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**Abstract**

We prove many new cases of a conjecture of Calegari–Emerton describing the qualitative properties of completed cohomology. The heart of our argument is a careful inductive analysis of completed cohomology on the Borel–Serre boundary. As a key input to this induction, we prove a new perfectoidness result for towers of minimally compactified Shimura varieties, generalizing previous work of Scholze.

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## 1 | INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 | Motivation for completed cohomology

This paper is motivated by the notion of reciprocity in the Langlands program. Let  $G/\mathbb{Q}$  be a connected reductive group. Roughly speaking, reciprocity is the expectation that there should be some precise relationship between

- algebraic automorphic representations  $\pi$  of  $G(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})$  and
- $p$ -adic Galois representations  $\rho : \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow {}^L G(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p)$  that are geometric in the sense of Fontaine–Mazur.

For a more precise conjectural formulation of this relationship, we refer the reader to [4, 15]. While there are many partial results, the general problem of reciprocity seems very difficult to attack, for (at least) two reasons.

- (1) Algebraic automorphic representations are inherently of an archimedean/real-analytic nature, whereas  $p$ -adic Galois representations are (of course) inherently  $p$ -adic.
- (2) Algebraic automorphic representations are rigid, whereas  $p$ -adic Galois representations naturally deform into positive-dimensional families.

These observations suggest that one should try to bridge the gap, by seeking a genuinely  $p$ -adic variant of the notion of automorphic representation, which is flexible enough to accommodate all  $p$ -adic Galois representations. At present, the most satisfactory theory of “ $p$ -adic automorphic representations” is the notion of *completed (co)homology*, introduced by Emerton [19].

Let us recall the key definitions; we refer the reader to the body of the paper for any unexplained notation. Fix a connected reductive group  $G/\mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $A \subseteq G$  be the maximal  $\mathbb{Q}$ -split central torus, and let  $K_{\infty} \subseteq G(\mathbb{R})$  be a maximal compact subgroup. Let  $X^G = G(\mathbb{R})/A(\mathbb{R})K_{\infty}$  be the (connected) symmetric space for  $G$ ; we write  $X$  for  $X^G$  if  $G$  is clear. For any open compact subgroup  $K \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f)$ , we have the associated locally symmetric space  $X_K = G(\mathbb{Q})^+ \backslash (X \times G(\mathbb{A}_f))/K$ .

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $K^P \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f^P)$  be any open compact subgroup. Then we define completed cohomology for  $G$  with tame level  $K^P$  as

$$\tilde{H}^*(K^P) = \varprojlim_n \varinjlim_{K_p \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q}_p)} H^*(X_{K^P K_p}, \mathbb{Z}/p^n).$$

Similarly, we define completed homology for  $G$  with tame level  $K^p$  as

$$\tilde{H}_*(K^p) = \varprojlim_{K_p \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q}_p)} H_*(X_{K^p K_p}, \mathbb{Z}_p).$$

We also define compactly supported completed cohomology  $\tilde{H}_c^*(K^p)$  and completed Borel–Moore homology  $\tilde{H}_*^{BM}(K^p)$  by the obvious variants on these recipes.

By construction, these spaces admit commuting actions of  $G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  and a “big” Hecke algebra  $\mathbb{T}(K^p)$ , and the  $G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ -actions are continuous for the natural topologies. Moreover, these spaces are not “too big.” In particular, they are all  $p$ -adically separated and complete with bounded  $p^\infty$ -torsion. Additionally,  $\tilde{H}_*$  and  $\tilde{H}_*^{BM}$  are finitely generated as modules over the completed group ring  $\mathbb{Z}_p[[K_p]]$  for any open compact subgroup  $K_p \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ , whereas  $\tilde{H}^*(K^p)[\frac{1}{p}]$  and  $\tilde{H}_c^*(K^p)[\frac{1}{p}]$  are naturally admissible unitary  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ -Banach space representations of  $G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ .

The main motivations for considering completed (co)homology are summarized in the following conjecture, which we do not attempt to formulate precisely. For a more careful discussion, we refer the reader to [12] and [22].

**Hope 1.2.** Let  $\psi : \mathbb{T}(K^p) \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p$  be a system of Hecke eigenvalues occurring in  $\tilde{H}^*(K^p)[\frac{1}{p}]$ . Then there exists a continuous, odd, almost everywhere unramified Galois representation  $\rho_\psi : \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow {}^C G(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p)$ , which matches  $\psi$  in the usual sense. Moreover, the  $\psi$ -isotypic part of  $\tilde{H}^*(K^p)[\frac{1}{p}]$ , as a  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ -Banach space representation of  $G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ , should (up to multiplicities) depend only on  $\rho_\psi|_{\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p/\mathbb{Q}_p)}$ .

Finally, every (suitable) continuous, odd, almost everywhere unramified Galois representation  $\rho : \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow {}^C G(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p)$  should occur in this way.

Here  ${}^C G$  denotes the  $C$ -group of  $G$  as defined in [4], which is an extension of  ${}^L G$ . When  $G = \text{GL}_2/\mathbb{Q}$ , this is (an imprecise version of) a theorem of Emerton [21]. However, in general, very little is known. As mentioned, the precise formulation of this conjecture should not be taken too seriously. The reader wondering about the appearance of the  $C$ -group and what “suitable” means might want to consider the case  $G = \text{PGL}_2/\mathbb{Q}$ .

## 1.2 | Main results

In this paper, we study the qualitative properties of completed (co)homology, which are encapsulated in a beautiful conjecture of Calegari–Emerton. To state this conjecture, we need a small amount of additional notation. If  $G/\mathbb{Q}$  is a connected reductive group, we define nonnegative integers  $l_0 = \text{rank } G(\mathbb{R}) - \text{rank } A(\mathbb{R})K_\infty$  and  $q_0 = \frac{\dim X^G - l_0}{2}$ . Roughly speaking, for semisimple groups,  $l_0$  measures the failure of  $G(\mathbb{R})$  to admit discrete series representations, whereas  $q_0$  is the lowest degree in which the locally symmetric spaces  $X_K$  should have “interesting” cohomology.

**Conjecture 1.3** (Calegari–Emerton). *Let  $G/\mathbb{Q}$  be a connected reductive group. Let  $q_0$  and  $l_0$  be the invariants of  $G$  defined above. Let  $K^p \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f^p)$  be any open compact subgroup. Then*

- (1) For all  $i > q_0$ ,  $\tilde{H}_c^i(K^p) = \tilde{H}^i(K^p) = 0$ .

- (2) For all  $i > q_0$ ,  $\tilde{H}_i^{BM}(K^p) = \tilde{H}_i(K^p) = 0$ , and  $\tilde{H}_{q_0}^{BM}(K^p)$  and  $\tilde{H}_{q_0}(K^p)$  are  $p$ -torsion-free.
- (3) For any compact open pro- $p$  subgroup  $K_p \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ , the groups  $\tilde{H}_i(K^p)$  and  $\tilde{H}_i^{BM}(K^p)$  have codimension  $\geq q_0 + l_0 - i$  over the completed group ring  $\mathbb{Z}_p[[K_p]]$  for any  $i < q_0$ .
- (4) The groups  $\tilde{H}_{q_0}(K^p)$  and  $\tilde{H}_{q_0}^{BM}(K^p)$  have codimension exactly  $l_0$ .

The individual portions of this conjecture are far from independent, and, in fact, there are natural implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Amusingly, these implications are “asymmetric” in the sense that (1) for  $\tilde{H}^*$  implies (2) for  $\tilde{H}_*$ , implies (3) for  $\tilde{H}_*^{BM}$ , and similarly (1) for  $\tilde{H}_c^*$  implies (2) for  $\tilde{H}_c^{BM}$  implies (3) for  $\tilde{H}_c$ .

Let us discuss what was previously known about this conjecture.

- For some groups of small rank (e.g.,  $GL_2$ , or  $\text{Res}_{K/\mathbb{Q}} GL_2$  for  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  quadratic, or  $GSp_4$ ), one can prove Conjecture 1.3 by hand using various tricks involving the congruence subgroup property, the cohomological dimension bounds of [9], Poincaré duality, and so on. However, these methods quickly run out of steam.
- When  $G$  is semisimple and  $l_0 = 0$ , part (4) of the conjecture was proved by Calegari–Emerton [11], as a consequence of Matsushima’s formula and limit multiplicity results for discrete series representations.
- When  $G$  admits a Shimura datum of Hodge type, Scholze proved part (1) of Conjecture 1.3, but for  $\tilde{H}_c^*$  only, by perfectoid methods [37]. Shen [39] later treated the case when  $G$  admits a compact Shimura variety of abelian type and satisfies  $l_0(G) = 0$ .
- For the unitary Shimura varieties treated in [17], Conjecture 1.3(1) for  $\tilde{H}^*$  follows from [17, Theorem 2.6.2, Lemma 4.6.2]. We make some further comments in Remark 5.22.

The main result of this paper is the following theorem (cf. Theorems 4.4, 4.5, and 4.9).

**Theorem 1.4.** *Let  $G/\mathbb{Q}$  be a semisimple group such that  $X$  is a Hermitian symmetric space and  $(G, X)$  is a connected Shimura datum of preabelian type. Then Conjecture 1.3 is true for  $G$ .*

*More generally, let  $G/\mathbb{Q}$  be a connected reductive group such that  $Z(G)$  satisfies the Leopoldt conjecture and such that  $G^{\text{der}}$  admits a connected Shimura datum of preabelian type. Then Conjecture 1.3 is true for  $G$ .*

*Moreover, there exists a (computable)  $j \leq q_0$  such the natural maps  $\tilde{H}_c^i \rightarrow \tilde{H}^i$  and  $\tilde{H}_i \rightarrow \tilde{H}_i^{BM}$  are isomorphisms for all  $i > j$ , and surjective in degree  $i = j$ .*

The assumptions on  $G$  here guarantee that  $l_0(G^{\text{der}}) = 0$ , which allows us to prove part (4) of Conjecture 1.3 by a fairly straightforward analysis combining the results of [11] with the Leopoldt conjecture for  $Z(G)$ . By our previous remarks, the whole conjecture now follows if we can prove part (1). Note that when  $l_0 = 0$  and  $X$  is a Hermitian symmetric domain, part (1) of the conjecture simply asserts that  $\tilde{H}_c^i = \tilde{H}^i = 0$  for all  $i > d = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} X$ . It is this vanishing conjecture which we focus on.

Our proof of the vanishing conjecture builds on Scholze’s methods and combines them with some new ideas. Roughly speaking, we first reduce to the case where  $(G, X)$  is a connected Shimura datum of preabelian type, and then proceed in two steps:

**Step 1.** We prove the vanishing of  $\tilde{H}_c^i$  for  $i > d$  by pushing Scholze’s methods to their limit.

**Step 2.** We prove the vanishing of  $\tilde{H}^i$  for  $i > d$  by a careful analysis of boundary cohomology, using Step 1 for  $G$  and for various auxiliary almost direct factors of Levi subgroups related to the boundary strata of the minimal compactification.

Let us now describe these steps in more detail.

### 1.3 | Step 1: $p$ -adic methods

As described above, the proof of Theorem 1.4 proceeds in two essentially distinct steps. In the first step, we prove the vanishing of  $\widetilde{H}_c^i(K^p)$  for  $i$  above the middle degree, using the  $p$ -adic geometry of Shimura varieties. For Shimura data of Hodge type, this is one of the main results of [37], where it is deduced from the existence of perfectoid Shimura varieties of Hodge type (with infinite level at  $p$ ). We thus need to generalize the geometric results of [37] to a wider class of Shimura data. To this end, we prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.5.** *Let  $(G, X)$  be a Shimura datum of preabelian type, with reflex field  $E$ . Fix a complete algebraically closed field  $C/\mathbb{Q}_p$  and an embedding  $E \rightarrow C$ . Fix any open compact subgroup  $K^p \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f^p)$ . For any open compact subgroup  $K_p \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ , let  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p K_p}^*$  denote the adic space over  $\mathrm{Spa} C$  associated with the base change of the minimal compactification  $\mathrm{Sh}_{K^p K_p}(G, X)^*$  along  $E \rightarrow C$ . Then there is a perfectoid space  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p}^*$  such that*

$$\mathcal{X}_{K^p}^* = \varprojlim_{K_p \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q}_p)} \mathcal{X}_{K^p K_p}^{*, \diamond}$$

as diamonds over  $\mathrm{Spd} C$ . Moreover, the boundary of  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p}^*$  is Zariski-closed.

Recall that a Shimura datum  $(G, X)$  is of preabelian type if there exists a Shimura datum  $(G', X')$  of Hodge type admitting an isomorphism of connected Shimura data  $(G^{ad}, X^+) \simeq (G'^{ad}, X'^+)$ . This is slightly more general than the (somewhat more well-known) notion of a Shimura datum of abelian type. While it is probably true that every tower of minimally compactified Shimura varieties with infinite level at  $p$  is perfectoid, we expect that Theorem 1.5 is the most general result that can be proved via current technology. We also state and prove a similar result for connected Shimura varieties, cf. Theorem 5.20.

We also note that it is not difficult to construct the Hodge–Tate period map  $\pi_{\mathrm{HT}} : \mathcal{X}_{K^p}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{F}\ell_{G, \mu}$  with all its expected properties, and, in fact, we did this in the first version of this paper. However, during the revision process, we decided to remove this material, because it relied on an unpublished argument of one of us (DH), and also because more general results are now available in recent work of Boxer–Pilloni [7, Section 4.4].

While the idea behind the proof of Theorem 1.5 is clear, the argument is unfortunately somewhat technical.<sup>†</sup> Roughly speaking, there are two key ingredients:

- “Perfectoidization results” à la Bhatt–Scholze, building in particular on [10, Theorem 1.16(1)]. Roughly speaking, these techniques let us prove that if  $(X_i)_{i \in I} \xrightarrow{(f_i)_{i \in I}} (Y_i)_{i \in I}$  is a (pro-)finite morphism between two reasonable inverse systems of rigid analytic spaces, and  $\varprojlim_{i \in I} Y_i^\diamond$  is perfectoid, then  $\varprojlim_{i \in I} X_i^\diamond$  is also perfectoid. For a precise statement, see Lemma 5.9.
- A new general and user-friendly existence result for quotients of perfectoid spaces by finite groups, cf. Theorem 5.8.

<sup>†</sup> A glance at the proof of the key Proposition 5.19 should convince the reader of this.

For open Shimura varieties of abelian type, the problem of proving perfectoidness at infinite level was previously considered by Shen [39]. We remark that our method is more direct and uses very little from the theory of Shimura varieties and their connected components.

## 1.4 | Step 2: Topological methods

The second step is totally disjoint from the first, and does not use any  $p$ -adic geometry. We content ourselves with a somewhat impressionistic sketch here. In what follows, assume that  $G$  is a semisimple group such that  $(G, X)$  is a connected Shimura datum of preabelian type, and set  $d = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} X$  as before.

First, we prove an isomorphism of the form  $\tilde{H}^i(K^p) \cong H^i(X_{K^p K_p}, \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{Z}_p))$  for any choice of open compact subgroup  $K_p \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ . Here  $\text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{Z}_p)$  denotes the  $K_p$ -module of continuous  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -valued functions on  $K_p$ . This is essentially a version of Shapiro's lemma, and goes back to a paper of Hill [26]. Next, by standard properties of manifolds with boundary, this isomorphism induces an isomorphism  $\tilde{H}^i(K^p) \cong H^i(\bar{X}_{K^p K_p}, \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{Z}_p))$ , where  $\bar{X}_{K^p K_p}$  denotes the Borel–Serre compactification of  $X_{K^p K_p}$ .

By repeated use of excision for compactly supported cohomology, it now suffices to prove that for some stratification  $\bar{X}_{K^p K_p} = \cup_{Z \in \mathcal{Z}} Z$ , we have  $H_c^i(Z, \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{Z}_p)|_Z) = 0$  for all  $i > d$  and all  $Z \in \mathcal{Z}$ . The key idea can now be phrased as follows.

(†) If we take  $\mathcal{Z}$  to be the stratification of  $\bar{X}_{K^p K_p}$  obtained by pulling back the usual stratification of  $X_{K^p K_p}^*$  along the map  $\pi : \bar{X}_{K^p K_p} \rightarrow X_{K^p K_p}^*$  constructed by Zucker [40], then  $\mathcal{Z}$  is a stratification with the above property.

The idea that (†) is both true and provable is perhaps the most novel contribution of this paper; we make some additional remarks on the use of this stratification in Remark 3.15. Let us give a sketch of the key ideas. Let  $S \subseteq X_{K^p K_p}^*$  be a boundary stratum, with preimage  $Z = \pi^{-1}(S) \subseteq \bar{X}_{K^p K_p}$ . By the structure theory of the minimal compactification, the strata  $S$  are indexed by (equivalence classes of) pairs  $(Q, \alpha)$  where  $Q \subseteq G$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -rational parabolic subgroup whose projection to each simple factor  $G_i$  of  $G^{ad}$  is either a maximal parabolic or equal to  $G_i$ , and  $\alpha$  is some auxiliary data depending on the level structure. (We will suppress all dependencies on level structures in the following discussion.) Moreover, the parabolic  $Q$  comes equipped with a canonically defined almost direct product decomposition  $Q = U \cdot L \cdot H$ . Here  $U$  is the unipotent radical of  $Q$ ,  $L$  is a reductive group (the *linear* part), and  $H$  is a semisimple group whose associated symmetric space is Hermitian (the *Hermitian* part);  $L \cdot H$  is the full Levi subgroup of  $Q$ .

In parallel with this decomposition of  $Q$ , the stratum  $Z$  almost admits a direct product decomposition  $Z \approx Z_U \times Z_L \times Z_H$ , where  $Z_U$  is a compact nilmanifold,  $Z_L$  is the Borel–Serre compactification of a locally symmetric space for the group  $L$ , and  $Z_H \cong S$  is a locally symmetric space for the group  $H$ . The key idea now is that  $H_c^i(Z, \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{Z}_p)|_Z)$  can also be decomposed accordingly, by a Künneth-like formula, into contributions coming from each of these three factors, which can each be controlled.

- The contribution of  $Z_U$  is trivial, which follows from a well-known vanishing principle for completed cohomology of unipotent groups.
- The contribution of  $Z_H$  can be expressed in terms of compactly supported completed cohomology for  $H$ , which can be controlled by Step 1.
- The contribution of  $Z_L$  can be expressed in terms of completed cohomology for  $L$ , which can be controlled using the bounds in [9], or even using the trivial bound.

The critical observation here is that Step 1 gives such good control over the contribution of  $Z_H$  that we need very little control over the contribution of  $Z_L$ .

In reality, the above sketch is somewhat oversimplified, because  $Z$  does not really admit a direct product decomposition; rather, it has the structure of an iterated fibration whose fibers are as described above. This makes the proof somewhat more complicated. Nevertheless, the essential idea follows the outline given above.

Let us briefly outline the contents of this paper. Section 2 collects some preliminaries on topology and arithmetic groups that are needed for the computations in later section. Section 3 discusses completed (co)homology and the Calegari–Emerton conjectures, carrying out the core of “Step 2” above. Section 4 introduces Shimura varieties and proves our main results on the Calegari–Emerton conjectures, including Theorem 1.4. Section 5 carries out “Step 1,” proving Theorem 1.5 and deducing the vanishing theorem for compactly supported completed cohomology. We note that Section 5 is completely independent of the previous sections. Conversely, the vanishing result Corollary 5.21 is the only part of Section 5 that gets used in previous sections.

## 2 | PRELIMINARIES

In this section, we collect some facts and definitions from topology and algebraic groups that we will need. We make no attempt to state results in maximal generality and none of them are original, but we have often had difficulties locating the precise statements that we need in the literature. We hope that collecting this material here is of sufficient aid to the reader to justify its inclusion.

The topological spaces that we will work with will mostly be smooth manifolds with boundary; we will simply write “manifold with boundary” to mean a smooth manifold with boundary. Any smooth manifold with boundary admits a combinatorial triangulation for which the boundary is a subsimplicial complex (see, e.g., [32, Theorem 10.6]). We recall that if  $\bar{X}$  is a manifold with boundary with interior  $X$  and  $U \subseteq \bar{X}$  is an open subset containing  $X$ , then the inclusion  $j : U \rightarrow \bar{X}$  is homotopy equivalence by the global collar neighborhood theorem. In a very similar vein, if  $\mathcal{F}$  is a local system on  $\bar{X}$ , a simple local calculation shows that  $Rj_*j^{-1}\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}$ . In particular, we obtain canonical isomorphisms  $H^i(U, \mathcal{F}) \cong H^i(\bar{X}, \mathcal{F})$  which we will often treat as equalities.

All actions of groups on topological spaces will be left actions in this section. Of course, all results have natural analogues for right actions (and we will use them).

### 2.1 | Local systems

Let  $X$  be a topological space and let  $\Gamma$  be a group acting from the left on  $X$ . In this paper, most of our actions will be *free*,<sup>†</sup> by which we mean that every point  $x \in X$  has an open neighborhood  $U$  such that  $U \cap \gamma U \neq \emptyset$  only if  $\gamma = 1$ . The quotient map  $\pi : X \rightarrow X_\Gamma := \Gamma \backslash X$  is then a covering map, and we recall that any left  $\Gamma$ -module<sup>‡</sup>  $M$  defines a local system  $\tilde{M}$  on  $X_\Gamma$  given by

$$\tilde{M}(U) = \text{Map}_{lc, \Gamma}(\pi^{-1}(U), M),$$

<sup>†</sup>The most common terminology for this notion seems to be a free and properly discontinuous action, but we find this terminology rather cumbersome.

<sup>‡</sup>By which we always mean a (left)  $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -module, unless otherwise stated.



where the right-hand side denotes the locally constant functions  $f : \pi^{-1}(U) \rightarrow M$  satisfying  $f(\gamma x) = \gamma.f(x)$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  and all  $x \in \pi^{-1}(U)$ . When  $X$  is a manifold with boundary, this may be written as

$$\tilde{M}(U) = \text{Map}_{\Gamma}(\pi_0(\pi^{-1}(U)), M),$$

where  $\text{Map}$  simply denotes set-theoretic functions (as  $\pi_0(\pi^{-1}(U))$  is discrete). The following theorem is well known, and follows directly from the fact that the singular chain complex  $C_*(X)$  is a resolution of  $\mathbb{Z}$  by free  $\Gamma$ -modules.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $X$  be a contractible manifold with boundary with a free action of  $\Gamma$ . Then*

$$H^*(X_{\Gamma}, \tilde{M}) \cong \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]}^*(\mathbb{Z}, M) \cong H^*(\Gamma, M)$$

canonically for every  $\Gamma$ -module  $M$ .

We now consider a relative version of Theorem 2.1. Let  $p : E \rightarrow B$  be a fiber bundle with contractible fiber  $F$  (all spaces are manifolds with boundary). Assume that we have a group  $\Gamma$  acting (from the left) on both  $E$  and  $B$ , making  $p$   $\Gamma$ -equivariant. We assume further that the action of  $\Gamma$  is free on  $E$ , and that the action of  $\Gamma$  on  $B$  factors through a quotient  $\Delta$  that acts freely on  $B$ . Set  $N = \text{Ker}(\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta)$ ;  $N$  then acts freely on the fibers of  $p$ . Consider the induced map

$$q : E_{\Gamma} \rightarrow B_{\Delta}$$

on quotients.

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $M$  be a  $\Gamma$ -module and let  $i \geq 0$ . Then  $R^i q_* \tilde{M}$  is the local system on  $B_{\Delta}$  given by the  $\Delta$ -module  $H^i(N, M)$ .*

*Proof.* We begin by proving the case  $i = 0$ . Write  $\pi_E : E \rightarrow E_{\Gamma}$  and  $\pi_B : B \rightarrow B_{\Delta}$  for the quotient maps and let  $U \subseteq B$  be open. From the definitions, one sees that

$$q_* \tilde{M}(U) = \text{Map}_{lc, \Gamma}(p^{-1} \pi_B^{-1}(U), M).$$

Since the fibers of  $p$  are connected and the action of  $N$  preserves the fibers, we have  $\text{Map}_{lc, \Gamma}(p^{-1} \pi_B^{-1}(U), M) = \text{Map}_{lc, \Delta}(\pi_B^{-1}(U), M^N)$ , which is the desired statement.

This proves that the diagram of functors

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Mod}_{\Gamma} & \longrightarrow & \text{Sh}(E_{\Gamma}) \\ \downarrow M \mapsto M^N & & \downarrow q_* \\ \text{Mod}_{\Delta} & \longrightarrow & \text{Sh}(B_{\Delta}) \end{array}$$

commutes up to natural isomorphism, where the horizontal functors are the local systems functors  $M \mapsto \tilde{M}$ . The horizontal functors are exact (by looking at stalks), so it suffices to show that  $M \mapsto \tilde{M}$  sends injective  $\Gamma$ -modules to  $q_*$ -acyclic sheaves on  $E_{\Gamma}$  (then the diagram above commutes also after passing to derived categories and derived functors, which is what we want).

So, let  $M$  be an injective  $\Gamma$ -module, and let  $i \geq 1$ .  $R^i q_* \tilde{M}$  is the sheafification of the presheaf  $U \mapsto H^i(q^{-1}(U), \tilde{M})$  on  $B_\Delta$ . There is a basis of open subsets  $U$  of  $B_\Delta$  that are contractible and for which the fiber bundle  $q : q^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U$  is trivial. In this case,  $q^{-1}(U) \cong U \times N \setminus F$  and hence

$$H^i(q^{-1}(U), \tilde{M}) \cong H^i(N, M)$$

by Theorem 2.1. But  $M$  is an injective  $N$ -module because the restriction functor from  $\Gamma$ -modules to  $N$ -modules has an exact left adjoint  $V \mapsto \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma] \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[N]} V$ . Thus,  $H^i(q^{-1}(U), \tilde{M}) = 0$  for all such  $U$ , and hence,  $R^i q_* \tilde{M} = 0$  as desired.  $\square$

We will also use a (less precise but more general) version for pushforward with proper support.

**Proposition 2.3.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a fiber bundle of manifolds with boundary, with fiber  $Z$  (also a manifold with boundary). Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a local system on  $X$ . Then, for any  $i \geq 0$ ,  $R^i f_! \mathcal{F}$  is a local system on  $Y$  with fiber  $H_c^i(Z, \mathcal{F})$ .*

*Proof.* We will use the commutation of derived pushforward with proper support with (arbitrary) pullbacks; see [29, Proposition 2.6.7]. Let  $U \subseteq Y$  be a contractible open subset such that  $f$  is trivial over  $U$ , that is, isomorphic to the canonical projection  $p_U : U \times Z \rightarrow U$ . These form an open cover of  $Y$ , so since  $R^i f_!$  commutes with pullback, it suffices to show that  $R^i p_{U,!} \mathcal{F}$  is a constant sheaf. Since  $U$  is contractible, the restriction of  $\mathcal{F}$  to  $U \times Y$  comes by pullback from a local system on  $Y$ , which we will call  $\mathcal{F}_Z$ . Consider the cartesian diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U \times Z & \xrightarrow{p_Z} & Z \\ \downarrow p_U & & \downarrow g \\ U & \xrightarrow{f} & pt, \end{array}$$

where  $pt$  denotes the point and  $f$  and  $g$  are the canonical maps. Then we have

$$R^i p_{U,!} \mathcal{F} = R^i p_{U,!} p_Z^{-1} \mathcal{F}_Z \cong f^{-1} R^i g_! \mathcal{F}_Z.$$

In other words,  $R^i p_{U,!} \mathcal{F}$  is the pullback of  $H_c^i(Z, \mathcal{F}_Z)$  via the canonical map  $U \rightarrow pt$ . This proves the proposition.  $\square$

Next, let  $X$  be a manifold with boundary with a free left action of a group  $\Gamma$ , and assume that  $\Gamma' \subseteq \Gamma$  is a finite index subgroup. Consider the natural map  $q : X_{\Gamma'} \rightarrow X_\Gamma$ . If  $M$  is a  $\Gamma'$ -module, we put

$$\text{Ind}_{\Gamma'}^\Gamma M = \{f : \Gamma \rightarrow M \mid f(\gamma'\gamma) = \gamma' \cdot f(\gamma) \ \forall \gamma' \in \Gamma', \gamma \in \Gamma\},$$

which is a left  $\Gamma$ -module under right translation  $(\gamma \cdot f)(x) = f(x\gamma)$ . We then have the following.

**Proposition 2.4.** *With notation and assumptions as above,  $R^i q_* \tilde{M} = 0$  for  $i \geq 1$ , and  $q_* \tilde{M}$  is the local system attached to  $\text{Ind}_{\Gamma'}^\Gamma M$ .*

*Proof.* The map  $q$  is proper, so if  $x \in X_\Gamma$ , then  $(R^i q_* \tilde{M})_x = H^i(q^{-1}(x), \tilde{M})$  (by [29, Proposition 2.6.7]), and  $q^{-1}(x)$  has no higher cohomology since it is a finite set. This proves the first part. To compute  $q_* \tilde{M}$ , let  $U \subseteq X_\Gamma$  be open and write  $\pi : X \rightarrow X_\Gamma$  for the quotient map. Unwinding the definitions, we see that

$$q_* \tilde{M}(U) = \text{Map}_{\Gamma'}(\pi_0(\pi^{-1}(U)), M),$$

and the right-hand side is easily seen to be equal to  $\text{Map}_\Gamma(\pi_0(\pi^{-1}(U)), \text{Ind}_\Gamma^\Gamma M)$  functorially in  $U$ , as desired.  $\square$

We move on to results on the commutation of  $M \mapsto \tilde{M}$  with direct limits. First, let  $\bar{X}$  be a manifold with boundary, with a free left action of a group  $\Gamma$ . Write  $\bar{X}_\Gamma := \Gamma \backslash \bar{X}$ ; we assume that  $\bar{X}_\Gamma$  is compact, so it has a finite triangulation. Fix such a triangulation and pull it back to  $\bar{X}$ ; this gives a triangulation whose corresponding complex of simplicial chains  $C_\bullet^\Delta(\bar{X})$  is a bounded complex of finite free  $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -modules. Let  $(M_i)_{i \in I}$  be a directed system of  $\Gamma$ -modules with direct limit  $M = \varinjlim_i M_i$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** *The natural map*

$$\varinjlim_i H^*(\bar{X}_\Gamma, \tilde{M}_i) \rightarrow H^*(\bar{X}_\Gamma, \tilde{M})$$

*is an isomorphism.*

*Proof.* The canonical map

$$i : C_\bullet^\Delta(\bar{X}) \rightarrow C_\bullet(\bar{X})$$

is  $\Gamma$ -equivariant and a quasi-isomorphism; since the terms of both complexes are projective  $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -modules, the map is therefore a chain homotopy equivalence. This then gives us a commutative diagram of complexes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \varinjlim_i \text{Hom}_\Gamma(C_\bullet(\bar{X}), M_i) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_\Gamma(C_\bullet(\bar{X}), M) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \varinjlim_i \text{Hom}_\Gamma(C_\bullet^\Delta(\bar{X}), M_i) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_\Gamma(C_\bullet^\Delta(\bar{X}), M), \end{array}$$

where the vertical maps are induced by  $i$  and the horizontal maps are the natural maps. The vertical maps are then quasi-isomorphisms because they are induced from  $i$ , and the lower horizontal map is an isomorphism because  $C_\bullet^\Delta(\bar{X})$  is bounded complex of finite free  $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ -modules. The top horizontal map is therefore a quasi-isomorphism as well, and taking cohomology gives the desired result.  $\square$

We can then prove the result in greater generality. With  $\bar{X}$  and  $\Gamma$  as above, let  $U \subseteq \bar{X}$  be a  $\Gamma$ -invariant open subset containing the interior of  $\bar{X}$ . Set  $U_\Gamma := \Gamma \backslash U$ ,  $Z := \bar{X} \setminus U$  and  $Z_\Gamma := \Gamma \backslash Z$ .

**Proposition 2.6.** *The natural map*

$$\varinjlim_i H_?^*(U_\Gamma, \tilde{M}_i) \rightarrow H_?^*(X_\Gamma, \tilde{M})$$

is an isomorphism, for  $? \in \{\emptyset, c\}$ .

*Proof.* For  $? = \emptyset$ , this reduces directly to Lemma 2.5 by our setup, so assume that  $? = c$ . By naturality of the excision sequence and exactness of direct limits, we have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \dots & \longrightarrow & \varinjlim_i H_c^j(U_\Gamma, \tilde{M}_i) & \longrightarrow & \varinjlim_i H^j(\bar{X}_\Gamma, \tilde{M}_i) & \longrightarrow & \varinjlim_i H^j(Z_\Gamma, \tilde{M}_i) & \longrightarrow & \dots \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ \dots & \longrightarrow & H_c^j(U_\Gamma, \tilde{M}) & \longrightarrow & H^j(\bar{X}_\Gamma, \tilde{M}) & \longrightarrow & H^j(Z_\Gamma, \tilde{M}) & \longrightarrow & \dots \end{array}$$

with exact rows. The result then follows from Lemma 2.5 (since it is applicable to both  $\bar{X}_\Gamma$  and  $Z_\Gamma$ ) and the five lemma. □

## 2.2 | “Completed cohomology”

In this subsection, we make some definitions and recall a theorem of Hill which we will use to handle completed cohomology later. To begin with, we make the following general definition. Let  $R = \varprojlim_i R/\mathfrak{a}^n$  be an adic ring, with  $\mathfrak{a}$  a finitely generated ideal of definition.

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $(X_i)_{i \in I}$  be an inverse system of topological spaces, with inverse limit  $X$ . We define the completed cohomology groups  $\tilde{H}_?^*(X, R)$  of  $(X_i)_{i \in I}$  with coefficients in  $R$ , to be

$$\tilde{H}_?^*(X, R) = \varprojlim_n \varinjlim_i H_?^*(X_i, R/\mathfrak{a}^n).$$

Here  $? \in \{\emptyset, c\}$ , that is, we consider either usual or compactly supported cohomology, when the latter makes sense.

*Remark 2.8.* A few remarks on this definition are as follows.

- (1) The notation is chosen for simplicity; we make no assertion that  $\tilde{H}_?^*(X, R)$  only depends on  $X$ . One weak form of independence is clear though: We may replace  $I$  with a cofinal subsystem  $J$ . In particular, we may always assume that  $I$  contains an initial element  $0 \in I$ .
- (2) We will almost exclusively work with discrete  $R$ , where the inverse limit in the definition of  $\tilde{H}_?^*(X, R)$  disappears.

We now recall the computation of completed cohomology as the cohomology of a “big” local system at finite level in some circumstances, which first appeared in [26]. Let  $\bar{X}$  be a manifold with boundary, equipped with a left action of a group  $G$ . We assume that there is a subgroup  $\Gamma \subseteq G$  that acts freely on  $\bar{X}$ , and suppose that  $\Gamma = \Gamma_0 \supseteq \Gamma_1 \supseteq \Gamma_2 \supseteq \dots$  is a sequence of finite index subgroups

of  $\Gamma$ . Let  $X \subseteq \overline{X}$  be a  $\Gamma$ -stable open subset containing the interior of  $\overline{X}$ . Set

$$\widehat{X} := \varprojlim (\cdots \rightarrow \Gamma_2 \backslash X \rightarrow \Gamma_1 \backslash X \rightarrow \Gamma_0 \backslash X),$$

and define

$$K = \varprojlim_i \Gamma_i \backslash \Gamma;$$

this is a profinite set with a right action of  $\Gamma$ . Assume that  $\overline{X}_\Gamma$  is compact. Then we get the following formula for completed cohomology of  $\widehat{X}$  (cf. [26, Corollary 1]).

**Proposition 2.9.** *With assumptions as above, let  $R$  be a discrete ring and let  $? \in \{\emptyset, c\}$ . Then there is a canonical isomorphism*

$$\widetilde{H}_?^*(\widehat{X}, R) \cong H_?^*(X_\Gamma, \widehat{\text{Map}}_{cts}(K, R)),$$

where  $\Gamma$  acts on  $\text{Map}_{cts}(K, R)$  via right translation.

*Proof.* By Lemma 2.4 and the definition, we have

$$\widetilde{H}_?^*(\widehat{X}, R) \cong \varinjlim_i H_?^*(X_\Gamma, \widehat{\text{Map}}(\Gamma_i \backslash \Gamma, R)).$$

Our setup implies that we may apply Proposition 2.6 to the right-hand side, so it remains to show that

$$\varinjlim_i \text{Map}(\Gamma_i \backslash \Gamma, R) = \text{Map}_{cts}(K, R)$$

as  $\Gamma$ -modules. But this is immediate from the definition of  $K$ . □

We will also encounter local systems slightly bigger than the one appearing in Proposition 2.9. We keep the notation and assumptions of Proposition 2.9, except that we forget the groups denoted by  $K$  and  $\Gamma_i$ ,  $i \geq 1$ . Let  $G$  be a profinite group with closed subgroups  $K \subseteq H \subseteq G$ , and assume that  $K$  is normal in  $H$ . For simplicity, we assume that there is a countable basis of neighborhoods of  $1 \in G$ . Suppose that we have a group homomorphism  $\Gamma \rightarrow H/K$ ; then  $\text{Map}_{cts}(H/K, R)$  and  $\text{Map}_{cts}(G/K, R)$  become left  $\Gamma$ -modules via right translation, and hence induce local systems on the space  $X_\Gamma$ . Then we have the following simple but useful lemma.

**Lemma 2.10.** *Fix an integer  $q \geq 0$  and let  $? \in \{\emptyset, c\}$ .*

- (1)  $H_?^q(X_\Gamma, \widehat{\text{Map}}_{cts}(H/K, R)) = 0$  if and only if  $H_?^q(X_\Gamma, \widehat{\text{Map}}_{cts}(G/K, R)) = 0$ .
- (2)  $H_c^q(X_\Gamma, \widehat{\text{Map}}_{cts}(H/K, R)) \rightarrow H^q(X_\Gamma, \widehat{\text{Map}}_{cts}(H/K, R))$  is injective (or surjective, or bijective) if and only if  $H_c^q(X_\Gamma, \widehat{\text{Map}}_{cts}(G/K, R)) \rightarrow H^q(X_\Gamma, \widehat{\text{Map}}_{cts}(G/K, R))$  is injective (or surjective, or bijective).

*Proof.* Choose a continuous splitting of the natural map  $G/K \rightarrow G/H$  (the existence of which is easy to prove using the assumption that  $1 \in G$  has a countable basis of neighborhoods); this gives

a homeomorphism

$$G/K \cong G/H \times H/K$$

of right  $H/K$ -spaces (where  $H/K$  acts on the right-hand side through the second factor). Then

$$\text{Map}_{cts}(G/K, R) \cong \text{Map}_{cts}(G/H \times H/K, R) \cong \text{Map}_{cts}(G/H, R) \otimes_R \text{Map}_{cts}(H/K, R)$$

as  $H/K$ -modules (and hence as  $\Gamma$ -modules), where the action is trivial on  $\text{Map}_{cts}(G/H, R)$ . Now  $\text{Map}_{cts}(G/H, R)$  is a direct limit of finite free  $R$ -modules, so using Proposition 2.6, we have an isomorphism

$$H_?^q(X_\Gamma, \widetilde{\text{Map}_{cts}(G/K, R)}) \cong \text{Map}_{cts}(G/H, R) \otimes_R H_?^q(X_\Gamma, \widetilde{\text{Map}_{cts}(H/K, R)}),$$

which respects the maps in part (2). The lemma follows from this (since  $\text{Map}_{cts}(G/H, R)$  is a free  $R$ -module). □

### 2.3 | Arithmetic and congruence subgroups

Here we quickly recall some material on arithmetic and congruence subgroups. Let  $G$  be a connected linear algebraic group over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Congruence subgroups of  $G(\mathbb{Q})$  are subgroups of the form  $G(\mathbb{Q}) \cap K$ , where  $K \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f)$  is a compact open subgroup and the intersection is taken inside  $G(\mathbb{A}_f)$ . A subgroup in  $G(\mathbb{Q})$  is usually said to be arithmetic if it is commensurable with one (equivalently any) congruence subgroup. In fact, one can require a slightly stronger condition.

**Proposition 2.11.** *Any arithmetic subgroup in  $G(\mathbb{Q})$  is contained in a congruence subgroup.*

*Proof.* Let  $\Gamma$  be an arithmetic subgroup, and let  $K_1 \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f)$  be a compact open subgroup and set  $\Gamma_1 = G(\mathbb{Q}) \cap K_1$ . The closure of  $\Gamma_1$  in  $G(\mathbb{A}_f)$  is compact since  $\Gamma_1 \subseteq K_1$ , and since  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma_1$  are commensurable, this easily implies that the closure of  $\Gamma$  in  $G(\mathbb{A}_f)$  is a compact subgroup. Since any compact subgroup of locally profinite group is contained in a compact open subgroup, we deduce the existence of a compact open subgroup  $K_2 \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f)$  with  $\Gamma \subseteq K_2$ . It follows that  $\Gamma$  is contained in the congruence subgroup  $G(\mathbb{Q}) \cap K_2$ , as desired. □

Moving on, let  $H$  be another connected linear algebraic group, and let  $\Gamma \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q})$  be an arithmetic subgroup. If  $H \subseteq G$  is a subgroup, then directly from the definitions, we see that  $\Gamma \cap H(\mathbb{Q})$  is an arithmetic subgroup in  $H(\mathbb{Q})$ , which is congruence if  $\Gamma$  is. If we instead have a surjection  $f : G \rightarrow H$ , then  $f(\Gamma)$  is an arithmetic subgroup (see [35, Theorem 4.1]); this will be important in this paper and we will use it freely. Before moving on, we recall that group cohomology for any torsion-free arithmetic subgroup  $\Gamma$  commutes with direct limits.

We recall the notion of neatness from [6, § 17.1]. An element  $\gamma \in G(\mathbb{Q})$  is called neat if there is a faithful representation  $r : G \rightarrow \text{GL}(V)$  such that the multiplicative group generated by the eigenvalues of  $r(\gamma)$  (in one, or equivalently any, algebraically closed field containing  $\mathbb{Q}$ ) is torsion-free. A neat element cannot have finite order. An arithmetic subgroup  $\Gamma \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q})$  is called neat if all its elements are neat; such subgroups are in particular torsion-free. From the definitions, we see that if  $H \subseteq G$  is a connected linear algebraic subgroup and  $\Gamma \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q})$  is neat, then  $\Gamma \cap H(\mathbb{Q})$

is neat. If an element  $\gamma$  is neat, then for any representation  $\rho : G \rightarrow GL(W)$ , the subgroup generated by the eigenvalues of  $\rho(\gamma)$  is torsion-free [6, Corollaire 17.3]. An easy consequence of this is that if  $f : G \rightarrow H$  is a surjection of linear algebraic groups and  $\Gamma$  is neat, then  $f(\Gamma)$  is neat.

For language reasons, let us also introduce notions of neatness for adelic and  $p$ -adic groups. The notion of neatness for an element  $g = (g_p)_p \in G(\mathbb{A}_f)$  and a subgroup  $K \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f)$  is defined in [33, § 0.6]. For  $p$ -adic groups, we make the definition analogous to the case of arithmetic groups: An element  $g \in G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  is called neat if there is a faithful representation  $\rho : G_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \rightarrow GL(W)$  over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  such that the multiplicative group generated by the eigenvalues of  $\rho(g)$  (in one, or equivalently any, algebraically closed field containing  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ ) is torsion-free. Again, this is independent of the choice of  $\rho$ . A subgroup  $K_p \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  is called neat if all of its elements are neat. We note the following implications among these concepts: If  $K_p \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  is a neat compact open subgroup, then  $K^p K_p \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f)$  is neat for any compact open  $K^p \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f^p)$ . If a compact open  $K \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f)$  is neat, then  $\Gamma = \Gamma(\mathbb{Q}) \cap K$  is a neat congruence subgroup of  $G$ .

We record the following version of the standard result that “sufficiently small” congruence subgroups are neat; it will be important for us to be able to only impose congruence conditions at a fixed prime  $p$ .

**Proposition 2.12.** *Let  $p$  be a prime. Then sufficiently small compact open subgroups of  $G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  are neat. In particular, if  $K^p \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f^p)$  is compact open, then  $K = K^p K_p$  and  $\Gamma = G(\mathbb{Q}) \cap K$  are neat for sufficiently small  $K_p \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ .*

*Proof.* By choosing a faithful representation  $\rho : G \rightarrow GL_n$  (and remembering that any compact subgroup of a locally profinite group is contained in a compact open subgroup), we may reduce to  $G = GL_n$ . In this case, set  $K_{r,p} = \text{Ker}(GL_n(\mathbb{Z}_p) \rightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{Z}/p^r))$ ; we will prove that if  $r > n/(p - 1)$ , then  $K_{r,p}$  is neat, so we assume this condition on  $r$  from now on. To show neatness, it suffices to show that if  $\gamma \in K_{r,p}$ , then the group generated by the eigenvalues of  $\gamma$  is torsion-free. Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  be the eigenvalues of  $\gamma$  (in some choice of  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}$ , with valuation  $v_p$  normalized so that  $v_p(p) = 1$ ). The characteristic polynomial of  $\gamma$  reduces to  $(X - 1)^n$  modulo  $p^r$ , so by looking at Newton polygons  $v_p(\alpha_i - 1) \geq r/n$  for all  $i$ . Thus, if  $\alpha$  is any element in the multiplicative group generated by the  $\alpha_i$ ,  $v_p(\alpha - 1) \geq r/n$ . In particular, since  $r > n/(p - 1)$ ,  $\alpha$  cannot be a nontrivial root of unity. This finishes the proof of the proposition. □

We also recall another fact about “sufficiently small” congruence subgroups, and set up some notation. For any real Lie group  $J$ , we write  $J^+$  for the identity component of  $J$ . The following is [18, Corollaire 2.0.14].

**Proposition 2.13.** *Let  $G$  be a connected reductive group over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then there exists a congruence subgroup  $\Gamma \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q})$  that is contained in  $G(\mathbb{R})^+$ . In particular, if  $\Delta \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q})$  is any congruence subgroup, then  $\Delta \cap G(\mathbb{R})^+$  is also a congruence subgroup.*

We remark that, unlike neatness, the condition  $\Gamma \subseteq G(\mathbb{R})^+$  cannot be enforced only by congruence conditions at a single prime (chosen independently of  $G$ ). For a simple example, consider  $G = \text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}}^F G_m$  with  $F := \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3})$ , and consider the totally negative unit  $\alpha = -2 + \sqrt{3} \in F$ . One checks easily that  $\alpha^{3^n} \equiv 1$  modulo  $3^n$  for all  $n$  but all the  $\alpha^{3^n}$  are totally negative. For an example

with a semisimple  $G$ , consider  $G = \text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}}^F \text{PGL}_2$  and the matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha^{3^n} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad n \geq 1;$$

again these tend to the identity 3-adically but they all lie in a nonidentity component because they have totally negative determinant.

## 2.4 | Cohomology of unipotent groups

From now on, we fix a prime number  $p$ . Let  $N$  be a unipotent algebraic group over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . The goal in this subsection is to prove the following theorem (we remark that  $N$  satisfies strong approximation and that all arithmetic subgroups of  $N(\mathbb{Q})$  are congruence subgroups).

**Theorem 2.14.** *If  $\Gamma \subseteq N(\mathbb{Q})$  is a congruence subgroup with closure  $K_p \subseteq N(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  and  $V$  is a smooth  $K_p$ -representation over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ , then the natural map*

$$H_{cts}^i(K_p, V) \rightarrow H^i(\Gamma, V)$$

*is an isomorphism for all  $i$ .*

We start with some recollections. First, in the situation above,  $\Gamma = N(\mathbb{Q}) \cap K$  for some open compact subgroup  $K \subseteq N(\mathbb{A}_f)$ , and  $\Gamma$  is dense in  $K$  by strong approximation for  $N$ . In particular,  $K_p$  is the image of  $K$  under the projection map  $N(\mathbb{A}_f) \rightarrow N(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ , and hence open. We have a natural forgetful functor

$$\text{Mod}_{sm}(K_p, \mathbb{F}_p) \rightarrow \text{Mod}(\Gamma)$$

and if  $V \in \text{Mod}_{sm}(K_p, \mathbb{F}_p)$ , then  $V^\Gamma = V^{K_p}$  by smoothness of  $V$  and density of  $\Gamma$  in  $K_p$ . In light of this, Theorem 2.14 follows directly from the following special case, which is in fact all we will need.

**Proposition 2.15.** *Let  $V$  be an injective smooth  $K_p$ -representation over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . Then  $H^i(\Gamma, V) = 0$  for all  $i \geq 1$ .*

We will prove this by induction on  $\dim N$ . Before the main argument, we will discuss the structure of injective  $K_p$ -representations. Let  $W$  be any  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -vector space, which we give the discrete topology. We can form  $\text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, W)$ , where  $K_p$  acts by right translation. This is the smooth induction of  $W$ , viewed as a representation of the trivial group, to  $K_p$ . Since smooth induction has an exact left adjoint (restriction),  $\text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, W)$  is injective for any  $W$ . We will refer to these representations as “standard injectives.” Now if  $V \in \text{Mod}_{sm}(K_p)$  is arbitrary, there is a  $K_p$ -equivariant injection

$$V \rightarrow \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, V)$$



given by  $v \mapsto (k \mapsto kv)$ , where  $K_p$  acts on  $\text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, V)$  by right translation. Thus, there are enough standard injectives, and any injective is a direct summand of a standard injective. In particular, it suffices to prove Proposition 2.15 for standard injectives. Moreover, since group cohomology of  $\Gamma$  commutes with direct limits, it suffices to prove Proposition 2.15 for  $\text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{F}_p)$ .

We now begin the induction. First assume that  $\dim N = 1$ , that is, that  $N = \mathbb{G}_a$ . Then (up to isomorphism)  $\Gamma = \mathbb{Z}$  and  $K_p = \mathbb{Z}_p$ . There are a number of ways of proving that  $H^i(\mathbb{Z}, \text{Map}_{cts}(\mathbb{Z}_p, \mathbb{F}_p)) = 0$  for  $i \geq 1$ . For example, by Proposition 2.9,

$$H^i(\mathbb{Z}, \text{Map}_{cts}(\mathbb{Z}_p, \mathbb{F}_p)) = \varinjlim_n H^i(\mathbb{R}/p^n\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{F}_p) = \varinjlim_n H^i(S^1, \mathbb{F}_p),$$

where on the right, the transition maps come from pullback along the maps  $S^1 \rightarrow S^1, z \mapsto z^p$ . All groups are 0 for  $i \geq 2$ , and for  $i = 1$ , one easily sees that the transition maps are all 0, so this proves Proposition 2.15 for  $N = \mathbb{G}_a$ .

We move on to the induction step. By the structure of unipotent groups, we can choose a proper nontrivial normal subgroup  $U \subseteq N$ . Set  $H = N/U$  and let  $f : N \rightarrow H$  denote the natural map. Put  $\Gamma_U = \Gamma \cap U(\mathbb{Q}), \Gamma_H = f(\Gamma), K_{U,p} = K_p \cap U(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ , and  $K_{H,p} = f(K_p) \subseteq H(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ . Then  $K_{U,p}$  is the closure of  $\Gamma_U$  in  $U(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  and  $K_{H,p}$  is the closure of  $\Gamma_H$  in  $H(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ . Let  $V$  be an injective smooth  $K_p$ -representation over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . We have the Hochschild–Serre spectral sequence

$$H^i(\Gamma_H, H^j(\Gamma_U, V)) \Rightarrow H^{i+j}(\Gamma, V).$$

The restriction of  $V$  to  $K_{U,p}$  is still injective by [20, Proposition 2.1.11]. Thus, by the induction hypothesis,  $H^j(\Gamma_U, V) = 0$  for  $j \geq 1$ , and hence, the spectral sequence degenerates to  $H^i(\Gamma, V) = H^i(\Gamma_H, V^{\Gamma_U})$ . By above,  $V^{\Gamma_U} = V^{K_{U,p}}$ , which is an injective<sup>†</sup>  $K_{H,p}$ -module. By the induction hypothesis again, we get

$$H^i(\Gamma, V) = H^i(\Gamma_H, V^{K_{U,p}}) = 0$$

for  $i \geq 1$ , as desired. This finishes the proof of Proposition 2.15, and hence the proof of Theorem 2.14.

### 3 | COMPLETED COHOMOLOGY OF LOCALLY SYMMETRIC SPACES

We continue to fix a prime number  $p$ .

#### 3.1 | Locally symmetric spaces

In this section, we recall some material on locally symmetric spaces and their Borel–Serre compactifications. Let  $G$  be a connected linear algebraic group over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , let  $A = A_G \subseteq G$  be a maximal torus in the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -split part of the radical of  $G$ , and let  $K_\infty = K_{G,\infty} \subseteq G(\mathbb{R})$  be a maximal compact

<sup>†</sup>  $M \mapsto M^{K_{U,p}}$  preserves injectives, because inflation from  $K_{H,p}$  to  $K_p$  provides an exact left adjoint.

subgroup. We will work with the (connected) symmetric space

$$X = X^G := G(\mathbb{R})^+ / A(\mathbb{R})^+ K_\infty^+ = G(\mathbb{R}) / A(\mathbb{R}) K_\infty,$$

which is the symmetric space part of any space of type  $S - \mathbb{Q}$  for  $G$ , in the terminology of [9]. If  $\Gamma \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q})$  is a torsion-free arithmetic subgroup, then  $\Gamma$  acts freely on  $X$  and the quotient  $\Gamma \backslash X$  is a locally symmetric space. If  $K \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f)$  is a compact (not necessarily open) subgroup, we will set

$$X_K^G := G(\mathbb{Q})^+ \backslash X \times G(\mathbb{A}_f) / K,$$

where  $G(\mathbb{Q})^+ := G(\mathbb{Q}) \cap G(\mathbb{R})^+$  and  $K$  and  $G(\mathbb{A}_f)$  carry their usual adelic topologies. When  $K$  is additionally open and  $g \in G(\mathbb{A}_f)$ , set  $\Gamma_g = \Gamma_{g,K} := G(\mathbb{Q})^+ \cap gKg^{-1}$ ; these are congruence subgroups by Proposition 2.13. We have the following decomposition as topological spaces:

$$X_K^G \cong \bigsqcup_{g \in G(\mathbb{Q})^+ \backslash G(\mathbb{A}_f) / K} \Gamma_g \backslash X,$$

where the set  $\Sigma_K := G(\mathbb{Q})^+ \backslash G(\mathbb{A}_f) / K$  is finite by [5, Theorem 5.1]. If  $K$  is neat, then all the  $\Gamma_g$  are neat and in particular torsion-free, so  $X_K^G$  is a (possibly disconnected) manifold of dimension  $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} X$ .

Recall the Borel-Serre bordification  $\bar{X} = \bar{X}^G$  of  $X = X^G$  from [9].  $\bar{X}$  has a natural structure of a manifold with corners, with interior  $X$ . We write  $\partial X = \bar{X} \setminus X$ . The action of  $G(\mathbb{Q})$  on  $X$  extends to an action of  $\bar{X}$ , and again, any torsion-free arithmetic subgroup  $\Gamma \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q})$  acts freely on  $\bar{X}$ . As a set,

$$\bar{X} = \bigsqcup_Q X^Q,$$

where  $Q$  runs through the (rational) parabolic subgroups of  $G$ . The closure of  $X^Q$  inside  $\bar{X}$  is  $\bar{X}^Q = \bigsqcup_{P' \subseteq Q} X^{P'}$ . Write  $C_Q$  for the set of parabolics  $Q'$  of  $G$  which are conjugate to  $Q$  (over  $\mathbb{Q}$ );  $C_Q$  carries a (tautological) left  $G(\mathbb{Q})$ -action by conjugation. Fix a minimal parabolic  $P$  of  $G$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  for simplicity. We can then write

$$\bar{X} = \bigsqcup_Q X^Q = \bigsqcup_{Q \supseteq P} \bigsqcup_{Q' \in C_Q} X^{Q'},$$

and the subsets  $X^{G,Q} = \bigsqcup_{Q' \in C_Q} X^{Q'}$  are stable under  $G(\mathbb{Q})$ . If  $g \in G(\mathbb{Q})$ , then  $gX^{Q'} = X^{gQ'g^{-1}}$  and hence the stabilizer of  $X^{Q'}$  is  $Q'(\mathbb{Q})$ . In particular, if  $\Gamma \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q})$  is an arithmetic subgroup, we see that

$$\Gamma \backslash \bar{X} = \bigsqcup_{Q \supseteq P} \bigsqcup_{Q' \in C_{Q,\Gamma}} \Gamma_{Q'} \backslash X^{Q'},$$

where  $C_{Q,\Gamma} = \Gamma \backslash C_Q$  and  $\Gamma_{Q'} = \Gamma \cap Q'(\mathbb{Q})$ . If  $\Gamma$  is neat, then  $\Gamma_{Q'}$  is neat for all  $Q'$ . The space  $\Gamma \backslash \bar{X}$  is a compact manifold with corners, which in particular implies that it is homeomorphic to a manifold with boundary [9, Appendix], so the results of § 2 apply to it.

### 3.2 | The vanishing conjecture for completed cohomology

In this subsection, we assume that  $G$  is reductive. Fix a compact open subgroup  $K^P \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f^P)$ . Let  $R$  be an adic ring with finitely generated ideal of definition  $I$ . We define completed cohomology of  $G$  (with respect to  $K^P$ ) to be

$$\tilde{H}_?^*(K^P, R) := \tilde{H}_?^*(X_{K^P}, R) = \varprojlim_n \varinjlim_{K_p} H_?^*(X_{K^P K_p}, R/I^n),$$

where  $? \in \{\emptyset, c\}$  and  $K_p$  runs through the compact open subgroups of  $G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ . We recall the quantities

$$l_0 = l_0(G) := \text{rank}(G(\mathbb{R})) - \text{rank}(A(\mathbb{R})K_\infty)$$

and

$$q_0 = q_0(G) := \frac{\dim_{\mathbb{R}} X - l_0}{2},$$

where rank denotes the rank as a Lie group. With these preparations, we may state the main vanishing conjecture of Calegari–Emerton.

**Conjecture 3.1.** *Let  $? \in \{\emptyset, c\}$ . Then  $\tilde{H}_?^n(K^P, \mathbb{Z}_p) = 0$  for all  $n > q_0$ .*

*Remark 3.2.* While Conjecture 3.1 is not explicitly stated in [12], it is a direct consequence of [12, Conjecture 1.5(5)–(8) and Theorem 1.1(3)]. We will discuss [12, Conjecture 1.5] in § 3.4.

We will focus on the following equivalent version, which is also implicit in [12].

**Conjecture 3.3.** *Let  $? \in \{\emptyset, c\}$ . Then  $\tilde{H}_?^n(K^P, \mathbb{F}_p) = 0$  for all  $n > q_0$ .*

**Proposition 3.4.** *Conjecture 3.1 is equivalent to Conjecture 3.3.*

*Proof.* That Conjecture 3.1 implies Conjecture 3.3 follows from [12, Theorem 1.16(5)]. For the converse, note first that we have long exact sequences

$$\dots \rightarrow \tilde{H}_?^i(K^P, \mathbb{Z}/p^{r-1}) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_?^i(K^P, \mathbb{Z}/p^r) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_?^i(K^P, \mathbb{F}_p) \rightarrow \dots$$

coming from the corresponding long exact sequences at finite level, so by induction on  $r$ , we see that Conjecture 3.3 implies that  $\tilde{H}_?^i(K^P, \mathbb{Z}/p^r) = 0$  for all  $r$  and  $n > q_0$ . Conjecture 3.1 then follows since  $\tilde{H}_?^i(K^P, \mathbb{Z}_p) = \varprojlim_r \tilde{H}_?^i(K^P, \mathbb{Z}/p^r)$ . □

As usual in the Langlands program, adelic double quotients have the advantage that they make the Hecke actions and group actions transparent. These actions will, however, play essentially no role in this paper, and we found it simpler to work nonadelically. The rest of this subsection will discuss a version of Conjecture 3.3 in this language that we will treat. Let  $\Gamma \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q})$  be an arbitrary

arithmetic subgroup and set

$$C_p = C_p(\Gamma) := \{\Gamma \cap G(\mathbb{A}_f^p)K_p \mid K_p \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q}_p) \text{ compact open}\}.$$

Informally, this is the set of arithmetic subgroups of  $\Gamma$  where we shrink the level at  $p$ . Armed with this definition, we set

$$\widehat{X} = \widehat{X}(\Gamma) = \widehat{X}^G(\Gamma) := \varprojlim_{\Gamma' \in C_p} \Gamma' \backslash X.$$

We let  $G(\mathbb{R})_+$  denote the preimage of  $G^{ad}(\mathbb{R})^+$  under the natural map  $G(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow G^{ad}(\mathbb{R})$ ; we also set  $G(\mathbb{Q})_+ = \Gamma(\mathbb{Q}) \cap G(\mathbb{R})_+$ . We can then state the following conjecture.

**Conjecture 3.5.** *Let  $? \in \{\emptyset, c\}$  and assume that  $\Gamma \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q})_+$  is an arithmetic subgroup. Then we have  $\widetilde{H}_?^n(\widehat{X}, \mathbb{F}_p) = 0$  for all  $n > q_0$ .*

This is the conjecture that we will focus on. The restriction to  $\Gamma \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q})_+$  seems unnatural but this condition will feature in all our unconditional theorems, so we have included for the sake of easy referencing. *A priori*, (the natural generalization of ) Conjecture 3.5 is slightly stronger than Conjecture 3.3 because we allow arbitrary arithmetic subgroups as our “base level” instead of just congruence subgroups inside the identity component  $G(\mathbb{R})^+$  of  $G(\mathbb{R})$ . Let us give a general discussion of the passage between disconnected spaces and their components, and formalize the implication relevant to this paper. To simplify notation, we drop the notation  $\widetilde{M}$  used in § 2 to denote the local system associated with a representation  $M$ , simply writing  $M$  for the local system as well in the rest of this paper.

First, for any compact subgroup  $K \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f)$ , define

$$\mathfrak{X}_K := \mathfrak{X}_K^G := G(\mathbb{Q})^+ \backslash X \times G(\mathbb{A}_f) / K,$$

where we now give  $G(\mathbb{A}_f)$  the *discrete* topology. Note that  $\mathfrak{X}_K = X_K$  when  $K$  is open. In general,  $\mathfrak{X}_K$  is a manifold when  $K$  is neat. If  $K_1 \subseteq K_2$  are neat, with  $K_1$  normal in  $K_2$ , then  $K_2/K_1$  acts freely on  $\mathfrak{X}_{K_1}$  with quotient  $\mathfrak{X}_{K_2}$ . We similarly define  $\overline{\mathfrak{X}}_K$ , replacing  $X$  by  $\overline{X}$ . In particular, using  $\mathfrak{X}_{K^p}$  and  $\overline{\mathfrak{X}}_{K^p}$ , we may apply Theorem 2.9 to deduce that

$$\widetilde{H}_?^i(K^p, \mathbb{F}_p) \cong H_?^i(X_K, \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{F}_p)),$$

where  $K = K^p K_p$  with  $K_p$  neat. Using the decomposition into connected components, we see that

$$\widetilde{H}_?^i(K^p, \mathbb{F}_p) \cong \bigoplus_{g \in G(\mathbb{Q})^+ \backslash G(\mathbb{A}_f) / K} H_?^i(\Gamma_g \backslash X, \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{F}_p)).$$

Here, the right  $K_p$ -module  $\text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{F}_p)$  (action via left translation) becomes a right  $\Gamma_g = G(\mathbb{Q})^+ \cap gK_g^{-1}$ -module via the composition  $\Gamma_g \rightarrow K \rightarrow K_p$  where the first map is conjugation by  $g^{-1}$  and the second is the projection, and then a left  $\Gamma_g$ -module by inversion. In particular, we

have an isomorphism

$$\mathrm{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{F}_p) \cong \mathrm{Map}_{cts}(g_p K_p g_p^{-1}, \mathbb{F}_p)$$

of  $\Gamma_g$ -modules (with the obvious  $\Gamma_g$ -structure on the right-hand side). Then, note that the left  $\Gamma_g$ -module  $\mathrm{Map}_{cts}(g_p K_p g_p^{-1}, \mathbb{F}_p)$ , where the action is via inverting the left translation action, is isomorphic to the left  $\Gamma_g$ -module  $\mathrm{Map}_{cts}(g_p K_p g_p^{-1}, \mathbb{F}_p)$  where the action is the right translation action (the isomorphism is given by inversion on  $g_p K_p g_p^{-1}$ ). This proves the following.

**Proposition 3.6.** *Fix  $i$  and  $K^p$ . Choose  $K_p$  sufficiently small to make  $K = K^p K_p$  neat. For any other  $K' \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f)$  compact open, set  $\Gamma' = G(\mathbb{Q})^+ \cap K'$ . Then  $\tilde{H}_\gamma^i(K^p, \mathbb{F}_p) = 0$  if and only if  $H_\gamma^i(\Gamma' \backslash X, \mathrm{Map}_{cts}(K'_p, \mathbb{F}_p)) = 0$  for all conjugates  $K'$  of  $K$  in  $G(\mathbb{A}_f)$ , where  $\Gamma'$  acts on  $\mathrm{Map}_{cts}(K'_p, \mathbb{F}_p)$  either via right translation or by inverting the left translation action.*

As a corollary, we get the implication between Conjecture 3.5 and Conjecture 3.3.

**Proposition 3.7.** *Let  $? \in \{\emptyset, c\}$ . Then Conjecture 3.5 for  $?$  implies Conjecture 3.3 for  $?$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $K^p \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f^p)$  be compact open and let  $n > q_0$ . We first show that  $H_\gamma^n(\Gamma \backslash X, \mathrm{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{F}_p)) = 0$  for some (any) sufficiently small  $K_p$ , where  $\Gamma = G(\mathbb{Q})^+ \cap K^p K_p$  acts on  $\mathrm{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{F}_p)$  via right translation. Consider  $\hat{X} = \hat{X}(\Gamma)$ . By Conjecture 3.5,  $\tilde{H}_\gamma^n(\hat{X}, \mathbb{F}_p) = 0$ . By Theorem 2.9,

$$H_\gamma^n(\Gamma \backslash X, \mathrm{Map}_{cts}(H, \mathbb{F}_p)) = \tilde{H}_\gamma^n(\hat{X}, \mathbb{F}_p) = 0,$$

where  $H$  is the closure of  $\Gamma$  in  $K_p$  and  $\Gamma$  acts on  $\mathrm{Map}_{cts}(H, \mathbb{F}_p)$  via right translation. An application of Lemma 2.10 then gives that  $H_\gamma^n(\Gamma \backslash X, \mathrm{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{F}_p)) = 0$ , as desired. Now the argument applies equally well when replacing  $K^p K_p$  by any conjugate of it inside  $G(\mathbb{A}_f)$ , so by Proposition 3.6, we deduce that  $\tilde{H}_\gamma^i(K^p, \mathbb{F}_p) = 0$ .  $\square$

### 3.3 | The case of Hermitian symmetric domains

In this subsection, we assume that  $G$  is semisimple and that  $X$  is a Hermitian symmetric domain. In this case,  $l_0 = 0$  and  $q_0 = (\dim_{\mathbb{R}} X)/2 = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} X$ ; we will simply write  $d$  for this quantity. We briefly recall some material from the theory of hermitian symmetric domains and their boundary components; some references for this material are [1, 3, 25]. We do not assume that  $G$  has no  $\mathbb{R}$ -anisotropic  $\mathbb{Q}$ -simple factors.

First, let us recall that an element  $g \in G(\mathbb{R})$  acts holomorphically on  $X$  if and only if  $g \in G(\mathbb{R})_+$ ; see [3, Proposition 11.3] (note that  $G$  is assumed to be adjoint in this reference). The space  $X = X^G$  has a bordification  $X^* = X^{G,*}$  obtained by adding the rational boundary components of  $X$ , see [3]. To describe it, we make a definition. If  $G$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -simple, let us call a parabolic subgroup  $Q$  *admissible* if there is no parabolic subgroup  $Q'$  with  $Q \subsetneq Q' \subsetneq G$ . For general  $G$ , we will call a parabolic subgroup  $Q$  admissible if its projection to every  $\mathbb{Q}$ -simple factor is admissible in the previous sense. Let  $Q$  be such an admissible parabolic subgroup of  $G$ ; we write  $N_Q$  for its unipotent radical and  $M_Q$  for its Levi quotient.  $M_Q$  decomposes into an almost direct product  $M_Q = M_{Q,\ell} M_{Q,h}$ ; see [1,

Item (5), p. 142] (in the notation of that reference, we take  $M_{Q,\ell} = \mathcal{G}_\ell$  and  $M_{Q,h} = \mathcal{G}_h \cdot \mathcal{M}$ ).  $M_{Q,\ell}$  is called the *linear* part; it is a connected reductive group.  $M_{Q,h}$  is called the *Hermitian* part and it is a semisimple group whose symmetric space is a Hermitian symmetric domain. Our main result in the topological part of this paper is the following.

**Theorem 3.8.** *With assumptions as above, assume that Conjecture 3.5 holds for  $M_{Q,h}$  for all admissible parabolics  $Q$  of  $G$  (including  $Q = G$ ) and  $? = c$ . Then Conjecture 3.5 holds for  $G$  and  $? = \emptyset$ .*

The proof will occupy the rest of this subsection. Let us now describe the bordification  $X^*$ . Set theoretically,

$$X^* = \bigsqcup_{Q \text{ admissible}} X^{M_{Q,h}} = \bigsqcup_{Q \supseteq P \text{ admissible}} X^{G,M_{Q,h}},$$

where  $X^{G,M_{Q,h}} := \bigsqcup_{Q' \in C_Q} X^{M_{Q',h}}$  and we recall that  $P$  is a fixed choice of a minimal parabolic subgroup. The action of  $G(\mathbb{Q})$  on  $X$  extends to an action on  $X^*$ , but torsion-free arithmetic subgroups will no longer act freely (in general). The spaces  $X^{G,M_{Q,h}}$  are stable under  $G(\mathbb{Q})$ . If  $\Gamma \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q})_+$  is a torsion-free arithmetic subgroup, then  $\Gamma \backslash X^*$  has a canonical structure of a projective algebraic variety over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Let us now assume that  $\Gamma$  is in addition neat, and let  $\Gamma_{M_{Q',h}}$  be the image of  $\Gamma_{Q'}$  in  $M_{Q',h}(\mathbb{Q})$ ; this is a neat arithmetic subgroup. We have a stratification

$$\Gamma \backslash X^* = \bigsqcup_{Q \supseteq P \text{ admissible}} \bigsqcup_{Q' \in C_{Q,\Gamma}} \Gamma_{M_{Q',h}} \backslash X^{M_{Q',h}}$$

of the quotient. By construction,  $\Gamma_{M_{Q',h}}$  acts holomorphically on  $X^{M_{Q',h}}$ , so  $\Gamma_{M_{Q',h}} \subseteq M_{Q',h}(\mathbb{Q})_+$ .

In [40], Zucker constructs a  $G(\mathbb{Q})$ -equivariant continuous map  $\pi : \bar{X} \rightarrow X^*$  that we will make use of.<sup>†</sup> With  $Q$  as above, let us write  $Y(Q) = \pi^{-1}(X^{M_{Q,h}})$ . By [40, (3.8), Proposition], we have a natural homeomorphism

$$Y(Q) \cong X^{M_{Q,h}} \times \bar{X}^{M_{Q,\ell}} \times X^{N_Q}$$

and the projection maps

$$Y(Q) \rightarrow Y(M_Q) := X^{M_{Q,h}} \times \bar{X}^{M_{Q,\ell}} \rightarrow \bar{X}^{M_{Q,\ell}}$$

are  $Q(\mathbb{Q})$ -equivariant (and fiber bundles). Write  $L_Q = M_{Q,\ell}/(M_{Q,\ell} \cap M_{Q,h})$ ; the natural map  $M_{Q,\ell} \rightarrow L_Q$  is a central isogeny and  $\bar{X}^{M_{Q,\ell}} = \bar{X}^{L_Q}$ . Then we remark that, in the displayed equation above,  $Q(\mathbb{Q})$  acts via the projection map  $Q(\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow M(\mathbb{Q})$  on  $Y(M_Q)$  and via the projection map  $Q(\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow L_Q(\mathbb{Q})$  on  $\bar{X}^{M_{Q,\ell}}$ . In particular, we note that  $Y(Q)$  is contractible and that if  $\Gamma$  is torsion-free, then  $\Gamma_Q$  acts freely on  $Y(Q)$ .

<sup>†</sup> It is, strictly speaking, not necessary for us to use minimal compactifications and Zucker’s work [40], as all we need is the resulting stratification of the Borel–Serre compactification which one may describe directly. Nevertheless, we have opted to include the minimal compactification in our discussion as it gives a conceptual way of understanding the stratification that we use, and why we use it.

We now begin the proof of Theorem 3.8. Fix an arithmetic subgroup  $\Gamma \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q})_+$ . Our goal is to understand  $\tilde{H}^*(\hat{X}, \mathbb{F}_p) = \tilde{H}^*(\widehat{X}, \mathbb{F}_p)$  in terms of the  $\tilde{H}_c^*(\hat{X}^{M_{Q,h}}, \mathbb{F}_p)$ , where  $\hat{X} = \hat{X}^G(\Gamma)$  and

$$\widehat{X} = \varprojlim_{\Gamma' \subseteq C_p(\Gamma)} \Gamma' \backslash \bar{X}.$$

By Proposition 2.12, we may assume that  $\Gamma$  is neat without changing  $\hat{X}$  and  $\widehat{X}$ . Let  $S$  denote the closure of  $\Gamma$  in  $G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ . Proposition 2.9 then gives us the following description of  $\tilde{H}^*(\widehat{X}, \mathbb{F}_p)$ .

**Proposition 3.9.** *We have a canonical isomorphism*

$$\tilde{H}^*(\widehat{X}, \mathbb{F}_p) \cong H^*(\Gamma \backslash \bar{X}, \text{Map}_{cts}(S, \mathbb{F}_p)).$$

The “stratification”  $(Y(Q))_Q$  of  $\bar{X}$  induces a finite stratification  $(\Gamma_Q \backslash Y(Q))_Q$  of  $\Gamma \backslash \bar{X}$  into locally closed subsets, parameterized by  $\Gamma$ -conjugacy classes of admissible parabolic subgroups  $Q$ . By repeated use of the excision sequence, it suffices for us to prove that

$$H_c^i(\Gamma_Q \backslash Y(Q), \text{Map}_{cts}(S, \mathbb{F}_p)) = 0$$

for  $i > d$  and for all  $Q$ . From now on, we fix  $Q$  and drop the subscripts  $-_Q$  from all associated algebraic groups for simplicity. Consider the proper map  $f : \Gamma_Q \backslash Y(Q) \rightarrow \Gamma_M \backslash Y(M)$ , which is a fiber bundle with fiber  $\Gamma_N \backslash X^{N_Q}$ . Here  $\Gamma_N = N(\mathbb{Q}) \cap \Gamma_Q$  and  $\Gamma_M$  is the image of  $\Gamma_Q$  under  $Q(\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow M(\mathbb{Q})$ . Set  $S_N = S \cap N(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ ; by strong approximation, this is the closure of  $\Gamma_N$  in  $N(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  (and hence open). Then we have

$$H_c^*(\Gamma_Q \backslash Y(Q), \text{Map}_{cts}(S, \mathbb{F}_p)) = H_c^*(\Gamma_M \backslash Y(M), Rf_* \text{Map}_{cts}(S, \mathbb{F}_p)).$$

Since  $\Gamma \cap S_N = \Gamma_N$ ,  $\Gamma_M = \Gamma_Q / \Gamma_N$  acts by right translation on  $S/S_N$ .

**Proposition 3.10.**  *$f_* \text{Map}_{cts}(S, \mathbb{F}_p) = \text{Map}_{cts}(S/S_N, \mathbb{F}_p)$  with  $\Gamma_M$  acting by right translation, and  $R^i f_* \text{Map}_{cts}(S, \mathbb{F}_p) = 0$  for all  $i \geq 1$ .*

*Proof.* By Corollary 2.2,  $R^i f_* \text{Map}_{cts}(S, \mathbb{F}_p)$  is the local system on  $\Gamma_M \backslash Y(M)$  corresponding to the  $\Gamma_M$ -representation  $H^i(\Gamma_N, \text{Map}_{cts}(S, \mathbb{F}_p))$ . When  $i = 0$ , the description is clear since  $\Gamma_N$  is dense in  $S_N$ . In general, choose a continuous section  $S \rightarrow S_N$  of the inclusion, which gives a homeomorphism  $S \cong S/S_N \times S_N$  of right  $S_N$ -spaces. Arguing as in Lemma 2.10, we see that

$$H^i(\Gamma_N, \text{Map}_{cts}(S, \mathbb{F}_p)) \cong \text{Map}_{cts}(S/S_N, \mathbb{F}_p) \otimes_{\mathbb{F}_p} H^i(\Gamma_N, \text{Map}_{cts}(S_N, \mathbb{F}_p)).$$

By Proposition 2.15 and the injectivity of  $\text{Map}_{cts}(S_N, \mathbb{F}_p)$  (discussed in § 2.4), the right-hand side is 0 when  $i \geq 1$ . □

So, we are down to computing  $H_c^*(\Gamma_M \backslash Y(M), \text{Map}_{cts}(S/S_N, \mathbb{F}_p))$ , for which we use the fiber bundle

$$g : \Gamma_M \backslash Y(M) \rightarrow \Gamma_L \backslash \bar{X}^L,$$

with fiber  $\Gamma_h \backslash X^{M_h}$ . Here  $\Gamma_h = M_h(\mathbb{Q}) \cap \Gamma_M$  and  $\Gamma_L = r(\Gamma_M)$ , where  $r : M \rightarrow L$  denotes the canonical map. We remark that  $\Gamma_h$  acts holomorphically on  $X^{M_h}$ , and hence,  $\Gamma_h \subseteq M_h(\mathbb{Q})_+$ . The Leray spectral sequence reads

$$H^i(\Gamma_L \backslash \overline{X}^L, R^j g_1 \text{Map}_{cts}(S/S_N, \mathbb{F}_p)) \Rightarrow H_c^{i+j}(\Gamma_M \backslash Y(M), \text{Map}_{cts}(S/S_N, \mathbb{F}_p)).$$

The key is then the following.

**Proposition 3.11.**  *$R^j g_1 \text{Map}_{cts}(S/S_N, \mathbb{F}_p)$  is a local system on  $\Gamma_L \backslash \overline{X}^L$  and vanishes for  $j > \dim_{\mathbb{C}} X^{M_h}$ .*

*Proof.*  $R^j g_1 \text{Map}_{cts}(S/S_N, \mathbb{F}_p)$  is a local system with fiber  $H_c^j(\Gamma_h \backslash X^{M,h}, \text{Map}_{cts}(S/S_N, \mathbb{F}_p))$  by Proposition 2.3. Consider the closure  $T_h$  of  $\Gamma_h$  in  $M_h(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ , which we may also view as the closure of  $\Gamma_h$  in  $S/S_N$ . Write  $S_h$  for the preimage of  $T_h$  under  $S \rightarrow S/S_N$ .  $S_h$  is a group containing  $S_N$  as a normal subgroup, and  $T_h = S_h/S_N$ . Applying Lemma 2.10 with  $G = S$ ,  $H = S_h$ ,  $K = S_N$ , and  $\Gamma = \Gamma_h$ ,  $H_c^j(\Gamma_h \backslash X^{M,h}, \text{Map}_{cts}(S/S_N, \mathbb{F}_p))$  vanishes if

$$H_c^j(\Gamma_h \backslash X^{M_h}, \text{Map}_{cts}(T_h, \mathbb{F}_p)).$$

But  $H_c^j(\Gamma_h \backslash X^{M,h}, \text{Map}_{cts}(T_h, \mathbb{F}_p))$  is compactly supported completed  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -cohomology for  $M_h$  by Proposition 2.9, so this vanishes for  $j > \dim_{\mathbb{C}} X^{M_h}$  by assumption.  $\square$

Before we put everything together, we need to relate  $d$  to  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X^{M_h}$  and  $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} X^L$ . Recall that  $A_L$  is the maximal  $\mathbb{Q}$ -split torus in the center of  $L$ , and write  $Z(N)$  for the center of  $N$ . The result is then the following.

**Lemma 3.12.**  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X^{M_h} + \dim_{\mathbb{R}} X^L = d - \frac{1}{2}(\dim N - \dim Z(N)) - \dim A_L$ .

*Proof.* The symmetric space  $X^G$  has a decomposition

$$X^G \cong X^{M_h} \times C(L) \times N(\mathbb{R})$$

as real manifolds<sup>†</sup> by [1, Equation (4.1)]. This gives

$$\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X^{M_h} = d - \frac{1}{2}(\dim_{\mathbb{R}} C(L) + \dim N).$$

The space  $C(L)$ , called  $C(F)$  in [1], is an open subset of  $Z(N)(\mathbb{R})$  and diffeomorphic to  $L(\mathbb{R})/K_{L,\infty}$  by [1, Theorem 4.1(2)], where  $K_{L,\infty}$  denotes a maximal compact subgroup of  $L(\mathbb{R})$ . Thus,  $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} X^L = \dim_{\mathbb{R}} C(L) - \dim A_L$  and  $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} C(L) = \dim Z(N)$ . Combining this with the displayed equation above and rearranging gives the desired result.  $\square$

We may now put everything together to prove a more precise version of Theorem 3.8. From now on, we let  $Q$  denote an arbitrary admissible parabolic of  $G$  again, and set

<sup>†</sup> This is written as  $D \cong F \times C(F) \times W(F)$  in [1]; with respect to our notation  $D = X^G$ ,  $F = X^{M_h}$ ,  $C(F) = C(L)$ , and  $W(F) = N(\mathbb{R})$ .



$$\gamma(Q) = \frac{1}{2}(\dim N_Q - \dim Z(N_Q)) + \dim A_{L_Q} + \text{ss.rank}_{\mathbb{Q}}(L_Q)$$

whenever  $Q \neq G$ . Here  $\text{ss.rank}_{\mathbb{Q}}(H)$ , for  $H$  a reductive group over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , denotes the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -rank of the derived group of  $H$  (the “semisimple  $\mathbb{Q}$ -rank” of  $H$ ). Note that  $\gamma(Q)$  is nonnegative and only depends on the conjugacy class of  $Q$ . In fact,  $\dim A_{L_Q}$ , and hence  $\gamma(Q)$ , is always positive. This follows, for example, from [9, § 4.2, Equation (2)], upon noting that  $\dim A_{L_Q} = \dim A_Q$ . More precisely, this shows that  $\dim A_{L_Q}$  is equal to the number of  $\mathbb{Q}$ -simple adjoint factors of  $G \rightarrow H$  in which the projection of  $Q$  is not equal to  $H$ .

**Theorem 3.13.** *Assume that Conjecture 3.5 holds for  $M_{Q,h}$  for all admissible parabolics  $Q$  of  $G$  (including  $Q = G$ ) and  $? = c$ . Then the natural map*

$$H_c^i(\widehat{X}, \mathbb{F}_p) \rightarrow H^i(\widehat{X}, \mathbb{F}_p)$$

*is an isomorphism when  $i > d + 1 - \inf_{Q \neq G} \gamma(Q)$ , and surjective for  $i = d + 1 - \inf_{Q \neq G} \gamma(Q)$ . In particular, Conjecture 3.5 holds for  $G$  and  $? = \emptyset$ , and  $H_c^d(\widehat{X}, \mathbb{F}_p) \rightarrow H^d(\widehat{X}, \mathbb{F}_p)$  is surjective.*

*Proof.* This merely summarizes the work done above, so we will be rather brief. By Proposition 3.9 and repeated use of the excision sequence, it suffices to show that, for all  $Q \neq G$ ,  $H_c^i(\Gamma_Q \backslash Y(Q), \text{Map}_{cts}(S, \mathbb{F}_p)) = 0$  for  $i > d - \gamma(Q)$ . Propositions 3.10 and 3.11 then give us a spectral sequence

$$H^j(\Gamma_L \backslash \overline{X}^L, R^k g_! \text{Map}_{cts}(S/S_N, \mathbb{F}_p)) \implies H_c^{j+k}(\Gamma_Q \backslash Y(Q), \text{Map}_{cts}(S, \mathbb{F}_p))$$

and shows that  $R^k g_! \text{Map}_{cts}(S/S_N, \mathbb{F}_p)$  is a local system that is 0 for  $k > \dim_{\mathbb{C}} X^{M_h}$ . By [9, Corollary 11.4.3], the cohomology of local systems on  $\Gamma_L \backslash \overline{X}^L$  vanishes in degrees  $> \dim_{\mathbb{R}} X^L - \text{ss.rank}_{\mathbb{Q}}(L)$ , so we see that  $H_c^i(\Gamma_Q \backslash Y(Q), \text{Map}_{cts}(S, \mathbb{F}_p)) = 0$  for  $i > \dim_{\mathbb{C}} X^{M_h} + \dim_{\mathbb{R}} X^L - \text{ss.rank}_{\mathbb{Q}}(L)$ . Finally, by Lemma 3.12, this quantity is equal to  $d - \gamma(Q)$  as desired, finishing the proof.  $\square$

*Remark 3.14.* When  $\inf_{Q \neq G} \gamma(Q) \geq 2$ ,  $H_c^d(\widehat{X}, \mathbb{F}_p) \rightarrow H^d(\widehat{X}, \mathbb{F}_p)$  is an isomorphism. This is typically the case, and it is relatively straightforward to check in any given case. However, there are examples where  $\inf_{Q \neq G} \gamma(Q) = 1$ , such as  $G = \text{SL}_{2/F}$  with  $F$  totally real. In the example  $G = \text{SL}_{2/F}$ , note that the map  $H_c^d(\widehat{X}, \mathbb{F}_p) \rightarrow H^d(\widehat{X}, \mathbb{F}_p)$  is not an isomorphism when  $F = \mathbb{Q}$ . When  $F \neq \mathbb{Q}$ , the map should be an isomorphism (which can be proved by using Waldschmidt’s bound on the Leopoldt defect in the proof above instead of [9, Corollary 11.4.3]).

*Remark 3.15.* The reader familiar with the Borel–Serre compactification may wonder if one could not have used the “usual” stratification, indexed by all rational parabolic subgroups of  $G$ . This is possible, but it simply amounts to a more complicated version of the analysis above. Let us explain this briefly. The strata in the usual stratification are locally symmetric spaces for rational parabolics  $P$  of  $G$ , and we would want to prove vanishing results for compactly supported cohomology on these strata of the same local system as above. If  $M$  is the Levi quotient of  $P$ , the analog of Proposition 3.10 goes through in the same way and essentially reduces us to compactly supported completed cohomology of  $M$ . No trivial bound will be sufficient, and, in general,  $X^M$  would not be

Hermitian, so we are forced to try to find an almost direct factor of  $M$  whose symmetric space is Hermitian (just like for admissible  $P$ ) to get a better bound. It is not so hard to see (e.g., by looking at Dynkin diagrams) that there is a canonical admissible  $Q$  whose Hermitian part is an almost direct factor of  $M$ , and using this, one can push through the analysis. The strata of the coarser stratification that we use are simply the unions of the  $X^P$  for all  $P$  that have the same Hermitian part, that is, which are associated with the same admissible  $Q$  by the procedure above, and they fit together in such way that it is much better to analyze them together rather than separately.

### 3.4 | The Calegari–Emerton conjectures on completed homology

We return to the setting of § 3.2. We recall from [12] that completed homology of  $G$  with tame level  $K^P \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f^P)$  values in an adic ring  $R$  is defined as

$$\tilde{H}_i(K^P, R) := \varprojlim_{K_p} H_i(X_{K^P K_p}, R),$$

where  $K_p$  runs through the compact open subgroups of  $G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ . One may define completed Borel–Moore homology  $\tilde{H}_i^{BM}(K^P, R)$  similarly (again see [12]). Let  $? \in \{\emptyset, BM\}$ . For any compact open subgroup  $K_p \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ ,  $\tilde{H}_i^?(K^P, \mathbb{Z}_p)$  is a finitely generated right module for the Iwasawa algebra  $\mathbb{Z}_p \llbracket K_p \rrbracket$ , which is an Auslander–Gorenstein ring and has well-defined codimension (or grade) function on its finitely generated right modules, defined by

$$cd(M) = \inf\{j \mid \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{Z}_p \llbracket K_p \rrbracket}^j(M, \mathbb{Z}_p \llbracket K_p \rrbracket) \neq 0\}.$$

We refer to [2, § 2.5] for more details on the properties of the codimension function. In particular, we remark that by general properties,  $cd(\tilde{H}_i^?(K^P, \mathbb{Z}_p))$  is independent of the choice of  $K_p$ . Recall the quantities  $q_0$  and  $l_0$  from § 3.2. We may then state a slightly weaker version of [12, Conjecture 1.5]. For simplicity, from now on we write  $\tilde{H}_i^?$  for  $\tilde{H}_i^?(K^P, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ .

**Conjecture 3.16** (Calegari–Emerton). *Let  $? \in \{\emptyset, BM\}$ . Then the following holds.*

- (1) *If  $i < q_0$ , then  $cd(\tilde{H}_i^?) \geq q_0 + l_0 - i$ .*
- (2)  *$\tilde{H}_{q_0}^?$  has codimension  $l_0$ .*
- (3)  *$\tilde{H}_{q_0}^?$  is  $p$ -torsion free.*
- (4)  *$\tilde{H}_i^? = 0$  for  $i > q_0$ .*

The difference between this conjecture and [12, Conjecture 1.5] is that the latter predicts  $cd(\tilde{H}_i^?) > q_0 + l_0 - i$  when  $i < q_0$ . Completed (Borel–Moore) homology is closely related to completed (compactly supported) cohomology via [12, Theorem 1.1]. Moreover, completed homology and completed Borel–Moore homology are related via the two Poincaré duality spectral sequences

$$E_2^{ij} = \text{Ext}_A^i(\tilde{H}_j, A) \implies \tilde{H}_{D-i-j}^{BM};$$

$$E_2^{ij} = \text{Ext}_A^i(\tilde{H}_j^{BM}, A) \implies \tilde{H}_{D-i-j},$$

where  $A = \mathbb{Z}_p \llbracket K_p \rrbracket$  and  $D = \dim_{\mathbb{R}} X = 2q_0 + l_0$ ; see [12, § 1.3]. We have the following relation between Conjectures 3.1 and 3.16.

**Proposition 3.17.** *Conjecture 3.1 for compactly supported completed cohomology implies Conjecture 3.16(3)–(4) for completed Borel–Moore homology and Conjecture 3.16(1) for completed homology. Similarly, Conjecture 3.1 for completed cohomology implies Conjecture 3.16(3)–(4) for completed homology and Conjecture 3.16(1) for completed Borel–Moore homology.*

*Proof.* The first part is essentially [37, Corollary 4.2.3]; the proof there works verbatim (note that there is a small typo in that proof; the quantity  $c$  there should be chosen to be minimal, not maximal, with respect to the given property). For the second part, the proof is the same, swapping the roles of completed cohomology and compactly supported completed cohomology, and completed homology and completed Borel–Moore homology.  $\square$

Let us also indicate that Conjecture 3.16(2) is known for completed homology when  $G$  is semisimple and  $l_0 = 0$ ; this is part of [12, Theorem 1.4] (and follows from [11] and known limit multiplicity formulas for discrete series). More precisely, let  $\Gamma \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q})$  is an arithmetic subgroup with closure  $\bar{\Gamma} \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  and let  $\hat{X} = \hat{X}(\Gamma)$ . Then  $\tilde{H}^{q_0}(\hat{X}, \mathbb{Z}_p)[1/p]$  is an admissible  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ -Banach space representation of  $\bar{\Gamma}$  of corank 0 by the results of [11]. Dualizing, we see that the completed homology space

$$\tilde{H}_{q_0}(\hat{X}, \mathbb{Z}_p) := \varprojlim_{\Gamma' \subseteq C_p(\Gamma)} H_{q_0}(\Gamma' \backslash X, \mathbb{Z}_p)$$

has codimension 0 as a  $\mathbb{Z}_p[[\bar{\Gamma}]]$ -module. If  $A \rightarrow B$  is a (left and right) flat map of (left and right) Noetherian rings and  $M$  is a finitely generated right  $A$ -module, then one easily sees that  $\text{Ext}_B^i(M \otimes_A B, B) \cong B \otimes_A \text{Ext}_A^i(M, A)$ . In particular, if  $A \rightarrow B$  is (left and right) faithfully flat, then  $\text{Ext}_A^i(M, A) = 0$  if and only if  $\text{Ext}_B^i(M \otimes_A B, B) = 0$ . By an analysis of components similar to that preceding Proposition 3.6, one sees that if  $\Gamma = G(\mathbb{Q})^+ \cap K^p K_p$ , then  $\tilde{H}_{q_0}(\hat{X}, \mathbb{Z}_p) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p[[\bar{\Gamma}]]} \mathbb{Z}_p[[K_p]]$  is a direct summand of  $\tilde{H}_{q_0}(K^p, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ , and hence the latter has codimension 0 as a  $\mathbb{Z}_p[[K_p]]$ -module. Here, we take  $K_p$  to be sufficiently small so that it is neat and pro- $p$ ; then  $\mathbb{Z}_p[[\bar{\Gamma}]] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p[[K_p]]$  is flat (indeed projective) by [8, Lemma 4.5], and hence, faithfully flat since  $\mathbb{Z}_p[[\bar{\Gamma}]]$  is then local. For ease of reference, let us state the result below.

**Theorem 3.18.** *Assume that  $G$  is semisimple and that  $l_0 = 0$ . Then the codimension of  $\tilde{H}_{q_0}$  is equal to 0.*

## 4 | SHIMURA VARIETIES

In this section, we discuss Shimura varieties of Hodge and (pre-) abelian type, and how the conditional results of § 3 together with the results § 5 give many unconditional cases of Conjectures 3.1 and 3.16.

### 4.1 | Recollections on Shimura varieties

We use the definition and conventions for Shimura data, morphisms of Shimura data, and connected Shimura data from [18]; see also [30]. Given a Shimura datum  $(G, X)$ , there are three other

data which one can attach to it, one Shimura datum and two connected Shimura data. They are as follows:

- the connected Shimura datum  $(G^{der}, X^+)$ ;
- the connected Shimura datum  $(G^{ad}, X^+)$ ;
- the Shimura datum  $(G^{ad}, X^{ad})$ .

Here  $X^+ \subseteq X$  is any choice of a connected component, and if  $h \in X$ , then  $X^{ad}$  is the  $G^{ad}(\mathbb{R})$ -conjugacy class of the composition of  $h$  with  $G_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow G_{\mathbb{R}}^{ad}$  (this is independent of the choice of  $h$ ). The Shimura datum  $(G^{ad}, X^{ad})$  will only feature when we discuss the Hodge–Tate period map later, the other two will feature throughout the rest of this article. We recall that a Shimura datum  $(G, X)$  is said to be of Hodge type if there exists a Siegel Shimura datum  $(G', X')$  and a closed immersion  $(G, X) \rightarrow (G', X')$  of Shimura data. A Shimura datum  $(G, X)$  is said to be of abelian type if there exists a Shimura datum  $(G_1, X_1)$  of Hodge type and a central isogeny  $G_1^{der} \rightarrow G^{der}$ , which induces an isomorphism  $(G_1^{ad}, X_1^+) \cong (G^{ad}, X^+)$ . We make the following slightly more general definition, following [31, 2.10].

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $(G, X)$  be a connected Shimura datum. We say that  $(G, X)$  is of preabelian type if there exists a Shimura datum  $(\tilde{G}, \tilde{X})$  of Hodge type such that  $(G^{ad}, X) \cong (\tilde{G}^{ad}, \tilde{X}^+)$ . We say that a Shimura datum  $(G, X)$  is of preabelian type if  $(G^{der}, X^+)$  is of preabelian type.

*Remark 4.2.* Recall that if  $G$  is semisimple, then by the conventional definition,  $G$  admits a connected Shimura datum  $(G, X)$  if and only if  $G$  has no compact  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factors and  $X^G$  is a hermitian symmetric domain; in this case,  $X \cong X^G$ . The assumption that  $G$  has no compact  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factors could be dropped, but we will keep phrasing our results in terms of Shimura data for simplicity.

To be able to apply the inductive arguments from § 3, we will need the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.3.** Assume that  $G$  admits a connected Shimura datum of preabelian type and let  $Q \subseteq G$  be an admissible parabolic with hermitian part  $M_n$ . Then  $M_n$  admits a connected Shimura datum of preabelian type.

*Proof.* The assertion does not depend on the choice of  $G$  inside the isogeny class of  $G$ , so we may assume that  $(G, X) = (G_1^{der}, X_1^+)$  with  $(G_1, X_1)$  a Shimura datum of Hodge type. The assertion then follows from the well-known fact that the rational boundary components of  $(G_1, X_1)$  are of Hodge type. □

## 4.2 | Results for semisimple groups

The following is the main theorem of this paper on the Calegari–Emerton conjectures; at this point, the proof is simply a summary of the results so far together with Corollary 5.21, which we prove using  $p$ -adic methods in the next section.

**Theorem 4.4.** Let  $G$  be a semisimple group that admits a connected Shimura datum of preabelian type. Then Conjectures 3.1, 3.5, and 3.16 hold for  $G$ . Moreover, for any  $K^p$ , the natural map  $\tilde{H}_c^i(K^p, \mathbb{Z}_p) \rightarrow \tilde{H}^i(K^p, \mathbb{Z}_p)$  is an isomorphism for  $i > d + 1 - \inf_{Q \neq G} \gamma(Q)$  and surjective for

$i = d + 1 - \inf_{Q \neq G} \gamma(Q)$ , where  $d = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} X^G$ ,  $Q$  is an admissible parabolic subgroup of  $G$  and we recall that the quantities  $\gamma(G)$  are defined in § 3.3.

*Proof.* We start with Conjecture 3.5. For  $? = c$ , this Corollary 5.21. For  $? = \emptyset$ , it then follows from Lemma 4.3 and Theorem 3.13. The more precise statement about the map  $\tilde{H}_c^i(K^p, \mathbb{Z}_p) \rightarrow \tilde{H}^i(K^p, \mathbb{Z}_p)$  follows from Theorem 3.13, Lemma 2.10, and an analysis of components as in the proof of Proposition 3.6. Conjecture 3.1 then follows, and as does Conjecture 3.16 (using Proposition 3.17, Theorem 3.18, and the fact that  $\tilde{H}_d(K^p, \mathbb{Z}_p) = \tilde{H}_d^{BM}(K^p, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ ).  $\square$

### 4.3 | Results for reductive groups

Here, we will briefly indicate what type of results can be proved toward the Calegari–Emerton conjectures for more general reductive groups. Recall that if  $(G, X)$  is a Shimura datum, then  $X^+$  need not equal the symmetric space  $X^G$  in general. Indeed,  $X^+ \cong G(\mathbb{R})/Z(\mathbb{R})K_\infty$ , where  $Z \subseteq G$  is the center and  $K_\infty \subseteq G(\mathbb{R})$  is a maximal compact subgroup. Recall that  $A \subseteq Z$  is the maximal  $\mathbb{Q}$ -split subtorus and set

$$Z^a = \bigcap_{\chi} \text{Ker } \chi,$$

where  $\chi$  runs over the characters of  $Z$  defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then  $Z = Z^a A$  with  $A \cap Z^a$  finite, and  $X^G \rightarrow X^+$  is a (trivial) fibration with fiber  $Z^a(\mathbb{R})/(Z^a(\mathbb{R}) \cap K_\infty)$ . In particular,  $X^G \cong X^+$  if and only if  $Z^a(\mathbb{R})$  is compact. Note that this is equivalent to all arithmetic subgroups of  $Z$  being finite, and to  $l_0(Z) = 0$ . When this happens, we get clean results. Let  $d = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} X$ .

**Theorem 4.5.** *Assume that  $G$  admits a Shimura datum of preabelian type and that  $Z^a(\mathbb{R})$  is compact. Then Conjectures 3.1, 3.5, and 3.16 hold for  $G$ .*

*Proof.* We start with Conjecture 3.5. Fix a neat arithmetic subgroup  $\Gamma \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q})_+$  and  $n > q_0$ . Let  $T = G/G^{der}$  be the cocenter of  $G$ . Since  $Z \rightarrow T$  is an isogeny, all arithmetic subgroups of  $T$  are finite as well. In particular, the image of  $\Gamma$  in  $T(\mathbb{Q})$  is neat, hence trivial. So,  $\Gamma$  is contained in  $G^{der}(\mathbb{Q})_+$ , and one readily sees that Conjecture 3.5 for  $G$  is equivalent to Conjecture 3.5 for  $G^{der}$ , which follows from Theorem 4.4. Conjecture 3.1 then follows, and as does Conjecture 3.16 (using Proposition 3.17) apart from part (2). For a proof of this, we refer to Corollary 4.10 below, though we also note that one could give an easier proof in this special case. The last statement follows from the corresponding statement for  $G^{der}$  by the same arguments as in Theorem 4.4.  $\square$

*Remark 4.6.* We have elected to drop the statement that  $\tilde{H}_c^i(K^p, \mathbb{Z}_p) \rightarrow \tilde{H}^i(K^p, \mathbb{Z}_p)$  is an isomorphism (or surjective) in a range of degrees, but, of course, the proof also shows that we get this. We will continue to drop this statement throughout this section.

**Corollary 4.7.** *Assume that  $G$  admits a Shimura datum of Hodge type. Then Conjectures 3.1, 3.5, and 3.16 hold.*

*Proof.* If  $G$  admits a Shimura datum of Hodge type, then  $Z^a(\mathbb{R})$  is compact, so Theorem 4.5 applies.  $\square$

When  $Z^a(\mathbb{R})$  is noncompact, the Leopoldt conjecture interferes in deducing the Calegari-Emerton conjectures for  $G$  from  $G^{der}$  or  $G^{ad}$ . Indeed, if  $G = T$  is a torus, then the Leopoldt conjecture for  $T$  is equivalent to Conjecture 3.1 for  $T$ ; see [26, § 4.3.3] (note that Hill uses the symmetric spaces  $G(\mathbb{R})/K_\infty$  instead of our  $X^G$ ). We recall this briefly (also recall that tori satisfy the congruence subgroup property). Let  $K = K^p K_p$  be a compact open subgroup of  $T(\mathbb{A}_f)$  with  $K^p$  arbitrary and  $K_p$  neat. Set  $\Gamma = T(\mathbb{Q}) \cap K$ ; this is a finitely generated torsion-free abelian group. Let  $\hat{\Gamma}$  be the  $p$ -adic completion of  $\Gamma$  and consider the natural map  $f : \hat{\Gamma} \rightarrow K_p$ ; set  $\Delta = \text{Ker } f$  and  $I = \text{Im } f$ .  $\Delta$  is a finite free  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -module and the Leopoldt conjecture asserts that  $\Delta = 0$  (this assertion is independent of the choice of  $K$ ). An application of [26, Lemma 14] gives that

$$H^i(\Gamma, \text{Map}_{cts}(I, \mathbb{F}_p)) = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(\wedge^i_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \Delta, \mathbb{F}_p),$$

and, by Lemma 2.10,  $H^i(\Gamma, \text{Map}_{cts}(I, \mathbb{F}_p))$  vanishes simultaneously with  $H^i(\Gamma, \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{F}_p))$ , so by Proposition 3.6, the vanishing of  $\Delta$  is equivalent to Conjecture 3.3. In fact, the Leopoldt conjecture is also equivalent to Conjecture 3.16(2) for  $T$  (note that  $q_0(T) = 0$ ). This is certainly also well known; we give a very brief sketch of the proof.

**Proposition 4.8.** *Let  $K^p \subseteq T(\mathbb{A}_f^p)$  be compact open. Then the codimension of  $\tilde{H}_0(K^p, \mathbb{Z}_p)$  is  $l_0 - \text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \Delta$ . In fact, the projective dimension of  $\tilde{H}_0(K^p, \mathbb{Z}_p)$  is  $l_0 - \text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \Delta$ .*

*Proof.* Choose  $K_p$  neat and set  $\Gamma = T(\mathbb{Q})^+ \cap K^p K_p$ . As a right  $K_p$ -module, a straightforward computation (using the commutativity of  $T$ ) shows that

$$\tilde{H}_0(K^p, \mathbb{Z}_p) \cong \bigoplus_t \mathbb{Z}_p \llbracket I \backslash K_p \rrbracket,$$

where  $t$  runs over the finite set  $T(\mathbb{Q})^+ \backslash T(\mathbb{A}_f) / K^p K_p$  and  $I$  denotes the closure of  $\Gamma$  in  $K_p$ . Set  $M = \mathbb{Z}_p \llbracket I \backslash K_p \rrbracket$ ,  $A = \mathbb{Z}_p \llbracket I \rrbracket$  and  $B = \mathbb{Z}_p \llbracket K_p \rrbracket$ ;  $B$  is a projective (left and right)  $A$ -module by [8, Lemma 4.5] and  $M$  is a finitely generated right  $B$ -module, which is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_p \otimes_A B$ . Then  $\text{Ext}_B^i(M, B) \cong B \otimes_A \text{Ext}_A^i(\mathbb{Z}_p, A)$ , so the codimension of  $M$  as a right  $B$ -module is equal to the codimension of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  as a right  $A$ -module. Since  $I \cong \mathbb{Z}_p^{l_0 - \text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \Delta}$ , a computation using the Koszul complex shows that the codimension of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is  $l_0 - \text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \Delta$ . This finishes the proof of the first part. For the second part about the projective dimension, note that the Koszul complex of  $A$  is a resolution  $P_\bullet$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  of length  $l_0 - \text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \Delta$  by finite free  $A$ -modules. It follows that  $P_\bullet \otimes_A B$  is a resolution of  $M$  of length  $l_0 - \text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \Delta$  by finite free  $B$ -modules. Together with the first part, this finishes the proof of the second part.  $\square$

We may now give the most general result for reductive groups that we can prove.

**Theorem 4.9.** *Let  $G$  be a connected reductive group over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with center  $Z$ . Assume that the Leopoldt conjecture holds for  $Z$  and that  $G^{ad}$  admits a Shimura datum of abelian type. Then Conjecture 3.5 holds for  $G$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\Gamma_0 \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q})_+$  be an arithmetic subgroup and choose a sufficiently small neat  $K_p$  that is a product  $K_p = K_p^Z \times K_p^{ad}$  of a compact open  $K_p^Z \subseteq Z(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  and a compact open  $K_p^{ad} \subseteq G^{der}(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ ; note that the image of  $K_p^{ad}$  in  $G^{ad}(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  is open and isomorphic to  $K_p^{ad}$ ; we will conflate the two

(this explains the notation). Set  $\Gamma = \Gamma_0 \cap K_p$ . Let  $\Gamma_Z = \Gamma \cap Z(\mathbb{Q})$  and consider the closure  $\overline{\Gamma}_Z$  of  $\Gamma_Z$  inside  $K_p^Z$ . It is not clear to us *a priori* if  $\overline{\Gamma}_Z$  is saturated inside  $K_p^Z$  (as a  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -module), but if not we may achieve this by replacing  $K_p^Z$  with a smaller subgroup without changing  $\Gamma_Z$ , so we may assume this. This implies that the closure of the image of the projection  $\Gamma \rightarrow K_p^Z$  is equal to  $\overline{\Gamma}_Z$ . To see this, let  $C = G/G^{der}$  be the cocenter of  $G$ . The image  $\Gamma_C$  of  $\Gamma$  under the projection  $\Gamma \rightarrow C(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  is an arithmetic subgroup inside  $K_p^Z$  that contains  $\Gamma_Z$  as a finite index subgroup. It follows that the closure  $\overline{\Gamma}_C$  of  $\Gamma_C$  inside  $K_p^Z$  contains  $\overline{\Gamma}_Z$  as a finite index subgroup, but since  $\overline{\Gamma}_Z$  is saturated they must be equal. From this, it follows that the composition

$$\Gamma \rightarrow K_p \rightarrow K_p/\overline{\Gamma}_Z,$$

where the first map is the inclusion and the second is the natural projection, is equal to the composition

$$\Gamma \rightarrow K_p^{ad} \rightarrow K_p^{ad} \times K_p^Z/\overline{\Gamma}_Z = K_p/\overline{\Gamma}_Z,$$

where the first map is the projection and the second is the inclusion that is trivial on the second factor. We will use these facts in the calculation below.

Now, by Proposition 2.9 and Lemma 2.10, it suffices to show that

$$H_\gamma^n(\Gamma \backslash X, \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{F}_p)) = 0$$

for  $n > q_0 = q_0(G) = q_0(G^{ad})$ . Let  $\Gamma_{ad}$  be the image of  $\Gamma$  in  $G^{ad}(\mathbb{Q})^+$ . Consider the proper fibration  $\pi : \Gamma \backslash X \rightarrow \Gamma_{ad} \backslash X^{ad}$  with fiber  $\Gamma_Z \backslash X^Z$  (in this proof and the next only,  $X^{ad} = X^{G^{ad}}$ ) and the corresponding Leray spectral sequence

$$H_\gamma^r(\Gamma_{ad} \backslash X^{ad}, R^s \pi_* \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{F}_p)) \Rightarrow H_\gamma^{r+s}(\Gamma \backslash X, \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{F}_p)).$$

By Proposition 2.3,  $R^s \pi_* \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{F}_p)$  is the local system corresponding to  $H^s(\Gamma_Z, \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{F}_p))$ . Using the discussion on Leopoldt's conjecture above, the assumption that Leopoldt holds for  $Z$ , and Lemma 2.10, we see that  $H^s(\Gamma_Z, \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{F}_p)) = 0$  for  $s > 0$ . We then compute

$$\text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{F}_p)^{\Gamma_Z} \cong \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p^Z/\overline{\Gamma}_Z, \mathbb{F}_p) \otimes \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p^{ad}, \mathbb{F}_p)$$

as  $\Gamma_{ad}$ -modules, where  $\Gamma_{ad}$  acts trivially on the first factor, which is an  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -vector space that we call  $V$  (this uses the detailed setup above). So, the Leray spectral sequence reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} H_\gamma^n(\Gamma \backslash X, \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{F}_p)) &\cong H_\gamma^n(\Gamma_{ad} \backslash X^{ad}, V \otimes \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p^{ad}, \mathbb{F}_p)) \\ &\cong H_\gamma^n(\Gamma_{ad} \backslash X^{ad}, \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p^{ad}, \mathbb{F}_p)) \otimes V. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.10 and Theorem 4.4,  $H_\gamma^n(\Gamma_{ad} \backslash X^{ad}, \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p^{ad}, \mathbb{F}_p))$  vanishes for  $n > q_0$ . This finishes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.10.** *Keep the notation and assumptions of Theorem 4.9. Then Conjectures 3.1 and 3.16 hold for  $G$ .*

*Proof.* Note that  $l_0 = l_0(G) = l_0(Z)$  and  $q_0 = q_0(G) = q_0(G^{ad})$ . Fix  $K^p \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f^p)$ . Using Theorem 4.9, everything apart from Conjecture 3.16(2) follows as before, and additionally  $\tilde{H}_{q_0}(K^p, \mathbb{Z}_p) = \tilde{H}_{q_0}^{BM}(K^p, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ . The argument in Proposition 3.17 also shows that  $\tilde{H}_{q_0}(K^p, \mathbb{Z}_p)$  has codimension  $\geq l_0$ , so we need to show the opposite inequality. As in the proof of Theorem 4.9, choose a neat  $K_p \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  that can be written as a product  $K_p = K_p^{ad} \times K_p^Z$  with  $K_p^Z \subseteq Z(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  and  $K_p^{ad} \subseteq G^{der}(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ , and set  $\Gamma = G(\mathbb{Q})^+ \cap K^p K_p$  and  $\Gamma_Z = \Gamma \cap Z(\mathbb{Q})$ ; again, we rig it so that the closure  $\bar{\Gamma}_Z$  is saturated inside  $K_p^Z$ .

We then have  $\tilde{H}_{q_0}(K^p, \mathbb{Z}_p) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(\tilde{H}^{q_0}(K^p, \mathbb{Z}_p), \mathbb{Z}_p)$  by [12, Theorem 1.1(3)] and the vanishing of  $\tilde{H}^{q_0+1}(K^p, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ , so it suffices to prove that  $\tilde{H}^{q_0}(K^p, \mathbb{Z}_p)$  has a sub- $K_p$ -representation of injective dimension  $\leq l_0$ . Since  $H^{q_0}(\Gamma \backslash X, \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{Z}_p))$  is a direct summand of  $\tilde{H}^{q_0}(K^p, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ , it suffices to show that  $H^{q_0}(\Gamma \backslash X, \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{Z}_p))$  has a submodule of injective dimension  $\leq l_0$ . Here we view  $\text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{Z}_p)$  as a left  $\Gamma$ -module via inverting the left translation action; it has a commuting left  $K_p$ -action via right translation that gives  $H^{q_0}(\Gamma \backslash X, \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{Z}_p))$  its structure of a left  $K_p$ -module. Using the computations in the proof of Theorem 4.9 with  $\mathbb{F}_p$  replaced by  $\mathbb{Z}/p^r$  and taking inverse limits over  $r$  (which commute with cohomology by [19, Proposition 1.2.12]), we see that

$$H^{q_0}(\Gamma \backslash X, \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{Z}_p)) \cong H^{q_0}(\Gamma_{ad} \backslash X^{ad}, \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p^{ad}, \mathbb{Z}_p)) \hat{\otimes}_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p^Z, \mathbb{Z}_p)^{\Gamma_Z},$$

as left  $K_p = K_p^{ad} \times K_p^Z$ -representations. By Proposition 4.8 and the assumption on  $Z$ ,  $\text{Map}_{cts}(K_p^Z, \mathbb{Z}_p)^{\Gamma_Z}$  has injective dimension  $l_0$  as a  $K_p^Z$ -representation. By Theorem 3.18 and the discussion preceding it,  $H^{q_0}(\Gamma_{ad} \backslash X^{ad}, \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p^{ad}, \mathbb{Z}_p))$  contains an injective admissible  $K_p^{ad}$ -subrepresentation  $W$ . It follows that  $W \hat{\otimes}_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p^Z, \mathbb{Z}_p)^{\Gamma_Z}$  is a sub- $K_p$ -representation of  $H^{q_0}(\Gamma \backslash X, \text{Map}_{cts}(K_p, \mathbb{Z}_p))$  of injective dimension  $\leq l_0$ , as desired.  $\square$

*Remark 4.11.* We make a few additional remarks on these results.

- (1) Examples of cases when Theorem 4.9 and Corollary 4.10 are unconditional include  $G = \text{Res}_{\mathbb{Q}}^F \text{GSp}_{2g}$  for abelian totally real fields  $F$ , since the Leopoldt conjecture is known for tori which split over an abelian extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . One could also get weaker results with no condition on the center by assuming the known bounds for the Leopoldt defect.
- (2) Conjecture 3.16 has a natural analog for  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -coefficients, stated in [12, § 1.7]. Our methods prove this conjecture too under the same assumptions. We content ourselves by noting that the arguments to prove Proposition 3.17 and Corollary 4.10 go through with only superficial changes for  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -coefficients (though one could simplify the argument in Corollary 4.10 for  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -coefficients). Note here that Theorem 3.18 implies its  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -version when one knows  $p$ -torsionfreeness of  $\tilde{H}_{q_0}$ , using the results of [12, § 1.7].

## 5 | PERFECTOID SHIMURA VARIETIES

### 5.1 | Preparations in $p$ -adic geometry

In this preliminary section, we prove a number of loosely related results in  $p$ -adic geometry. We continue to fix a prime  $p$ . Group actions on spaces will mostly be right actions throughout this section.



Until further notice, “adic space” means “analytic adic space over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .” In what follows, we freely use the language of diamonds and some standard notation from [38]. Recall that a diamond is a pro-étale sheaf on the site  $\text{Perf}$  of characteristic  $p$  perfectoid spaces with certain properties. If  $X$  is an adic space, the corresponding diamond  $X^\diamond$  comes equipped with a natural map  $X^\diamond \rightarrow \text{Spd } \mathbb{Z}_p$ ; since  $\text{Perf}/_{\text{Spd } \mathbb{Z}_p}$  is naturally equivalent to the category  $\text{Perfd}$  of all perfectoid spaces, one is free to think of  $X^\diamond$  as a functor on  $\text{Perfd}$ . If  $X$  is a diamond with a  $G$ -action for some profinite group  $G$ , we write  $X/\underline{G}$  for the quotient sheaf computed as a *pro-étale* sheaf.

**Lemma 5.1.** *Let  $X$  be a spatial diamond with a  $G$ -action for some profinite group  $G$ . Suppose that  $G$  acts with finitely many orbits on  $\pi_0 X$ , and that each connected component of  $X$  is a perfectoid space. Then  $X$  is a perfectoid space.*

*Proof.* Let  $X_0$  be some connected component of  $X$ , and let  $x \in X_0$  be any point. Choose some open affinoid perfectoid neighborhood  $U \subseteq X_0$  of  $x$ . Let  $c : |X| \rightarrow \pi_0 X$  be the natural map, with  $s = c(X_0)$ . Writing

$$X_0 = \lim_{s \in S \subseteq \pi_0 X \text{ clopen}} c^{-1}(S)$$

as a cofiltered inverse limit of clopen spatial subdiamonds of  $X$  and applying [38, Proposition 11.23(iii)], we deduce that  $U$  spreads out to a small open spatial subdiamond  $\tilde{U} \subseteq X$  with  $\tilde{U} \cap X_0 = U$ . Let  $K \subseteq G$  be the open subgroup stabilizing  $\tilde{U}$ . Then for any  $k \in K$ ,  $\tilde{U} \cap X_0 k = \tilde{U} k \cap X_0 k = (\tilde{U} \cap X_0) k = U k$  is an affinoid perfectoid space. Since our assumptions on the group action guarantee that the orbit  $X_0 K$  is an open spatial subdiamond of  $X$ , we deduce that  $\tilde{U} \cap X_0 K$  is an open spatial subdiamond of  $X$  containing  $x$ , with the property that each connected component of  $\tilde{U} \cap X_0 K$  is affinoid perfectoid. By [38, Lemma 11.27], we deduce that  $\tilde{U} \cap X_0 K$  itself is affinoid perfectoid. Since  $X_0$  and  $x$  were arbitrary, we get the result.  $\square$

We now turn to some general results on group quotients. Let  $X$  be an adic space equipped with an action of a finite group  $G$ . The coarse quotient  $X/G$  always exists in Huber’s category  $\mathcal{V}$ , but, in general, it may not be an adic space. We need some general results showing that if  $X$  is a rigid analytic space or a perfectoid space, then so is  $X/G$ . The first author already considered this problem in [24], but the results there can be difficult to apply, since they included the assumption that  $X$  admits a  $G$ -invariant affinoid covering, and such coverings can be hard to exhibit in “real-life” situations. Here, we obtain much more satisfying and user-friendly results, which do not assume the *a priori* existence of  $G$ -invariant affinoid covers. In the rigid analytic situation, we obtain a very general result, cf. Theorem 5.3 below. In the perfectoid situation, we need slightly stronger hypotheses, cf. Theorem 5.8, but the result is sufficient for our intended applications to Shimura varieties.

Let  $X$  be a topological space with an action of a *finite* group  $G$  by continuous automorphisms. Let  $x \in X$  be any point, with stabilizer  $H_x \subseteq G$ . We say that an open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  is  *$G$ -clean* if  $Uh = U$  for all  $h \in H_x$  and moreover  $U \cap Ug = \emptyset$  for all  $g \in G \setminus H_x$ . Note, in particular, that if  $U$  is a  $G$ -clean neighborhood of  $x$ , then the natural map

$$U \times^{H_x} G \xrightarrow{(u,g) \mapsto ug} X$$

is an open embedding, and its image is just the union inside  $X$  of  $[G : H_x]$  many disjoint translates of  $U$ , so this is an especially pleasant type of  $G$ -stable open containing the orbit  $xG$ .

**Lemma 5.2.** *Let  $X$  be a Hausdorff topological space with a  $G$ -action. Then every point  $x \in X$  admits a  $G$ -clean open neighborhood.*

*Proof.* Fix  $x \in X$ , with stabilizer  $H$ . Choose coset representatives  $G = \coprod_{1 \leq i \leq n} Hg_i$  with  $g_1 = 1$ ; the orbit of  $x$  is then  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ , with  $x_i = xg_i$ . Since  $X$  is Hausdorff, we may choose pairwise disjoint open neighborhoods  $U'_i$  of the  $x_i$ 's. Clearly,  $g_i^{-1}Hg_i$  is the stabilizer of  $x_i$ , so the open set

$$U_i = \bigcap_{k \in g_i^{-1}Hg_i} U'_i k$$

contains  $x_i$  and is stable under  $g_i^{-1}Hg_i$ ; moreover, the  $U_i$ 's are pairwise disjoint. Now set  $V_i = U_i g_i^{-1}$ , so  $x \in V_i$  and  $V_i$  is  $H$ -stable. Finally, set  $W = \bigcap_i V_i$ ; we claim that  $W$  is a  $G$ -clean open neighborhood of  $x$ . Indeed,  $W$  is  $H$ -stable since the  $V_i$ 's are, so it remains to check that if  $i \neq j$ , then  $Wg_i \cap Wg_j = \emptyset$ . But  $Wg_i \subseteq V_i g_i = U_i$  and similarly for  $Wg_j$ , so  $Wg_i \cap Wg_j \subseteq U_i \cap U_j = \emptyset$ , as desired. □

**Theorem 5.3.** *Let  $X$  be a rigid analytic space over some nonarchimedean field  $K$  with an action of a finite group  $G$ . Assume that  $X$  is separated, and that for every rank one point  $x \in X$ , the closure  $\overline{\{x\}} \subseteq X$  is contained in some open affinoid subspace  $U = \text{Spa}(A, A^\circ) \subseteq X$ . Then the categorical quotient  $X/G = (|X|/G, (q_* \mathcal{O}_X)^G, \dots)$  is a rigid analytic space, and the natural map  $X \rightarrow X/G$  is finite. Moreover, the canonical map  $X^\diamond / \underline{G} \rightarrow (X/G)^\diamond$  is an isomorphism.*

The auxiliary conditions on  $X$  in this theorem are satisfied, for example, if  $X$  is affinoid, or if  $X$  is partially proper. In particular, the theorem applies whenever  $X$  is the analytification of a separated  $K$ -scheme of finite type. We would like to emphasize that these auxiliary conditions do not involve the  $G$ -action in any way. In particular, we are *not* assuming *a priori* that  $X$  admits a covering by  $G$ -stable affinoid subsets (though, *a posteriori*, the theorem shows that this is the case).

*Proof.* Let  $x \in |X|$  be any rank one point, with stabilizer  $H_x$  and closure  $\overline{\{x\}} \subseteq |X|$ . Let  $|X|^h$  be the maximal Hausdorff quotient of  $|X|$ , and let  $\pi : |X| \rightarrow |X|^h$  be the natural map, so if  $x \in |X|$  is any rank one point, then  $\overline{\{x\}} \subseteq \pi^{-1}(\pi(x))$ .<sup>†</sup> By functoriality of the maximal Hausdorff quotient,  $G$  naturally acts on  $|X|^h$  and  $\pi$  is  $G$ -equivariant. By Lemma 5.2, we can choose a  $G$ -clean open neighborhood  $U_x \subseteq |X|^h$  of  $\pi(x)$ . Set  $\tilde{U}_x = \pi^{-1}(U_x) \subseteq |X|$ , so  $\tilde{U}_x$  is a  $G$ -clean open neighborhood of  $x$  containing  $\overline{\{x\}}$ .

By assumption, we can choose an open affinoid subspace  $V_x = \text{Spa}(A, A^\circ) \subseteq X$  containing  $\overline{\{x\}}$ . Since  $X$  is separated, the intersection  $\bigcap_{h \in H_x} V_x h$  is still affinoid, so after replacing  $V_x$  by  $\bigcap_{h \in H_x} V_x h$ , we can assume that  $V_x$  is  $H_x$ -stable. The intersection  $W_x = \tilde{U}_x \cap V_x$  is still a  $G$ -clean open neighborhood of  $x$  containing  $\overline{\{x\}}$ . Now, observe that  $W_x \times^{H_x} G \subseteq X$  is a  $G$ -stable open

<sup>†</sup> One might guess that in fact  $\overline{\{x\}} = \pi^{-1}(\pi(x))$ , but this is not clear to us. Indeed, let  $|X|^\nu$  be the quotient of  $|X|$  by the transitive closure of the prerelation “ $x \sim y$  if  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for all open neighborhoods  $x \in U, y \in V$ .” Then  $\pi$  naturally factors as a composition of quotient maps  $|X| \xrightarrow{\tau} |X|^\nu \xrightarrow{q} |X|^h$ . By some standard structure theory of analytic adic spaces,  $\tau$  induces a bijection from the rank one points of  $|X|$  onto  $|X|^\nu$ , and  $\tau^{-1}(\tau(x)) = \overline{\{x\}}$  for any rank one point  $x \in |X|$ . However, the map  $q$  may not be a homeomorphism: for a general topological space  $T$ ,  $T^h$  can be obtained by transfinitely iterating the construction  $T \rightsquigarrow T^\nu$ . When  $|X|$  is *taut*, one can prove that  $q$  is a homeomorphism by combining [27, Lemmas 5.3.4 and 8.1.5].

subspace of  $X$  containing  $\overline{\{x\}}G$  with the crucial property that

$$W_x/H_x \cong (W_x \times^{H_x} G)/G \subseteq X/G$$

is naturally a rigid analytic space, because  $V_x/H_x \cong \text{Spa}(A^{H_x}, A^{\circ H_x})$  is an affinoid rigid space (e.g., by [24]) and  $|W_x|/H_x$  is an open subset of  $|V_x|/H_x$ . Varying over all rank one points  $x \in X$ , the spaces  $W_x/H_x$  give an open covering of  $X/G$  by rigid analytic spaces, so  $X/G$  is a rigid analytic space, as desired.

For finiteness of the map  $X \rightarrow X/G$ , note that  $f : W_x \rightarrow W_x/H_x$  is finite, since it is the pullback of the finite map  $V_x \rightarrow V_x/H_x$  along  $W_x/H_x \rightarrow V_x/H_x$ . It then suffices to observe that the pullback of  $X \rightarrow X/G$  along the open embedding  $W_x/H_x \rightarrow X/G$  is given by the map

$$W_x \times^{H_x} G \simeq \prod_{1 \leq i \leq n} W_x g_i \xrightarrow{\coprod f \circ g_i^{-1}} W_x/H_x,$$

which is clearly finite.

For the last point, it suffices to prove that the canonical maps  $V_x^\diamond/H_x \rightarrow (V_x/H_x)^\diamond$  are isomorphisms of pro-étale sheaves. We claim that, in fact, for any Tate  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -algebra  $A$  with an action of a finite group  $G$  and a  $G$ -stable subring of integral elements  $A^+$ , the canonical map  $\text{Spd}(A, A^+)/\underline{G} \rightarrow \text{Spd}(A^G, A^{+G})$  is an isomorphism. It suffices to check that  $\text{Spd}(A, A^+) \times \underline{G} \rightrightarrows \text{Spd}(A, A^+)$  is a presentation of  $\text{Spd}(A^G, A^{+G})$  as a pro-étale sheaf. Arguing as in [14, Proposition 2.1.1], this reduces to the fact that the maps  $\text{Spd}(A, A^+) \rightarrow \text{Spd}(A^G, A^{+G})$  and  $\text{Spd}(A, A^+) \times \underline{G} \rightarrow \text{Spd}(A, A^+) \times_{\text{Spd}(A^G, A^{+G})} \text{Spd}(A, A^+)$  are quasi-pro-étale. Since the morphisms in question are separated, this can be checked on rank one geometric points by [38, Proposition 13.6], where it is obvious.  $\square$

Unfortunately, the perfectoid variant of the previous theorem is not so clean, primarily because of “problems” with the notion of a “separated” perfectoid space. For example, for perfectoid spaces over a perfectoid field, the notion introduced in [38, Definition 5.10] is too weak for our purposes. The following notion of separation is more than sufficient for our purposes. In what follows, we will frequently use the fact that if  $X$  and  $Y$  are perfectoid spaces over  $\text{Spa}(K, K^+)$  for some affinoid field  $(K, K^+)$ , then the fiber product  $X \times_{\text{Spa}(K, K^+)} Y$  is naturally a perfectoid space. By gluing, this reduces to the claim that this fiber product is naturally affinoid perfectoid if  $X$  and  $Y$  are each affinoid perfectoid, which is [28, Corollary 3.6.18].

**Definition 5.4.**

- (1) A map of perfectoid spaces  $Z \rightarrow X$  is a *Zariski-closed embedding* if for any open affinoid perfectoid subset  $U \subseteq X$ , the map  $Z \times_X U \rightarrow U$  is a Zariski-closed embedding of affinoid perfectoid spaces in the sense of [37, § 2.2]. We say that an open subset  $U$  of a perfectoid space  $X$  is *Zariski open* if the inclusion  $X \setminus U \rightarrow X$  is a Zariski closed embedding.
- (2) A perfectoid space  $X$  over a nonarchimedean field  $\text{Spa}(K, K^+)$  is *analytically separated* if the diagonal map  $X \rightarrow X \times_{\text{Spa}(K, K^+)} X$  is a Zariski-closed embedding.

We caution the reader this definition of being a Zariski-closed embedding is rather delicate: among other things, it is not clear whether this property can be checked locally on a single affinoid

cover of  $X$ , or whether this property is stable under base change. The key property of analytically separated perfectoid spaces that we will use is part (2) of the following lemma.

**Lemma 5.5.**

- (1) If a perfectoid space  $X$  is analytically separated, then it is separated in the sense of [38], that is,  $X^\diamond \rightarrow \mathrm{Spd}(K, K^+)$  is a separated map of  $v$ -sheaves.
- (2) If  $X$  is analytically separated, then for any two open affinoid perfectoid subsets  $U, V \subseteq X$ , the intersection  $U \cap V$  is affinoid perfectoid.

*Proof.* Part (1) is straightforward and left to the reader (and we would not need it anyway). Part (2) is immediate upon writing  $U \cap V = (U \times_{\mathrm{Spa}(K, K^+)} V) \times_{X \times_{\mathrm{Spa}(K, K^+)} X, \Delta} X$ . □

In practice, analytic separation can often be checked via the following lemma.

**Lemma 5.6.** *Let  $(X_i)_{i \in I}$  be a cofiltered inverse system of separated rigid analytic spaces over some  $\mathrm{Spa}(K, K^\circ)$ , and suppose that there is some perfectoid space  $X_\infty$  such that  $X_\infty = \varprojlim_i X_i^\diamond$  as diamonds. Suppose moreover that each  $X_i$  is an open subset of the analytification of a projective variety over  $K$ . Then  $X_\infty$  is analytically separated.*

*Proof.* By assumption, we can choose open immersions  $X_i \rightarrow V_i^{\mathrm{an}}$  for some projective varieties  $V_i$ . Let  $U \subseteq X_\infty \times_{\mathrm{Spa}(K, K^\circ)} X_\infty$  be some open affinoid perfectoid subset. Set

$$W_i = U \times_{X_i \times_{\mathrm{Spa}(K, K^\circ)} X_i, \Delta} X_i \cong U \times_{V_i^{\mathrm{an}} \times_{\mathrm{Spa}(K, K^\circ)} V_i^{\mathrm{an}}, \Delta} V_i^{\mathrm{an}}.$$

*A priori*, we are computing this fiber product as diamonds. However, by the subsequent lemma,  $W_i$  is affinoid perfectoid and the resulting map  $W_i \rightarrow U$  is a Zariski-closed embedding. Then  $U \times_{X_\infty \times_{\mathrm{Spa}(K, K^\circ)} X_\infty, \Delta} X_\infty = \varprojlim_i W_i$  is affinoid perfectoid, and  $\varprojlim_i W_i \rightarrow U$  is a cofiltered limit of Zariski-closed embeddings. Since any cofiltered limit of Zariski-closed embeddings with fixed target is a Zariski-closed embedding, we get the result. □

**Lemma 5.7.** *Let  $Y \rightarrow X$  be a closed immersion of quasi-projective varieties over a nonarchimedean field  $K$ , and let  $Z$  be any perfectoid space equipped with a map  $f : Z \rightarrow X^{\mathrm{an}}$ . Then the diamond  $W = Z \times_{X^{\mathrm{an}}} Y^{\mathrm{an}}$  is a perfectoid space, and the natural map  $W \rightarrow Z$  is a Zariski-closed embedding.*

*Proof.* Unwinding the definitions, it suffices to prove that if  $Z$  is affinoid perfectoid, then  $W = Z \times_{X^{\mathrm{an}}} Y^{\mathrm{an}} \rightarrow Z$  is a Zariski-closed embedding of affinoid perfectoid spaces.

Replacing  $X$  by its closure in some projective space, and replacing  $Y$  by its closure in  $X$ , we can assume that  $Y \rightarrow X$  is a closed immersion of projective varieties. Let  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_{X^{\mathrm{an}}}$  be the ideal sheaf cutting out  $Y^{\mathrm{an}}$ . By rigid GAGA and the projectivity of  $X$ , we can choose a vector bundle  $\mathcal{E}$  on  $X^{\mathrm{an}}$  together with a surjection  $\mathcal{E} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{I}$ . Then  $f^*\mathcal{E}$  is naturally a vector bundle on  $Z$ , and the image of the natural map  $f^*\mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_Z$  is just the ideal sheaf generated by  $f^{-1}\mathcal{I}$ . However,  $Z$  is affinoid perfectoid, so  $f^*\mathcal{E}$  is generated by its global sections, which are just a finitely generated projective  $\mathcal{O}_Z(Z)$ -module. In particular, if  $e_1, \dots, e_n \in H^0(Z, f^*\mathcal{E})$  is any set of generators, then their images in  $\mathcal{O}_Z(Z)$  generate an ideal  $I$  corresponding to the ideal sheaf generated by  $f^{-1}\mathcal{I}$ . Let  $W \subseteq Z$  be the Zariski-closed subset cut out by  $I$ . It is then easy to see that  $W$  represents the fiber product claimed in the statement of the lemma. □

**Theorem 5.8.** *Let  $X$  be a perfectoid space over a nonarchimedean field, with an action of a finite group  $G$ . Assume that  $X$  is analytically separated, and that for every rank one point  $x \in X$ , the closure  $\overline{\{x\}} \subseteq X$  is contained in some open affinoid perfectoid subspace  $U = \mathrm{Spa}(A, A^+) \subseteq X$ .*

*Then the categorical quotient  $X/G$  is a perfectoid space, and the natural map  $q : X \rightarrow X/G$  is affinoid in the (weak) sense that any point  $y \in X/G$  admits a neighborhood basis of open affinoid perfectoid subsets  $Y \subseteq X$  whose preimages  $q^{-1}(Y)$  are affinoid perfectoid. Moreover, the canonical morphism  $X^\diamond/G \rightarrow (X/G)^\diamond$  is an isomorphism.*

*Proof.* The first portion of the proof is nearly identical to the proof of Theorem 5.3, but we repeat the details for the reader's convenience.

Let  $x \in X$  be any rank one point, with stabilizer  $H_x$  and closure  $\overline{\{x\}} \subseteq X$ . Let  $|X|^h$  be the maximal Hausdorff quotient of  $|X|$ , and let  $\pi : |X| \rightarrow |X|^h$  be the natural map, so if  $x \in |X|$  is any rank one point, then  $\overline{\{x\}} \subseteq \pi^{-1}(\pi(x))$ . By functoriality of the maximal Hausdorff quotient,  $G$  naturally acts on  $|X|^h$  and  $\pi$  is  $G$ -equivariant. By Lemma 5.2, we can choose a  $G$ -clean open neighborhood  $U_x \subseteq |X|^h$  of  $\pi(x)$ . Let  $\tilde{U}_x$  be the preimage of  $U_x$  in  $|X|$ , so  $\tilde{U}_x$  is a  $G$ -clean open neighborhood of  $x$  containing  $\overline{\{x\}}$ .

By assumption, we can choose an open affinoid perfectoid subspace  $V_x = \mathrm{Spa}(A, A^+) \subseteq X$  containing  $\overline{\{x\}}$ . Since  $X$  is analytically separated, the intersection  $\bigcap_{h \in H_x} V_x h$  is affinoid perfectoid by Lemma 5.5.(2), so after replacing  $V_x$  by  $\bigcap_{h \in H_x} V_x h$ , we can assume that  $V_x$  is  $H_x$ -stable. The intersection  $W_x = \tilde{U}_x \cap V_x$  is still a  $G$ -clean open neighborhood of  $x$  containing  $\overline{\{x\}}$ . Now, observe that  $W_x \times^{H_x} G \subseteq X$  is a  $G$ -stable open subspace of  $X$  containing  $\overline{\{x\}}G$  with the crucial property that

$$W_x/H_x \cong (W_x \times^{H_x} G)/G \subseteq X/G$$

is naturally a perfectoid space, because  $V_x/H_x \cong \mathrm{Spa}(A^{H_x}, A^{+H_x})$  is an affinoid perfectoid space by [24, Theorem 1.4] and  $|W_x|/H_x$  is an open subset of  $|V_x|/H_x$ . Varying over all rank one points  $x \in X$ , the spaces  $W_x/H_x$  give an open covering of  $X/G$  by perfectoid spaces, so  $X/G$  is a perfectoid space, as desired.

To see that  $q$  is affinoid, let  $y \in X/G$  be any point, so  $y$  is contained in some  $W_x/H_x$ . Let  $Y \subseteq W_x/H_x \subseteq X/G$  be any open subset containing  $y$  such that  $Y$  is a rational subset of  $V_x/H_x$ . The set of such  $Y$ 's is clearly a neighborhood basis of  $y$ . Moreover,  $q^{-1}(Y)$  is a finite disjoint union of copies of the preimage of  $Y$  in  $V_x$ , but the latter preimage is a rational subset of  $V_x$ , and hence, is affinoid perfectoid, so  $q^{-1}(Y)$  is affinoid perfectoid. Varying  $y$ , we get the claim.

The last point follows exactly as in the proof of Theorem 5.3. □

In the next section, we will often be in a situation where we have a morphism between two inverse systems of Shimura varieties for some closely related Shimura data. In the remainder of this section, we prove some results that will allow us to transfer information from one inverse system to the other.

**Lemma 5.9.** *Let  $(X_i)_{i \in I} \xrightarrow{f_i} (Y_i)_{i \in I}$  be a morphism of cofiltered inverse systems of locally Noetherian adic spaces. Assume moreover that the maps  $f_i$  and the transition maps in the inverse systems are all finite maps, and that  $Y_\infty = \varprojlim_i Y_i^\diamond$  is perfectoid.*

*Then  $X_\infty = \varprojlim_i X_i^\diamond$  is perfectoid, and the morphism  $f_\infty : X_\infty \rightarrow Y_\infty$  is quasi-compact. Moreover, if  $U \subseteq Y_\infty$  is an open affinoid perfectoid subset that arises as the preimage of an open affinoid*

$U_i \subseteq Y_i$  for some  $i$ , then  $f_\infty^{-1}(U) \subseteq X_\infty$  is also affinoid perfectoid. Finally,  $f_\infty$  is affinoid in the sense of Theorem 5.8.

With more effort, one can show that the morphism  $f_\infty$  is proper and quasi-pro-étale in the sense of [38]. We will not need this.

*Proof.* Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $I$  contains an initial element 0. Next, observe that

$$\begin{aligned} X_\infty &\cong \varprojlim_j X_\infty \times_{Y_j} Y_\infty \\ &\cong \varprojlim_{i \geq j} X_i \times_{Y_j} Y_\infty \\ &\cong \varprojlim_i X_i \times_{Y_i} Y_\infty \end{aligned}$$

using the cofinality of the diagonal to get the last line. Choose an open affinoid subset  $U_0 \subseteq Y_0$  with preimages  $U_i \subseteq Y_i$ ,  $W_i \subseteq X_i$ ,  $U_\infty \subseteq Y_\infty$ ,  $W_\infty \subseteq X_\infty$ . To prove the first part of the theorem, it suffices to prove that  $W_\infty$  is a perfectoid space. This can be checked locally on some covering of  $U_\infty$  by open affinoid perfectoid subsets  $V = \text{Spa}(R, R^+) \subseteq U_\infty$ . By our assumptions, the natural maps  $W_i \rightarrow U_i$  are finite maps of affinoid adic spaces, so, in particular,  $\mathcal{O}^+(U_i) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^+(W_i)$  is an integral ring map. By general nonsense, the fiber product  $X_i \times_{Y_i} V = W_i \times_{U_i} V$  is computed as  $\text{Spd}(S, S^+)$ , where  $S = R \otimes_{\mathcal{O}^+(U_i)} \mathcal{O}^+(W_i)$  (topologized in the usual way) and  $S^+$  is the integral closure of  $\text{im}(R^+ \otimes_{\mathcal{O}^+(U_i)} \mathcal{O}^+(W_i) \rightarrow S)$  in  $S$ . In particular,  $R^+ \rightarrow S^+$  is an integral ring map, so the subsequent lemma implies that  $W_i \times_{U_i} V$  is an affinoid perfectoid space. Passing to the limit over  $i$ , we deduce that  $W_\infty \times_{U_\infty} V$  is an affinoid perfectoid space, and then varying over all choices of  $U_0 \subseteq Y_0$  and  $V \subseteq U_\infty$  as above, we conclude that  $X_\infty$  is a perfectoid space.

Quasi-compactness of  $f_\infty$  is clear. For the remaining claims of the theorem, choose some  $U_i \subseteq Y_i$  and  $U \subseteq Y_\infty$  as in the statement of the claim, and let  $U_j \subseteq Y_j$  and  $W_j \subseteq X_j$  denote the evident preimages for all  $j \geq i$ . Arguing as in the first part of the proof, we see that  $f_\infty^{-1}(U) = \varprojlim_{j \geq i} W_j \times_{U_j} U$  and that  $W_j \times_{U_j} U$  is an affinoid perfectoid space for any  $j \geq i$ . Passing to the limit over  $j$  gives the claim. Affinoidness of  $f_\infty$  now follows from Lemma 5.11 below.  $\square$

In the course of this proof, we crucially used the following result, which is essentially just a rephrasing of a theorem of Bhatt-Scholze.

**Lemma 5.10.** *Let  $(R, R^+) \rightarrow (S, S^+)$  be a map of Tate–Huber pairs such that  $R$  is a perfectoid Tate ring and the ring map  $R^+ \rightarrow S^+$  is integral. Then the diamond  $\text{Spd}(S, S^+)$  is an affinoid perfectoid space.*

*Proof.* Choose a pseudouniformizer  $\varpi \in R^+$ . Since  $R^+$  is integral perfectoid and  $R^+ \rightarrow S^+$  is an integral ring map, [10, Theorem 1.16(1)] guarantees the existence of an integral perfectoid  $S^+$ -algebra  $S^+_{\text{perfd}}$  such that any map from  $S^+$  to an integral perfectoid ring factors uniquely through the map  $S^+ \rightarrow S^+_{\text{perfd}}$ . Set  $T = S^+_{\text{perfd}}[1/\varpi]$ , and let  $T^+ \subset T$  be the integral closure of  $S^+_{\text{perfd}}$  in  $T$ . Then  $T$  is a perfectoid Tate ring, and the natural map  $(S, S^+) \rightarrow (T, T^+)$  induces a bijection

$\text{Hom}((T, T^+), (A, A^+)) \cong \text{Hom}((S, S^+), (A, A^+))$  for any perfectoid Tate–Huber pair  $(A, A^+)$ . This shows that  $\text{Spd}(S, S^+) \cong \text{Spd}(T, T^+)$  is affinoid perfectoid, as desired.  $\square$

We also used the following result.

**Lemma 5.11.** *Let  $(X_i)_{i \in I}$  be a cofiltered inverse system of locally Noetherian adic spaces with finite transition maps. Assume that  $X = \varprojlim X_i^\diamond$  is a perfectoid space. Then  $X$  has a neighborhood basis of open affinoid perfectoid subsets  $W \subset X$  that are preimages of open affinoids  $W_i \subset X_i$  at (variable) finite levels.*

*Proof.* Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $I$  has an initial object  $0$ . The problem is local on  $X_0$ , so replacing  $X_0$  by an open affinoid subset and using the finiteness of the maps in the tower, we can also assume that all  $X_i$ 's are affinoid, say with  $X_i = \text{Spa}(B_i, B_i^+)$ . Let  $(B, B^+)$  be the completed direct limit of the system  $(B_i, B_i^+)$ , so  $X \cong \text{Spd}(B, B^+)$ . Now, let  $\mathcal{W}$  be the set of rational subsets  $W \subset X$  that are contained in some open affinoid perfectoid subset of  $X$ . Then any  $W \in \mathcal{W}$  is affinoid perfectoid, and elements of  $\mathcal{W}$  clearly form a neighborhood basis of  $X$ . On the other hand, any rational subset of  $X$ , and in particular any element of  $\mathcal{W}$ , is the preimage of a rational subset of  $X_i$  for some large  $i$  by standard approximation arguments.  $\square$

In applications, we will usually care about inverse systems with the following restrictive properties.

**Definition 5.12.** Fix a nonarchimedean field  $K$ . A *good tower* is a cofiltered inverse system of locally Noetherian adic spaces  $(X_i)_{i \in I}$  over  $\text{Spa } K$  with the following properties.

- (1) Each  $X_i$  is the analytification of a projective variety over  $K$ , and the transition maps are finite.
- (2) The inverse limit  $X = \varprojlim X_i^\diamond$  is a perfectoid space.
- (3) There exists a pair of coverings of  $X$  by open affinoid perfectoid subsets  $U_j, V_j$  such that  $\overline{U_j} \subseteq V_j$  for all  $j$ , and such that for each  $j$ ,  $U_j$  and  $V_j$  occur as the preimages of some open affinoids  $U_{j,i_j}, V_{j,i_j} \subseteq X_{i_j}$  for some  $i_j \in I$ .

The point of this definition is captured in the following proposition.

**Proposition 5.13.**

- (1) Let  $(Y_i)_{i \in I}$  be a good tower. If  $(X_i)_{i \in I} \xrightarrow{f_i} (Y_i)_{i \in I}$  is any map of cofiltered inverse systems such that the morphisms  $f_i$  are finite, then  $(X_i)_{i \in I}$  is a good tower.
- (2) If  $(X_i)_{i \in I}$  is a good tower with an action of a finite group  $G$ , then the categorical quotient  $X/G$  is a perfectoid space and  $X/G \cong \varprojlim X_i/G$ .

Note that in part (2), we are not claiming that  $(X_i/G)_{i \in I}$  is a good tower: it is not clear to us whether condition (3) is preserved.

*Proof.* For part (1), let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  denote the map between the limits of the towers. Note that since  $X_i \rightarrow Y_i$  is finite, the tower  $(X_i)_{i \in I}$  satisfies condition (1) of Definition 5.12 by rigid GAGA. Conditions (2) and (3) then follow from Lemma 5.9. Indeed, (2) is immediate, and (3) follows

from the observation that if  $U_j \subseteq V_j \subseteq Y$  are open affinoid perfectoid subsets pulled back from some finite-level affinoids  $U_{j,i_j}, V_{j,i_j} \subseteq Y_i$ , then  $f^{-1}(U_j)$  is affinoid perfectoid by Lemma 5.9 and is clearly the preimage of the affinoid  $f_i^{-1}(U_{j,i_j}) \subseteq X_{i_j}$  (and similarly for the  $V_j$ 's). Finally, the condition on closures follows from the inclusions  $\overline{f^{-1}(U_j)} \subseteq \overline{f^{-1}(\overline{U_j})} \subseteq f^{-1}(V_j)$ .

For part (2),  $X/G$  is perfectoid by Theorem 5.8, since by design, the limit of a good tower satisfies the conditions of that theorem. Indeed, the limit of any good tower is analytically separated by Lemma 5.6. Moreover, if  $U_j, V_j \subseteq X$  are as in the definition of a good tower, then any rank one point  $x \in X$  is contained in some  $U_j$ , in which case  $\overline{\{x\}} \subseteq \overline{U_j} \subseteq V_j$ .

It remains to check that the natural map  $f : X/G \rightarrow \varprojlim_i X_i/G$  is an isomorphism of diamonds. The source and target of this map are spatial diamonds, so the map is automatically qcqs. Thus, by [38, Lemma 11.11], it suffices to prove that  $f$  induces a bijection on  $(C, C^+)$ -points for every algebraically closed perfectoid field  $C$  with an open and bounded valuation subring  $C^+ \subseteq C$ . In what follows, we will freely use the fact that  $(C, C^+)$ -points can be computed “naively”: if  $X$  is a pro-étale sheaf with a  $G$ -action for some profinite group  $G$  and  $X/G$  denotes the quotient as pro-étale sheaves, then  $X(C, C^+)/G \cong (X/G)(C, C^+)$ . This is an easy consequence of the fact that any pro-étale cover of a geometric point  $(C, C^+)$  has a section.<sup>†</sup>

For surjectivity, let  $(x_i \in X_i(C, C^+)/G)_{i \in I}$  be any inverse system of points. Let  $W_i \subseteq X(C, C^+)$  be the preimage of  $x_i$ . Since  $W_i \cong \varprojlim_j W_{i,j}$  where  $W_{i,j} \subseteq X_j(C, C^+)$  is the preimage of  $x_i$ , and each  $W_{i,j}$  is finite and nonempty (use that  $X_j \rightarrow X_i$  is finite),  $W_i$  naturally has the structure of a (nonempty) profinite set. Then  $W = \varprojlim_i W_i$  is an inverse limit of non-empty compact Hausdorff spaces, and thus is nonempty. Any choice of  $x \in W \subseteq X(C, C^+)$  maps to the inverse system  $(x_i)_{i \in I}$ .

For injectivity, let  $x, y \in X(C, C^+)$  be two elements with the same image in  $\varprojlim_i X_i(C, C^+)/G$ . Let  $x_i, y_i \in X_i(C, C^+)$  be the images of  $x$  and  $y$ , and let  $G_i \subset G$  be the set  $g \in G$  with  $gx_i = y_i$ . Then  $G_i$  is nonempty by assumption, and  $G_j \rightarrow G_i$  is injective for all  $j \geq i$ , so  $\varprojlim_i G_i$  is nonempty. Choosing any  $g \in \varprojlim_i G_i$ , we then have  $gx = y$ , as desired.  $\square$

## 5.2 | Perfectoid Shimura varieties of Hodge type

We now return to Shimura varieties. Let  $(G, X)$  be a Shimura datum of Hodge type, with reflex field  $E$  and Hodge cocharacter  $\mu$ . For any open compact subgroup  $K \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f)$ , we write  $Sh_K(G, X)$  for the canonical model of the associated Shimura variety; this is a normal quasi-projective scheme over  $E$ . This has a canonical projective minimal compactification  $Sh_K^*(G, X)$ , which is also normal. Fix a prime  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $E$  lying over  $p$ , and let  $\mathcal{X}_K$ , resp.  $\mathcal{X}_K^*$  denote the rigid analytic space over  $E_{\mathfrak{p}}$  associated with  $Sh_K(G, X) \otimes_E E_{\mathfrak{p}}$ , resp.  $Sh_K^*(G, X) \otimes_E E_{\mathfrak{p}}$ . As  $K$  varies, these spaces form a pair of inverse systems with finite transition maps, and compatible open immersions  $\mathcal{X}_K \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_K^*$ . Recall the (rigid analytic) flag variety  $\mathcal{F}\ell_{G,\mu}$  attached to  $(G, X)$ , as defined over  $E_{\mathfrak{p}}$  in [16, § 2.1].

**Proposition 5.14.** *Fix any open compact subgroup  $K^P \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f^P)$ . Then  $\mathcal{X}_{K^P}^* = \varprojlim_{K^P} \mathcal{X}_{K^P K^P}^{*,\diamond}$  is a perfectoid space, and there is a  $G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ -equivariant Hodge–Tate period map  $\pi_{HT} : \mathcal{X}_{K^P}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{F}\ell_{G,\mu}$  which is functorial in the tame level.*

<sup>†</sup> More generally, if  $\mathcal{F}$  is a presheaf of sets on a site  $\mathcal{C}$ , and  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  is any object with the property that every covering of  $X$  admits a section, then the natural map  $\mathcal{F}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^{sh}(X)$  is a bijection, where  $(-)^{sh}$  denotes sheaffication. This is easy and left to the reader.



Moreover,  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p}^*$  is analytically separated, and we can find a pair of coverings by finitely many open affinoid perfectoid subsets  $U_i, V_i \subseteq \mathcal{X}_{K^p}^*$  such that  $\overline{U_i} \subseteq V_i$  for all  $i$  and such that  $U_i$  and  $V_i$  arise as the preimages of some open affinoid subsets of some  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p K_p}^*$ .

In particular, for any cofinal system of open compact subgroups  $K_p \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ ,  $(\mathcal{X}_{K^p K_p}^*)_{K_p}$  is a good tower (over  $E_p$ ) in the sense of Definition 5.12.

Note that  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p}^*$  may not coincide with the “ad hoc” compactification  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p}^*$  constructed in [Sch15], although by construction, there is certainly a map  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_{K^p}^*$ . The fact that we can prove this result for the genuine minimal compactification relies crucially on the perfectoidization theorem of Bhatt–Scholze recalled in Lemma 5.10.

*Proof.* Fix a closed embedding  $\iota : (G, X) \rightarrow (\mathrm{GSp}_{2g}, \mathfrak{H}_g^\pm)$  into a Siegel Shimura datum. For any open compact subgroup  $K \subseteq \mathrm{GSp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ , let  $S_K$ , resp.  $S_K^*$  denote the rigid analytic space over  $E_p$  associated with  $Sh_K(\mathrm{GSp}_{2g}, \mathfrak{H}_g^\pm) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} E_p$ , resp.  $Sh_K^*(\mathrm{GSp}_{2g}, \mathfrak{H}_g^\pm) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} E_p$ . By [37, Theorem 3.3.18],  $\varprojlim_{K^p} S_{K^p K_p}^*$  is a perfectoid space for any open compact subgroup  $K^p \subseteq \mathrm{GSp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  contained in some conjugate of a principal congruence subgroup of level  $\geq 3$ . However, this last condition can easily be removed using [24, Theorem 1.4], noting, in particular, that  $S_{K^p}^*$  is covered by finitely many  $\mathrm{GSp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ -translates of a certain open affinoid perfectoid subset  $S_{K^p}^*(\epsilon)_a$ ,<sup>†</sup> and that these subsets are invariant under the action of  $K'^p/K^p$  for any normal inclusion  $K^p \subseteq K'^p$  of tame-level groups.

The chosen embedding  $\iota$  gives rise to compatible finite maps  $\mathcal{X}_{K \cap G(\mathbb{A}_f)} \rightarrow S_K$  for any  $K \subseteq \mathrm{GSp}_{2g}(\mathbb{A}_f)$  as above, which naturally extend to compatible finite morphisms  $\mathcal{X}_{K \cap G(\mathbb{A}_f)}^* \rightarrow S_K^*$ . Now, choose any  $K^p \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f^p)$  as in the proposition, and choose an open compact  $K'^p \subseteq \mathrm{GSp}_{2g}(\mathbb{A}_f^p)$  such that  $K^p \subseteq K'^p$ . Choosing a cofinal set of (neat) open compact subgroups  $K_0 \supseteq K_1 \supseteq K_2 \cdots$  in  $\mathrm{GSp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ , we get a map of inverse systems  $(\mathcal{X}_{K^p \iota^{-1}(K_n)}^*)_{n \geq 0} \rightarrow (S_{K'^p K_n}^*)_{n \geq 0}$  satisfying all the hypotheses of Lemma 5.9. Applying that lemma, we deduce that  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p}^*$  is a perfectoid space and the natural map  $f : \mathcal{X}_{K^p}^* \rightarrow S_{K'^p}^*$  is quasi-compact. Moreover,  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p}^*$  is analytically separated by Lemma 5.6.

Now choose some  $0 < \epsilon < \epsilon' < 1/2$  and finitely many  $g_i \in \mathrm{GSp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  such that the translates  $S_{K'^p}^*(\epsilon)_a \cdot g_i$  cover  $S_{K'^p}^*$ . Note that any such translate is the preimage of an open affinoid subset of some  $S_{K'^p K_n}^*$ , so again, by Lemma 5.9, we see that the preimages

$$U_i = f^{-1}(S_{K'^p}^*(\epsilon)_a \cdot g_i) \subseteq V_i = f^{-1}(S_{K'^p}^*(\epsilon')_a \cdot g_i)$$

are affinoid perfectoid and give open covers of  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p}^*$ , and arise by pullback from some finite level. Moreover,  $\overline{S_{K'^p}^*(\epsilon)_a \cdot g_i} \subseteq S_{K'^p}^*(\epsilon')_a \cdot g_i$  for any  $\epsilon < \epsilon' < 1/2$ , and clearly  $\overline{U_i} \subseteq f^{-1}(\overline{S_{K'^p}^*(\epsilon)_a \cdot g_i})$ , so we conclude that  $\overline{U_i} \subseteq V_i$  as desired.

The Hodge–Tate period map is the composition of the natural map  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_{K^p}^*$  with the (previously known) Hodge–Tate period map  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{G, \mu}$ , cf. [13, Theorem 3.3.1] for a discussion of the latter (the argument there also works to construct  $\pi_{HT} : \mathcal{X}_{K^p}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{G, \mu}$  without the use of ad hoc compactifications). □

<sup>†</sup> This subset is denoted as  $\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma(p^\infty)}^*(\epsilon)_a$  in [37, § 3].

For later use, we also record an extremely mild generalization of this result.

**Corollary 5.15.** *For any open compact subgroup  $K \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f)$  and any cofinal system of open compact subgroups  $K_p \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ ,  $(\mathcal{X}_{K \cap K_p}^*)_{K_p}$  is a good tower (over  $E_p$ ) in the sense of Definition 5.12.*

Here and in what follows, we adopt the following notational convention: if  $G$  is an algebraic group over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G(\mathbb{A}_f)$ , and  $K_p$  is a subgroup of  $G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ , then  $H \cap K_p$  denotes the group of elements  $h \in H$  whose image in  $G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$  lies in  $K_p$ . In other words,  $H \cap K_p$  is short for  $H \cap (G(\mathbb{A}_f^p)K_p)$ . We hope this does not cause any confusion.

*Proof.* Let  $K^p \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f^p)$  denote the image of  $K$  along the natural projection. Then  $K \cap K_p$  has finite index in  $K^p K_p$ , so we get natural finite morphisms  $\mathcal{X}_{K \cap K_p}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_{K^p K_p}^*$  that compile into a map of towers  $(\mathcal{X}_{K \cap K_p}^*)_{K_p} \rightarrow (\mathcal{X}_{K^p K_p}^*)_{K_p}$ . Since the target is a good tower by the previous proposition, we may apply Proposition 5.13(i) to conclude. □

### 5.3 | Perfectoid Shimura varieties of preabelian type

In this section, we change notation slightly. Given a Shimura datum  $(G, X)$  and an open compact subgroup  $K \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f)$ , we write  $Sh_K(G, X)$  for the associated Shimura variety regarded as a quasi-projective variety over  $\mathbb{C}$ , and  $Sh_K^*(G, X)$  for its projective minimal compactification. For a (usually implicit) choice of connected component  $X^+ \subseteq X$ , we write  $Sh_K(G, X)^0$  for the connected component of  $Sh_K(G, X)$  whose analytification is the image of the natural map

$$X^+ \times \{e\} \rightarrow G(\mathbb{Q})_+ \backslash (X^+ \times G(\mathbb{A}_f)) / K \cong Sh_K(G, X)^{\text{an}},$$

and we write  $Sh_K^*(G, X)^0$  for the Zariski closure of  $Sh_K(G, X)^0$  in  $Sh_K^*(G, X)$ . Note that since  $Sh_K^*(G, X)$  is normal, the map  $\pi_0 Sh_K(G, X) \rightarrow \pi_0 Sh_K^*(G, X)$  is a homeomorphism.

Now, fix once and for all an isomorphism  $\mathbb{C} \simeq \mathbb{C}_p$  (for simplicity), and let  $C/\mathbb{C}_p$  be a complete algebraically closed extension of nonarchimedean fields. All of the following results hold for any choice of  $C$ . We write  $\mathcal{X}_K^*(G, X)$  for the rigid analytic space associated with  $Sh_K^*(G, X) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} C$ . Similarly, we get rigid analytic spaces  $\mathcal{X}_K(G, X)$ ,  $\mathcal{X}_K(G, X)^0$ ,  $\mathcal{X}_K^*(G, X)^0$  with the obvious meanings.

For any fixed open compact subgroup  $K^p \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f^p)$ , define

$$\mathcal{X}_{K^p}^*(G, X) = \varprojlim_{K_p \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q}_p) \text{ open compact}} \mathcal{X}_{K^p K_p}^*(G, X)^\diamond,$$

where the inverse limit is taken in the category of diamonds over  $\text{Spd } C$ . We also write  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p}(G, X)$ ,  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p}^*(G, X)^0$ , and  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p}(G, X)^0$  for the obvious variants.

**Proposition 5.16.** *Maintain the above notation. The following conditions on a Shimura datum  $(G, X)$  are equivalent.*

- (1) *The diamond  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p}^*(G, X)$  is a perfectoid space for any choice of  $K^p$ .*
- (2) *The diamond  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p}^*(G, X)^0$  is a perfectoid space for any choice of  $K^p$ .*

*We say the Shimura datum  $(G, X)$  satisfies Property  $\mathcal{P}$  if either of these equivalent conditions holds.*

*Proof.* (1) implies (2): In general,  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p}^*(G, X)^0$  is an inverse limit of open-closed subfunctors  $\mathcal{X}_i \subseteq \mathcal{X}_{K^p}^*(G, X)$ . Therefore, if  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p}^*(G, X)$  is perfectoid and  $U \subseteq \mathcal{X}_{K^p}^*(G, X)$  is any open affinoid perfectoid subset, then  $U \cap \mathcal{X}_{K^p}^*(G, X)^0 = \varprojlim_i U \cap \mathcal{X}_i$  and each  $U \cap \mathcal{X}_i$  is affinoid perfectoid, so  $U \cap \mathcal{X}_{K^p}^*(G, X)^0$  is affinoid perfectoid. Varying  $U$  then gives the result.

(2) implies (1): Choose any open compact subgroup  $K_p \subset G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ , so the diamond  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p}^*(G, X)$  has a natural  $K_p$ -action. Then  $K_p$  acts with finitely many open orbits on the profinite set  $\pi_0 \mathcal{X}_{K^p}^*(G, X) \cong \overline{G(\mathbb{Q})}_+ \backslash G(\mathbb{A}_f) / K^p$  (by [5, Theorem 5.1]). Moreover, each connected component of  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p}^*(G, X)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{X}_{gK^p g^{-1}}^*(G, X)^0$  for some  $g \in G(\mathbb{A}_f^p)$ , and, in particular, is perfectoid. By Lemma 5.1, we deduce that  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p}^*(G, X)$  is a perfectoid space, as desired.  $\square$

We also need to work with connected Shimura varieties. Let  $(G, X^+)$  be a connected Shimura datum. If  $\Gamma \subset G(\mathbb{Q})_+$  is an arithmetic subgroup, then the quotient  $\Gamma \backslash X^+$  is the analytification of a connected normal quasi-projective complex variety, defined uniquely up to unique isomorphism, which we denote by  $Sh_\Gamma(G, X^+)$ . Again, this has a canonical minimal compactification  $Sh_\Gamma^*(G, X^+)$ , which is a connected normal projective variety. If  $\Gamma$  is torsion-free, then  $Sh_\Gamma(G, X^+)$  is smooth. Again, we denote the associated rigid analytic spaces over  $C$  by  $\mathcal{X}_\Gamma^*(G, X^+)$ , and so on.

**Definition 5.17.** We say that a connected Shimura datum  $(G, X^+)$  satisfies Property  $\mathcal{P}$  if for every arithmetic subgroup  $\Gamma \subseteq G^{ad}(\mathbb{Q})^+$ , the diamond

$$\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \infty}^*(G, X^+) := \varprojlim_{K_p \subset G(\mathbb{Q}_p) \text{ open compact}} \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma \cap K_p}^*(G, X^+)^\diamond$$

is a perfectoid space.

In this statement, recall our notational convention that  $\Gamma \cap K_p$  is shorthand for  $\Gamma \cap (G(\mathbb{A}_f^p)K_p)$  (cf. the discussion following Corollary 5.15).

**Proposition 5.18.** *Let  $(G, X)$  be a Shimura datum or a connected Shimura datum. Suppose that  $(G^{ad}, X^+)$  satisfies Property  $\mathcal{P}$ . Then  $(G, X)$  satisfies Property  $\mathcal{P}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\pi : G \rightarrow G^{ad}$  denote the natural map. When  $(G, X)$  is a connected Shimura datum and  $\Gamma \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q})^+$  is an arithmetic subgroup, then  $\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \infty}^*(G, X^+) = \mathcal{X}_{\pi(\Gamma), \infty}^*(G^{ad}, X^+)$  and the result follows, so let  $(G, X)$  be a Shimura variety. By Proposition 5.16, it is enough to show that  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p}^*(G, X)^0$  is perfectoid for any  $K^p \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f^p)$ . Let  $\Gamma = G^{ad}(\mathbb{Q})^+ \cap K$  be a choice of congruence subgroup for some open compact subgroup  $K \subseteq G^{ad}(\mathbb{A}_f)$  with the property that  $\pi(K^p) \subseteq K \cap G^{ad}(\mathbb{A}_f^p)$ . Then for any open compact subgroup  $K_p \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ , there is a natural finite morphism  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p K_p}^*(G, X)^0 \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma \cap \pi(K_p)}^*(G^{ad}, X^+)$ . Moreover, these morphisms are compatible as  $K_p$  varies, and the transition maps in the two towers are finite. Passing to the inverse limit over  $K_p$ , the result now follows from Lemma 5.9.  $\square$

We now come to the key result in this subsection.

**Proposition 5.19.** *Let  $(G, X)$  be a Shimura datum of Hodge type. Then the connected Shimura datum  $(G^{ad}, X^+)$  satisfies Property  $\mathcal{P}$ .*

*Proof.* We start by proving that

$$\varprojlim_{K_p \subset G^{ad}(\mathbb{Q}_p)} \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma \cap K_p}^*(G^{ad}, X^+) \diamond$$

is a perfectoid space when  $\Gamma \subseteq G^{ad}(\mathbb{Q})^+$  is a congruence subgroup. Let  $\pi : G \rightarrow G^{ad}$  denote the natural map. Choose a congruence subgroup  $\Gamma' = K \cap G(\mathbb{Q})_+ \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q})_+$  with  $\pi(\Gamma') \subseteq \Gamma$ , and set  $\Gamma'' = \Gamma' \cap G^{der}(\mathbb{Q})$ , so  $\Gamma''$  is also a congruence subgroup. Choose a cofinal descending family of open compact subgroups

$$K_{p,0} \supseteq K_{p,1} \supseteq \dots \supseteq K_{p,n} \supseteq \dots$$

in  $G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ , and write  $K_{p,n}^{der} = K_{p,n} \cap G^{der}(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ . Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $K_{p,0}^{der} \cap Z_G(\mathbb{Q}_p) = \{1\}$  and that  $\Gamma' \subseteq K_{p,0}$ , so then  $\Gamma'' \subseteq K_{p,0}^{der}$  and  $\Gamma'' \cap Z_G(\mathbb{Q}_p) = \{1\}$ , and the map  $\pi$  induces isomorphisms  $\pi(\Gamma'' \cap K_{p,n}) = \pi(\Gamma'' \cap K_{p,n}^{der}) = \pi(\Gamma'') \cap \pi(K_{p,n}^{der})$ . Moreover, the inclusion  $\Gamma'' \subseteq \Gamma'$  induces a natural map of towers

$$(\mathcal{X}_{\pi(\Gamma'' \cap K_{p,n})}^*(G^{ad}, X^+))_{n \geq 0} \rightarrow (\mathcal{X}_{K \cap K_{p,n}}^*(G, X))_{n \geq 0},$$

where the map at every level  $n$  is finite. By Corollary 5.15, the target of this map is a good tower.

Now define  $\Gamma''' = \cap_{\gamma \in \Gamma/\pi(\Gamma'')} \gamma \pi(\Gamma'') \gamma^{-1}$ . By design,  $\Gamma'''$  is an arithmetic subgroup of  $G^{ad}(\mathbb{Q})^+$ , and is a normal subgroup of  $\Gamma$  with finite index. Since  $\Gamma''' \cap \pi(K_{p,n}^{der})$  is of finite index in  $\pi(\Gamma'') \cap \pi(K_{p,n}^{der}) = \pi(\Gamma'' \cap K_{p,n})$ , we get another natural map of towers

$$(\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma''' \cap \pi(K_{p,n}^{der})}^*(G^{ad}, X^+))_{n \geq 0} \rightarrow (\mathcal{X}_{\pi(\Gamma''' \cap K_{p,n})}^*(G^{ad}, X^+))_{n \geq 0},$$

where the map at every level  $n$  is finite. For any  $n \geq 0$ ,  $\Gamma''' \cap \pi(K_{p,n}^{der})$  is a normal finite-index subgroup of  $\Gamma \cap \pi(K_{p,n}^{der})$ . Set  $\Delta_n = (\Gamma''' \cap \pi(K_{p,n}^{der})) \backslash (\Gamma \cap \pi(K_{p,n}^{der}))$ , so  $\Delta_n$  is a finite group and the natural maps  $\Delta_{n+1} \rightarrow \Delta_n$  are injective. Write  $\Delta = \varprojlim_n \Delta_n$ , so  $\Delta = \Delta_n$  for all sufficiently large  $n$ . Then  $\Delta$  operates naturally on the tower  $(\mathcal{X}_{\pi(\Gamma''') \cap \pi(K_{p,n}^{der})}^*(G^{ad}, X^+))_{n \geq 0}$ , and  $\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma''' \cap \pi(K_{p,n}^{der})}^*(G^{ad}, X^+) / \Delta \cong \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma \cap \pi(K_{p,n}^{der})}^*(G^{ad}, X^+)$  for all sufficiently large  $n$ .

Summarizing the situation so far, we have a diagram of towers

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} (\mathcal{X}_{\pi(\Gamma') \cap \pi(K_{p,n}^{der})}^*(G^{ad}, X^+))_{n \geq 0} & \longrightarrow & (\mathcal{X}_{\pi(\Gamma \cap K_{p,n})}^*(G^{ad}, X^+))_{n \geq 0} & \longrightarrow & (\mathcal{X}_{K \cap K_{p,n}}^*(G, X))_{n \geq 0} \\ \downarrow & & & & \\ (\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma \cap \pi(K_{p,n}^{der})}^*(G^{ad}, X^+))_{n \geq 0} & & & & \end{array}$$

where all the morphisms at any given level  $n$  are finite. We have already observed that the upper-right tower is a good tower, so by two applications of Proposition 5.13(i), we deduce that the upper-left tower is a good tower. Since  $\Delta$  operates naturally on the upper-left tower and  $\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma''' \cap \pi(K_{p,n}^{der})}^*(G^{ad}, X^+) / \Delta \cong \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma \cap \pi(K_{p,n}^{der})}^*(G^{ad}, X^+)$  for all sufficiently large  $n$ , we may apply Proposition 5.13(ii) to deduce that  $\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma''', \infty}^*(G^{ad}, X^+) / \Delta$  is a perfectoid space and that  $\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma''', \infty}^*(G^{ad}, X^+) / \Delta \cong \varprojlim_n \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma''' \cap \pi(K_{p,n}^{der})}^*(G^{ad}, X^+) / \Delta$ . But  $\varprojlim_n \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma''' \cap \pi(K_{p,n}^{der})}^*(G^{ad}, X^+) / \Delta \cong$

$\lim_{\leftarrow n} \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma \cap \pi(K_{p,n}^{der})}^* (G^{ad}, X^+) = \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \infty}^* (G^{ad}, X^+)$ , so we conclude that  $\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \infty}^* (G^{ad}, X^+)$  is a perfectoid space, as desired. This finishes the proof when  $\Gamma$  is a congruence subgroup.

Now assume that  $\Gamma \subseteq G^{ad}(\mathbb{Q})^+$  is an arithmetic subgroup. By Propositions 2.11 and 2.13, there is a congruence subgroup  $\Gamma'$  such that  $\Gamma \subseteq \Gamma' \subseteq G^{ad}(\mathbb{Q})^+$ . Then

$$\left( \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma \cap K_p}^* (G^{ad}, X^+) \right)_{K_p \subseteq G^{ad}(\mathbb{Q}_p)} \rightarrow \left( \mathcal{X}_{\Gamma' \cap K_p}^* (G^{ad}, X^+) \right)_{K_p \subseteq G^{ad}(\mathbb{Q}_p)}$$

is map of towers with finite transition maps, and by above  $\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma', \infty}^* (G^{ad}, X^+)$  is perfectoid. By Lemma 5.9,  $\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \infty}^* (G^{ad}, X^+)$  is perfectoid, as desired.  $\square$

We may now summarize our results in this section in the following theorem.

**Theorem 5.20.** *Let  $(G, X)$  be a Shimura datum (resp. a connected Shimura datum) of preabelian type. Then, for any compact open subgroup  $K^p \subseteq G(\mathbb{A}_f)$  (resp. arithmetic subgroup  $\Gamma \subseteq G^{ad}(\mathbb{Q})^+$ ), the diamond  $\mathcal{X}_{K^p}^* (G, X)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{X}_{\Gamma, \infty}^* (G, X)$ ) is a perfectoid space.*

*Proof.* Choose a Shimura datum  $(G_1, X_1)$  of Hodge type with a central isogeny  $G_1^{der} \rightarrow G^{ad}$  inducing an isomorphism  $(G_1^{ad}, X_1^+) \cong (G^{ad}, X^+)$ . By Proposition 5.19,  $(G^{ad}, X^+)$  satisfies property  $\mathcal{P}$ , and then Proposition 5.18 implies that  $(G, X)$  satisfies property  $\mathcal{P}$ , as desired.  $\square$

This has the following consequence for compactly supported completed cohomology, which may be viewed as a generalization of [37, Corollary 4.2.2].

**Corollary 5.21.** *Let  $(G, X)$  be a connected Shimura datum of preabelian type. Then Conjecture 3.5 for  $? = c$  holds for  $G$ .*

*Proof.* Note that the towers used to formulate Conjecture 3.5 correspond to the towers used in this section. Once we know that the towers of minimal compactifications are perfectoid in the limit (by Theorem 5.20), the argument in the proof of [37, Corollary 4.2.2] (and [37, Theorem 4.2.1], on which it relies) goes through verbatim. Note that the boundary is strongly Zariski closed (which is needed for the argument proving [37, Theorem 4.2.1]), since all Zariski closed sets are strongly Zariski closed by [10, Remark 7.5].  $\square$

*Remark 5.22.* We give some remarks on the possibility of proving vanishing above the middle degree for  $\tilde{H}^*$  using perfectoid methods instead of the topological methods used in Sections 3 and 4. In [17], Caraiani and Scholze prove that toroidal compactifications of certain unitary Shimura varieties are perfectoid in the limit and that the (étale) cohomology of this perfectoid space computes completed cohomology, which implies the desired vanishing (see [17, Theorem 2.6.2, Lemma 4.6.2]). The perfectoidness result relies on a result of Pilloni–Stroh [36] for Siegel modular varieties. It seems to us that these methods should extend directly to Shimura varieties of Hodge type. However, the more general case of abelian type is not clear to us. In particular, in the general abelian-type case, it is not clear to us that the auxiliary cone decompositions can be chosen so that the toroidal tower becomes perfectoid at infinite level, while simultaneously ensuring that the transition maps over the boundary have the good behavior required for the argument in [17].

We also note that the perfectoid methods do not directly give that  $\tilde{H}_c^i \rightarrow \tilde{H}^i$  is an isomorphism or surjective in a range of degrees including the middle. In principle, however, there is a connec-

tion between the perfectoid method and the method of this paper. The result [17, Lemma 4.6.2], which essentially goes back to Pink [34], morally says that infinite-level toroidal compactifications behave like Borel–Serre compactifications. Thus, one could get more detailed information from the perfectoid method by studying the map from the toroidal compactification to the minimal compactification, as in [34]. Morally, this should give the same information in the end as the topological method in this paper. However, in our opinion, our topological method is far more elementary and transparent, and far less technically demanding.

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