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Periods of generic torsors of groups of multiplicative type

If G is a commutative linear algebraic group, the first Galois cohomology $H^1(K, G)$ is an abelian group, and the period of a G -torsor over K is defined to be the order of the corresponding element in $H^1(K, G)$. In this talk I will present a formula for the period of a generic G -torsor (also called versal torsor) in terms of coflasque resolutions of G , where G is a group of multiplicative type.