

# N-BUNDLES FOR N AN EXTENSION OF A FINITE GROUP BY AN ABELIAN GROUP

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ABSTRACT. Let  $W$  be a finite group and  $T$  be an abelian group. Consider an extension  $0 \rightarrow T \rightarrow N \rightarrow W \rightarrow 0$ . For a smooth projective curve  $X$ , we give a precise description of the fiber of the quotient by  $T$  map  $q_T : \mathcal{M}_X(N) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_X(W)$  as a torsor over an abelian variety. We also prove a result on Mumford groups.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $T$  be an arbitrary abelian group and  $W$  be an arbitrary finite group. We fix an action  $\sigma : W \rightarrow \text{Aut}(T)$ .

Let  $\pi : Z \rightarrow X$  be an étale Galois cover of smooth projective curves of Galois group a finite group  $W$ . Let  $E_T$  be a  $T$ -bundle on  $Z$ . Combining the pull-back action of  $W$  on  $Z$  and the action  $\sigma$  on the fibers, we have the twisted action of  $W$  on  $T$ -bundles on  $Z$  defined as  $(w, E) \mapsto w^*E \times_w T$  where  $\sigma(w) : T \rightarrow T$  is the understood extension of structure group from  $T$  to itself. The action of  $W$  on  $Z$  does not in general lift to  $E_T$ , however on  $W$ -invariant principal  $T$ -bundles on  $Z$ , we can define a Mumford group parametrising the 2-uples  $(w, \gamma)$  where  $\gamma$  is an isomorphism between  $E$  and  $wE$  of  $T$ -bundles of  $Z$ .

The second main result of this paper is the Proposition 3.1 on Mumford groups.

**Proposition 1.1.** *Let  $\pi : Z \rightarrow X$  be an étale Galois cover of smooth projective curves with Galois group a finite group  $W$ . We have a homomorphism of groups*

$$c : \begin{array}{ccc} H^1(Z, \underline{T})^W & \rightarrow & H^2(W, T) \\ E_T & \mapsto & [0 \rightarrow T \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^\sigma(E_T) \rightarrow W \rightarrow 0] \end{array}$$

Let  $\eta$  denote the class of an extension  $[0 \rightarrow T \rightarrow N \rightarrow W \rightarrow 0] \in H^2(W, T)$ .

The main theorem 4.7 of this paper can be described as follows.

**Theorem 1.2.** *The fiber of the quotient by  $T$  map  $q_T : \mathcal{M}_X(N) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_X(W)$  over  $\pi : Z \rightarrow X$  is  $H^1(Z, \underline{T})_\eta^W$ .*

We give applications of these results by taking  $N$  to be the dihedral group, the Weyl group of type  $B_n$ ,  $C_n$  and  $D_n$  to describe the set of  $N$ -bundles  $\mathcal{M}_X(N)$  on a curve  $X$ .

Much of these results were obtained to study the Weyl group, the torus and the Lie group in the context of abelianisation. We thus use suggestively the notation  $W$  for an arbitrary finite group and  $T$  for a finite abelian group.

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## 2. PRINCIPAL $N$ -BUNDLES: NOTATION AND KNOWN RESULTS

Let  $T$  be an arbitrary abelian group and  $W$  be an arbitrary finite group. We fix an action  $\sigma : W \rightarrow \text{Aut}(T)$ . Let  $N$  be an arbitrary extension

$$0 \rightarrow T \rightarrow N \rightarrow W \rightarrow 0$$

inducing the action  $\sigma$ .

**Definition 2.1.** For  $w \in W$  and a  $T$ -bundle  $E$  we denote by  $E \times_w T$  the quotient of  $E \times T$  by the relation

$$(et, t') \sim (e, w(t)t').$$

and call it the extension of structure group of  $E$  by  $w$ . We call the following map the evaluation morphism

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_w : E_T \times_w T &\rightarrow E_T \\ \overline{(e, t)} &\mapsto ew^{-1}(t) \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 2.2.** We define the twisted action of  $W$  on  $T$ -bundles on  $Z$

$$\begin{aligned} W \times H^1(Z, T) &\rightarrow H^1(Z, T) \\ (w, E) &\mapsto w^*E \times_w T \end{aligned}$$

Notice that pull-back by  $w$  and extension of structure group by  $w$  commute with eachother. We shall denote the twisted action of  $w$  on  $E$  as  $w.E$ .

For the rest of this section let  $E_T$  denote a  $T$ -bundle on  $Z$  invariant under the twisted action of  $W$ .

**Definition 2.3.** We define for  $E_T$  the Mumford group as follows

$$\mathcal{G}^\sigma(E) = \{(w, \gamma) \mid \gamma : E \rightarrow w.E\}$$

We define the composition  $(w_1, \gamma_1) \circ (w_2, \gamma_2)$  as  $(w_1 \circ w_2, w_1(\gamma_2)\gamma_1)$  where  $w_1(\gamma_2) = w_1^*\gamma_2 \times_{w_1} \circ \gamma_1$ .

Since  $E$  and  $w.E$  are principal  $T$ -bundles and  $T$  is abelian, so the set of isomorphisms between them is a torsor on  $T$  and we have  $\text{Aut}_T(E) = T$ . Thus we can talk of a Mumford group (instead of a sheaf of groups).

**Definition 2.4.** For  $E_T \in H^1(Z, T)^W$ , we define a right action of  $\mathcal{G}^\sigma(E)$  on  $E_T$  as follows: for  $(w, \gamma) = n \in \mathcal{G}^\sigma(E)$ , we define  $\mu_n$  as the composition of morphisms

$$(1) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} E_T & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & w^*E_T \times_w T & \longrightarrow & E_T \times_w T & \xrightarrow{\nu_w} & E_T \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ & & Z & \xrightarrow{w} & Z & & \end{array}$$

For ease of notation we will denote the Mumford group  $\mathcal{G}^\sigma(E)$  of  $E_T$  by  $N$ .

**Remark 2.5.** It follows directly (cf. [1] [Prop 6.3]) that this action extends the action of  $T$  on  $E_T$  and lifts the action of  $W$  on  $Z$  over  $X$ .

Consider the following action:

$$\Psi_{E_T} : (E \times_T N) \times N \longrightarrow \frac{E \times_T N}{((e, n'), n)} \longmapsto \frac{E \times_T N}{(\mu_n(e), n^{-1}n')}$$

**Remark 2.6.** It is proved in [1] Prop 6.6 that  $E_N := E_T \times^T N$  admits a canonical  $W$ -linearisation induced from  $E_T$  for  $T$  a torus. But the same proof works for  $T$  an arbitrary abelian group.

We denote the linearisation by  $\Phi_{E_T}$ .

### 3. A RESULT ON MUMFORD GROUP

**Proposition 3.1.** Let  $\pi : Z \rightarrow X$  be an étale Galois cover of smooth projective curves with Galois group a finite group  $W$ . We have a homomorphism of groups

$$c : \begin{array}{ccc} H^1(Z, \underline{T})^W & \rightarrow & H^2(W, T) \\ E_T & \mapsto & [0 \rightarrow T \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^\sigma(E_T) \rightarrow W \rightarrow 0] \end{array}$$

This Proposition is the Proposition 7.1 in [1].

*Proof.* We have two left exact functors

- (1)  $\Gamma_Z : \{\text{Sheaves of } W\text{-modules on } Z\} \rightarrow \{W\text{-modules}\}$   
 $\underline{A} \rightarrow H^0(Z, \underline{A})$
- (2)  $\Gamma^W : \{W\text{-modules}\} \rightarrow \{\text{abelian groups}\} \quad M \rightarrow M^W$

We denote the composite functor as  $\Gamma_Z^W = \Gamma^W \circ \Gamma_Z$  whose  $n$ -th derived functor is calculated by the Grothendieck spectral sequence of composite of two functors

$$E_2^{p,q} = H^p(W, H^q(Z, \underline{A})) \Rightarrow E^{p,q} = H^{p+q}(Z; W; \underline{A})$$

We have the following short exact sequence of low degree terms

$$0 \rightarrow E_2^{1,0} \rightarrow E^1 \rightarrow E_2^{0,1} \xrightarrow{c} E_2^{2,0} \rightarrow E^2$$

In the case when the group  $W$  acts upon  $T$ , this sequence becomes

$$0 \rightarrow H^1(W, T) \rightarrow H^1(Z; W; \underline{T}) \rightarrow H^1(Z, \underline{T})^W \xrightarrow{c} H^2(W, T) \rightarrow H^2(Z; W; \underline{T})$$

Let us fix a principal  $T$ -bundle  $E_T \in H^1(Z, \underline{T})^W$ . We associate to the extension

$$(2) \quad 0 \rightarrow T \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^\sigma(E_T) \xrightarrow{p} W \rightarrow 0$$

an element of  $H^2(W, T)$  by taking a set theoretic section  $\alpha$  of  $p$ .

For each  $w \in W$ , we get an isomorphism  $\alpha(w) : E_T \rightarrow wE_T$ . We identify  $\text{Aut}_T(E_T)$  and  $T$  as  $T$  is abelian. To  $\alpha$  we associate the 2-cocycle

$$(3) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} f_\alpha : W \times W & \rightarrow & T \\ (w_1, w_2) & \mapsto & \alpha(w_2 w_1)^{-1} \circ w_1 \alpha(w_2) \circ \alpha(w_1) \end{array}$$

If we change  $\alpha$  by  $\beta$ , we have  $f_\beta - f_\alpha = d\theta$ , where  $\theta$  is the map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \theta : W & \rightarrow & T \\ w & \mapsto & \beta(w)^{-1} \circ \alpha(w). \end{array}$$

Thus the class of  $f_\alpha$  in  $H^2(W, T)$  is well defined. It is equal to the class of (2) by the natural correspondance between extensions of groups by abelian groups and 2-cocycles.

Let us explicit the map  $c$ . Let  $\mathfrak{U}$  be a  $W$ -invariant covering of  $Z$  by affine open sets, that is for  $U \in \mathfrak{U}$ ,  $w.U \in \mathfrak{U}$  also. The Cech complexes gives a resolution  $\underline{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^\cdot(\mathfrak{U}, \underline{T})$  of the sheaf  $\underline{T}$  on  $Z$ . We deduce from the resolution two short exact sequences

$$(4) \quad 0 \rightarrow Z^0(\mathcal{C}^\cdot(\mathfrak{U}, \underline{T})) \rightarrow C^0(\mathfrak{U}, \underline{T}) \rightarrow B^1(\mathcal{C}^\cdot(\mathfrak{U}, \underline{T})) \rightarrow 0$$

$$(5) \quad 0 \rightarrow B^1(\mathcal{C}^\cdot(\mathfrak{U}, \underline{T})) \rightarrow Z^1(\mathcal{C}^\cdot(\mathfrak{U}, \underline{T})) \rightarrow H^1(\mathcal{C}^\cdot(\mathfrak{U}, \underline{T})) \rightarrow 0$$

Let us abbreviate the above groups by  $Z^0$ ,  $C^0$ ,  $B^1$ ,  $Z^1$  et  $H^1$  respectively.

By the twisted action

$$\begin{array}{ccc} W \times C^i(\mathfrak{U}, \underline{T}) & \rightarrow & C^i(\mathfrak{U}, \underline{T}) \\ (w, a_{k,\dots,l}) & \mapsto & w(a_{w^{-1}k,\dots,w^{-1}l})_{k,\dots,l} \end{array}$$

we take the resolution by the complexes

$$(6) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & Z^0 & \longrightarrow & C^0 & \longrightarrow & B^1 & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & C^\cdot(W, Z^0) & \longrightarrow & C^\cdot(W, C^0) & \longrightarrow & C^\cdot(W, B^1) & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

$$(7) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & B^1 & \longrightarrow & Z^1 & \longrightarrow & H^1 & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & C^\cdot(W, B^1) & \longrightarrow & C^\cdot(W, Z^1) & \longrightarrow & C^\cdot(W, H^1) & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

By the definition of the spectral sequence, the map  $c$  is the composition of

$$H^0(C^\cdot(W, H^1)) \rightarrow H^1(C^\cdot(W, B^1)) \rightarrow H^2(C^\cdot(W, Z^0)),$$

where the morphisms between the groups are connection morphisms.

For  $E_T \in H^1(Z, \underline{T})^W \subset C^0(W, H^1)$ , let  $a := (a_{i,j}) \in Z^1(\mathcal{C}^\cdot(\underline{\mathcal{U}}, \underline{T}))$  be a 1-cocycle antecedent of  $E_T$ . Associated to  $a$ , there is a *canonical* choice of a 1-cocycle  $wa$  antecedent of the principal  $wE_T$  bundle for the twisted action of  $W$  on  $E_T$ . Recall that by definition  $(wa)_{i,j} := w(a_{w^{-1}i, w^{-1}j})_{i,j}$ . We consider the first terms of 7 and denote the vertical arrows by  $d$

(8)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & B^1(\mathcal{C}^\cdot(\underline{\mathcal{U}}, \underline{T}))^W & \longrightarrow & Z^1(\mathcal{C}^\cdot(\underline{\mathcal{U}}, \underline{T}))^W & \longrightarrow & H^1(\mathcal{C}^\cdot(\underline{\mathcal{U}}, \underline{T}))^W & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & C^0(W, B^1) & \longrightarrow & C^0(W, Z^1) & \longrightarrow & C^0(W, H^1) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & C^1(W, B^1) & \longrightarrow & C^1(W, Z^1) & \longrightarrow & C^1(W, H^1) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & & & & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & C^2(W, B^1) & & & & & & \end{array}$$

Let us denote  $d(a)$  by  $h$ . Since  $d(E_T) = 0$ , we have  $h \in C^1(W, B^1)$ . Explicitly  $h$  is given by

$$(9) \quad \begin{aligned} h = d(a) : W &\rightarrow Z^1(\mathcal{C}(\underline{\mathcal{U}}, \underline{T})) \\ w &\mapsto w(a) \circ a^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

where over  $u \in U_i \cap U_j$ , we define  $w(a) \circ a^{-1}(i, j)(u) := w(a)(i, j)(u)a(i, j)(u)^{-1}$ .

We consider the first terms of (6) and let us denote the vertical arrows by  $d$

$$(10) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & Z^0(\mathcal{C}(\underline{\mathcal{U}}, \underline{T}))^W & \longrightarrow & C^0(\mathcal{C}(\underline{\mathcal{U}}, \underline{T}))^W & \longrightarrow & B^1(\mathcal{C}(\underline{\mathcal{U}}, \underline{T}))^W \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & C^0(W, Z^0) & \longrightarrow & C^0(W, C^0) & \longrightarrow & C^0(W, B^1) \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & C^1(W, Z^0) & \longrightarrow & C^1(W, C^0) & \longrightarrow & C^1(W, B^1) \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & C^2(W, Z^0) & \longrightarrow & C^2(W, C^0) & \longrightarrow & C^2(W, B^1) \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

We denote by  $g \in C^1(W, C^0)$  an antecedent of  $h$ . Then for all  $w \in W$ , we have

$$(11) \quad g(w)(i)g(w)(j)^{-1} = h(w)(i, j)$$

Since  $\text{Aut}_T(E_T) = T$  is commutative, by (11) and (9) we deduce the equality

$$w(a)(i, j) = g(w)(i)a(i, j)g(w)(j)^{-1}$$

which means that  $g$  explicitly gives an isomorphism  $g(w) : E_T \rightarrow wE_T$  in local coordinates for all  $w \in W$ . Thus  $g$  is a section of  $p$  of the short exact sequence (2). Since  $0 = d(d(a)) = d(h)$  so  $k := d(g) \in C^2(W, Z^0)$  is a 2-cocycle. Now since  $H^0(\mathcal{C}(\underline{\mathcal{U}}, \underline{T})) = \underline{T}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} k : W \times W &\rightarrow T \\ (w_1, w_2) &\mapsto w_1(g(w_2))g(w_1w_2)^{-1}g(w_1) \end{aligned}$$

The map  $c$  sends  $E_T$  to the class of  $k$  in  $H^2(W, T)$ , by the definition of the spectral sequence. This definition is independant of the choice of the antecedant  $a$  and  $g$  of  $E_T$  and  $h$  respectively. Since  $g(w) : E_T \rightarrow wE_T$  is an isomorphism,  $f_g$  (ref 3) is equal to  $k$  because the passage

from  $g$  to  $k$  and to  $f_g$  is the same. Thus a fortiori the image of  $k$  and of  $f_g$ - the class of Mumford group in  $H^2(W, T)$  coincide.  $\square$

#### 4. THE FIBER OF $\mathcal{M}_X(N) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_X(W)$

Fix an extension class  $\eta = [0 \rightarrow T \rightarrow N \rightarrow W] \in H^2(W, T)$ .

**Definition 4.1.** *One calls the abelianisation map, the map that for a  $T$ -bundle  $E_T \in H^1(Z, \underline{T})_W^\eta$  associates the quotient  $F_N$  of  $E_N$  by  $\Phi_{E_T}$ .*

**Lemma 4.2.** *The principal bundle quotient of  $F_N$  by  $T$  is canonically isomorphic to  $Z$ .*

*Proof.* To show that  $F_N/T$  is canonically isomorphic to  $Z$  it suffices to show that there is a canonical isomorphism of principal  $W$ -bundles on  $Z$  between  $\pi^*(F_N)$  and  $\pi^*(Z)$  which, moreover, respects the  $W$ -linearisations induced by pull-back. To verify this condition, we shall firstly describe a canonical isomorphism between each principal bundle and  $Z \times W$ , and then show that, by transport of structure via these isomorphisms, we get the same  $W$ -linearisation on  $Z \times W$ , namely, the canonical  $W$ -linearisation.

Since  $\pi : Z \rightarrow X$  is a Galois covering of Galois group  $W$ , we have canonical isomorphisms

$$\pi^*Z \simeq Z \times_X Z \simeq Z \times W.$$

The  $W$ -linearisation on  $\pi^*Z$  induces the canonical  $W$ -linearisation on  $Z \times W$ , that is

$$\begin{aligned} \phi : W \times Z \times W &\rightarrow Z \times W \\ (w, (z, w')) &\mapsto (zw, w^{-1}w'). \end{aligned}$$

We have the natural isomorphisms

$$\pi^*(F_N/T) \rightarrow \pi^*(F_N)/T \rightarrow (E_T \times^T N)/T.$$

By the isomorphism  $E_T \times_w^T T/T \simeq Z$  we deduce the following commutatif diagram where all arrows are isomorphisms

$$(12) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} (E_T \times^T N)/T & \longrightarrow & E_T/T \times N/T & \longrightarrow & Z \times W \\ (\nu_w \times^T N)/T \uparrow & & \nu_w/T \times \text{Id} \uparrow & & \text{Id} \uparrow \\ (E_T \times_w^T T \times^T N)/T & \longrightarrow & (E_T \times_w^T T)/T \times N/T & \longrightarrow & Z \times W \end{array}$$

If we extend the upper sequence of (1) by  $\times^T N$  and then we quotient by the group  $T$ , by the isomorphism

$$E \times_w T/T \simeq Z$$

and by (12) we obtain the following action of  $W$  on  $Z \times W$  : for  $(w, \gamma') \in \mathcal{G}^\sigma(Z \times W)$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} Z \times W & \xrightarrow{\gamma'} & (w^*Z \times W) & \longrightarrow & Z \times W \xrightarrow[\text{id}]{\cong} Z \times W \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & Z & \xrightarrow{w} & Z \end{array}$$

where  $\gamma' : Z \rightarrow w^*Z$  is an isomorphism. We remark that this action is constant on the second factor  $W$  of  $Z \times W$ . Thus the action in proposition 2.6 by passing to quotient by  $T$  becomes

$$\overline{\phi(E_T)}(w)(z, w') = (zw, w^{-1}w') :$$

which is the canonical  $W$ -linearisation. □

**Proposition 4.3.** *Let  $\pi : Z \rightarrow X$  be a Galois cover with Galois group  $W$ . Let  $E$  be a principal  $T$ -bundle on  $Z$ . Then  $E$  is a principal  $\mathcal{G}^\sigma(E)$ -bundle on  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let us denote the Mumford group  $\mathcal{G}^\sigma(E)$  by  $N$ .

Consider the natural map of sheaves on  $Z$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi : E &\rightarrow E \times^T N \\ e &\mapsto \overline{(e, 1)} \end{aligned}$$

The bundle  $E \times^T N$  admits a canonical  $W$ -linearisation by the proposition 2.6 and we denote by  $p : E \times^T N \rightarrow E \times^T N/W =: F_N$  the quotient by  $W$ . The lemma 4.2 implies that  $F_N/T$  is isomorphic to  $Z$ . Thus  $F_N$  seen as a sheaf on  $Z$  is a principal  $T$ -bundle. Thus the composition of arrows  $p \circ \phi : E \rightarrow F_N$  is a map of sheaves between principal  $T$ -bundles on  $Z$ . Now  $p \circ \phi$  is also  $T$ -linear, thus it is also a map of principal  $T$ -bundles. So it is an isomorphism since in the category of principal group bundles, morphisms are isomorphisms. Thus  $E$  is a fortiori isomorphic to  $F_N$  on  $X$ . Now  $F_N$  is a principal  $N$ -bundle, and therefore so is  $E$ . □

**Lemma 4.4.** *Let  $N$  be an arbitrary extension of  $W$  by  $T$  and  $\eta \in H^2(W, T)$  denote its class. Let  $p : E_N \rightarrow X$  be a principal  $N$ -bundle on  $X$  and we denote by  $\pi : Z \rightarrow X$  its quotient by  $T$ . There exists a canonical isomorphism between  $N$  and the Mumford group of the principal bundle  $E_N$  seen as a principal  $T$ -bundle on  $Z$ . Moreover via these isomorphisms the natural actions of these groups on  $E_N$  can also be identified.*



*Proof.* For  $n \in N$ , let  $\bar{n}$  denote the class of  $n$  in  $W$ . For all  $n \in N$ , for the action of  $N$  on the principal  $N$ -bundle  $E_N$  and of  $W$  on the principal  $W$ -bundle  $Z$ , we have the following cartesian diagram preserving the fibers of  $E_N \rightarrow Z \rightarrow X$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E_N & \xrightarrow{n} & E_N \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ Z & \xrightarrow{\bar{n}} & Z. \end{array}$$

Now  $E_N$  is a principal  $T$ -bundle on  $Z$ . The commutation of the above diagram is equivalent to the fact that  $E_N$  is a  $W$ -invariant principal  $T$ -bundle for the twisted action of the group  $W$ . Thus, we conclude that the Mumford group of  $E_N$ , seen as a principal  $T$ -bundle on  $Z$ , is  $N$ . From this it also follows that the action of the Mumford group upon  $E_N$  gets identified with the usual multiplication action by  $N$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 4.5.** *Let  $p : E_N \rightarrow X$  be a principal  $N$ -bundle on  $X$ . We denote by  $\pi : Z \rightarrow X$  the quotient by  $T$ . The bundle  $E_N$  seen as a principal  $T$ -bundle on  $Z$  is sent by the abelianisation map to  $E_N$  seen as a principal  $N$ -bundle on  $X$ .*

*Proof.* By the lemma 4.4 we conclude that  $E_N \in H^1(Z, \underline{T})^W$  and since its Mumford group is  $N$  so  $E_N \in H^1(Z, \underline{T})_N^W$ . Since  $E_N$  is a principal  $N$ -bundle on  $X$ , we have a canonical isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} E_N \times N &\rightarrow E_N \times_X E_N \\ (e, n) &\mapsto (e, en). \end{aligned}$$

When we quotient  $E_N \times N$  by  $T$  by putting the relation  $(et, n) = (e, tn)$ , the last isomorphism implies the relation  $(et, etn) = (e, etn)$  on  $E_N \times_X E_N$  and we obtain

$$\alpha : \frac{E_N \times_T N}{(e, n)} \rightarrow Z \times_X E_N \mapsto (\bar{e}, en)$$

where  $\bar{e}$  is the image of  $e \in E_N$  in  $Z$ . Recall the action of  $N$  on  $E_N \times_T N$  of abelianisation

$$\begin{aligned} N \times E_N \times_T N &\rightarrow E_N \times_T N \\ (n, (e, n')) &\mapsto (e.n, n^{-1}n'), \end{aligned}$$

and consider the action of  $N$  on  $Z \times_X E_N$

$$\begin{aligned} N \times Z \times_X E_N &\rightarrow Z \times_X E_N \\ (n, (z, e)) &\mapsto (z\bar{n}, e). \end{aligned}$$

Now for these actions for all  $n \in N$ , we have the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E_N \times_T N & \xrightarrow{n} & E_N \times_T N \\ \downarrow \alpha & & \downarrow \alpha \\ Z \times_X E_N & \xrightarrow{n} & Z \times_W E_N. \end{array}$$

Thus,  $E_N$  - the quotient of  $Z \times_X E_N$  by  $W$  is isomorphic on  $X$  to the quotient of  $E_N \times_T N$  by  $W$  for the canonical  $W$ -linearisation of abelianisation. This last quotient is the image of  $E_N$  seen as a principal  $T$ -bundle on  $Z$  by  $\Delta_\theta$ . Now the assertion follows.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.6.** *Let  $\pi : Z \rightarrow X$  be a Galois étale covering. Let  $p : E \rightarrow Z$  be a principal  $T$ -bundle. The abelianisation map*

$$\Delta_\theta : H^1(Z, \underline{T})_\eta^W \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_X(N)$$

*is injective.*

*Proof.* By the proposition 4.3,  $E$  is a principal  $N$ -bundle on  $X$ , where  $N$  is the Mumford group. By the lemma 4.5, we have  $\Delta_\theta(E) = E$  seen as a principal  $N$ -bundle on  $X$ . If  $E$  and  $F$  are principal  $T$ -bundles on  $Z$  such that  $\Delta_\theta(E) = \Delta_\theta(F)$  then  $E = F$  as principal  $N$ -bundles on  $X$ . By the lemma 4.2 we have  $E/T$  (resp.  $F/T$ ) is isomorphic to  $Z$ . Thus  $E$  and  $F$  are isomorphic as principal  $T$ -bundles on  $Z$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.7.** *The fiber of the quotient by  $T$  map  $q_T : \mathcal{M}_X(N) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_X(W)$  over  $\pi : Z \rightarrow X$  is  $H^1(Z, \underline{T})_\eta^W$ .*

*Proof.* By the lemma 4.2 the map quotient by  $T$  maps  $H^1(Z, \underline{T})_\eta^W$  to the fiber of  $q_T$ . By the lemma 4.6, this map to the fiber of  $q_T$  is injective and by 4.5 it is surjective.  $\square$

## 5. APPLICATIONS

**Example 1.** *Let  $\pi : Z \rightarrow X$  be a covering Galois group  $D_{2n}$  the dihedral group of order  $2n$ . When we quotient  $Z$  by  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \subset D_{2n}$ , we obtain a double covering  $p : Y \rightarrow X$ . We have the following exact sequence*

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow D_{2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$$

*with the action of  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  on  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  by  $e(\bar{k}) = \bar{k}$  and  $\sigma(\bar{k}) = -\bar{k}$ . The curve  $Z$  determines a primitive element, denoted as  $Z$  again, in  $\text{Jac}(Y)[n]$  invariant under the action of  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  switching the two sheets.*

*Let us suppose that  $n$  is odd. We denote by  $\text{Prym}(Y/X)$  the Prym variety associated to the étale double cover  $p : Y \rightarrow X$ . We have the isogeny  $\text{Jac}(X) \times \text{Prym}(Y/X) \rightarrow \text{Jac}(Y)$ . Let us consider the points*

of  $n$ -torsion in  $\text{Jac}(Y)$ , denoted  $\text{Jac}(Y)[n]$ . Thus the isogeny gives an isomorphism between abelian groups

$$\text{Jac}(X)[n] \times \text{Prym}(Y/X)[n] \rightarrow \text{Jac}(Y)[n],$$

since the kernel of the isogeny is consists of points of 2-torsion in  $\text{Jac}(X)$ . Now the involution  $\sigma : Y \rightarrow Y$  above  $X$  operates as  $+\text{Id}$  on  $\text{Jac}(X)[n]$  and  $-\text{Id}$  on  $\text{Prym}(Y/X)[n]$ . Let  $\alpha = (\beta, \gamma) \in \text{Jac}(X)[n] \times \text{Prym}(Y/X)[n]$ .

- (1) If  $\sigma(\alpha) = \alpha$ , then  $(\beta, -\gamma) = (\beta, \gamma)$ , that is  $\gamma = 0$ . Thus  $\alpha \in \text{Jac}(X)[n]$ . Thus the étale covering  $\alpha$  is the pull-back on  $Y$  of a cyclic étale covering of degree  $n$  on  $X$  and the associated total covering  $\alpha$  is Galois of Galois group  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ .
- (2) If  $\sigma(\alpha) = -\alpha$ , then  $(\beta, -\gamma) = (-\beta, -\gamma)$ , that is  $\beta = 0$ . Thus  $\alpha \in \text{Prym}(Y/X)[n]$ . Thus  $\alpha$  is a cyclic étale covering of order  $n$  on  $Y$ . The total covering

$$Z \xrightarrow{n:1} Y \xrightarrow{2:1} X$$

gives an étale Galois covering of Galois group  $D_{2n}$ .

**Proposition 5.1.** *The Weyl group  $W$  acts transitively on the fibers of the map*

$$\mathcal{M}_X(T) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_X(N)$$

of extension of structure group from  $T$  to  $N(T)$ . The action is generically without fixed points.

*Proof.* For  $E \in H^1(X, \underline{T})$ , let us denote  $E \times^T N$  by  $E_N$ . We consider the short exact sequence of group schemes

$$(13) \quad 0 \rightarrow \text{Aut}_T(E) \rightarrow \text{Aut}_N(E_N) \rightarrow \underline{W} \rightarrow 0$$

We have the associated long exact sequence (we omit the curve  $X$  in the notation)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & H^0(\text{Aut}_T(E)) & \rightarrow & H^0(\text{Aut}_N(E_N)) & \rightarrow & H^0(\underline{W}) \\ & & \xrightarrow{\delta} & & H^1(\text{Aut}_T(E)) & \rightarrow & H^1(\underline{W}) \end{array}$$

The distinguished elements of the sets  $H^1(\text{Aut}_T(E))$  and  $H^1(\text{Aut}_N(E_N))$  are  $E$  and  $E_N$  respectively. Let  $\sigma : X \rightarrow E_N/T$  be the section corresponding to  $E$ . The group  $H^0(\underline{W}) = W$  acts on  $E$  in the following way:  $\delta(w)E$  is the principal  $T$ -bundle obtained by the section  $(\sigma, w) : X \rightarrow E_N \times^N N/T \simeq E_N/T$ . Thus we have

$$(14) \quad \delta(w)E = E \times^w T.$$

As the sequence gives the fiber on the distinguished element, we deduce that the group  $W$  acts transitively on the fiber of  $E_N$ , from which the first assertion follows. For a generic  $E \in H^1(X, T)$  we have  $\text{Stab}(E) = \{e\}$  which implies the second assertion.  $\square$

**Proposition 5.2.** *Let  $T$  be a torus of a Lie group. Let  $0 \rightarrow T \rightarrow N \rightarrow W \rightarrow 0$  be an extension of  $W$  by  $T$ . The map extension of structure group from  $N$  to  $W$*

$$\mathcal{M}_X(N(T)) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_X(W)$$

*is surjective.*

*Proof.* An element  $(\pi : Z \rightarrow X) \in \mathcal{M}_X(W)$  corresponds to an étale Galois covering of curves on  $X$ . Since  $X$  is smooth and  $\pi$  is étale, so  $Z$  is smooth. Since  $X$  is projective and  $\pi$  is finite, so  $Z$  is projective also. By the lemma 7.2 of Lange-Pauly [1], we have that the set  $H^1(Z, \underline{T})_\eta^W$  is non-empty where  $\eta$  denotes the extension class of  $[0 \rightarrow T \rightarrow N \rightarrow W \rightarrow 0] = \eta \in H^2(W, T)$ . By the lemma 4.2  $\pi : Z \rightarrow X$  is the image of the composition of arrows

$$\text{Prym}(\pi, \Lambda)_\eta = H^1(Z, \underline{T})_\eta^W \rightarrow H^1(X, \underline{N}) \rightarrow H^1(X, \underline{W}).$$

$\square$

**Example 2.** *Let us consider a Weyl group  $W$  of type  $B_n$  or  $C_n$ . It is isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^n \rtimes \Sigma_n$ . By the theorem 4.7, we have*

$$\mathcal{M}_X(W) = \bigsqcup_{(\pi: Z \rightarrow X) \in \mathcal{M}_X(\Sigma_n)} H^1(Z, \underline{T})_\eta^{\Sigma_n}$$

where  $T = (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^n$  and  $\eta$  is the extension class

$$[0 \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^n \rightarrow W \rightarrow \Sigma_n \rightarrow 0] = \eta \in H^2(\Sigma_n, (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^n).$$

Now a principal  $T$ -bundle on  $Z$  is a  $n$ -uple  $(L_1, \dots, L_n)$  where  $L_i \in \text{Jac}(Z)[2]$  are line bundles of order 2. By the equation 14 of the proposition 5.1, we deduce that  $\Sigma_n$  operates by permuting factors. Thus, the  $L_i$  are isomorphic to each other. Thus we have

$$H^1(Z, \underline{T})_\eta^W = \{L \in \text{Jac}(Z)[2] \mid [\mathcal{G}^\sigma((L, \dots, L))] = \eta\}$$

**Example 3.** *The Weyl group  $D_n$  is isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^{n-1} \rtimes \Sigma_n$  where  $\Sigma_n$  acts by permuting the factors on the subgroup of  $(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^n$  having an even number of ones. Reasoning as before in the example 2*

we find that

$$\mathcal{M}_X(W) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{M}_X(\Sigma_n) & n \text{ odd} \\ \bigsqcup_{(\pi: Z \rightarrow X) \in \mathcal{M}_X(\Sigma_n)} \{L \in \text{Jac}(Z)[2] \mid [\mathcal{G}^\sigma((L, \dots, L))] = \eta\} & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

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