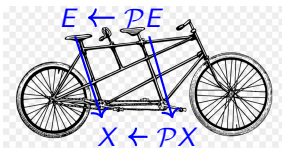


# Bigerbes and applications

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Line bundles  $\leftrightarrow H^2(X; \mathbb{Z})$

Gerbes  $\leftrightarrow H^3(X; \mathbb{Z})$

Bigerbes  $\leftrightarrow H^4(X; \mathbb{Z})$

$n$ -multigerbes  $\leftrightarrow H^{n+2}(X; \mathbb{Z})$

- ▶ **Geometric objects** which represent, and are classified by, integer cohomology
- ▶ Nontriviality corresponds to **obstruction**

A complex line bundle  $L \rightarrow X$  (or principal  $\mathbb{C}^*$  or  $\mathbb{T}$ -bundle) has a Chern class  $c_1(L) \in H^2(X; \mathbb{Z})$ , with the following properties:

► **Naturality:**

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f^*L & \longrightarrow & L \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X' & \xrightarrow{f} & X \end{array}$$

implies  $c_1(f^*L) = f^*c_1(L) \in H^2(X'; \mathbb{Z})$ .

► **Additivity:**  $c_1(L \otimes L') = c_1(L) + c_1(L')$ ,  $c_1(L^{-1}) = -c_1(L)$ .

► **Triviality:**  $c_1(L) = 0$  if and only if  $L$  is trivial:  $L \cong X \times \mathbb{C}$ .

► **Classification:**  $c_1(L) = c_1(L')$  if and only if  $L \cong L'$ .

► **Universality:** there is a bijection  $H^2(X; \mathbb{Z}) \leftrightarrow \{L \rightarrow X\} / \cong$ .

Nontriviality is the **obstruction** to admitting a trivialization, i.e., a global nonvanishing section.

Various versions: Giraud, Brylinski, Hitchin and Chatterjee, Murray.

[Murray '96] A **(bundle) gerbe**  $(L, Y, X)$  consists of:

- ▶ a *locally split* map (meaning surjective with local sections; e.g. fiber bundle)

$$\pi : Y \longrightarrow X,$$

- ▶ a line bundle (or principal  $\mathbb{C}^*$  or  $\mathbb{T}$ -bundle)

$$L \longrightarrow Y^{[2]}, \quad Y^{[2]} = Y \times_X Y = \{(y_1, y_2) : \pi(y_1) = \pi(y_2) \in X\}$$

- ▶ with an associative product

$$\phi : L_{(y_1, y_2)} \otimes L_{(y_2, y_3)} \xrightarrow{\cong} L_{(y_1, y_3)}, \quad (y_1, y_2, y_3) \in Y^{[3]}.$$

Associativity means that

$$\phi \circ (1 \otimes \phi) = \phi \circ (\phi \otimes 1) : L_{(y_1, y_2)} \otimes L_{(y_2, y_3)} \otimes L_{(y_3, y_4)} \cong L_{(y_1, y_4)},$$

$$(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) \in Y^{[4]}.$$

Can say:  $Y$  is a  $\mathbb{C}^*$  *groupoid* over  $X$  (each  $\text{Hom}(y_1, y_2) \cong \mathbb{C}^*$ ).

$$\begin{array}{c}
 L \\
 \downarrow \\
 X \xleftarrow{\pi} Y \xleftarrow[\pi_0]{\pi_1} Y[2]
 \end{array}$$

To a bundle gerbe  $(L, Y, X)$ , we associate a **Dixmier-Douady class**  $DD(L, Y, X) \in H^3(X; \mathbb{Z})$ , with the following properties:

► **Naturality:**

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 f^*L & \longrightarrow & L \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 f^*Y[2] & \longrightarrow & Y[2] \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 X' & \xrightarrow{f} & X
 \end{array}$$

implies  $DD(f^*L, f^*Y, X) = f^*DD(L, Y, X) \in H^3(X; \mathbb{Z})$ .

► **Additivity:**  $(L, Y, X) \otimes (L', Y', X) = (L \otimes L', Y \times_X Y', X)$ , with respect to which

$$\begin{aligned}
 DD(L \otimes L', Y \times_X Y', X) &= DD(L, Y, X) + DD(L', Y', X), \\
 DD(L^{-1}, Y, X) &= -DD(L, Y, X).
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & Q & & L \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 X & \xleftarrow{\pi} & Y & \xleftarrow[\pi_0]{\pi_1} & Y^{[2]}
 \end{array}$$

To a bundle gerbe  $(L, Y, X)$ , we associate a **Dixmier-Douady class**  $DD(L, Y, X) \in H^3(X; \mathbb{Z})$ , with the following properties:

- **Triviality:** A **trivialization** of a bundle gerbe is a line bundle  $Q \rightarrow Y$  such that  $L \cong \pi_0^* Q \otimes \pi_1^* Q^{-1} =: \delta Q$ , and  $DD(L, Y, X) = 0$  if and only if such a trivialization exists. (This is weaker than a trivialization of the line bundle  $L \rightarrow Y^{[2]}$ .)
- **Classification:**  $DD(L, Y, X) = DD(L', Y', X)$  if and only if  $(L, Y, X)$  and  $(L', Y', X)$  are *stably isomorphic* [Murray-Stevenson '00] (essentially,  $(L, Y, X) \otimes (L', Y', X)$  is trivial).

Suppose a group  $G$  has a central extension by  $\mathbb{T}$  (or  $\mathbb{C}^*$ ):

$$\mathbb{T} \longrightarrow \widehat{G} \longrightarrow G.$$

In particular,  $\widehat{G} \longrightarrow G$  is a  $\mathbb{T}$ -bundle.

If  $E \longrightarrow X$  is a principal  $G$ -bundle, there is a difference map  $\chi : E^{[2]} \longrightarrow G$ , where  $\chi(y_0, y_1) = g$  such that  $y_1 = y_0 g$ .

The **lifting bundle gerbe** for  $E$  is  $(\chi^* \widehat{G}, E, X)$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \chi^* \widehat{G} & & \widehat{G} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ E^{[2]} & \xrightarrow{\chi} & G \\ \downarrow & & \\ X & & \end{array}$$

The gerbe product comes from the group structure of  $\widehat{G}$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & \widehat{E} & & \chi^* \widehat{G} & & \widehat{G} \\
 & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 X & \longleftarrow E & \xleftarrow{\quad} & E^{[2]} & \xrightarrow{\chi} & G
 \end{array}$$

## Theorem (Murray '96)

A trivialization of  $(\chi^* \widehat{G}, E, X)$  is equivalent to a lift of  $E$  to a principal  $\widehat{G}$ -bundle  $\widehat{E} \rightarrow X$ .

Thus  $DD(\chi^* \widehat{G}, E, X) \in H^3(X; \mathbb{Z})$  is the **obstruction** to refining the  $G$  structure  $E \rightarrow X$  to a  $\widehat{G}$ -structure.

A familiar example:  $G = \mathrm{SO}(n)$ ,  $\widehat{G} = \mathrm{Spin}^c(n)$ :

$$\mathbb{T} \longrightarrow \mathrm{Spin}^c(n) \longrightarrow \mathrm{SO}(n),$$

$E_{\mathrm{SO}} \rightarrow X$  the frame bundle of a Riemannian manifold. Then  $DD(\chi^* \mathrm{Spin}^c(n), E_{\mathrm{SO}}, X) = W_3(X) \in H^3(X; \mathbb{Z})$  is the obstruction to a  $\mathrm{spin}^c$  structure on  $X$ .



## Universal example: loop space

Fix a basepoint in  $X$  and let  $\mathcal{P}X = \text{Map}_*([0, 1], X)$  be the based path space, with evaluation map

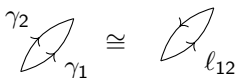
$$\varepsilon : \mathcal{P}X \longrightarrow X, \quad \gamma \mapsto \gamma(1).$$

If  $X$  locally contractible, then  $\mathcal{P}X \longrightarrow X$  is locally split.

- **Universality:** Every class in  $H^3(X; \mathbb{Z})$  is represented by a bundle gerbe  $(L, \mathcal{P}X, X)$  [Brylinski, Murray].

(In general, a class is representable by a bundle gerbe  $(L, Y, X)$  if and only if it pulls back trivially to  $H^3(Y; \mathbb{Z})$  [K-Melrose '19].)

Note that we can identify  $\mathcal{P}^{[2]}X$  with the based *loop space*  $\mathcal{L}X = \text{Map}_*(S^1, X)$ :




so the gerbe is a certain line bundle  $L \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}X$ , with  $c_1(L) \in H^2(\mathcal{L}X; \mathbb{Z})$ .

How is  $c_1(L) \in H^2(\mathcal{L}X; \mathbb{Z})$  related to  $DD(L) \in H^3(X; \mathbb{Z})$ ?

Recall that there is a *transgression*  $\tau : H^\bullet(X; \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow H^{\bullet-1}(\mathcal{L}X; \mathbb{Z})$  in cohomology, where

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^\bullet(X; \mathbb{Z}) & \xrightarrow{\text{ev}^*} & H^\bullet(S^1 \times \mathcal{L}X; \mathbb{Z}) \\ & \searrow \tau & \downarrow \cap [S^1] \\ & & H^{\bullet-1}(\mathcal{L}X; \mathbb{Z}) \end{array}$$

The class of  $c_1(L) \in H^2(\mathcal{L}X; \mathbb{Z})$  is the image under  $\tau$  of  $DD(L, \mathcal{P}X, X) \in H^3(X; \mathbb{Z})$ . In general,  $\tau$  is neither injective nor surjective. This map in cohomology forgets the gerbe product on  $L$ . With the identification  $\mathcal{P}^{[2]}X \cong \mathcal{L}X$ , the gerbe product is known as *fusion* in the literature [Stolz-Teichner '04, Waldorf '12]:

$$L_{\ell_{12}} \otimes L_{\ell_{23}} \xrightarrow{\cong} L_{\ell_{13}}$$


Thus a gerbe  $(L, \mathcal{P}X, X)$  is equivalent to a *fusion line bundle*  $L \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}X$ , and there is a bijection

$$H^3(X; \mathbb{Z}) \leftrightarrow \{\text{Fusion line bundles } L \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}X\} / \sim$$

## Remark

- ▶ Fusion can be built into a cohomology theory  $H_{\text{fus}}^{\bullet}(\mathcal{L}X; \mathbb{Z})$ , for which  $\tau : H^{\bullet}(X; \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_{\text{fus}}^{\bullet-1}(\mathcal{L}X; \mathbb{Z})$  is an isomorphism [K-Melrose '15].
- ▶ With an additional condition, this can all be promoted to the free loop space.

We can reinterpret bundle gerbes as follows: the sequence of fiber products  $Y^{[\bullet]}$  in

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & L & & \delta L & & \delta^2 L \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 X & \longleftarrow & Y & \longleftarrow & Y^{[2]} & \longleftarrow & Y^{[3]} & \longleftarrow & Y^{[4]} & \dots\dots\dots
 \end{array}$$

forms a *simplicial space* over  $X$ , meaning the projections  $\pi_j : Y^{[n]} \rightarrow Y^{[n-1]}$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, n - 1$  satisfy simplicial relations ( $\pi_i \pi_j = \pi_{j-1} \pi_i$ ,  $i < j$ , etc).

From a line bundle  $L \rightarrow Y^{[n]}$  we can form the “differential”  $\delta L = \bigotimes_{j=0}^n \pi_j^* L^{(-1)^j} \rightarrow Y^{[n+1]}$ , and  $\delta^2 L \rightarrow Y^{[n+2]}$  is canonically trivial.

A bundle gerbe is equivalent to a *simplicial line bundle* [Brylinski-McLaughlin '94], meaning  $L \rightarrow Y^{[2]}$  with a trivialization of  $\delta L$  inducing the canonical trivialization of  $\delta^2 L$ .

- ▶ The trivialization of  $\delta L$  is equivalent to the gerbe product.
- ▶ The condition on  $\delta^2 L$  is equivalent to associativity.
- ▶  $L$  is trivial if  $L = \delta Q$ .

[Stevenson '04]: Bundle gerbes have pullbacks, products, inverses, and trivializations, so we can play the same game again. A **bundle 2-gerbe**  $(L, Z, Y, X)$  is a “simplicial bundle gerbe”

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & \mathbb{L} & & \delta\mathbb{L} & & \delta^2\mathbb{L} & & \text{eek!} \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 X & \longleftarrow & Y & \xleftarrow{\times_2} & Y^{[2]} & \xleftarrow{\times_3} & Y^{[3]} & \xleftarrow{\times_4} & Y^{[4]} & \xleftarrow{\times_5} & Y^{[5]}
 \end{array}$$

consisting of:

- ▶ A locally split map  $Y \rightarrow X$ ,
- ▶ A bundle gerbe  $\mathbb{L} = (L, Z, Y^{[2]})$ ,
- ▶ A trivialization of  $\delta\mathbb{L} = \pi_0^*\mathbb{L} \otimes \pi_1^*\mathbb{L}^{-1} \otimes \pi_2^*\mathbb{L}$  over  $Y^{[3]}$ ,
- ▶ A 2-morphism (did I mention gerbes have 2-morphisms?) relating the induced trivialization of  $\delta^2\mathbb{L}$  to the canonical one,
- ▶ A coherency condition on pulled back 2-morphisms over  $Y^{[5]}$ .

Benefits:  $(L, Z, Y, X)$  has a well-defined characteristic class in  $H^4(X; \mathbb{Z})$  with the expected properties.

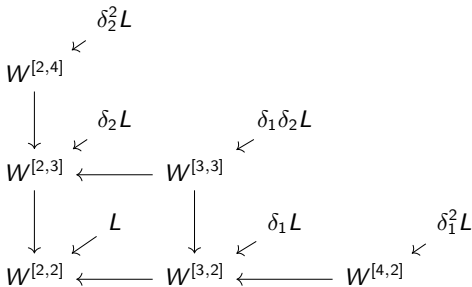
Drawbacks: The roles of  $Y$  and  $Z$  are very asymmetric. For higher gerbes ( $H^{\geq 5}(X; \mathbb{Z})$ ), higher and more complicated coherency conditions will appear.

[K-Melrose '19] Bigerberbes as an alternative version of 2-gerbes.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 Z^{[3]} & \longleftarrow & W^{[1,3]} & \longleftarrow & W^{[2,3]} & \longleftarrow & W^{[3,3]} \\
 \Downarrow & & \Downarrow & & \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\
 Z^{[2]} & \longleftarrow & W^{[1,2]} & \longleftarrow & W^{[2,2]} & \longleftarrow & W^{[2,3]} \\
 \Downarrow & & \Downarrow & & \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\
 Z & \longleftarrow & W & \longleftarrow & W^{[2,1]} & \longleftarrow & W^{[3,1]} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 X & \longleftarrow & Y & \longleftarrow & Y^{[2]} & \longleftarrow & Y^{[3]}
 \end{array}$$

The setup:

- ▶ A **locally split square** is a diagram as above where  $Y \rightarrow X$  and  $Z \rightarrow X$  and  $W \rightarrow Y \times_X Z$  are locally split.
- ▶ Fill out the diagram by fiber products.
- ▶  $W^{[\bullet, \bullet]}$  forms a *bisimplicial space over  $X$*  (each row and column is simplicial), and there are two (commuting) differentials  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  on line bundles.



A **bundle bigerbe**  $(L, W, Z, Y, X)$  is a “bisimplicial line bundle”, meaning a line bundle  $L$  over  $W^{[2,2]}$ , with trivialisations of  $\delta_1 L$  and  $\delta_2 L$  inducing the canonical trivialisations of  $\delta_1^2 L$  and  $\delta_2^2 L$ , and agreeing on  $\delta_1 \delta_2 L$ .

Products, inverses, and pullbacks are straightforward to define.

A **trivialization** is an isomorphism  $L \cong \delta_1 Q_1 \otimes \delta_2 Q_2$  for a line bundles  $Q_1 \rightarrow W^{[1,2]}$  and  $Q_2 \rightarrow W^{[2,1]}$ .

## Theorem (K-Melrose '19)

A bundle bigerbe  $(L, W, Z, Y, X)$  has a well-defined characteristic class  $G(L) := G(L, W, Z, Y, X) \in H^4(X; \mathbb{Z})$ , with the following properties:

- ▶ **Naturality:**  $G(f^*L) = f^*G(L)$
- ▶ **Additivity:**  $G(L \otimes L') = G(L) + G(L')$ ,  $G(L^{-1}) = -G(L)$ .
- ▶ **Triviality:**  $G(L) = 0$  if and only if  $L$  admits a trivialization:  $L \cong \delta_1 Q_1 \otimes \delta_2 Q_2$ .
- ▶ **Classification:**  $G(L) = G(L')$  if and only if the two bigerbes are stably isomorphic.

There is also a theorem characterizing which squares  $(W, Z, Y, X)$  support a bigerbe with a given 4-class.

Benefits: No higher category stuff! Also generalizes in a straightforward manner to higher degree, leading to **bundle multigerbes**. (Start with a locally split  $n$ -cube...)

But are there any interesting ones?



Recall the *Whitehead tower* for  $G = O(n) = O$ :

$$O \longleftarrow SO \longleftarrow \text{Spin} \longleftarrow \text{String} \longleftarrow \dots$$

$$\pi_0 = 0 \quad \pi_{\leq 2} = 0 \quad \pi_{\leq 6} = 0$$

$$\pi_0 = \mathbb{Z}_2 \quad \pi_1 = \mathbb{Z}_2 \quad \pi_3 = \mathbb{Z}$$

The **string group** is a 3-connected (in fact 6-connected) topological group sitting over Spin.

While  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow \text{Spin} \rightarrow \text{SO}$  is a finite cover (and central extension), String is not a finite dimensional Lie group ( $\text{Ker}(\text{String} \rightarrow \text{Spin})$  has the homotopy type of  $K(\mathbb{Z}, 2) \simeq \mathbb{C}P^\infty$ ).

If  $X$  is a Riemannian manifold with frame bundle  $E_O \rightarrow X$ , then a lift to  $E_G \rightarrow X$  is:

$G$	structure	obstruction	classification
SO	orientation	$w_1(X) \in H^1(X; \mathbb{Z}_2)$	$H^0(X; \mathbb{Z}_2)$
Spin	spin	$w_2(X) \in H^2(X; \mathbb{Z}_2)$	$H^1(X; \mathbb{Z}_2)$
String	string	$\frac{1}{2}p_1(X) \in H^4(X; \mathbb{Z})$	$H^3(X; \mathbb{Z})$

If  $E \rightarrow X$  is a principal  $G$ -bundle, then  $\mathcal{L}E \rightarrow \mathcal{L}X$  is a principal  $\mathcal{L}G$  bundle, and there is a degree lowering “transgression relation” between structures on  $X$  and those on  $\mathcal{L}X$ .

Suppose  $X$  is oriented, so  $G = \text{SO}$ . Then  $\mathcal{L}\text{SO}$  is not connected; a reduction to  $\mathcal{L}\text{SO}_+ \cong \mathcal{L}\text{Spin}$  is therefore an “orientation” on  $\mathcal{L}X$ , or a *loop-orientation* [Atiyah '85, McLaughlin '92].

If  $X$  admits a spin structure, then  $\mathcal{L}X$  admits an orientation (not iff!).

[Stolz-Teichner '04]: There is a natural bijection between spin structures on  $X$  and *fusion orientations* on  $\mathcal{L}X$ .

A lift of  $\mathcal{L}E_{\text{Spin}} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}X$  for a spin manifold to the universal central extension

$$\mathbb{T} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{L}\text{Spin}} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}\text{Spin}$$

(determined by a generator of  $H^3(\text{Spin}; \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}$ ) is a “spin structure” on  $\mathcal{L}X$  [Atiyah '85, McLaughlin '92], or a *loop-spin structure*.

The obstruction is  $\tau(\frac{1}{2}p_1(X)) \in H^3(\mathcal{L}X; \mathbb{Z})$ , so if  $X$  admits a string structure, then  $\mathcal{L}X$  admits a loop-spin structure (not iff!).

[Stolz-Teichner '04, Waldorf '16, K-Melrose '13]: Relations between string structures on  $X$  and fusion loop-spin (and related) structures on  $\mathcal{L}X$ .

[Brylinski-McLaughlin, CJMSW] 2-gerbes related to the spin structure on  $\mathcal{L}X$ .

There is a bigerbe giving a very clear picture.

Take  $X$  a spin manifold with  $E = E_{\text{Spin}} \rightarrow X$ . Start with locally split square  $(\mathcal{P}E, E, \mathcal{P}X, X)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & & & \widehat{\mathcal{L}\text{Spin}} \\
 & & & & & & \downarrow \\
 E^{[2]} & \leftarrow & \mathcal{P}E^{[2]} & \rightleftarrows & \mathcal{L}E^{[2]} & \xrightarrow{\chi} & \mathcal{L}\text{Spin} \\
 \Downarrow & & \Downarrow & & \Downarrow & & \\
 E & \leftarrow & \mathcal{P}E & \rightleftarrows & \mathcal{L}E & & \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 X & \leftarrow & \mathcal{P}X & \rightleftarrows & \mathcal{L}X & & 
 \end{array}$$

### Theorem (K-Melrose '19)

$\chi^*(\widehat{\mathcal{L}\text{Spin}}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}E^{[2]}$  determines a bigerbe, with characteristic class  $\frac{1}{2}p_1(X) \in H^4(X; \mathbb{Z})$ . Trivializations of this bigerbe are equivalent to fusion loop-spin structures, and these are in bijection with  $H^3(X; \mathbb{Z})$ , and hence with string structures on  $X$ .

- ▶ Vertical simpliciality comes from the lifting bundle gerbe.
- ▶ Horizontal simpliciality comes from a fusion/gerbe property of  $\widehat{\mathcal{L}\text{Spin}} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}\text{Spin}$ .

One other nice application of bigerbes is to “decomposable” classes.

A class  $\alpha = \beta_1 \cup \beta_2 \in H^4(X; \mathbb{Z})$ , with  $\beta_i \in H^2(X; \mathbb{Z})$  is represented by a bigerbe as follows.

Let  $Y_i \rightarrow X$  be principal  $\mathbb{T}$ -bundles with  $c_1(Y_i) = \beta_i \in H^2(X; \mathbb{Z})$ , and set  $W = Y_1 \times_X Y_2 = Y_1 \otimes Y_2$ , a principal  $\mathbb{T}^2$  bundle, to get the split square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y_2 & \leftarrow & Y_1 \otimes Y_2 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X & \longleftarrow & Y_1 \end{array}$$

Then  $W^{[2,2]} = Y_1^{[2]} \otimes Y_2^{[2]} = (Y_1 \otimes Y_2)^{[2]}$  in this case, with difference map

$$\chi : (Y_1 \otimes Y_2)^{[2]} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^2,$$

and  $\chi^* S \rightarrow Y_1^{[2]} \otimes Y_2^{[2]}$  defines a bigerbe with class  $\beta_1 \cup \beta_2 \in H^4(X; \mathbb{Z})$ , where  $S \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^2$  is an explicit representative of the fundamental line bundle:  $c_1(S) = 1 \in H^2(\mathbb{T}^2; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ .

## Decomposable bigerbes represent cup products

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Likewise, suppose  $\beta \in H^3(X; \mathbb{Z})$  and  $\gamma \in H^1(X; \mathbb{Z})$ , we may represent  $\gamma \cup \beta$  as follows.

Suppose  $(L, Y, X)$  is a bundle gerbe with  $DD(L) = \beta$ .

Represent  $\gamma$  by a map  $X \rightarrow \mathbb{T} = K(\mathbb{Z}, 1)$ , and pull back the universal cover  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  to the  $\mathbb{Z}$  cover  $\tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ .

Form the locally split square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y & \leftarrow & \tilde{X} \times_X Y \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X & \longleftarrow & \tilde{X} \end{array}$$

Pull back the gerbe bundle  $L \rightarrow Y^{[2]}$  and the difference map  $\chi: \tilde{X}^{[2]} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  to  $Y^{[2]} \times_X \tilde{X}^{[2]}$  and then

$$L^X \rightarrow Y^{[2]} \times_X \tilde{X}^{[2]}$$

is a bigerbe representing  $\gamma \cup \beta \in H^4(X; \mathbb{Z})$  (here  $L^X = L^{\otimes n}$  on  $\chi^{-1}(n)$ ).

## Thank You!



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