

# TROPICAL SKELETONS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we study the interplay between tropical and analytic geometry for closed subschemes of toric varieties. Let  $K$  be a complete non-Archimedean field, and let  $X$  be a closed subscheme of a toric variety over  $K$ . We define the tropical skeleton of  $X$  as the subset of the associated Berkovich space  $X^{\text{an}}$  which collects all Shilov boundary points in the fibers of the Kajiwara–Payne tropicalization map. We develop polyhedral criteria for limit points to belong to the tropical skeleton, and for the tropical skeleton to be closed. We apply the limit point criteria to the question of continuity of the canonical section of the tropicalization map on the multiplicity-one locus. This map is known to be continuous on all torus orbits; we prove criteria for continuity when crossing torus orbits. When  $X$  is schön and defined over a discretely valued field, we show that the tropical skeleton coincides with a skeleton of a strictly semistable pair, and is naturally isomorphic to the parameterizing complex of Helm–Katz.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $K$  be a field which is complete with respect to a non-Archimedean absolute value, which might be trivial. Tropicalizing a scheme  $X$  of finite type over  $K$  means, roughly speaking, applying the valuation map to a set of coordinates on  $X$ . This produces a combinatorial shadow of  $X$  called the tropical variety of  $X$ . Such coordinates are obtained by embedding  $X$  (or an open subscheme) into a torus or, more generally, into a toric variety. The tropicalization map extends uniquely to a proper continuous map from the Berkovich space  $X^{\text{an}}$  to a Kajiwara–Payne compactification of Euclidean space. In fact, by a result of Payne [Pay09, FGP14], for any subscheme  $X$  of a toric variety, the topological space underlying  $X^{\text{an}}$  is the inverse limit over all tropicalizations of  $X$  with respect to suitable choices of coordinates.

An interesting question is the relationship between the Berkovich space  $X^{\text{an}}$  and an individual tropicalization. If  $X$  is a curve, the problem of finding subgraphs of  $X^{\text{an}}$  which are isometric to tropical varieties of  $X$  was investigated by Baker, Payne and Rabinoff in [BPR11, BPR13]. In the higher-dimensional example of the Grassmannian of planes it was shown in [CHW14] that the tropical Grassmannian is homeomorphic to a closed subset of the analytic Grassmannian. This result relies heavily on combinatorial arguments using the interpretation of the tropical Grassmannian of planes as a space of phylogenetic trees. Draisma and Postinghel [DP14] provide an alternative proof using tropical torus actions.

In [GRW14], the higher dimensional situation is analyzed from a general point of view by introducing generalized versions of Berkovich’s skeletons which lend themselves to comparison with tropicalizations. Among other results, it is proved in *loc. cit.* that the tropicalization map for a subvariety of a torus has a canonical continuous section on the locus of all points with tropical multiplicity one.

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This section is defined by associating to every point  $\omega$  of tropical multiplicity one the unique Shilov boundary point in the fiber of tropicalization over  $\omega$ . For an overview of these results, see [Wer15].

In the present paper we consider closed subschemes  $X$  of toric varieties and their Kajiwara-Payne tropicalization. It turns out the natural section map on the locus of tropical multiplicity one (which can be defined stratum by stratum) is no longer continuous in general. A delicate investigation of polyhedra in the tropicalization is necessary to obtain criteria for continuity. We approach this problem from a more general angle by investigating a subset of the Berkovich space  $X^{\text{an}}$  which we call the tropical skeleton.

Let us describe our results in more detail. Let  $Y_\Delta$  be the toric variety associated to a pointed rational fan  $\Delta$ . Then  $Y_\Delta$  can be stratified into torus orbits  $O(\sigma)$ , where  $\sigma$  runs over the cones in  $\Delta$ . The Kajiwara-Payne tropicalization of  $Y_\Delta$  is a natural partial compactification  $\overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\Delta$  of the real cocharacter space  $N_{\mathbf{R}}$  of the dense torus in  $Y$ . As a set (but not as a topological space) it is the disjoint union of all cocharacter spaces  $N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma) := N_{\mathbf{R}}/\langle\sigma\rangle$  associated to the torus orbits  $O(\sigma)$  in  $Y_\Delta$ . There is a natural continuous tropicalization map  $Y^{\text{an}} \rightarrow \overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\Delta$ . We consider a closed subscheme  $X$  of  $Y$  and its tropicalization  $\text{Trop}(X)$ , which is defined as the image of  $X^{\text{an}}$  under the tropicalization map

$$\text{trop}: X^{\text{an}} \hookrightarrow Y_\Delta^{\text{an}} \longrightarrow \overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\Delta.$$

The intersection of  $X$  with each toric stratum  $O(\sigma)$  of  $\overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\Delta$  is a closed subscheme of a torus, hence its tropical variety, which is simply  $\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$ , can be equipped with the structure of an integral affine polyhedral complex. For every  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(X)$  the fiber  $\text{trop}^{-1}(\{\omega\})$  of the tropicalization map over  $\omega$  is an affinoid domain in  $(X \cap O(\sigma))^{\text{an}}$ . Therefore it contains a finite subset of points  $B$ , the Shilov boundary, such that every element in the associated affinoid algebra achieves its maximum absolute value on  $B$ . After providing some background material on tropical and analytic geometry in §§2–3, we define the tropical skeleton of  $X$  in §4 as the subset

$$S_{\text{Trop}}(X) = \{\xi \in X^{\text{an}} \mid \xi \text{ is a Shilov boundary point of } \text{trop}^{-1}(\text{trop}(\xi))\}$$

of  $X^{\text{an}}$ . The tropical skeleton does not change by passing to the induced reduced subscheme and it is compatible with valued field extensions. Moreover, we show that it is locally closed in  $X^{\text{an}}$ , and that the tropical skeleton of  $X$  is the union of the tropical skeletons of the irreducible components. In Example 4.9 we discuss a concrete hypersurface in affine 3-space such that its tropical skeleton is not closed. Motivated by this example, we define the local dimension  $d(\omega)$  of a point  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(X)$  as the dimension of the local cone at  $\omega$  of the tropicalization of  $X$ . This coincides with the dimension of the initial degeneration of  $X$  at  $\omega$ . Then a polyhedron in the tropicalization of  $X \cap O(\sigma)$  containing  $\omega$  is called  $d$ -maximal at  $\omega$  if its dimension coincides with  $d(\omega)$ . Note that the local cone of  $\text{Trop}(X)$  at  $\omega$  can be identified with the tropicalization of the initial degeneration at  $\omega$  over the residue field of  $K$  endowed with the trivial absolute value.

In Theorem 6.1, we prove a very general criterion for a limit point of a sequence  $\xi_i \in S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  to stay inside the tropical skeleton. For simplicity, we assume here that the sequence  $\xi_i$  is in the dense torus  $T$  as well, and that  $X \cap T$  is of pure dimension  $d$ . As a consequence of Theorem 6.1, we obtain the following result:

**Theorem 6.3.** *Let  $X$  be a closed subscheme of the toric variety  $Y_\Delta$  such that  $X \cap O(\sigma)$  is equidimensional of dimension  $d_\sigma$  for any  $\sigma \in \Delta$ . We suppose that for all faces  $\tau \prec \sigma$  of  $\Delta$  and any  $d_\tau$ -dimensional polyhedron  $P$  in  $\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\tau)$  such that its closure meets  $N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$ , the natural projection of  $P$  to  $N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  has dimension  $d_\sigma$ . Then  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  is closed.*

The situation is particularly nice if  $X$  meets every torus orbit not at all or properly, which means that either  $X \cap O(\sigma) = \emptyset$  or that its dimension is equal to  $\dim(X) - \dim(\sigma)$ . We investigate this situation in §7. In particular, we show in Corollary 7.7 that for such  $X$  the tropical skeleton  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  is closed in  $X^{\text{an}}$ .

Section 8 deals with continuous sections of the tropicalization map. Let  $X$  be a closed subscheme of  $Y_\Delta$  and consider a point  $\omega$  in  $\text{Trop}(X \cap O(\sigma))$  of tropical multiplicity one. We show in Proposition 8.3 that in this case there exists a unique irreducible component  $C$  of  $X \cap O(\sigma)$  of (maximal possible) dimension  $d(\omega)$  such that  $\omega$  lies in  $\text{Trop}(C)$  and such that  $\text{trop}^{-1}(\omega) \cap C^{\text{an}}$  has a unique Shilov boundary point. Hence for every point  $\omega$  of tropical multiplicity one we can single out a Shilov boundary point in the fiber of the tropicalization map over  $\omega$ . This defines a section  $s_X$  of the tropicalization map on the subset  $\text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1}$  of all points of tropical multiplicity one of  $\text{Trop}(X)$ . The question of continuity of  $s_X$  is closely related to the question of the tropical skeleton being closed. We will deduce the following theorem from the results of §§6–7:

**Theorem 8.12.** *Let  $\Delta$  be a pointed rational fan in  $N_{\mathbf{R}}$  and let  $X \subset Y_\Delta$  be a closed subscheme. Let  $\{\omega_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  be a sequence in  $\text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1} \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}$  converging to a point  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1} \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  for  $\sigma \in \Delta$ ,  $\sigma \neq \{0\}$ . Suppose that there exists a polyhedron  $P \subset \text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}$  which is  $d$ -maximal at each  $\omega_i$ . If the natural projection of  $P$  to  $N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  is  $d$ -maximal at  $\omega$ , then  $s_X(\omega_i) \rightarrow s_X(\omega)$ .*

We assume now that the intersection of  $X$  with the dense torus  $T$  in  $Y_\Delta$  is dense in  $X$ . We can apply Theorem 8.12 to the case that the intersection  $X \cap O(\sigma)$  of  $X$  with all torus orbits is equidimensional. We deduce in Theorem 8.14 that if  $\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}$  can be covered by finitely many maximal-dimensional polyhedra  $P$  which project to polyhedra of maximal dimension in all boundary strata which are met by the closure of  $P$ , then  $s_X: \text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1} \rightarrow X^{\text{an}}$  is continuous. As a corollary we get

**Corollary 8.15.** *Let  $X$  be a closed subscheme of  $Y_\Delta$  such that  $X \cap T$  is dense in  $X$ , and assume additionally that for all  $\sigma \in \Delta$ , either  $X \cap O(\sigma) = \emptyset$  or  $X$  intersects  $O(\sigma)$  properly. Then  $s_X: \text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1} \rightarrow X^{\text{an}}$  is continuous.*

Working with several torus orbits at once forces us to consider reducible subschemes of tori, and we work out some fundamental properties of this situation. We also do not exclude the case of the trivial absolute value, which can be put on any field. This often requires a careful study of the behaviour of our objects under non-Archimedean field extensions.

In §9 we specialize to the case of a so-called schön subvariety  $X$  of a torus  $T$ , defined over a discretely valued subfield  $K_0 \subset K$ . In this situation,  $X$  admits a compactification  $\mathcal{X}$  in a toric scheme over the valuation ring  $K^\circ \subset K$ , such that the pair of  $\mathcal{X}$  with the boundary divisor on the generic fiber  $H$  form a strictly semistable pair in the sense of [GRW14]. This allows us to use the results of *loc.*

*cit.* to define a skeleton  $S(\mathcal{X}, H) \subset X^{\text{an}}$  associated to the pair  $(\mathcal{X}, H)$ . In Theorem 9.12 we show that  $S(\mathcal{X}, H)$  coincides with the tropical skeleton  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  (as subsets of  $X^{\text{an}}$ ), and that both are naturally isomorphic to the parameterizing complex  $\Gamma_X$  defined by Helm–Katz [HK12]. As a consequence, the parameterizing complex is a deformation retract of  $X^{\text{an}}$ , so the canonical isomorphism  $H^r(\Gamma_X, \mathbf{Q}_\ell) \cong W_0 H_{\text{ét}}^r(X_{\overline{K}_0}, \mathbf{Q}_\ell)$  of [HK12] follows, at least over local fields, from a very general comparison result of Berkovich; see Remark 9.14. Here,  $\ell$  is assumed to be different from the residue characteristic of  $K$ , and the isomorphism relates the singular cohomology to the weight zero part of the étale cohomology of the base change of  $X$  to the algebraic closure  $\overline{K}_0$ .

The interplay between tropical and analytic geometry has been intensely studied during the last years. It plays an important role in the investigation of tropical moduli spaces [ACP14] and also for applications of tropical geometry to arithmetic problems [KRZB15]. We hope that the general conceptual picture of the relationship between analytic and tropical subschemes of toric varieties which we develop in this paper will prove useful for further developments in this area.

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## 2. ANALYTIC SPACES AND THEIR REDUCTIONS

In this section we present a large number of technical facts about analytic spaces, mostly concerning reductions and Shilov boundaries. Most of the results are well-known to experts, but some are difficult to extract from the literature, and others do not seem to be written down. We give references where it is convenient to do so, and proofs where it is not.

We hope that having all of these basic facts collected in one place will serve as a useful toolbox.

**2.1. General notation.** This paper uses standard notations from the fields of non-Archimedean analytic geometry and toric geometry. Appendix A contains a list of notations.

If  $X$  is an object (scheme, analytic space, formal scheme, algebra, arrow) over a ring  $K$  and  $K \rightarrow K'$  is a ring homomorphism, the extension of scalars of  $X$  to  $K'$  will be denoted  $X_{K'}$  when convenient.

**2.2. Non-Archimedean fields.** By a *non-Archimedean field* we mean a field  $K$  which is complete with respect to a (potentially trivial) non-Archimedean valuation  $v: K \rightarrow \mathbf{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ . If  $K$  is a non-Archimedean field then we write  $K^\circ$  for its ring of integers,  $K^{\circ\circ}$  for the maximal ideal in  $K^\circ$ , and  $\tilde{K} = K^\circ/K^{\circ\circ}$  for the residue field. We also write  $\Gamma = \Gamma_K = v(K^\times)$  for the value group of  $K$  and  $\sqrt{\Gamma}$  for its saturation in  $\mathbf{R}$ . Let  $|\cdot| = \exp(-v(\cdot))$  be a corresponding absolute value on  $K$ .

Throughout this paper,  $K$  will denote a non-Archimedean field.

By a *valued extension field* of  $K$  we mean a non-Archimedean field  $K'$  containing  $K$  such that the valuation on  $K'$  restricts to the valuation on  $K$ .

The *Tate algebra* of convergent power series in  $n$  variables over  $K$  is denoted  $K\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$ . More generally, for  $r_1, \dots, r_n \in \mathbf{R}_{>0}$  we set

$$K\langle r_1^{-1}x_1, \dots, r_n^{-1}x_n \rangle = \left\{ \sum_{I \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}^n} a_I x^I \mid |a_I| r^I \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } |I| \rightarrow \infty \right\}.$$

**2.3. Analytic spaces.** Let  $X$  be a Berkovich  $K$ -analytic space [Ber99]. For  $x \in X$  we let  $\mathcal{H}(x)$  denote the completed residue field at  $x$ . This is a valued extension field of  $K$ . The spectrum of a  $K$ -affinoid algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is denoted  $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A})$ . We will generally use calligraphic letters to denote  $K$ -affinoid algebras.

For any  $K$ -scheme  $X$  locally of finite type, we let  $X^{\text{an}}$  denote its analytification, as constructed in [Ber90, §3.4–3.5]. This is a good strictly  $K$ -analytic space, so every point has a neighborhood of the form  $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A})$ , where  $\mathcal{A}$  is a strictly  $K$ -affinoid algebra. It is boundaryless in the sense of [Ber90, §3.1].

We put  $\mathbf{B}(1) = \mathcal{M}(K\langle x \rangle)$  and  $\mathbf{B}(r) = \mathcal{M}(K\langle r^{-1}x \rangle)$  for  $r \in \mathbf{R}_{>0}$ . This is the closed affinoid ball of radius  $r$ ; it is strictly  $K$ -affinoid when  $\log(r) \in \sqrt{\Gamma}$ .

**2.4. Dimension theory and irreducible decomposition.** The basic dimension theory of  $K$ -analytic spaces is developed in [Ber90, §2.3]. The *dimension*  $\dim(X)$  of a strictly  $K$ -affinoid space  $X = \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A})$  is by definition the Krull dimension of  $\mathcal{A}$ . The dimension of a general  $K$ -affinoid space  $X$  is the dimension of  $X_{K'}$  for  $K'/K$  a valued field extension such that  $X_{K'}$  is strictly  $K'$ -affinoid. The *dimension*  $\dim(X)$  of a  $K$ -analytic space  $X$  is the maximum dimension of a  $K$ -affinoid domain in  $X$ . If  $X$  is strictly  $K$ -analytic then this is equal to the maximal Krull dimension of the stalk  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  at a point  $x$  of the rigid analytic variety associated to  $X$ . We say that a  $K$ -analytic space  $X$  is *equidimensional of dimension  $d$*  provided that every  $K$ -affinoid domain in  $X$  has dimension  $d$ . The analytification of a  $K$ -scheme  $X$  of dimension  $d$  (resp. of equidimension  $d$ ) has dimension  $d$  (resp. equidimension  $d$ ) by [Con99, Lemma A.1.2(2)].

Let  $X$  be a good  $K$ -analytic space and let  $x \in X$ . The *local dimension*  $\dim_x(X)$  is the infimum of  $\dim(V)$  for  $V \subset X$  an affinoid neighborhood of  $x$ . One has  $\dim(X) = \max_{x \in X} \dim_x(X)$ , and  $X$  is equidimensional if and only if  $\dim_x(X) = \dim(X)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

Let  $X = \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A})$  be a  $K$ -affinoid space. The *irreducible components* of  $X$  are the reduced Zariski-closed subspaces of  $X$  defined by the minimal prime ideals of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Each irreducible component is equidimensional, and  $X$  is equidimensional if and only if its irreducible components have the same dimension by [Ber90, Proposition 2.3.5]. If  $X$  is  $K$ -affinoid then  $\dim_x(X)$  is the maximal dimension of an irreducible component containing  $x$ .

See [Con99] for a global theory of irreducible components. We need to extend the following result, found in *ibid.*, to the case of non-strict  $K$ -affinoid domains.

**Proposition 2.5.** *Let  $X$  be a finite-type  $K$ -scheme, let  $Y \subset X$  be an irreducible component, and let  $U \subset X^{\text{an}}$  be a (possibly non-strict)  $K$ -affinoid domain. Then  $Y^{\text{an}} \cap U$  is a union of irreducible components of  $U$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $K' \supset K$  be a valued extension field of  $K$  which is non-trivially valued and such that  $U_{K'}$  is strictly  $K'$ -affinoid. Let  $X' = X_{K'}$ ,  $Y' = Y_{K'}$ , and  $U' = U_{K'}$ . Then the reduced space underlying  $Y'^{\text{an}} \cap U'$  is a union of irreducible components of  $U'$  by [Con99, Corollary 2.2.9, Theorem 2.3.1]. Let  $U = \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A})$  and let

$\mathcal{A}' = \mathcal{A} \widehat{\otimes}_K K'$ , so  $U' = \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A}')$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}'$  is a faithfully flat  $\mathcal{A}$ -algebra by [Ber93, Lemma 2.1.2]. Suppose that  $Y \cap U$  is defined by the ideal  $\mathfrak{a} \subset \mathcal{A}$ , so  $Y' \cap U'$  is defined by  $\mathfrak{a}' = \mathfrak{a}\mathcal{A}'$ . The question is now purely one of commutative algebra: if  $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}'$  is a faithfully flat homomorphism of Noetherian rings and  $\sqrt{\mathfrak{a}'}$  is an intersection of minimal prime ideals  $\wp'_i$  of  $\mathcal{A}'$ , then  $\sqrt{\mathfrak{a}}$  is the intersection of the minimal prime ideals  $\wp'_i \cap \mathcal{A}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ . This follows from [Gr65, Proposition 2.3.4].  $\square$

**2.6. Admissible formal schemes.** Suppose now that the valuation on  $K$  is non-trivial. An *admissible  $K^\circ$ -algebra* in the sense of [BL93] is a  $K^\circ$ -algebra  $A$  which is topologically finitely generated and flat (i.e. torsionfree) over  $K^\circ$ . We will generally use Roman letters to denote admissible  $K^\circ$ -algebras. An *admissible  $K^\circ$ -formal scheme* is a formal scheme  $\mathfrak{X}$  which has a cover by formal affine opens of the form  $\mathrm{Spf}(A)$  for  $A$  an admissible  $K^\circ$ -algebra. The special fiber of  $\mathfrak{X}$  is denoted  $\mathfrak{X}_s = \mathfrak{X} \otimes_{K^\circ} \widetilde{K}$ ; this is a  $\widetilde{K}$ -scheme locally of finite type. If  $\mathfrak{X}$  has a locally finite atlas, the *analytic generic fiber*  $\mathfrak{X}_\eta$  of  $\mathfrak{X}$  is the strictly  $K$ -analytic space defined locally by  $\mathrm{Spf}(A)_\eta = \mathcal{M}(A \otimes_{K^\circ} K)$ . Here we recall several facts about admissible  $K^\circ$ -algebras and affine admissible  $K^\circ$ -formal schemes.

**Proposition 2.7.** *Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  be a homomorphism of admissible  $K^\circ$ -algebras, let  $\mathfrak{X} = \mathrm{Spf}(A)$  and  $\mathfrak{Y} = \mathrm{Spf}(B)$ , and let  $\varphi: \mathfrak{Y} \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}$  be the induced morphism.*

- (1)  *$f$  is finite if and only if  $f_K: A_K \rightarrow B_K$  is finite.*
- (2) *Suppose that  $f_K: A_K \rightarrow B_K$  is finite and dominant, i.e. that  $\ker(f_K)$  is nilpotent. Then  $\varphi_s: \mathfrak{Y}_s \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}_s$  is finite and surjective.*
- (3) *If  $\mathfrak{X}_\eta$  has dimension  $d$  (resp. is equidimensional of dimension  $d$ ), then  $\mathfrak{X}_s$  has dimension  $d$  (resp. is equidimensional of dimension  $d$ ).*
- (4) *Suppose that  $f_K: A_K \rightarrow B_K$  is finite and dominant, and that  $\mathfrak{X}_\eta$  and  $\mathfrak{Y}_\eta$  are equidimensional (necessarily of the same dimension). Then  $\varphi_s: \mathfrak{Y}_s \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}_s$  maps generic points to generic points.*

*Proof.* These are all found in [BPR11, §3], except for the “dimension  $d$ ” part of (3), which uses a similar argument to the “equidimension  $d$ ” part of [BPR11, Proposition 3.23]. Note that the proofs in *loc. cit.* do not use the standing assumption there that  $K$  is algebraically closed.  $\square$

**2.8. The canonical reduction.** Assume that the valuation on  $K$  is non-trivial. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a strictly  $K$ -affinoid algebra and let  $X = \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A})$ . We let  $\mathcal{A}^\circ \subset \mathcal{A}$  denote the subring of power-bounded elements and we let  $\mathcal{A}^{\circ\circ} \subset \mathcal{A}^\circ$  denote the ideal of topologically nilpotent elements. The ring  $\mathcal{A}^\circ$  is flat over  $K^\circ$ , but it may not be topologically of finite type (see Theorem 2.9 below). If  $|\cdot|_{\mathrm{sup}}$  is the supremum seminorm on  $\mathcal{A}$ , then  $\mathcal{A}^\circ = \{f \in \mathcal{A} \mid |f|_{\mathrm{sup}} \leq 1\}$  and  $\mathcal{A}^{\circ\circ} = \{f \in \mathcal{A} \mid |f|_{\mathrm{sup}} < 1\}$ . We set  $\widetilde{\mathcal{A}} = \mathcal{A}^\circ / \mathcal{A}^{\circ\circ}$ .

The following theorem is [BPR11, Theorem 3.17, Proposition 3.18].

**Theorem 2.9.** *Suppose that  $K$  is algebraically closed.*

- (1) *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a strictly  $K$ -affinoid algebra. Then  $\mathcal{A}^\circ$  is an admissible  $K^\circ$ -algebra if and only if  $\mathcal{A}$  is reduced.*
- (2) *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an admissible  $K^\circ$ -algebra and let  $\mathcal{A} = A_K$ . Then  $A_{\widetilde{K}}$  is reduced if and only if  $A = \mathcal{A}^\circ$ , in which case  $A$  is reduced.*

With the notation in §2.8 (not assuming  $K$  algebraically closed), the *canonical model* of  $X = \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A})$  is the affine formal  $K^\circ$ -scheme  $\mathfrak{X}^{\text{can}} := \text{Spf}(\mathcal{A}^\circ)$ . The *canonical reduction* of  $X$  is  $\tilde{X} := \text{Spec}(\tilde{\mathcal{A}})$ . This is a reduced affine  $\tilde{K}$ -scheme of finite type, and the association  $X \mapsto \tilde{X}$  is functorial. Since the radical of the ideal  $K^\circ \mathcal{A}^\circ$  is equal to  $\mathcal{A}^\circ$ , the canonical reduction  $\tilde{X}$  is the reduced scheme underlying the special fiber of the canonical model  $\mathfrak{X}_s^{\text{can}}$ . If  $\Gamma = v(K^\times)$  is divisible (e.g. if  $K$  is algebraically closed) then  $\tilde{X} = \mathfrak{X}_s^{\text{can}}$ .

We have the following analogue of Proposition 2.7 for the canonical reduction.

**Proposition 2.10.** *Let  $f: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  be a homomorphism of strictly  $K$ -affinoid algebras, let  $X = \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A})$  and  $Y = \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{B})$ , and let  $\varphi: Y \rightarrow X$  be the induced morphism.*

- (1) *The following are equivalent:  $f$  is finite;  $f^\circ: \mathcal{A}^\circ \rightarrow \mathcal{B}^\circ$  is integral;  $\tilde{f}: \tilde{\mathcal{A}} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{B}}$  is finite.*
- (2) *Suppose that  $f$  is finite and dominant, i.e. that  $\ker(f)$  is nilpotent. Then  $\tilde{\varphi}: \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \tilde{X}$  is finite and surjective.*
- (3) *If  $X$  has dimension  $d$  (resp. is equidimensional of dimension  $d$ ), then  $\tilde{X}$  has dimension  $d$  (resp. is equidimensional of dimension  $d$ ).*
- (4) *Suppose that  $f$  is finite and dominant, and that  $X$  and  $Y$  are equidimensional (necessarily of the same dimension). Then  $\tilde{\varphi}: \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \tilde{X}$  maps generic points to generic points.*

*Proof.* Part (1) is [BGR84, Theorem 6.3.5/1]. In the situation of (2), we know from (1) that  $\tilde{\varphi}$  is finite. Let  $\mathfrak{X}^{\text{can}} = \text{Spf}(\mathcal{A}^\circ)$  and  $\mathfrak{Y}^{\text{can}} = \text{Spf}(\mathcal{B}^\circ)$ . Then  $\tilde{\varphi}: \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \tilde{X}$  is the morphism of reduced schemes underlying  $\varphi_s: \mathfrak{Y}_s^{\text{can}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}_s^{\text{can}}$ , so  $\varphi_s$  is a closed map. Hence to show  $\tilde{\varphi}$  is surjective, it suffices to show that  $\ker(f_K^\circ: \mathcal{A}_K^\circ \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_K^\circ)$  is nilpotent. Let  $a \in \mathcal{A}^\circ$  have zero image in  $\mathcal{B}_K^\circ$ . Then  $f(a) = \varpi b$  for some  $b \in \mathcal{B}^\circ$  and  $\varpi \in K^\circ$ . Let

$$b^n + f(c_{n-1})b^{n-1} + \cdots + f(c_1)b + f(c_0) = 0 \quad (c_i \in \mathcal{A}^\circ)$$

be an equation of integral dependence for  $b$  over  $\mathcal{A}^\circ$ . Then

$$a^n + \varpi(c_{n-1}a^{n-1} + \cdots + \varpi^{n-2}c_1a + \varpi^{n-1}c_0) \in \ker(f),$$

so the image of  $a^n$  in  $\mathcal{A}_K^\circ$  is nilpotent, as desired.

Now suppose that  $X$  has dimension  $d$ . By Noether normalization [BGR84, Theorem 6.1.2/1], there exists a finite injection  $K\langle x_1, \dots, x_d \rangle \hookrightarrow \mathcal{A}$ , which by (2) yields a finite, surjective morphism  $\tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}_{\tilde{K}}^d$ . Hence  $\tilde{X}$  has dimension  $d$ . Suppose that  $X$  is equidimensional of dimension  $d$ . Choose a generic point  $\tilde{x} \in \tilde{X}$ , and choose  $a \in \mathcal{A}^\circ$  such that  $\tilde{a}(\tilde{x}) \neq 0$  and  $\tilde{a}$  vanishes on all other generic points of  $\tilde{X}$ . Let  $X' \subset X$  be the Laurent domain  $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A}\langle a^{-1} \rangle)$ . Then  $\dim(X') = \dim(X)$  and  $\tilde{X}' = \text{Spec}(\tilde{\mathcal{A}}[\tilde{a}^{-1}])$  by [BGR84, Proposition 7.2.6/3]. By the above,  $\tilde{X}'$  has dimension  $d$ , and hence  $\tilde{X}$  has equidimension  $d$ .

Part (4) follows immediately from parts (1)–(3).  $\square$

**2.11. Relating the two reductions.** We continue to assume the valuation on  $K$  is non-trivial. Let  $A$  be an admissible  $K^\circ$ -algebra and let  $\mathcal{A} = A_K$ , a strictly  $K$ -affinoid algebra. Put  $\mathfrak{X} = \text{Spf}(A)$ ,  $X = \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A})$ , and  $\mathfrak{X}^{\text{can}} = \text{Spf}(\mathcal{A}^\circ)$ , as above.

Then  $A \subset \mathcal{A}^\circ$  since by definition  $A$  is generated by power-bounded elements, so we obtain morphisms

$$(2.11.1) \quad \mathfrak{X}^{\text{can}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{X} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{X} \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{X}_s^{\text{can}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}_s.$$

These morphisms are functorial in  $\mathfrak{X}$ . The next Proposition relates the two finite-type  $\tilde{K}$ -schemes canonically associated with  $A$ .

**Proposition 2.12.** *With the above notation, the natural inclusion  $A \hookrightarrow \mathcal{A}^\circ$  is an integral homomorphism, and the morphism  $\tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}_s$  is finite and surjective.*

*Proof.* Choose a surjection  $K^\circ \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle \twoheadrightarrow A$ . Tensoring with  $K$ , we get a surjection  $K \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{A}$ , so by [BGR84, Theorem 6.3.5/1], the composition

$$K^\circ \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle \rightarrow A \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^\circ$$

is an integral homomorphism. Hence  $A \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^\circ$  is integral. It follows that  $A_{\tilde{K}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\tilde{K}}^\circ \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{A}}$  is an integral homomorphism of finitely generated  $\tilde{K}$ -algebras, so  $A_{\tilde{K}} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{A}}$  and  $\tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}_s$  are finite. In particular,  $\tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}_s$  is closed, and hence  $\mathfrak{X}_s^{\text{can}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}_s$  is closed, as  $\tilde{X}$  and  $\mathfrak{X}_s^{\text{can}}$  have the same underlying topological space. Thus to show surjectivity it is enough to prove that  $\ker(A_{\tilde{K}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\tilde{K}}^\circ)$  is nilpotent. This is done exactly as in the proof of Proposition 2.10(2).  $\square$

**2.13. The Shilov boundary and the reduction map.** Here the valuation on  $K$  is allowed to be trivial. The *Shilov boundary* of a  $K$ -affinoid space  $X = \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A})$  is the unique minimal subset  $B(X) \subset X$  on which every  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  achieves its maximum. It exists and is finite and nonempty for any  $K$ -affinoid space by [Ber90, Corollary 2.4.5]. The Shilov boundary is insensitive to nilpotent elements of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

We postpone the proof of the following Lemma until after Proposition 2.17.

**Lemma 2.14.** *Let  $X = \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A})$  be a  $K$ -affinoid space, let  $x \in B(X)$  be a Shilov boundary point, and let  $|\cdot|_x: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_{\geq 0}$  be the corresponding seminorm. Then  $\ker |\cdot|_x$  is a minimal prime ideal of  $\mathcal{A}$ .*

**Proposition 2.15.** *Let  $X = \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A})$  be a  $K$ -affinoid space and let  $X = X_1 \cup \dots \cup X_n$  be its decomposition into irreducible components. Then each Shilov boundary point of  $X$  is contained in a unique irreducible component  $X_i$ . Moreover, we have  $B(X) = B(X_1) \sqcup \dots \sqcup B(X_n)$ , and if  $x \in B(X_i)$  then  $\dim_x(X) = \dim(X_i)$ .*

*Proof.* It follows from Lemma 2.14 that a Shilov boundary point  $x \in B(X)$  is contained in a unique irreducible component  $X_i$ , namely, the one defined by the prime ideal  $\ker |\cdot|_x \subset \mathcal{A}$ . For  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ , by definition the restriction of  $f$  to  $X_i$  achieves its maximum value on  $B(X_i)$ , so it is clear that  $B(X) \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n B(X_i)$ .

Let  $x \in B(X_i)$  for some  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Choose  $f_i \in \mathcal{A}$  which vanishes identically on  $\bigcup_{j \neq i} X_j$  but not on  $X_i$ . By Lemma 2.14,  $|f_i(x)| \neq 0$ . Choose also  $g \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $|g|$  attains its maximum value on  $X_i$  only at  $x$ , i.e. such that  $|g(x)| > |g(x')|$  for all  $x' \in B_i \setminus \{x\}$ . Using that  $B(X)$  is finite,  $g^n f_i \in \mathcal{A}$  achieves its maximum only on  $x$  for  $n \gg 0$ , so  $x \in B$ . Thus  $B(X) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n B(X_i)$ , and this union is disjoint because any  $x \in B(X)$  lies on only one  $X_i$ . The final assertion is clear because  $x \in B(X_i)$  admits an equidimensional  $K$ -affinoid neighborhood contained in  $X_i$ , namely,  $\{|f_i| \geq \varepsilon\}$  for  $f_i$  as above and  $\varepsilon$  small.  $\square$

Now we assume that the valuation on  $K$  is non-trivial. Let  $X = \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A})$  be a strictly  $K$ -affinoid space. The *reduction map*

$$(2.15.1) \quad \text{red}: X \longrightarrow \tilde{X}$$

is defined as follows. Let  $x \in X$ , let  $\mathcal{H}(x)$  be the completed residue field at  $x$ , and let  $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(x)$  be the structure morphism. Then  $\mathcal{A}^\circ$  maps into  $\mathcal{H}(x)^\circ$ , so we get a map of reductions  $\text{Spec}(\mathcal{H}(x)^\circ) \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ ; its image is by definition  $\{\text{red}(x)\}$ .

We have the following relationship between the reduction map and the Shilov boundary, proved in [Ber90, Proposition 2.4.4].

**Proposition 2.16.** *Let  $X = \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A})$  be a strictly  $K$ -affinoid space, and let  $\text{red}: X \rightarrow \tilde{X}$  be the reduction map.*

- (1) *red is surjective, anti-continuous,<sup>1</sup> and functorial in  $X$ .*
- (2) *If  $\tilde{x} \in \tilde{X}$  is a generic point, then  $\text{red}^{-1}(\tilde{x})$  consists of a single point.*
- (3) *The inverse image under red of the set of generic points of  $\tilde{X}$  is equal to the Shilov boundary of  $X$ .*

Now let  $\mathfrak{X} = \text{Spf}(A)$  be an affine admissible  $K^\circ$ -formal scheme, and let  $X = \mathfrak{X}_\eta$ . Recall from (2.11.1) that we have a natural finite, surjective morphism  $\tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}_s$ . We define the *reduction map*

$$(2.16.1) \quad \text{red}: X \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}_s$$

to be the composition of  $\text{red}: X \rightarrow \tilde{X}$  with the morphism  $\tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}_s$ . This construction globalizes: if  $\mathfrak{X}$  is any admissible  $K^\circ$ -formal scheme with generic fiber  $X = \mathfrak{X}_\eta$ , then one obtains a reduction map  $\text{red}: X \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}_s$  by working on formal affines and gluing.

**Proposition 2.17.** *Let  $\mathfrak{X}$  be an admissible  $K^\circ$ -formal scheme with generic fiber  $X = \mathfrak{X}_\eta$ . Then the reduction map  $\text{red}: X \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}_s$  is surjective, anti-continuous, and functorial in  $\mathfrak{X}$ .*

*Proof.* We reduce immediately to the case of an affine formal scheme, where the result follows from Propositions 2.12 and 2.16.  $\square$

*Proof of Lemma 2.14.* By passing to an irreducible component of  $X$  containing  $x$ , we may assume that  $\mathcal{A}$  is an integral domain. First we suppose that the valuation on  $K$  is non-trivial and that  $X$  is strictly  $K$ -affinoid. Then  $\text{red}(x)$  is the generic point of the canonical reduction  $\tilde{X}$  by Proposition 2.16(3). The canonical reduction is an equidimensional scheme of the same dimension as  $X$  by Proposition 2.10(3), so  $x$  cannot be contained in a smaller-dimensional Zariski-closed subspace of  $X$  by functoriality of the reduction map.

Now we suppose that  $X$  is not strictly  $K$ -affinoid or that the valuation on  $K$  is trivial (or both). There exists a non-trivially-valued non-Archimedean extension field  $K' \supset K$ , namely, the field  $K' = K_{r_1, \dots, r_n}$  for suitable  $r_1, \dots, r_n \in \mathbf{R}_{>0}$  as in [Ber90, §2.1], such that  $X' = X \hat{\otimes}_K K'$  is strictly  $K'$ -affinoid. Let  $\mathcal{A}' = \mathcal{A} \hat{\otimes}_K K'$ , so  $X' = \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A}')$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}'$  is an integral domain by [Ber90, Proposition 2.1.4(iii)] and the proof of [Ber90, Proposition 2.1.4(ii)]. Let  $\pi: X' \rightarrow X$  be the structural morphism. We have  $\pi(B(X')) = B(X)$  by the proof of [Ber90, Proposition 2.4.5], so there exists  $x' \in B(X')$  with  $\pi(x') = x$ . The above argument in the strictly

<sup>1</sup>The inverse image of an open set is closed.

$K$ -affinoid case shows that the seminorm  $|\cdot|_{x'}: \mathcal{A}' \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_{\geq 0}$  is a norm, i.e., has trivial kernel. But  $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}'$  is injective by [Ber90, Proposition 2.1.2(i)], so  $|\cdot|_x$  is a norm.  $\square$

**2.18. Extension of scalars.** In the sequel it will be important to understand the behavior of extension of the ground field with respect to the underlying topological space and the Shilov boundary. First we make a simple topological observation. Here the valuation on  $K$  is allowed to be trivial.

**Lemma 2.19.** *Let  $K' \supset K$  be a valued extension of  $K$  and let  $X$  be a good  $K$ -analytic space. Then the structural morphism  $\pi: X_{K'} \rightarrow X$  is a proper and closed map on underlying topological spaces.*

*Proof.* Since  $X$  is good, every point  $\xi \in X$  has a  $K$ -affinoid neighborhood  $U$ , which is compact. The inverse image  $U' = \pi^{-1}(U) = U_{K'}$  is also affinoid, hence compact. Thus every point of  $X^{\text{an}}$  admits a compact neighborhood whose inverse image under  $\pi$  is compact. It is clear that any such map is both proper and closed.  $\square$

The following Lemma is an analogue of [Tem04, Proposition 3.1(v)].

**Lemma 2.20.** *Suppose that the valuation on  $K$  is non-trivial. Let  $X = \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A})$  be a strictly  $K$ -affinoid space, let  $K'$  be a valued field extension of  $K$ , and let  $X' = X_{K'}$ . Then the canonical morphism*

$$\tilde{X}' \rightarrow \tilde{X} \otimes_{\tilde{K}} \tilde{K}'$$

*is finite.*

*Proof.* There exists an admissible  $K^\circ$ -algebra  $A \subset \mathcal{A}^\circ$  such that  $A_K = \mathcal{A}$  (let  $A$  be the image of  $K\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle^\circ$  under a surjection  $K\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{A}$ ). Let  $A' = A \widehat{\otimes}_{K^\circ} K'^\circ$ , let  $\mathfrak{X} = \text{Spf}(A)$ , and let  $\mathfrak{X}' = \text{Spf}(A')$ . Then  $A'$  is an admissible  $K'^\circ$ -algebra and  $\mathfrak{X}'_\eta = X'$ . We have a commutative square of affine  $\tilde{K}'$ -schemes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{X}' & \longrightarrow & \tilde{X} \otimes_{\tilde{K}} \tilde{K}' \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathfrak{X}' & \longrightarrow & \mathfrak{X}_s \otimes_{\tilde{K}} \tilde{K}' \end{array}$$

where the left and right arrows are the morphisms coming from (2.11.1). They are finite by Proposition 2.12. Since the bottom arrow is an isomorphism, the top morphism is also finite.  $\square$

Recall that the Shilov boundary of a  $K$ -affinoid space  $X$  is denoted  $B(X)$ .

**Proposition 2.21.** *Let  $K' \supset K$  be valued extension of  $K$  and let  $X$  be a (possibly non-strict)  $K$ -affinoid space, let  $X' = X_{K'}$ , and let  $\pi: X' \rightarrow X$  be the structural map. Then  $\pi(B(X')) = B(X)$ .*

*Proof.* It is clear a priori that  $\pi(B(X')) \supset B(X)$  since there are more analytic functions on  $X'$  than on  $X$ . Therefore we are free to replace  $K'$  by a valued extension field.

Suppose that  $X$  is not strictly  $K$ -affinoid or that the valuation on  $K$  is trivial (or both). There exists a non-trivially-valued non-Archimedean extension field  $K_{\mathbf{r}} := K_{r_1, \dots, r_n} \supset K$  for suitable  $r_1, \dots, r_n \in \mathbf{R}_{>0}$  as in [Ber90, §2.1], such that  $X \widehat{\otimes}_K K_{\mathbf{r}}$  is strictly  $K_{\mathbf{r}}$ -affinoid and such that the image of  $B(X \widehat{\otimes}_K K_{\mathbf{r}})$  under the

structural morphism  $X \widehat{\otimes}_K K_r \rightarrow X$  is equal to  $B(X)$ . By [Duc09, (0.3.2)], there exists a valued extension  $K'' \supset K$  which is simultaneously a valued extension field of  $K'$  and  $K_r$ . Replacing  $K$  by  $K_r$  and  $K'$  by  $K''$ , we may assume that  $X$  is strictly  $K$ -affinoid and that the valuation on  $K$  is non-trivial.

Let  $X = X_1 \cup \cdots \cup X_n$  be the irreducible decomposition of  $X$ . Then  $B(X) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n B(X_i)$  and  $B(X') = \bigcup_{i=1}^n B(\pi^{-1}(X_i))$  by Proposition 2.15, since  $\pi^{-1}(X_i)$  is a union of irreducible components of  $X'$ . Replacing  $X$  by  $X_i$  and  $X'$  by  $\pi^{-1}(X_i) = (X_i)_{K'}$ , we may assume  $X$  is irreducible.

Consider the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X' & \xrightarrow{\text{red}} & \widetilde{X}' & \longrightarrow & \widetilde{X} \otimes_{\widetilde{K}} \widetilde{K}' \\ \pi \downarrow & & \widetilde{\pi} \downarrow & \swarrow & \\ X & \xrightarrow{\text{red}} & \widetilde{X} & & \end{array}$$

By [Con99, Lemma 2.1.5],  $X'$  is equidimensional of dimension  $d = \dim(X)$ , so the same is true of  $\widetilde{X}'$  by Proposition 2.10(3). Also  $\widetilde{X} \otimes_{\widetilde{K}} \widetilde{K}'$  is equidimensional of dimension  $d$ , and  $\widetilde{X} \otimes_{\widetilde{K}} \widetilde{K}' \rightarrow \widetilde{X}$  sends generic points to generic points. As the morphism  $\widetilde{X}' \rightarrow \widetilde{X} \otimes_{\widetilde{K}} \widetilde{K}'$  is finite by Lemma 2.20, it takes generic points to generic points, so  $\widetilde{\pi}: \widetilde{X}' \rightarrow \widetilde{X}$  takes generic points to generic points. It follows from proposition 2.16 that  $\pi: X' \rightarrow X$  takes Shilov boundary points to Shilov boundary points.  $\square$

### 3. TORIC VARIETIES AND TROPICALIZATIONS

In this section we present the notions and notations that we will use for toric varieties and their tropicalizations. We generally follow [Gub13, Rab12]. See Appendix A for a list of notations.

**3.1. Toric varieties.** Fix a finitely generated free abelian group  $M \cong \mathbf{Z}^n$ , and let  $N = \text{Hom}(M, \mathbf{Z})$ . We write  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle: M \times N \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$  for the evaluation pairing. For an additive subgroup  $G \subset \mathbf{R}$  we set  $M_G = M \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} G$  and  $N_G = N \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} G = \text{Hom}(M, G)$ , and we extend  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  to a pairing  $M_G \times N_G \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ .

For a ring  $R$  and a monoid  $S$  we write  $R[S]$  for the monoid ring on  $S$ ; for  $u \in S$  we let  $\chi^u \in R[S]$  denote the corresponding character. We set  $T = \text{Spec}(K[M]) \cong \mathbf{G}_{m,K}^n$ , the split  $K$ -torus with character lattice  $M$  and cocharacter lattice  $N$ , where  $K$  is our fixed non-Archimedean field. For a rational cone  $\sigma \subset N_{\mathbf{R}}$  we let  $S_{\sigma} = \sigma^{\vee} \cap M$  and  $Y_{\sigma} = \text{Spec}(K[S_{\sigma}])$ , an affine toric variety. Given a rational pointed fan  $\Delta$  in  $N_{\mathbf{R}}$  we let  $Y_{\Delta} = \bigcup_{\sigma \in \Delta} Y_{\sigma}$  denote the corresponding  $K$ -toric variety with dense torus  $T$ . For  $\sigma \in \Delta$  we write  $M(\sigma) = \sigma^{\perp} \cap M$  and  $N(\sigma) = N / \langle \sigma \rangle \cap N$ , where  $\langle \sigma \rangle \subset N_{\mathbf{R}}$  is the linear span of  $\sigma$ . For  $G \subset \mathbf{R}$  as above we write  $M_G(\sigma) = M(\sigma) \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} G$ , etc., and by abuse of notation we use  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  to denote the pairing  $M_G(\sigma) \times N_G(\sigma) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ . The torus orbit [CLS11, §3.2] corresponding to  $\sigma$  is  $O(\sigma) := \text{Spec}(K[M(\sigma)])$ , and  $Y_{\Delta} = \bigsqcup_{\sigma \in \Delta} O(\sigma)$  as sets.

We denote by  $\pi_{\sigma}: N_{\mathbf{R}} \rightarrow N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma) = N_{\mathbf{R}} / \langle \sigma \rangle$  the natural projection.

For  $\tau \in \Delta$ , the closure of  $O(\tau)$  in  $Y_{\Delta}$  is the toric variety  $Y_{\Delta_{\tau}}$  with dense torus  $O(\tau)$ , where  $\Delta_{\tau}$  is the fan  $\{\pi_{\tau}(\sigma) \mid \sigma \in \Delta, \tau \prec \sigma\}$ . We have

$$Y_{\Delta_{\tau}} = \bigsqcup_{\substack{\sigma \in \Delta \\ \tau \prec \sigma}} O(\sigma) = \bigsqcup_{\pi_{\tau}(\sigma) \in \Delta_{\tau}} O(\pi_{\tau}(\sigma)),$$

where  $O(\sigma) = O(\pi_\tau(\sigma))$  for  $\sigma \in \Delta$  such that  $\tau \prec \sigma$ .

**3.2. Kajiwara–Payne compactifications.** Much of this paper will be concerned with extended tropicalizations, which take place in a Kajiwara–Payne partial compactification of  $N_{\mathbf{R}}$ . We briefly introduce these partial compactifications here; see [Pay09, Rab12] for details. Put  $\overline{\mathbf{R}} = \mathbf{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ , and for a rational pointed cone  $\sigma \subset N_{\mathbf{R}}$  we let  $\overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\sigma$  denote the space of monoid homomorphisms  $\text{Hom}(S_\sigma, \overline{\mathbf{R}})$ . As usual we let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denote the evaluation pairing  $S_\sigma \times \overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\sigma \rightarrow \overline{\mathbf{R}}$ . For a face  $\tau \prec \sigma$ , a point  $\omega \in N_{\mathbf{R}}(\tau)$  gives rise to a point of  $\overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\sigma$  by the rule

$$u \mapsto \begin{cases} \langle u, \omega \rangle & \text{if } u \in \tau^\perp \\ \infty & \text{if not.} \end{cases}$$

This yields a decomposition  $\overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\sigma = \bigsqcup_{\tau \prec \sigma} N_{\mathbf{R}}(\tau)$  as sets, but not as topological spaces. In particular,  $N_{\mathbf{R}}$  is a subset of  $\overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\sigma$ . For a rational pointed fan  $\Delta$  in  $N_{\mathbf{R}}$ , the spaces  $\overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\sigma$  glue to give a partial compactification  $\overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\Delta$ , which is to  $N_{\mathbf{R}}$  as  $Y_\Delta$  is to  $T$ . We have a decomposition  $\overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\Delta = \bigsqcup_{\sigma \in \Delta} \overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\sigma$ . For an additive subgroup  $G \subset \mathbf{R}$  we let  $\overline{N}_G^\sigma = \bigsqcup_{\tau \prec \sigma} N_G(\tau) \subset \overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\sigma$  and  $\overline{N}_G^\Delta = \bigsqcup_{\sigma \in \Delta} \overline{N}_G^\sigma \subset \overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\Delta$ .

If we pass to the fan  $\Delta_\tau$  defined above, the associated partial compactification  $\overline{N}(\tau)_{\mathbf{R}}^{\Delta_\tau}$  of  $N_{\mathbf{R}}(\tau)$  is the disjoint union of all  $N(\sigma)$  for  $\tau \prec \sigma$ .

**3.3. Tropicalization.** Recall that  $K$  is a non-Archimedean field whose valuation is allowed to be trivial. For a rational cone  $\sigma \subset N_{\mathbf{R}}$  we define the *tropicalization map*  $\text{trop}: Y_\sigma^{\text{an}} \rightarrow \overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\sigma$  by

$$\langle u, \text{trop}(\xi) \rangle = -\log |\chi^u(\xi)|,$$

where we interpret  $-\log(0) = \infty$ . This map is continuous, surjective, closed, and proper, in the sense that the inverse image of a compact subset is compact. Choosing a basis for  $M$  gives an isomorphism  $K[M] \cong K[x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_n^{\pm 1}]$ ; when  $\sigma = \{0\}$  the tropicalization map  $\text{trop}: \mathbf{G}_m^n = T \rightarrow N_{\mathbf{R}} = \mathbf{R}^n$  is given by

$$\text{trop}(\xi) = (-\log |x_1(\xi)|, \dots, -\log |x_n(\xi)|).$$

The tropicalization map on  $Y_\sigma^{\text{an}}$  has a natural continuous section  $s: \overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\sigma \rightarrow Y_\sigma^{\text{an}}$  given by  $s(\omega) = |\cdot|_\omega$ , where  $\omega \in \text{Hom}(S_\sigma, \overline{\mathbf{R}})$  and  $|\cdot|_\omega: K[S_\sigma] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is the multiplicative seminorm defined by

$$(3.3.1) \quad \left| \sum_{u \in S_\sigma} a_u \chi^u \right|_\omega = \max_u \{ |a_u| \exp(-\langle u, \omega \rangle) \},$$

where we put  $\exp(-\infty) = 0$ .

The image  $s(\overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\sigma)$  is by definition the *skeleton*  $S(Y_\sigma^{\text{an}}) \subset Y_\sigma^{\text{an}}$  of the affine toric variety  $Y_\sigma^{\text{an}}$ . The image of a continuous section of a continuous map between Hausdorff spaces is closed, so  $S(Y_\sigma^{\text{an}})$  is closed in  $Y_\sigma^{\text{an}}$ .

If  $\Delta$  is a rational pointed fan in  $N_{\mathbf{R}}$ , then the maps  $\text{trop}$  glue to give a tropicalization map  $\text{trop}: Y_\Delta^{\text{an}} \rightarrow \overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\Delta$ . This map is again continuous and proper. The sections also glue to a continuous section  $s: \overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\Delta \rightarrow Y_\Delta^{\text{an}}$ , whose image is by definition the *skeleton*  $S(Y_\Delta^{\text{an}})$  of the toric variety  $Y_\Delta^{\text{an}}$ . Again the skeleton  $S(Y_\Delta^{\text{an}})$  is closed in  $Y_\Delta^{\text{an}}$ . The tropicalization and section are compatible with the decompositions  $Y_\Delta = \bigsqcup_{\sigma \in \Delta} O(\sigma)$  and  $\overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\Delta = \bigsqcup_{\sigma \in \Delta} \overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\sigma$ , in that  $\text{trop}$  (resp.  $s$ ) restricts

to the tropicalization map  $O(\sigma)^{\text{an}} \rightarrow N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  (resp. the section  $N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma) \rightarrow O(\sigma)^{\text{an}}$ ) defined on the torus  $O(\sigma) = \text{Spec}(K[M(\sigma)])$  with cocharacter lattice  $N(\sigma)$ .

For a closed subscheme  $X \subset Y_{\Delta}$ , the *tropicalization* of  $X$  is

$$\text{Trop}(X) := \text{trop}(X^{\text{an}}) \subset \overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^{\Delta}.$$

For any  $\sigma \in \Delta$  we have  $\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma) = \text{Trop}(X \cap O(\sigma))$ , so that  $\text{Trop}(X)$  may be defined on each torus orbit separately. The tropicalization is insensitive to extension of scalars: if  $K' \supset K$  is a valued field extension then  $\text{Trop}(X_{K'}) = \text{Trop}(X)$  as subsets of  $\overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^{\Delta}$ .

**3.4. Fibers of tropicalization.** For  $\omega \in N_{\mathbf{R}}$  the subset  $U_{\omega} := \text{trop}^{-1}(\omega) \subset T^{\text{an}}$  is a  $K$ -affinoid domain, which is strictly  $K$ -affinoid when  $\omega \in N_{\sqrt{\Gamma}}$ . See [Gub07, Proposition 4.1] and its proof. The ring of analytic functions on  $U_{\omega}$  is

$$K\langle U_{\omega} \rangle = \left\{ \sum_{u \in M} a_u \chi^u \mid a_u \in K, v(a_u) + \langle u, \omega \rangle \rightarrow \infty \right\},$$

where the sums are infinite and the limit is taken on the complement of finite subsets. The supremum semi-norm  $|\cdot|_{\text{sup}}$  on  $K\langle U_{\omega} \rangle$  is multiplicative, and is given by the formula

$$-\log \left| \sum_{u \in M} a_u \chi^u \right|_{\text{sup}} = \min \{v(a_u) + \langle u, \omega \rangle \mid a_u \neq 0\}.$$

Compare (3.3.1). Suppose now that the valuation on  $K$  is non-trivial and that  $\omega \in N_{\sqrt{\Gamma}}$ , so that  $U_{\omega}$  is strictly affinoid. Then the ring of power-bounded elements in  $K\langle U_{\omega} \rangle$  is

$$K\langle U_{\omega} \rangle^{\circ} = \left\{ \sum_{u \in M} a_u \chi^u \in K\langle U_{\omega} \rangle \mid v(a_u) + \langle u, \omega \rangle \geq 0 \text{ for all } u \in M \right\}.$$

This is an admissible  $K^{\circ}$ -algebra (i.e., it is topologically of finite presentation) when  $\omega \in N_{\Gamma}$  (but not when  $\omega \in N_{\sqrt{\Gamma}} \setminus N_{\Gamma}$  unless  $\Gamma$  is discrete) by [Gub13, Proposition 6.9], noting that  $K\langle U_{\omega} \rangle^{\circ}$  is the completion of what is denoted  $K[M]^{\{\omega\}}$  in *ibid*. We set  $\mathfrak{U}_{\omega} = \text{Spf}(K\langle U_{\omega} \rangle^{\circ})$ , which is in our terminology the canonical model of  $U_{\omega}$ .

If  $\Delta$  is a pointed rational fan in  $N_{\mathbf{R}}$  and  $\omega \in \overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^{\Delta}$  is contained in  $N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  for  $\sigma \in \Delta$ , then we define  $U_{\omega}$ ,  $K\langle U_{\omega} \rangle$ , and  $\mathfrak{U}_{\omega}$  as above, with the torus orbit  $O(\sigma)$  replacing the torus  $T$ .

**3.5. Initial degeneration.** Let  $\Delta$  be a pointed rational fan in  $N_{\mathbf{R}}$  and let  $X \subset Y_{\Delta}$  be a closed subscheme. For  $\omega \in \overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^{\Delta}$  we set  $X_{\omega} = U_{\omega} \cap X^{\text{an}}$ . This is an affinoid domain in  $(X \cap O(\sigma))^{\text{an}}$ , where  $\omega \in N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$ ; moreover,  $X_{\omega}$  is strictly  $K$ -affinoid when  $\omega \in \overline{N}_{\sqrt{\Gamma}}^{\Delta}$ , and is a Zariski-closed subspace of  $U_{\omega}$  in any case. Suppose now that the valuation on  $K$  is non-trivial and that  $\omega \in \overline{N}_{\Gamma}^{\Delta}$ . Let  $\mathfrak{a}_{\omega} \subset K\langle U_{\omega} \rangle$  be the ideal defining  $X_{\omega}$ . The *tropical formal model* of  $X_{\omega}$  is the admissible formal scheme  $\mathfrak{X}_{\omega}$  defined as the closed formal subscheme of  $\mathfrak{U}_{\omega}$  given by the ideal  $\mathfrak{a}_{\omega} \cap K\langle U_{\omega} \rangle^{\circ}$ . The *initial degeneration* of  $X$  at  $\omega$  is by definition the special fiber of  $\mathfrak{X}_{\omega}$ :

$$\text{in}_{\omega}(X) := (\mathfrak{X}_{\omega})_s.$$

This closed subscheme of  $(\mathfrak{U}_{\omega})_s$  is defined by the  $\omega$ -initial forms of the elements of  $\mathfrak{a}_{\omega}$ . See [BPR11, §4.13] and [Gub13, §5] for details.

Now let  $\omega \in \overline{N}_{\mathbb{R}}^{\Delta}$  be any point and let  $K' \supset K$  be an algebraically closed valued field extension whose value group  $\Gamma' = v(K'^{\times})$  is non-trivial and large enough that  $\omega \in \overline{N}_{\Gamma'}^{\Delta}$ . Let  $X' = X_{K'}$ . Let  $Z \subset \text{in}_{\omega}(X')$  be an irreducible component with generic point  $\zeta$  and let  $m_Z$  be the multiplicity of  $Z$ , i.e. the length of the local ring  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{in}_{\omega}(X'), \zeta}$ . The *tropical multiplicity* of  $X$  at  $\omega$  is

$$m_{\text{Trop}}(\omega) = m_{\text{Trop}}(X, \omega) := \sum_Z m_Z,$$

where the sum is taken over all irreducible components  $Z$  of  $\text{in}_{\omega}(X')$ . This quantity is independent of the choice of  $K'$ : see [Gub13, §13].

*Remark 3.6.* Assuming the valuation on  $K$  is non-trivial, for  $\omega \in \overline{N}_{\mathbb{R}}^{\Delta}$  we let

$$\mathfrak{X}_{\omega}^{\text{can}} = \text{Spf}((K\langle U_{\omega} \rangle / \mathfrak{a}_{\omega})^{\circ})$$

be the canonical model of  $X_{\omega}$ . Then (2.11.1) gives an integral morphism  $\mathfrak{X}_{\omega}^{\text{can}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}_{\omega}$  and a finite, surjective morphism

$$\tilde{X}_{\omega} \rightarrow (\mathfrak{X}_{\omega})_s = \text{in}_{\omega}(X)$$

by Proposition 2.12. Suppose now that  $K$  is algebraically closed and that  $X$  is reduced, so that  $\mathfrak{X}_{\omega}^{\text{can}}$  is an admissible affine formal scheme by Theorem 2.9, with special fiber  $\tilde{X}_{\omega}$ . The *projection formula* in this case [BPR11, (3.34.2)] says that for every irreducible component  $Z$  of  $\text{in}_{\omega}(X)$ , we have

$$(3.6.1) \quad m_Z = \sum_{Z' \rightarrow Z} [Z' : Z],$$

where the sum is taken over all irreducible components  $Z'$  of  $\tilde{X}_{\omega}$  surjecting onto  $Z$ , and  $[Z' : Z]$  is the degree of the finite dominant morphism of integral schemes  $Z' \rightarrow Z$ .

#### 4. THE TROPICAL SKELETON

Let  $X$  be a closed subscheme of a  $K$ -toric scheme  $Y_{\Delta}$ . In this section we define a canonical locally closed subset  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X) \subset X^{\text{an}}$  which we call the *tropical skeleton*. We prove that  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  is closed in every torus orbit  $O(\sigma)^{\text{an}}$ . For a polyhedron in  $\text{Trop}(X)$  and  $\xi \in S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$ , we introduce the notions of  $d$ -maximality at  $\xi$  and relevance for  $\xi$  which will be crucial for studying limit points of  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  in  $X^{\text{an}}$  in the next section.

**4.1. Definition and basic properties.** For the rest of this section, we fix a pointed rational fan  $\Delta$  in  $N_{\mathbb{R}}$ . Let  $X \subset Y_{\Delta}$  be a closed subscheme. Recall that  $\text{trop}$  maps  $Y_{\Delta}^{\text{an}}$  to  $\overline{N}_{\mathbb{R}}^{\Delta}$  and that  $X_{\omega} := \text{trop}^{-1}(\omega) \cap X^{\text{an}}$  for  $\omega \in \overline{N}_{\mathbb{R}}^{\Delta}$ .

**Definition 4.2.** The *tropical skeleton* of a closed subscheme  $X \subset Y_{\Delta}$  is the set

$$S_{\text{Trop}}(X) := \{\xi \in X^{\text{an}} \mid \xi \text{ is a Shilov boundary point of } X_{\text{trop}(\xi)}\}.$$

In other words, the tropical skeleton is the set of all Shilov boundary points of fibers of tropicalization on  $X^{\text{an}}$ . It is clear that for  $\sigma \in \Delta$  we have  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X \cap O(\sigma)) = S_{\text{Trop}}(X) \cap O(\sigma)^{\text{an}}$ , where the left side of the equation is defined with respect to the closed subscheme  $X \cap O(\sigma)$  of the torus  $O(\sigma)$ . In other words, the tropical skeleton is defined independently on each torus orbit. It is also clear that  $\text{trop}$  maps  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  surjectively onto  $\text{Trop}(X) = \text{trop}(X^{\text{an}})$ .

**Lemma 4.3.** *Let  $X \subset Y_\Delta$  be a closed subscheme and let  $X_{\text{red}}$  be the underlying reduced subscheme. Then  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X) = S_{\text{Trop}}(X_{\text{red}})$ .*

*Proof.* The Shilov boundary of an affinoid space  $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A})$  is obviously equal to the Shilov boundary of  $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{red}})$ .  $\square$

Hence when discussing the tropical skeleton, we may always assume  $X$  is reduced. The remainder of this subsection is devoted to showing that  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X) \cap O(\sigma)^{\text{an}}$  is closed in  $X^{\text{an}} \cap O(\sigma)^{\text{an}}$  for each  $\sigma \in \Delta$ . This is clear when  $X = Y_\Delta^{\text{an}}$ , as in this case  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  coincides with the usual skeleton  $S(Y_\Delta^{\text{an}})$ , which is closed in  $Y_\Delta^{\text{an}}$ , as we saw in §3.3.

**Lemma 4.4.** *Let  $X \subset Y_\Delta$  be a closed subscheme, let  $K' \supset K$  be a valued extension field, and let  $\pi: X_{K'}^{\text{an}} \rightarrow X^{\text{an}}$  be the structural map. Then  $\pi(S_{\text{Trop}}(X_{K'})) = S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$ .*

*Proof.* This is an immediate consequence of Proposition 2.21.  $\square$

*Remark 4.5.* In the situation of Lemma 4.4, it is certainly not true in general that  $\pi^{-1}(S_{\text{Trop}}(X)) = S_{\text{Trop}}(X_{K'})$ . Indeed, take  $K = \mathbf{C}_p$  and  $X = T = \mathbf{G}_m$ . Then for  $\omega \in \mathbf{R} \setminus \mathbf{Q}$  the non-strict affinoid domain  $X_\omega = \mathcal{M}(K\langle\omega^{-1}T, \omega T^{-1}\rangle)$  is a single point (see [Ber90, §2.1]), and if  $K' \supset \mathbf{C}_p$  is an extension containing  $\omega$  in its value group, then  $X'_\omega$  is a “modulus-zero” closed annulus, where  $X' = X_{K'}$ . We conclude that  $\pi^{-1}(S_{\text{Trop}}(X)) \cap X'_\omega = X'_\omega$  while  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X') \cap X'_\omega$  contains only one point.

**Proposition 4.6.** *Let  $X \subset T$  be an equidimensional closed subscheme. Then the tropical skeleton  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  is closed in  $X^{\text{an}}$ .*

*Proof.* This is a minor variation of the argument used in [GRW14, Theorem 10.6], so we only provide a sketch. By Lemmas 4.4 and 2.19, we may assume that  $K$  is algebraically closed and that  $\Gamma = \mathbf{R}$ , i.e. that  $v: K^\times \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is surjective. By Lemma 4.3 we may also assume  $X$  is reduced. Let  $d = \dim(X)$ . A generic homomorphism  $\psi: T \rightarrow \mathbf{G}_m^d$  has the property that the induced homomorphism  $f: N_{\mathbf{R}} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^d$  is finite-to-one on  $\text{Trop}(X)$ . Using this and properness of the tropicalization maps, one deduces easily that the analytification of the composition  $\varphi: X \hookrightarrow T \rightarrow \mathbf{G}_m^d$  is proper as a map of topological spaces. Since it also boundaryless [Ber90, Theorem 3.4.1], it is a proper morphism of analytic spaces. We conclude that  $\varphi$  is proper and hence finite as it is an affine morphism. Let  $\omega \in N_{\mathbf{R}}$ , let  $\omega' = f(\omega) \in \mathbf{R}^d$ , and let  $U'_{\omega'} = \text{trop}^{-1}(\omega') \subset \mathbf{G}_m^{d,\text{an}}$ . Then  $\psi^{\text{an}}: X_\omega \rightarrow U'_{\omega'}$  is finite, so the map on canonical reductions  $\tilde{X}_\omega \rightarrow \tilde{U}'_{\omega'}$  is finite as well by [BGR84, Theorem 6.3.4/2]. Since  $X$  is equidimensional of dimension  $d$ , the same is true of  $X_\omega$ , and hence of  $\tilde{X}_\omega$  by Proposition 2.10, so generic points of  $\tilde{X}_\omega$  map to the generic point of  $\tilde{U}'_{\omega'}$ . By functoriality of the reduction map, this implies that the  $\varphi$ -inverse image of the Shilov boundary point of  $U'_{\omega'}$  is the Shilov boundary of  $X_\omega$ . Therefore  $\varphi^{-1}(S_{\text{Trop}}(\mathbf{G}_m^d)) = S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$ . Since the skeleton  $S(\mathbf{G}_m^{d,\text{an}}) = S_{\text{Trop}}(\mathbf{G}_m^d)$  is closed in  $\mathbf{G}_m^{d,\text{an}}$  as we have seen in §3.3, this proves that  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  is closed.  $\square$

In Corollary 7.7 we will prove a more general statement about closed subschemes in toric varieties.

**Proposition 4.7.** *Let  $X \subset T$  be a closed subscheme and let  $X = X_1 \cup \cdots \cup X_n$  be its decomposition into irreducible components. Then*

$$S_{\text{Trop}}(X) = S_{\text{Trop}}(X_1) \sqcup \cdots \sqcup S_{\text{Trop}}(X_n)$$

as topological spaces, i.e., the  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X_i)$  are disjoint open and closed subsets of  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$ .

*Proof.* For each  $i$ ,  $(X_i)_\omega$  is a union of irreducible components of  $X_\omega$  by Proposition 2.5. We claim that for  $i \neq j$ ,  $(X_i)_\omega$  and  $(X_j)_\omega$  do not share any irreducible components. Let  $X = \text{Spec}(A)$  and  $X_\omega = \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A}_\omega)$ . Then  $A \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_\omega$  is flat, so  $\text{Spec}(\mathcal{A}_\omega) \rightarrow X$  is flat. Thus the image of a generic point of  $\text{Spec}(\mathcal{A}_\omega)$  is a generic point of  $X$ , so we have shown that any irreducible component of  $(X_i)_\omega$  is dense in  $X_i$ . This proves our claim.

By Proposition 2.15, the Shilov boundary of  $X_\omega$  is the disjoint union of the Shilov boundaries of  $(X_1)_\omega, \dots, (X_n)_\omega$ . Hence  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  is the disjoint union of the  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X_i)$ . Each  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X_i)$  is closed in  $X_i^{\text{an}}$  (and hence in  $X^{\text{an}}$ ) by Proposition 4.6. Hence for all  $i$  the finite union  $\bigsqcup_{j \neq i} S_{\text{Trop}}(X_j)$  is closed, so the complement of  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X_i)$  in  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  is also closed. This implies our claim.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.8.** *Let  $X \subset Y_\Delta$  be a closed subscheme. Then  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X) \cap O(\sigma)^{\text{an}}$  is closed in  $X^{\text{an}} \cap O(\sigma)^{\text{an}}$  for every  $\sigma \in \Delta$ . Therefore,  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  is locally closed in  $X^{\text{an}}$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  is defined independently on each torus orbit, we may assume  $O(\sigma) = T$ . Now apply Propositions 4.6 and 4.7.  $\square$

In general,  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  is not closed in  $X^{\text{an}}$  when the ambient toric variety  $Y_\Delta$  is not a torus, even when  $X$  itself is irreducible, as the following example shows.

**Example 4.9.** For simplicity, we let  $K$  be an algebraically closed non-Archimedean field with value group  $\mathbf{R}$ . Let  $Y_\Delta = Y_\sigma$  be the affine toric variety  $\mathbf{A}^3$ , so  $\sigma = \mathbf{R}_+^3$ . Let  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  be coordinates on  $\mathbf{A}^3$  and let  $X \subset \mathbf{A}^3$  be the closed subscheme defined by the equation  $(x_1 - 1)x_2 + x_3 = 0$ . This is an irreducible hypersurface.

The partial compactification  $\overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^{\Delta}$  in this case is  $\overline{\mathbf{R}}^3 = (\mathbf{R} \cup \{\infty\})^3$ , and the tropicalization map  $\text{trop}: \mathbf{A}^{3, \text{an}} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbf{R}}^3$  takes  $\xi$  to  $-(\log |\xi(x_1)|, \log |\xi(x_2)|, \log |\xi(x_3)|)$ . Let  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$  be coordinates on  $\mathbf{R}^3$ . Then  $\text{Trop}(X) \cap \mathbf{R}^3$  is the union of the three cones

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 &= \{\omega \in \mathbf{R}^3 \mid \omega_1 \geq 0, \omega_3 = \omega_2\} \\ P_2 &= \{\omega \in \mathbf{R}^3 \mid \omega_1 = 0, \omega_3 \geq \omega_2\} \\ P_3 &= \{\omega \in \mathbf{R}^3 \mid \omega_1 \leq 0, \omega_3 = \omega_1 + \omega_2\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\sigma_1 = \{\omega \in \mathbf{R}_+^3 \mid \omega_2 = \omega_3 = 0\}$ , so  $O(\sigma_1) = \{x_1 = 0, x_2 x_3 \neq 0\}$  and we identify  $N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma_1)$  with  $\{\infty\} \times \mathbf{R}^2$ . Then  $X \cap O(\sigma_1)$  is defined by the equation  $x_3 = x_2$  in  $\{0\} \times \mathbf{G}_m^2$ , so

$$\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma_1) = \{\infty\} \times \{\omega_3 = \omega_2\}.$$

Let  $\sigma_2 = \{\omega \in \mathbf{R}_+^3 \mid \omega_1 = \omega_3 = 0\}$ , so  $O(\sigma_2) = \{x_2 = 0, x_1 x_3 \neq 0\}$  and we identify  $N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma_2)$  with  $\mathbf{R} \times \{\infty\} \times \mathbf{R}$ . Then  $X \cap O(\sigma_2) = \emptyset$  and therefore

$$\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma_2) = \emptyset.$$

Let  $\sigma_3 = \{\omega \in \mathbf{R}_+^3 \mid \omega_1 = \omega_2 = 0\}$ , so  $O(\sigma_3) = \{x_3 = 0, x_1 x_2 \neq 0\}$  and we identify  $N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma_3)$  with  $\mathbf{R}^2 \times \{\infty\}$ . Then  $X \cap O(\sigma_3)$  is defined by the equation  $x_1 = 1$  in  $\mathbf{G}_m^2 \times \{0\}$ , so

$$\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma_3) = \{0\} \times \mathbf{R} \times \{\infty\}.$$

Let  $\sigma_{12} = \{\omega \in \mathbf{R}_+^3 \mid \omega_3 = 0\}$ , let  $\sigma_{13} = \{\omega \in \mathbf{R}_+^3 \mid \omega_2 = 0\}$ , and let  $\sigma_{23} = \{\omega \in \mathbf{R}_+^3 \mid \omega_1 = 0\}$ . Then  $X \cap O(\sigma_{12}) = \emptyset$  and  $X \cap O(\sigma_{13}) = \emptyset$ , so

$$\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma_{12}) = \emptyset \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma_{13}) = \emptyset.$$

However,  $X$  contains  $O(\sigma_{23}) = \{x_1 \neq 0, x_2 = x_3 = 0\}$ , so

$$\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma_{23}) = \mathbf{R} \times \{\infty\} \times \{\infty\}.$$

Finally,  $O(\sigma) = \{(0, 0, 0)\}$  is contained in  $X$ , so

$$\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma) = \{(\infty, \infty, \infty)\}.$$

One checks that the initial form of the defining equation  $(x_1 - 1)x_2 + x_3$  at every  $\omega \in \overline{\mathbf{R}}^3$  is irreducible, and hence that each  $X_\omega$  contains a unique Shilov boundary point  $s_X(\omega)$  by [GRW14, Lemma 10.3] or Proposition 8.3 below. For  $\omega = (0, \omega_2, \infty) \in \text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma_3)$ , the tropical fiber  $X_\omega$  is the modulus-zero annulus  $\{(1, \xi, 0) \mid v(\xi) = \omega_2\}$ , so the Shilov point  $s_X(\omega)$  is the Gauss point of the ball  $\{1\} \times \mathbf{B}(\exp(-\omega_2)) \times \{0\}$ . Taking  $\omega_2 \rightarrow \infty$ , the Shilov points  $s_X(\omega)$  converge to  $(1, 0, 0)$ . However, for  $\omega = (0, \infty, \infty) \in N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma_{23})$  the tropical fiber  $X_\omega$  is all of  $\{(\xi, 0, 0) \mid v(\xi) = 0\}$ , so the Shilov point  $s_X(\omega)$  is the Gauss point of the ball  $\mathbf{B}(1) \times \{0\} \times \{0\}$ . Hence  $s_X(\omega) \neq (1, 0, 0)$ , so  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  does not contain the limit point  $(1, 0, 0)$ .

With a bit more work, one can show that if  $\omega(r) = (0, r, r) \in P_2$  for  $r \geq 0$  then  $s_X(\omega(r)) \rightarrow s_X(0, \infty, \infty)$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ , but that if  $\omega'(r) = (0, r, 2r)$  then  $s_X(\omega'(r)) \rightarrow (1, 0, 0)$ .

## 5. RELEVANT POLYHEDRA AND $d$ -MAXIMALITY

In this section we introduce two technical notions, those of relevant and  $d$ -maximal polyhedra, which will be used to prove our main results in §6.

**5.1. The local dimension.** In Example 4.9, the “problem” with the “incorrect” limit point  $(1, 0, 0) \in O(\sigma_{23})$  of  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  is that there exists a maximal polyhedron  $P_2$  in the tropicalization of  $X$  intersected with the dense torus orbit, such that the closure of  $P_2$  intersects the tropicalization of  $X \cap O(\sigma_{23})$  in a non-maximal polyhedron. Note that in our example,  $X$  has codimension one in  $\mathbf{A}^3$ , but  $X \cap O(\sigma_{23})$  has codimension zero in  $O(\sigma_{23})$ . The main theorem of the next section, Theorem 6.1, says that, in a precise sense, this dimensional incompatibility of polyhedra across torus orbits is the only possible reason for a limit point of  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  not to be contained in  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$ .

In what follows, we fix a rational pointed fan  $\Delta$  in  $N_{\mathbf{R}}$  and a closed subscheme  $X \subset Y_\Delta$ . For  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(X)$  we let  $\text{LC}_\omega(\text{Trop}(X))$  denote the local cone of  $\omega$  in  $\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$ , where  $N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  is the orbit containing  $\omega$ . See [Gub13, §A.6].

**Definition 5.2.** The *local dimension* of  $\text{Trop}(X)$  at  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(X)$  is defined as

$$d(\omega) := \dim(\text{LC}_\omega(\text{Trop}(X))).$$

Note that  $d(\omega)$  only depends on  $X \cap O(\sigma)$  and  $\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$ . If  $X \cap O(\sigma)$  is equidimensional of dimension  $d$  then  $d(\omega) = d$  for all  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  by the Bieri–Groves theorem.

**Lemma 5.3.** *Let  $\sigma \in \Delta$  and let  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$ . Let  $K' \supset K$  be a valued field extension whose value group  $\Gamma' = v(K'^{\times})$  is non-trivial and large enough that  $\omega \in N_{\Gamma'}(\sigma)$ , and let  $X' = X_{K'}$ . The following numbers coincide:*

$$d(\omega) = \dim(\text{in}_{\omega}(X')) = \dim(\tilde{X}'_{\omega}) = \dim(X'_{\omega}) = \dim(X_{\omega}).$$

*Proof.* The final equality holds by definition of  $\dim(X_{\omega})$ . As all numbers in question depend only on the torus orbit whose tropicalization is  $N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$ , we may assume  $Y_{\Delta} = T$ , and as  $\text{Trop}(X) = \text{Trop}(X')$ , we may assume  $K = K'$  and  $X = X'$ . By [Gub13, Proposition 10.15], the local cone of  $\omega$  in  $\text{Trop}(X)$  is equal to the tropicalization of  $\text{in}_{\omega}(X)$ , considered as a scheme over the trivially valued field  $\tilde{K}'$ , so the first equality follows from the Bieri–Groves theorem. The other two equalities are a result of Proposition 2.10(3) and Remark 3.6.  $\square$

**Definition 5.4.** For  $\sigma \in \Delta$ , we call a polyhedron  $P \subset \text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  *d-maximal* at  $\omega \in N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  provided that  $\omega \in P$  and  $d(\omega) = \dim(P)$ .

Let  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  for  $\sigma \in \Delta$ . Choose a polyhedral complex structure  $\Sigma$  on  $\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$ . Then there is a  $P \in \Sigma$  which is *d-maximal* at  $\omega$ , and any such  $P$  is a maximal element of  $\Sigma$  with respect to inclusion.

We will be concerned with limit points of  $S_{\text{Trop}(X)}$  contained in the boundary  $Y_{\Delta}^{\text{an}} \setminus T^{\text{an}}$ . First we recall what the limit points are in  $\overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^{\Delta}$  of a polyhedron in  $N_{\mathbf{R}}$ . The following lemma is [OR13, Lemma 3.9].

**Lemma 5.5.** *Let  $P \subset N_{\mathbf{R}}$  be a polyhedron and let  $\overline{P}$  be its closure in  $\overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^{\Delta}$ . Let  $\sigma \in \Delta$ , and recall that  $\pi_{\sigma}: N_{\mathbf{R}} \rightarrow N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  denotes the projection map.*

- (1) *We have  $\overline{P} \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma) \neq \emptyset$  if and only if the recession cone  $\rho(P)$  of  $P$  intersects the relative interior of  $\sigma$ .*
- (2) *If  $\overline{P} \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma) \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\overline{P} \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma) = \pi_{\sigma}(P)$ .*

**Proposition 5.6.** *Let  $X$  be a closed subscheme of the toric variety  $Y_{\Delta}$ . Suppose that  $X \cap T$  is dense in  $X$  and write  $\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}$  as union of a finite set  $\Sigma$  of polyhedra in  $N_{\mathbf{R}}$ . Then  $\text{Trop}(X)$  is the closure of  $\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}$  in  $\overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^{\Delta}$  and for any  $\sigma \in \Delta$  we have*

$$\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma) = \bigcup_{\rho(P) \cap \text{relint}(\sigma) \neq \emptyset} \pi_{\sigma}(P),$$

where  $P$  ranges over all polyhedra in  $\Sigma$  with  $\rho(P) \cap \text{relint}(\sigma) \neq \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* By [OP13, Lemma 3.1.1], we have that  $\text{Trop}(X)$  is the closure of  $\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}$  in  $\overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^{\Delta}$ , and by Lemma 5.5, for  $P \in \Sigma$  such that  $\rho(P) \cap \text{relint}(\sigma) \neq \emptyset$ , the closure  $\overline{P}$  of  $P$  in  $\overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^{\Delta}$  satisfies  $\overline{P} \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma) = \pi_{\sigma}(P)$ . Hence we get the last claim.  $\square$

**Example 5.7.** We continue with Example 4.9. It is clear that  $P_i$  is *d-maximal* at all  $\omega \in P_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Consider now the orbit  $O(\sigma_1) = \{x_1 = 0, x_2 x_3 \neq 0\}$ . By Lemma 5.5 we have  $\overline{P}_2 \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma_1) = \overline{P}_3 \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma_1) = \emptyset$ , and

$$\overline{P}_1 \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma_1) = \text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma_1) = \{\infty\} \times \{\omega_3 = \omega_2\}.$$

Therefore  $\overline{P}_1 \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma_1)$  is *d-maximal* at all of its points. Similarly,  $\overline{P}_1 \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma_3) = \overline{P}_3 \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma_3) = \emptyset$  and

$$\overline{P}_2 \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma_3) = \text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma_3) = \{0\} \times \mathbf{R} \times \{\infty\},$$

which is  $d$ -maximal at all of its points. Clearly

$$\mathrm{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma) = N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma) = \{(\infty, \infty, \infty)\}$$

is  $d$ -maximal at its only point. We have  $X \cap O(\sigma_2) = X \cap O(\sigma_{12}) = X \cap O(\sigma_{13}) = \emptyset$ .

Now consider  $\mathrm{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma_{23}) = \mathbf{R} \times \{\infty\} \times \{\infty\}$ , which we identify with  $\mathbf{R}$ . We have

$$\pi_{\sigma_{23}}(P_1) = \overline{P}_1 \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma_{23}) = [0, \infty)$$

$$\pi_{\sigma_{23}}(P_2) = \overline{P}_2 \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma_{23}) = \{0\}$$

$$\pi_{\sigma_{23}}(P_3) = \overline{P}_3 \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma_{23}) = (-\infty, 0].$$

Let  $Q_i = \pi_{\sigma_{23}}(P_i) = \overline{P}_i \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma_{23})$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Then  $Q_1$  and  $Q_3$  are  $d$ -maximal at all of their points, but  $Q_2$  is not  $d$ -maximal at its point. We will see in Theorem 6.1 that this is related to the fact in Example 4.9 that  $s_X(\omega'(r))$  does not approach a point of  $S_{\mathrm{Trop}}(X)$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  (note that  $\omega'(r) \in \mathrm{relint}(P_2)$  for  $r > 0$ ).

**5.8. Relevant polyhedra for Shilov boundary points.** Let us consider a point  $\xi \in S_{\mathrm{Trop}}(X)$  with tropicalization  $\omega \in \mathrm{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$ . We will see that not every polyhedron  $P \subset \mathrm{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  is “relevant” for  $\xi$  for the purposes of checking limit points.

First, we assume that  $\omega \in N_{\Gamma}(\sigma)$  and that the valuation is non-trivial. Then  $X_{\omega}$  is a strictly affinoid domain of dimension  $d(\omega)$  (see Lemma 5.3) and we have a finite surjective morphism  $\iota : \tilde{X}_{\omega} \rightarrow \mathrm{in}_{\omega}(X)$  of  $d(\omega)$ -dimensional affine schemes of finite type over  $\tilde{K}$  (see 3.6). It is a fact of tropical geometry [Gub13, Proposition 10.15] that the local cone of the tropical variety at  $\omega$  decomposes as

$$(5.8.1) \quad \mathrm{LC}_{\omega}(\mathrm{Trop}(X)) = \mathrm{Trop}(\mathrm{in}_{\omega}(X)) = \bigcup_Z \mathrm{Trop}(Z),$$

where  $Z$  ranges over the irreducible components of  $\mathrm{in}_{\omega}(X)$  and where the tropical varieties  $\mathrm{Trop}(\mathrm{in}_{\omega}(X))$  and  $\mathrm{Trop}(Z)$  are taken with respect to the trivial valuation on the residue field.

**Definition 5.9.**

- (1) Assume that the valuation on  $K$  is non-trivial and that  $\omega \in N_{\Gamma}(\sigma)$ . Let  $\xi$  be a Shilov boundary point of  $X_{\omega}$ . Then the reduction  $\mathrm{red}(\xi)$  is a generic point of the canonical reduction  $\tilde{X}_{\omega}$  and hence  $\iota(\mathrm{red}(\xi))$  is the generic point of an irreducible component  $Z$  of  $\mathrm{in}_{\omega}(X)$ . Put  $\mathrm{trop}(\xi) = \omega \in N_{\Gamma}$ . We say that a polyhedron  $P \subset \mathrm{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  is *relevant for  $\xi$*  if  $\omega \in P$  and  $P \subset \mathrm{Trop}(Z) + \omega$ . Equivalently,  $P$  has a non-empty local cone at  $\omega$  contained in  $\mathrm{Trop}(Z)$  (see Lemma 5.11).
- (2) For general  $\omega \in N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$ , we choose a valued extension field  $K' \supset K$  whose value group  $\Gamma'$  is non-trivial and large enough that  $\omega \in N_{\Gamma'}(\sigma)$ . Let  $X' = X_{K'}$  and let  $\pi : X' \rightarrow X$  be the canonical morphism. Then it follows from Proposition 2.21 that  $\pi(B(X'_{\omega})) = B(X_{\omega})$ . We conclude that there is  $\xi' \in B(X'_{\omega})$  with  $\pi(\xi') = \xi$ . We say that the polyhedron  $P \subset \mathrm{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  is *relevant for  $\xi$*  if there is such a  $\xi'$  with  $P$  relevant for  $\xi'$  in the sense of (1).

**Lemma 5.10.** *The above definition of  $\xi$ -relevance for a polyhedron  $P \subset \mathrm{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  does not depend on the choice of  $K'$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $P$  is relevant for  $\xi$  with respect to  $\xi' \in B(X'_\omega)$  as in Definition 5.9(2). We choose another valued extension field  $K'' \supset K$  with value group  $\Gamma''$  non-trivial and with  $\omega \in N_{\Gamma''}(\sigma)$ . Setting  $X'' := X_{K''}$ , we have to show that there is a  $\xi'' \in B(X''_\omega)$  over  $\xi$  such that  $P$  is relevant for  $\xi''$  in the sense of Definition 5.9(1). By [Duc09, (0.3.2)], there is a complete valued extension field  $K'''$  of  $K'$  and  $K''$  simultaneously; we let  $X''' = X_{K'''}$ . It follows from Proposition 2.21 that the Shilov boundary of  $X'''_\omega$  maps onto  $B(X'_\omega)$  and also onto  $B(X''_\omega)$ . We choose a preimage  $\xi''' \in B(X'''_\omega)$  of  $\xi'$  and let  $Z'''$  be the irreducible component of  $\text{in}_\omega(X''')$  with generic point  $\iota(\text{red}(\xi'''))$ . It follows from functoriality of the reduction and the initial degenerations that the canonical map

$$\text{in}_\omega(X''') = \text{in}_\omega(X') \otimes_{\tilde{K}'} \tilde{K}''' \rightarrow \text{in}_\omega(X')$$

maps  $Z'''$  onto  $Z'$ , the closure of  $\iota(\xi')$ . As  $Z''' \rightarrow Z'$  is surjective, we have  $\text{Trop}(Z''') = \text{Trop}(Z')$ . By assumption,  $P$  is contained in  $\text{Trop}(Z')$ . We conclude that  $P$  is relevant for  $\xi'''$ . Let  $\xi'' \in B(X''_\omega)$  be the image of  $\xi'''$  under the analytification of the canonical map  $X''' \rightarrow X''$ . A similar argument as above shows that  $Z'''$  surjects onto an irreducible component  $Z''$  of  $\text{in}_\omega(X'')$  and that  $\text{red}(\xi'')$  maps to the generic point of  $Z''$ . Since we have  $\text{Trop}(Z'') = \text{Trop}(Z''')$ , we conclude that  $P$  is relevant for  $\xi''$ . Since  $\xi''$  is lying over  $\xi$ , this proves the claim.  $\square$

**Lemma 5.11.** *Let  $U$  be a closed  $d$ -dimensional subscheme of the torus  $T$  and let  $\Sigma$  be a polyhedral complex with support equal to  $\text{Trop}(U)$ . If  $Y$  is a  $d$ -dimensional irreducible component of  $U$ , then there is a subcomplex of  $\Sigma$  with support equal to  $\text{Trop}(Y)$ .*

*Proof.* By the Bieri–Groves theorem,  $\text{Trop}(Y)$  is a finite union of  $d$ -dimensional polyhedra and hence  $\text{Trop}(Y)$  is covered by the  $d$ -dimensional polyhedra in  $\Sigma$ . It is enough to show that any  $d$ -dimensional  $P \in \Sigma$  with  $\text{relint}(P) \cap \text{Trop}(Y) \neq \emptyset$  is necessarily contained in  $\text{Trop}(Y)$ . If not, then  $P \cap \text{Trop}(Y)$  has a boundary point  $\omega$  with respect to  $P$ . We may assume that  $\omega$  is in  $\text{relint}(P)$  and also in the relative interior of a  $(d-1)$ -dimensional face  $\tau$  of a  $d$ -dimensional polyhedron  $Q \subset P \cap \text{Trop}(Y)$ . Let  $H$  be a supporting hyperplane of the face  $\tau$  of  $Q$ . By construction, there is a neighbourhood  $\Omega$  of  $\omega$  in  $N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  such that  $\Omega \cap P \cap \text{Trop}(Y) = \Omega \cap Q$  is contained in a half space  $H^+$  bounded by  $H$ .

Bieri–Groves [BG84, Theorem D] proved that  $\text{Trop}(Y)$  is totally concave in  $\omega$  which means that there is a polyhedron  $R \subset \text{Trop}(Y)$  through  $\omega$  and intersecting the complement of  $H^+$ . This can also be deduced from the balancing condition. Since  $\Omega \cap P \cap \text{Trop}(Y) \subset H^+$ , we conclude that  $R \cap P \subset H^+$ . Using that  $R$  expands from  $\omega$  into the complement of  $H^+$  and that  $\text{Trop}(Y) \subset \text{Trop}(U)$ , we deduce that there is a face  $S \in \Sigma$  through  $\omega$  with  $S \neq P$ . Since  $\Sigma$  is a polyhedral complex, this contradicts  $\omega \in \text{relint}(P)$ . This proves  $P \subset \text{Trop}(Y)$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 5.12.** *Let  $\xi \in S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  with tropicalization  $\omega \in N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$ . Let  $K' \supset K$  be a valued extension field with non-trivial value group  $\Gamma'$  and with  $\omega \in N_{\Gamma'}$ .*

- (1) *A polyhedron  $P \subset \text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  is relevant for  $\xi$  with respect to the closed subscheme  $X$  of the toric variety  $Y_\Delta$  if and only if  $P$  is relevant for  $\xi$  with respect to the affine closed subscheme  $X \cap O(\sigma)$  of the orbit  $O(\sigma)$ .*
- (2) *We set  $X' := X_{K'}$ . The local cone at  $\omega$  of the union of all  $\xi$ -relevant polyhedra is the tropical variety of an irreducible component  $Z$  of  $\text{in}_\omega(X')$  with respect to the trivial valuation and with  $\dim(Z) = \dim_\xi(X)$ .*

- (3) Let  $\Sigma$  be a polyhedral complex in  $N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  with support equal to  $\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$ . If  $\dim_{\xi}(X^{\text{an}}) = d(\omega)$ , then in (2) it is enough to consider  $\xi$ -relevant  $d(\omega)$ -dimensional polyhedra in  $\Sigma$ . Moreover, the above local cone and  $Z$  are both of dimension  $d(\omega)$ . In particular, there is a polyhedron in  $\Sigma$  which is  $d$ -maximal at  $\omega$  and which is relevant for  $\xi$ .
- (4) If  $m_{\text{Trop}}(\omega) = 1$ , then every polyhedron in  $\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  containing  $\omega$  is relevant for  $\xi$ .

*Proof.* Property (1) is obvious from the definition. By Lemma 4.4, there is  $\xi' \in S_{\text{Trop}}(X')$  over  $\xi$  for the given valued extension field  $K' \supset K$ . Then the canonical reduction  $\text{red}(\xi') \in \tilde{X}'_{\omega}$  maps to the generic point of an irreducible component  $Z$  of  $\text{in}_{\omega}(X')$ . By Proposition 4.7,  $\xi$  is contained in a unique irreducible component and hence  $X'$  is equidimensional in a neighbourhood of  $\xi'$  of dimension  $\dim_{\xi}(X)$ . By Proposition 2.10 and Proposition 2.12, we deduce that  $\dim(Z) = \dim_{\xi}(X)$ . It follows from (5.8.1) that

$$(5.12.1) \quad \text{Trop}(Z) = \bigcup_{P \subset \text{Trop}(Z) + \omega} \text{LC}_{\omega}(P),$$

where  $P$  ranges over all polyhedra contained in  $\text{Trop}(X)$  with  $\omega \in P \subset \text{Trop}(Z) + \omega$ . This proves (2).

If  $\dim_{\xi}(X^{\text{an}}) = d(\omega)$ , then (2) shows that  $Z$  is  $d(\omega)$ -dimensional and the same is true for  $\text{in}_{\omega}(X')$  by Lemma 5.3. We apply Lemma 5.11 to the fan  $\{\text{LC}_{\omega}(P) \mid P \in \Sigma\}$  which has support  $\text{Trop}(\text{in}_{\omega}(X'))$  by (5.8.1). This shows that  $\text{Trop}(Z)$  is the union of the  $d(\omega)$ -dimensional  $(\text{LC}_{\omega}(P))_{P \in \Sigma}$  contained in  $\text{Trop}(Z)$ , which proves (3).

Let  $P$  be a polyhedron in  $\text{Trop}(X)$  containing  $\omega$ . Then  $\text{LC}_{\omega}(P)$  is non-empty and contained in  $\text{Trop}(\text{in}_{\omega}(X)) = \text{LC}_{\omega}(\text{Trop}(X))$  by (5.8.1). If  $m_{\text{Trop}}(\omega) = 1$ , then  $Z := \text{in}_{\omega}(X)$  is irreducible, and (4) follows.  $\square$

In the following important lemma,  $X$  is any closed subscheme of the multiplicative torus  $T$  over  $K$  with character lattice  $N$ . Recall that  $s(\omega)$  denotes the point of  $S(T^{\text{an}}) = S_{\text{Trop}}(T)$  lying above  $\omega \in N_{\mathbf{R}}$ , that  $X_{\omega} = \text{trop}^{-1}(\omega) \cap X^{\text{an}}$ , and that  $B(X_{\omega})$  denotes the Shilov boundary of the affinoid space  $X_{\omega}$ .

**Lemma 5.13.** *Choose a polyhedral complex structure  $\Sigma$  on  $\text{Trop}(X)$ . Let  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(X)$  and let  $d := d(\omega)$ . We consider a homomorphism  $\psi: T \rightarrow \mathbf{G}_m^d$ , let  $f: N_{\mathbf{R}} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^d$  be the induced linear map, let  $\varphi = \psi|_X$ , and let  $\omega' = f(\omega)$ . Then  $\varphi^{-1}(s(\omega')) \cap X_{\omega}$  is equal to the set of Shilov boundary points  $\xi \in B(X_{\omega})$  for which there is a  $P \in \Sigma$  satisfying the following three conditions:*

- (1)  $P$  is  $d$ -maximal at  $\omega$ ;
- (2)  $P$  is relevant for  $\xi$ ;
- (3)  $f$  is injective on  $P$ .

For such a  $\xi$ , we have always  $\dim_{\xi}(X_{\omega}) = d$ .

*Proof.* Assume to begin that the valuation on  $K$  is non-trivial and that  $\omega \in N_{\Gamma}$ . Let  $U'_{\omega'} = \text{trop}^{-1}(\omega') \subset \mathbf{G}_m^{d, \text{an}}$ . We have  $\varphi(X_{\omega}) \subset U'_{\omega'}$  due to the commutativity of the

square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X^{\text{an}} & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \mathbf{G}_m^{d,\text{an}} \\ \text{trop} \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{trop} \\ \text{Trop}(X) & \xrightarrow{f} & \mathbf{R}^d \end{array}$$

Consider the morphism  $\varphi: X_\omega \rightarrow U'_\omega$ , and the induced morphism on canonical reductions  $\tilde{\varphi}: \tilde{X}_\omega \rightarrow \tilde{U}'_\omega \cong \mathbf{G}_{m,\tilde{K}}^d$ . If  $\xi \in X_\omega$  maps to  $s(\omega')$  then by functoriality of the reduction map, we have that  $\text{red}(\xi) \in \tilde{X}_\omega$  maps to the generic point of  $\mathbf{G}_{m,\tilde{K}}^d$ .

Since  $d(\omega) = \dim(\tilde{X}_\omega) = d$  by Lemma 5.3, it follows that  $\text{red}(\xi)$  is a generic point of  $\tilde{X}_\omega$ , so  $\xi$  is a Shilov boundary point of  $X_\omega$  by Proposition 2.16. This proves that  $\varphi^{-1}(s(\omega')) \cap X_\omega$  is contained in the Shilov boundary  $B(X_\omega)$ . Since  $\text{red}(\xi)$  is the generic point of an irreducible component  $Z'$  of  $\tilde{X}_\omega$  of dimension  $d$ , the irreducible component of  $X_\omega$  containing  $\xi$  must also have dimension  $d$ . Hence  $\dim_\xi(X_\omega) = d$ .

Next, we show that  $\xi$  satisfies properties (1)–(3). Note that  $\tilde{\varphi}: \tilde{X}_\omega \rightarrow \tilde{U}'_\omega \cong \mathbf{G}_{m,\tilde{K}}^d$  has a canonical factorization

$$(5.13.1) \quad \tilde{X}_\omega \longrightarrow \text{in}_\omega(X) \xrightarrow{\text{in}_\omega(\varphi)} \text{in}_{\omega'}(\mathbf{G}_{m,K}^d) \cong \mathbf{G}_{m,\tilde{K}}^d.$$

We have seen in Remark 3.6 that the first map is surjective and finite. We conclude that  $Z'$  maps onto a  $d$ -dimensional irreducible component  $Z$  of  $\text{in}_\omega(X)$ . Since  $\text{red}(\xi)$  maps to the generic point of  $\mathbf{G}_{m,\tilde{K}}^d$ , the restriction of  $\text{in}_\omega(\varphi)$  to  $Z$  is dominant. By functoriality of the tropicalization, we get a commutative square

$$(5.13.2) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} Z^{\text{an}} & \xrightarrow{\text{in}_\omega(\varphi)} & \mathbf{G}_{m,\tilde{K}}^{d,\text{an}} \\ \text{trop} \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{trop} \\ \text{Trop}(Z) & \xrightarrow{f} & \mathbf{R}^d \end{array}$$

using that the tropicalization of  $\text{in}_\omega(\varphi)$  agrees with the restriction of  $f$ . The Bieri–Groves theorem shows that  $\text{Trop}(Z)$  is a  $d$ -dimensional polyhedral fan. Since the tropicalization maps are surjective and since  $\text{in}_\omega(\varphi)(Z)$  is dense in  $\mathbf{G}_{m,\tilde{K}}^d$ , commutativity of the diagram (5.13.2) shows that  $f(\text{Trop}(Z)) = \mathbf{R}^d$ . By Proposition 5.12 (3), there is a  $d$ -dimensional polyhedron  $P \subset \text{Trop}(Z)$  in  $\Sigma$  containing  $\omega$  such that  $f(P)$  is  $d$ -dimensional. In other words,  $P$  is  $d$ -maximal at  $\omega$  and relevant for  $\xi$ . Moreover,  $f|_P$  is injective. This proves (1)–(3).

Conversely, we assume that  $\xi \in B(X_\omega)$  has a polyhedron  $P \in \Sigma$  satisfying (1)–(3). We must show that  $\tilde{\varphi}(\text{red}(\xi))$  is the generic point of  $\mathbf{G}_{m,\tilde{K}}^d$ . The first map in (5.13.1) is finite and surjective, hence it maps  $Z'$  onto an irreducible component  $Z$  of  $\text{in}_\omega(X)$ . Since  $P$  is relevant for  $\xi$  by (2), we conclude that  $P \subset \text{Trop}(Z) + \omega$ . Property (1) says that  $P$  is  $d$ -maximal at  $\omega$  which means that  $\dim(P) = d(\omega) = d$ . It follows from Lemma 5.3 and the Bieri–Groves theorem that  $\dim(Z) = d$ . Using again the commutative diagram (5.13.2), we deduce from property (3) that the tropicalization of  $\text{in}_\omega(\varphi)(Z)$  contains a  $d$ -dimensional polyhedron. This is only possible if the generic point of  $Z$  maps to the generic point of  $\mathbf{G}_{m,\tilde{K}}^d$ . Using the factorization (5.13.1) of  $\tilde{\varphi}$  and that the first map takes  $\text{red}(\xi)$  to the generic point of  $Z$ , we deduce that  $\tilde{\varphi}$  maps  $\text{red}(\xi)$  to the generic point of  $\mathbf{G}_{m,\tilde{K}}^d$ . This proves

$\xi \in \varphi^{-1}(s(\omega')) \cap X_\omega$  and hence we have shown the Lemma in case of a non-trivial valuation on  $K$  with  $\omega \in N_\Gamma$ .

To deal with the general case, we choose a valued extension field  $K' \supset K$  whose value group  $\Gamma' = v(K'^\times)$  is non-trivial and large enough that  $\omega \in N_{\Gamma'}$ , and let  $X' = X_{K'}$ . Let  $\xi \in \varphi^{-1}(s(\omega')) \cap X_\omega$ . We have a commutative square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X'_\omega & \xrightarrow{\varphi_{K'}} & \mathbf{G}_{m,K'}^{d,\text{an}} \\ \pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ X_\omega & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \mathbf{G}_{m,K}^{d,\text{an}} \end{array}$$

where the vertical arrows are the structural morphisms. By [Ber90, Theorem 1.2.1] and [Duc09, (0.3.2)], the spectrum  $F = \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{H}(\xi) \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathcal{H}(s(\omega'))} \mathcal{H}(s'(\omega')))$  of the Banach ring  $\mathcal{H}(\xi) \widehat{\otimes}_{\mathcal{H}(s(\omega'))} \mathcal{H}(s'(\omega'))$  is nonempty, where  $s': \mathbf{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbf{G}_{m,K'}^{d,\text{an}}$  is the section of tropicalization. If  $\xi'$  is in the image of the natural morphism  $F \rightarrow X'_\omega$ , then  $\varphi_{K'}(\xi') = s'(\omega')$  and  $\pi(\xi') = \xi$ . By the case handled above,  $\xi' \in B(X'_\omega)$  and there is  $P \in \Sigma$  satisfying (1)–(3). Then  $\xi \in B(X_\omega)$  by Proposition 2.21 and  $P$  is also relevant for  $\xi$  by definition. Moreover, one always has  $\dim_{\xi'}(X'_\omega) \leq \dim_\xi(X_\omega)$ , so  $\dim_{\xi'}(X'_\omega) = d(\omega) = \dim(X_\omega)$  implies  $\dim_\xi(X_\omega) = d(\omega)$ . This proves one inclusion of the Lemma in the general case and the last claim.

Conversely, let  $\xi \in B(X_\omega)$  with  $P \in \Sigma$  satisfying (1)–(3). Then there exists  $\xi' \in B(X'_\omega)$  mapping to  $\xi$  by Lemma 5.10 such that  $P$  is also relevant for  $\xi'$ . By the special case considered above, we have  $\varphi_{K'}(\xi') = s'(\omega')$ , so  $\varphi(\xi) = \pi(s'(\omega')) = s(\omega')$ . This proves  $\xi \in \varphi^{-1}(s(\omega')) \cap X_\omega$ .  $\square$

## 6. LIMIT POINTS OF THE TROPICAL SKELETON

We have seen in Example 4.9 that the tropical skeleton  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  is not necessarily closed in the toric variety  $Y_\Delta$ . In this section, we give conditions under which a limit of a sequence of points of  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  is contained in  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$ . Our goal is to study the accumulation points of  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  for the closed subscheme  $X$  of the toric variety  $Y_\Delta$ . By [Poi13, Théorème 5.3], every limit point of  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  is the limit of a sequence of points.<sup>2</sup> We use the notation from §3.1.

**Theorem 6.1.** *Let  $\Delta$  be a rational pointed fan in  $N_{\mathbf{R}}$  and let  $X \subset Y_\Delta$  be a closed subscheme. By  $T$  we denote the dense torus in  $Y_\Delta$ . We assume that  $X \cap T$  is equidimensional of dimension  $d$ . Let  $(\xi_i)_{i \in \mathbf{N}}$  be a sequence in  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  which is contained in  $(X \cap T)^{\text{an}}$  such that  $\xi_i$  converges to a point  $\xi \in (X \cap O(\sigma))^{\text{an}}$  for some torus orbit  $O(\sigma) \subset Y_\Delta$ . Put  $\omega_i = \text{trop}(\xi_i) \in N_{\mathbf{R}}$  and  $\omega = \text{trop}(\xi) \in N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$ .*

*If there exists a polyhedron  $P \subset \text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}$  of dimension  $d$  containing all  $\omega_i$  and relevant for all  $\xi_i$  such that  $\pi_\sigma(P)$  is  $d$ -maximal at  $\omega$ , we have  $\xi \in S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  and  $\dim_\xi(X_\omega) = d(\omega)$ .*

**Remark 6.2.** The hypotheses in Theorem 6.1 are sufficient but not necessary. For example, let the notation be as in Examples 4.9 and 5.7, and for  $r \geq 1$  let  $\omega''(r) = (0, r, r + r^{-1}) \in \text{relint}(P_2)$ . One can show that  $s_X(\omega''(r)) \rightarrow s_X(0, \infty, \infty)$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  even though  $\omega''(r)$  is contained in  $P_2 \setminus (P_1 \cup P_3)$  and  $\pi_{\sigma_{23}}(P_2)$  is not  $d$ -maximal at  $(0, \infty, \infty)$ .

<sup>2</sup>This is mainly for convenience, as one could work with nets.

At a basic level, the proof of Theorem 6.1 uses a similar idea to [GRW14, Theorem 10.6] (and Proposition 4.6), in that we compare  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  with the inverse image of the skeleton of a smaller-dimensional toric variety. However, one must be much more careful in constructing the smaller toric variety.

*Proof of Theorem 6.1.* If  $O(\sigma) = T$ , our claim follows from Corollary 4.8. Hence we may assume that  $\sigma \neq 0$ .

Since  $\omega = \lim \omega_i \in N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$ , we have  $\overline{P} \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma) \neq \emptyset$ , where  $\overline{P}$  is the closure of  $P$  in  $\overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^{\Delta}$ . Hence by Lemma 5.5, the recession cone of  $P$  intersects the relative interior of  $\sigma$ , and  $\overline{P} \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma) = \pi_{\sigma}(P)$ . This set contains  $\omega$ . Let  $H$  be a rational supporting hyperplane of the face  $\{0\} \prec \sigma$ : that is,  $H$  is rational and  $H \cap \sigma = \{0\}$ , so  $\sigma$  is contained in one of the half-spaces bounded by  $H$ . Let  $\langle \sigma \rangle \subset N_{\mathbf{R}}$  be the linear span of  $\sigma$ , and let  $\langle P \rangle_0 \subset N_{\mathbf{R}}$  be the linear (as opposed to the affine) span of  $P$ , i.e.,  $\langle P \rangle_0$  is the linear span of  $P - \eta$  for any  $\eta \in P$ . The subspaces  $\langle \sigma \rangle$  and  $\langle P \rangle_0$  are rational. Note that  $H + (\langle \sigma \rangle \cap \langle P \rangle_0) = N_{\mathbf{R}}$  since the recession cone of  $P$  intersects  $\text{relint}(\sigma)$ .

We claim that there exists a rational subspace  $L \subset N_{\mathbf{R}}$  such that

$$(a) \ L \subset H \quad (b) \ N_{\mathbf{R}} = L \oplus \langle P \rangle_0 \quad (c) \ N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma) = \pi_{\sigma}(L) \oplus \pi_{\sigma}(\langle P \rangle_0).$$

This is pure linear algebra. Let  $n = \dim(N_{\mathbf{R}})$ , recall  $d = \dim(P)$  and let  $d' = d(\omega)$ . By hypothesis,  $d' = \dim(\pi_{\sigma}(P))$ , and hence  $\dim(\langle \sigma \rangle \cap \langle P \rangle_0) = d - d'$ . Since  $\langle \sigma \rangle \not\subset H$ , we have that  $H$  surjects onto  $N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$ . Choose a rational subspace  $V \subset H$  mapping isomorphically onto  $N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$ , so  $H = (\langle \sigma \rangle \cap H) \oplus V$  and  $N_{\mathbf{R}} = \langle \sigma \rangle \oplus V$ . As  $H + (\langle \sigma \rangle \cap \langle P \rangle_0) = N_{\mathbf{R}}$ , we have  $(\langle \sigma \rangle \cap H) + (\langle \sigma \rangle \cap \langle P \rangle_0) = \langle \sigma \rangle$ , so  $\dim(\langle \sigma \rangle \cap H \cap \langle P \rangle_0) = d - d' - 1$ , and therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(\langle \sigma \rangle \cap H) - \dim(\langle \sigma \rangle \cap H \cap \langle P \rangle_0) &= (\dim(\langle \sigma \rangle) - 1) - (d - d' - 1) \\ &= \dim(\langle \sigma \rangle) - (d - d') \\ &= \dim(\langle \sigma \rangle) - \dim(\langle \sigma \rangle \cap \langle P \rangle_0). \end{aligned}$$

We conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{codim}(\langle \sigma \rangle \cap H \cap \langle P \rangle_0, \langle \sigma \rangle \cap H) &= \text{codim}(\langle \sigma \rangle \cap \langle P \rangle_0, \langle \sigma \rangle) = \dim(\langle \sigma \rangle) - (d - d'), \\ \text{codim}(\pi_{\sigma}(\langle P \rangle_0), N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)) &= n - \dim(\langle \sigma \rangle) - d'. \end{aligned}$$

It is possible to choose (generic) rational subspaces  $L_1 \subset \langle \sigma \rangle \cap H$  of dimension  $\dim(\langle \sigma \rangle) - (d - d')$  and  $L_2 \subset V$  of dimension  $n - \dim(\langle \sigma \rangle) - d'$  such that  $L_1 \cap (\langle \sigma \rangle \cap \langle P \rangle_0) = \{0\}$  and  $\pi_{\sigma}(L_2) \cap \pi_{\sigma}(\langle P \rangle_0) = \{0\}$ . The subspace  $L = L_1 \oplus L_2$  satisfies our requirements (a)–(c).

To prove the theorem, we may replace  $Y_{\Delta}$  by  $Y_{\sigma}$  and  $X$  by  $X \cap Y_{\sigma}$  without loss of generality. Let  $N' = N/(N \cap L)$  and let  $f: N \rightarrow N'$  be the quotient homomorphism. Let  $M' = \text{Hom}(N', \mathbf{Z})$  and let  $T' = \text{Spec}(K[M']) \cong \mathbf{G}_m^d$  be the torus with cocharacter lattice  $N'$ . The map  $f$  induces a homomorphism  $\psi: T \rightarrow T'$ . Let  $\sigma' = f(\sigma)$ . This is a pointed cone in  $N'_{\mathbf{R}}$  since the supporting hyperplane  $H$  contains  $L$ . Thus  $\psi: T \rightarrow T'$  extends to a toric morphism of affine toric varieties  $\psi: Y_{\sigma} \rightarrow Y_{\sigma'}$ ,  $f: N_{\mathbf{R}} \rightarrow N'_{\mathbf{R}}$  extends to a continuous map  $f: \overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^{\sigma} \rightarrow \overline{N}'_{\mathbf{R}}^{\sigma'}$ , and the

following squares commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T & \xrightarrow{\text{trop}} & N_{\mathbf{R}} \\ \psi \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ T' & \xrightarrow{\text{trop}} & N'_{\mathbf{R}} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} Y_{\sigma} & \xrightarrow{\text{trop}} & \overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^{\sigma} \\ \psi \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ Y'_{\sigma'} & \xrightarrow{\text{trop}} & \overline{N}'_{\mathbf{R}}^{\sigma'} \end{array}$$

Note that  $N'_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma') = N_{\mathbf{R}}/(\langle \sigma \rangle + L) = N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)/\pi_{\sigma}(L)$ . Condition (b) for  $L$  implies  $f$  is injective on  $P$  with  $\dim(P) = \dim(N'_{\mathbf{R}})$ , and condition (c) implies  $f: N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma) \rightarrow N'_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma')$  is injective on  $\pi_{\sigma}(P)$  with  $d' = \dim(\pi_{\sigma}(P)) = \dim(N'_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma'))$ .

Let  $\varphi = \psi|_X$ , and define  $S = \varphi^{-1}(S(Y'_{\sigma'}^{\text{an}}))$ , the inverse image of the skeleton of the affine toric variety  $Y'_{\sigma'}$ . This is a closed subset of  $X^{\text{an}}$  because  $S(Y'_{\sigma'}^{\text{an}})$  is closed in  $Y'_{\sigma'}^{\text{an}}$ , as we saw in §3.3. Lemma 5.13 implies that  $\xi_i \in S \cap X_{\omega_i}$  for all  $i$ . Hence the limit point  $\xi$  lies in  $S \cap X_{\omega}$ . By construction,  $d' = d(\omega) = \dim(N'_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma'))$ , which is equal to the dimension of the torus orbit  $O'(\sigma') \subset Y'_{\sigma'}$ .

Again by Lemma 5.13, this time applied to  $T = O(\sigma)$ ,  $X = X \cap O(\sigma)$ , and the map  $\psi: O(\sigma) \rightarrow O'(\sigma')$  on torus orbits, we see that  $S \cap X_{\omega}$  is contained in the Shilov boundary of  $X_{\omega}$ , and therefore that  $\xi \in S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$ . Moreover, the local dimension of  $X_{\omega}$  at any point of  $S \cap X_{\omega}$  is  $d(\omega)$  by Lemma 5.13.  $\square$

If  $X$  intersects all torus orbits equidimensionally, we can deduce the following result.

**Theorem 6.3.** *Let  $X$  be a closed subscheme of the toric variety  $Y_{\Delta}$  such that  $X \cap O(\sigma)$  is equidimensional of dimension  $d_{\sigma}$  for any  $\sigma \in \Delta$ . We suppose that for all faces  $\tau \prec \sigma$  of  $\Delta$  there exists a finite polyhedral complex structure  $\Sigma$  on  $\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\tau)$  with the following property: For every  $d_{\tau}$ -dimensional polyhedron  $P$  in  $\Sigma$  such that its recession cone intersects the relative interior of  $\pi_{\tau}(\sigma)$  in  $N_{\mathbf{R}}(\tau)$ , put  $\bar{\sigma} = \pi_{\tau}(\sigma)$  and assume that the canonical projection  $\pi_{\bar{\sigma}}(P)$  has dimension  $d_{\sigma}$  in  $N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$ . Then  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  is closed.*

*Proof.* Let  $(\xi_i)_{i \in \mathbf{N}}$  be a sequence in  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  converging to some point  $\xi \in X^{\text{an}}$ . We have to show that  $\xi \in S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$ . We may always pass to a subsequence and so we may assume that the sequence  $\{\xi_i\}$  is contained in a single torus orbit  $O(\tau)^{\text{an}}$ . Let  $\sigma \in \Delta$  be the cone such that  $\xi \in O(\sigma)^{\text{an}}$ . Then  $\tau \prec \sigma$ . Let  $\omega_i = \text{trop}(\xi_i) \in N_{\mathbf{R}}(\tau)$  and let  $\omega = \text{trop}(\xi) \in N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$ , so  $\omega = \lim \omega_i$  by continuity of  $\text{trop}$ .

Since  $X \cap O(\tau)$  is equidimensional of dimension  $d_{\tau}$ , we have  $\dim_{\xi_i}(X) = d_{\tau} = d(\omega_i)$  for every  $i$ . By Proposition 5.12(3), there is a polyhedron  $P_i \subset \text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\tau)$  in  $\Sigma$  which is  $d$ -maximal at  $\omega_i$  and which is relevant for  $\xi_i$ . After passing to a subsequence, we may assume that all  $P_i = P$  for a single  $d_{\tau}$ -dimensional polyhedron  $P$  in  $\Sigma$ . Since  $\omega$  lies in the closure of  $P$ , the recession cone of  $P$  meets the relative interior of  $\pi_{\tau}(\sigma)$  by Lemma 5.5. Therefore the projection of  $P$  to  $N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  is  $d$ -maximal by assumption. Hence our claim follows from Theorem 6.1.  $\square$

## 7. PROPER INTERSECTION WITH ORBITS

In this section we discuss common dimensionality conditions under which the hypotheses of Theorem 6.1 are automatically satisfied. We consider a closed subscheme  $X$  of a toric variety  $Y_{\Delta}$  with dense torus  $T$ . We assume throughout that  $X \cap T$  is equidimensional of dimension  $d$  and that  $X \cap T$  is dense in  $X$ .

**Definition 7.1.** Let  $\sigma \in \Delta$ . We say that  $X$  intersects  $O(\sigma)$  properly provided that  $\dim(X \cap O(\sigma)) = \dim(X) - \dim(\sigma)$ .

Note that if  $X$  intersects  $O(\sigma)$  properly then  $X \cap O(\sigma) \neq \emptyset$  when  $\dim(\sigma) \leq \dim(X)$ , and  $X \cap O(\sigma) = \emptyset$  when  $\dim(\sigma) > \dim(X)$ .

**Lemma 7.2.** If  $\dim(\sigma) \leq \dim(X)$  and  $X$  intersects  $O(\sigma)$  properly, then  $X \cap O(\sigma)$  is equidimensional and

$$\operatorname{codim}(X \cap O(\sigma), O(\sigma)) = \operatorname{codim}(X \cap T, T).$$

Therefore,  $\operatorname{Trop}(X \cap O(\sigma)) = \operatorname{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  has pure dimension  $\dim(X) - \dim(\sigma)$ .

*Proof.* This follows from [Gub13, Proposition 14.7] and the fact that the dimension of  $\sigma$  is  $\operatorname{codim}(O(\sigma), T)$ . The last statement is a consequence of the Bieri–Groves theorem.  $\square$

*Remark 7.3.* For a polyhedron  $P \subset N_{\mathbf{R}}$ , we let  $\rho(P) \subset N_{\mathbf{R}}$  denote the recession cone of  $P$ . Let  $U$  be a closed subscheme of the torus  $T$  over  $K$ . Then the Bieri–Groves theorem shows that we may write  $\operatorname{Trop}(U)$  as a finite union of integral  $\Gamma$ -affine polyhedra  $P$  (see [GRW14, 2.2] for the definition of integral  $\Gamma$ -affine polyhedra for a subgroup  $\Gamma$  of  $\mathbf{R}$ ). If  $U$  is of pure dimension  $d$ , then we can choose all  $P$   $d$ -dimensional. Let  $\Sigma$  be the collection of these polyhedra and let  $\operatorname{Trop}_0(U)$  be the tropical variety of  $X$  with respect to the trivial valuation. Then we recall from [Gub13, Corollary 11.13] the non-trivial fact that

$$(7.3.1) \quad \operatorname{Trop}_0(U) = \bigcup_{P \in \Sigma} \rho(P).$$

The next proposition shows that the condition that  $X$  intersects  $O(\sigma)$  properly can be checked on tropicalizations.

**Proposition 7.4.** Choose a finite collection  $\Sigma$  of integral  $\mathbf{R}$ -affine  $d$ -dimensional polyhedra whose union is  $\operatorname{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}$ . Fix  $\sigma \in \Delta$  with  $\dim(\sigma) \leq d$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $X$  intersects  $O(\sigma)$  properly.
- (2) There exists  $P \in \Sigma$  such that  $\rho(P) \cap \operatorname{relint}(\sigma) \neq \emptyset$ , and for all such  $P$ ,

$$\dim(\rho(P) \cap \sigma) = \dim(\sigma).$$

- (3) There exists  $P \in \Sigma$  such that  $\rho(P) \cap \operatorname{relint}(\sigma) \neq \emptyset$ , and for all such  $P$ ,

$$\dim(\pi_{\sigma}(P)) = d - \dim(\sigma).$$

*Proof.* The equivalence of (1) and (2) is [Gub13, Corollary 14.4, Remark 14.5], using (7.3.1) and noting that  $\dim(\rho(P) \cap \sigma) = \dim(\sigma)$  if and only if  $\dim(\rho(P) \cap \operatorname{relint}(\sigma)) = \dim(\sigma)$ . For  $P \in \Sigma$  such that  $\rho(P) \cap \operatorname{relint}(\sigma) \neq \emptyset$ , condition (3) is equivalent to having  $\langle \sigma \rangle \subset \langle P \rangle_0$ , where  $\langle \sigma \rangle$  is the span of  $\sigma$  and  $\langle P \rangle_0$  is the linear span of  $P$ , as in the proof of Theorem 6.1. As  $\rho(P) \subset \langle P \rangle_0$ , it is clear that (2) implies (3). For (3) implies (1), we have

$$\operatorname{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma) = \bigcup_{\rho(P) \cap \operatorname{relint}(\sigma) \neq \emptyset} \pi_{\sigma}(P)$$

by Proposition 5.6, so

$$\dim(X \cap O(\sigma)) = \dim(\operatorname{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)) = d - \dim(\sigma)$$

proving (1).  $\square$

The following Corollary is a special case of Theorem 6.1.

**Corollary 7.5.** *Let  $\sigma \in \Delta$  be a cone such that  $X$  intersects  $O(\sigma)$  properly. If  $(\xi_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a sequence in  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X) \cap T^{\text{an}}$  converging to a point  $\xi \in O(\sigma)^{\text{an}}$ , then  $\xi \in S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $X^{\text{an}}$  is closed in  $Y_{\Delta}^{\text{an}}$ , we have  $\xi \in X^{\text{an}} \cap O(\sigma)^{\text{an}}$ . In particular,  $X \cap O(\sigma) \neq \emptyset$ , so  $\dim(\sigma) \leq d$ . Let  $\omega_i = \text{trop}(\xi_i) \in N_{\mathbf{R}}$  and let  $\omega = \text{trop}(\xi) \in N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$ . Choose a finite collection  $\Sigma$  of integral  $\mathbf{R}$ -affine  $d$ -dimensional polyhedra whose union is  $\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}$ . By Proposition 5.12, for every  $\xi_i$  there exists a polyhedron in  $\Sigma$ , which has dimension  $d$  and is relevant for  $\xi_i$ . After passing to a subsequence, we may assume that the same polyhedron  $P$  works for all  $\xi_i$ . By Lemma 5.5, this implies that  $\rho(P) \cap \text{relint}(\sigma) \neq \emptyset$ , so by Proposition 7.4, the dimension of  $\pi_{\sigma}(P)$  is

$$\dim(\pi_{\sigma}(P)) = d - \dim(\sigma) = \dim(X \cap O(\sigma)) = \dim(\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)).$$

It follows that  $\pi_{\sigma}(P)$  is  $d$ -maximal at all of its points, so we can apply Theorem 6.1.  $\square$

The case when  $X$  intersects *all* torus orbits properly is even more special. As above we assume that  $X \cap T$  is equidimensional of dimension  $d$  and that  $X \cap T$  is dense in  $X$ .

**Lemma 7.6.** *Suppose that for all  $\sigma \in \Delta$ , either  $X \cap O(\sigma) = \emptyset$  or  $X$  intersects  $O(\sigma)$  properly. Fix  $\tau \in \Delta$ , and let  $X_{\tau} \subset Y_{\Delta_{\tau}}$  be the closure of  $X \cap O(\tau)$ . Then for all  $\bar{\sigma} = \pi_{\tau}(\sigma) \in \Delta_{\tau}$ , either  $X_{\tau} \cap O(\bar{\sigma}) = \emptyset$  or  $X_{\tau}$  intersects  $O(\bar{\sigma})$  properly.*

*Proof.* If  $X \cap O(\tau) = \emptyset$  then the assertion is trivial. Otherwise,  $X \cap O(\tau)$  is equidimensional of dimension  $d - \dim(\tau)$  by Lemma 7.2. Choose a finite collection  $\Sigma$  of integral  $\mathbf{R}$ -affine  $d$ -dimensional polyhedra whose union is  $\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}$ , so

$$\text{Trop}(X \cap O(\tau)) = \bigcup_{\rho(P) \cap \text{relint}(\tau) \neq \emptyset} \pi_{\tau}(P)$$

as seen in Proposition 5.6. By Proposition 7.4, we have  $\dim(\pi_{\tau}(P)) = d - \dim(\tau)$  for all such  $P$ . Fix  $\sigma \in \Delta$  with  $\tau \prec \sigma$ , let  $\bar{\sigma} = \pi_{\tau}(\sigma) \in \Delta_{\tau}$ , and suppose that  $X_{\tau} \cap O(\bar{\sigma}) \neq \emptyset$ . This implies  $X \cap O(\sigma) \neq \emptyset$ , so  $\dim(\sigma) \leq d$ . If  $P \in \Sigma$  with  $\rho(P) \cap \text{relint}(\tau) \neq \emptyset$  has  $\rho(\pi_{\tau}(P)) \cap \text{relint}(\bar{\sigma}) \neq \emptyset$  then the closure  $\overline{\pi_{\tau}(P)}$  of  $\pi_{\tau}(P)$  in  $N(\tau)_{\mathbf{R}}^{\Delta_{\tau}}$  satisfies

$$\overline{\pi_{\tau}(P)} \cap N(\tau)_{\mathbf{R}}(\bar{\sigma}) = \overline{\pi_{\tau}(P)} \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma) = \pi_{\bar{\sigma}}(\pi_{\tau}(P)) = \pi_{\sigma}(P)$$

by Lemma 5.5. In particular, the closure  $\overline{P}$  of  $P$  in  $\overline{N_{\mathbf{R}}^{\Delta}}$  intersects  $N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$ , so Lemma 5.5 again shows  $\rho(P) \cap \text{relint}(\sigma) \neq \emptyset$ . Hence  $\dim(\pi_{\sigma}(P)) = d - \dim(\sigma)$  by Proposition 7.4, since  $X$  intersects  $O(\sigma)$  properly, so

$$\dim(\pi_{\bar{\sigma}}(\pi_{\tau}(P))) = \dim(\pi_{\sigma}(P)) = d - \dim(\sigma) = (d - \dim(\tau)) - \dim(\bar{\sigma}).$$

This is true for all  $P$  with  $\rho(\pi_{\tau}(P)) \cap \text{relint}(\bar{\sigma}) \neq \emptyset$ , so again by Proposition 7.4,  $X_{\tau}$  intersects  $O(\bar{\sigma})$  properly.  $\square$

**Corollary 7.7.** *If, for all  $\sigma \in \Delta$ , either  $X \cap O(\sigma) = \emptyset$  or  $X$  intersects  $O(\sigma)$  properly, then  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  is closed in  $X^{\text{an}}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $(\xi_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  converging to some  $\xi \in X^{\text{an}}$ . We wish to show  $\xi \in S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$ . Passing to a subsequence, we may assume that the sequence is contained in a single torus orbit  $O(\tau)$ . By Lemma 7.6, the closure  $X_{\tau}$

of  $X \cap O(\tau)$  in the toric variety  $Y_{\Delta_\tau}$  satisfies the same hypotheses as  $X$ . Hence for dimension reasons, if  $\sigma \in \Delta$ ,  $\tau \prec \sigma$ , and  $\bar{\sigma} = \pi_\tau(\sigma)$ , then  $X_\tau \cap O(\bar{\sigma})$  is a union of irreducible components of  $X \cap O(\sigma)$ . By Proposition 4.7 as applied to  $X \cap O(\sigma)$ , then, we may replace  $X$  by  $X_\tau$  to assume  $\{\xi_i\} \subset T^{\text{an}}$ . Now we apply Corollary 7.5 to conclude  $\xi \in S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$ .  $\square$

*Remark 7.8.* In the situation of Corollary 7.7, suppose that  $Y_\Delta = Y_\sigma$  is an affine toric variety. In this case it is possible using the techniques of Theorem 6.1 to produce a morphism  $\psi: Y_\sigma \rightarrow Y'_{\sigma'}$  of affine toric varieties such that the composite morphism  $\varphi: X \hookrightarrow Y_\sigma \rightarrow Y'_{\sigma'}$  is finite and surjective over every torus orbit  $O(\tau') \subset Y'_{\sigma'}$ , such that  $\varphi^{-1}(O(\tau')) \neq \emptyset$ . From this it follows exactly as in Proposition 4.6 that  $\varphi^{-1}(S(Y'_{\sigma'})) = S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$ . This gives another proof of Corollary 7.7, and also shows that  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  is a kind of generalization of a  $c$ -skeleton in the sense of [Duc03, Duc12]. Compare [GRW14, Remark 10.7].

*Remark 7.9.* The hypotheses of Corollary 7.7 are commonly satisfied in the context of tropical compactifications. Let  $\text{Trop}_0(X)$  denote the tropicalization of  $X$ , considered as a subscheme of  $Y_\Delta$  over the field  $K$  endowed with the trivial valuation. If  $\Sigma$  is a finite collection of integral  $\mathbf{R}$ -affine  $d$ -dimensional polyhedra whose union is  $\text{Trop}(X \cap T)$ , then  $\text{Trop}_0(X \cap T)$  is the union of the recession cones of the polyhedra in  $\Sigma$  as we have seen in Remark 7.3.

Suppose that the support of the fan  $\Delta$  is equal to  $\text{Trop}_0(X \cap T)$ . This happens for instance if  $\Delta$  is a *tropical fan* for  $X \cap T$  as defined by Tevelev [Tev07] for integral  $X \cap T$  and generalized in [Gub13, §12] to arbitrary closed subschemes of  $T$ . Then  $X$  is proper over  $K$  by [Tev07, Proposition 2.3], and  $X$  intersects each torus orbit  $O(\sigma)$  properly by [Gub13, Theorem 14.9]. In this case,  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  is closed by Corollary 7.7, so it is even compact.

## 8. SECTION OF TROPICALIZATION

In this section we prove that there is a section of the tropicalization map on the locus of tropical multiplicity one, and we use the results of §4 to examine when this section is continuous.

**8.1. Existence of the section.** Let  $\Delta$  be a rational pointed fan in  $N_{\mathbf{R}}$  and let  $X \subset Y_\Delta$  be a closed subscheme. Suppose that  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(X)$  has  $m_{\text{Trop}}(\omega) = 1$ . We will show that in this case, there is a distinguished Shilov boundary point of  $X_\omega = \text{trop}^{-1}(\omega) \cap X^{\text{an}}$ , which will be the image of the section evaluated at  $\omega$ . However, as the following example shows,  $X_\omega$  may still have multiple Shilov boundary points.

**Example 8.2.** Suppose that the valuation on  $K$  is non-trivial. Let  $X$  be the closed subscheme of  $T = \text{Spec}(K[x_1^{\pm 1}, x_2^{\pm 1}])$  given by the ideal  $\mathfrak{a} = (x_1 - 1, x_2 - 1) \cap (x_1 - 1 - \varpi)$  for  $\varpi \in K^\times$  with  $|\varpi| < 1$ . Then  $X$  is the disjoint union of the line  $\{x_1 = 1 + \varpi\}$  with the point  $(1, 1)$ . The initial degeneration at  $\omega = 0$  is defined by the ideal  $\text{in}_\omega(\mathfrak{a}) = ((x_1 - 1)^2, (x_1 - 1)(x_2 - 1))$  over  $\tilde{K}$ . This is a generically reduced line with an associated point at  $(1, 1)$ . It has tropical multiplicity 1, but the canonical reduction is the disjoint union of a point and a line, so that  $X_\omega$  has two Shilov boundary points. Note however that one of these points is contained in an irreducible component of dimension one, and the other in a component of dimension zero.

Recall from Definition 5.2 that for  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(X)$ , the local dimension of  $\text{Trop}(X)$  at  $\omega$  is denoted  $d(\omega) = \dim(\text{LC}_\omega(\text{Trop}(X)))$ .

**Proposition 8.3.** *Let  $X \subset Y_\Delta$  be a closed subscheme and let  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(X)$  be a point with  $m_{\text{Trop}}(\omega) = 1$ . Let  $\sigma \in \Delta$  be the cone such that  $\omega \in N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$ . Then there is a unique irreducible component  $C$  of  $X \cap O(\sigma)$  of dimension  $d(\omega)$  such that  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(C)$ , and there is a unique Shilov boundary point of  $C_\omega$ . Moreover,  $m_{\text{Trop}}(C, \omega) = 1$ .*

*Proof.* We immediately reduce to the case  $Y_\Delta = O(\sigma) = T$ . First suppose that  $K$  is algebraically closed, non-trivially valued and  $\omega \in N_\Gamma$ . By hypothesis,  $\text{in}_\omega(X)$  is irreducible and generically reduced, and its dimension is  $d := d(\omega) = \dim(X_\omega) = \dim(\tilde{X}_\omega)$  by Lemma 5.3. Replacing  $X$  by its underlying reduced subscheme  $X_{\text{red}}$  has the effect of replacing  $\text{in}_\omega(X)$  by the closed subscheme defined by a nilpotent ideal sheaf, so the same is true of  $\text{in}_\omega(X_{\text{red}})$ . The conclusions of the Proposition (except the last one) are insensitive to nilpotents, so we may assume without loss of generality that  $X$  is reduced (coming back to the last claim at the end).

The projection formula of §3.6 gives

$$1 = \sum_{Z \rightarrow \text{in}_\omega(X)} [Z : \text{in}_\omega(X)],$$

where the sum is taken over all irreducible components  $Z$  of  $\tilde{X}_\omega$  dominating  $\text{in}_\omega(X)$ . Since  $\tilde{X}_\omega \rightarrow (\mathfrak{X}_\omega)_s$  is finite in any case by Proposition 2.12, this proves that there is a unique irreducible component  $Z$  of  $\tilde{X}_\omega$  of dimension  $d$ . Let  $\xi \in X_\omega$  be the Shilov boundary point reducing to the generic point of  $Z$ .

Let  $D$  be an irreducible component of  $X_\omega$  of dimension  $d = \dim(X_\omega)$ . The inclusion  $D \hookrightarrow X_\omega$  gives a finite morphism of canonical reductions  $\tilde{D} \rightarrow \tilde{X}_\omega$ . As  $\tilde{D}$  is equidimensional of dimension  $d$  by Proposition 2.10(3), every generic point of  $\tilde{D}$  maps to the generic point of  $Z$ , so every Shilov boundary point of  $D$  maps to  $\xi$  by Proposition 2.16. Since  $D \rightarrow X_\omega$  is injective, its Shilov boundary is  $\{\xi\}$ . By Proposition 2.15,  $D$  is the unique irreducible component of  $X_\omega$  containing  $\xi$ , thus is the unique irreducible component of  $X_\omega$  of dimension  $d$ .

Let  $C$  be an irreducible component of  $X$  containing the Shilov point  $\xi$  in its analytification. Then  $C_\omega$  is a union of irreducible components of  $X_\omega$  of the same dimension as  $C$  by Proposition 2.5. Since  $\xi \in C_\omega$  we have  $D \subset C_\omega$ , so  $\dim(C) = \dim(D) = d$ , and therefore  $C_\omega = D$ . Finally, if  $C'$  is another irreducible component of  $X$  of dimension  $d$  such that  $C'_\omega \neq \emptyset$ , then  $D \subset C'_\omega$ , which is impossible since  $\dim(C \cap C') < d$ . Thus  $C$  is the unique irreducible component of  $X$  of dimension  $d$  such that  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(C)$ , and  $\xi$  is the unique Shilov boundary point of  $C_\omega = D$ .

Now we allow  $K$  and  $\omega \in N_{\mathbf{R}}$  to be arbitrary. Let  $K' \supset K$  be an algebraically closed valued extension field whose value group  $\Gamma' = v(K^\times)$  is non-trivial and large enough that  $\omega \in N_{\Gamma'}$ , let  $X' = X_{K'}$ , and let  $\pi: X' \rightarrow X$  be the structural morphism. By the above, there is a unique irreducible component  $C'$  of  $X'$  of dimension  $d = d(\omega)$  such that  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(C')$ , and there is a unique Shilov boundary point of  $C'_\omega$ . Then  $C = \pi(C')$  is the unique irreducible component of  $X$  of dimension  $d$  containing  $\omega$  in its tropicalization, and  $C' = (\pi^{-1}(C))_{\text{red}} = C_{K', \text{red}}$ . Hence  $C'_\omega = ((C_\omega)_{K'})_{\text{red}}$ , so  $B(C_\omega) = \pi(B(C'_\omega))$  by Proposition 2.21, so  $B(C_\omega)$  has only one point.

We come now to the last claim no longer assuming that  $X$  is reduced. By definition,  $m_{\text{Trop}}(C, \omega) = 1$  provided that  $\text{in}_\omega(C_{K'})$  is irreducible and generically reduced. The map on initial degenerations  $\text{in}_\omega(C_{K'}) \rightarrow \text{in}_\omega(X')$  is a closed immersion, as both are closed subschemes of  $\text{in}_\omega(T_{K'}) \cong \mathbf{G}_{m, \tilde{K}'}^n$ . Since  $\text{in}_\omega(X')$  is irreducible and generically reduced, and  $\dim(\text{in}_\omega(C_{K'})) = \dim(\text{in}_\omega(X'))$ , this shows that  $\text{in}_\omega(C_{K'})$  is also irreducible and generically reduced.  $\square$

**Definition 8.4.** Let  $X \subset Y_\Delta$  be a closed subscheme. Write

$$\text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1} := \{\omega \in \text{Trop}(X) \mid m_{\text{Trop}}(\omega) = 1\}$$

for the tropical multiplicity-1 locus in  $\text{Trop}(X)$ . If  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1} \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  for  $\sigma \in \Delta$ , we let  $C(\omega)$  be the unique irreducible component of  $X \cap O(\sigma)$  of dimension  $d(\omega)$  with  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(C(\omega))$ , and we define

$$\begin{aligned} s_X(\omega) &= \text{the unique Shilov boundary point of } C(\omega)_\omega \\ &= \text{the unique Shilov boundary point } \xi \text{ of } X_\omega \text{ such that } \dim_\xi(X_\omega) = d(\omega). \end{aligned}$$

We regard  $s_X$  as a map  $\text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1} \rightarrow S_{\text{Trop}}(X) \subset X^{\text{an}}$ .

It follows immediately from the above definition that the image of  $s_X$  is contained in  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$ . By construction,  $\text{trop} \circ s_X$  is the identity, so  $s_X$  is a section of  $\text{trop}$  defined on  $\text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1}$ . If  $X \cap O(\sigma)$  is equidimensional of dimension  $d$  then  $d(\omega) = d$  for all  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  by the Bieri–Groves theorem, so  $s_X(\omega)$  is the unique Shilov boundary point of  $X_\omega$  in this case:  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X) \cap \text{trop}^{-1}(\omega) = \{s_X(\omega)\}$ . Therefore our  $s_X$  coincides with the section considered in [GRW14, §10] for  $X \subset T$  irreducible. It also coincides with the section  $s: \overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\Delta \rightarrow Y_\Delta^{\text{an}}$  introduced in §3.3 when  $X = Y_\Delta$ .

*Remark 8.5* (Behavior with respect to extension of scalars). Let  $K'$  be a valued extension field of  $K$ , let  $X' = X_{K'}$ , and let  $\pi: X'^{\text{an}} \rightarrow X^{\text{an}}$  be the structural map. Then  $\text{Trop}(X')_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1} = \text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1}$  by the definition of  $m_{\text{Trop}}$ . It is clear from the proof of Proposition 8.3 that  $\pi \circ s_{X'} = s_X$ .

The uniqueness of  $C(\omega)$  for  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1}$  gives us the following decomposition of  $\text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1}$ . Supposing for simplicity that  $X$  is a closed subscheme of  $T$ , for an irreducible component  $C$  of  $X$  let

$$(8.5.1) \quad Z(C) = \{\omega \in \text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1} \mid C(\omega) = C\}.$$

In other words,  $Z(C)$  is the set of all multiplicity-1 points  $\omega$  such that  $C$  is the unique irreducible component of  $X$  of dimension  $d(\omega)$  with  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(C)$ . Hence  $s_X(\omega)$  is the Shilov boundary point of  $C_\omega$ . Then by definition,  $\text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1}$  is the disjoint union  $\bigsqcup_C Z(C)$ , and  $s_X = s_C$  on  $Z(C)$  (which makes sense by the final assertion of Proposition 8.3). This observation, along with the following Lemma, will allow us to reduce topological questions about  $\text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1}$  to the case when  $X$  is irreducible.

**Lemma 8.6.** *Let  $X \subset T$  be a closed subscheme, let  $C$  be an irreducible component of  $X$ , and define  $Z(C)$  as in (8.5.1). Then  $Z(C)$  is open and closed in  $\text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1}$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1} = \bigsqcup_C Z(C)$ , it is enough to prove that  $Z(C)$  is closed. Let  $(\omega_i)_{i \in \mathbf{N}}$  be a sequence in  $Z(C)$  converging to a point  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1}$ . By passing to a subsequence, we may assume that all  $\omega_i$  are contained in a single

polyhedron  $P \subset \text{Trop}(C)$  of dimension  $d = \dim(C)$ . Then  $\omega \in P$  as well. We claim that  $d(\omega) = d$ . If not, then there exists a polyhedron  $P' \subset \text{Trop}(X)$  of dimension  $d' > d$  also containing  $\omega$ . We note that  $\text{LC}_\omega(P)$  is not included in  $\text{LC}_\omega(P')$  as we have  $d(\omega_i) = d$  for all  $i$ . But then  $\text{LC}_\omega(\text{Trop}(X)) = \text{Trop}(\text{in}_\omega(X))$  is not equidimensional, so  $\text{in}_\omega(X)$  is not irreducible, which contradicts  $m_{\text{Trop}}(\omega) = 1$ . This proves the claim. We have  $\omega \in P \subset \text{Trop}(C)$ , so  $C$  is the unique irreducible component of  $X$  of dimension  $d = d(\omega)$  containing  $\omega$  in its tropicalization, and therefore  $\omega \in Z(C)$ .  $\square$

**8.7. Continuity on torus orbits.** The following analogue of Corollary 4.8 is a generalization of [GRW14, Theorem 10.6] to reducible  $X$  and a general non-Archimedean ground field  $K$ .

**Proposition 8.8.** *For  $\sigma \in \Delta$ , the section of tropicalization  $s_X$  is continuous on the multiplicity-1 locus  $\text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1} \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$ . Moreover, if  $Z \subset \text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1} \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  is contained in the closure of its interior in  $\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$ , then  $s_X$  is the unique continuous partial section of  $\text{trop}: X^{\text{an}} \rightarrow \text{Trop}(X)$  defined on  $Z$ .*

*Proof.* The statement of the Proposition is intrinsic to the torus orbit  $O(\sigma)$ , so we immediately reduce to the case  $Y_\Delta = O(\sigma) = T$ . Since  $\text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1}$  is the disjoint union (as a topological space) of the subspaces  $Z(C)$  by Lemma 8.6, it is enough to prove continuity and uniqueness on  $Z(C)$  for a fixed irreducible component  $C$  of  $X$ . Since  $s_X = s_C$  on  $Z(C)$ , we may replace  $X$  by  $C$  to assume  $X$  irreducible.

Let  $Z = \text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1}$ . It suffices to show that  $s_X(Z)$  is closed in  $\text{trop}^{-1}(Z) \cap X^{\text{an}}$  (endowed with its relative topology), since  $\text{trop}: \text{trop}^{-1}(Z) \cap X^{\text{an}} \rightarrow Z$  is a proper map to a first-countable topological space, thus is a closed map by [Pal70]. In this case,  $s_X(\omega)$  is the unique Shilov boundary point of  $X_\omega$  for all  $\omega \in Z$ . Thus  $s_X(Z) = \text{trop}^{-1}(Z) \cap S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$ , which is closed in  $\text{trop}^{-1}(Z) \cap X^{\text{an}}$  by Proposition 4.6. This settles the continuity assertion.

Now let  $Z \subset \text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1}$  be a subset which is contained in the closure of its interior in  $\text{Trop}(X)$ , still assuming (as we may) that  $X$  is irreducible. The proof of uniqueness of the section  $s_X$  on  $Z$  goes through exactly as in [GRW14, Theorem 10.6], which only uses that in the situation of Proposition 4.6, we have

$$\varphi^{-1}(S_{\text{Trop}}(\mathbf{G}_m^d)) = S_{\text{Trop}}(X),$$

and that  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X) \cap \text{trop}^{-1}(\omega) = \{s_X(\omega)\}$  for  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1}$ .  $\square$

*Remark 8.9.* In the proof of Proposition 8.8, after reducing to the case of irreducible  $X$ , we could have applied [GRW14, Theorem 10.6] after an extension of scalars to prove continuity. However, it is instructive to see why continuity follows from the more general results of §4.

**8.10. A sequential continuity criterion.** The section  $s_X$  need not be continuous on all of  $\text{Trop}(X)$  when  $X$  is a closed subscheme of a toric variety  $Y_\Delta$ .

**Example 8.11.** In Example 4.9,  $s_X(0, r, 2r)$  does not tend to  $s_X(0, \infty, \infty)$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ .

It is easy to see that  $\overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\Delta$  is a metric space. Hence  $s_X$  is continuous if and only if it is sequentially continuous. Given a sequence  $(\omega_i)_{i \in \mathbf{N}}$  in  $\text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1}$  converging to a point  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1}$ , if  $\omega$  and all  $\omega_i$  are contained in the

same torus orbit then  $s_X(\omega_i) \rightarrow s_X(\omega)$  by Proposition 8.8. If  $(\omega_i)_{i \in \mathbf{N}}$  is contained in several different torus orbits, one checks sequential continuity on each torus orbit separately. Hence verifying sequential continuity amounts to showing that if  $(\omega_i)_{i \in \mathbf{N}}$  is a sequence in  $\text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1} \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}$  converging to  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1} \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$ , then  $s_X(\omega_i)$  converges to  $s_X(\omega)$ . Decomposing by local dimension, one breaks  $(\omega_i)_{i \in \mathbf{N}}$  into several subsequences, each one of which is contained in a single polyhedron in  $\text{Trop}(X)$  which is  $d$ -maximal (Definition 5.4) at each point of the subsequence.

The main ingredient in the proof of the following result is Theorem 6.1.

**Theorem 8.12.** *Let  $\Delta$  be a pointed rational fan in  $N_{\mathbf{R}}$  and let  $X \subset Y_{\Delta}$  be a closed subscheme. Let  $(\omega_i)_{i \in \mathbf{N}}$  be a sequence in  $\text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1} \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}$  converging to a point  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1} \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  for  $\sigma \in \Delta$ . Suppose that there exists a polyhedron  $P \subset \text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}$  which is  $d$ -maximal at each  $\omega_i$ . If  $\pi_{\sigma}(P)$  is  $d$ -maximal at  $\omega$ , then  $s_X(\omega_i) \rightarrow s_X(\omega)$ .*

*Proof.* First we reduce to the case where  $X \cap T$  is irreducible and dense in  $X$ . In fact, equidimensionality would be enough to apply Theorem 6.1 later.

Let  $d = \dim(P)$ , so  $d(\omega_i) = d$  for all  $i$ . By Proposition 8.3, there exists a unique irreducible component  $C_i = C(\omega_i)$  of  $X \cap T$  of dimension  $d$  with  $\omega_i \in \text{Trop}(C_i)$ . As all other irreducible components of  $X$  meeting  $X_{\omega_i}$  have smaller dimension, we must have  $\text{LC}_{\omega_i}(P) \subset \text{LC}_{\omega_i}(\text{Trop}(C_i))$ . Let  $C$  be a  $d$ -dimensional irreducible component of  $X$  occurring as  $C_i$  for infinitely many  $i$ . Replacing  $P$  by  $\text{Trop}(C) \cap P$ , we may assume that  $P \subset \text{Trop}(C)$ . Note that  $d$ -maximality of  $\pi_{\sigma}(P)$  at  $\omega$  is preserved. The limit point  $\omega$  lies in the closure  $\overline{P}$  of  $P$  intersected with  $N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$ , and hence in  $\pi_{\sigma}(P)$  by Lemma 5.5, which is  $d$ -maximal at  $\omega$ . Letting  $\overline{C} \subset X$  be the closure of  $C$  in  $Y_{\Delta}$ , we have  $\overline{P} \subset \text{Trop}(\overline{C})$ , so Lemma 5.3 yields

$$\dim(X_{\omega}) = d(\omega) = \dim(\text{LC}_{\omega}(\text{Trop}(\overline{C}))) = \dim(\overline{C}_{\omega}).$$

Therefore using Proposition 8.3, the unique irreducible component of  $X \cap O(\sigma)$  containing  $s_X(\omega)$  is an irreducible component of  $\overline{C} \cap O(\sigma)$ . This is true for all irreducible components  $C$  occurring as  $C_i$  for infinitely many  $i$ , so we may assume that  $X \cap T = C$  is irreducible and dense in  $X = \overline{C}$ .

Let  $W = \{\omega_i \mid i \in \mathbf{N}\}$  and hence  $\overline{W} = \{\omega_i \mid i \in \mathbf{N}\} \cup \{\omega\}$ . Proving the Theorem amounts to showing that  $s_X$  is continuous on the subspace  $\overline{W}$  of  $\text{Trop}(X)$ . As  $\overline{W}$  is a first-countable Hausdorff space, as in the proof of Proposition 8.8 it suffices to show that  $s_X(\overline{W})$  is closed in  $\text{trop}^{-1}(\overline{W}) \cap X^{\text{an}}$ . By [Poi13, Théorème 5.3],  $X^{\text{an}}$  is a Fréchet–Urysohn space, so for every subspace, closure is the same as sequential closure. Since  $s_X(W)$  is discrete, we only have to prove that  $s_X(\omega)$  is the unique (sequential) limit point of  $s_X(W)$  not contained in  $s_X(W)$ . Any such is contained in  $X_{\omega}$ , so let  $\xi \in X_{\omega}$  be a limit point of  $s_X(W)$ . By Theorem 6.1,  $\xi \in S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  and  $\dim_{\xi}(X_{\omega}) = d(\omega)$ . The only point with these properties is  $s_X(\omega)$ .  $\square$

We can apply the preceding result in the following situation.

**Corollary 8.13.** *Let  $\Delta$  be a pointed rational fan in  $N_{\mathbf{R}}$  and let  $X \subset Y_{\Delta}$  be a closed subscheme. Suppose that  $X \cap T$  is equidimensional and let  $\sigma \in \Delta$  be a cone such that  $X$  intersects  $O(\sigma)$  properly. Then every sequence  $(\omega_i)_{i \in \mathbf{N}}$  in  $\text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1} \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}$  converging to a point  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1} \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  has the property that  $s_X(\omega_i)$  converges to  $s_X(\omega)$ .*

*Proof.* We choose a finite collection  $\Sigma$  of integral  $\mathbf{R}$ -affine  $d$ -dimensional polyhedra whose union is  $\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}$ . For every  $P \in \Sigma$  such that  $\rho(P)$  meets the relative interior of  $\sigma$ , Proposition 7.4 implies that  $\pi_{\sigma}(P)$  has dimension  $\dim(X) - \dim(\sigma) = d(\omega)$ . Hence we can apply Theorem 8.12 to every  $P$  containing infinitely many  $\omega_i$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 8.14.** *Let  $\Delta$  be a rational pointed fan in  $N_{\mathbf{R}}$  and let  $X \subset Y_{\Delta}$  be a closed subscheme. Suppose that  $X \cap T$  is dense in  $T$ , and that for all  $\sigma \in \Delta$  the subscheme  $X \cap O(\sigma)$  of  $O(\sigma)$  is either empty or equidimensional of dimension  $d_{\sigma}$ , where we put  $d_0 = d$ . Assume that  $\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}$  can be covered by finitely many  $d$ -dimensional polyhedra  $P$  with the following property: If the recession cone of  $P$  meets the relative interior of  $\sigma$ , the projection  $\pi_{\sigma}(P)$  has dimension  $d_{\sigma}$ . Then  $s_X: \text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1} \rightarrow X^{\text{an}}$  is continuous.*

*Proof.* Let  $(\omega_i)_{i \in \mathbf{N}}$  be any sequence in  $\text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1}$  converging to  $\omega \in \overline{N_{\mathbf{R}}}^{\Delta}$ . We have to show that  $s_X(\omega_i)$  converges to  $s_X(\omega)$ . By passing to subsequences we may assume that all  $\omega_i$  are contained in  $N_{\mathbf{R}}(\tau)$  for some face  $\tau \in \Delta$ . Then  $\omega$  lies in  $N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  for a face  $\sigma$  with  $\tau \prec \sigma$ . According to Proposition 5.6,  $\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}(\tau)$  is covered by the polyhedra  $\pi_{\tau}(P)$ , where  $P$  runs over all polyhedra in our finite covering of  $\text{Trop}(X) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}$  with  $\rho(P) \cap \text{relint}(\tau) \neq \emptyset$ . Assume that infinitely many  $\omega_i$  are contained in the same  $\pi_{\tau}(P)$ . By hypothesis,  $\pi_{\tau}(P)$  has dimension  $d_{\tau}$ . Now we apply Theorem 8.12 to the subscheme  $X \cap Y_{\Delta_{\tau}}$  of  $Y_{\Delta_{\tau}}$ : We consider the face  $\bar{\sigma} = \pi_{\tau}(\sigma)$  of  $\Delta_{\tau}$ . The projection  $\pi_{\bar{\sigma}}(\pi_{\tau}(P)) = \pi_{\sigma}(P)$  has dimension  $d_{\sigma}$ , which implies that  $s_X$  applied to our subsequence converges to  $s_X(\omega)$ . This proves our claim.  $\square$

**Corollary 8.15.** *Let  $X$  be a closed subscheme of  $Y_{\Delta}$  such that  $X \cap T$  is dense in  $X$ , and assume additionally that for all  $\sigma \in \Delta$ , either  $X \cap O(\sigma) = \emptyset$  or  $X$  intersects  $O(\sigma)$  properly. Then  $s_X: \text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1} \rightarrow X^{\text{an}}$  is continuous.*

*Proof.* This follows from Theorem 8.14 using Lemma 7.2 and Proposition 7.4.  $\square$

**Example 8.16.** Let us now briefly discuss the example of the Grassmannian of planes  $X = \text{Gr}(2, n)$  in  $n$ -space with its Plücker embedding  $\varphi: \text{Gr}(2, n) \hookrightarrow \mathbf{P}^{\binom{n}{2}-1}$ . The toric variety in this example is given by projective space with projective coordinates  $p_{kl}$  indexed by pairs  $k < l$  in  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ . In this case, continuity for the section map on tropical Grassmannians was shown directly in [CHW14]. See also [Wer15] for an expository account of this construction. Note that in [CHW14], we use  $\log$  instead of  $-\log$  for tropicalization.

Put  $\mathcal{T}\text{Gr}(2, n) = \text{Trop}(\text{Gr}(2, n))$ . Let  $N_{\mathbf{R}}$  be the cocharacter space of the dense torus in  $\mathbf{P}^{\binom{n}{2}-1}$ . Let  $J$  be a proper subset of the set of all projective coordinates  $\{p_{kl}\}$ , and let  $E_J$  be the subvariety of projective space, where precisely the coordinates in  $J$  vanish. These are the torus orbits in projective space. Hence the locally closed subvariety  $\text{Gr}_J(2, n)$  from [CHW14] is the intersection of  $\text{Gr}(2, n)$  with a torus orbit. By [CHW14], Lemma 5.2,  $\text{Gr}_J(2, n)$  is irreducible. In particular, the intersection of  $\text{Gr}(2, n)$  with every torus orbit is equidimensional.

Now let  $C_T$  be a maximal cone in  $\mathcal{T}\text{Gr}(2, n) \cap N_{\mathbf{R}}$ . It has dimension  $2(n-2)$ . By [SS04], it corresponds to all phylogenetic trees on the trivalent combinatorial tree  $T$ . With the help of the results in [CHW14], section 4 and 5, one can show that the projection of  $C_T$  to the cocharacter space of the torus orbit  $E_J$  is  $d$ -maximal.

Moreover, it is shown in [CHW14], Corollary 6.5 that the tropical Grassmannian has tropical multiplicity one everywhere. Therefore we can apply Theorem 8.14 to deduce the existence of a continuous section to the tropicalization map.

This provides a conceptual explanation for the existence of a section for the tropical Grassmannian. Note however that we need the combinatorial arguments developed in [CHW14] in order to show that the tropical Grassmannian satisfies the prerequisites of Theorem 8.14.

## 9. SCHÖN SUBVARIETIES

In this section, we will prove that when  $X$  is a so-called schön subvariety of a torus  $T$ , the tropical skeleton  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  can be identified with the parameterizing complex of Helm–Katz [HK12]. It also coincides with the skeleton of a strictly semistable pair in the sense of [GRW14]. Since the latter is a deformation retract of  $X^{\text{an}}$ , this answers a question of Helm–Katz.

In this section,  $K_0$  is a discretely valued field with value group  $\Gamma_0$ . We write  $\overline{K}_0$  for an algebraic closure, and  $K$  for the completion of  $K_0$ . We assume that the value group  $\Gamma$  of  $\overline{K}_0$  and  $K$  is equal to  $\mathbf{Q}$ , so that  $\Gamma_0 = v(K_0^\times) = r\mathbf{Z}$  for some  $r \in \mathbf{Q}^\times$ .

**9.1. Tropical compactifications.** Here we recall several standard facts about tropical compactifications. For more details, see [Gub13, §7, §12].

Let  $\mathbf{R}_+ = [0, \infty) \subset \mathbf{R}$ . Let  $\Sigma$  be a pointed rational fan in  $N_{\mathbf{R}} \times \mathbf{R}_+$ . For  $r \in \mathbf{R}_+$  we let  $\Sigma_r = \{\sigma \cap N_{\mathbf{R}} \times \{r\} \mid \sigma \in \Sigma\}$ ; this is a polyhedral complex in  $N_{\mathbf{R}}$ , which is a fan when  $r = 0$ . The  $K^\circ$ -toric scheme associated to  $\Sigma$  will be denoted  $\mathcal{Y}_\Sigma$ . This is a finitely presented, flat, normal, separated  $K^\circ$ -scheme. The generic fiber of  $\mathcal{Y}_\Sigma$  is the toric variety  $Y_{\Sigma_0}$ . The torus  $T = \text{Spec}(K[M])$  is dense in  $\mathcal{Y}_\Sigma$ , and the integral torus  $\mathcal{T} := \text{Spec}(K^\circ[M])$  acts on  $\mathcal{Y}_\Sigma$ . The torus orbits on the generic (resp. special) fiber correspond to cones (resp. polyhedra) in  $\Sigma_0$  (resp.  $\Sigma_1$ ); for  $\sigma \in \Sigma_0$  (resp.  $P \in \Sigma_1$ ) we let  $O(\sigma) \subset Y_{\Sigma_0}$  (resp.  $O(P) \subset (\mathcal{Y}_\Sigma)_s$ ) denote the corresponding orbit. For  $\sigma \in \Sigma_0$  and  $P \in \Sigma_1$ , we have

**(9.1.1)**

$$\dim(\sigma) + \dim(O(\sigma)) = \dim(N_{\mathbf{R}}) \quad \text{and} \quad \dim(P) + \dim(O(P)) = \dim(N_{\mathbf{R}}).$$

By a *variety* we mean a geometrically integral, separated, finite-type scheme over a field. In the following,  $X$  is always a closed subvariety of the torus  $T$ .

**Definition 9.2.** Let  $\Sigma$  be a pointed rational tropical fan in  $N_{\mathbf{R}} \times \mathbf{R}_+$  and let  $\mathcal{X}$  be the closure of  $X$  in  $\mathcal{Y}_\Sigma$ . We say that  $\mathcal{X}$  is a *tropical compactification* of  $X$  provided that  $\mathcal{X}$  is proper over  $K^\circ$  and the multiplication map

$$\mu: \mathcal{T} \times_{K^\circ} \mathcal{X} \longrightarrow \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma$$

is faithfully flat. In this case we call  $\Sigma$  a *tropical fan for  $X$* .

We refer the reader to [Gub13, §12] for proofs of the following facts in this context. We write  $|\Sigma_r|$  for the support of  $\Sigma_r$  in  $N_{\mathbf{R}}$ .

**Theorem 9.3.** *Let  $\Sigma$  be a tropical fan for  $X$ .*

- (1) *If  $\Sigma'$  is a rational fan which subdivides  $\Sigma$ , then  $\Sigma'$  is a tropical fan for  $X$ .*
- (2) *The support  $|\Sigma_1|$  is equal to  $\text{Trop}(X)$ .*
- (3) *If  $O \subset \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma$  is any torus orbit, then  $\mathcal{X} \cap O$  is a non-empty pure dimensional scheme and  $\text{codim}(\mathcal{X} \cap O, O) = \text{codim}(X, T)$ .*

It follows from Theorem 9.3(3) that  $\mathcal{X} \setminus X$  is a closed subscheme of pure codimension one, which we regard as a reduced Weil divisor on  $\mathcal{X}$ .

**Definition 9.4.** Let  $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma$  be a tropical compactification of a variety  $X \subset T$ . The *boundary divisor* of  $\mathcal{X}$  is the Weil divisor  $\mathcal{X} \setminus X$ . The *horizontal part* of the boundary divisor is the closure of  $\mathcal{X}_K \setminus X$  in  $\mathcal{X}$ , and the *vertical part* is the special fiber  $\mathcal{X}_s$ .

In case of a tropical compactification as above, replacing  $K_0$  be a finite extension, we may always assume that all vertices of  $\Sigma_1$  are in  $N_{\Gamma_0}$ . Then the toric scheme  $\mathcal{Y}_\Sigma$  is defined over  $K_0^\circ$  (see [Gub13, Proposition 7.11]). If  $X \subset T$  is defined over  $\overline{K}_0$  (that is,  $X$  is the extension of scalars of a subvariety of  $\text{Spec}(\overline{K}_0[M])$ ), then after passing to a larger finite extension, we may assume that  $X$  is defined over  $K_0$ , so  $\mathcal{X}$  is defined over  $K_0^\circ$ . This means that the tropical compactification  $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma$  is obtained by base change from the corresponding toric compactification over  $K_0^\circ$ . This will be used to quote results proved over discrete valuation rings.

We have the following relationship between torus orbits and initial degenerations. Let  $P \in \Sigma_1$ , let  $\mathcal{T}_P \subset \mathcal{T}$  be the subtorus that acts trivially on  $O(P) \subset \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma$ , and let  $\omega \in \text{relint}(P) \cap N_\Gamma$ . Then by [HK12, §3], there is a natural map  $\text{in}_\omega(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \cap O(P)$ , and an isomorphism

$$(9.4.1) \quad \text{in}_\omega(X) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{T}_P \times (\mathcal{X} \cap O(P)).$$

In particular,  $\text{in}_\omega(X)$  is smooth if and only if  $\mathcal{X} \cap O(P)$  is smooth.

**9.5. Schön subvarieties.** The following class of subvarieties of tori are sometimes called “tropically smooth”.

**Definition 9.6.** Let  $X \subset T$  be a subvariety. We say that  $X$  (or more precisely, the embedding  $X \hookrightarrow T$ ) is *schön* provided that there exists a tropical compactification  $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma$  of  $X$  such that the multiplication map  $\mu: \mathcal{T} \times_{K^\circ} \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma$  is smooth.

Note that if  $X$  is schön then it is smooth. The following result is due to Luxton and Qu [LQ11, Proposition 7.6].

**Lemma 9.7.** *Let  $X \subset T$  be a schön subvariety defined over  $\overline{K}_0$  and let  $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma$  be any tropical compactification. Then  $\mu: \mathcal{T} \times_{K^\circ} \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma$  is smooth.*

**Proposition 9.8** (Helm–Katz). *Let  $X \subset T$  be a subvariety defined over  $\overline{K}_0$ . The following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $X$  is schön.
- (2)  $\text{in}_\omega(X)$  is smooth for all  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(X)$ .
- (3) For any tropical compactification  $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma$  and any polyhedron  $P \in \Sigma_1$ , the intersection  $\mathcal{X} \cap O(P)$  is smooth.

*Proof.* See [HK12, Proposition 3.9]. □

De Jong defined in [dJ96, §6] the notion of a strictly semistable pair  $(\mathcal{X}, H)$  over a complete discrete valuation ring  $R$ . Roughly, this consists of a pair  $(\mathcal{X}, H)$ , where  $\mathcal{X}$  is an irreducible, proper, flat, separated  $R$ -scheme,  $H$  is an effective “horizontal” Cartier divisor on  $\mathcal{X}$ , and  $H + \mathcal{X}_s$  is a divisor with strict normal crossings. Note that de Jong denotes such a strictly semistable pair by  $(\mathcal{X}, H + \mathcal{X}_s)$ , but we will omit the vertical part in the notation.

**Proposition 9.9** (Helm–Katz). *Let  $X \subset T$  be a schön subvariety defined over  $\overline{K}_0$ . Then there exists a tropical compactification  $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma$  such that, letting  $H$  be the horizontal part of the boundary divisor of  $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma$  (Definition 9.4), then  $H$  is Cartier and the pair  $(\mathcal{X}, H)$  is the base change a strictly semistable pair defined over the valuation ring of a finite subextension of  $K/K_0$ .*

*Proof.* Proposition 3.10 in [HK12] says that  $\mathcal{X}$  is strictly semistable over  $K^\circ$  in the sense of de Jong [dJ96, §2]. For the stronger fact that  $(\mathcal{X}, H)$  is a strictly semistable pair, one has to refer back to the proof of [HK12, Proposition 2.3].  $\square$

*Remark 9.10.* The desingularization process [HK12, Proposition 2.3] used in the proof of Proposition 9.9 is the primary reason for the assumption that  $X \subset T$  is defined over  $\overline{K}_0$ . It involves subdividing  $\text{Trop}(X)$  into unimodular simplicial polyhedra, which is not possible in general when the value group is too large, e.g. if  $\Gamma = \mathbf{R}$ . On the other hand, the proofs of Lemma 9.7 and Proposition 9.8 can be extended to any valued field.

**9.11. Skeletons and the parameterizing complex.** Following Helm–Katz, the pair consisting of a schön subvariety  $X \subset T$  and a tropical compactification  $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma$  satisfying the conclusions of Proposition 9.9 is called a *normal crossings pair*. We associate to a normal crossings pair  $(X, \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma)$  a piecewise linear set  $\text{HK}(X, \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma)$  (denoted  $\Gamma_{(X, \mathcal{P})}$  in [HK12, §4]), defined as follows. For  $P \in \Sigma_1$  we let  $\mathcal{X}_P$  be the closure of  $\mathcal{X} \cap O(P)$ . The  $k$ -cells of  $\text{HK}(X, \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma)$  are pairs  $(P, C)$ , where  $P$  is a  $k$ -dimensional polyhedron in  $\Sigma_1$  and  $C$  is an irreducible component (equivalently, a connected component) of  $\mathcal{X}_P$ . The cells on the boundary of  $(P, C)$  are the cells of the form  $(P', C')$ , where  $P'$  is a facet of  $P$  and  $C'$  is the irreducible component of  $\mathcal{X}_{P'}$  containing  $C$ ; there is only one such component as  $\mathcal{X}_{P'}$  is smooth. The piecewise linear set  $\text{HK}(X, \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma)$  is called the *Helm–Katz parameterizing complex*; it maps naturally to  $\Sigma_1$  by sending  $(P, C)$  to  $P$ . See [HK12, §4] for details. Note that although Helm–Katz work over a discretely valued field, their construction only depends on the (geometric) special fiber of  $\mathcal{X}$ , so one may as well pass to the completion of the algebraic closure first. The complex  $\text{HK}(X, \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma)$  inherits an integral  $\Gamma$ -affine structure [GRW14, §2] from  $\text{Trop}(X)$ .

Let  $(\mathcal{X}, H)$  be the strictly semistable pair associated to the normal crossings pair  $(X, \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma)$  in Proposition 9.9. It follows from [GRW14, 3.2] that  $(\mathcal{X}, H)$  is a strictly semistable pair in the sense of [GRW14, Definition 3.1]. Such a pair admits a canonical skeleton  $S(\mathcal{X}, H) \subset X^{\text{an}}$  as constructed in [GRW14, §4]. By [GRW14, Proposition 4.10] there is a bijective, order-reversing correspondence between strata  $S$  in  $\mathcal{X}_s$  and polyhedra  $\Delta_S$  in the skeleton  $S(\mathcal{X}, H)$ . These strata are precisely the connected components of the intersections with torus orbits  $\mathcal{X} \cap O(P)$  for  $P \in \Sigma_1$ : indeed, the stratum closures of  $\mathcal{X}_s$  are the intersections with stratum closures in  $\mathcal{Y}_\Sigma$  because they are smooth of the correct dimension by Theorem 9.3(3) and Proposition 9.8(3). Hence the polyhedra  $\Delta_S$  correspond to cells in  $\text{HK}(X, \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma)$ . This correspondence respects the facet relation, so that  $\text{HK}(X, \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma)$  and  $S(\mathcal{X}, H)$  are identified as piecewise linear sets. It is not obvious that this identification respects the respective integral  $\mathbf{Q}$ -affine structures (see Lemma 9.15 below).

**Theorem 9.12.** *Let  $X \subset T$  be a schön subvariety defined over  $\overline{K}_0$ , and let  $(X, \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma)$  be a normal crossings pair. Let  $(\mathcal{X}, H)$  be the associated strictly semistable pair (Proposition 9.9), with skeleton  $S(\mathcal{X}, H)$  as above. Then*

- (1)  $S(\mathcal{X}, H) = S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  as subsets of  $X^{\text{an}}$ , and  
(2) there is a canonical isomorphism  $S(\mathcal{X}, H) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{HK}(X, \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma)$  of abstract integral  $\mathbf{Q}$ -affine piecewise linear sets, making the following triangle commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S(\mathcal{X}, H) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \text{HK}(X, \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma) \\ & \searrow \text{trop} & \swarrow \\ & \text{Trop}(X) & \end{array}$$

One consequence of Theorem 9.12 is that for schön  $X$ , one can construct the (Berkovich) skeleton  $S(\mathcal{X}, H)$  using only tropical data, namely,  $\text{Trop}(X)$  and the initial degenerations of  $X$ . This is a kind of “faithful tropicalization” result. As a consequence, any invariant of  $X$  that can be recovered from  $S(\mathcal{X}, H)$  can be calculated tropically. For example, the skeleton  $S(\mathcal{X}, H)$  is a strong deformation retraction of  $X^{\text{an}}$  by [GRW14, §4.9], so we have the following Corollary.

**Corollary 9.13.** *With the notation in Theorem 9.12, there is a canonical homotopy equivalence  $X^{\text{an}} \rightarrow \text{HK}(X, \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma)$ .*

*Remark 9.14.* Suppose now that  $X \subset T$  is a schön subvariety and that  $K_0$  is a local field (i.e.,  $\tilde{K}_0$  is finite). Assume that  $X$  arises as the base change of a subvariety  $X_{\tilde{K}_0}$  of  $\text{Spec}(\tilde{K}_0[M])$ . The main theorem of the paper of Helm–Katz [HK12, Theorem 6.1], which relates the weight-zero étale cohomology of  $X_{\tilde{K}_0}$  with the singular cohomology of the parameterizing complex of  $X$ , is now seen in the light of Theorem 9.12 to be a consequence<sup>3</sup> of a general result of Berkovich [Ber00], relating the weight-zero étale cohomology of  $X_{\tilde{K}_0}$  with the singular cohomology of  $X^{\text{an}}$ . This answers a question posed in the introduction of [HK12].

Before beginning the proof of Theorem 9.12, we need the following Lemma, which roughly says that  $S(\mathcal{X}, H) \rightarrow \text{Trop}(X)$  is an “unramified covering” of integral  $\mathbf{Q}$ -affine piecewise linear sets.

**Lemma 9.15.** *With the notation in Theorem 9.12, let  $P \in \Sigma_1$ , let  $S$  be a connected component of  $\mathcal{X} \cap O(P)$ , and let  $\Delta_S \subset S(\mathcal{X}, H)$  be the corresponding cell. Then  $\text{trop}$  maps  $\Delta_S$  bijectively onto  $P$ , and this map is unimodular in the sense of [GRW14, §2].*

*Proof.* First suppose that  $X = T$  and  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma$ . In this case, it is straightforward to check that the skeleton  $S(\mathcal{X}, H)$  is canonically identified with  $\Sigma_1$  (considered as a polyhedral subdivision of  $N_{\mathbf{R}} = \text{Trop}(T)$ ), and that the retraction to the skeleton  $\tau: X^{\text{an}} \rightarrow S(\mathcal{X}, H)$  is identified with  $\text{trop}: T^{\text{an}} \rightarrow N_{\mathbf{R}}$ . In particular, by [GRW14, Proposition 4.10] or [Gub13, Proposition 8.8], all points of  $\text{trop}^{-1}(\text{relint } P)$  reduce to the stratum  $S$  under the reduction map  $\text{red}: X^{\text{an}} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_s$ , and all points of  $X^{\text{an}}$  reducing to  $S$  are contained in  $\text{trop}^{-1}(\text{relint } P)$ .

No longer assuming  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma$ , but restricting the previous sentence to  $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma$ , we see that a point  $x \in X^{\text{an}}$  reduces to  $\mathcal{X} \cap O(P)$  if and only if  $\text{trop}(x) \in \text{relint } P$ . Applying [GRW14, Proposition 4.10] to  $(\mathcal{X}, H)$ , this shows that  $\text{trop}^{-1}(\text{relint } P) \cap S(\mathcal{X}, H)$  is the disjoint union of the interiors  $\text{relint } \Delta_{S'}$  for  $S'$  a component of  $\mathcal{X} \cap O(P)$ . In particular,  $\text{trop}$  maps  $\text{relint } \Delta_S$  (but not the boundary of  $\Delta_S$ ) into  $\text{relint } P$ . Taking closures, we see that  $\text{trop}$  maps  $\Delta_S$  into  $P$ . The map  $\text{trop}: \Delta_S \rightarrow P$  is integral  $\mathbf{Q}$ -affine by [GRW14, Proposition 8.2]. This is enough

<sup>3</sup>At least over local fields; Helm–Katz work over slightly more general  $K_0$ .

to ensure trop is injective on  $\Delta_S$ . The dimensions of  $S$  and  $P$  are complementary by Theorem 9.3(3) and (9.1.1), so  $\dim(\Delta_S) = \dim(P)$ . Hence  $\text{trop}(\text{relint } \Delta_S)$  is open in  $\text{relint } P$ , and it is also closed since the boundary of  $\Delta_S$  does not map into  $\text{relint } P$ . It follows that  $\text{trop}$  maps  $\text{relint } \Delta_S$  (resp.  $\Delta_S$ ) bijectively onto  $\text{relint } P$  (resp.  $P$ ).

Now we treat unimodularity. Since  $\text{Trop}(X)$  is pure dimensional, the same is true of  $S(\mathcal{X}, H)$ . Hence it suffices to consider  $P$  of maximal dimension. Let  $S_1, \dots, S_r$  be the connected components of  $\mathcal{X} \cap O(P)$ . Choose  $\omega \in (\text{relint } P) \cap N_\Gamma$ . By the skeletal Sturmfels–Tevelev multiplicity formula [GRW14, Theorem 8.4], we have

$$(9.15.1) \quad m_{\text{Trop}}(\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^r [N_P : N_{\Delta_{S_i}}] \geq r,$$

where the terms  $[N_P : N_{\Delta_{S_i}}]$  are the lattice indices introduced in [GRW14, §2]. By (9.4.1), we have  $\text{in}_\omega(X) \cong \mathcal{T}_P \times \bigsqcup_{i=1}^r S_i$ , so it is clear that  $m_{\text{Trop}}(\omega) = r$ . It follows that  $[N_P : N_{\Delta_{S_i}}] = 1$  for all  $i$ , which is to say that  $\text{trop}$  is unimodular on  $\Delta_{S_i}$ .  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 9.12.* We have already argued that the cells and facet relations of  $S(\mathcal{X}, H)$  are in natural bijection with those of  $\text{HK}(X, \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma)$ . The integral  $\mathbf{Q}$ -affine structures of the cells of  $\text{HK}(X, \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma)$  are inherited from those of  $\Sigma_1$ , and Lemma 9.15 proves that the same is true for the cells of  $S(\mathcal{X}, H)$ . Moreover, the cell of  $S(\mathcal{X}, H)$  corresponding to a cell  $(P, C)$  of  $\text{HK}(X, \mathcal{Y}_\Sigma)$  maps to  $P$  under  $\text{trop}$  by Lemma 9.15, so we have proved (2).

To prove (1), we will adapt the argument of [GRW14, Proposition 10.8]. Let  $K'$  be an algebraically closed, complete valued field extension of  $K$  whose value group is all of  $\mathbf{R}$ , let  $X' := X \otimes_K K'$  and let  $\pi: X'^{\text{an}} \rightarrow X^{\text{an}}$  be the structural morphism. By Lemma 4.4, we have  $\pi(S_{\text{Trop}}(X')) = S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$ . Let  $(\mathcal{X}', H')$  be the strictly semistable pair over  $K'^\circ$  in the sense of [GRW14, Definition 3.1] given by base change  $(\mathcal{X}, H)$  to  $K'^\circ$ . It is easy to see from the construction [GRW14, §4] that  $\pi$  induces an isomorphism  $S(\mathcal{X}', H') \cong S(\mathcal{X}, H)$  identifies faces and strata. Therefore to prove (1), it is enough to show that  $S_{\text{Trop}}(X') = S(\mathcal{X}', H')$ .

Let  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(X)$ . By hypothesis  $\text{in}_\omega(X') = \text{in}_\omega(X) \otimes_{\tilde{K}} \tilde{K}'$  is smooth, so its irreducible components are connected components. As  $\text{in}_\omega(X')$  is the special fiber of the tropical formal model  $\mathfrak{X}'_\omega$ , it follows from Theorem 2.9(2) that the canonical model of  $X'_\omega$  coincides with  $\mathfrak{X}'_\omega$ , so the canonical reduction  $\tilde{X}'_\omega$  is equal to  $\text{in}_\omega(X')$ . Let  $C \subset \text{in}_\omega(X')$  be a connected component. Then  $X'_C := \text{red}^{-1}(C)$  is a connected component of  $X'_\omega$  by anti-continuity of  $\text{red}$ , and it has a unique Shilov boundary point  $\xi_C$  by Proposition 2.16. We claim that  $X'_C \cap S(\mathcal{X}', H') = \{\xi_C\}$ ; this suffices to prove (1), as clearly  $X'_C \cap S_{\text{Trop}}(X') = \{\xi_C\}$ , and  $X'^{\text{an}}$  is covered (set-theoretically) by the affinoid domains  $X'_C$ .

We introduce a partial ordering  $\leq$  on  $X'^{\text{an}}$  by declaring that  $x \leq y$  if  $|f(x)| \leq |f(y)|$  for all  $f \in K'[M]$ , where  $M$  is the character lattice of  $T' = T \otimes_K K'$ . The tropicalization  $\text{trop}: X'^{\text{an}} \rightarrow N_{\mathbf{R}}$  factors through the retraction to the skeleton  $\tau: (X' \setminus H')^{\text{an}} \rightarrow S(\mathcal{X}', H')$  by [GRW14, Proposition 8.2], so  $\tau(\xi_C) \in X'_\omega$ . By [Ber99, Theorem 5.2(ii)] (as applied to a suitable affinoid neighborhood of  $\xi_C$ ; see the proof of [GRW14, Proposition 10.8]), we have  $\xi_C \leq \tau(\xi_C)$ . As  $\xi_C$  is by definition maximal with respect to  $\leq$ , this implies  $\xi_C = \tau(\xi_C)$ , so  $\xi_C \in S(\mathcal{X}', H')$ .

Let  $P \in \Sigma_1$  be the polyhedron containing  $\omega$  in its relative interior, and let  $C_1, \dots, C_r$  be the connected components of  $\text{in}_\omega(X')$ . We have shown the inclusion  $\{\xi_{C_1}, \dots, \xi_{C_r}\} \subset S(\mathcal{X}', H') \cap \text{trop}^{-1}(\omega)$ . By (9.4.1),  $C_1, \dots, C_r$  correspond to the open strata  $S_1, \dots, S_r$  of  $\mathcal{X}'$  lying on  $\mathcal{X}' \cap O(P)$ , and by Lemma 9.15, each cell  $\Delta_{S_i} \subset S(\mathcal{X}', H')$  maps bijectively onto  $P$  under  $\text{trop}$ , with no other such cells mapping into  $\text{relint}(P)$ . It follows that  $S(\mathcal{X}', H') \cap \text{trop}^{-1}(\omega)$  contains exactly  $r$  points, so  $\{\xi_{C_1}, \dots, \xi_{C_r}\} = S(\mathcal{X}', H') \cap \text{trop}^{-1}(\omega)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

*Remark 9.16.* With the notation in Theorem 9.12, suppose in addition that all initial degenerations  $\text{in}_\omega(X)$  are irreducible, or equivalently, that  $m_{\text{Trop}}(\omega) = 1$  for all  $\omega \in \text{Trop}(X)$ . Then Theorem 9.12 and its proof imply that  $\text{trop}: S_{\text{Trop}}(X) = S(\mathcal{X}, H) \rightarrow \text{Trop}(X)$  is an isomorphism of integral  $\Gamma$ -affine piecewise linear sets, and that the canonical section  $\text{Trop}(X) \rightarrow S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$  of §8 is the inverse isomorphism. Compare [GRW14, Proposition 10.8].

## APPENDIX A. SUMMARY OF NOTATIONS

### A.1. Analytic spaces and formal schemes.

$X_{K'}$	The extension of scalars of an object $X/K$ to $K'/K$ .	2.1, p.4
$K$	A non-Archimedean field.	2.2, p.4
$v$	$: K \rightarrow \mathbf{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ , a complete non-Archimedean valuation.	2.2, p.4
$ \cdot $	$= \exp(-v(\cdot))$ , an associated absolute value.	2.2, p.4
$K^\circ$	The valuation ring in $K$ .	2.2, p.4
$K^{\circ\circ}$	The maximal ideal in $K^\circ$ .	2.2, p.4
$\tilde{K}$	$= K^\circ/K^{\circ\circ}$ , the residue field of $K$ .	2.2, p.4
$\Gamma$	$= \Gamma_K = v(K^\times) \subset \mathbf{R}$ , the value group of $K$ .	2.2, p.4
$\sqrt{\Gamma}$	The saturation of $\Gamma$ in $\mathbf{R}$ .	2.2, p.4
$K\langle x \rangle$	The Tate algebra in one variable; also for $n$ variables.	2.2, p.5
$K\langle r^{-1}x \rangle$	The generalized Tate algebra; also for $n$ variables.	2.2, p.5
$\mathcal{H}(x)$	The completed residue field at a point $x$ of a $K$ -analytic space.	2.3, p.5
$\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A})$	The Berkovich spectrum of a $K$ -affinoid algebra $\mathcal{A}$ .	2.3, p.5
$\mathbf{B}(r)$	$= \mathcal{M}(K\langle r^{-1}x \rangle)$ .	2.3, p.5
$X^{\text{an}}$	The analytification of a locally finite-type $K$ -scheme $X$ .	2.3, p.5
$\mathfrak{X}_s$	$= \mathfrak{X} \otimes_{K^\circ} \tilde{K}$ , the special fiber of a formal $K^\circ$ -scheme $\mathfrak{X}$ .	2.6, p.6
$\mathfrak{X}_\eta$	The analytic generic fiber of an admissible formal $K^\circ$ -scheme $\mathfrak{X}$ .	2.6, p.6
$\mathcal{A}^\circ$	The ring of power-bounded elements in a $K$ -affinoid algebra $\mathcal{A}$ .	2.8, p.6
$\mathcal{A}^{\circ\circ}$	The ideal of topologically nilpotent elements in $\mathcal{A}^\circ$ .	2.8, p.6
$\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$	$= \mathcal{A}^\circ/\mathcal{A}^{\circ\circ}$ , a $\tilde{K}$ -algebra of finite type.	2.8, p.6
$ \cdot _{\text{sup}}$	The supremum (or spectral) semi-norm on a $K$ -affinoid algebra $\mathcal{A}$ .	2.8, p.6
$\mathfrak{X}^{\text{can}}$	$= \text{Spf}(\mathcal{A}^\circ)$ , the canonical model of $X = \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A})$ .	2.8, p.7
$\tilde{X}$	$= \text{Spec}(\tilde{\mathcal{A}})$ , the canonical reduction of $X = \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A})$ .	2.8, p.7
$B(X)$	The Shilov boundary of a $K$ -affinoid space $X$ .	2.13, p.8
$\text{red}$	$: X \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ , the reduction map to the canonical reduction.	2.15.1, p.9
$\text{red}$	$: \mathfrak{X}_\eta \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}_s$ , the reduction map of an admissible formal $K^\circ$ -scheme $\mathfrak{X}$ .	2.16.1, p.9

### A.2. Toric varieties and tropicalizations.

$M$	$\cong \mathbf{Z}^n$ , a finitely generated free abelian group.	3.1, p.11
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$N$	$= \text{Hom}(M, \mathbf{Z})$ , its dual.	3.1, p.11
$M_G$	$= M \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} G \subset M_{\mathbf{R}}$ for $G \subset \mathbf{R}$ an additive subgroup.	3.1, p.11
$N_G$	Likewise.	3.1, p.11
$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$	$: M_G \times N_G \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ , the evaluation pairing.	3.1, p.11
$R[S]$	The monoid ring over a ring $R$ of a monoid $S$ .	3.1, p.11
$\chi^u$	$\in R[S]$ , the character corresponding to $u \in S$ .	3.1, p.11
$T$	$= \text{Spec}(K[M]) \cong \mathbf{G}_{m,K}^n$ , a split $K$ -torus.	3.1, p.11
$S_\sigma$	$= \sigma^\vee \cap M$ , the monoid associated to a cone $\sigma \subset N_{\mathbf{R}}$ .	3.1, p.11
$Y_\sigma$	$= \text{Spec}(K[S_\sigma])$ , the affine toric variety from a rational cone $\sigma \subset N_{\mathbf{R}}$ .	3.1, p.11
$Y_\Delta$	The toric variety associated to a rational pointed fan $\Delta$ in $N_{\mathbf{R}}$ .	3.1, p.11
$M_G(\sigma)$	$= (\sigma^\perp \cap M) \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} G$ for $\sigma \subset N_{\mathbf{R}}$ a rational cone and $G \subset \mathbf{R}$ .	3.1, p.11
$N_G(\sigma)$	$= (N/\langle \sigma \rangle \cap N) \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} G$ .	3.1, p.11
$\pi_\sigma$	$: N_{\mathbf{R}} \rightarrow N_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$ , the projection.	3.1, p.11
$O(\sigma)$	$= \text{Spec}(K[M(\sigma)])$ , the torus orbit in $Y_\Delta$ coming from $\sigma \in \Delta$ .	3.1, p.11
$\overline{\mathbf{R}}$	$= \mathbf{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ , an additive monoid.	3.2, p.12
$\overline{N}_G^\sigma$	$= \bigsqcup_{\tau \prec \sigma} N_G(\tau)$ .	3.2, p.12
$\overline{N}_G^\Delta$	$= \bigsqcup_{\sigma \in \Delta} N_G(\sigma)$ , the $G$ -points in a partial compactification of $N_{\mathbf{R}}$ .	3.2, p.12
$\text{trop}$	$: Y_\Delta^{\text{an}} \rightarrow \overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\Delta$ or $Y_\sigma^{\text{an}} \rightarrow \overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\sigma$ , the tropicalization map.	3.3, p.12
$s$	$: \overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\Delta \rightarrow Y_\Delta^{\text{an}}$ or $\overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\sigma \rightarrow Y_\sigma^{\text{an}}$ , the section of tropicalization.	3.3, p.12
$ \cdot _\omega$	$= s(\omega)$ for $\omega \in \overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\sigma$ .	3.3, p.12
$S(Y_\sigma^{\text{an}})$	$= s(\overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\sigma)$ , the skeleton of $Y_\sigma^{\text{an}}$ .	3.3, p.12
$S(Y_\Delta^{\text{an}})$	$= s(\overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\Delta)$ , the skeleton of $Y_\Delta^{\text{an}}$ .	3.3, p.12
$\text{Trop}(X)$	$\subset \overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\Delta$ (resp. $\overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\sigma$ ), the tropicalization of $X \subset Y_\Delta$ (resp. $Y_\sigma$ ).	3.3, p.13
$U_\omega$	$= \text{trop}^{-1}(\omega) \subset Y_\Delta^{\text{an}}$ for $\omega \in \overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\Delta$ .	3.4, p.13
$\mathfrak{U}_\omega$	$= \text{Spf}(K\langle U_\omega \rangle^\circ)$ , the canonical model of $U_\omega$ for $\omega \in \overline{N}_{\mathbf{R}}^\Delta$ .	3.4, p.13
$X_\omega$	$= U_\omega \cap X^{\text{an}}$ for $X \subset Y_\Delta$ a closed subscheme.	3.5, p.13
$\mathfrak{X}_\omega$	The tropical formal model of $X_\omega$ , a closed formal subscheme of $\mathfrak{U}_\omega$ .	3.5, p.13
$\text{in}_\omega(X)$	$= (\mathfrak{X}_\omega)_s$ , the initial degeneration of $X$ at $\omega$ .	3.5, p.13
$m_Z$	The multiplicity of an irreducible component $Z$ of $\text{in}_\omega(X)$ .	3.5, p.14
$m_{\text{Trop}}(\omega)$	The tropical multiplicity of $X$ at $\omega$ .	3.5, p.14
$\text{LC}_\omega(\Pi)$	The local cone at $\omega$ of a polyhedral complex $\Pi$ in $N_{\mathbf{R}}$ .	5.1, p.17
$\rho(P)$	The recession cone of a polyhedron $P$ .	(1), p.18
$s_X$	$: \text{Trop}(X)_{m_{\text{Trop}}=1} \rightarrow S_{\text{Trop}}(X)$ , the section of tropicalization.	8.4, p.30

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