

## § 4 Free quotients

Recap Def "  $\sigma \in \text{stab}(X)$  geometric iff  $\forall x \in X$ ,  $\sigma x$  is  $\sigma$ -stable.

Lecture 1:

(Q4)  $\text{alg } X$  not finite  $\Rightarrow \exists$  nongeometric stability conditions?

IDEA Investigate examples which arise as free quotients

i.e.  $\begin{array}{ccc} G & \xrightarrow{\text{free}} & X \\ \text{finite} & & \downarrow \pi \\ & & \text{alg } X \text{ fails} \end{array}$

"free quotient"  $\hookrightarrow Y = X/G$   $\text{alg } Y$  not finite

Last time we proved:

[Thm 4] Suppose  $G$  is abelian and  $G \subset \mathbb{D}$ .

There are biholomorphisms of complex submanifolds:

$$\text{Forg}_G^{-1}: \text{Stab}_L(\mathbb{D}) \xrightarrow[G]{\sim} \text{Stab}_L(\mathbb{D}_G) \xrightarrow{\widehat{G}} \text{Forg}_G^{-1}$$

Today: translate this to geometry, and answer (Q4)!

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Setup •  $\pi: X \rightarrow X/G = Y$  free quotient

- $G$  abelian (for simplicity!)

Recall •  $D^b(Y) \cong D^b(X/G)$

- $\pi^*: D^b(Y) \cong D^b(X/G)$

[Thm 5]  $(\pi^*)^{-1}: \text{Stab}_L(X)^G \xrightarrow[\psi]{\cong} \text{Stab}_L(Y)^{\widehat{G}}: (\pi_+)^{-1}$

$$\sigma = (P, Z) \mapsto \sigma' = (P', Z')$$

where  $P'(\phi) = \{E \in D^b(Y) : \pi^*(E) \in P(\phi)\}$

i.e.  $E$  is  $\sigma'$ -s.s.  $\Leftrightarrow \pi^* E$  is  $\sigma$ -s.s.

$$Z'(\phi) = Z \circ \pi^*$$

( $\Delta$ ) could also use Polishchuk criterion to  $\pi^*, \pi_+$  to prove Prop 2  
Lecture 4 ↗

SIMILARLY  $\mathcal{T}^1(\alpha^1, \omega^1) \longleftrightarrow \mathcal{T} = (\alpha, \omega) : (\mathbb{P}_\phi)^{-1}$

$$Q^1(\phi) = \{E \in D^b(X) : \pi_\phi(E) \in Q(\phi)\}$$

$E$  is  $\mathcal{T}^1$ -s.s.  $\Leftrightarrow \pi_\phi E$  is  $\mathcal{T}$ -s.s.

$$\omega^1(\phi) = Z \circ \pi_\phi$$

Remark (1) Thm 4 & 5 generalise to nonabelian group actions [D.-Edmund Kerig - Anthony Licata]. The hard part is to describe  $\text{im}(\pi_\phi^{-1})$ .

(2) ( $\widehat{G}$ -action)  $\pi_\phi \mathcal{O}_X = \bigoplus_{x \in \widehat{G}} \mathcal{L}_x$ , each  $\mathcal{L}_x$  is a line bundle with  $\chi_1(\mathcal{L}_x) = 0$  (in  $\text{NS}_{\mathbb{P}(X)}$ , "numerically trivial")  
 Then  $\widehat{G} \curvearrowright D^b(Y)$  by  $- \otimes \mathcal{L}_x$ .

[i.e.  $\sigma = (P, Z) \in \text{stab}(Y)^{\widehat{G}}$   $\Leftrightarrow$  •  $P(\phi) \otimes \mathcal{L}_x = P(\phi)$   $\forall x \in \widehat{G}$   
 •  $Z(E \otimes \mathcal{L}_x) = Z(E)$ ]

NOW BACK TO (4):

Lemma  $\circledast$  preserves geometric stability conditions

Proof sketch

( $\Rightarrow$ )  $\sigma \in \text{stab}(X)$  geometric, wts  $\sigma'$  geometric.

- $y \in Y$ ,  $\pi^* \mathcal{O}_y = \bigoplus_{g \in G} g^* \mathcal{O}_x$

- $\sigma$  geometric  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_x \in P(\phi) \Rightarrow \pi^* \mathcal{O}_y \in P(\phi)$

wts  $\mathcal{O}_y$  simple in  $P'(\phi)$ :

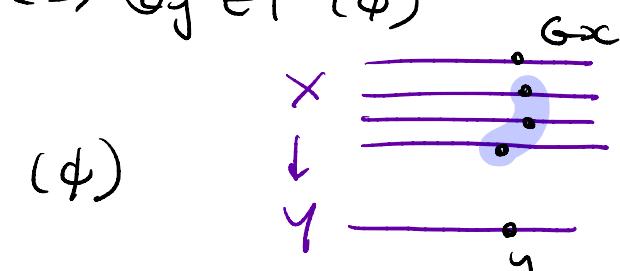
- $\forall E \hookrightarrow \mathcal{O}_y$  in  $P'(\phi)$

$$\Rightarrow \pi^* E \hookrightarrow \bigoplus_{g \in G} g^* \mathcal{O}_x \text{ in } P(\phi)$$

$\bigoplus_{g \in G}$  stable

But any <sub>(strict)</sub> subobject cannot be of the form  $\pi^* E$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_y \text{ is simple in } P'(\phi)$$



- $(\Leftarrow)$  similar: •  $\sigma^1 \in (\text{Stab}(Y))^{\widehat{G}}$  geometric  
 $\Rightarrow Q_Y \in P^1(\phi) \xrightarrow{*} \pi^* Q_Y \in P(\phi)$   
 $\Rightarrow Q_X \in P(\phi)$  ( $P(\phi)$  closed under direct summands)
- Then  $E \hookrightarrow Q_X \rightarrow F$  in  $P(\phi)$   
 $\Rightarrow \pi^* E \hookrightarrow Q_Y \rightarrow \pi^* F$  in  $P^1(\phi)$
- $Q_Y$   $\sigma^1$ -stable  $\Rightarrow \pi^* E$  or  $\pi^* F = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow E \text{ or } F = 0$  ( $\pi$  finite  $\Rightarrow \pi^*$  conservative)  $\square$

Exercise find  $\sigma \in (\text{Stab}^{\text{geo}}(X))^G$  for  $X$  a surface ( $Y = X/G$ )  
HINT:  $\text{DENS}_{\text{IR}}(Y) \Rightarrow \pi^* D$   $G$ -invariant divisor class

Thm 6 [D'23, DHL: non abelian version]

- $X$  surface,  $\text{alb}_X$  finite
- $G$  finite abelian group
- $Y = X/G$  free quotient

Then  $\text{Stab}^{\text{geo}}(Y) = \text{Stab}(Y)^{\widehat{G}} \simeq \text{Stab}(X)^G$  and this is a contractible connected component of  $\text{Stab}(Y)$   
open, closed, connected

Remark ① Version in higher dim.

$$\underline{\text{Stab}(Y)}^{\widehat{G}} \subseteq \text{Stab}^{\text{geo}}(Y)$$

and this $\uparrow$  is a union of connected components

② In [DHL '23] we extend this to non abelian  $G$

Proof

- $\text{alb}_X$  finite  $\xrightarrow{[\text{FLZ}]} \text{Stab}(X) = \text{Stab}^{\text{geo}}(X)$
- Thm 5 + Lemma  $\Rightarrow \text{Stab}(Y)^{\widehat{G}} \subseteq \text{Stab}^{\text{geo}}(Y)$
- $\text{Stab}(Y)^{\widehat{G}}$  is open & closed

$\Rightarrow$  version in any dim.

- ③ [D., Relański '23]  $\text{Stab}^{\text{geo}}(Y)$  connected & contractible  $\Rightarrow \square$   
(see Lecture 1 notes, §1.1)

## Examples

(1)  $C_1, C_2 \subset \mathbb{P}^2 : x^5 + y^5 + z^5 = 0$  Fermat quintic curve  
 $G = (\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z})^2$  <sup>free</sup>  $\curvearrowright X = C_1 \times C_2 \xrightarrow{\text{alb}} J(C_1) \times J(C_2)$   
 $\downarrow$   $\uparrow$  finite  $\circlearrowleft g(C_i) = 6 > 0$   
 $\triangle C_i/G \cong \mathbb{P}^1$

$$Y = X/G \quad \text{Beauville surface}$$

$$\dim \text{Alb}(Y) = h^1(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{alb}_Y \text{ not finite}$$

This construction generalises to

$$Y = (C_1 \times C_2) / G$$

- $g(C_i) > 1$  : 17 families with  $h^1(\mathcal{O}_Y) = h^2(\mathcal{O}_Y) = 0$   
 called Beauville-type surfaces  
 $\hookrightarrow \text{alb}_Y \text{ trivial}$ 

$[G \text{ abelian for 5 families } G \in (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^3, (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^4, (\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})^2, (\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z})^2]$
- $g(C_i) = 1$  : 7 families with  $h^1(\mathcal{O}_Y) = 1$  called bielliptic surfaces,  $\text{alb}_Y$  is an elliptic fibration !

By Thm 6 either

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Stab}(Y) &= \text{Stab}^{\text{geo}}(Y) \\ \text{so } A4 &\text{ is no!} \\ \text{Stab}(Y) &\text{ disconnected} \end{aligned} \quad ] \text{ both surprising!}$$

Thm 7 [D - Gebhard Martin, work in progress]

$$Y \text{ bielliptic surface} \Rightarrow \text{Stab}^{\text{geo}}(Y) = \text{Stab}(Y)$$

ie.  $A4$  no!

(2) (Non example: Enriques surface)  $Y = X/G$   $\curvearrowleft \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$   
 $\text{Stab}(X) \setminus \text{Stab}^{\text{geo}}(X) \neq \emptyset$

$$\text{Lemma} \Rightarrow \text{Stab}(Y) \setminus \text{Stab}^{\text{geo}}(Y) \neq \emptyset.$$

EXERCISE Is  $\sigma_{H,D,\alpha,\beta} \in \text{Stab}^{\text{geo}}(Y)$  invariant under  $- \otimes \mathcal{O}_Y$  ?

## Higher dim. examples:

### ③ (Calabi-Yau threefolds of abelian-type)

$X$  abelian 3fold,  $Y = X/G$  free quotient s.t.

$\omega_Y \cong \mathcal{O}_Y$  and  $H^1(Y, \mathbb{Q}) = 0$  ( $G = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}^{\oplus 2}$  or  $D_4$  [Oguiso-Sakurai])

$\exists \beta \in \text{Stab}(X)$ : connected component of geometric stability conditions [Bayer-Macri-Stellari, Oberdieck-Piyaratne-Toda]

Thm 6

$\Rightarrow \text{Stab}(Y)$  has a connected component of geometric stability conditions

### ④ (Generalised hyperelliptic varieties)

$Y = A/G$  :  $A$  abelian  
 $\cdot G \curvearrowright A$  finite free, contains no translations.

$Y$  is Kähler, Kodaira dim. 0.

[Catanese-Demleitner, Aguilo Vidal] construct examples:

$Y = E^{2n} \times E'/D_{4n}$   $E, E'$  elliptic curves, alby not finite.

## §5 Where next? Future directions & applications

Q What geometric condition characterises  $\text{Stab}(X) \neq \text{Stab}^{\text{geo}}(X)$ ?

$\dim X$	$\exists \text{ geo?}$	$\exists \text{ non-geo?}$	
1	$\text{Stab}^{\text{geo}}(X) \cong (\mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{H})$ [Bridgeland '07], [Mauri '07]	$g(X) \geq 1$ $\text{Stab}(P^1) \cong \mathbb{G}$	no [Mauri '07] yes [Okada '06] uses: $\mathbb{G} \oplus \mathbb{G} - \mathbb{G}$
2	yes! see §1, $\text{Stab}^{\text{geo}}(X)$ described in §1.1 [Rekata]	abelian surface $P^2$ $K^3$ $S^2 C, C^2 < 0$	no [Bridgeland '08, Raynaud-Mauri-Stellari '09] yes [Chen-Li '17] $\mathbb{P}^2 \oplus \mathbb{G} - \mathbb{G}$ yes [Picard rk 1]: [Bridgeland '08] [Chen-Raynaud-Mauri-Stellari '17] finite Albanese & free quotients: no [FLZ, DHL]
3	yes for some threefolds	abelian 3folds, Picard rk 1 $P^3$	no [Maciaia-Piyaratne '18+] yes [Bayer-Mauri-Stellari '16]
$\geq 4$	???	$P^n$ [Dolgagin '21], [Petković '22]	finite Albanese & free quotients no : [FLZ, DHL]

Q) What happens for non-free quotients?  
 $\text{Thm 4} \Rightarrow \text{Stab}_{\mathbb{Z}}(X)^G \cong \text{Stab}_{\mathbb{Z}}([X/G])^{\widehat{G}}$   
 (or non abelian version)

e.g.

\*  $D^b([pt/G])$ :  $\Delta$  being  $\widehat{G}$ -invariant is very restrictive

\* ramified covers (I have some ideas for curves!)

\* Crepant resolutions  $X \xrightarrow{\sim} X/G \hookrightarrow Y$   
 e.g.

① Kummer K3 surface :  $Y$  [Bridgeland-King-Reid]

$G = \{\pm 1\} \wr X = A$  abelian surface,  $D^b(Y) \cong D^b_G(X)$

Q) What is  $\text{Stab}(Y)^{\widehat{G}}$ ?

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② [Perry-Shah]  $X = C_1 \times \dots \times C_n$   $C_i$  curves,  $\mathfrak{S} \in \text{Stab}_{\mathbb{Z}}(X)$

$G = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightsquigarrow \text{Stab}_{\mathbb{Z}}(Y) \neq \emptyset$ ,  $Y$  strict Calabi-Yau

Warning: lattice  $\mathbb{Z}$  for  $\text{stab}(X)$  may be too small for  $\text{stab}(Y)$ .

\* Application to DT theory:

[Bridgeland-Del Monte-Giovenzana]  $X = \text{Tot}(W_{\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1})$

Use Thm 4 to study  $\text{stab}(X)$  using ① resolved conifolds  
 ② quiver reps  
and compute DT invariants ("count stable objects")

\* Applications in representation theory

① In [DML] we also applied Thm 4 to relate to:  
 $\mathfrak{S} = D^b(\text{Rep } Q)$  for some wild quivers. 

② [HL'24] use actions of fusion categories to study  
 $\text{Stab}$  (CY2 category assoc. to  $Q$ ), and use this to investigate  
 $K(\mathcal{C}, 1)$  conjecture for non-simply laced Arches groups

Q) Do you have other examples of  $\mathfrak{S} \subset \mathfrak{D}$ ?

I'd like to hear about them!