

# On derived Galois deformation rings in characteristic 0 and a conjecture of Venkatesh

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## Abstract

Let  $\Pi$  be a regular algebraic cuspidal automorphic representation of  $\mathrm{GL}_n$  over a CM field  $F$ , and  $\rho$  its associated Galois representation in characteristic 0. With mild assumptions, we use the Taylor–Wiles method to define a free action of the potentially semistable derived deformation ring of  $\rho$  on the  $\Pi$ -part of the  $p$ -adic cohomology of  $\mathrm{GL}_n/F$ , as predicted by a conjecture of Venkatesh. As part of the proof, we establish an equivalence between the derived deformation ring of  $\rho$  with the completion of the derived deformation ring of the reduction  $\bar{\rho}$  at the point corresponding to  $\rho$ . This is a draft still undergoing revisions.

## 1 Introduction

Langlands philosophy posits a correspondence between suitable subclasses of automorphic representations and Galois representations. This correspondence is expected to be compatible with  $p$ -adic deformations in the sense that there should exist an isomorphism of rings  $R \rightarrow T$  where  $R$  is a deformation ring parametrising  $p$ -adic deformations of a Galois representation and  $T$  is a  $p$ -adic Hecke algebra which acts on  $p$ -adic automorphic forms. Restriction of scalars along  $R \rightarrow T$  defines an action of  $R$  on  $p$ -adic automorphic forms. This article is concerned with defining a derived enhancement of this action.

To explain the motivation for this question, let us describe what we will mean by  $p$ -adic automorphic forms. Fix a prime  $p$ , a CM field  $F$  and an isomorphism  $\iota: \mathbb{C} \cong \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p$ . Let  $\mathbf{G} = \mathrm{GL}_n/F$  and suppose  $\Pi$  is a regular algebraic cuspidal automorphic representation of  $\mathbf{G}(\mathbb{A}_F)$  of weight  $\lambda$ . Fix an open compact subgroup  $U \subset \mathbf{G}(\mathbb{A}_F^\infty)$  (assumed small enough) and consider the locally symmetric space  $Y_U$  of level  $U$ , which is a smooth manifold of dimension  $\dim Y_U = \frac{1}{2}[F:\mathbb{Q}](n^2 - 1)$  equipped with a locally constant sheaf of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ -vector spaces  $\mathcal{V}_\lambda$  determined by the weight  $\lambda$ . The cohomology group  $H^*(Y_U, \mathcal{V}_\lambda)$  is a finite-dimensional  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ -vector space equipped with an action of Hecke operators and serves as our space of  $p$ -adic automorphic forms. The system of eigenvalues associated to  $\Pi$  defines a generalised eigenspace

$$H^*(Y_U, \mathcal{V}_\lambda)_\Pi \subset H^*(Y_U, \mathcal{V}_\lambda),$$

which is non-zero in the degrees  $[\frac{1}{2}(d - l_0), \frac{1}{2}(d + l_0)]$ , where  $d = \dim Y_U$  and  $l_0 = \frac{1}{2}[F:\mathbb{Q}](n - 1) \in \mathbb{N}$  is the defect of  $\mathbf{G}$ . Disregarding a multiplicity factor depending on the prime-to- $p$  level  $U^p$ , the dimension in degree  $q_0 + i$  is  $\binom{l_0}{i}$ . This suggestive numerology indicates that the  $\Pi$ -contribution is a free graded module over an exterior algebra  $\wedge^* V_\Pi$ , where  $V_\Pi$  is a vector space of dimension  $l_0$ . A

conjecture of Venkatesh (or rather, the  $p$ -adic realisation thereof) predicts that this does indeed hold in a natural way, where  $V_\Pi$  is a certain Selmer group defined in terms of the Galois representation attached to  $\Pi$  via the Langlands correspondence.

By work of Harris–Lan–Taylor–Thorne [HLTT16] and Scholze [Sch15], one can attach to  $\Pi$  a continuous Galois representation

$$\rho = \rho_{\Pi, \iota} : \Gamma_{F,S} \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_n(E).$$

Here,  $S$  is a finite set of finite places of  $F$  containing the ramified places of  $\Pi$ ,  $\Gamma_S = \mathrm{Gal}(\bar{F}_S/F)$  is the Galois group of the maximal extension of  $F$  which is unramified outside of  $S$  and  $E/\mathbb{Q}_p$  is a finite extension. We will always assume that the restrictions  $\rho|_{\Gamma_v}$  have generic associated Weil–Deligne representations, so that the local characteristic 0 deformation rings are smooth. To simplify the exposition in the introduction, we ignore the places in  $S$  not above  $p$ .

The representation  $\rho$  and its Hodge–Tate weights  $\mathrm{HT}(\rho)$  define a deformation functor  $D_\rho^{\mathrm{ss}} : \mathrm{Art}_E \rightarrow \mathrm{Set}$  given by

$$B \mapsto \{r_B : \Gamma_{F,S} \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_n(B) \mid r_B \text{ unramified outside } S, \text{ potentially semistable, } \mathrm{HT}(r_B) = \mathrm{HT}(\rho)\} / \sim$$

where  $\mathrm{Art}_E$  is the category of artinian  $E$ -algebras and  $\sim$  denotes strict equivalence. When  $\rho$  is irreducible,  $D_\rho^{\mathrm{ss}}$  is pro-represented by a complete Noetherian local  $E$ -algebra  $R_\rho^{\mathrm{ss}}$ , whose spectrum we view as an intersection

$$\mathrm{Spec}(R_\rho^{\mathrm{ss}}) \cong \mathrm{Spec}(R_\rho \otimes_{R_\rho^{\mathrm{loc}}} R_\rho^{\mathrm{loc}, \mathrm{ss}}),$$

namely the intersection inside local deformations between the loci of global deformations and potentially semistable local deformations with preserved Hodge–Tate weights. The tangent space of  $R_\rho^{\mathrm{ss}}$  is given by the geometric Bloch–Kato Selmer group  $H_g^1(\Gamma_{F,S}, \mathrm{ad} \rho)$ , which is known to vanish (as the Bloch–Kato conjecture predicts) in many cases by the main result of [A’C24]. In other words,  $\mathrm{Spec} R_\rho^{\mathrm{ss}}$  is a point. However, tangent-obstruction theory predicts the dimension of  $R_\rho^{\mathrm{ss}}$  to be given by the Euler characteristic, which comes out to  $-l_0 < 0$ . This suggests that the intersection above is non-transverse and that one ought to look for a derived version of  $R_\rho^{\mathrm{ss}}$  which accounts for ‘hidden’ obstructions. A natural candidate is given by replacing  $\otimes$  with  $\otimes^{\mathbf{L}}$ , but the resulting object only has good formal properties when the rings involved are complete intersections of the expected dimension. In general, a more flexible framework is necessary.

A derived enhancement of classical deformation rings has been introduced for mod  $p$  representations by Galatius–Venkatesh [GV18], and for characteristic 0 representations a construction has been given by Zhu [Zhu21]. In both setups, derived deformation rings are simplicial (or animated) rings whose underlying static ring is canonically isomorphic to a classical deformation ring. For example, we can define a derived version of the functor  $D_\rho^{\mathrm{ss}}$  above and obtain a *derived deformation ring*  $\mathcal{R}_\rho^{\mathrm{ss}}$  such that

$$\pi_0(\mathcal{R}_\rho^{\mathrm{ss}}) \cong R_\rho^{\mathrm{ss}}.$$

The key benefit of considering  $\mathcal{R}_\rho^{\mathrm{ss}}$  is best explained in terms of tangent complexes. Whereas  $R_\rho^{\mathrm{ss}}$  is predicted to be a field and therefore to have a trivial tangent complex  $T_E^\bullet(R_\rho^{\mathrm{ss}}) \cong H^0(T_E^\bullet(R_\rho^{\mathrm{ss}})) = 0$ , the tangent complex of  $\mathcal{R}_\rho^{\mathrm{ss}}$  has  $H^1(T_E^\bullet(\mathcal{R}_\rho^{\mathrm{ss}})) \cong H_g^1(\Gamma_{F,S}, \mathrm{ad} \rho(1))$ , which is  $l_0$ -dimensional! In this way, the derived deformation ring witnesses obstructions not captured by the underlying static ring.

Thus, in hope of proving the dimension formula for the  $\Pi$ -contribution, we formulate two goals: define a free graded action

$$\pi_*(\mathcal{R}_\rho^{\text{ss}}) \circlearrowleft H^*(X_U, \mathcal{V}_\lambda)_\Pi, \quad (\star)$$

and prove that  $\pi_*(\mathcal{R}_\rho^{\text{ss}})$  is an exterior algebra on a vector space  $V_\Pi$  of dimension  $l_0$ , a natural candidate being the  $l_0$ -dimensional dual adjoint Selmer group  $H_g^1(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad } \rho(1))$ . Without further ado, let us state a compact version of our main result.

**Theorem 1.1** (Theorem 4.1). *With notation as above, and under various assumptions on  $F$  and  $\rho$ , there exists a free graded action of  $\pi_*(\mathcal{R}_\rho^{\text{ss}})$  on  $H^*(Y_U, \mathcal{V}_\lambda)_\Pi$ .*

Although Theorem 1.1 is a purely characteristic 0 statement, to apply the Taylor–Wiles method we will need to consider deformation rings of the reduction  $\bar{\rho}: \Gamma_{F,S} \rightarrow \text{GL}_n(k)$  where  $k$  is the residue field of  $E$ . To relate the two, we prove derived analogues of results by Kisin ([Kis09, Lem. 2.3.3, Prop. 2.3.5]) on classical deformation rings. For example, we obtain the following corollary as a consequence of Theorems 3.38 and 3.39, which are applicable in broad generality.

**Corollary 1.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{R}_{\bar{\rho}} \in \mathcal{CNL}_{/k}$  denote the derived deformation ring (in the sense of [GV18] or [Zhu21]), and let  $\xi: \mathcal{R}_{\bar{\rho}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$  be the point corresponding to an  $\mathcal{O}$ -lattice  $\xi \subset \rho$ . Then the derived completion*

$$(\mathcal{R}_{\bar{\rho}} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E)_{\xi}^{\wedge} := \lim_r (\mathcal{R}_{\bar{\rho}} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E)/^{\mathbf{L}} I_{\xi}^r$$

of  $\mathcal{R}_{\bar{\rho}} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E$  at the ideal  $I_{\xi} = \ker(\pi_0(\mathcal{R}_{\bar{\rho}}) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E \rightarrow E)$  represents the derived deformation ring of  $\rho$  in the sense of [Zhu21].

Using the same results, we identify the potentially semistable deformation ring with the completion

$$\mathcal{R}_\rho^{\text{ss}} \simeq (\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{S}} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E)_{\xi}^{\wedge}$$

of a derived deformation ring representing a mod  $p$  deformation problem  $\mathbf{S}$  (see Corollary ??). In [GV18], an action of the crystalline version of  $\pi_*(\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{S}})$  on the *integral* cohomology is defined, in the Fontaine–Laffaille setting and assuming the Calegari–Geraghty vanishing conjecture for mod  $p$  cohomology [CG18, Conj. B]. Inverting  $p$  then yields the desired action. However, beyond the Fontaine–Laffaille setting, the naive generalisation of the integral result is not expected to hold in general.

Let us outline the proof of Theorem 1.1. The first step, following [GV18], is to approximate the mod  $p$  deformation ring  $\mathcal{R} := \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{S}}$  by a derived tensor product of static rings using the Taylor–Wiles method. For every  $N \geq 1$ , one has an augmented deformation problem  $\mathbf{S}_N$  of Taylor–Wiles level  $N$  and a corresponding derived deformation ring  $\mathcal{R}_N := \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{S}_N}$  with underlying static ring  $R_N := \pi_0(\mathcal{R}_N)$ . Descending from Taylor–Wiles level yields a weak equivalence

$$\mathcal{R} \simeq \mathcal{R}_N \otimes_{S_N}^{\mathbf{L}} \mathcal{O},$$

where  $S_N$  is the  $\mathcal{O}$ -group ring of a finite  $p$ -group. Via this equivalence, we construct a morphism

$$\mathcal{R} \simeq \mathcal{R}_N \otimes_{S_N}^{\mathbf{L}} \mathcal{O} \rightarrow R_N \otimes_{S_N}^{\mathbf{L}} \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \overline{R}_N \otimes_{\overline{S}_N}^{\mathbf{L}} \mathcal{O}_N =: \mathcal{C}_N$$

where  $R_N \twoheadrightarrow \overline{R}_N$  and  $S_N \twoheadrightarrow \overline{S}_N$  are Artinian quotients and  $\mathcal{O}_N := \mathcal{O}/\varpi^N$ . A compactness argument yields a morphism to the limit

$$g: \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{S}} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{\infty} := \lim_N \mathcal{C}_N,$$

which induces a morphism on localised and completed rings

$$(\mathcal{R}_S \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E)_{\xi}^{\wedge} \simeq \mathcal{R}_{\rho}^{\text{ss}} \rightarrow (\mathcal{C}_{\infty})_{\xi}^{\wedge}$$

Carrying out this non-constructive argument while retaining sufficient control over the induced morphism of tangent complexes is the main technical difficulty in the proof. Applying an ‘ $R = T$ ’ theorem of A’Campo [A’C24], we prove an equivalence

$$(\mathcal{C}_{\infty})_{\xi}^{\wedge} \simeq R_{\infty, \mathfrak{p}}^{\wedge} \otimes_{(S_{\infty})_{\mathfrak{a}}^{\wedge}}^{\mathbf{L}} E,$$

where  $\mathfrak{a}$  is the augmentation ideal of  $S_{\infty}^{\circ}$ . By A’Campo’s result, the formally smooth  $E$ -algebra  $R_{\infty, \mathfrak{p}}^{\wedge}$  acts freely on a patched module  $(M_{\infty})_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\wedge}$ , and descending from Taylor–Wiles level induces a free action

$$\pi_*(\mathcal{R}_{\rho}^{\text{ss}}) \odot (M_{\infty})_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\wedge} \otimes_{(S_{\infty})_{\mathfrak{a}}^{\wedge}}^{\mathbf{L}} E \cong H^*(X_U, \mathcal{V}_{\lambda})_{\Pi}.$$

A priori, this action might depend on the non-canonical choice made in defining  $g$ . In [GV18], this is ruled out by proving a compatibility with the action of the derived Hecke algebra introduced in [Ven19]. Thus, so far the naturality of the action is only known in the setting of [GV18], though it is expected to hold in general.

Let us describe the content of the sections below. In Section 2, we introduce some notation and recall some basic facts concerning  $\infty$ -categories, the cohomology of locally symmetric spaces and animated rings. Section 3 contains the needed facts about derived deformation theory in general as developed by Lurie, and Zhu’s derived deformation rings of Galois representations. Subsection 3.7 contains results connecting derived deformations of a representation  $\rho$  and its reduction  $\bar{\rho}$ . In Section 4, we prove the main result (Theorem 4.1).

## 2 Preliminaries

We fix the following notation:  $F$  is a CM field;  $E$  is a finite extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  with ring of integers  $\mathcal{O}$ , uniformiser  $\varpi$  and residue field  $\mathcal{O}/\varpi = k$ . We will tacitly assume that  $E$  is large enough, so that all of our Galois representations are defined over  $E$  and  $E$  contains all embeddings  $F \hookrightarrow \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p$ . When  $S$  is a set of places of  $F$ , we use the notation  $S_p$  for  $\{v \in S : v \mid p\}$  and  $S^p = S \setminus S_p$ . For any  $r \geq 1$ , we let  $\mathcal{O}_r = \mathcal{O}/\varpi^r$ . Generally, we use calligraphic letters to denote  $\infty$ -categories, so that  $\mathcal{A}\lg_{\mathcal{O}}$  is the animation of  $\text{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}}$  (see 2.2). When we are interested in both an animated object and its underlying static object, we distinguish them by fonts; thus  $R = \pi_0(\mathcal{R})$ . Unless otherwise specified, limits and colimits are taken in the  $\infty$ -categorical sense. Throughout the paper, we use homological indexing.

**Over- $\infty$ -categories.** If  $Y$  is an object of an  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{C}$ , there is an over- $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{C}_{/Y}$  whose objects are given by morphisms  $(X \rightarrow Y)$ . The object  $(1_Y : Y \rightarrow Y)$  is final in  $\mathcal{C}_{/Y}$ , i.e. for any  $(X \rightarrow Y) \in \mathcal{C}_{/Y}$ , the mapping space  $\text{Map}_{\mathcal{C}_{/Y}}((X \rightarrow Y), (Y \rightarrow Y))$  is contractible.

**Sub- $\infty$ -categories.** Given an  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{C}$  and a full subcategory  $h'\mathcal{C} \hookrightarrow h\mathcal{C}$  of its homotopy category, we define an  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{C}'$  by forming the pullback of

$$N(h'\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow N(h\mathcal{C}) \leftarrow \mathcal{C}.$$

Equivalently,  $\mathcal{C}'$  is the simplicial subset of  $\mathcal{C}$  spanned by the vertices lying in  $h'\mathcal{C}$  [Cis19, Ex. 3.9.5].

## 2.1 Locally symmetric spaces

In this section, we recall some basic facts about the locally symmetric spaces associated to  $\mathrm{GL}_n/F$ . See [KT17, §6.2] for a reference.

**Notation 2.1.** We fix the following notation:

- $\mathbf{G} = \mathrm{GL}_n/F$  with centre and torus  $\mathbf{Z} \subset \mathbf{T} \subset \mathbf{G}$
- $G_\infty = \mathbf{G}(F \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{R})$  with maximal compact subgroup  $K_\infty \subset G_\infty$
- $Z_\infty = \mathbf{Z}(F \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{R})$

Given an open compact subgroup  $U \subset \mathbf{G}(\mathbb{A}_F^\infty)$ , we define the locally symmetric space of level  $U$  as the double quotient

$$Y_U = \mathbf{G}(F) \backslash \mathbf{G}(\mathbb{A}_F) / U Z_\infty K_\infty.$$

We say that  $U$  is a *good* subgroup if  $U = \prod_v U_v$  and  $U$  is neat. If  $U$  is good, then  $Y_U$  is a smooth manifold of dimension  $\frac{1}{2}[F : \mathbb{Q}](n^2 - 1)$ . The defect of  $\mathbf{G}$  is the positive integer

$$l_0 = \mathrm{rank} G_\infty - \mathrm{rank} Z_\infty K_\infty = \frac{1}{2}[F : \mathbb{Q}](n - 1).$$

Given a dominant weight  $\lambda \in (\mathbb{Z}^n)^{\mathrm{Hom}(F, E)}$ , there exists a locally constant sheaf  $\mathcal{V}_\lambda$  such that the cohomology  $H^*(Y_U, \mathcal{V}_\lambda) := H^*(R\Gamma(Y_U, \mathcal{V}_\lambda))$  carries an action of the Hecke algebra  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{A}_F^{\infty, S}), U^S)$  where  $S$  is a finite set of places such that  $U_v = \mathrm{GL}_n(\mathcal{O}_{F_v})$  for  $v \in S$  and  $U^S = \prod_{v \notin S} U_v$ . If  $\Pi$  is a regular algebraic cuspidal representation of  $\mathbf{G}$ , we let  $\mathfrak{p} = \ker(\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{A}_F^{\infty, S}), U^S) \rightarrow \mathrm{End}_{\mathbb{C}}(\otimes'_{v \notin S} \Pi_v^{K_v}))$  and define the  $\Pi$ -part as the localisation

$$H^*(Y_U, \mathcal{V}_\lambda)_\Pi := H^*(Y_U, \mathcal{V}_\lambda)_{\mathfrak{p}},$$

i.e. the generalised eigenspace corresponding to the system of Hecke eigenvalues of  $\Pi$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** [HT17, Prop. 4.2] Let  $2q_0 = \dim Y_U - l_0$ , and fix a regular algebraic cuspidal representation  $\Pi$  of weight  $\lambda$ . Then  $H^i(Y_U, \mathcal{V}_\lambda)_\Pi = 0$  for  $i \notin [q_0, q_0 + l_0]$  and if  $m_\Pi = \dim_{\mathbb{C}}(\Pi^\infty)^{U^p}$ ,

$$\dim H^{q_0+i}(Y_U, \mathcal{V}_\lambda)_\Pi = m_\Pi \binom{l_0}{i}, \text{ for } i = 0, \dots, l_0.$$

## 2.2 Animated algebras

We begin by recalling the definition of animated algebras and its relation to simplicial rings, following the presentation in [ČS24, §5.1]. Let  $\mathrm{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}}$  denote the ordinary category of commutative  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebras and let

$$\mathrm{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}} = \mathrm{Ani}(\mathrm{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}})$$

denote the  $\infty$ -category of animated  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebras, i.e. the  $\infty$ -category generated under sifted colimits by the subcategory  $\mathrm{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}}^{\mathrm{fg}}$  of finite free  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebras. It is the  $\infty$ -category underlying the simplicial model category

$$\mathrm{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}}^\Delta = \mathrm{Fun}(\Delta^{\mathrm{op}}, \mathrm{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}})$$

of simplicial  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebras. That is, we have an equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories

$$\mathrm{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}} \simeq N((\mathrm{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}}^\Delta)^\circ)[W^{-1}]$$

where  $N$  is the nerve functor,  $(\text{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}}^{\Delta})^{\circ}$  the full subcategory of bifibrant objects and  $W$  the class of weak equivalences [Lur09, Cor. 5.5.9.3]. We will freely alternate between the simplicial and animated viewpoints.

If  $A \in \text{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}}$  is an animated  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebra, an animated  $A$ -module is a connective module over the underlying  $\mathbb{E}_1$ -ring of  $A$  (see [Lur04, p. 19]). When  $A = \pi_0(A)$  is static, the category

$$\mathcal{M}\text{od}_A := \mathcal{A}ni(\text{Mod}_A)$$

of animated  $A$ -modules is equivalent to the derived category  $D^{\geq 0}(A)$  of connective complexes of  $A$ -modules, which is equivalent to the localisation of the simplicial model category  $\text{Mod}_A^{\Delta}$  of simplicial  $A$ -modules at weak equivalences.

**Definition 2.3.** [Lur04, Def. 2.5.9] An animated  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebra  $A \in \text{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}}$  is:

- (1) Noetherian if  $\pi_0(A)$  is a Noetherian ring and  $\pi_i(A)$  is a finitely generated  $\pi_0(A)$ -module for every  $i \geq 0$ .
- (2) Local if  $\pi_0(A)$  is local.

A local Noetherian  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebra  $A$  is complete if  $A$  is derived  $\mathfrak{m}_{\pi_0(A)}$ -adically complete. We let  $\mathcal{CNL}_{/k} \subset (\text{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}})_{/k}$  and  $\mathcal{CNL}_{/E} \subset (\text{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}})_{/E}$  denote the full subcategories of complete Noetherian local  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebras with residue fields  $\pi_0(A)/\mathfrak{m}_{\pi_0(A)}$  equal to  $k$  and  $E$ , respectively.

**Proposition 2.4.** [Lur04, p. 32] Let  $A \in \text{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}}$  and suppose  $B$  lies in the smallest subcategory of  $\text{Alg}_A$  containing  $A[X]$  which is closed under finite colimits. Then  $\text{Map}_A(B, -)$  commutes with filtered colimits.

If the assumption of Proposition 2.4 holds, we say that  $B$  is a *finitely presented  $A$ -algebra*.

**Proposition 2.5.** [Lur04, Prop. 3.1.5] Let  $A \in \text{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}}$  be Noetherian,  $j \geq 0$  and suppose  $B$  is an  $A$ -algebra. The following are equivalent:

- (1) The functor  $\text{Map}_A(B, -)$  commutes with filtered colimits when restricted to the subcategory  $\tau_{\leq j}(\text{Alg}_A)$  of  $j$ -truncated  $A$ -algebras.
- (2) The  $A$ -algebra  $\tau_{\leq j}B$  is Noetherian and  $\pi_0(B)$  is a finitely presented  $\pi_0(A)$ -algebra.

If the equivalent conditions in Proposition 2.5 hold, we say that  $B$  is *of finite presentation to order  $j$  as an  $A$ -algebra*. If the conditions hold for every  $j \geq 0$ , we say that  $B$  is *almost of finite presentation over  $A$* . From (2), we deduce that any Noetherian static ring  $B \in \text{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}}$  is almost of finite presentation.

**Derived quotients.** Fix an animated  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebra  $A \in \text{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}}$  and an element  $a \in \pi_0(A)$ . We define a morphism of  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebras  $\mathcal{O}[t] \rightarrow A$  by choosing a lift  $\tilde{a} \in A_0$ , and let

$$A/\mathbf{L}a := A \otimes_{\mathcal{O}[t]}^{\mathbf{L}} \mathcal{O},$$

where  $t$  acts as 0 on  $\mathcal{O}$ . The algebra  $A/\mathbf{L}a$  is well-defined up to weak equivalence, and for every  $r \geq 1$  we have a natural map

$$A/\mathbf{L}a^{r+1} \rightarrow A/\mathbf{L}a^r.$$

More generally, given  $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \pi_0(A)$  we define

$$A/\mathbf{L}(a_1, \dots, a_m) = A \otimes_{\mathcal{O}[t_1, \dots, t_m]}^{\mathbf{L}} \mathcal{O} \simeq A/\mathbf{L}a_1/\mathbf{L} \dots / \mathbf{L}a_m.$$

There are natural maps

$$A/\mathbf{L}(a_1^{r+1}, \dots, a_m^{r+1}) \rightarrow A/\mathbf{L}(a_1^r, \dots, a_m^r)$$

forming an inverse system of animated  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebras and the limit depends only on the closed subspace of  $\mathrm{Spec} \pi_0(A)$  defined by  $(a_1, \dots, a_m)$ , as the following result shows.

**Proposition 2.6.** [Lur04, Prop. 6.1.1] Let  $A \in \mathcal{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}}$  and let  $J \subseteq \pi_0(A)$  be a finitely generated ideal. Fix a set of generators  $\{a_1, \dots, a_m\}$  for  $J$ . For any  $B \in \mathcal{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}}$ , the subspace

$$\mathrm{colim}_r \mathrm{Map}_{\mathcal{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}}}(A/\mathbf{L}(a_1^r, \dots, a_m^r), B) \rightarrow \mathrm{Map}_{\mathcal{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}}}(A, B)$$

is the space spanned by morphisms  $f: A \rightarrow B$  such that the induced morphism  $\pi_0(A) \rightarrow \pi_0(B)$  factors through  $\pi_0(A)/J^N$  for some  $N \geq 1$ .

**Definition 2.7.** [ČS24, 5.6.1] Let  $A \in \mathcal{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}}$  be Noetherian and let  $I = (a_1, \dots, a_m) \subset \pi_0(A)$ . Then  $A$  is derived  $I$ -adically complete if the natural map

$$A \rightarrow \lim_r A/\mathbf{L}(a_1^r, \dots, a_m^r)$$

is a weak equivalence.

**Lemma 2.8.** [BS15, Lem. 3.4.13] Let  $A \in \mathrm{Mod}_{\mathcal{O}}$  and suppose  $\pi_i(A)$  is  $\varpi$ -adically complete in the usual sense for every  $i \geq 0$ . Then  $A$  is derived  $\varpi$ -adically complete.

### 3 Derived deformation theory

#### 3.1 Artinian algebras

In this section, we recall the notion of Artinian animated algebras following [Lur04].

**Definition 3.1.** The category  $\mathcal{Art}_{/k}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{Art}_{/E}$ ) of Artinian animated  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebras over  $k$  (resp. over  $E$ ) is defined as the sub- $\infty$ -category of  $(\mathcal{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}})_{/k}$  (resp.  $(\mathcal{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}})_{/E}$ ) spanned by  $(B \rightarrow k)$  (resp.  $(B \rightarrow E)$ ) such that

- (1)  $\pi_0(B)$  is an Artinian ring with residue field  $k$  (resp.  $E$ ).
- (2)  $\pi_*(B)$  is a finitely generated  $\pi_0(B)$ -module.

Any Artinian animated  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebra (over  $k$  or  $E$ ) is truncated. Note that if  $B \in \mathcal{Art}_{/E}$  then  $\pi_0(B)$  is an  $E$ -algebra, and  $B$  is truncated since  $\pi_*(B)$  is a finite-dimensional  $E$ -vector space. A useful description of Artinian algebras allowing for proofs by induction is given in terms of small extensions.

**Definition 3.2.** [Lur04, Def. 3.3.1] Let  $B \in \mathcal{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}}$  and  $M \in \mathrm{Mod}_B^{\mathrm{cn}}$ . A small extension of  $B$  by  $M$  is a pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B' & \longrightarrow & B \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow s \\ B & \xrightarrow{(\mathrm{id}, 0)} & B \oplus M[1] \end{array}$$

where  $B \oplus M[1]$  is the trivial square-zero extension [Lur04, p.32] and  $s: B \rightarrow B \oplus M[1]$  is a section of the projection.

**Lemma 3.3.** [Lur04, Lem. 6.2.6] Let  $(B \rightarrow E) \in \mathcal{A}rt_{/E}$ . Then there exists a factorisation

$$B \simeq B_m \rightarrow B_{m-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow B_0 \simeq E$$

such that  $B_j$  is a small extension of  $B_{j-1}$  by  $E[n_j]$  for an increasing sequence  $n_j \geq 0$  and  $\dim_E(\pi_*(B_j)) = j+1$ . The analogous statement is true for  $(B \rightarrow k) \in \mathcal{A}rt_{/k}$ .

### 3.2 Integral models of Artinian $E$ -algebras

In this section, we introduce a notion of integral models of Artinian  $E$ -algebras. The definition is made in analogy with [Kis09, 2.3.5] and will be used in Definition 3.37.

Note that we have a canonical equivalence of  $\infty$ -categories

$$((\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}})_{/E})_{/(B \rightarrow E)} \simeq (\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}})_{/B}.$$

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $(B \rightarrow E) \in \mathcal{A}rt_{/E}$ . The  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{I}ntB$  is defined as the sub- $\infty$ -category of  $(\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}})_{/B}$  spanned by all  $(A \rightarrow B)$  such that:

- (1)  $\pi_*(A)$  is a finitely generated  $\mathcal{O}$ -module.
- (2) The induced map  $\pi_*(A) \rightarrow \pi_*(B)$  is injective.
- (3) The induced map  $A \otimes_{\mathcal{O}}^{\mathbf{L}} E \rightarrow B \otimes_{\mathcal{O}}^{\mathbf{L}} E$  is a weak equivalence.

The central result about the category  $\mathcal{I}ntB$  that we will need is the following.

**Proposition 3.5.** For any  $B \in \mathcal{A}rt_{/E}$ , the  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{I}ntB$  is filtered.

Note that condition (1) in the definition implies that any  $A \in \mathcal{I}ntB$  is finitely presented. When  $B$  is clear from context, we sometimes denote objects of  $\mathcal{I}ntB$  simply by  $A$ . Note that, if  $A, A' \in \mathcal{I}ntB$  then by definition

$$\mathrm{Map}_{\mathcal{I}ntB}(A, A') = \mathrm{Map}_{(\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}})_{/B}}(A, A').$$

**Lemma 3.6.** Let  $(B \rightarrow E) \in \mathcal{A}rt_{/E}$  and  $(A \rightarrow B) \in \mathcal{I}ntB$ . The natural map

$$\mathrm{Map}_{\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}}(A, B \times_E \mathcal{O}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Map}_{\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}}(A, B)$$

is a weak equivalence.

*Proof.* Since  $\mathcal{O}$  and  $E$  are static and  $\pi_0(A)$  is a finitely generated  $\mathcal{O}$ -module, we have equivalences of mapping spaces

$$\mathrm{Map}_{\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}}(A, E) \simeq \mathrm{Map}_{\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}}(\pi_0(A), E) \simeq \mathrm{Map}_{\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}}(\pi_0(A), \mathcal{O}) \simeq \mathrm{Map}_{\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}}(A, \mathcal{O}).$$

Consequently,

$$\mathrm{Map}_{\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}}(A, B \times_E \mathcal{O}) \simeq \mathrm{Map}_{\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}}(A, B) \times_{\mathrm{Map}_{\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}}(A, E)} \mathrm{Map}_{\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}}(A, \mathcal{O}) \simeq \mathrm{Map}_{\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}}(A, B).$$

□

To prove Proposition 3.5, we will prove an analogue of Lemma 3.3 for the category  $\mathcal{I}ntB$ .

**Lemma 3.7.** *Let  $B \in \mathcal{A}rt_{/E}$  be given by a sequence of small extensions*

$$B \simeq B_m \rightarrow B_{m-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow B_0 \simeq E$$

*as in Lemma 3.3. Then for any  $A \in \mathcal{I}nt B$ , the morphism  $A \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$  factors as*

$$A \simeq A_m \rightarrow A_{m-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow A_0 \simeq \mathcal{O},$$

*where, for every  $j \geq 1$ ,  $A_j \in \mathcal{I}nt B_j$  is a small extension of  $A_{j-1}$  by  $\varpi^{-r_j} \mathcal{O}[n_j]$  for a non-decreasing sequence  $0 \leq n_1 \leq \cdots \leq n_m$  and some  $r_j \geq 0$ . Moreover,  $B \times_E \mathcal{O}$  is equivalent in  $(\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}})_{/\mathcal{O}}$  to a filtered colimit of algebras of the form  $A_m$ .*

Before embarking on the proof of the Lemma, let us describe the homotopy groups of a small extension. Let  $A \in \mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}$  be  $n$ -truncated and suppose  $M \in \mathcal{A}ni(\text{Mod } A)$  has homotopy concentrated in degree  $n - 1$ . Then  $M[1]$  has homotopy concentrated in degree  $n$ , and any small extension  $A' = A \times_{A \oplus M[1]} A$  gives rise to a long exact sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow \pi_{i+1}(A) \rightarrow \pi_{i-1}(M) \rightarrow \pi_i(A') \rightarrow \pi_i(A) \rightarrow \pi_{i-2}(M) \rightarrow \cdots$$

which implies that  $\pi_i(A') \cong \pi_i(A)$  for every  $i \neq n$  and that

$$\pi_{n-1}(M) \cong \ker(\pi_n(A') \rightarrow \pi_n(A)).$$

Thus, a single small extension of the form considered in Lemma 3.7 only changes the homotopy groups in the top degree by adding a module which is free of rank 1 over  $\mathcal{O}$ .

*Proof of Lemma 3.7.* We prove the lemma by induction on  $m = \dim_E(\pi_*(B)) - 1$ . Let  $n = n_m$  denote the largest integer such that  $\pi_n(B) \neq 0$ . The case  $m = 0$  is trivial. For the induction step, suppose the statement holds for any length  $m - 1$  sequence  $B'_{m-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow B'_0$ .

The kernel

$$I = \ker(\pi_*(A) \hookrightarrow \pi_*(B_m) \rightarrow \pi_*(B_{m-1})) \subset \pi_n(A)$$

is a  $\pi_0(A)$ -submodule of  $\pi_*(A)$ , which is free of rank 1 as an  $\mathcal{O}$ -module. Using [Lur04, Prop. 3.3.3, Prop. 3.3.5], we construct a morphism in  $\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}$

$$A \rightarrow A_{m-1}$$

where  $A_{m-1}$  (' $A/I$ ' in the notation of loc. cit.) satisfies the following properties:

(1) For any  $Y \in \mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}$ ,

$$\text{Map}_{\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}}(A_{m-1}, Y) \hookrightarrow \text{Map}_{\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}}(A, Y)$$

is the subspace spanned by maps for which the induced map on homotopy groups maps  $I$  to  $0 \in \pi_*(Y)$ .

(2) The induced map  $\pi_*(A) \rightarrow \pi_*(A_{m-1})$  is an isomorphism in degree  $i \neq n$  and for  $i = n$  is the map  $\pi_n(A) \rightarrow \pi_n(A)/I$ .

(3)  $A$  is a small extension of  $A_{m-1}$  by  $I[n]$ , i.e. there is an equivalence

$$A \simeq A_m = A_{m-1} \times_{A_{m-1} \oplus I[n+1]} A_{m-1}.$$

From (1)-(3), we deduce that the map  $A_{m-1} \rightarrow B_{m-1}$  defines an object of  $\mathcal{I}ntB_{m-1}$  and that the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \longrightarrow & A_{m-1} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ B & \longrightarrow & B_{m-1} \end{array}$$

commutes up to homotopy. By the induction hypothesis,  $A_{m-1} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$  factors as a series of small extensions of the required form, and we are done.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.8.** *Let  $B \in \mathcal{A}rt_{/E}$ . Then  $B \times_E \mathcal{O}$  is equivalent in  $(\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}})_{/\mathcal{O}}$  to a filtered colimit of algebras of the form of  $A_m$  in Lemma 3.7.*

*Proof.* To prove the second claim, we use induction on  $m$  again. The case  $m = 0$  is trivial. Suppose the statement is true for any  $B'$  given by a length  $m-1$  sequence of small extensions. Let  $n = n_m + 1$  and note that

$$E[n] = \operatorname{colim}_{r \geq 0} \varpi^{-r} \mathcal{O}[n].$$

Since filtered colimits commute with finite limits, under the induction hypothesis we have

$$\begin{aligned} B_m \times_E \mathcal{O} &\simeq (B_{m-1} \times_{B_{m-1} \oplus E[n]} B_{m-1}) \times_E \mathcal{O} \\ &\simeq (B_{m-1} \times_E \mathcal{O}) \times_{(B_{m-1} \times_E \mathcal{O}) \oplus E[n]} (B_{m-1} \times_E \mathcal{O}) \\ &\simeq \operatorname{colim}_{A_{m-1}} (A_{m-1} \times_{A_{m-1} \oplus E[n]} A_{m-1}) \end{aligned}$$

where the colimit runs over a filtered diagram of  $A_{m-1} \in \mathcal{I}ntB_{m-1}$  of the sought form. We have equivalences

$$\begin{aligned} A_{m-1} \oplus E[n] &\simeq A_{m-1} \oplus \operatorname{colim}_{r \geq 0} \varpi^{-r} \mathcal{O}[n] \\ &\simeq \operatorname{colim}_{r \geq 0} A_{m-1} \oplus \varpi^{-r} \mathcal{O}[n]. \end{aligned}$$

Indeed,  $A_{m-1}$  preserves  $\mathcal{O}[n]$  inside  $E[n]$ , as that the map

$$A_{m-1} \rightarrow \operatorname{End}_{\mathcal{M}od_{\mathcal{O}}}(E[n]) \rightarrow \operatorname{Map}_{\mathcal{M}od_{\mathcal{O}}}(\mathcal{O}[n], E[n]/\mathcal{O}[n]) \simeq \operatorname{Map}_{\mathcal{M}od_{\mathcal{O}}}(\mathcal{O}, E/\mathcal{O}) \simeq E/\mathcal{O}$$

is null-homotopic by Lemma 3.6. It follows that

$$\operatorname{colim}_{A_{m-1}} (A_{m-1} \times_{A_{m-1} \oplus E[n]} A_{m-1}) \cong \operatorname{colim}_{A_{m-1}} \operatorname{colim}_{r \geq 0} (A_{m-1} \times_{A_{m-1} \oplus \varpi^{-r} \mathcal{O}[n]} A_{m-1}),$$

and thus  $B_m$  is a filtered colimit of the sought form.  $\square$

We are now in a position to prove the main result of this section, Proposition 3.5.

*Proof of Proposition 3.5.* By the local characterisation of filtered  $\infty$ -categories [Lur18, Tag 02PS], it suffices to prove the following statement: Given  $A, A' \in \mathcal{I}ntB$  and a morphism of simplicial sets

$$\gamma: \partial\Delta^n \rightarrow \operatorname{Map}_{/B}(A, A')$$

for some  $n \geq 0$ , there exists an  $A'' \in \mathcal{I}ntB$  and a morphism  $g: A' \rightarrow A''$  such that the composition

$$g \circ \gamma: \partial\Delta^n \rightarrow \operatorname{Map}_{/B}(A, A') \rightarrow \operatorname{Map}_{/B}(A, A'')$$

is null-homotopic. In other words, we would like to define the dotted arrow in the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \partial\Delta^n & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & \mathrm{Map}_{/B}(A, A') \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow g_* \\ \Delta^n & \dashrightarrow & \mathrm{Map}_{/B}(A, A'') \end{array}$$

Since  $B$  is final in  $(\mathcal{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}})_{/B}$  and by Lemma 3.8, we have

$$\{*\} \simeq \mathrm{Map}_{/B}(A, B) \simeq \mathrm{Map}_{/B}(A, B \times_E \mathcal{O}) \simeq \mathrm{Map}_{/B}(A, \mathrm{colim}_{A''} A''),$$

where  $A''$  runs over a filtered subcategory of  $\mathcal{Int}B$ . Thus, the composite

$$\partial\Delta^n \rightarrow \mathrm{Map}_{/B}(A, A') \rightarrow \mathrm{Map}_{/B}(A, \mathrm{colim}_{A''} A'')$$

is null-homotopic. Now, since  $A' \in \mathcal{Int}B$  is a finitely presented  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebra by Proposition 2.5, the map  $A' \rightarrow \mathrm{colim} A''$  factors through some  $A''$ . It follows that there exists a  $g: A' \rightarrow A''$  such that the composition  $g \circ \gamma$  is null-homotopic.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.9.** *Let  $B \in \mathcal{Art}_{/E}$ . We have the following:*

- (1) *There is a natural weak equivalence  $\mathrm{colim}_{A \in \mathcal{Int}B} A \rightarrow B \times_E \mathcal{O}$ .*
- (2) *There is a canonical isomorphism of graded rings  $\pi_*(B \times_E \mathcal{O}) \cong \pi_*(B) \times_E \mathcal{O}$ .*
- (3) *Any  $A \in \mathcal{Int}B$  is derived  $\varpi$ -adically complete.*
- (4) *For any  $A \in \mathcal{Int}B$  and  $r \geq 1$ ,  $(A/\mathbf{L}\varpi^r \rightarrow k) \in \mathcal{Art}_{/k}$ .*

*Proof.* (1) By Lemma 3.6, any  $(A \rightarrow B) \in \mathcal{Int}B$  defines a map  $A \rightarrow B \times_E \mathcal{O}$ . Taking the colimit over  $\mathcal{Int}B$ , we produce

$$\mathrm{colim}_{A \in \mathcal{Int}B} A \rightarrow B \times_E \mathcal{O},$$

and we claim that this map is a weak equivalence. Since  $\mathcal{Int}B$  is filtered and filtered colimits commute with  $\pi_*$ , it is enough to prove that the map

$$\mathrm{colim}_{A \in \mathcal{Int}B} \pi_*(A) \rightarrow \pi_*(B \times_E \mathcal{O})$$

is an isomorphism. Injectivity follows from condition (3) in the definition of  $\mathcal{Int}B$ . To see that the map is surjective, we use the isomorphism provided by Lemma 3.8, i.e.

$$\pi_*(B \times_E \mathcal{O}) \cong \mathrm{colim}_{A''} \pi_*(A''),$$

a filtered colimit over objects  $A'' \in \mathcal{Int}B$ . Surjectivity follows.

(2) There is a Mayer-Vietoris sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow \pi_n(B \times_E \mathcal{O}) \rightarrow \pi_n(B) \times \pi_n(\mathcal{O}) \rightarrow \pi_n(E) \rightarrow \dots,$$

and hence for every  $n \geq 1$ , we have

$$\pi_n(B \times_E \mathcal{O}) \cong \pi_n(B) \times \pi_n(\mathcal{O}) \cong \pi_n(B)$$

since  $\pi_n(B) \rightarrow E$  is the zero map. For  $n = 0$ , the sequence implies

$$\pi_0(B \times_E \mathcal{O}) \cong \ker(\pi_0(B) \times \mathcal{O} \rightarrow E) \cong \pi_0(B) \times_E \mathcal{O}.$$

(3) By definition,  $\pi_*(A)$  is a finitely generated  $\mathcal{O}$ -module and hence  $A$  is  $\varpi$ -adically complete by Lemma 2.8.

(4) Let  $A \in \text{Int}B$  and  $r \geq 1$ . Since  $\pi_*(A)$  is a finitely generated and free  $\mathcal{O}$ -module, Quillen's spectral sequence [Qui67, Thm. 2.6]

$$E_{i,j}^2 : \text{Tor}_i^{\mathcal{O}[t]}(\pi_j(A), \mathcal{O}) \implies \pi_{i+j}(A/\mathbf{L}\varpi^r)$$

amounts to an isomorphism

$$\pi_*(A/\mathbf{L}\varpi^r) \cong \pi_*(A) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} \mathcal{O}/\varpi^r.$$

It follows that  $\pi_0(A/\mathbf{L}\varpi^r)$  is Artinian and that  $\pi_*(A/\mathbf{L}\varpi^r)$  is finitely generated over  $\pi_0(A/\mathbf{L}\varpi^r)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.10.** *Let  $(A \rightarrow B) \in \text{Int}B$ . Then the map  $A \rightarrow E$  factors through  $\mathcal{O} \rightarrow E$ , and we have a lifting*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Int } B & \dashrightarrow & (\mathcal{A}\lg_{\mathcal{O}})_{/\mathcal{O}} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (\mathcal{A}\lg_{\mathcal{O}})_{/B} & \longrightarrow & (\mathcal{A}\lg_{\mathcal{O}})_{/E} \end{array}$$

which reflects colimits.

*Proof.* The functor  $\text{Int}B \rightarrow (\mathcal{A}\lg_{\mathcal{O}})_{/B}$  factors through

$$(\mathcal{A}\lg_{\mathcal{O}})_{/\underset{A \in \text{Int}B}{\text{colim}} A} \simeq (\mathcal{A}\lg_{\mathcal{O}})_{/B \times_E \mathcal{O}} \simeq (\mathcal{A}\lg_{\mathcal{O}})_{/B} \times_{(\mathcal{A}\lg_{\mathcal{O}})_{/E}} (\mathcal{A}\lg_{\mathcal{O}})_{/\mathcal{O}},$$

where we have used Lemma 3.9(1) in the first equivalence. Thus, we obtain the sought lifting. The second part follows from that colimits in a slice  $\infty$ -category  $\mathcal{C}_{/X}$  are computed in  $\mathcal{C}$  [Lur09, Prop. 1.2.13.8].  $\square$

### 3.3 Topologies on animated algebras

In this section, we discuss some notions of continuity (or topology) in the derived setting which we, following [Zhu21], will use later on to define derived moduli stacks of continuous representations.

Given a static  $\mathcal{O}$ -module  $M$ , we can equip it with an ind- $\varpi$ -adic topology via the isomorphism

$$M \cong \varinjlim_{M' \subset M} \varprojlim_{r \geq 1} M'/\varpi^r M',$$

where the filtered colimit runs over the finitely generated submodules  $M'$  of  $M$ . In general, the ind- $\varpi$ -adic topology is finer than the  $\varpi$ -adic, and if  $M$  is finitely generated, they coincide. As a topological space,  $M$  equipped with the ind- $\varpi$ -adic topology is the image of  $M$  under the functor  $\text{Mod}_{\mathcal{O}} \rightarrow \text{Ind}(\text{Pro}(\text{Set}^{\text{cp}})) \hookrightarrow \text{Top}$  where  $\text{Set}^{\text{cp}}$  is the category of finite sets.

**Lemma 3.11.** [Zhu21, 2.4.18] *Let  $\Gamma$  be a profinite set and define*

$$\begin{aligned} C_{\text{sc}}(\Gamma, -) &: \text{Mod}_{\mathcal{O}} \rightarrow \text{Mod}_{\mathcal{O}} \\ M &\mapsto \text{Map}_{\text{Ind}(\text{Pro}(\text{Set}^{\text{cp}}))}(\Gamma, M) \end{aligned}$$

Then  $C_{\text{sc}}(\Gamma, -)$  is exact and lax symmetric monoidal and therefore extends to a  $t$ -exact functor  $\mathcal{A}ni\text{Mod}_{\mathcal{O}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}ni\text{Mod}_{\mathcal{O}}$  which preserves colimits. Moreover,  $C_{\text{sc}}(\Gamma, -)$  lifts to a nilcomplete functor  $\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}$  which preserves finite limits and sifted colimits.

**Lemma 3.12.** *Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}od_{\mathcal{O}}^{\text{perf}}$  be a perfect animated  $\mathcal{O}$ -module. Then there is a natural weak equivalence*

$$C_{\text{sc}}(\Gamma, A) \rightarrow \lim_{r \geq 1} C_{\text{sc}}(\Gamma, A/\mathbf{L}\varpi^r)$$

which respects the monoidal structure. Hence, if  $A \in \mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}$  then the equivalence holds in  $\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}$ .

*Proof.* For any  $A \in \mathcal{M}od_{\mathcal{O}} \simeq \mathcal{D}^{\geq 0}(\mathcal{O})$ , we have natural morphisms (of  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebras, if  $A \in \mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}$ )

$$C_{\text{sc}}(\Gamma, A) \rightarrow C_{\text{sc}}(\Gamma, \lim A/\mathbf{L}\varpi^r) \rightarrow \lim C_{\text{sc}}(\Gamma, A/\mathbf{L}\varpi^r)$$

If  $A$  is derived  $\varpi$ -adically complete – in particular, if  $\pi_*(A)$  is finitely generated over  $\mathcal{O}$  (Lemma 2.8) – the first map is an equivalence. Let  $P(A)$  be the property that the second map is a weak equivalence. Then  $P(\mathcal{O}[0])$  holds,  $P(A)$  implies  $P(A[1])$  and for any fibre sequence  $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow A[1]$ , if  $P$  holds for two of  $A, B, C$  then it holds for the third by the five lemma. Moreover, for any  $A, B$ ,  $P(A \oplus B)$  is implied by  $P(A)$  and  $P(B)$  since  $C_{\text{sc}}(\Gamma, -)$  commutes with colimits. Finally, any retract  $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow A$  induces a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & A \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \lim_r C_{\text{sc}}(\Gamma, A/\mathbf{L}\varpi^r) & \longrightarrow & \lim_r C_{\text{sc}}(\Gamma, B/\mathbf{L}\varpi^r) & \longrightarrow & \lim_r C_{\text{sc}}(\Gamma, A/\mathbf{L}\varpi^r) \end{array}$$

where the composition of horizontal arrows is the identity, so that if  $P(B)$  holds then the induced map  $\pi_*(A) \rightarrow \pi_*(\lim_r C_{\text{sc}}(\Gamma, B/\mathbf{L}\varpi^r))$  is both injective and surjective, i.e.  $P(A)$  holds. It follows that  $P(A)$  holds for any perfect animated  $\mathcal{O}$ -module, since the category  $\mathcal{D}_{\text{perf}}^{\geq 0}(\mathcal{O})$  of perfect complexes is the smallest strictly full, saturated, triangulated subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}^{\geq 0}(\mathcal{O})$  containing  $\mathcal{O}[0]$  ([Sta23, Tag 0ATI]).  $\square$

### 3.4 Moduli stacks of Galois representations

In this section, we discuss moduli functors of representations of a profinite group  $\Gamma$  valued in a smooth affine group scheme  $\mathbf{G}/\mathcal{O}$  of finite type, following [Zhu21]. In our application,  $\mathbf{G}$  will be  $\text{GL}_n/\mathcal{O}$  and we will consider the profinite group  $\Gamma_{F,S} = \text{Gal}(\overline{F}_S/F)$  and its decomposition groups  $\Gamma_v = \text{Gal}(\overline{F}_v|F)$ .

For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we let  $\mathcal{O}[\mathbf{G}^n]$  denote the coordinate ring of  $\mathbf{G}^n$ . The functor of points  $\mathbf{G}: \mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}} \rightarrow \text{Grp}$  extends via animation to a functor

$$\mathbf{G}: \mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}ni(\text{Grp}).$$

As a simplicial space,  $\mathbf{G}(A)$  is the functor  $[n] \mapsto \text{Map}_{\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}}(\mathcal{O}[\mathbf{G}^n], A)$  with boundary maps defined using the group law on  $\mathbf{G}$  and degeneracies defined by inclusions  $\mathbf{G}^{n_1} \times \{\text{id}\} \times \mathbf{G}^{n_2} \rightarrow \mathbf{G}^{n_1+n_2+1}$ . These maps define a cosimplicial animated  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebra  $\mathcal{O}[\mathbf{G}^\bullet] \in \mathcal{F}un(\Delta, \mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}) = \mathcal{F}un(\Delta, \mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}})$  which is finitely presented in the following sense.

**Lemma 3.13.** *The functor  $\text{Map}_{\mathcal{F}un(\Delta, \mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}})}(\mathcal{O}[\mathbf{G}^\bullet], -)$  commutes with filtered colimits.*

*Proof.* Since  $\mathcal{O}[\mathbf{G}^n] \cong \mathcal{O}[\mathbf{G}] \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} \cdots \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} \mathcal{O}[\mathbf{G}]$  and  $\mathcal{O}[\mathbf{G}]$  is a finitely presented  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebra, the statement follows from Proposition 2.4 and [Lur04, Prop. 5.3.4.13].  $\square$

Given  $A \in \mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}$ , Zhu [Zhu21, Remark 2.2.2] proves the equivalence

$$\text{Map}_{\mathcal{A}ni(\text{Grp})}(\Gamma, \mathbf{G}(A)) \simeq \text{Map}_{\mathcal{F}un(\Delta, \mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}})}(\mathcal{O}[\mathbf{G}^{\bullet}], C(\Gamma^{\bullet}, A))$$

where for any  $[n] \in \Delta$ ,  $C(\Gamma^n, -)$  is the animation of the functor which maps a static  $\mathcal{O}$ -module  $M$  to the set of all functions  $\Gamma^n \rightarrow M$  (cf. the definition of  $C_{sc}(\Gamma^{\bullet}, -)$  in Lemma 3.11). Replacing  $C(\Gamma^{\bullet}, -)$  by  $C_{sc}(\Gamma^{\bullet}, -)$ , we obtain the following definition.

**Definition 3.14.** [Zhu21, Def. 2.4.21] The derived moduli stack of framed  $\mathbf{G}$ -valued (strongly continuous)  $\Gamma$ -representations is the functor

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \mathbf{G}}^{\square} : \mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}} &\rightarrow \mathcal{A}ni \\ A &\mapsto \text{Map}_{\mathcal{F}un(\Delta, \mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}})}(\mathcal{O}[\mathbf{G}^{\bullet}], C_{sc}(\Gamma^{\bullet}, A)). \end{aligned}$$

**Example 3.15.** [Zhu21, Lem. 2.4.22] If  $A \in \mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}$  is static, then  $\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \mathbf{G}}^{\square}(A)$  is the set of homomorphisms  $\rho_A : \Gamma \rightarrow \text{GL}_n(A)$  such that  $A^n$  is a filtered colimit of  $\Gamma$ -stable finitely generated  $\mathcal{O}$ -modules with continuous  $\Gamma$ -action.

**Definition 3.16.** Let  $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}ni$  be a functor and fix  $\bar{\rho} \in \mathcal{F}(k)$ . We define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{\bar{\rho}} : \mathcal{A}rt_{/k} &\rightarrow \mathcal{A}ni \\ (B \rightarrow k) &\mapsto \mathcal{F}(B) \times_{\mathcal{F}(k)} \{\bar{\rho}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, if  $\rho \in \mathcal{F}(E)$ , we obtain a functor  $\mathcal{F}_{\rho} : \mathcal{A}rt_{/E} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}ni$  given by  $\mathcal{F}(B \rightarrow E) = \mathcal{F}(B) \times_{\mathcal{F}(E)} \{\rho\}$ .

The functor in Definition 3.14 is the functor of framed deformations. To construct the ‘unframed’ versions, let  $\mathbf{Z} \subset \mathbf{G}$  be the center of  $\mathbf{G}$  and consider the conjugation action of  $\mathbf{PG} = \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{Z}$  on  $\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \mathbf{G}}^{\square}$ , which amounts to a simplicial presheaf

$$(\mathbf{PG}^{\bullet} \times \mathcal{X}^{\square}) : (\dots \rightrightarrows \mathbf{PG} \times \mathcal{X}^{\square} \rightrightarrows \mathcal{X}^{\square}).$$

**Definition 3.17.** [Zhu21, Def 2.2.14] The derived moduli stack of unframed  $\mathbf{G}$ -valued (strongly continuous)  $\Gamma$ -representations is the functor

$$\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \mathbf{G}} = |\mathbf{PG}^{\bullet} \times \mathcal{X}^{\square}|$$

where  $|\cdot|$  denotes geometric realisation in  $\mathcal{F}un(\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}, \mathcal{A}ni)$ .

**Remark 3.18.** Zhu [Zhu21] defines  $\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \mathbf{G}}$  as the geometric realisation in the category of étale sheaves on  $(\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}})^{\text{op}}$ . We simplify the definition in order to prove the final statement in the following lemma. The difference between presheaves and sheaves is immaterial for our purposes since we are only interested in the local geometry of  $\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \mathbf{G}}$ .

**Remark 3.19.** Given  $\bar{\rho} \in \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \mathbf{G}}^{\square}(k)$ , the functor  $(\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \mathbf{G}}^{\square})_{\bar{\rho}}$  is the same as the one defined by Galatius–Venkatesh in [GV18, Def. 5.4] (see [Zhu21, p.20]).

**Lemma 3.20.** The functors  $\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \mathbf{G}}^{\square}$  and  $\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \mathbf{G}}$  of Definitions 3.14 and 3.17 commute with filtered colimits and finite limits. If  $A \in \mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}$  is an animated  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebra such that  $\pi_i(A)$  is a finitely generated  $\mathcal{O}$ -module for every  $i \geq 0$ , then

$$\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \mathbf{G}}^{\square}(\lim A/\mathbf{L}\varpi^r) = \lim \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \mathbf{G}}^{\square}(A/\mathbf{L}\varpi^r), \quad \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \mathbf{G}}(\lim A/\mathbf{L}\varpi^r) = \lim \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \mathbf{G}}(A/\mathbf{L}\varpi^r).$$

*Proof.* By definition,

$$\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \mathbf{G}}^{\square} = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{F}un(\Delta, \mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}})}(\mathcal{O}[\mathbf{G}^{\bullet}], -) \circ C_{sc}(\Gamma, -).$$

The functor  $C_{sc}(\Gamma, -)$  preserves filtered colimits and finite limits by Lemma 3.11, and limits of the form  $\lim A/\mathbf{L}\varpi^r$  for  $A$  as in the statement by Lemma 3.11. The functor  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{F}un(\Delta, \mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}})}(\mathcal{O}[\mathbf{G}^{\bullet}], -)$  commutes with all limits and filtered colimits since the cosimplicial algebra  $\mathcal{O}[\mathbf{G}^{\bullet}]$  is a compact object in  $\mathcal{F}un(\Delta, \mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}})$  by Lemma 3.13. This completes the proof for the  $\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \mathbf{G}}^{\square}$ . Since geometric realisation of simplicial sets is a left Quillen equivalence, it commutes with all colimits and homotopy limits. Thus, the same holds for presheaves of simplicial sets and the statement for  $\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \mathbf{G}}$  follows.  $\square$

### 3.5 Derived deformation problems

In this section, we discuss the notion of deformation problems and  $T$ -framed deformations in the derived setting in terms of the local geometry of the stacks introduced in the preceding section.

In this section, we consider  $\mathbf{G} := \text{GL}_n/\mathcal{O}$  and  $\Gamma_{F,S} := \text{Gal}(\bar{F}_S/F)$ . Note that if  $\Gamma_{F_v} := \text{Gal}(\bar{F}_v/F_v) \subset \Gamma_{F,S}$  is a decomposition group at a place  $v$  of  $F$ , we have a natural morphism  $\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma_{F,S}, \mathbf{G}}^{\square} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma_{F_v}, \mathbf{G}}^{\square}$ . We fix an absolutely irreducible  $\bar{\rho} \in \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma_{F,S}, \mathbf{G}}^{\square}(k)$  with restrictions  $\bar{\rho}_v := \bar{\rho}|_{\Gamma_{F_v}} \in \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma_{F_v}, \mathbf{G}}^{\square}(k)$ . To simplify the notation, let us write

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_{\bar{\rho}}^{\square} &= (\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma_{F,S}, \mathbf{G}}^{\square})_{\bar{\rho}} \\ \mathcal{D}_{\bar{\rho}_v}^{\square} &= (\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma_{F_v}, \mathbf{G}}^{\square})_{\bar{\rho}_v} \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 3.21.** A (mod  $p$ , derived) deformation problem is a tuple

$$\mathbf{S} = (\bar{\rho}, S, \{\mathcal{D}_v\}_{v \in S})$$

where  $\bar{\rho}: \Gamma \rightarrow \text{GL}_n(k)$  is an absolutely irreducible representation,  $S$  is a finite set of finite places of  $F$  and  $\{\mathcal{D}_v\}_{v \in S}$  is a set of functors  $\mathcal{D}_v: \mathcal{A}rt_{/k} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}ni$  equipped with actions of  $\mathbf{PG}$  and equivariant maps  $\mathcal{D}_v \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{\bar{\rho}_v}^{\square}$ .

**Definition 3.22.** Let  $\mathbf{S} = (\bar{\rho}, S, \{\mathcal{D}_v\}_{v \in S})$  be a deformation problem. We define a functor  $\mathcal{A}rt_{/k} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}ni$

$$\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{S}}^{\square} = \mathcal{D}_{\bar{\rho}}^{\square} \times_{\prod_{v \in S} \mathcal{D}_{\bar{\rho}_v}^{\square}} \prod_{v \in S} \mathcal{D}_v$$

which we call the functor of derived framed deformations of type  $\mathbf{S}$ . Since the morphisms  $\mathcal{D}_v \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{\bar{\rho}_v}^{\square}$  are equivariant under conjugation, we may pass to the quotient as in Definition 3.17 to obtain the functor of derived deformations of type  $\mathbf{S}$ , denoted

$$\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{S}} = |\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{S}}^{\square} \times \mathbf{PG}^{\bullet}|.$$

We let  $\hat{\mathbf{G}}: \mathcal{A}rt_{/k} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}ni$  be the functor  $\mathbf{G}(B \rightarrow k) = \mathbf{G}(B) \times_{\mathbf{G}(k)} \{1\}$ .

**Definition 3.23.** Let  $\mathbf{S} = (\bar{\rho}, S, \{\mathcal{D}_v\}_{v \in S})$  be a deformation problem and suppose  $T \subseteq S$  is a subset. We define the functor of  $T$ -framed liftings of type  $\mathbf{S}$  as

$$\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{S}}^{\square, \square_T} = \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{S}}^{\square} \times \prod_{v \in T} \hat{\mathbf{G}}$$

There exists an action of  $\hat{\mathbf{G}}$  on  $\mathcal{X}_{\bar{\rho}}^{\square, \square_T}$  given by

$$\gamma: (\rho_A, \{\alpha_v\}_{v \in T}) \mapsto (\gamma \rho_A \gamma^{-1}, \{\gamma \alpha_v\}_{v \in T}).$$

We define the functor of derived  $T$ -framed deformations of type  $\mathbf{S}$  as the geometric realisation (in  $\mathrm{PSh}(\mathcal{A}rt_{/k})$ )

$$\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{S}}^T = |\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{S}}^{\square, \square_T} \times \hat{\mathbf{G}}^\bullet|.$$

**Proposition 3.24.** *Let  $\mathbf{S} = (\bar{\rho}, S, \{\mathcal{D}_v\}_{v \in S})$  be a deformation problem and  $T \subset S$ . Then the natural morphism  $\mathcal{X}_{\mathbf{S}}^T \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_{\mathbf{S}}$  is formally smooth of relative dimension  $n^2|T| - 1$ .*

**Example 3.25.** Although Definition 3.22 is quite general, we will only consider local conditions arising from classical deformation rings. Let  $v \in S_p$  and denote by  $R_v^\square$  the usual framed deformation ring of  $\bar{\rho}_v$ . Then  $\mathcal{D}_{\bar{\rho}_v}^\square$  is represented by  $R_v^\square$  by [BIPs23, Thm. 1.1] and [GV18, Lem. 7.5]. Any conjugation-invariant quotient  $R_v^\square \twoheadrightarrow R_v^{\square, D}$  defines a local condition  $\mathcal{D}_v$  using the morphisms

$$\mathcal{D}_v \simeq \mathrm{Map}_{/k}(R_v^{\square, D}, -) \rightarrow \mathrm{Map}_{/k}(R_v^\square, -) \simeq \mathcal{D}_{\bar{\rho}_v}^\square.$$

At places not dividing  $p$ , we will have trivial local conditions, simply denoted  $\mathcal{D}_v^\square$ . At the places dividing  $p$ , our local conditions are provided by the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.26.** *Let  $v \mid p$  and  $r \geq 0$ . Suppose  $\bar{\rho}_v$  is torsion semistable with Hodge–Tate weights contained in  $[-r, r]$ .*

- (1) *Then there exists a local condition  $\mathcal{D}_v^{ss, r} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{\bar{\rho}_v}^\square \simeq \mathrm{Map}_{/k}(R_v^\square, -)$  consisting of torsion semistable lifts with Hodge–Tate weights in  $[-r, r]$ , represented by a quotient  $R_v^\square \twoheadrightarrow R_v^{ss, r}$ .*
- (2) *If  $\rho_v$  is a characteristic 0 lift of  $\bar{\rho}_v$  such that the attached Weil–Deligne representation  $\mathrm{WD}(\rho_v)$  is generic, the corresponding point of  $\mathrm{Spec} R_v^{ss, r}[1/\varpi]$  is smooth with tangent space given by the geometric Selmer group  $H_g^1(\Gamma_{F_v}, \mathrm{ad} \rho)$ .*

*Proof.* See the main theorem of [Liu07]. For the tangent space, see [All16, Prop. 1.3.12].  $\square$

### 3.6 Tangent complexes and representability

**Definition 3.27.** Let  $\mathcal{X}: \mathcal{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}} \rightarrow \mathcal{Ani}$  be a functor and fix  $x \in \mathcal{X}(A)$  for some static  $A \in \mathcal{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}}$ . The tangent complex of  $\mathcal{X}$  at  $x$  is the unique  $A$ -module  $\mathrm{T}_A^\bullet(\mathcal{X})$  such that for every connective  $A$ -module  $M \in \mathcal{Mod}_A$ ,

$$\mathrm{Map}_{/A}(\mathcal{R}, A \oplus M) \simeq \mathrm{Map}_{\mathcal{Mod}(A)}(\mathrm{T}_A^\bullet(\mathcal{X}), M)$$

If  $\mathcal{X}$  is represented by an algebra  $\mathcal{R}$  and  $x: \mathcal{R} \rightarrow A$ , we write  $\mathrm{T}_A^\bullet(\mathcal{R}) := \mathrm{T}_A^\bullet(\mathcal{X})$ .

**Definition 3.28.** Let  $\mathcal{R} \in \mathcal{Alg}_{\mathcal{O}}$  and let  $x: \mathcal{R} \rightarrow A$  be a morphism. The tangent complex of  $\mathcal{R}$  at  $x$  is defined as

$$\mathrm{T}_A^\bullet(\mathcal{R}) = \mathrm{Map}_{\mathcal{Mod}_{\mathcal{R}}}(\mathrm{L}_{\mathcal{R}/\mathcal{O}}, A) \cong \mathrm{Map}_{\mathcal{Mod} A}(\mathrm{L}_{\mathcal{R}/\mathcal{O}} \otimes_{\mathcal{R}}^{\mathbf{L}} A, A)$$

where  $\mathrm{L}_{\mathcal{R}/\mathcal{O}}$  is the algebraic cotangent complex of  $\mathcal{R}$  over  $\mathcal{O}$ .

**Proposition 3.29.** [Lur04, Def. 6.2.1] *A functor  $\mathcal{F}: \mathcal{Art}_{/k} \rightarrow \mathcal{Ani}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{F}: \mathcal{Art}_{/E} \rightarrow \mathcal{Ani}$ ) is formally cohesive if:*

- (1)  $\mathcal{F}(k)$  is contractible (resp.  $\mathcal{F}(E)$  is contractible).

(2) If  $B' \rightarrow B$  and  $B'' \rightarrow B$  are morphisms in  $\mathcal{A}rt_{/k}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{A}rt_{/E}$ ) inducing surjections on  $\pi_0$ , then

$$\mathcal{F}(B' \times_B B) \simeq \mathcal{F}(B') \times_{\mathcal{F}(B)} \mathcal{F}(B'').$$

**Proposition 3.30.** Let  $(\mathcal{C}_N)$  be an inverse system in  $\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}$  and  $\mathcal{C}_{\infty} = \lim_N \mathcal{C}_N$ . Then

$$T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^{\bullet}(\mathcal{C}_{\infty}) = \operatorname{colim}_N T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^{\bullet}(\mathcal{C}_N).$$

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^i(\mathcal{C}_{\infty}) &= \pi_0(\operatorname{Map}_{/\mathcal{O}_r}(\mathcal{C}_{\infty}, \mathcal{O}_r \oplus \mathcal{O}_r[i])) \\ &\simeq \operatorname{colim}_N \pi_0(\operatorname{Map}_{/\mathcal{O}_r}(\mathcal{C}_N, \mathcal{O}_r \oplus \mathcal{O}_r[i])) \\ &\simeq \operatorname{colim}_N T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^i(\mathcal{C}_N). \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 3.31.** [Lur04, 6.2.14] Let  $\mathcal{F}: \mathcal{A}rt_{/k} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}ni$  be a formally cohesive functor. The following are equivalent:

(1) There exists an  $\mathcal{R} \in \mathcal{CNL}_{/k}$  and an equivalence of functors

$$\mathcal{F} \simeq \operatorname{Hom}_{(\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}})_{/k}}(\mathcal{R}, -)$$

(2) The  $k$ -vector spaces  $T_k^i(\mathcal{F})$  vanish for  $i < 0$  and are finite dimensional for  $i \geq 0$ .

The analogous statement holds for a formally cohesive functor  $\mathcal{F}: \mathcal{A}rt_{/E} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}ni$ .

Given  $\mathcal{R} \in \mathcal{CNL}_{/k}$  with  $\mathfrak{m} \subset \pi_0(\mathcal{R})$  its maximal ideal and an arbitrary  $B \in \mathcal{A}rt_{/k}$ , we have natural equivalences

$$\operatorname{Map}_{/k}(\mathcal{R}, B) \simeq \operatorname{Map}_{/k}(\lim_r \mathcal{R}/^L\mathfrak{m}^r, B) \simeq \operatorname{colim}_r \operatorname{Map}_{/k}(\mathcal{R}/^L\mathfrak{m}^r, B).$$

The first isomorphism holds because  $\mathcal{R}$  is derived  $\mathfrak{m}$ -adically complete and the second holds by Prop. 2.6 and the assumption on  $B$ . Since  $\mathcal{R}$  is Noetherian, by [Lur04, Prop. 6.1.8] we have an isomorphism

$$\pi_0(\lim \mathcal{R}/^L\mathfrak{m}^r) \cong \varprojlim \pi_0(\mathcal{R}).$$

The algebras  $\mathcal{R}/^L\mathfrak{m}^r$  might not lie in  $\mathcal{A}rt_{/k}$  as they need not be truncated, but we can associate a pro-object  $\{\tau_{\leq i}(\mathcal{R}/^L\mathfrak{m}^r)\} \in \operatorname{Pro}(\mathcal{A}rt_{/k})$ . In this way, we can rephrase statement (1) of Theorem 3.31 in terms of pro-representability. This is the viewpoint chosen throughout [GV18], but we will use complete Noetherian local rings.

**Proposition 3.32.** Let  $\mathcal{R} \in \mathcal{CNL}_{/k}$  and let  $\mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_r$  be a morphism over  $k$ . Then for every  $i \geq 0$ ,  $T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^i(\mathcal{R})$  is a finitely generated  $\mathcal{O}_r$ -module.

*Proof.* The case  $r = 1$  is Theorem 3.31. By considering the short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_r \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{r+1} \rightarrow k \rightarrow 0$$

we deduce the analogous statement for  $\mathcal{O}_r$ -coefficients using induction. □

**Corollary 3.33.** Let  $\mathcal{R} \in \mathcal{CNL}_{/k}$  and let  $\mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$  be a morphism over  $k$ . Then

$$T_{\mathcal{O}}^i(\mathcal{R}) \cong \varprojlim_r T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^i(\mathcal{R})$$

*Proof.* By definition,

$$T_{\mathcal{O}}^\bullet(\mathcal{R}) = \text{Map}_{\text{Mod } \mathcal{R}}(L_{\mathcal{R}/\mathcal{O}}, \mathcal{O}) \simeq \varinjlim_r \text{Map}_{\text{Mod } \mathcal{R}}(L_{\mathcal{R}/\mathcal{O}}, \mathcal{O}_r).$$

By Prop. 3.32, the derived functors of  $\varprojlim_r$  vanish and hence  $T_{\mathcal{O}}^*(\mathcal{R}) = \varprojlim_r T_r^*(\mathcal{R})$ .  $\square$

The tangent complexes of the moduli functors introduced above are given by Galois cohomology; see [Zhu21, §2.2] for details. For example, let  $A$  be a static  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebra and take  $x \in \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma_{F,S}, \mathbf{G}}(A)$  corresponding to an equivalence class of representations  $\Gamma \rightarrow \text{GL}_n(A)$ . Regarding  $\Gamma$  as a category with one object, we obtain a corresponding functor  $N(\Gamma) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}\text{od}_A$ , where  $N$  is the nerve; let

$$C_{\text{sc}}^\bullet(\Gamma, \text{ad } x) := \text{colim}(N(\Gamma) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}\text{od}_A)$$

denote its colimit. Its cohomology is given by the continuous cohomology of the profinite group  $\Gamma$ .

**Proposition 3.34.** [Zhu21, Prop. 2.4.24] Let  $\bar{\rho} \in \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma_{F,S}, \mathbf{G}}^\square(k)$ . The tangent complex of  $\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma_{F,S}, \mathbf{G}}^\square$  at  $\bar{\rho}$  is given by the cofibre of the natural map  $C_{\text{sc}}^\bullet(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad } \bar{\rho}) \rightarrow \text{ad } \bar{\rho}$ , denoted  $\overline{C}_{\text{sc}}^\bullet(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad } \bar{\rho})[1]$ . In particular,

$$T_k^i(\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma_{F,S}, \mathbf{G}}^\square) \cong \pi_{-i}(\overline{C}_{\text{sc}}^\bullet(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad } \bar{\rho})[1]) \cong \begin{cases} Z^1(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad } \bar{\rho}) & \text{if } i = 0, \\ H^2(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad } \bar{\rho}) & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The tangent complex of  $\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma_{F,S}, \mathbf{G}}$  at the point corresponding to  $\bar{\rho}$  is given by  $C_{\text{sc}}^\bullet(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad } \bar{\rho})[1]$ , i.e.

$$T_k^i(\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma_{F,S}, \mathbf{G}}) \cong \pi_{-i}(C_{\text{sc}}^\bullet(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad } \bar{\rho})[1]) \cong \begin{cases} H^0(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad}^0 \bar{\rho}) & \text{if } i = -1, \\ H^1(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad } \bar{\rho}) & \text{if } i = 0, \\ H^2(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad } \bar{\rho}) & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

In particular, if  $\bar{\rho}$  is absolutely irreducible then

$$T_k^i(\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \mathbf{G}}^\square) \cong H^{i+1}(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad } \bar{\rho}).$$

The analogous statements are true with  $\bar{\xi}_r \in \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \mathbf{G}}^\square(\mathcal{O}_r)$  or  $\rho \in \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \mathbf{G}}^\square(E)$  in place of  $\bar{\rho}$ .

**Corollary 3.35.** Let  $\Gamma = \text{Gal}(F_S/F)$  or  $\text{Gal}(\bar{F}_v/F_v)$  and fix  $\bar{\rho} \in \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \mathbf{G}}^\square(k)$ . The functor  $(\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \mathbf{G}}^\square)_{\bar{\rho}}$  is representable and if  $\bar{\rho}$  is Schur,  $(\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \mathbf{G}})_{\bar{\rho}}$  is representable. The same statement is true for  $\rho \in \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \mathbf{G}}^\square(E)$ .

*Proof.* This follows from Proposition 3.34 and Theorem 3.31.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.36.** Suppose we have morphisms  $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$  in  $\mathcal{A}\text{lg}_{\mathcal{O}}$  and that  $B$  is finitely presented over  $A$ . Then, if  $T_{\mathcal{O}}^i(A)$  is a finitely generated  $\mathcal{O}$ -module for every  $i \geq 0$ , the same holds for  $T_{\mathcal{O}}^i(B)$ .

*Proof.* By [Lur04, Prop. 3.2.14], the relative cotangent complex  $L_{B/A}$  is an almost perfect animated  $B$ -module, i.e.  $\pi_i(L_{B/A})$  is a finitely generated  $\pi_0(B)$ -module for every  $i \geq 0$ . It follows that  $L_{B/A} \otimes_B^L \mathcal{O}$  is a perfect animated  $\mathcal{O}$ -module. Dualising the fibre sequence

$$L_{A/\mathcal{O}} \otimes_A^L \mathcal{O} \rightarrow L_{B/\mathcal{O}} \otimes_B^L \mathcal{O} \rightarrow L_{B/A} \otimes_B^L \mathcal{O} \xrightarrow{+1}$$

we obtain a fibre sequence of tangent complexes with  $\mathcal{O}$ -coefficients

$$T_{\mathcal{O}}^\bullet(B/A) \rightarrow T_{\mathcal{O}}^\bullet(B) \rightarrow T_{\mathcal{O}}^\bullet(A) \xrightarrow{+1}.$$

By assumption,  $T_{\mathcal{O}}^i(A)$  is finitely generated over  $\mathcal{O}$  for every  $i$ . The same now follows for  $T_{\mathcal{O}}^\bullet(B)$ .  $\square$

### 3.7 Localisation at a characteristic 0 point

In this section, we prove two results which generalise results of Kisin [Kis09, Lem. 2.3.3, Prop. 2.3.5] relating the deformation ring of a characteristic 0 representation to that of its reduction mod  $\varpi$ .

In the following definition, we use the functor  $\mathcal{I}nt B \rightarrow (\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}})_{/\mathcal{O}}$  of Lemma 3.10 to view  $A \in \mathcal{I}nt B$  as an object of  $(\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}})_{/\mathcal{O}}$ .

**Definition 3.37.** Let  $\mathcal{F}_{\bar{\rho}}: \mathcal{A}rt_{/k} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}ni$  be a functor and  $\xi \in \mathcal{F}_{\bar{\rho}}(\mathcal{O}) = \lim \mathcal{F}_{\bar{\rho}}(\mathcal{O}_r)$ . We define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{\bar{\rho},(\xi)}: \mathcal{A}rt_{/E} &\rightarrow \mathcal{A}ni \\ (B \rightarrow E) &\mapsto \underset{A \in \mathcal{I}nt B}{\text{colim}} \mathcal{F}(A) \times_{\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{O})} \{\xi\} \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.38.** Let  $\xi \in \mathcal{X}_{\bar{\rho}}^\square(\mathcal{O})$  and  $\rho = \xi[1/\varpi] \in \mathcal{X}^\square(E)$ . Then there are natural weak equivalences of functors

$$\mathcal{X}_{\bar{\rho},(\xi)}^\square \simeq \mathcal{X}_{\rho}^\square \text{ and } \mathcal{X}_{\bar{\rho},(\xi)} \simeq \mathcal{X}_{\rho}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $(B \rightarrow E) \in \mathcal{A}rt_{/E}$ . By definition, Lemma 3.9, Lemma 3.20, and the fact that filtered colimits commute with finite limits,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{X}_{\bar{\rho},(\xi)}(B) &= \underset{A \in \mathcal{I}nt B}{\text{colim}} (\mathcal{X}_{\bar{\rho}}(A) \times_{\mathcal{X}_{\bar{\rho}}(\mathcal{O})} \{\xi\}) \\ &\simeq \underset{A \in \mathcal{I}nt B}{\text{colim}} (\mathcal{X}(A) \times_{\mathcal{X}(\mathcal{O})} \{\xi\}) \\ &\simeq (\mathcal{X}(\underset{A \in \mathcal{I}nt B}{\text{colim}} A) \times_{\mathcal{X}(\mathcal{O})} \{\xi\}) \\ &\simeq \mathcal{X}(B \times_E \mathcal{O}) \times_{\mathcal{X}(\mathcal{O})} \{\xi\} \\ &\simeq \mathcal{X}(B) \times_{\mathcal{X}(E)} \{\rho\} \end{aligned}$$

The proof for the framed functor is identical.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.39.** Suppose  $\mathcal{X}_{\bar{\rho}}: \mathcal{A}rt_{/k} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}ni$  is a formally cohesive functor represented by  $\mathcal{R} \in \mathcal{C}\mathcal{N}\mathcal{L}_{/k}$ , and let  $\xi \in \mathcal{X}_{\bar{\rho}}(\mathcal{O})$ . Then if  $\mathcal{X}_{\bar{\rho}}$  commutes with filtered colimits,  $\mathcal{X}_{\bar{\rho},(\xi)}$  is represented by

$$(\mathcal{R} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E)_{\xi}^{\wedge},$$

the completion of  $\mathcal{R} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E$  at the maximal ideal of  $\pi_0(\mathcal{R} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E)$  defined by  $\xi$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(B \rightarrow E) \in \mathcal{A}rt_{/E}$  and let  $\xi_r \in \mathcal{X}_{\bar{\rho}}(\mathcal{O}_r)$  denote the mod  $\varpi^r$  reduction of  $\xi$ . By definition,

$$\mathcal{X}_{\bar{\rho},(\xi)}(B) = \operatorname{colim}_{A \in \mathcal{I}nt B} (\mathcal{X}_{\bar{\rho}}(A) \times_{\mathcal{X}_{\bar{\rho}}(\mathcal{O})} \{\xi\}).$$

Now, by Lemmas 3.9 and 3.20,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{X}_{\bar{\rho}}(A) \times_{\mathcal{X}_{\bar{\rho}}(\mathcal{O})} \{\xi\} &\simeq \lim_r (\mathcal{X}_{\bar{\rho}}(A/\mathbf{L}\varpi^r) \times_{\mathcal{X}_{\bar{\rho}}(\mathcal{O}/\mathbf{L}\varpi^r)} \{\xi_r\}) \\ &\simeq \lim_r (\operatorname{Map}_{/k}(\mathcal{R}_{\bar{\rho}}, A/\mathbf{L}\varpi^r) \times_{\operatorname{Map}_{/k}(\mathcal{R}_{\bar{\rho}}, \mathcal{O}/\mathbf{L}\varpi^r)} \{\xi_r\}) \\ &\simeq \operatorname{Map}_{/k}(\mathcal{R}_{\bar{\rho}}, A) \times_{\operatorname{Map}_{/k}(\mathcal{R}_{\bar{\rho}}, \mathcal{O})} \{\xi\} \\ &\simeq \operatorname{Map}_{/\mathcal{O}}(\mathcal{R}_{\bar{\rho}}, A) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$\mathcal{X}_{\bar{\rho},(\xi)}(B) = \operatorname{colim}_{A \in \mathcal{I}nt B} \operatorname{Map}_{/\mathcal{O}}(\mathcal{R}_{\bar{\rho}}, A).$$

Now, Proposition 2.6 and the injectivity of  $\pi_0(A) \rightarrow \pi_0(B)$  for any  $A \in \mathcal{I}nt B$  together imply that

$$\operatorname{Map}_{/\mathcal{O}}(\mathcal{R}_{\bar{\rho}}, A) \simeq \operatorname{colim}_r \operatorname{Map}_{/\mathcal{O}}(\mathcal{R}_{\bar{\rho}}/\mathbf{L}(I_{\xi}^{\circ})^r, A)$$

where  $I_{\xi}^{\circ} \subset \pi_0(\mathcal{R}_{\bar{\rho}})$  is the inverse image of  $I_{\xi} = \ker(\pi_0(\mathcal{R}_{\bar{\rho}}) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E \rightarrow E)$ . Since every  $A \in \mathcal{I}nt B$  is  $n$ -truncated for  $n$  sufficiently big and depending only on  $B$ , and  $\mathcal{R}_{\bar{\rho}}/\mathbf{L}(I_{\xi}^{\circ})^r$  is almost of finite presentation in  $\mathcal{A}lg_{\mathcal{O}}$  we therefore have (using Lemma 3.9)

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{colim}_{A \in \mathcal{I}nt B} \operatorname{Map}_{/\mathcal{O}}(\mathcal{R}_{\bar{\rho}}, A) &\simeq \operatorname{colim}_r \operatorname{Map}_{/\mathcal{O}}(\mathcal{R}_{\bar{\rho}}/\mathbf{L}(I_{\xi}^{\circ})^r, \operatorname{colim}_{A \in \mathcal{I}nt B} A) \\ &\simeq \operatorname{colim}_r \operatorname{Map}_{/\mathcal{O}}(\mathcal{R}_{\bar{\rho}}/\mathbf{L}(I_{\xi}^{\circ})^r, B \times_E \mathcal{O}) \\ &\simeq \operatorname{colim}_r \operatorname{Map}_{/E}((\mathcal{R}_{\bar{\rho}} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E)/\mathbf{L}I_{\xi}^r, B). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\mathcal{X}_{\bar{\rho},(\xi)}(B \rightarrow E) \simeq \operatorname{Map}_{/E}((\mathcal{R} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E)_{\xi}^{\wedge}, B)$$

as required.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.40.** *Let  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{S}}$  represent the deformation problem  $\mathbf{S} = (\bar{\rho}, S, \{\mathcal{D}_v^{ss,r}\}_{v \in S_p} \cup \{\mathcal{D}_v^{\square}\}_{v \in S^p})$  and suppose  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{S}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$  is a point corresponding to a representation  $\rho: \Gamma_{F,S} \rightarrow \operatorname{GL}_n(E)$  such that the Weil–Deligne representations  $\operatorname{WD}(\rho_v)$  are generic for every  $v \in S_p$ . Then*

$$(\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{S}} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E)_{\xi}^{\wedge} \simeq \mathcal{R}_{\rho}^{\text{ss}},$$

where  $\mathcal{R}_{\rho}^{\text{ss}}$  represents the characteristic 0 deformation problem  $\mathbf{S}_{\rho}^{\text{ss}} = (\rho, S, \{\mathcal{D}_{\rho,v}^{\text{ss}}\}_{v \in S_p} \cup \{\mathcal{D}_{\rho,v}^{\square}\}_{v \in S^p})$ .

*Proof.*  $\square$

**Remark 3.41.** An interesting question is whether Corollary 3.40 can be proved without the genericity assumption at  $v \in S_p$  ensuring smoothness of the potentially semistable local deformation rings.

**Proposition 3.42.** *Let  $F: \mathcal{A}rt_{/k} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}ni$  be a formally cohesive functor and let  $\xi \in F(\mathcal{O})$ . Then  $F_{(\xi)}: \mathcal{A}rt_{/E} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}ni$  has tangent complex*

$$\left( \lim_r T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^\bullet(F_{(\xi)}) \right) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E$$

*In particular, if  $F = \text{Map}_{/k}(\mathcal{R}, -)$  for  $\mathcal{R} \in \mathcal{CNL}_{/k}$  then, with notation as in Proposition 3.39,*

$$T_E^\bullet((\mathcal{R} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E)_\xi^\wedge) = \left( \lim_r T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^\bullet(\mathcal{R}) \right) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E$$

*Proof.* Let  $L = L_{F_{(\xi)}}$  denote the cotangent complex of  $F_{(\xi)}$  over  $\mathcal{O}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} T_E^\bullet(F_{(\xi)}) &= \text{Map}_E(L_{F_{(\xi)}} \otimes^{\mathbf{L}} E, E) \\ &= \text{Map}_{\mathcal{O}}(L_{F_{(\xi)}} \otimes^{\mathbf{L}} E, \mathcal{O}) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E \\ &= \text{Map}(L_{F_{(\xi)}}, \mathcal{O}) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E \\ &= \left( \lim_r \text{Map}(L_{F_{(\xi)}}, \mathcal{O}_r) \right) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E \\ &= \left( \lim_r T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^\bullet(F_{(\xi)}) \right) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E. \end{aligned}$$

□

### 3.8 A computation in Galois cohomology

In Proposition 4.11 below, a statement about a certain tangent complex will boil down to a statement about Bloch–Kato Selmer groups, recorded here. We use lowercase letters to denote the dimension of cohomology groups or subspaces thereof, e.g.

$$h_g^1(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad } \rho) := \dim_E H_g^1(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad } \rho).$$

**Proposition 3.43.** *Let  $\rho: \Gamma_{F,S} \rightarrow \text{GL}_n(E)$  be a continuous representation, such that:*

- (1)  $\rho$  is irreducible.
- (2) For every  $v \in S \setminus S_p$ , the Weil–Deligne representation  $\text{WD}(\rho_v)$  is generic.
- (3) For every  $v \in S_p$ ,  $\rho_v$  is potentially semistable with distinct Hodge–Tate weights.

Then

$$h_g^1(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad } \rho) = h_g^1(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad } \rho(1)) - l_0.$$

*Proof.* By the Greenberg–Wiles formula and assumptions (1) and (2),

$$\begin{aligned} h_g^1(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad } \rho) - h_g^1(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad } \rho(1)) &= \\ \sum_{v \in S} (h_g^1(\Gamma_v, \text{ad } \rho) - h^0(\Gamma_v, \text{ad } \rho)) + h^0(\Gamma, \text{ad } \rho) - h^0(\Gamma, \text{ad } \rho(1)) - \sum_{v \mid \infty} h^0(\Gamma_v, \text{ad } \rho) &= \\ \sum_{v \in S} (h_g^1(\Gamma_v, \text{ad } \rho) - h^0(\Gamma_v, \text{ad } \rho)) - \sum_{v \mid \infty} h^0(\Gamma_v, \text{ad } \rho) & \end{aligned}$$

Assumptions (1) and (2) imply the vanishing of the ‘global terms’ and terms in the first sum corresponding to  $v \in S \setminus S_p$ , respectively. Hence, we have

$$h_g^1(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad } \rho) - h_g^1(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad } \rho(1)) = \sum_{v \in S_p} (h_g^1(\Gamma_v, \text{ad } \rho) - h^0(\Gamma_v, \text{ad } \rho)) - \sum_{v \mid \infty} h^0(\Gamma_v, \text{ad } \rho).$$

Now, the difference  $h_g^1(\Gamma_v, \text{ad } \rho) - h^0(\Gamma_v, \text{ad } \rho)$  equals the number of negative Hodge-Tate weights of  $\text{ad } \rho|_{\Gamma_v}$ , and by assumption (3) this number is  $n(n+1)/2$  for every  $v \in S_p$ . The result now follows from the formula for  $l_0$  (see §2.2).  $\square$

## 4 Patching and Venkatesh's conjecture

In this section, we prove the following result.

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $\Pi$  be a regular algebraic cuspidal automorphic representation of  $\text{GL}_n(\mathbb{A}_F)$ , cohomological with respect to an algebraic representation  $\mathcal{V}_\lambda$  where  $\lambda \in (\mathbb{Z}^n)^{\text{Hom}(F, E)}$ , and let  $\rho = \rho_{\Pi, \iota}: \Gamma_F \rightarrow \text{GL}_n(E)$  denote the Galois representation attached to  $(\Pi, \iota)$  where  $\iota: \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{C}$  and  $E/\mathbb{Q}_p$  is a finite extension containing all embeddings  $F \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p$ . Suppose the following:*

- (1)  $p \nmid 2n$ .
- (2) *The reduction  $\bar{\rho}$  is absolutely irreducible and decomposed generic [ACC<sup>+</sup> 23, Def 4.3.1].*
- (3)  $\zeta_p \notin F$  and  $\bar{\rho}|_{\Gamma_{F(\zeta_p)}}$  has enormous image [ACC<sup>+</sup> 23, Def 6.2.28].
- (4) *For every  $v \in S^p$ , the Weil-Deligne representation  $\text{WD}(\rho|_{\Gamma_{F_v}})$  is generic.*
- (5) *For every  $v \in S_p$ ,  $\rho|_{\Gamma_{F_v}}$  is de Rham and the Weil-Deligne representation  $\text{WD}(\rho|_{\Gamma_{F_v}})$  is generic.*
- (6) *For each embedding  $\tau: F \hookrightarrow E$ , we have  $-\lambda_{\tau c, 1} - \lambda_{\tau, 1} \geq 0$ .*
- (7) *For every  $v \in S_p$ , the group  $K_v$  contains the Iwahori subgroup  $\text{Iw}_v$ .*
- (8) *For every pair  $\bar{v} \neq \bar{v}'$  of places of  $F^+$  above  $p$ , we have*

$$\sum_{\bar{w} \leq \bar{v} \in \bar{S}_p} [F_{\bar{w}}^+ : \mathbb{Q}_p] > \frac{1}{2} [F^+ : \mathbb{Q}].$$

- (9)  $\Pi$  is tempered at all finite places.

Let  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{S}}$  denote the derived deformation ring representing the deformation problem

$$\mathbf{S} = (\bar{\rho}, S, \{\mathcal{D}_v\}_{v \in S}), \quad \mathcal{D}_v = \begin{cases} \mathcal{D}_v^{ss, r} & \text{if } v \in S_p \\ \mathcal{D}_v^\square & \text{if } v \in S \setminus S_p. \end{cases}$$

Then, for  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \pi_0(\mathcal{R})$  the prime ideal corresponding to  $\rho$  and  $\mathcal{R}_\rho = (\mathcal{R} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E)_\xi^\wedge$ , there is an action of  $\mathcal{R}_\rho$  on  $R\Gamma(K, \mathcal{V}_\lambda)_{\mathfrak{p}}$  such that the induced action

$$\pi_*(\mathcal{R}_\rho) \circlearrowleft H^*(X_K, \mathcal{V}_\lambda)_{\mathfrak{p}}$$

is free.

**Remark 4.2.** The action of  $\mathcal{R}_\rho$  is not proven to be natural and a priori depends on the non-canonical choice inherent to the Taylor–Wiles method. With stronger assumptions on  $\bar{\rho}$ , the naturality is proven in [GV18, §15] by identifying  $\mathcal{R}_\rho$  with the derived Hecke algebra.

**Remark 4.3.** Conditions (1)-(8) of the theorem are required to apply the main result of [A'C24], parts of which we state in Theorem 4.9. The conditions (6)-(8) are required for the local-global compatibility result [A'C24, Thm. 4.3.1]; we expect that this result can be replaced by [Hev24, Thm. 1.4] and thereby relaxing conditions (6)-(8). We require the purity assumption (9) to prove Proposition 4.5; the Ramanujan conjecture predicts that (9) always holds and the case  $n = 2$  was recently proved in [BCG<sup>+</sup>25].

From now on, we fix  $\Pi$  and  $\rho$  as in the theorem, and an  $\mathcal{O}$ -lattice  $\xi: \Gamma_{F,S} \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_n(\mathcal{O})$  of  $\rho$  with reductions  $\xi_r: \Gamma_{F,S} \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_n(\mathcal{O}_r)$ . Then by [A'C24, Theorem 4.3.3], the local representations  $\rho_v$  are potentially semistable with Hodge–Tate weights  $\mathrm{HT}_\tau(\lambda_{\tau,1} + n - 1, \lambda_{\tau,1} + n - 2, \dots, \lambda_{\tau,n})$  where  $\lambda \in X^*(\mathbf{T})$  is the unique dominant weight for  $\mathrm{GL}_n/F$  such that the infinitesimal character of  $\Pi_\infty$  coincides with the infinitesimal character of  $(\mathcal{V}_\lambda \otimes \mathbb{C})^\vee$ . Thus,  $\mathbf{S} = (\bar{\rho}, S, \{\mathcal{D}_v^{ss,r}\}_{v \in S_p} \cup \{\mathcal{D}_v^\square\}_{v \in S^p})$  is a well-defined deformation problem.

## 4.1 Taylor–Wiles primes

The basis of our patching argument later on is a delicate choice of Taylor–Wiles places, detailed in this subsection.

**Definition 4.4.** Let  $\mathbf{S} = (\bar{\rho}, S, \{\mathcal{D}_v\}_{v \in S})$  be a deformation problem. A Taylor–Wiles datum of level  $N$  for  $\mathbf{S}$  is a tuple  $(Q_N, \{(\alpha_{v,1}, \dots, \alpha_{v,n})\}_{v \in Q_N})$  where:

- (1)  $Q_N$  is a finite set of places of  $F$ , disjoint from  $S$  and such that for every  $v \in Q_N$ ,  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{p^N}$ .
- (2) For every  $v \in Q_N$ ,  $(\alpha_{v,1}, \dots, \alpha_{v,n}) \in k^n$  are the eigenvalues of  $\bar{\rho}(\mathrm{Frob}_v)$ , assumed to be pairwise distinct and  $k$ -rational.

Our main result Theorem 4.1 contains the assumption (3) that  $\bar{\rho}|_{\Gamma_{F(\zeta_p\infty)}}$  has enormous image. In particular, In [NT23, Def. 2.23], an analogous property is defined for characteristic 0 representations.

**Proposition 4.5.** Let  $\mathbf{S}' = (\bar{\rho}, S, \{\mathcal{D}_v^\square\}_{v \in S})$  be the deformation problem with no conditions at  $v \in S$ , and suppose that

- $p \nmid 2n$
- $\zeta_p \notin F$  and  $\rho|_{\Gamma_{F(\zeta_p)}}$  is enormous [NT23, Def. 2.23].
- $\Pi$  is tempered at all finite places.

Then there exists  $q \geq 0$  and  $l \geq 0$  such that for any  $N \geq 1$ , there exists a Taylor–Wiles datum  $(Q_N, \{(\alpha_{v,1}, \dots, \alpha_{v,n})\}_{v \in Q_N})$  for  $\mathbf{S}'$  such that

- (1)  $|Q_N| = q$
- (2) For every  $v \in Q_N$ ,  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{p^N}$  and the rational prime below  $v$  splits in  $F_0$ .
- (3) There is a local  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebra surjection  $R_{\mathbf{S}}^{S,\mathrm{loc}}[[X_1, \dots, X_g]] \twoheadrightarrow R_{\mathbf{S}_{Q_N}}^S$ .
- (4) For every  $r \leq N$ ,

$$\mathrm{length}_{\mathcal{O}} H^1(\Gamma_{SQ_N}, \mathrm{ad} \xi_r(1)) \leq l,$$

hence if  $\mathcal{L}_S = \{\mathcal{L}_{v,r}\}_{v \in S}$  is a Selmer system for  $\mathrm{ad} \xi_r$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{SQ_N} = \mathcal{L}_S \cup \{H^1(\Gamma_v, \mathrm{ad} \xi_r)\}_{v \in Q_N}$ ,

$$\mathrm{length}_{\mathcal{O}} H^1_{\mathcal{L}_{SQ_N}^\perp}(\Gamma_{SQ_N}, \mathrm{ad} \xi_r(1)) \leq l.$$

*Proof.* By [A'C24, Prop. 6.2.32], for  $q$  large enough we can find, for every  $N \geq 1$ , a Taylor–Wiles datum  $(Q_N, \{(\alpha_{v,1}, \dots, \alpha_{v,n})\}_{v \in Q_N})$  such that (1)–(3) hold. To achieve (4), we will enlarge the sets  $Q_N$  by adding suitable Taylor–Wiles primes, following the proof of [NT23, Lem. 2.30]. Thus, in (1) we replace if necessary  $q$  by a larger number. The splitting condition in (2) defines a set of Dirichlet density 1, so we may restrict our attention to places satisfying the condition. Enlarging  $Q_N$  does not affect (3), as the statement is equivalent to the vanishing of

$$H^1(\Gamma_{SQ_N}, \text{ad } \bar{\rho}(1)) = \ker \left( H^1(\Gamma_{SQ_N}, \text{ad } \bar{\rho}(1)) \rightarrow \prod_{v \in Q_N} H^1(\Gamma_v, \text{ad } \bar{\rho}(1)) \right)$$

and adding more factors to the product over  $v$  preserves the vanishing of this kernel.

The second statement in (4) follows from the first, since we have an inclusion

$$H^1_{\mathcal{L}_{SQ_N}^\perp}(\Gamma_{SQ_N}, \text{ad } \xi_r(1)) \hookrightarrow H^1(\Gamma_{SQ_N}, \text{ad } \xi_r(1)).$$

Let

$$\text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}} = \text{ad } \xi \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E/\mathcal{O}$$

and similarly for  $\text{ad}_{\mathcal{O}}, \text{ad}_E, \text{ad}_{\mathcal{O}_r}$  so that  $\text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}} = \text{colim } \text{ad}_{\mathcal{O}_r}$ . Fix an integer

$$s \geq \text{corank}_{\mathcal{O}} H^1(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1)) := \text{rank}_{\mathcal{O}} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}}(H^1(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1)), E/\mathcal{O}).$$

Our goal is to find Frobenius elements  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_s \in G_{F(\zeta_p\infty)}$  such that:

- (i)  $\rho(\sigma_i)$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues in  $E$ .
- (ii) The kernel of the map

$$H^1(\Gamma_S, \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1)) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^s H^1(\langle \sigma_i \rangle, \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1)) \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^s \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}} / (\sigma_i - 1) \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}$$

is of finite length as an  $\mathcal{O}$ -module.

Then, for every  $r \leq N$ , we have a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & H^0(\Gamma_S, \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1))/\varpi^r & \longrightarrow & H^1(\Gamma_S, \text{ad}_{\mathcal{O}_r}(1)) & \longrightarrow & H^1(\Gamma_S, \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1))[\varpi^r] \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_{i=1}^s H^0(\langle \sigma_i \rangle, \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1))/\varpi^r & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_{i=1}^s H^1(\langle \sigma_i \rangle, \text{ad}_{\mathcal{O}_r}(1)) & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_{i=1}^s H^0(\langle \sigma_i \rangle, \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1))[\varpi^r] \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

where the rows are exact. Note that  $H^0(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1))$  has finite length by irreducibility of  $\rho$ . It follows from the snake lemma that the kernel of

$$H^1(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad}_{\mathcal{O}_r}(1)) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^s H^1(\langle \sigma_i \rangle, \text{ad}_{\mathcal{O}_r}(1))$$

has (finite) length bounded independently of  $r$  and  $N$ . By the Chebotarev density theorem, we can then find places  $v_1, \dots, v_s$  with Frobenius elements  $\text{Frob}_{v_1}, \dots, \text{Frob}_{v_s}$  approximating  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_s$ , and thus we obtain statement (4) of the proposition. Now, we have an isomorphism

$$H^1(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1)) \cong (E/\mathcal{O})^{s_0} \oplus M$$

where  $M$  is a finite length  $\mathcal{O}$ -module and  $s_0 \leq s$  is the corank defined above. Thus, the problem reduces to finding, for every non-zero

$$f: E/\mathcal{O} \rightarrow H^1(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1))$$

an element  $\sigma \in G_{F(\zeta_p\infty)}$  such that  $\rho(\sigma)$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues and the composition

$$E/\mathcal{O} \rightarrow H^1(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1)) \rightarrow H^1(\langle \sigma_i \rangle, \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1)) \cong \frac{\text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1)}{(\sigma - 1) \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1)}$$

is non-zero. Let  $F_\infty = F(\zeta_p\infty)$  and  $L_\infty = \overline{F}^{\ker \text{ad}_E(1)}$ . Then  $F_\infty \subseteq L_\infty$  since  $E(1) \subset \text{ad}_E(1)$ . The short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{ad}_{\mathcal{O}} \rightarrow \text{ad}_E \rightarrow \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}} \rightarrow 0$$

induces an exact sequence (with  $\Gamma(L_\infty/F) = \text{Gal}(L_\infty/F)$ )

$$H^1(\Gamma(L_\infty/F), \text{ad}_E(1)) \rightarrow H^1(\Gamma(L_\infty/F), \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1)) \rightarrow H^2(\Gamma(L_\infty/F), \text{ad}_{\mathcal{O}}(1)).$$

The first term vanishes by [Kis04, Lem. 6.2] and the assumption that  $\Pi$  is tempered at all finite places. The third term is a finitely generated  $\mathcal{O}$ -module. It follows that the middle term is annihilated by a power of  $p$ . Thus, the inflation-restriction sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H^1(\Gamma(L_\infty/F), \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1)) \rightarrow H^1(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1)) \rightarrow H^1(\Gamma(F_S/L_\infty), \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1))^{\Gamma(L_\infty/F)}$$

implies that the composition

$$\begin{aligned} E/\mathcal{O} &\xrightarrow{f} H^1(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1)) \rightarrow H^1(\Gamma(F_S/L_\infty), \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1))^{\Gamma(L_\infty/F)} \\ &\cong \text{Hom}_{\Gamma(F_S/F)}(\Gamma(L_{\infty, S_{L_\infty}}/L_\infty), \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1)) \end{aligned}$$

is non-zero. Let  $W \subset \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1)$  be the  $\mathcal{O}$ -submodule spanned by  $\{f(x)(\sigma) \mid x \in E/\mathcal{O}, \sigma \in G_{L_\infty}\}$ . Then  $W$  is non-zero and divisible. By [NT23, Lem. 2.22] there exists  $\sigma \in G_{F_\infty}$  such that  $\rho(\sigma)$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues in  $E$  and  $W \not\subset (\sigma - 1) \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1)$ . Thus, for some  $m \geq 0$  and  $\tau \in G_{L_\infty}$  we have

$$f(1/\varpi^m)(\tau) \notin (\sigma - 1)(\text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1)).$$

If  $f(1/\varpi^m)(\sigma) \notin (\sigma - 1)(\text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1))$  then we are done. If not, then  $\tau\sigma$  has the sought property, i.e.

$$E/\mathcal{O} \rightarrow H^1(F_S, \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1)) \rightarrow \frac{\text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1)}{(\tau\sigma - 1) \text{ad}_{E/\mathcal{O}}(1)}$$

is non-zero, since  $\tau$  acts trivially on  $\text{ad}_E(1)$ .

□

## 4.2 Patching

Let us recall the setup of the patching argument in [A'C24] and fix notation. Consider the deformation problems

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{S} &= (\bar{\rho}, S, \{\mathcal{D}_v^{ss,r}\}_{v \in S_p} \cup \{\mathcal{D}_v^\square\}_{v \in S^p}) \\ \mathbf{S}' &= (\bar{\rho}, S, \{\mathcal{D}_v^\square\}_{v \in S}) \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 4.6.** As a preliminary step, to ensure goodness of the level, one should augment  $\mathbf{S}$  with Taylor–Wiles primes as in [A’C24, p.51]. This does not change what happens in characteristic 0, so in the interest of simplifying notation, we elide this step.

We let

$$\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{S}}.$$

For a Taylor–Wiles-datum  $Q$ , we define an augmented deformation problem

$$\mathbf{S}_Q = (\bar{\rho}, S \cup Q, \{\mathcal{D}_v^{ss,r}\}_{v \in S_p} \cup \{\mathcal{D}_v^{\square}\}_{v \in S^p} \cup \{\mathcal{D}_v^{\square}\}_{v \in Q}).$$

and similarly for  $\mathbf{S}'_Q$ . Applying Proposition 4.5, we obtain  $q, l \geq 0$  and for every  $N \geq 1$  a Taylor–Wiles datum  $Q_N$  satisfying the conclusions of the proposition. We let

$$\mathcal{R}_N = \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{S}_{Q_N}}^S \text{ and } \mathcal{R}'_N = \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{S}'_{Q_N}}^S$$

be the  $S$ -framed type- $\mathbf{S}$  and type- $\mathbf{S}'$  derived deformation rings, respectively, and set

$$R_N = \pi_0(\mathcal{R}_N)$$

In [GV18], the authors also consider deformations of  $\bar{\rho}_v$  for  $v \in Q_N$  valued in the torus  $\mathbf{T} \subset \mathbf{G}$  for Taylor–Wiles places  $v \in Q$ . The corresponding deformation functors are proved in [GV18, Lem. 8.3] to be equivalent to their  $\mathbf{G}$ -valued counterparts. We let  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{O}[[T_1, \dots, T_{n^2|S|-1}]]$  be the power series ring in the ‘ $S$ -frame variables’ and define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_N &= \mathcal{T}[[X_1, \dots, X_{qn}, Y_1, \dots, Y_{nq}]] / \langle (1 + Y_i)^{p^N} - 1 \rangle, \\ \mathcal{S}_N^{\text{ur}} &= \mathcal{S}_N / \langle T_i, Y_j \rangle \cong \mathcal{O}[[X_1, \dots, X_{qn}]] \end{aligned}$$

Our notation deviates from that of [GV18] in that we add the  $S$ -frame variables to  $\mathcal{S}_N$ . We have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_N \otimes_{\mathcal{T}}^{\mathbf{L}} \mathcal{O} &= \text{representing object for } \prod_{v \in Q_N} \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma_v, \mathbf{G}}, \\ \mathcal{S}_N^{\text{ur}} &= \text{representing object for } \prod_{v \in Q_N} \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma_v/I_v, \mathbf{G}}. \end{aligned}$$

The rings  $\mathcal{S}_N$  and  $\mathcal{S}_N^{\text{ur}}$  are static; to emphasise this we also write

$$S_N = \mathcal{S}_N, \quad S_N^{\text{ur}} = \mathcal{S}_N^{\text{ur}}.$$

**Lemma 4.7.** *Let  $r \leq N$ . Then*

$$T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{S}_N) \cong \prod_{v \in Q_N} H^2(\Gamma_v, \text{ad } \xi_r)$$

*Proof.* This follows from the fact that  $\mathcal{S}_N \otimes_{\mathcal{T}}^{\mathbf{L}} \mathcal{O}$  represents  $\prod_{v \in Q_N} \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma_v, \mathbf{G}}$  and Proposition 3.34.  $\square$

For every  $N$ , we have natural maps

$$\mathcal{S}_N \rightarrow \mathcal{R}'_N \rightarrow \mathcal{R}_N.$$

**Lemma 4.8.** [GV18, (11.4)] *For every  $N \geq 1$ , there are weak equivalences*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R} &\simeq \mathcal{R}_N \otimes_{\mathcal{S}_N}^{\mathbf{L}} \mathcal{S}_N^{\text{ur}} \\ \mathcal{R}' &\simeq \mathcal{R}'_N \otimes_{\mathcal{S}_N}^{\mathbf{L}} \mathcal{S}_N^{\text{ur}}. \end{aligned}$$

We define

$$\begin{aligned}
R_\infty &= R_{\mathbf{S}}^{S, \text{loc}}[[X_1, \dots, X_{nq-n^2[F^+ : \mathbb{Q}]}]] \\
S_\infty^\circ &= \mathcal{T}[[Y_1, \dots, Y_{nq}]] \\
\mathfrak{a} &= (T_1, \dots, T_{n^2|S|-1}, Y_1, \dots, Y_{nq}) \subset S_\infty^\circ \\
\mathfrak{a}_N &= \langle (1 + Y_i)^{p^N} - 1 \rangle \subset S_\infty^\circ \\
\mathfrak{c}_N &= (p^N, (1 + T_i)^{p^N} - 1, (1 + Y_i)^{p^N} - 1) \subset S_\infty^\circ \\
S_N^\circ &= S_\infty^\circ / \mathfrak{a}_N \cong \mathcal{T}[[Y_1, \dots, Y_{nq}]] / \langle (1 + Y_i)^{p^N} - 1 \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

Then, for every  $N \geq 1$ ,  $R_N$  is a local  $S_N^\circ$ -algebra via the morphisms

$$S_N^\circ \rightarrow S_N \rightarrow R_N,$$

we have  $R_N / \mathfrak{a} \cong \pi_0(\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{S}})$ , and by Proposition 4.5 there is a surjection  $R_\infty \twoheadrightarrow R_N$ . Note that  $\mathfrak{c}_N \subset S_\infty^\circ$  is an open ideal and

$$\mathfrak{m}_{S_\infty^\circ}^{p^N} \subset \mathfrak{c}_N \subset \mathfrak{m}_{S_\infty^\circ}^N,$$

so that  $S_\infty^\circ \cong \varprojlim_N S_\infty^\circ / \mathfrak{c}_N$  as topological  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebras. We let

$$\mathfrak{b}_N = \langle p^N, (1 + T_i)^{p^N} - 1, (1 + X_j)^{p^N} - 1 \rangle \subset \mathcal{S}_N$$

and define Artinian quotients

$$\begin{aligned}
\overline{R}_N &= R_{\mathbf{S}_{Q_N}}^S / \mathfrak{m}_{R_\infty}^N, \\
\overline{S}_N &= S_N / \mathfrak{b}_N \\
\overline{S}_N^{\text{ur}} &= S_N^{\text{ur}} / \mathfrak{b}_N \\
\overline{S}_N^\circ &= S_\infty^\circ / \mathfrak{c}_N.
\end{aligned}$$

Then  $\overline{R}_N$  is an  $\overline{S}_N$ -algebra (and an  $\overline{S}_N^\circ$ -algebra).

**Theorem 4.9.** [A'C24] *With the same notation and assumptions as Theorem 4.1, we have:*

- (1) *There exists an infinite subset  $\mathbb{N}^* \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  and, for every  $M \leq N$  in  $\mathbb{N}^*$ , isomorphisms of  $R_\infty$ -algebras  $\overline{R}_N / \mathfrak{m}_{R_\infty}^M \cong \overline{R}_M$  such that we have an isomorphism*

$$R_{\infty, \mathfrak{p}}^\wedge \rightarrow (\varprojlim_{\mathbb{N}^*} \overline{R}_N)_\mathfrak{p}^\wedge,$$

*where the transition maps in the inverse system are given by the compositions*

$$\overline{R}_N \twoheadrightarrow \overline{R}_N / \mathfrak{m}_{R_\infty}^M \xrightarrow{\sim} \overline{R}_M$$

*and  $\mathfrak{p} = \ker(R_\infty \rightarrow \mathcal{O})$  corresponds to  $\xi$ .*

- (2) *There is an  $R_\infty$ -module  $M_\infty$  such that  $(M_\infty)_\mathfrak{p}^\wedge$  is free over  $R_{\infty, \mathfrak{p}}^\wedge$ , and*

$$(M_\infty)_\mathfrak{p}^\wedge \otimes_{(S_\infty^\circ)_\mathfrak{a}^\wedge}^{\mathbf{L}} E \simeq R\Gamma(K, \mathcal{V}_\lambda)_\mathfrak{p}$$

Consequently, the Tor-algebra

$$\pi_*\left(R_{\infty,\mathfrak{p}}^\wedge \otimes_{(S_\infty^\circ)^\wedge}^{\mathbf{L}} E\right) \cong \mathrm{Tor}_*^{(S_\infty^\circ)^\wedge} (R_{\infty,\mathfrak{p}}^\wedge, E)$$

acts freely on the graded module

$$\pi_*\left((M_\infty)_\mathfrak{p}^\wedge \otimes_{(S_\infty^\circ)^\wedge}^{\mathbf{L}} E\right) \cong H^*(K, \mathcal{V}_\lambda)$$

*Proof.* Both (1) and (2) are contained in (the proof of) the main theorem of [A'C24]. We provide some guiding remarks. For (1), the proof of the abstract patching result [A'C24, Lem. 2.6.4] proves an isomorphism

$$R_{\infty,\mathfrak{p}}^\wedge \cong \mathbf{P}_{R_\infty}(R_\infty)_\mathfrak{p}^\wedge$$

where  $\mathbf{P}$  denotes A'Campo's patching functor [A'C24, §2.3]. From [A'C24, Lem. 2.3.3], we obtain a subsequence  $\mathbb{N}^* \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ , a morphism  $\bar{R}_N \rightarrow \bar{R}_M$  as in the statement for every  $M \leq N$  in  $\mathbb{N}^*$  and an isomorphism

$$\mathbf{P}(R_N) \cong \varprojlim_N \bar{R}_N.$$

The second statement (2) is contained in [A'C24, Lem. 2.6.4, Thm. 5.3.5].  $\square$

**Remark 4.10.** The subset  $\mathbb{N}^* \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  and the maps  $\bar{R}_N \rightarrow \bar{R}_M$  depends on a choice of non-principal ultrafilter on  $\mathbb{N}$ . As such, the isomorphism provided by (1) is non-canonical. This ambiguity will not play a role in the sequel; we fix from now on a subset  $\mathbb{N}^*$  and maps as in the theorem.

In light of part (2) of Theorem 4.9, we see that to prove Theorem 4.1 it suffices to prove a weak equivalence

$$(\mathcal{R}_S \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E)_\xi^\wedge \simeq R_{\infty,\mathfrak{p}}^\wedge \otimes_{(S_\infty^\circ)^\wedge}^{\mathbf{L}} E.$$

### 4.3 Tangent complex calculations

Our proof of the main theorem will rely on a comparison of tangent complexes. In this section, we collect some preliminary calculations with tangent complexes.

**Proposition 4.11.** *With notation and assumptions as above, the tangent complex of  $(\mathcal{R}_S \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E)_\xi^\wedge$  is concentrated in degrees  $[0, 1]$  and satisfies*

$$\dim_E T_E^i ((\mathcal{R}_S \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E)_\xi^\wedge) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \\ l_0 & \text{if } i = 1. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Recall that we have an isomorphism

$$T_E^0 ((\mathcal{R}_S \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E)_\xi^\wedge) \cong T_E^0 (\pi_0((\mathcal{R}_S \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E)_\xi^\wedge)).$$

Since  $(\mathcal{R}_S \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E)_\xi^\wedge$  is Noetherian, [Lur04, Prop. 6.1.8] implies

$$\pi_0((\mathcal{R}_S \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E)_\xi^\wedge) \cong (\pi_0(\mathcal{R}_S) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E)_\xi^\wedge,$$

whose tangent space is given by the Bloch–Kato Selmer group (see [All16, Prop. 1.3.12])

$$H_g^1(\Gamma_{F,S}, \mathrm{ad} \rho)$$

which vanishes under our assumptions by the main theorem of [A'C24]. This vanishing together with the fibre sequence of  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{S}}$  and Proposition 3.42 yield an exact sequence (recall that both  $T_E^1(R_{\mathbf{S}}^{S,\text{loc}})$  and  $T_E^1(R_{\mathbf{S}'}^{S,\text{loc}})$  vanish by genericity of  $\text{WD}(\rho_v)$  at  $v \in S$  and irreducibility of  $\rho_v$  at  $v \in S_p$ )

$$0 \rightarrow T_E^0(\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{S}'}) \oplus T_E^0(R_{\mathbf{S}'}^{S,\text{loc}}) \rightarrow T_E^0(R_{\mathbf{S}'}^{S,\text{loc}}) \rightarrow T_E^1((\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{S}} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E)_{\xi}^{\wedge}) \rightarrow T_E^1(\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{S}'}) \rightarrow T_E^1(R_{\mathbf{S}'}^{S,\text{loc}}).$$

Comparing the sequence to the Poitou–Tate sequence associated to the Selmer system corresponding to  $\mathbf{S}$  gives

$$\dim_E T_E^1((\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{S}} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E)_{\xi}^{\wedge}) = \dim_E H^1(\Gamma_{F,S}, \text{ad } \rho(1))^{\vee} = l_0$$

by Proposition 3.43.  $\square$

For any  $N \geq 1$ , we let

$$\mathcal{C}_N = \overline{R}_N \otimes_{\overline{S}_N}^{\mathbf{L}} \overline{S}_N^{\text{ur}}.$$

For every  $M \leq N$  in  $\mathbb{N}^*$ , Theorem 4.9(1) provides a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \overline{R}_N & \longleftarrow & \overline{S}_N & \longrightarrow & \overline{S}_N^{\text{ur}} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \overline{R}_M & \longleftarrow & \overline{S}_M & \longrightarrow & \overline{S}_M^{\text{ur}} \end{array}$$

and we denote by

$$e_{N,M}: \mathcal{C}_N \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_M$$

the induced map on derived tensor products.

**Lemma 4.12.** *With notation as above, we have the following:*

(1) *There is a weak equivalence*

$$\mathcal{C}_N = \overline{R}_N \otimes_{\overline{S}_N}^{\mathbf{L}} \overline{S}_N^{\text{ur}} \simeq \overline{R}_N \otimes_{\overline{S}_N^{\circ}}^{\mathbf{L}} \mathcal{O}_N.$$

(2) *The limit  $\mathcal{C}_{\infty} = \lim_N \mathcal{C}_N$  is Noetherian.*

(3) *The tangent complex of the completion  $(\mathcal{C}_{\infty} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E)_{\xi}^{\wedge}$  has cohomology concentrated in degrees  $[0, 1]$  and*

$$\dim_E T_E^0((\mathcal{C}_{\infty} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E)_{\xi}^{\wedge}) - \dim_E T_E^1((\mathcal{C}_{\infty} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E)_{\xi}^{\wedge}) = -l_0$$

*Proof.* (1) This is [GV18, (8.16, 8.17)].

(2) By the derived Schlessinger criterion (Theorem 3.31), it suffices to prove that  $T_k^i(\mathcal{C}_{\infty}) = \underset{N}{\text{colim}} T_k^i(\mathcal{C}_N)$  is finite-dimensional for every  $i \geq 0$ . Consider the fibre sequence

$$T_k^{\bullet}(\mathcal{C}_N) \rightarrow T_k^{\bullet}(\overline{R}_N) \oplus T_k^{\bullet}(\mathcal{O}_N) \rightarrow T_k^{\bullet}(\overline{S}_N^{\circ}) \xrightarrow{+1}.$$

Filtered colimits are exact, whence we have a sequence

$$T_k^{\bullet}(\mathcal{C}_{\infty}) \rightarrow T_k^{\bullet}(\underset{N}{\lim} \overline{R}_N) \rightarrow T_k^{\bullet}(S_{\infty}^{\circ}).$$

For every  $N \geq 0$ , we have a surjection  $R_\infty \twoheadrightarrow \bar{R}_N$ , and thus  $R_\infty \twoheadrightarrow \lim_N \bar{R}_N \cong \varprojlim_N \bar{R}_N$ . Since  $R_\infty$  and  $S_\infty^\circ$  are Noetherian, it follows that  $T_k^i(\mathcal{C}_\infty)$  is finite-dimensional for every  $i \geq 0$ .

(3) For any  $r \leq N$ , we have a fibre sequence

$$T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^\bullet(\mathcal{C}_N) \rightarrow T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^\bullet(\bar{R}_N) \oplus T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^\bullet(\mathcal{O}_N) \rightarrow T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^\bullet(\bar{S}_N^\circ) \xrightarrow{+1}.$$

Passing to the colimit over  $N \geq r$  and limit over  $r$ , then inverting  $p$  yields a fibre sequence

$$\left( \lim_r \operatorname{colim}_{N \geq r} T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^\bullet(\mathcal{C}_N) \right) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E \rightarrow T_E^\bullet(R_{\infty, \mathfrak{p}}^\wedge) \rightarrow T_E^\bullet((S_\infty^\circ)_\mathfrak{a}^\wedge) \xrightarrow{+1},$$

Now,  $R_{\infty, \mathfrak{p}}^\wedge$  and  $(S_\infty^\circ)_\mathfrak{a}^\wedge$  are smooth  $E$ -algebras and therefore by taking cohomology we obtain an exact sequence of  $E$ -vector spaces

$$0 \rightarrow T_E^0((\mathcal{C}_\infty)_\mathfrak{p}^\wedge) \rightarrow T_E^0(R_{\infty, \mathfrak{p}}^\wedge) \rightarrow T_E^0((S_\infty^\circ)_\mathfrak{a}^\wedge) \rightarrow T_E^1((\mathcal{C}_\infty)_\mathfrak{p}^\wedge) \rightarrow 0.$$

It follows that

$$\dim_E T_E^0((\mathcal{C}_\infty)_\mathfrak{p}^\wedge) - \dim_E T_E^1((\mathcal{C}_\infty)_\mathfrak{p}^\wedge) = \dim R_{\infty, \mathfrak{p}}^\wedge - \dim(S_\infty^\circ)_\mathfrak{a}^\wedge = -l_0.$$

□

**Proposition 4.13.** *With assumptions and notation as above and  $r \leq N$ , the kernel*

$$\ker(T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{R}'_N) \rightarrow T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{S}_N))$$

*is a finite length  $\mathcal{O}$ -module with length independent of  $r$  and  $N$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $r \leq N$ . By Proposition 3.34 and Lemma 4.7(4), we have isomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{R}'_N) &\cong H^2(\Gamma_{SQ_N}, \operatorname{ad} \xi_r) \\ T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{S}_N) &\cong \prod_{v \in Q_N} H^2(\Gamma_v, \operatorname{ad} \xi_r) \end{aligned}$$

We factor the map  $\gamma: T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{R}'_N) \rightarrow T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{S}_N)$  as  $\gamma = \beta \circ \alpha$  where

$$H^2(\Gamma_{SQ_N}, \operatorname{ad} \xi_r) \xrightarrow{\alpha} \prod_{v \in SQ_N} H^2(\Gamma_v, \operatorname{ad} \xi_r) \xrightarrow{\beta} \prod_{v \in Q_N} H^2(\Gamma_v, \operatorname{ad} \xi_r)$$

to obtain an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \ker(\alpha) \rightarrow \ker(\gamma) \rightarrow \ker(\beta).$$

To prove the proposition, it suffices to show that  $\ker(\alpha)$  and  $\ker(\beta)$  have finite length bounded independently of  $r$  and  $N$ . To see this, consider the Poitou–Tate sequence for the Selmer system

$$\{\mathcal{L}_{v,r}\}_{v \in SQ_N} = \{H^1(\Gamma_v, \operatorname{ad} \xi_r)\}_{v \in SQ_N} \cup \{H_{\text{ur}}^1(\Gamma_v, \operatorname{ad} \xi_r)\}_{v \notin SQ_N},$$

part of which reads

$$H^1(\Gamma_{SQ_N}, \operatorname{ad} \xi_r(1)) \rightarrow H^2(\Gamma_{SQ_N}, \operatorname{ad} \xi_r) \xrightarrow{\alpha} \prod_{v \in SQ_N} H^2(\Gamma_v, \operatorname{ad} \xi_r).$$

By Proposition 4.5(4), we have

$$\text{length}_{\mathcal{O}} \ker(\alpha) \leq \text{length}_{\mathcal{O}} H^1(\Gamma_{SQ_N}, \text{ad } \xi_r(1)) \leq l.$$

Now,

$$\ker(\beta) = \prod_{v \in S} H^2(\Gamma_v, \text{ad } \xi_r) = T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(R_{\mathbf{S}'}^{S, \text{loc}})$$

and since the characteristic 0 point of  $\text{Spec } R_{\mathbf{S}'}^{S, \text{loc}}$  corresponding to  $\xi$  is smooth by assumptions, the  $\mathcal{O}$ -module  $\ker(\beta)$  has finite length bounded independently of  $r$  (and  $N$ ). This completes the proof.  $\square$

#### 4.4 Proof of the main theorem

**Theorem 4.14.** *There exists a morphism  $\mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_\infty$  such that  $\xi: \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$  factors through  $\mathcal{C}_\infty$  and the induced morphism*

$$(\mathcal{R} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E)_\xi^\wedge \rightarrow (\mathcal{C}_\infty \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E)_\xi^\wedge$$

*is a weak equivalence in  $\mathcal{CNL}/E$ .*

**Remark 4.15.** Recall that the existence of the inverse system  $(\mathcal{C}_N)_{N \in \mathbb{N}^*}$  is not canonically defined. The proof of the existence of  $g: \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_\infty$  is also non-constructive and as such, the weak equivalence is a priori non-canonical and depends on a choice of non-principal ultrafilter on  $\mathbb{N}$ . In [GV18, §15], the authors are able to prove, under their assumptions, that the equivalence is canonical and independent of any choices in the Taylor–Wiles process. In the future, we hope to prove a similar result in characteristic 0 without introducing extra assumptions.

*Proof of Theorem 4.1:* Let

$$[\mathcal{R}, -] = \pi_0(\text{Map}_{/k}(\mathcal{R}, -))$$

and denote by  $\tau_{\leq j}$  the  $j$ -truncation functor. We claim that the natural maps

$$[\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{C}_\infty] \rightarrow \varprojlim_N [\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{C}_N] \rightarrow \varprojlim_{j, N} [\mathcal{R}, \tau_{\leq j} \mathcal{C}_N]$$

are bijections. Indeed, by [GV18, Lem. A.9] we have a short exact sequence of pointed sets (for any choice of basepoint)

$$0 \rightarrow \varprojlim_{j, N}^1 \pi_1 \text{Map}_{/k}(\mathcal{R}, \tau_{\leq j} \mathcal{C}_N) \rightarrow [\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{C}_\infty] \rightarrow \varprojlim_{j, N} [\mathcal{R}, \tau_{\leq j} \mathcal{C}_N] \rightarrow 0.$$

We claim that  $\text{Map}_{/k}(\mathcal{R}, \tau_{\leq j} \mathcal{C}_N)$  has finite homotopy groups (and in particular,  $[\mathcal{R}, \tau_{\leq j} \mathcal{C}_N]$  is finite for every  $j, N$ ). Indeed, since  $\tau_{\leq j} \mathcal{C}_N \in \mathcal{A}\text{rt}_{/k}$ , using Lemma 3.3 we may write  $\tau_{\leq j} \mathcal{C}_N$  as an iterated series of small extensions

$$\tau_{\leq j} \mathcal{C}_N \simeq B_m \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow B_0 \simeq k$$

for some  $m \geq 0$ . Since  $\mathcal{R}$  is Noetherian and

$$\pi_i(\text{Map}_{/k}(\mathcal{R}, k \oplus k[n])) \cong \pi_0(\text{Map}_{/k}(\mathcal{R}, k \oplus k[n-i])) \cong T_k^{n-i}(\mathcal{R})$$

is finite, the claim follows. Hence, the  $\varprojlim_j^1$ -term in the short exact sequence vanishes and we have proved

$$[\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{C}_\infty] \cong \varprojlim_{j, N} [\mathcal{R}, \tau_{\leq j} \mathcal{C}_N].$$

It follows that  $[\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{C}_\infty] \rightarrow \varprojlim_N [\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{C}_N]$  is injective. It is automatically surjective by the existence of the short exact sequence (using [GV18, Lem. A.9] again)

$$0 \rightarrow \varprojlim^1_N \text{Map}_{/k}(\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{C}_N) \rightarrow [\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{C}_\infty] \rightarrow \varprojlim_N [\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{C}_N] \rightarrow 0.$$

From the above, we see that defining a morphism  $\mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_\infty$  amounts up to homotopy to defining a compatible system of maps  $\mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_N$ . For  $a \geq 0$ , we let

$$X_N(a) = \{[f] \in [\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{C}_N] \mid \forall r \leq M \leq N: T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^0(e_{N,M} \circ f) \text{ isomorphism, } p^a \text{coker}(T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(e_{N,M} \circ f)) = 0\}.$$

Here,  $T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^i(e_{N,M} \circ f)$  denotes the homomorphism of  $\mathcal{O}_r$ -modules

$$T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^i(\mathcal{C}_M) \rightarrow T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^i(\mathcal{R})$$

induced by the composition  $e_{N,M} \circ f$ . We will prove that for  $a$  sufficiently large,  $(X_N(a))_{N \in \mathbb{N}^*}$  is an inverse system of non-empty profinite sets with continuous transition maps. In particular,  $\varprojlim X_N(a) \neq \emptyset$  and hence there exists a class

$$[g] = ([g_N])_{N \in \mathbb{N}^*} \in \varprojlim_N X_N(a) \subset [\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{C}_\infty].$$

**$(X_N(a))$  is an inverse system:** Let  $[f] \in X_N(a)$ . Then, for any  $L \leq M \leq N$ , we have

$$[e_{M,L} \circ e_{N,M} \circ f] = [e_{N,L} \circ f]$$

and hence  $[e_{N,M} \circ f] \in X_M(a)$  and the transition maps are compatible, i.e. we have a commutative triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_N(a) & \longrightarrow & X_L(a) \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \\ & X_M(a) & \end{array}$$

Hence,  $(X_N(a))_{N \in \mathbb{N}^*}$  is an inverse system.

**$X_N(a)$  is nonempty:** Fix  $N$ . We prove that there exists  $a \geq 0$  such that

$$f = f_N: \mathcal{R} \simeq \mathcal{R}_N \otimes_{\mathcal{S}_N}^{\mathbf{L}} \mathcal{S}_N^{\text{ur}} \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{R}}_N \otimes_{\overline{\mathcal{S}}_N}^{\mathbf{L}} \overline{\mathcal{S}}_N^{\text{ur}} = \mathcal{C}_N$$

lies in  $X_N(a)$ . Importantly, we do *not* prove that  $[f_N]$  is a compatible system – in particular, we prove no relation between  $g$  and  $f$ . For any  $r \leq M \leq N$ , the map  $e_{N,M} \circ f$  induces a commutative diagram with exact rows

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & T_r^0(\mathcal{C}_M) & \longrightarrow & T_r^0(\overline{\mathcal{R}}_M) \oplus T_r^0(\overline{\mathcal{S}}_M^{\text{ur}}) & \longrightarrow & T_r^0(\overline{\mathcal{S}}_M) \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & T_r^0(\mathcal{R}) & \longrightarrow & T_r^0(\mathcal{R}_N) \oplus T_r^0(\mathcal{S}_N^{\text{ur}}) & \longrightarrow & T_r^0(\mathcal{S}_N) \end{array}$$

The two rightmost vertical maps are isomorphisms, since  $\mathfrak{c}_M$  is generated by elements whose mod  $p^r$  reductions lie in the square of the maximal ideal, whereby

$$T_r^0(\mathcal{R}_N) \cong T_r^0(\mathcal{R}_N) \cong T_r^0(\mathcal{R}_N/\mathfrak{c}_M) = T_r^0(\overline{\mathcal{R}}_M)$$

and similarly for  $\mathcal{S}_N$  and  $\mathcal{S}_N^{\text{ur}}$ . It follows from the five lemma that the left vertical map in the diagram is also an isomorphism, as required (this part does not depend on  $a$ ).

To prove the remaining statement, we argue as before to obtain a commutative diagram with exact rows

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} T_r^0(\bar{S}_M) & \longrightarrow & T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{C}_M) & \longrightarrow & T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\bar{R}_M) \oplus T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\bar{S}_M^{\text{ur}}) & \longrightarrow & T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\bar{S}_M) \\ \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \alpha & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ T_r^0(\mathcal{S}_N) & \xrightarrow{\beta} & T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{R}) & \longrightarrow & T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{R}_N) \oplus T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{S}_N^{\text{ur}}) & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{S}_N) \end{array}$$

Note that  $T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{S}_N^{\text{ur}}) = 0$  since  $\mathcal{S}_N^{\text{ur}}$  is formally smooth. The claim to be proven is that  $p^a \text{coker}(\alpha) = 0$  for an  $a \geq 0$  which is independent of  $r, M$  and  $N$ . By the diagram, we have

$$\text{coker}(\alpha) \leftarrow \text{coker}(\beta) \cong \ker(\gamma),$$

so it suffices to prove that  $\ker(\gamma)$  is annihilated by a sufficiently large power of  $p$  not depending on  $r, M, N$ . To analyse  $\ker(\gamma)$ , recall that  $\mathcal{R}'_N$  represents the deformation problem without the  $\mathcal{D}_v^{ss,r}$ -conditions at  $v \in S_p$ . We have a weak equivalence

$$\mathcal{R}_N \simeq \mathcal{R}'_N \otimes_{R_{S'}^{S,\text{loc}}}^{\mathbf{L}} R_{\mathbf{S}}^{S,\text{loc}},$$

and if we let

$$\text{cok}_{r,N} = \text{coker} (T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^0(\mathcal{R}'_N) \oplus T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^0(R_{\mathbf{S}}^{S,\text{loc}}) \rightarrow T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^0(R_{\mathbf{S}}^{S,\text{loc}})),$$

then the fibre sequence of  $\mathcal{R}'_N \otimes_{R_{S'}^{S,\text{loc}}}^{\mathbf{L}} R_{\mathbf{S}}^{S,\text{loc}}$  induces a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{cok}_{r,N} & \longrightarrow & T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{R}_N) & \longrightarrow & T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{R}'_N) \oplus T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(R_{\mathbf{S}}^{S,\text{loc}}) \\ & & & & \downarrow \gamma & & \downarrow \\ & & & & T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{S}_N) & \longleftarrow & T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{R}'_N) \end{array}$$

where the top row is exact and the right vertical map is the projection onto the first coordinate. By exactness, we see that

$$\text{cok}_{r,N} \hookrightarrow \ker(\gamma)$$

so that  $\gamma$  factors as

$$T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{R}_N) \twoheadrightarrow T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{R}_N)/\text{cok}_{r,N} \xrightarrow{\tilde{\gamma}} T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{S}_N).$$

and we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{cok}_{r,N} \rightarrow \ker(\gamma) \rightarrow \ker(\tilde{\gamma}) \rightarrow 0.$$

By Proposition 4.5(4),  $\text{cok}_{r,N}$  is annihilated by a power of  $p$  which is independent of  $r$  and  $N$ . Thus, it suffices to prove the same holds for  $\ker(\tilde{\gamma})$ . Now, by the first diagram we have

$$\ker(\tilde{\gamma}) \cong \ker (T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{R}'_N) \oplus T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(R_{\mathbf{S}}^{S,\text{loc}}) \twoheadrightarrow T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{R}'_N) \rightarrow T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{S}_N)),$$

whereby it suffices to show that  $T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(R_{\mathbf{S}}^{S,\text{loc}})$  and  $\ker(T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{R}'_N) \rightarrow T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{S}_N))$  are annihilated by powers of  $p$  that are independent of  $r$  and  $N$ . The latter statement is contained in Proposition 4.13. To prove the statement for  $T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(R_{\mathbf{S}}^{S,\text{loc}})$ , consider the short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_r \rightarrow 0.$$

It induces an exact sequence

$$T_{\mathcal{O}}^1(R_{\mathbf{S}}^{S,\text{loc}}) \rightarrow T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(R_{\mathbf{S}}^{S,\text{loc}}) \rightarrow T_{\mathcal{O}}^2(R_{\mathbf{S}}^{S,\text{loc}}).$$

By Lemma 3.36 and Prop. 3.32, these are finitely generated  $\mathcal{O}$ -modules. Moreover, since  $\xi$  defines a smooth point of  $R_{\mathbf{S}}^{S,\text{loc}}$  by genericity of the associated Weil–Deligne representations,  $T_{\mathcal{O}}^i(R_{\mathbf{S}}^{S,\text{loc}})$  is torsion for  $i \geq 1$ . It follows that

$$\text{length}_{\mathcal{O}}(T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(R_{\mathbf{S}}^{S,\text{loc}})) \leq \text{length}_{\mathcal{O}}(T_{\mathcal{O}}^1(R_{\mathbf{S}}^{S,\text{loc}})) + \text{length}_{\mathcal{O}}(T_{\mathcal{O}}^2(R_{\mathbf{S}}^{S,\text{loc}}))$$

which is finite and independent of  $r, M, N$  as required. Thus, we have shown that for an absolute constant  $a$ ,  $[f] \in X_N(a)$  and in particular,  $X_N(a) \neq \emptyset$ .

**$X_N(a)$  is profinite:** Since  $[\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{C}_N] = \varprojlim_j [\mathcal{R}, \tau_{\leq j} \mathcal{C}_N]$  and  $\tau_{\leq j} \mathcal{C}_N \in \mathcal{A}\mathcal{R}\mathcal{T}_{/k}$ , to prove that  $X_N(a)$  is profinite it suffices to prove that for any  $B \in \mathcal{A}\mathcal{R}\mathcal{T}_{/k}$ , the set  $[\mathcal{R}, B]$  is finite. By Lemma 3.3, any  $(B \rightarrow k) \in \mathcal{A}\mathcal{R}\mathcal{T}_{/k}$  is equivalent to an iterated series of small extensions

$$B \simeq B_m \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow B_0 \simeq k,$$

and we prove the claim by induction on  $m$ . The case  $m = 0$  is trivially true, and from the equalities

$$[\mathcal{R}, B_m] = [\mathcal{R}, B_{m-1} \times_{B_{m-1} \oplus k[n_{m+1}]} B_{m-1}] = [\mathcal{R}, B_{m-1}] \times_{[\mathcal{R}, B_{m-1} \oplus k[n_{m+1}]]} [\mathcal{R}, B_{m-1}]$$

we see that to carry out the induction step it suffices to prove that  $[\mathcal{R}, k \oplus k[n]]$  is finite for every  $n \geq 1$  (since we are considering morphisms over  $k$ ,  $[\mathcal{R}, k] = \{*\}$ ). In this case, we have

$$[\mathcal{R}, k \oplus k[n]] = \pi_0(\text{Map}_{/k}(\mathcal{R}, k \oplus k[n])) = T_k^n(\mathcal{R})$$

which is finite-dimensional by Theorem 3.31. Thus,  $[\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{C}_N] = \varprojlim_j [\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{C}_N^j]$  is profinite, and to prove that  $X_N(a)$  is profinite we show that  $X_N(a)$  is the inverse limit of a pro-subset of  $([\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{C}_N^j])_{j \geq 0}$ .

To see this, note that  $T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{C}_M) = \text{colim}_j T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\tau_{\leq j} \mathcal{C}_M)$  and therefore

$$\text{coker}(T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(e_{N,M} \circ f)) = \text{colim}_j \text{coker}(T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\tau_{\leq j} \mathcal{C}_M) \rightarrow T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{R})) =: \text{colim}_j Q_{\leq j}$$

We can formulate the condition defining  $X_N(a)$  degree-wise in  $j$  using the equivalence

$$p^a \text{colim}_j Q_{\leq j} = 0 \iff \forall j \geq 0 : p^a Q_{\leq j} \subseteq \ker(Q_{\leq j} \rightarrow \text{colim}_j Q_{\leq j})$$

Thus, we define finite subsets  $X_N^j(a) \subseteq [\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{C}_N^j]$  using the expression above and conclude that  $X_N = \varprojlim X_N^j(a)$  is profinite.

**$X_N(a) \rightarrow X_M(a)$  is continuous:** Let  $M \leq N$  and consider  $e_{N,M} : \mathcal{C}_N \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_M$ . For any  $j$ , we have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{C}_N & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{C}_M \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \tau_{\leq j} \mathcal{C}_N & \longrightarrow & \tau_{\leq j} \mathcal{C}_M \end{array}$$

and hence

$$\begin{array}{ccc} [\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{C}_N] & \longrightarrow & [\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{C}_M] \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ [\mathcal{R}, \tau_{\leq j} \mathcal{C}_N] & \longrightarrow & [\mathcal{R}, \tau_{\leq j} \mathcal{C}_M]. \end{array}$$

It follows that the top horizontal map is continuous, and hence the restriction  $X_N(a) \rightarrow X_M(a)$  is also continuous.

**Passage to characteristic 0:** We now have a constant  $a \geq 0$  and a map

$$g: \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \lim_N \mathcal{C}_N$$

such that for every  $N$ ,  $T_r^0(g)$  is an isomorphism and the cokernel

$$Q_{r,N}(g) = \text{coker } (T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{C}_N) \rightarrow T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{R}))$$

is  $p^a$ -torsion. We claim that the induced map  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\wedge} \rightarrow (\lim_N \mathcal{C}_N)_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\wedge}$  induces an isomorphism on  $T_E^0$  and an epimorphism on  $T_E^1$ . The first statement is clear from the definition of  $X_N$ . To prove the second statement, we note that  $p^a$ -torsion modules are preserved under filtered colimits and inverse limits, so that

$$p^a Q_{r,N}(g) = 0 \implies (\varprojlim_r \text{colim}_N Q_{r,N}(g)) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E = 0.$$

Now,  $\lim_N \mathcal{C}_N$  is Noetherian by Lemma 4.12(2). Thus,  $\text{colim}_N T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{C}_N)$  is finite, and we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\varprojlim_r \text{colim}_N Q_{r,N}(g)) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E &\cong \text{coker } ((\lim_r \text{colim}_N T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{C}_N)) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E \rightarrow (\lim_r \text{colim}_N T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^1(\mathcal{R})) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} E) \\ &\cong \text{coker } (T_E^1((\lim_N \mathcal{C}_N)_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\wedge}) \rightarrow T_E^1(\mathcal{R}_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\wedge})) \end{aligned}$$

since colimits commute and  $\varprojlim$  is exact on finite abelian groups. We have now proved that the map

$$T_E^*((\lim_N \mathcal{C}_N)_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\wedge}) \rightarrow T_E^*(\mathcal{R}_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\wedge})$$

induced by  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\wedge} \rightarrow (\lim_N \mathcal{C}_N)_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\wedge}$  is an isomorphism in degree 0 and an epimorphism in degree 1. Now, these graded  $E$ -vector spaces are concentrated in degrees  $[0, 1]$  and have the same dimensions. It follows that  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\wedge} \rightarrow (\lim_N \mathcal{C}_N)_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\wedge}$  is a weak equivalence.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.16.** *With the same notation as above, there is a weak equivalence*

$$(\mathcal{C}_{\infty})_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\wedge} \simeq R_{\infty, \mathfrak{p}}^{\wedge} \otimes_{(S_{\infty}^{\circ})_{\mathfrak{a}}^{\wedge}}^{\mathbf{L}} E,$$

*Proof.* By Proposition 3.42, we have an equivalence of fibre sequences

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} T_E^*((\mathcal{C}_{\infty})_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\wedge}) & \longrightarrow & T_E^*(R_{\infty, \mathfrak{p}}^{\wedge}) & \longrightarrow & T_E^*((S_{\infty}^{\circ})_{\mathfrak{a}}^{\wedge}) & \xrightarrow{+1} & \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ \text{limcolim}_r \text{limcolim}_N T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^{\bullet}(\mathcal{C}_N) & \longrightarrow & \text{limcolim}_r \text{limcolim}_N T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^{\bullet}(\bar{R}_N) & \longrightarrow & \text{limcolim}_r \text{limcolim}_N T_{\mathcal{O}_r}^{\bullet}(\bar{S}_N^{\circ}) & \xrightarrow{+1} & \end{array}$$

Now, the tangent complex of  $R_{\infty, \mathfrak{p}}^\wedge \otimes_{(S_\infty^\circ)^\wedge}^{\mathbf{L}} E$  is given by the same fibre:

$$T_E^\bullet(R_{\infty, \mathfrak{p}}^\wedge \otimes_{(S_\infty^\circ)^\wedge}^{\mathbf{L}} E) \rightarrow T_E^\bullet(R_{\infty, \mathfrak{p}}^\wedge) \rightarrow T_E^\bullet((S_\infty^\circ)^\wedge) \xrightarrow{+1}.$$

Hence, by comparing tangent complexes we see that the natural morphism

$$R_{\infty, \mathfrak{p}}^\wedge \otimes_{(S_\infty^\circ)^\wedge}^{\mathbf{L}} E \rightarrow \lim_r (R_\infty[1/\varpi]/\mathfrak{p}^r \otimes_{S_\infty^\circ[1/\varpi]^\wedge/\mathfrak{a}^r}^{\mathbf{L}} E)$$

induces an equivalence on tangent complexes, and the same is true for

$$(R_\infty \otimes_{S_\infty^\circ}^{\mathbf{L}} \mathcal{O})_\mathfrak{p}^\wedge \simeq (R_\infty[1/\varpi] \otimes_{S_\infty^\circ[1/\varpi]}^{\mathbf{L}} E)_\mathfrak{p}^\wedge \rightarrow \lim_r (R_\infty[1/\varpi]/\mathfrak{p}^r \otimes_{S_\infty^\circ[1/\varpi]^\wedge/\mathfrak{a}^r}^{\mathbf{L}} E).$$

Thus, these are weak equivalences of  $E$ -algebras and we obtain

$$(R_\infty \otimes_{S_\infty^\circ}^{\mathbf{L}} \mathcal{O})_\mathfrak{p}^\wedge \simeq R_{\infty, \mathfrak{p}}^\wedge \otimes_{(S_\infty^\circ)^\wedge}^{\mathbf{L}} E,$$

as needed.  $\square$

We are now in a position to deduce our main result Theorem 4.1. By Theorem 4.9, there exists a free  $R_{\infty, \mathfrak{p}}^\wedge$ -module  $(M_\infty)_\mathfrak{p}^\wedge$  such that

$$(M_\infty)_\mathfrak{p}^\wedge \otimes_{(S_\infty^\circ)^\wedge}^{\mathbf{L}} E \simeq R\Gamma(K, \mathcal{V}_\lambda)_\mathfrak{p}.$$

Theorem 4.14 together with Lemma 4.16 serve to define an action of  $(\mathcal{R} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}}^{\mathbf{L}} E)_\xi^\wedge$  on this complex, and in particular we obtain a free action

$$\pi_*((\mathcal{R} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}}^{\mathbf{L}} E)_\xi^\wedge) \odot H^*(K, \mathcal{V}_\lambda)_\mathfrak{p}.$$

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