

Hopf-Galois Theory and Galois Module Structure  
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*Induced Hopf Galois structures*

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Let  $K/k$  be a separable field extension of degree  $n$ ,  $\tilde{K}$  its Galois closure,  $G = \text{Gal}(\tilde{K}/k)$ ,  $G' = \text{Gal}(\tilde{K}/K)$ . A Hopf Galois structure on  $K/k$  may be given, equivalently, by

- a finite cocommutative  $k$ -Hopf algebra  $\mathcal{H}$  and a Hopf action of  $\mathcal{H}$  on  $K$ , i.e a  $k$ -linear map  $\mu : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \text{End}_k(K)$  inducing a bijection  $K \otimes_k \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \text{End}_k(K)$ . (Chase-Sweedler)
- a regular subgroup  $N$  of  $S_n$  normalized by  $\lambda(G)$ , where  $\lambda : G \rightarrow S_n$  is the morphism given by the action of  $G$  on the left cosets  $G/G'$ . (Greither-Pareigis)

If  $N \subset \lambda(G)$ , equivalently  $N$  is a normal complement of  $G'$  in  $G$ ,  $K/k$  is called almost classically Galois.

- a group monomorphism  $\varphi : G \rightarrow \text{Hol}(N)$  such that  $\varphi(G')$  is the stabilizer of  $1_N$ , where  $\text{Hol}(N) = N \rtimes \text{Aut } N \hookrightarrow \text{Sym}(N)$  is defined by sending  $n \in N$  to left translation by  $n$  and  $\sigma \in \text{Aut } N$  to itself. (Childs, Byott)

$N \subset S_n$  regular, normalized by  $\lambda(G) \leftrightarrow \mathcal{H} = \tilde{K}[N]^G$

$\{\text{Hopf subalgebras of } \mathcal{H}\} \leftrightarrow \{G\text{-stable subgroups of } N\}$

For  $N'$  a  $G$ -stable subgroup of  $N$ ,  $K^{N'} := K^{\mathcal{H}'}$  for  $\mathcal{H}'$  the Hopf subalgebra of  $\mathcal{H}$  corresponding to  $N'$ .

## Theorem 1.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \left. \begin{array}{c} K \\ | \\ F \\ | \\ k \end{array} \right\} G \\
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 K/k \text{ finite Galois} \\
 G = \text{Gal}(K/k) \\
 G' = \text{Gal}(K/F) \\
 G = G' \rtimes H \\
 r = [K : F], t = [F : k], n = [K : k]
 \end{array}
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Assume that

- $N_1$  gives  $F/k$  a Hopf Galois structure and
- $N_2$  gives  $K/F$  a Hopf Galois structure.

Then  $N_1 \times N_2$  gives  $K/k$  a Hopf Galois structure.

*Proof.*

$N_1$  gives  $F/k$  a Hopf Galois structure  $\Leftrightarrow \exists \varphi_1 : G \rightarrow \text{Hol}(N_1)$ , with kernel  $\text{Gal}(K/\tilde{F})$ , such that  $\varphi_1(G') = \text{Stab}(1_{N_1})$ .

$N_2$  gives  $K/F$  a Hopf Galois structure  $\Leftrightarrow \exists \varphi_2 : G' \hookrightarrow \text{Hol}(N_2)$  such that  $\varphi_2(1_{G'}) = \text{Stab}(1_{N_2})$ .

If  $g, g' \in G, g = xy, g' = x'y'$  with  $x, x' \in H, y, y' \in G'$ , since  $H \triangleleft G$ , we have  $gg' = (xx'')yy'$ , for some  $x'' \in H$ . Hence, the map

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\varphi} : G &\rightarrow \text{Hol}(N_1) \times \text{Hol}(N_2) \\ g = xy &\mapsto (\varphi_1(g), \varphi_2(y)) \end{aligned}$$

is a group monomorphism. We define now

$$\begin{aligned} \iota : \text{Hol}(N_1) \times \text{Hol}(N_2) &\hookrightarrow \text{Hol}(N_1 \times N_2) \\ ((n_1, \sigma_1), (n_2, \sigma_2)) &\mapsto ((n_1, n_2), \sigma) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sigma(n_1, n_2) := (\sigma_1(n_1), \sigma_2(n_2))$ , and consider

$$\varphi : G \xrightarrow{\bar{\varphi}} \text{Hol}(N_1) \times \text{Hol}(N_2) \xrightarrow{\iota} \text{Hol}(N_1 \times N_2).$$

We check  $\varphi(1_G) = \text{Stab}(1_{N_1 \times N_2})$ : for  $g = xy \in G, x \in H, y \in G'$ ,  $\varphi(g)(1_{N_1 \times N_2}) = 1_{N_1 \times N_2} \Leftrightarrow \varphi_1(g)(1_{N_1}) = 1_{N_1}$  and  $\varphi_2(y)(1_{N_2}) = 1_{N_2} \Leftrightarrow g \in G'$  and  $y = 1_{G'} \Leftrightarrow g = 1_G$ .

A Hopf Galois structure on a Galois extension  $K/k$  with Galois group  $G$  will be called **induced** if it is obtained as in Theorem 1 for some field  $F$  with  $k \subsetneq F \subsetneq K$  and given Hopf Galois structures on  $F/k$  and  $K/F$ ;

**split** if the corresponding regular subgroup of  $Sym(G)$  is the direct product of two nontrivial subgroups.

**Corollary.** A Galois extension  $K/k$  with Galois group  $G = H \rtimes G'$  has at least one split Hopf Galois structure of type  $H \times G'$ .

*Proof.* Let  $F = K^{G'}$  and let  $\tilde{F}$  be the normal closure of  $F$  in  $K$ . Then  $K/F$  is Galois with group  $G'$  and  $F/k$  is almost classically Galois of type  $H$  since  $H$  is a normal complement of  $\text{Gal}(\tilde{F}/F)$  in  $\text{Gal}(\tilde{F}/k)$ . These two Hopf Galois structures induce a Hopf Galois structure on  $K/k$  of type  $H \times G'$ .

A Galois extension with Galois group  $G$  has an induced Hopf Galois structure of type  $N$  in each of the following cases.

$G$	$N$
$S_3 = C_3 \rtimes C_2$	$C_6 = C_3 \times C_2$
$D_{2n} = C_n \rtimes C_2$	$C_n \times C_2$
$S_n = A_n \rtimes C_2$	$A_n \times C_2$
$A_4 = V_4 \rtimes C_3$	$V_4 \times C_3$
Frobenius group $G = H \rtimes G'$	$H \times G'$
$\text{Hol}(M) = M \rtimes \text{Aut}(M)$	$M \times \text{Aut}(M)$

A Frobenius group  $G$  is a transitive permutation group of some finite set  $X$ , such that every  $g \in G \setminus \{1\}$  fixes at most one point of  $X$  and some  $g \in G \setminus \{1\}$  fixes a point of  $X$ . We have  $G = H \rtimes G'$ , where  $H$  is the Frobenius kernel, i.e. the subgroup of  $G$  whose nontrivial elements fix no point of  $X$ , and  $G'$  is a Frobenius complement, i.e. the stabilizer of one point of  $X$ .

A semi-direct product  $G = H \rtimes G'$  is a Frobenius group iff  $C_G(h) \subset H$  for all  $h \in H \setminus \{1\}$ , and  $C_G(g') \subset G'$  for all  $g' \in G' \setminus \{1\}$ .

# Split non-induced Hopf Galois structures

## 1. The quaternion group

$$H_8 = \langle i, j \mid i^4 = 1, i^2 = j^2, ij = ji^3 \rangle = \{1, i, i^2, i^3, j, ij, i^2j, i^3j\}$$

is not a semi-direct product of two subgroups. The action of  $H_8$  on itself by left translation induces

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda : H_8 &\rightarrow \text{Sym}(H_8) \\ i &\mapsto (1, i, i^2, i^3)(j, ij, i^2j, i^3j) \\ j &\mapsto (1, j, i^2, i^2j)(i, i^3j, i^3, ij) \end{aligned}$$

Then,  $\lambda(H_8)$  normalizes

$$N = \langle (1, i^2)(i, i^3)(j, i^2j)(ij, i^3j), (1, i^3)(i, i^2)(i, ij)(i^2j, i^3j), (1, i^3j)(i, j)(i^2, ij)(i^3, i^2j) \rangle$$

which is a regular subgroup of  $\text{Sym}(H_8)$  isomorphic to  $C_2 \times C_2 \times C_2$ . Hence a Galois extension with Galois group  $H_8$  has a split Hopf Galois structure of type  $C_2 \times C_2 \times C_2$ .

**2.** In the case  $G = H \times G'$ , i.e.  $F/k$  Galois, the Galois structures of  $K/F$  and  $F/k$  induce the Galois structure on  $K/k$ :

$$G \rightarrow G/G' = H \xrightarrow{\rho} \text{Hol}(H) \text{ and } G' \xrightarrow{\rho} \text{Hol}(G') \text{ give } G \xrightarrow{\rho} \text{Hol}(G).$$

Let us consider a Galois extension  $K/k$  with Galois group  $G \simeq C_p \times C_p$  (with  $p$  prime). There are  $p^2$  different Hopf Galois structures for  $K/k$  (Byott,1996).

**Case  $p = 2$ :** There is only one structure of type  $C_2 \times C_2$ , which is the classical one. The remaining 3 are of cyclic type. The extension  $K/k$  has 3 different quadratic subextensions but all of them give rise to the same Hopf Galois structure, corresponding to  $N = V_4 \subset S_4$ .

**Case  $p > 2$ :**  $\text{Hol}(C_{p^2})$  has no transitive subgroup isomorphic to  $C_p \times C_p$ . All  $p^2$  Hopf Galois structures are split:  $N \simeq C_p \times C_p$ . Only the classical structure is induced. The extension  $K/k$  has  $p + 1$  different subextensions of degree  $p$  but all of them give rise to the classical structure.

We obtain then that a split Hopf Galois structure on a Galois extension  $K/k$  may be induced by Hopf Galois structures on  $K/F$  and  $F/k$ , for different intermediate fields  $F$ .



Given a Galois extension  $K/k$  of degree  $n$  with Galois group  $G$  and a regular subgroup  $N = N_1 \times N_2$  of  $S_n$  giving  $K/k$  a split Hopf Galois structure, *under which conditions is this Hopf Galois structure induced?*

Theorem 1 gives that the following conditions are necessary.

- 1)  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  are  $G$ -stable,
- 2) If  $F = K^{N_2}$  and  $G' = \text{Gal}(K/F)$ , then  $G'$  has a normal complement in  $G$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let  $K/k$  be a finite Galois field extension,  $n = [K : k]$ ,  $G = \text{Gal}(K/k)$ . Let  $K/k$  be given a split Hopf Galois structure by a regular subgroup  $N$  of  $S_n$  such that  $N = N_1 \times N_2$  with  $N_1$  and  $N_2$   $G$ -stable subgroups of  $N$ . Let  $F = K^{N_2}$  be the subfield of  $K$  fixed by  $N_2$  and let us assume that  $G' = \text{Gal}(K/F)$  has a normal complement in  $G$ .

Then  $K/F$  is Hopf Galois with group  $N_2$  and  $F/k$  is Hopf Galois with group  $N_1$ . Moreover the Hopf Galois structure of  $K/k$  given by  $N$  is induced by the Hopf Galois structures given by  $N_1$  and  $N_2$ .

*Proof.* Since  $K/k$  is Hopf Galois with group  $N$ , we have a monomorphism

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi : G &\rightarrow \text{Hol}(N) = N \rtimes \text{Aut } N \\ g &\mapsto \varphi(g) = (n(g), \sigma(g))\end{aligned}$$

such that  $\varphi(1_G)$  is the stabilizer of  $1_N$ .

Let us see  $\varphi(G) \subset \iota(\text{Hol}(N_1) \times \text{Hol}(N_2))$ , for

$$\begin{aligned}\iota : \text{Hol}(N_1) \times \text{Hol}(N_2) &\hookrightarrow \text{Hol}(N_1 \times N_2) \\ ((n_1, \sigma_1), (n_2, \sigma_2)) &\mapsto ((n_1, n_2), \sigma).\end{aligned}$$

For  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $N_i$   $G$ -stable and  $N_i \triangleleft N \Rightarrow$

$$\text{for } n_i \in N_i, g \in G, n(g)\sigma(g)(n_i)n(g)^{-1} \in N_i \Rightarrow \sigma(g)(n_i) \in N_i.$$

We obtain then morphisms

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_1 : G &\rightarrow \text{Hol}(N_1) & \varphi_2 : G' &\rightarrow \text{Hol}(N_2) \\ g &\mapsto (\pi_1(n(g)), \sigma(g)|_{N_1}) & g &\mapsto (\pi_2(n(g)), \sigma(g)|_{N_2})\end{aligned}$$

Since  $F = K^{N_2}$  and  $G' = \text{Gal}(K/F)$ , we have for  $g \in G$ ,  $g \in G' \Leftrightarrow \varphi(g)(1_N) \in N_2$ .

Hence  $\varphi_1(G') = \text{Stab}(1_{N_1})$ .

Now for  $y \in G'$ ,  $\varphi_2(y)(1_{N_2}) = 1_{N_2} \Rightarrow \varphi_2(y)(1_N) \in N_1$ . But we had  $\varphi(y)(1_N) \in N_2$ , hence  $\varphi(y)(1_N) = 1_N$ , which implies  $y = 1_G$ , so  $\varphi_2(1_{G'}) = \text{Stab}(1_{N_2})$ .

# Counting Hopf Galois structures

## 1. The alternating group $A_4$

$K/k$  Galois with group  $A_4$  has only two types of Hopf Galois structures:  $A_4$  and  $V_4 \times C_3$ .

$$e(A_4, A_4) = 10 \text{ (Carnahan-Childs, 1999).}$$

Let us determine the number of induced Hopf Galois structures of type  $V_4 \times C_3$ .

We have a unique choice for the nontrivial normal subgroup  $H$ , the Klein subgroup  $V_4 = \{id, (1, 2)(3, 4), (1, 3)(2, 4), (1, 4)(2, 3)\}$ . It has four different complements in  $G$

$$G'_1 = \langle (2, 3, 4) \rangle, G'_2 = \langle (1, 3, 4) \rangle, G'_3 = \langle (1, 2, 4) \rangle, G'_4 = \langle (1, 2, 3) \rangle.$$

For a fixed  $G'$ ,  $F = K^{G'}/k$  is a quartic extension with Galois closure  $K$  and has a unique Hopf Galois structure of type  $V_4$  given by  $\varphi_1 : A_4 \hookrightarrow \text{Hol}(V_4)$ , such that  $\varphi_1(G') = \text{Stab}(1_{V_4})$ . The extension  $K/F$  is Galois with group  $G'$ . This is the unique Hopf Galois structure for  $K/F$ . We obtain then a unique induced Hopf Galois structure for each  $G'$ , given by  $\varphi : A_4 \hookrightarrow \text{Hol}(V_4 \times C_3)$  such that  $\varphi(G') = \text{Stab}(\{1_{V_4}\} \times C_3)$ . Therefore  $K/k$  has four different induced Hopf Galois structures of type  $V_4 \times C_3$ . We obtain then

$$e(A_4, V_4 \times C_3) \geq 4.$$

## 2. Groups of order $4p$

$p$  odd prime,  $G$  nonabelian group of order  $4p$ ,  $K/k$  Galois extension with group  $G$ .  $G$  has a unique  $p$ -Sylow subgroup  $H$  and  $p$  2-Sylow subgroups isomorphic either to  $C_4$  or to  $C_2 \times C_2$ . Let  $G'$  be a 2-Sylow subgroup of  $G$  and  $F = K^{G'}$ .

Since  $F/k$  has degree  $p$  and  $G$  is solvable,  $F/k$  is Hopf Galois (Childs 1989). Furthermore,  $F/k$  is almost classically Galois and has a unique Hopf Galois structure given by the normal complement  $H$  of  $G'$  in  $G$ .

The number of Hopf Galois structures for Galois extensions with group isomorphic to  $G'$  is

	$N_2 \simeq C_4$	$N_2 \simeq C_2 \times C_2$
$G' \simeq C_4$	1	1
$G' \simeq C_2 \times C_2$	3	1

Hence the number of induced Hopf Galois structures of type  $H \times N_2$  for  $K/k$  is

	Structures $C_4 \times C_p$	Structures $C_2 \times C_2 \times C_p$
2-Sylow subgroup $\simeq C_4$	$p$	$p$
2-Sylow subgroup $\simeq C_2 \times C_2$	$3p$	$p$

These are exactly the numbers of split Hopf Galois structures for  $K/k$  of type  $C_4 \times C_p$  or  $C_2 \times C_2 \times C_p$  (Kohl, 2007).

### 3. Groups of order $pq$

$G$  group of order  $pq$ ,  $p$  and  $q$  primes,  $p > q$ ,  $K/k$  Galois extension with group  $G$ .

- If  $q \nmid p - 1$ ,  $pq$  is a Burnside number and  $K/k$  has a unique Hopf Galois structure, the classical Galois one (Byott, 1996).
- If  $q \mid p - 1$ ,  $G$  is either cyclic or metacyclic  $C_p \rtimes C_q$ .
  - ▶ If  $G \simeq C_{pq}$ , there are  $2q - 1$  different Hopf Galois structures for  $K/k$ , the classical one with  $N \simeq C_{pq}$  (split) and  $2q - 2$  structures with  $N \simeq C_p \rtimes C_q$  (nonsplit).
  - ▶ If  $G \simeq C_p \rtimes C_q$ , it has a unique  $p$ -Sylow subgroup and  $p$   $q$ -Sylow subgroups. Let  $G'$  be a  $q$ -Sylow subgroup of  $G$  and  $F = K^{G'}$ . Since  $F/k$  has prime degree  $p$  and  $G$  is solvable,  $F/k$  is Hopf Galois (Childs, 1989). Furthermore, in this case  $F/k$  is almost classically Galois and has a unique Hopf Galois structure. The Galois structure of  $K/F$  is also the unique Hopf Galois structure.

Therefore, for each  $G'$ , we obtain exactly one induced Hopf Galois structure for  $K/k$  and all together we obtain in this way  $p$  induced Hopf Galois structures for  $K/k$ . This covers all split structures for  $K/k$  (Byott, 2004).

In particular, if  $p$  is an odd prime and  $K/k$  is a dihedral extension of degree  $2p$ , its Hopf Galois structures are the two given by  $G$  and  $G^{opp}$  (dihedral type) and the  $p$  split structures of type  $C_2 \times C_p$  (cyclic type), induced by the structures of  $K/F$  and  $F/k$ , for  $F = K^{G'}$  with  $G'$  ranging over the set of complements in  $G$  of the cyclic subgroup of order  $p$ .