

# Galois Scaffolds And Galois Module Structure For Totally Ramified Extra-Special $p$ -Extensions

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## Notation

Given a local field  $K$ , we let  $v_K : K \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \cup \{\infty\}$  be the normalized valuation on  $K$  ( $v_K(0) = \infty$ ). Notationally we have the following:

$e_K = v_K(p)$  is the absolute ramification index;

$\mathfrak{O}_K = \{x \in K : v_K(x) \geq 0\}$  is the ring of integers;

$\mathfrak{M}_K = \{x \in K : v_K(x) \geq 1\}$  is the maximal ideal of  $\mathfrak{O}_K$ ;

$\pi_K$  is a uniformizer for  $K$ .

If  $K_0 \subseteq \dots \subseteq K_n$  is a tower of totally ramified fields we may replace the subscript  $K_i$  by the subscript  $i$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n$  giving us  $v_i$ ,  $e_i$ ,  $\mathfrak{O}_i$ ,  $\mathfrak{M}_i$  and  $\pi_i$ .

If  $K$  is a local field with residue characteristic  $p$ , and  $\vec{v} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ , we let

$\mathbf{F}(\vec{v}) = (a_1^p, \dots, a_n^p)$ .

## Ramification groups

Let  $L/K$  be a Galois extension of degree  $p^n$  of local fields with Galois group  $G$ . For  $i \geq -1$  we define the  $i$ -th *ramification subgroup* by

$G_i = \{\sigma \in G : v_L((\sigma - 1)\pi_L) \geq i + 1\}$ . It is well known that  $G_i$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  and the quotient  $G_i/G_{i+1}$  is an elementary abelian  $p$ -group. This allows us to choose a composition series  $G = H_0 \supset H_1 \supset \dots \supset H_{n-1} \supset H_n = \{1\}$  such that  $H_i/H_{i+1} \cong C_p$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$  and  $\{G_i : i \geq -1\} \subseteq \{H_i : 0 \leq i \leq n\}$  [BE13].

## Ramification numbers

For  $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$ , choose  $\sigma_{i+1} \in H_i \setminus H_{i+1}$ . Then set  $b_i = v_L((\sigma_i - 1)\pi_L) - 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , this integer is independent of the choices made and we call it the  $i$ -th *lower ramification number*.

The *upper ramification number*  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  are defined recursively by

$$u_1 = b_1, u_i = u_{i-1} + \frac{b_i - b_{i-1}}{p^{i-1}} \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n \text{ [BE18].}$$

## Defining Galois scaffold

Let  $K_0$  be a local field with residue characteristic  $p$ .

Assume  $K_n/K_0$  is a totally ramified extension of local fields of degree  $p^n$  whose lower ramification numbers are relatively prime to  $p$  and fall into one residue class modulo  $p^n$  represented by  $0 < b < p^n$ .

Let  $\mathbb{S}_{p^n} = \{0, 1, \dots, p^n - 1\}$ . Define  $\alpha : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_{p^n}$  by  $\alpha(j) \equiv -jb^{-1} \pmod{p^n}$  [BCE18]. For  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$ , let  $\alpha(j)_{(i)}$  denote the  $i$ -th digit in the  $p$ -adic expansion of  $\alpha(j)$ .

Put a partial order  $\preceq$  on  $\mathbb{S}_{p^n}$  defined by  $s \preceq t$  if and only if  $s_{(i)} \leq t_{(i)}$  for each  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$ , where  $s = \sum_{i=1}^n s_{(n-i)} p^{n-i}$  and  $t = \sum_{i=1}^n t_{(n-i)} p^{n-i}$  are the  $p$ -adic expansions of  $s$  and  $t$  [BCE18].

## Defining Galois scaffold II

Let  $G = \text{Gal}(K_n/K_0)$ . Given an integer  $c \geq 1$ , two things are required for a *Galois scaffold of precision c* [BCE18]:

1. For each  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  an element  $\lambda_t \in K_n$  such that  $v_n(\lambda_t) = t$  and  $\lambda_s \lambda_t^{-1} \in K_0$  whenever  $s \equiv t \pmod{p^n}$ .
2. Elements  $\Psi_1, \Psi_2, \dots, \Psi_n$  in the augmentation ideal  $(\sigma - 1 : \sigma \in G)$  of  $K_0[G]$  such that for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\Psi_i \lambda_t \equiv \begin{cases} u_{i,t} \lambda_{t+p^{n-i}b_i} & \pmod{\lambda_{t+p^{n-i}b_i} \mathfrak{M}_n^c} \text{ if } \alpha(t)_{(n-i)} \geq 1 \\ 0 & \pmod{\lambda_{t+p^{n-i}b_i} \mathfrak{M}_n^c} \text{ if } \alpha(t)_{(n-i)} = 0 \end{cases}$$

where  $u_{i,t} \in K$  and  $v_K(u_{i,t}) = 0$ .

## Galois Module Structure i

Let  $((\lambda_t)_{t \in \mathbb{Z}}, (\Psi_i)_{i=1}^n)$  be a Galois scaffold for  $L/K$  of precision  $\mathfrak{c}$ . Let  $0 < b < p^n$  satisfy  $b \equiv b_n \pmod{p^n}$ . For each  $s \in \mathbb{S}_{p^n}$ , let

$$\Psi^{(s)} = \Psi_n^{s(0)} \Psi_{n-1}^{s(1)} \cdots \Psi_1^{s(n-1)} \in K[G]$$

$$\mathfrak{b}(s) = \sum_{i=1}^n s_{(n-i)} p^{n-i} b_i$$

$$d(s) = \left\lfloor \frac{\mathfrak{b}(s) + b}{p^n} \right\rfloor$$

$$w(s) = \min\{d(s+j) - d(j) : j \preceq p^n - 1 - s\}$$

where  $s = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{(n-i)} p^{n-i}$  is the  $p$ -adic expansion of  $s$  [BCE18].

## Galois Module Structure ii

### Theorem (Byott, Childs, Elder, 2018)

- ① Suppose  $\mathfrak{c} \geq 1$ . Then  $\{\pi^{-w(s)}\psi^{(s)} : s \in \mathbb{S}_{p^n}\}$  is an  $\mathfrak{O}_K$ -basis for  $\mathfrak{A}_{L/K}$ . If  $w(s) = d(s)$  for all  $s \in \mathbb{S}_{p^n}$ , then  $\mathfrak{O}_L$  is free over  $\mathfrak{A}_{L/K}$ . Moreover,  $\mathfrak{O}_L = \mathfrak{A}_{L/K} \cdot \rho$  for any  $\rho \in L$  with  $v_L(\rho) = b$ .
- ② Assume  $\mathfrak{c} \geq p^n + b$ . Then  $\mathfrak{O}_L$  is free over  $\mathfrak{A}_{L/K}$  if and only if  $w(s) = d(s)$  for all  $s \in \mathbb{S}_{p^n}$ . Moreover, if  $\mathfrak{O}_L$  is free over  $\mathfrak{A}_{L/K}$ , then  $\mathfrak{O}_L = \mathfrak{A}_{L/K} \cdot \rho$  for any  $\rho \in L$  with  $v_L(\rho) = b$  [BCE18, Theorem 3.1].

### Theorem (Byott, Childs, Elder; 2018)

Let  $L/K$  be a totally ramified Galois extension of degree  $p^n$  where  $n \geq 2$ . Assume the lower ramification numbers of  $L/K$  are relatively prime to  $p$  and fall into one residue class represented by  $0 < b < p^n$ . Assume that  $L/K$  possesses a Galois scaffold of precision  $\mathfrak{c} \geq p^n + b$ . Then  $\mathfrak{O}_L$  is free over  $\mathfrak{A}_{L/K}$  if and only if  $b \mid p^n - 1$  [BCE18, Theorem 4.8].

## Extra-Special $p$ -Groups

An *extra-special  $p$ -group* is a  $p$ -group  $G$  of order  $p^{2n+1}$  for some  $n \geq 1$  such that  $Z(G) \cong C_p$  and  $G/Z(G) \cong C_p^{2n}$ . When  $p$  is odd there are two classes of extra-special  $p$ -groups:

- (1) Exponent  $p$ , denoted  $\mathbb{H}_{2n+1}(\mathbb{F}_p)$
- (2) Exponent  $p^2$ , denoted  $\mathbb{M}_{2n+1}(\mathbb{F}_p)$ .

We use the theory of MacKenzie and Whaples [MW56] to construct totally ramified extra-special  $p$ -extensions for odd primes. Then we use the work of Byott, Elder, and Keating in [BE18] and [EK22], to construct Galois scaffolds for our extensions.

The two extra-special groups of order 8 are the quaternions  $Q_8$  and the dihedral group  $D_8$  which both have exponent 4. In the case  $p = 2$  and  $n = 1$ , both of our constructions produce  $D_8$ -extensions [Bla99].

## Exponent $p$

If  $B$  is a commutative ring with 1, we define an algebraic group

$$\mathbb{H}_{2n+1}(B) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \vec{a} & c \\ \vec{0} & 1 & \vec{b} \\ 0 & \vec{0} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \leq GL_{n+2}(B)$$

where  $\vec{a}$  is a  $1 \times n$  row vector with entries in  $B$ ,  $\vec{b}$  is a  $n \times 1$  column vector with entries in  $B$ , and  $c \in B$ .

The group

$$\mathbb{H}_3(\mathbb{F}_p) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & * & * \\ 0 & 1 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

is commonly referred to as the *Heisenberg group* [EK20].

## Heisenberg extensions in characteristic $p$

Suppose  $\vec{A} := (a_1, \dots, a_{2n+1}) \in \mathbb{H}_{2n+1}(K_0)$  such that  $a_i \notin \wp(K_0)$ . Choose  $\vec{X} := (x_1, \dots, x_{2n+1}) \in \mathbb{H}_{2n+1}(K_0^{\text{sep}})$  such that  $\mathbf{F}(\vec{X}) = \vec{X} * \vec{A}$  that is to say  $x_i^p - x_i = a_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 2n$ , and

$$x_{2n+1}^p - x_{2n+1} = a_{2n+1} + \sum_{i=1}^n a_{n+i} a_i.$$

For any  $\vec{B} \in \mathbb{H}_{2n+1}(\mathbb{F}_p) \subseteq \mathbb{H}_{2n+1}(K_0)$  we have

$$\mathbf{F}(\vec{B} * \vec{X}) = \mathbf{F}(\vec{B}) * \mathbf{F}(\vec{X}) = B * (\vec{X} * \vec{A}) = (\vec{B} * \vec{X}) * \vec{A}.$$

So  $\vec{B} * \vec{X}$  is a solution to  $\mathbf{F}(\vec{T}) = \vec{T} * \vec{A}$  for all  $\vec{B} \in \mathbb{H}_{2n+1}(\mathbb{F}_p)$ .

Let  $a \in K_0$  such that  $p \nmid v_0(a) < 0$ . Choose  $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_{2n+1} \in K_0$  such that  $0 = v_0(\omega_1) \geq \dots \geq v_0(\omega_{2n+1})$ . For  $1 \leq i \leq 2n+1$  set  $a_i = a\omega_i^{p^{2n}}$  and set  $\vec{A} = (a_1, \dots, a_{2n+1})$ . Assume that  $v_0(a_{2n+1}) < v_0(a_{2n}^2 a_n)$ .

## Heisenberg extensions in characteristic $p$ II

Choose  $\vec{X} := (x_1, \dots, x_{2n+1}) \in \mathbb{H}_{2n+1}(K_0^{sep})$  such that  $\mathbf{F}(\vec{X}) = \vec{X} * \vec{A}$ . That is  $x_i^p - x_i = a_i$  when  $1 \leq i \leq 2n$  and

$$x_{2n+1}^p - x_{2n+1} = a_{2n+1} + \sum_{j=1}^n a_{n+j} x_j.$$

For  $1 \leq i \leq 2n+1$ , set  $K_i = K_{i-1}(x_i)$ .

**Theorem (Keating, S; 2022)**

$K_{2n+1}/K_0$  is a totally ramified  $\mathbb{H}_{2n+1}(\mathbb{F}_p)$ -extension with upper ramification numbers  $u_i = -v_0(a_i)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 2n+1$ . Moreover,  $K_{2n+1}/K_0$  possesses a Galois scaffold of precision  $\mathfrak{c} = b_{2n+1} - p^{2n}(u_{2n} + u_n) \geq p^{2n} + b_{2n}$ .

# Heisenberg extensions in characteristic 0 I

Let  $a \in K_0$  such that  $p \nmid v_0(a)$  and  $-\frac{pe_0}{p-1} < v_0(a) < 0$ . Choose  $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_{2n+1} \in K_0$  such that  $0 = v_0(\omega_1) \geq v_0(\omega_2) \geq \dots \geq v_0(\omega_{2n+1})$ . For  $1 \leq i \leq 2n+1$  set  $a_i = a\omega_i^{p^{2n}}$  and set  $\vec{A} = (a_1, \dots, a_{2n+1})$ . Assume that  $v_0(a_{2n+1}) < v_0(a_{2n}^2 a_n)$ , and

$$v_0(p^{p^2} a_{2n+1}^{p(p-1)} a_{2n}^p a_n) > 0.$$

## Heisenberg extensions in characteristic 0 II

Choose  $\vec{X} := (x_1, \dots, x_{2n+1}) \in \mathbb{H}_{2n+1}(K_0^{sep})$  such that  $\mathbf{F}(\vec{X}) = \vec{X} * \vec{A}$ . That is

$$x_i^p - x_i = a_i \text{ when } 1 \leq i \leq 2n,$$
$$x_{2n+1}^p - x_{2n+1} = a_{2n+1} + \sum_{j=1}^n a_{n+j} x_j \text{ when } i = 2n+1.$$

For  $1 \leq i \leq 2n+1$ , let  $K_i = K_{i-1}(x_i)$ .

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$$c = \min\{b_{2n+1} - p^{2n}(u_{2n} + u_n), p^{2n+1}e_0 + b_{2n+1} - p^{2n+1}u_{2n+1}\} \geq p^{2n} + b_{2n}.$$

## Exponent $p^2$

Let  $B$  be a commutative ring with 1. Let

$$D(X, Y) = \frac{X^p + Y^p - (X + Y)^p}{p} = \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} p^{-1} \binom{p}{i} X^{p-i} Y^i \in \mathbb{Z}[X, Y].$$

Define an operation  $*$  on  $B^{2n+1}$  by

$$(X_1, \dots, X_{2n}, X_{2n+1}) * (Y_1, \dots, Y_{2n}, Y_{2n+1}) = (Z_1, \dots, Z_{2n}, Z_{2n+1})$$

where

$$Z_i = \begin{cases} X_i + Y_i, & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq 2n \\ X_{2n+1} + Y_{2n+1} + X_n^p Y_{2n} + D(X_n, Y_n) + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} X_j Y_{n+j} & \text{for } i = 2n+1. \end{cases}$$

Let  $\mathbb{M}_{2n+1}(B)$  denote the group  $(B^{2n+1}, *)$ .

## The group $\mathbb{M}_3(\mathbb{F}_p)$

Note that  $\mathbb{M}_3(\mathbb{F}_p) \cong \langle x, y | x^{p^2} = 1 = y^p, yxy^{-1} = x^{1+p} \rangle \cong C_{p^2} \rtimes C_p$ . So  $\mathbb{M}_3(\mathbb{F}_p)$  is a *metacyclic* group. Now we will call  $\mathbb{M}_{2n+1}$  the *generalized metacyclic group*.

## Generalized metacyclic extension in characteristic $p$

As was the case with  $\mathbb{H}_{2n+1}$ , it is easy to construct  $\mathbb{M}_{2n+1}(\mathbb{F}_p)$ -extensions in characteristic  $p$ . Now we construct  $\mathbb{M}_{2n+1}(\mathbb{F}_p)$ -extensions that possess a scaffold. Choose  $a \in K_0$  such that  $p \nmid v_0(a) < 0$ . Choose  $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_{2n+1} \in K_0$  such that  $0 = v_0(\omega_1) \geq \dots \geq v_0(\omega_{2n+1})$ . For  $1 \leq i \leq 2n+1$ , set  $a_i = a\omega_i^{p^{2n}}$  and set  $\vec{A} = (a_1, \dots, a_{2n+1})$ . Assume that  $v_0(a_{2n+1}) < \min\{v_0(a_{2n}^2 a_n), v_0(a_{2n} a_n^p)\}$ .

## Generalized metacyclic ext in characteristic $p$ II

Choose  $\vec{X} := (x_1, \dots, x_{2n+1}) \in \mathbb{M}_{2n+1}(\mathbb{F}_p)$  such that  $\mathbf{F}(\vec{X}) = \vec{X} * \vec{A}$ . That is  $x_i^p - x_i = a_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 2n$ , and

$$x_{2n+1}^p - x_{2n+1} = a_{2n+1} - a_{2n}x_n^p - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} a_{n+j}x_j - D(x_n, a_n).$$

For  $1 \leq i \leq 2n + 1$ , let  $K_i = K_{i-1}(x_i)$ .

### Theorem (Keating, S; 2022)

$K_{2n+1}/K_0$  is a totally ramified  $\mathbb{M}_{2n+1}(\mathbb{F}_p)$ -extension with upper ramification numbers  $u_i = -v_0(a_i)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 2n + 1$ . Moreover,  $K_{2n+1}/K_0$  possesses a Galois scaffold of precision

$$c = \min\{b_{2n+1} - p^{2n}(u_{2n} + u_n), b_{2n+1} - (p-1)p^{2n}u_n\} \geq p^{2n} + b_{2n}.$$

## Generalized metacyclic extensions in characteristic 0

Let  $a \in K_0$  such that  $p \nmid v_0(a)$  and  $-\frac{pe_0}{p-1} < v_0(a) < 0$ . Choose  $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_{2n+1} \in K_0$  such that  $0 = v_0(\omega_1) \geq v_0(\omega_2) \geq \dots \geq v_0(\omega_{2n+1})$ . For  $1 \leq i \leq 2n+1$  set  $a_i = a\omega_i^{p^{2n}}$  and set  $\vec{A} = (a_1, \dots, a_{2n+1})$ . Assume that  $v_0(a_{2n+1}) < \min\{v_0(a_{2n}^2 a_n), v_0(a_{2n} a_n^p)\}$  and

$$v_0(p^p a_{2n+1}^{p-1} a_{2n}^p a_n) > 0.$$

## Generalized metacyclic ext in characteristic 0 II

Choose  $\vec{X} := (x_1, \dots, x_{2n+1}) \in \mathbb{M}_{2n+1}(K_0^{sep})$  such that  $\mathbf{F}(\vec{X}) = \vec{X} * \vec{A}$ . That is  $x_i^p - x_i = a_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 2n$  and

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$$c = \min\{p^{2n+1}e_0 + b_{2n+1} - p^{2n+1}u_{2n+1}, b_{2n+1} - p^{2n+1}u_n, b_{2n+1} - p^{2n}(u_n + u_{2n})\} \geq p^{2n} + b_{2n}.$$

## Bondarko-Dievsky

Now we restrict to the case  $\text{Char}(K) = 0$ .

### Lemma (Bondarko, Dievsky; 2009)

Let  $L/K$  be a totally ramified Galois (non-cyclic)  $p$ -extension of degree  $q = p^n$  such that  $\mathfrak{O}_L$  is free over  $\mathfrak{A}_{L/K}$ . If the ramification numbers for  $L/K$  are congruent to  $-1$  modulo  $q$ , then  $\mathfrak{A}_{L/K}$  does not contain any non-trivial idempotents [BD09, Lemma 2.18].

### Theorem (Bondarko, Dievsky; 2009)

Let  $G$  be a non-cyclic  $p$ -group, and  $\mathfrak{A} \subseteq K[G]$  an  $\mathfrak{O}_K$ -order. The following are equivalent:

- ① there exists a totally ramified Galois extension  $L/K$  such that  $\mathfrak{A}_{L/K} = \mathfrak{A}$ ,  $\mathfrak{O}_L$  is free over  $\mathfrak{A}_{L/K}$ ,  $\mathfrak{A}_{L/K}$  does not contain any non-trivial idempotents, and the different  $\mathfrak{D}_{L/K}$  is generated by an element of  $K$ ;
- ②  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a colocal comonogenic Hopf algebra

[BD09, Theorem 3.11].

## An Example

Let  $K_0 = \mathbb{Q}_3(i, \sqrt[113]{3})$ , so  $p = 3$  and  $e_0 = 113$ . Let  $b = p^3 - 1 = 26$ ,  $a_1 = \pi_0^{-b}$ ,  $a_2 = i^9 a_1 = ia_1$ , and  $a_3 = (\pi_0^{-10})^9 a_1$ . Let  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  satisfy

$$\begin{aligned}x_1^3 - x_1 &= a_1 \\x_2^3 - x_2 &= a_2 \\x_3^3 - x_3 &= a_3 + a_1 a_2 + a_2 x_1 + D(a_1, x_1),\end{aligned}$$

and let  $K_3 = K_0(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ . It is the case that  $K_3/K_0$  is a totally ramified  $\mathbb{M}_3[\mathbb{F}_3]$ -extension which possesses a Galois scaffold of precision  $c = 134$ . The lower ramification numbers for  $K_3/K_0$  are  $b_1 = b_2 = 26$  and  $b_3 = 836$  with residue  $-1$  modulo  $9$  represented by  $b$ . Since the precision is greater than  $p^3 + b = 53$ , it follows from the theory of Byott, Childs and Elder that  $\mathfrak{O}_3$  is free over  $\mathfrak{A}_{K_3/K_0}$ . Now it follows from the Bondarko-Dieovsky theorem that  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a Hopf algebra. One can try to use the  $\mathfrak{O}_0$ -basis for  $\mathfrak{A}_{K_3/K_0}$  constructed in [BCE18, Theorem 3.1(1)], but it seems to be very complicated.

THANK YOU

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