}}^{2r+3}(\bar{V}, \mathbb{Q}_p)(r+2)) \\
 & & \parallel \\
 & & \mathrm{Fil}^{r+2} H_{\mathrm{dR}}^{2r+3}(V/\mathbb{Q}_p)^\vee
 \end{array}$$

The dotted arrow is called the  $p$ -adic Abel-Jacobi map and denoted  $\mathrm{AJ}_p$ .

**$p$ -adic Gross-Kudla:** Relate  $\mathrm{AJ}_p(\Delta)$  to *certain* Rankin triple product  $p$ -adic  $L$ -functions, à la Gross-Kudla-Zhang.

## More notations

$$\omega_f = (2\pi i)^{r_1+1} f(\tau) dw_1 \cdots dw_{r_1} d\tau \in \text{Fil}^{r_1+1} H_{\text{dR}}^{r_1+1}(\mathcal{E}^{r_1}).$$

$\eta_f \in H_{\text{dR}}^{r_1+1}(\mathcal{E}^{r_1}/\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p) =$  representative of the  $f$ -isotypic part on which Frobenius acts as a  $p$ -adic unit, normalised so that

$$\langle \omega_f, \eta_f \rangle = 1.$$

### Lemma

*If  $(k, \ell, m)$  is balanced, then the  $(f_k, g_\ell, h_m)$ -isotypic part of the  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p$  vector space  $\text{Fil}^{r+2} H_{\text{dR}}^{2r+2}(V/\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p)$  is generated by the classes of*

$$\omega_{f_k} \otimes \omega_{g_\ell} \otimes \omega_{h_m}, \quad \eta_{f_k} \otimes \omega_{g_\ell} \otimes \omega_{h_m}, \quad \omega_{f_k} \otimes \eta_{g_\ell} \otimes \omega_{h_m}, \quad \omega_{f_k} \otimes \omega_{g_\ell} \otimes \eta_{h_m}.$$

## The $p$ -adic Gross-Kudla formula

Given  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) \in \Sigma_{\text{bal}}$ , write  $(f, g, h) = (f_{x_0}, g_{y_0}, h_{z_0})$ , and  $(k, \ell, m) = (\kappa(x_0), \kappa(y_0), \kappa(z_0))$ .

Recall that  $\text{sign}(L(f \otimes g \otimes h, s)) = -1$ , hence  $L(f \otimes g \otimes h, c) = 0$ .

### Theorem (Rotger-D)

$$\mathcal{L}_p^f(\underline{f} \otimes \underline{g} \otimes \underline{h}, x_0, y_0, z_0) = \frac{\mathcal{E}(f)}{\mathcal{E}(f, g, h)} \times \text{AJ}_p(\Delta_{k, \ell, m})(\eta_f \otimes \omega_g \otimes \omega_h),$$

and likewise for  $\mathcal{L}_p^g$  and  $\mathcal{L}_p^h$ .

# What next?

## Consequences of $p$ -adic Gross-Kudla:

- The Abel-Jacobi images of diagonal cycles encode the special values of the *three distinct*  $p$ -adic  $L$ -functions attached to  $(\underline{f}, \underline{g}, \underline{h})$  at the points in  $\Sigma_{\text{bal}}$ .
- The  $p$ -adic Gross-Kudla formula supplies evidence for a “ $p$ -adic Bloch-Beilinson conjecture” for the rank 8 motive whose  $\ell$ -adic realisation is  $V_f \otimes V_g \otimes V_h$ , when  $(f, g, h)$  is self-dual and balanced.

What about the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture?

# The Birch Swinnerton-Dyer point

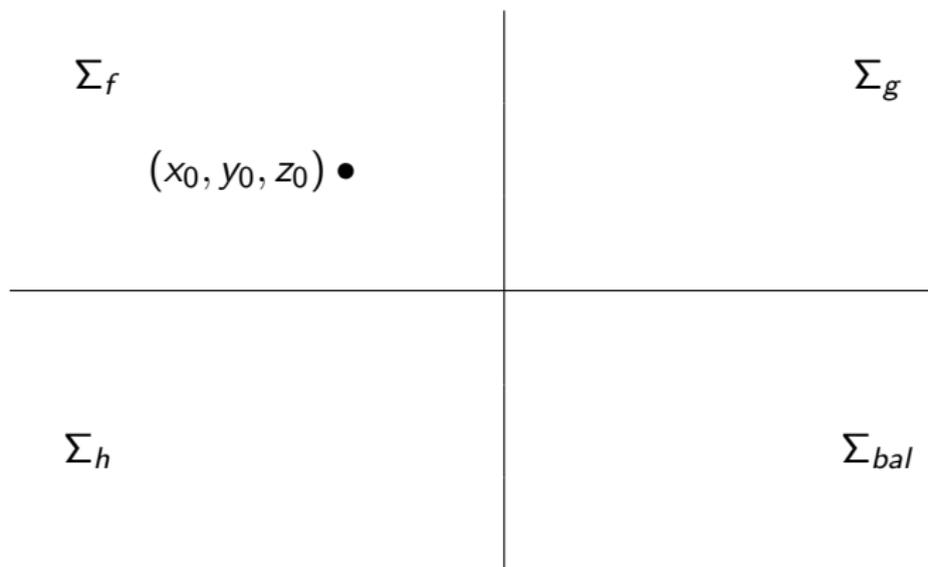
Let  $\underline{f}$ ,  $\underline{g}$  and  $\underline{h}$  be Hida families such that

1.  $f_{x_0}$  is attached to an (ordinary) elliptic curve  $E/\mathbb{Q}$ , for some  $x_0 \in \Omega_f$  with  $\kappa(x_0) = 2$ ;
2.  $g_{y_0}$  is a *classical* modular form of weight 1 attached to an Artin representation  $\rho_1$ , for some  $y_0 \in \Omega_g$  with  $\kappa(y_0) = 1$ ;
3.  $h_{z_0}$  is a classical modular form of weight 1 attached to an Artin representation  $\rho_2$ , for some  $z_0 \in \Omega_h$  with  $\kappa(z_0) = 1$ .

The behaviour of  $\mathcal{L}_p^f(\underline{f}, \underline{g}, \underline{h})$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_p^g(\underline{f}, \underline{g}, \underline{h})$  and  $\mathcal{L}_p^h(\underline{f}, \underline{g}, \underline{h})$  at the point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  should somehow control

$$\mathrm{hom}_{G_{\mathbb{Q}}}(\rho_1 \otimes \rho_2, E(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}) \otimes \mathbb{C}).$$

## A picture



$$\mathcal{L}_p^f(\underline{f}, \underline{g}, \underline{h})(x_0, y_0, z_0) = *L(E, \rho_1 \otimes \rho_2, 1).$$

What about  $\mathcal{L}_p^g, \mathcal{L}_p^h$ ?  $p$ -adic Gross-Kudla?

# From cycles to cohomology classes

We can use the cycles  $\Delta_{k,\ell,m}$  to construct global classes

$$\text{AJ}_{\text{et}}(\Delta_{k,\ell,m}) \in H^1(\mathbb{Q}, H_{\text{et}}^{2r+3}(V_{\bar{\mathbb{Q}}}, \mathbb{Q}_p)(r+2)).$$

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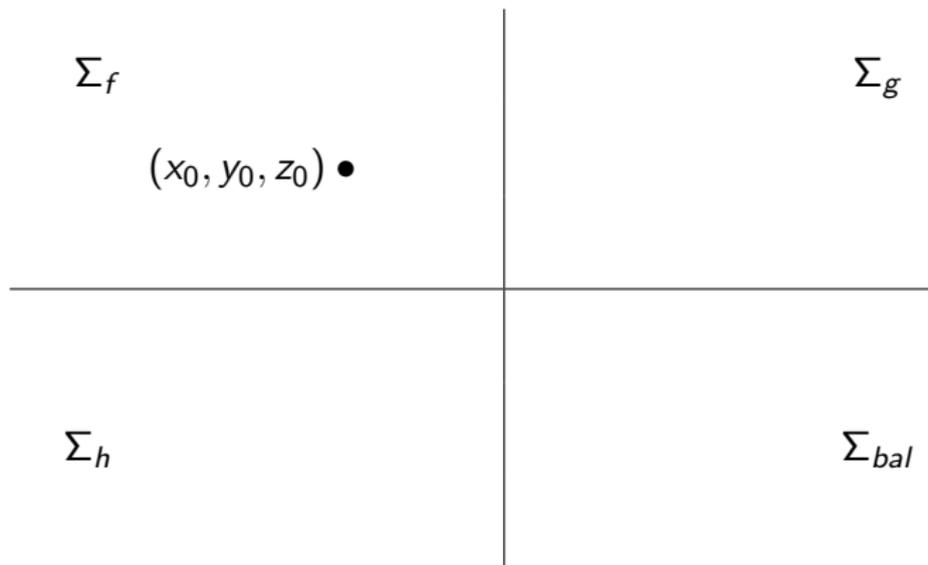
$$\begin{aligned} H_{\text{et}}^{2r+3}(V_{\bar{\mathbb{Q}}}, \mathbb{Q}_p)(r+2) &\rightarrow \bigotimes_{j=1}^3 H_{\text{et}}^{r_j+1}(\mathcal{E}_{\bar{\mathbb{Q}}}^{r_j}, \mathbb{Q}_p)(r+2) \\ &\rightarrow V_{f_x} \otimes V_{g_y} \otimes V_{h_z}(r+2). \end{aligned}$$

By projecting  $\text{AJ}_{\text{et}}(\Delta)$  we obtain a cohomology class

$$\xi(x, y, z) \in H^1(\mathbb{Q}, V_{f_x} \otimes V_{g_y} \otimes V_{h_z}(r+2)),$$

for each  $(x, y, z) \in \Sigma_{\text{bal}}$ .

# $p$ -adic interpolation of $\xi(x, y, z)$



**Idea:** Extend the assignment  $(x, y, z) \mapsto \xi(x, y, z)$  to all of  $\Sigma$ .

# $p$ -adic interpolation of diagonal cycle classes

For each  $(y, z) \in \Omega_g \times_W \Omega_h$  with  $\ell := \kappa(y) = \kappa(z) \geq 2$ , the triple  $(x_0, y, z)$  is balanced, so we can consider the cohomology classes

$$\kappa(f, g_y, h_z) \in H^1(\mathbb{Q}, V_f \otimes V_{g_y} \otimes V_{h_z}(\ell)).$$

$$\kappa(f, g_y, h_z) \in H^1(\mathbb{Q}, V_p(E) \otimes V_{g_y} \otimes V_{h_z}(\ell - 1)).$$

# $p$ -adic interpolation of Galois representations

**Theorem** (Hida, Wiles,...) There exists a  $\Lambda$ -adic representation  $\underline{V}_g$  of  $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$  satisfying

$$\underline{V}_g \otimes_{\Lambda_g, y} \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p = V_{g_y}, \quad \text{for almost all } y \in \Omega_{g, \text{cl}},$$

and similarly for  $\underline{V}_h$ .

**Corollary** There exists a Galois representation  $\underline{V}_{gh}$ , of rank 4 over  $\Lambda_{gh} := \Lambda_g \otimes_{\Lambda} \Lambda_h$ , satisfying

$$\underline{V}_{gh} \otimes_{\Lambda_{gh}, (y, z)} \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p = V_{g_y} \otimes V_{h_z}(\ell - 1).$$

## Families of cycles, cont'd

Recall that

$$\xi(f, g_y, h_z) \in H^1(\mathbb{Q}, V_p(E) \otimes V_{g_y} \otimes V_{h_z}(\ell - 1)).$$

Let

$$\text{ev}_{y,z} : H^1(\mathbb{Q}, \underline{V}_{gh}) \longrightarrow H^1(\mathbb{Q}, V_{g_y} \otimes V_{h_z}(\ell - 1)).$$

### Theorem (Rotger, D)

There exists a “big” cohomology class

$$\underline{\xi} \in H^1(\mathbb{Q}, V_p(E) \otimes \underline{V}_{gh})$$

such that

$$\underline{\xi}(y, z) := \text{ev}_{y,z}(\underline{\xi}) = \xi(f, g_y, h_z)$$

for almost all  $(y, z) \in \Omega_g \times_W \Omega_h$ .

# $p$ -adic interpolation of cohomology classes

Similar interpolation results have been obtained and exploited in other contexts:

- 1 Kato:  $p$ -adic interpolation of classes arising from Beilinson elements in  $H^1(\mathbb{Q}, V_p(f)(2))$ . Their weight  $k$  specialisations encode higher weight Beilinson elements (A. Scholl, unpublished.)
- 2 Ben Howard:  $p$ -adic interpolation of classes arising from Heegner points. Their higher weight specialisations encode the images of higher weight Heegner cycles under  $p$ -adic Abel-Jacobi maps (Francesc Castella, in progress).

# The BSD class

Consider the specialisation

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{\xi}(x_0, y_0, z_0) &\in H^1(\mathbb{Q}, V_f \otimes V_{g_{y_0}} \otimes V_{h_{z_0}}(1)) \\ &= H^1(\mathbb{Q}, V_p(E) \otimes \rho_1 \otimes \rho_2).\end{aligned}$$

The BSD point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  is not in  $\Sigma_{\text{bal}}$ , and therefore  $\underline{\xi}(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  lies *outside* the range of “geometric interpolation” defining the family  $\underline{\xi}$ .

In particular, the restriction

$$\underline{\xi}(x_0, y_0, z_0)_p \in H^1(\mathbb{Q}_p, V_p(E) \otimes \rho_1 \otimes \rho_2)$$

need not be crystalline.

# The dual exponential map

$p$ -adic exponential map:

$$\exp : \Omega^1(E/\mathbb{Q}_p)^\vee \longrightarrow E(\mathbb{Q}_p) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p.$$

The dual map (exploiting Tate local duality):

$$\exp^* : \frac{H^1(\mathbb{Q}_p, V_p(E))}{H_f^1(\mathbb{Q}_p, V_p(E))} \longrightarrow \Omega^1(E/\mathbb{Q}_p).$$

Analogous map for  $V_p(E) \otimes \rho_1 \otimes \rho_2$ :

$$\exp^* : \frac{H^1(\mathbb{Q}_p, V_p(E) \otimes \rho_1 \otimes \rho_2)}{H_f^1(\mathbb{Q}_p, V_p(E) \otimes \rho_1 \otimes \rho_2)} \longrightarrow \Omega^1(E/\mathbb{Q}_p) \otimes \rho_1 \otimes \rho_2.$$

## A reciprocity law

**Question:** Relate  $\exp^*(\underline{\xi}(x_0, y_0, z_0)) \in \Omega^1(E/\mathbb{Q}_p) \otimes \rho_1 \otimes \rho_2$  to  $L$ -functions?

Conjecture (Rotger, D)

*The image of the class  $\underline{\xi}(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  under  $\exp^*$  is non-zero if and only if  $L(E \otimes \rho_1 \otimes \rho_2, 1) \neq 0$ .*

The strategy for proving this, based on ideas of Perrin-Riou, Colmez, Ochiai.... is clear.

The details are not yet fully written up.

One should get a formula relating  $\exp^*(\underline{\xi}(x_0, y_0, z_0))$  to  $L(E \otimes \rho_1 \otimes \rho_2, 1)$ .

# The BSD theorem

$E =$  elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ;

$\rho_1, \rho_2 =$  odd 2-dimensional representations of  $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$ ,

$$\det(\rho_1) \det(\rho_2) = 1.$$

The classes  $\underline{\xi}(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  and the reciprocity law above should enable us to show:

**Theorem?** (Rotger, D: still in progress, and far from complete!)  
*Assume that there exists  $\sigma \in G_{\mathbb{Q}}$  for which  $\rho_1 \otimes \rho_2(\sigma)$  has distinct eigenvalues. If  $L(E \otimes \rho_1 \otimes \rho_2, 1) \neq 0$ , then*

$$\text{hom}(\rho_1 \otimes \rho_2, E(K_{\rho_1} K_{\rho_2}) \otimes \mathbb{C}) = 0.$$

# Application to elliptic curves and real quadratic fields

Let  $F$  be a real quadratic field,

$$\chi_1, \chi_2 : G_F \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$$

two characters of signature  $(+, -)$ .

$$\rho_1 = \text{Ind}_F^{\mathbb{Q}} \chi_1, \quad \rho_2 = \text{Ind}_F^{\mathbb{Q}} \chi_2.$$

$$\rho_1 \otimes \rho_2 = \text{Ind}_F^{\mathbb{Q}}(\chi_1 \chi_2) \oplus \text{Ind}_F^{\mathbb{Q}}(\chi_1 \chi_2').$$

This set-up would yield BDD-LRV, unconditionally.

# The parallel with Kato's method

Rotger-D	Kato
$(f, \underline{g}, \underline{h})$	$(f, E_k(1, \chi), E_k(\chi^{-1}, 1))$
$p$ -adic Gross-Kudla	$p$ -adic Beilinson (Coleman-de Shalit, Brunault)
Diagonal cycles	Beilinson elements
$L(f \otimes g_\ell \otimes h_\ell, \ell)$	$L(f, j), j \geq 2$
$\Downarrow$	$\Downarrow$
$L(f \otimes \rho_1 \otimes \rho_2, 1)$	$L(f, \chi, 1)$

Cf. the lectures by Brunault and Bertolini this Thursday.

Thank you for your attention.

Time for lunch!