



Unpolarized Shafarevich conjectures for hyper-Kähler varieties

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ABSTRACT

We prove the unpolarized Shafarevich conjecture for hyper-Kähler varieties of a fixed deformation type, unifying earlier results for K3 surfaces and polarized hyper-Kähler varieties. We also study a cohomological variant in which good reduction is replaced by unramifiedness of cohomology; the resulting finiteness statements depend on the faithfulness of the automorphism action on cohomology. For hyper-Kähler varieties of CM type, we prove finiteness of geometric isomorphism classes in a fixed deformation type over number fields of bounded degree, extending a theorem of Orr and Skorobogatov for K3 surfaces. Our main tool is a uniform Kuga–Satake map, whose arithmetic properties are developed along the way.

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Let K be a number field and S a finite set of places of K . The classical Hermite–Minkowski theorem says that there are only finitely many extensions of K with a fixed degree that are unramified outside S . The geometric generalization is the so-called *Shafarevich question*: given a family $\mathcal{M}$ of smooth projective varieties defined over K , we ask the following.

Question 1.1 (Finiteness of varieties). Is the set $\text{Shaf}_{\mathcal{M}}(K, S)$ of K -isomorphism classes of varieties in $\mathcal{M}$ defined over K and with good reduction outside S finite?

As the notation indicates, such a question can be traced back to a famous conjecture of Shafarevich [Sha63] for the family of smooth curves of a given genus (at least 2), which plays an important role in Faltings’ proof of the Mordell conjecture in [Fal83]. Such Shafarevich-type

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questions have been investigated in various situations, where results fall into two categories: polarized versus unpolarized.

For *polarized varieties*, that is, varieties equipped with an ample line bundle, the question has an affirmative answer in a number of cases:

- (Faltings [Fal83]) curves of a fixed genus $g \geq 2$ (that is, $\text{Shaf}_{\mathcal{M}_g}(K, S)$ is a finite set);
- (Faltings [Fal83]) abelian varieties of a fixed dimension g and admitting a polarization of a given degree d (that is, $\text{Shaf}_{\mathcal{A}_{g,d}}(K, S)$ is a finite set);
- (Scholl [Sch85]) del Pezzo surfaces;
- (André [And96]) K3 surfaces admitting a polarization of a given degree;
- (André [And96]) hyper-Kähler varieties (with $b_2 > 3$) of given dimension with a very ample polarization of bounded degree, and similarly for more general “K3-type” varieties such as cubic fourfolds;
- (Javanpeykar–Loughran [JL15]) flag varieties;
- (Javanpeykar [Jav15]) canonically polarized surfaces fibered over a curve;
- (Javanpeykar–Loughran [JL17, JL18]) certain varieties “controlled” by abelian varieties (for example via the intermediate Jacobian): complete intersections of Hodge level at most 1, prime Fano threefolds of index 2, sextic surfaces, etc.;
- (Lawrence and Sawin [LS25]) hypersurfaces, up to translation, in a given abelian scheme of dimension at least 4 over $\mathcal{O}_{K,S}$, representing a given ample class (this is based on the techniques in Lawrence–Venkatesh [LV20]).

These results can often be reinterpreted as the finiteness of $\mathcal{O}_{K,S}$ -points in certain moduli spaces; see works of Javanpeykar and his coauthors [JL21, Jav21, JLM24, JSZ24] for related studies from this point of view of arithmetic hyperbolicity.

The *unpolarized* Shafarevich conjecture is a much stronger statement that bypasses the restriction on polarizations (for example, degree or natural embedding) in the finiteness statements in the above polarized version. The first example is Zarhin’s result [Zar85] which gives a positive answer to Question 1.1 for abelian varieties of a given dimension g ; that is, the following set is finite:

$$\bigcup_d \text{Shaf}_{\mathcal{A}_{g,d}}(K, S),$$

generalizing the aforementioned theorem of Faltings. As for K3 surfaces, She [She17] established the unpolarized Shafarevich conjecture, strengthening André’s result.

THEOREM 1.2 (She). *The following set is finite:*

$$\text{Shaf}_{\text{K3}}(K, S) = \left\{ X \mid \begin{array}{l} X \text{ is a K3 surface over } K, \\ \text{having good reduction outside } S \end{array} \right\} / \cong_K.$$

The analogue of Zarhin’s trick for K3 surfaces also has its origin in Charles’ proof of the Tate conjecture [Cha16], as well as in Orr–Skorobogatov [OS18].

More recently, the third author [Tak20] proved an even stronger version of Theorem 1.2 by weakening the good reduction condition to a condition on unramified places of the second cohomology as Galois modules, hence establishing the so-called *cohomological (unpolarized) Shafarevich conjecture* for K3 surfaces. He also established the analogous results for bielliptic surfaces [Tak25b], Enriques surfaces [Tak21], and proper hyperbolic polycurves [NT22] (the last one, jointly with Nagamachi, generalizes [Jav15]).

1.2 Finiteness of hyper-Kähler varieties with bounded bad reduction

In this paper, we aim to generalize She's result (Theorem 1.2) to higher-dimensional analogues of K3 surfaces, which are hyper-Kähler varieties (see Section 2 for generalities on this type of varieties). We propose the following conjecture. As before, we fix a number field K and a finite set of places S . A smooth projective K -variety is called hyper-Kähler if the associated complex variety is hyper-Kähler (for an/any embedding of K into $\mathbb{C}$); see Section 2.

CONJECTURE 1.3 (Unpolarized Shafarevich conjecture for hyper-Kähler varieties). *Given a positive integer n , there are only finitely many K -isomorphism classes of $2n$ -dimensional hyper-Kähler varieties defined over K and having good reduction outside S .*

In this generality, Conjecture 1.3 seems out of reach, considering the topological difficulty that even the finiteness of deformation classes of complex hyper-Kähler manifolds in a given dimension is unknown. It is therefore natural to restrict ourselves to a given *deformation type*. Let M be a deformation type of complex hyper-Kähler manifolds (for example, M can be $\text{K3}^{[n]}$, Kum_n , OG_6 , or OG_{10}). We say that a hyper-Kähler variety X over K is of deformation type M if $X \times_{\text{Spec } K} \text{Spec }(\mathbb{C})$ is of deformation type M for some embedding $K \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$; see Section 2.2.

The following *Shafarevich set* is the central object of study in this paper:

$$\text{Shaf}_M(K, S) = \left\{ X \mid \begin{array}{l} X \text{ is a hyper-Kähler variety over } K \text{ of deformation type } M, \\ \text{having good reduction outside } S \end{array} \right\} / \cong_K. \quad (1.1)$$

Generalizing the cohomological Shafarevich conjecture for K3 surfaces proposed by the third author in [Tak20], let us also consider the following *cohomological Shafarevich set*, which is larger than (1.1):

$$\text{Shaf}_M^{\text{hom}}(K, S) = \left\{ X \mid \begin{array}{l} X \text{ is a hyper-Kähler variety over } K \text{ of deformation type } M, \\ \text{with } H_{\text{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell) \text{ unramified outside } S \end{array} \right\} / \cong_K. \quad (1.2)$$

Here, we say that a $\text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K)$ -module is unramified at a place v if the action of the inertia group $I_{\bar{v}}$ is trivial, where $\bar{v}$ is any extension to $\bar{K}$ of the valuation v .

Compared to the case of K3 surfaces, a new feature of higher-dimensional hyper-Kähler varieties that causes substantial difficulties is the existence of non-isomorphic birational transformations among them. Birational isomorphisms between hyper-Kähler varieties are isomorphisms in codimension 1 and hence preserve (see Proposition 3.3) the cohomological Shafarevich condition in (1.2) on the unramifiedness of the second cohomology. In particular, $\text{Shaf}_M^{\text{hom}}(K, S)$ contains the entire K -birational class of any of its members. This motivates us to consider the so-called *Shafarevich set with essentially good reduction*, denoted by $\text{Shaf}_M^{\text{ess}}(K, S)$; see Definition 3.4 for the precise definition. Roughly speaking, a hyper-Kähler variety X defined over K has essentially good reduction at a place v if, after a finite extension K'/K that is unramified at v , we have a K' -birational model of $X_{K'}$ that has good reduction.

The above three Shafarevich sets are related as follows:

$$\text{Shaf}_M(K, S) \subset \text{Shaf}_M^{\text{ess}}(K, S) \subset \text{Shaf}_M^{\text{hom}}(K, S). \quad (1.3)$$

The first main result of the paper is the following, which gives a positive answer to Conjecture 1.3 for all hyper-Kähler varieties, *upon fixing the deformation type*. The statement is in a more general setting: we allow a finitely generated field extension F of $\mathbb{Q}$ instead of just a number field K , the role of the ring of S -integers in K is played by a finitely generated normal domain R with fraction field F , and the good reduction condition is stipulated only for prime

ideals of height 1. See Section 3 for the precise definitions of various Shafarevich sets. In the general notation, the previous $\text{Shaf}_M(K, S)$ corresponds to $\text{Shaf}_M(K, \mathcal{O}_{K,S})$.

THEOREM 1.4 (Unpolarized Shafarevich conjecture in a deformation class). *Let R be a finitely generated $\mathbb{Z}$ -algebra which is a normal integral domain with fraction field F . Let M be a deformation type of hyper-Kähler varieties with $b_2 \neq 3$. Then there are only finitely many F -birational isomorphism classes in $\text{Shaf}_M^{\text{ess}}(F, R)$. If $b_2 \geq 5$, then $\text{Shaf}_M^{\text{ess}}(F, R)$, and hence $\text{Shaf}_M(F, R)$, is a finite set.*

The finiteness of deformation classes of hyper-Kähler manifolds in a given dimension is unknown. Nevertheless, Huybrechts [Huy03] proved such a finiteness result upon fixing the Beauville–Bogomolov form. This has been strengthened by Kamenova [Kam18] in the following form.

THEOREM 1.5 (Huybrechts, Kamenova). *There are only finitely many deformation classes of complex hyper-Kähler manifolds with given Fujiki constant and given discriminant of the Beauville–Bogomolov form.*

The definitions of the Fujiki constant and the discriminant, which are natural deformation invariants for hyper-Kähler varieties, are recalled in Section 2. Combining Theorem 1.5 with Theorem 1.4, we obtain the following result in the direction of Conjecture 1.3.

THEOREM 1.6. *Let K be a number field and S a finite set of places of K . For any $n, \Delta \in \mathbb{N}$ and $c \in \mathbb{Q}$, there are only finitely many K -isomorphism classes of $2n$ -dimensional hyper-Kähler varieties defined over K , with Fujiki constant c , discriminant of Beauville–Bogomolov form Δ , $b_2 \geq 5$, and with good reduction outside S .*

The gap between Theorem 1.6 and Conjecture 1.3 can be resolved if there are only finitely many possibilities for Fujiki constants and discriminants of the Beauville–Bogomolov forms of hyper-Kähler manifolds in a given dimension.

Another new feature of hyper-Kähler varieties in dimension greater than 2 is that the action of the automorphism group on the second cohomology is not necessarily faithful (see Example 2.10), which by *twisting* [BS64] leads to the failure of the naive version of the cohomological generalization of the Shafarevich conjecture for (polarized or unpolarized) hyper-Kähler varieties in general; see Section 8.1 for counter-examples. On the other hand, we have the following result, where part (i) says that passing to geometric isomorphism classes (hence ignoring the effect of twists) recovers the finiteness, and part (ii) says that the non-faithfulness of the action of the automorphism group is the “only” obstruction to finiteness.

THEOREM 1.7 (Cohomological Shafarevich conjecture). *Let R be a finitely generated $\mathbb{Z}$ -algebra that is a normal integral domain with fraction field F . Let M be a deformation type of hyper-Kähler varieties with $b_2 \neq 3$.*

- (i) *There are only finitely many geometrically birational isomorphism classes in $\text{Shaf}_M^{\text{hom}}(F, R)$. If $b_2 \geq 5$, then there are only finitely many geometric isomorphism classes in $\text{Shaf}_M^{\text{hom}}(F, R)$.*
- (ii) *Suppose that for any hyper-Kähler variety in the deformation type M , the automorphism group acts faithfully on the second cohomology. Then there are only finitely many F -birational isomorphism classes in $\text{Shaf}_M^{\text{hom}}(F, R)$. If $b_2 \geq 5$, then $\text{Shaf}_M^{\text{hom}}(F, R)$ is a finite set.*

In fact, to remedy the non-faithfulness of the action of the automorphism group on the second cohomology, we investigate in Section 8.2 a more general version of the cohomological

Shafarevich conjecture by taking into account the unramifiedness of the cohomology groups of degree other than 2, and Theorem 1.7 is proved in the general form of Theorem 8.3. As a consequence, we deduce in Corollary 8.4 that the full-degree cohomological Shafarevich conjecture holds for all hyper-Kähler varieties of known deformation type, and for all hyper-Kähler varieties of dimension 4.

1.3 Geometric finiteness of hyper-Kähler varieties of CM type

The key ingredient in the proof of Theorem 1.4 is the construction of a *uniform Kuga–Satake map* ([OS18, She17], see Section 5.5) and its arithmetic properties, which allows us to show, as an intermediate step towards Theorem 1.4, that there are only finitely many isometry classes of (geometric) Picard lattices of hyper-Kähler varieties arising from $\mathrm{Shaf}_M^{\mathrm{ess}}(F, R)$ (see Theorem 7.4).

More generally, we propose the following conjecture, inspired by yet another conjecture of Shafarevich formulated in [Sha96].

CONJECTURE 1.8 (Finiteness of geometric Picard lattices). *Let d be an integer and M a deformation type of hyper-Kähler manifolds. Then there are only finitely many isometry classes in the following set of lattices:*

$$\left\{ \mathrm{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}}) \mid \begin{array}{l} X \text{ is hyper-Kähler over a number field } K \text{ of degree at most } d, \text{ and} \\ X_{\mathbb{C}} := X \times_K \mathrm{Spec}(\mathbb{C}) \text{ is of deformation type } M \text{ for some } K \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C} \end{array} \right\}. \quad (1.4)$$

Here the Picard group is equipped with the restriction of the Beauville–Bogomolov quadratic form.

As a special case, if we fix the number field K in (1.4), the finiteness of isometry classes in (1.4) can be regarded as a strengthening of the Bombieri–Lang conjecture for moduli spaces of lattice-polarized hyper-Kähler varieties, which predicts that the K -rational points in a moduli space $\mathcal{F}$ of lattice-polarized hyper-Kähler varieties are contained in the Noether–Lefschetz loci if $\mathcal{F}$ is of “sufficiently” general type.

One could also speculate on the more ambitious form without the restriction on deformation type. In the case of K3 surfaces, Conjecture 1.8 has been confirmed for K3 surfaces of CM type by Orr–Skorobogatov in [OS18, Corollary B.1]. In fact, they proved the following stronger result [OS18, Theorem B].

THEOREM 1.9 (Orr–Skorobogatov). *There are only finitely many geometric isomorphism classes of K3 surfaces of CM type which can be defined over a number field of a given degree.*

As another application of the uniform Kuga–Satake construction, our second main result generalizes Theorem 1.9 to hyper-Kähler varieties of CM type.

THEOREM 1.10. *Let d be a positive integer and M a fixed deformation type of hyper-Kähler varieties with $b_2 \geq 4$. Then there are only finitely many geometrically birational equivalence classes of hyper-Kähler varieties of CM type and of deformation type M which can be defined over a number field of degree at most d . When $b_2 \geq 5$, there are only finitely many geometric isomorphism classes of hyper-Kähler varieties of CM type and of deformation type M which can be defined over a number field of degree at most d .*

Note that (geometrically) birational transformations preserve the (geometric) Picard lattice. In particular, Conjecture 1.8 holds for hyper-Kähler varieties of CM type.

COROLLARY 1.11. *Let d be a positive integer and M a fixed deformation type of hyper-Kähler varieties with $b_2 \geq 4$. There are only finitely many isometry classes of the geometric Picard lattices of hyper-Kähler varieties of CM type and of deformation type M which can be defined over a number field of degree at most d .*

As a consequence, we get the uniform boundedness of Brauer groups for hyper-Kähler varieties of CM type.

COROLLARY 1.12. *Fix a deformation type M of hyper-Kähler varieties with $b_2 \geq 4$. For any positive integer d , there exists a constant N such that*

$$|\mathrm{Br}(X)/\mathrm{Br}_0(X)| < N \quad \text{and} \quad |\mathrm{Br}(X_{\bar{\mathbb{Q}}})^{\mathrm{Gal}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}/F)}| < N$$

for any hyper-Kähler variety X of CM type, of deformation type M , and defined over a number field F of degree at most d . Here $\mathrm{Br}_0(X) := \mathrm{Im}(\mathrm{Br}(F) \rightarrow \mathrm{Br}(X))$.

Structure of the paper

In Section 2, we recall some basic notions on hyper-Kähler varieties over a field of characteristic zero, including the $(\widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$ -Beauville–Bogomolov form, deformation types, polarization in families, (birational) automorphisms, wall divisors, (birational) ample cones. In Section 3, we introduce various Shafarevich conditions and the corresponding Shafarevich sets. In Section 4, we define the moduli stacks/spaces of (oriented) polarized hyper-Kähler varieties (with level structures). In Section 5, we first follow Bindt [Bin21] to study the period map from the moduli spaces of hyper-Kähler varieties to Shimura varieties of orthogonal type, and then we develop a uniform Kuga–Satake construction generalizing She [She17]. In Section 6, we show the finiteness of twists with smooth reductions. In Section 7, we prove the unpolarized Shafarevich conjecture (Theorem 1.4). In Section 8, we establish a cohomological version of the unpolarized Shafarevich conjecture (Theorem 1.7). In Section 9, we show the finiteness of CM-type hyper-Kähler varieties (Theorem 1.10) and deduce Corollary 1.12. In the appendix, we provide a generalization to the setting of algebraic spaces of Matsusaka–Mumford’s theorem on specializations of birational maps.

2. Generalities on hyper-Kähler varieties

Hyper-Kähler varieties are higher-dimensional analogues of K3 surfaces. They play a significant role in algebraic geometry since they form one type of building blocks of varieties with vanishing first Chern class, by the Beauville–Bogomolov decomposition theorem [Bea83b, Bog74]. In this section, we collect some generalities on these varieties. See [Bea83b, Huy99, GHJ03] for basic results and examples over the field of complex numbers.

Firstly, we fix the definition: a *hyper-Kähler* (or *irreducible symplectic*) variety over a field k of characteristic zero is a geometrically connected smooth projective k -variety X such that it is geometrically simply connected, that is, $\pi_1^{\mathrm{ét}}(X_{\bar{k}}) = 1$, and $H^0(X, \Omega_{X/k}^2)$ is spanned by a nowhere-degenerate algebraic 2-form. Note that the 2-form is automatically closed (hence symplectic) by the degeneration of the Hodge–de Rham spectral sequence. Moreover, $\pi_1^{\mathrm{ét}}(X_{\bar{k}}) = 1$ implies that $H_{\mathrm{ét}}^1(X_{\bar{k}}, \mathbb{Z}_{\ell}) = 0$ by the étale Hurewicz theorem. Using the Beauville–Bogomolov decomposition theorem, it is easy to see that X is hyper-Kähler if and only if $X \times_k \mathrm{Spec} \mathbb{C}$ is a complex hyper-Kähler manifold in the sense of [Bea83b, Huy99], for any embedding $k \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$; see [Bin21, Lemma 3.1.3].

2.1 Beauville–Bogomolov form

For a complex hyper-Kähler variety X , the cohomology group $H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$ carries an integral, primitive quadratic form q_X , called the Beauville–Bogomolov (BB) form, which satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) The form q_X is non-degenerate and of signature $(3, b_2(X) - 3)$.
- (2) There exists a positive rational number c_X , called the *Fujiki constant*, such that $q_X^n(\alpha) = c_X \int_X \alpha^{2n}$ for all classes $\alpha \in H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$, where $2n = \dim(X)$.
- (3) The Hodge decomposition $H^2(X, \mathbb{C}) = H^{2,0}(X) \oplus H^{1,1}(X) \oplus H^{0,2}(X)$ is orthogonal with respect to $q_X \otimes \mathbb{C}$.

Remark 2.1. All known examples of complex hyper-Kähler manifolds have an even BB form; that is, Λ_M is an even lattice. The evenness of Λ_M in general is unknown. Let us mention that there are examples of hyper-Kähler *orbifolds* with odd BB form [KM18].

By Bogomolov–Tian–Todorov [Bog78], the deformation space of X is unobstructed, and its smooth deformations remain hyper-Kähler. Property (2) ensures the deformation invariance of the Fujiki constant c_X and the lattice $\Lambda_X := (H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}), q_X)$. From now on, we assume that k is finitely generated.

For a hyper-Kähler variety X defined over a field k of characteristic zero, upon fixing an embedding $\iota: k \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$, Artin’s comparison isomorphism

$$H^2(X \times_{k, \iota} \text{Spec } \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{Z}(1)) \otimes \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \cong H_{\text{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{k}}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}(1))$$

allows us to transport the BB form q_X on $H^2(X \times_{\iota} \text{Spec } \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{Z}(1))$ to a $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -quadratic form

$$q: H_{\text{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{k}}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}(1)) \times H_{\text{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{k}}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}(1)) \longrightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{Z}},$$

where $\bar{k}$ denotes the algebraic closure of k in $\mathbb{C}$. As shown in [Bin21, Lemma 4.2.1], this $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -quadratic form is independent of the choice of embedding; it is called the $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -BB form of X . Similarly, the Fujiki constant c_X is defined to be the Fujiki constant of $X \times_{\iota} \text{Spec } \mathbb{C}$, which is also independent of ι .

2.2 Deformation type and $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -numerical type

DEFINITION 2.2 (Deformation type). Let M be a fixed complex hyper-Kähler manifold. Given an embedding $\iota: k \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$, we say that a hyper-Kähler variety X over k is of (complex) *deformation type* M with respect to ι if the complex variety $X_{\mathbb{C}} := X \times_{\iota} \text{Spec } (\mathbb{C})$ is deformation equivalent to M . We say that a hyper-Kähler variety X is of deformation type M if it is so for some embedding $k \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

So far, only a few deformation types have been discovered: in each even dimension $2n$, there are the $K3^{[n]}$ -type and the generalized Kummer type Kum_n constructed by Beauville [Bea83b], and O’Grady constructed in [O’G03] and [O’G99] two other sporadic examples in dimension 6 and 10, called OG_6 -type and OG_{10} -type, respectively. Clearly, a hyper-Kähler variety can have at most finitely many deformation types. It is an interesting open question whether the deformation type is actually independent of the embedding $\iota: k \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$. For hyper-Kähler varieties of known types, one can obtain the following result.

PROPOSITION 2.3. *Let k be a field of characteristic zero. If there exists a $\iota_0: k \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that $X \times_{\iota_0} \text{Spec } (\mathbb{C})$ is of one of the four known deformation types, then $X \times_{\iota} \text{Spec } (\mathbb{C})$ is of the same deformation type for any embedding $\iota: k \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$.*

Proof. This was proved in [Yan23, Proposition 2.3.1] for $X \times_{\iota} \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C})$ of $\mathrm{K3}^{[n]}$ -type, and the argument is similar for other known deformation types. Let us sketch the proof for the convenience of the reader. We write $X_{\mathbb{C}} = X \times_{\iota_0} \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C})$. By the Lefschetz principle, one can assume that k is finitely generated over $\mathbb{Q}$.

By Mongardi and Pacienza [MP23, Corollary 1.2 and Example 3.18], the variety $X_{\mathbb{C}}$ is deformation equivalent, via a chain of projective families, to Y , a crepant resolution of the albanese fiber of the moduli space of semistable vector bundles on some smooth K3 or abelian surface S with Mukai vector of the form $(1, 0, n)$ or $(2, 0, -2)$, with respect to some suitable generic polarization.

For any embedding $\iota: k \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$, the isomorphism $\iota(k) \cong \iota_0(k)$ can be extended to an element in $\operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{C})$, which we still denote by ι . By conjugating the chain of projective deformations between X and Y , we see that $X \times_{\iota} \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C})$ is of the same deformation type as $Y \times_{\iota} \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C})$.

The conjugate surface $S_{\iota} = S \times_{\iota} \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C})$ remains a K3 or abelian surface. The conjugate $Y \times_{\iota} \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C})$ is then birational to a crepant resolution of the albanese fiber of the moduli space of semistable vector bundles on S_{ι} with the same Mukai vector, with respect to some suitable generic polarization.

By Huybrechts' result [Huy99, Theorem 4.6], the geometric deformation type is invariant under birational transformations between hyper-Kähler varieties. Therefore, the deformation type of $X \times_{\iota} \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C})$ is the same as that of $X_{\mathbb{C}}$. $\square$

If X is of deformation type M , denoting by Λ_M the lattice realized by the BB form on $H^2(M, \mathbb{Z})$ and by c_M its Fujiki constant, then as we mentioned above in Section 2.1, the lattice $\Lambda_M \otimes \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ is the $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -BB form of X , and c_M is the Fujiki constant of X , regardless of the embedding ι .

In [GHS10], the authors consider the moduli problem of polarized hyper-Kähler manifolds of fixed numerical type. This motivates us to introduce the following weaker notion of $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -numerical type of hyper-Kähler varieties over general fields, which is more appropriate for our analysis when addressing moduli spaces and period maps.

DEFINITION 2.4 ($\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -numerical type). We fix a positive integer n . Let k, k' be fields of characteristic zero, and X (respectively, X') a $2n$ -dimensional hyper-Kähler variety over k (respectively, k'). We say that X and X' are $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -numerically equivalent if there exists an isomorphism of $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -modules

$$g: H_{\text{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{k}}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}) \simeq H_{\text{ét}}^2(X'_{\bar{k}'}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$$

such that g is isometric with respect to the $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -BB forms, and X and X' have the same Fujiki constant.

Remark 2.5. A $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -numerical type is the union of finitely many deformation types. Indeed, if X and Y are of the same deformation type (that is, $X_{\mathbb{C}}$ and $Y_{\mathbb{C}}$ are deformation equivalent), then by the definitions of $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -BB form and Fujiki constant, X and Y clearly have the same $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -numerical type. Conversely, since there are only finitely many possible isometry classes of $\mathbb{Z}$ -lattices of bounded rank and discriminant, fixing a $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -numerical type N leaves only finitely many possibilities for the BB lattice of $X_{\mathbb{C}}$ for any X of $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -numerical type N . By Huybrechts [Huy03, Theorem 4.3], there are only finitely many possibilities for the deformation types.

2.3 Polarization and Picard lattice

A *family* of (projective) hyper-Kähler varieties over a $\mathbb{Q}$ -scheme T means a proper smooth morphism of algebraic spaces $\mathfrak{X} \rightarrow T$ such that every geometric fiber is a projective hyper-Kähler

variety.

Given such a family of projective hyper-Kähler varieties

$$f: \mathfrak{X} \longrightarrow T,$$

the relative Picard functor $\mathrm{Pic}_{X/T}$ is represented by a separated algebraic space over T , denoted by the same notation. In particular, if X is a hyper-Kähler variety over a field k of characteristic zero, then the relative Picard functor $\mathrm{Pic}_{X/k}$ is represented by a separated, smooth, 0-dimensional scheme over k (cf. [BLR90, § 8.4, Theorem 1]).

Let $G_k := \mathrm{Gal}(\bar{k}/k)$ be the absolute Galois group of k . Then the group $\mathrm{Pic}_{X/k}(k)$ is identified with the subgroup $\mathrm{Pic}_{X/k}(\bar{k})^{G_k} \subset \mathrm{Pic}_{X/k}(\bar{k}) = \mathrm{Pic}(X_{\bar{k}})$ and hence is torsion-free (since $\mathrm{Pic}(X_{\bar{k}})$ is so). Denote $\mathrm{Pic}_{X/k}(k)$ by Pic_X from here on.

DEFINITION 2.6 ([And96, Riz06]). Let $\mathfrak{X} \rightarrow T$ be a family of hyper-Kähler varieties over a $\mathbb{Q}$ -scheme T . A *polarization* on $\mathfrak{X}/T$ is a global section $\mathcal{H} \in \mathrm{Pic}_{\mathfrak{X}/T}(T)$ such that for every geometric point t of T , the fiber $\mathcal{H}_t \in \mathrm{Pic}_{\mathfrak{X}_t}$ is an ample line bundle on $\mathfrak{X}_t$.

Let X be a hyper-Kähler variety over a field k of characteristic zero. For each prime ℓ , the ℓ -adic cycle class map defines an embedding

$$c_1^\ell: \mathrm{Pic}(X) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_\ell \longrightarrow H_{\mathrm{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{k}}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell(1)),$$

which factors through the geometric first Chern class map

$$\mathrm{Pic}(X_{\bar{k}}) \otimes \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \longrightarrow H_{\mathrm{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{k}}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}(1)). \quad (2.1)$$

Putting all prime ℓ together, we get

$$c_1: \mathrm{Pic}(X) \otimes \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \longrightarrow H_{\mathrm{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{k}}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}(1)). \quad (2.2)$$

Since the image of c_1^ℓ is G_k -invariant for any prime ℓ , the morphism (2.2) is extended to a homomorphism (keeping the same notation)

$$c_1: \mathrm{Pic}_X \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \hookrightarrow H_{\mathrm{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{k}}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}(1)), \quad (2.3)$$

whose image lies in the G_k -invariant part.

PROPOSITION 2.7. *Let X be a hyper-Kähler variety over a number field k with $b_2 > 3$. Then the first Chern class map (2.3) induces an isomorphism*

$$c_1: \mathrm{Pic}_X \otimes \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \xrightarrow{\sim} H_{\mathrm{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{k}}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}(1))^{G_k}.$$

Proof. When $b_2(X) > 3$, the Tate conjecture for divisors on polarized hyper-Kähler varieties over number fields holds true; that is, for each prime ℓ , the first Chern class map induces an isomorphism of $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$ -vector spaces

$$c_1^\ell \otimes \mathbb{Q}_\ell: \mathrm{Pic}_X \otimes \mathbb{Q}_\ell \xrightarrow{\sim} H_{\mathrm{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{k}}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell)^{G_k}.$$

See [And96, Theorem 1.6.1(2)]. Therefore, $\mathrm{rk}(\mathrm{Pic}_X \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}) = \mathrm{rk}(H_{\mathrm{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{k}}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}(1))^{G_k})$. To conclude, it suffices to show that $\mathrm{Pic}_X \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ is saturated in $H_{\mathrm{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{k}}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}(1))$ via c_1 .

To this end, note that by the exponential sequence, the cokernel of the (complex) first Chern class map

$$c_1^{\mathbb{C}}: \mathrm{Pic}(X_{\bar{k}}) \cong \mathrm{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}}) \hookrightarrow H^2(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z}) \quad (2.4)$$

lies in $H^2(X_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathcal{O}_{X_{\mathbb{C}}})$, which is torsion-free. Thus, $\text{Pic}(X_{\bar{k}}) \subseteq H^2(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z})$ is saturated. The complex and the $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -first Chern class maps (2.1) and (2.4) are compatible in the sense that the comparison isomorphism $H^2(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z}) \otimes \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \cong H_{\text{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{k}}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$ identifies the $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -sublattices

$$c_1^\ell(\text{Pic}(X_{\bar{k}}) \otimes \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}) = c_1(\text{Pic}(X_{\bar{k}})) \otimes \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}.$$

Therefore, the sub-lattice $\text{Pic}(X_{\bar{k}}) \otimes \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \subseteq H_{\text{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{k}}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}(1))$ is saturated. Since $\text{Pic}_X \subseteq \text{Pic}(X_{\bar{k}})$ is also saturated by definition, $\text{Pic}_X \otimes \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \subseteq H_{\text{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{k}}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}(1))$ is saturated. $\square$

2.4 Automorphisms and birational self-maps

Let X be a hyper-Kähler variety over a finitely generated field k of characteristic zero. For any field extension k'/k , denote by $\text{Aut}(X_{k'})$ the group of k' -automorphisms of $X_{k'}$ and by $\text{Bir}(X_{k'})$ the group of k' -birational self-maps. The group $\text{Aut}(X_{k'})$ is discrete. For an embedding $k \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$, the action of $\text{Aut}(X_{\mathbb{C}})$ on the second cohomology preserves the Beauville–Bogomolov form. Define

$$\text{Aut}_0(X_{\mathbb{C}}) := \ker(\text{Aut}(X_{\mathbb{C}}) \rightarrow \text{O}(H^2(X_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z})))$$

and its subgroup of automorphisms acting trivially on the whole cohomology

$$\text{Aut}_{00}(X_{\mathbb{C}}) := \ker(\text{Aut}(X_{\mathbb{C}}) \rightarrow \text{GL}(H^*(X_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Q}))).$$

THEOREM 2.8 (Huybrechts [Huy99, Proposition 9.1], Hassett–Tschinkel [HT13, Theorem 2.1]). *The group $\text{Aut}_0(X_{\mathbb{C}})$ is finite, and it is deformation invariant for hyper-Kähler manifolds.*

Similarly, we have the following result concerning Aut_{00} .

PROPOSITION 2.9. *The group $\text{Aut}_{00}(X_{\mathbb{C}})$ is invariant under deformation for hyper-Kähler manifolds.*

Proof. We are in the complex setting and drop the subscript $\mathbb{C}$ here. The first step is similar to Hassett–Tschinkel [HT13, Theorem 2.1]: given a complex hyper-Kähler manifold X , the group $\text{Aut}_{00}(X)$ acts equivariantly on the universal deformation over the Kuranishi space $\mathfrak{X} \rightarrow \text{Def}(X)$. Since the action on

$$H^1(X, T_X) \simeq H^1(X, \Omega_X^1) \subset H^2(X, \mathbb{C})$$

is the identity, the action is the identity on $\text{Def}(X)$; that is, it is a fiberwise action. This shows that for any family of hyper-Kähler manifolds $\mathfrak{X} \rightarrow B$, the group scheme map $\pi: \text{Aut}_{00}(\mathfrak{X}/B) \rightarrow B$ is a local homeomorphism. We are reduced to showing the universal closedness of π for a family $\mathfrak{X}/B$; in other words, given a family of (fiberwise) automorphisms $\phi \in \text{Aut}_0(\mathfrak{X}/B)$, if we have $\phi_t \in \text{Aut}_{00}(X_t)$ for all $t \neq 0$, then the specialization $\phi_0 \in \text{Aut}_0(X_0)$ also acts trivially on the whole cohomology ring. To this end, note that the specialization (as cycles) of the graph Γ_{ϕ_t} is the graph Γ_{ϕ_0} , and $[\Gamma_{\phi_t}] = [\Delta_{X_t}]$ for all $t \neq 0$. We have the equality $[\Gamma_{\phi_0}] = [\Delta_{X_0}]$; that is, ϕ_0 acts trivially on $H^*(X_0, \mathbb{Q})$. $\square$

Example 2.10. The group $\text{Aut}_0(X_{\mathbb{C}})$ for a complex hyper-Kähler variety $X_{\mathbb{C}}$ of known deformation types has been worked out, and $\text{Aut}_{00}(X_{\mathbb{C}})$ is shown to be trivial for all known deformation types and also in general in dimension 4.

- (i) $\text{K3}^{[n]}$ -type: Aut_0 is trivial by Beauville [Bea83a, Proposition 10].
- (ii) *Generalized Kummer type* Kum_n : We have

$$\text{Aut}_0 \cong (\mathbb{Z}/(n+1)\mathbb{Z})^4 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$

by Boissière, Nieper-Wißkirchen, and Sarti [BNS11, Corollary 5]. Oguiso proved that Aut_{00} vanishes in [Ogu20, Theorem 1.3].

- (iii) *OG₆-type*: Mongardi and Wandel proved that $\text{Aut}_0 \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^8$ in [MW17, Theorem 5.2] and that Aut_{00} vanishes in [MW17, Remark 6.9]. Note that they showed the vanishing of Aut_{00} for crepant resolutions of the projective OG₆ singular moduli spaces. Then by Proposition 2.9, we can conclude the vanishing for all OG₆-type manifolds; see [Ogu20, Section 4].
- (iv) *OG₁₀-type*: Aut_0 is trivial by Mongardi and Wandel [MW17, Theorem 3.1].
- (v) *Dimension 4*: Aut_{00} is trivial by Jiang and Liu [JL24].

Moreover, we can consider the automorphism group of polarized hyper-Kähler varieties. For a polarized pair (X, ξ) , we define

$$\text{Aut}(X_{k'}, \xi_{k'}) := \{f \in \text{Aut}(X_{k'}) \mid f^*\xi = \xi\},$$

which is finite by the Matsusaka–Mumford theorem (see [MM64, § 1, Corollary 2]). Similarly, one could also consider the group $\text{Bir}(X_{k'}, \xi_{k'})$ of k' -birational self-maps of $(X_{k'}, \xi_{k'})$. It is well known that between two smooth projective varieties with trivial canonical bundles, any birational map that preserves an ample class is an isomorphism, that is, $\text{Bir}(X_{k'}, \xi_{k'}) = \text{Aut}(X_{k'}, \xi_{k'})$ (see [Fuj81, Corollary 3.3 and Lemma 3.4] for the geometric case).

2.5 Cone conjecture and finiteness of birational models

Let X be a hyper-Kähler variety over k of a given deformation type. Let $N^1(X) = \text{Pic}(X)$ be the Néron–Severi lattice of X , equipped with the Beauville–Bogomolov form. Inside the *Néron–Severi space*

$$N^1(X)_{\mathbb{R}} = N^1(X) \otimes \mathbb{R},$$

we have the positive cone $\text{Pos}(X)$ defined as the connected component of $\{v \in N^1(X)_{\mathbb{R}} \mid v^2 > 0\}$ containing the ample classes, and the nef cone $\text{Nef}(X)$ defined as the closure of the ample cone $\text{Amp}(X)$. The *birational ample cone*, denoted by $\text{BA}(X)$, is defined as the union

$$\bigcup_f f^* \text{Amp}(Y),$$

where f runs through all k -birational isomorphisms from X to other hyper-Kähler varieties over k . It is known that the closure of $\text{BA}(X)$ is the movable cone $\overline{\text{Mov}}(X)$ (see [HT13, Tak25a]).

DEFINITION 2.11 ([AV15, Mon15]). Let D be a divisor class on a hyper-Kähler variety $X_{\mathbb{C}}$. Then D is called a *wall divisor* or a *monodromy birationally minimal* (MBM) class if $q(D) < 0$ and

$$\Phi(D^{\perp}) \cap \text{BA}(X_{\mathbb{C}}) = \emptyset$$

for any Hodge monodromy operator Φ . We denote the set of wall divisors on $X_{\mathbb{C}}$ by $\mathcal{W}(X_{\mathbb{C}})$.

In [AV17], Verbitsky and Amerik proved the following boundedness results on wall divisor classes and confirmed the Kawamata–Morrison cone conjecture for hyper-Kähler varieties (see also [AV20]).

THEOREM 2.12 ([AV17, Theorems 1.5 and 1.7]). *Let X be a smooth hyper-Kähler variety with $b_2 \geq 5$ over a field k of characteristic zero. Then the Beauville–Bogomolov squares of the elements in $\mathcal{W}(X_{\mathbb{C}})$ are bounded (from below).*

By Markman and Yoshioka's argument in [MY15, Corollary 2.5] and the movable cone conjecture for complex hyper-Kähler varieties (proved by Markman [Mar11]), the boundedness of squares of wall divisors above allows Amerik and Verbitsky to conclude the finiteness of the set of birational hyper-Kähler models of a given hyper-Kähler variety over the complex numbers. Over an arbitrary field of characteristic zero, using the method of Bright–Logan–van Luijk [BLvL20] for K3 surfaces, the third author [Tak25a, Theorem 4.2.7] generalized Markman's work [Mar11] and deduced in a similar way the finiteness of birational hyper-Kähler models.

THEOREM 2.13 (Finiteness of birational models). *Let k be a field of characteristic zero. Let X be a hyper-Kähler variety defined over k with $b_2 \geq 5$. Then there are only finitely many k -isomorphism classes of hyper-Kähler varieties defined over k which are k -birational to X .*

3. Various Shafarevich sets of hyper-Kähler varieties

In this section, we first define in a more general setting the Shafarevich sets (1.1) and (1.2) mentioned in the introduction, and then we introduce the notion of essentially good reduction and the corresponding Shafarevich set. Throughout the section, let R be a finitely generated $\mathbb{Z}$ -algebra which is a normal integral domain with fraction field F . Fix positive integers n and d . Let M be a $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -numerical type or a deformation type of $2n$ -dimensional hyper-Kähler varieties (Section 2.2); these two choices do not make much difference thanks to Remark 2.5, and we will make use of both.

3.1 Polarized and unpolarized Shafarevich sets and their cohomological versions

The Shafarevich set (1.1) is generalized as follows.

DEFINITION 3.1 (Polarized and unpolarized Shafarevich sets). Let M be a deformation type of hyper-Kähler varieties. We define

$$\mathrm{Shaf}_M(F, R) = \left\{ X \left| \begin{array}{l} X \text{ is a hyper-Kähler variety of type } M \text{ over } F, \\ \text{and for any height 1 prime ideal } \mathfrak{p} \in \mathrm{Spec} R, \\ X \text{ has good reduction at } \mathfrak{p} \end{array} \right. \right\} / \cong_F.$$

Furthermore, let d be a positive integer. We define

$$\mathrm{Shaf}_{M,d}(F, R) = \left\{ (X, \xi) \left| \begin{array}{l} (X, \xi) \text{ is a polarized hyper-Kähler variety} \\ \text{of type } M \text{ over } F \text{ with } (\xi)^{2n} = d, \text{ and} \\ \text{for any height 1 prime ideal } \mathfrak{p} \in \mathrm{Spec} R, \\ X \text{ has good reduction at } \mathfrak{p} \end{array} \right. \right\} / \cong_F.$$

Here, X has *good reduction* at $\mathfrak{p}$ means that there is a regular algebraic space $\mathfrak{X}$ which admits a smooth and proper morphism to the spectrum of the local ring $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ such that $\mathfrak{X}_F \cong X$ as F -schemes.

Following [Tak20], we define the following *cohomological (polarized) Shafarevich sets*.

DEFINITION 3.2 (Cohomological Shafarevich sets). Let M be a deformation type of hyper-Kähler varieties. We define

$$\mathrm{Shaf}_M^{\mathrm{hom}}(F, R) = \left\{ X \left| \begin{array}{l} X \text{ is a hyper-Kähler variety of type } M \text{ over } F, \\ \text{and for any height 1 prime ideal } \mathfrak{p} \in \mathrm{Spec} R, \\ H_{\mathrm{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{F}}, \mathbb{Q}_{\ell}) \text{ is unramified at } \mathfrak{p} \text{ for some} \\ \ell \neq \mathrm{char}(k(\mathfrak{p})) \end{array} \right. \right\} / \cong_F. \quad (3.1)$$

Furthermore, let d be a positive integer. We define

$$\mathrm{Shaf}_{M,d}^{\mathrm{hom}}(F, R) = \left\{ (X, \xi) \left| \begin{array}{l} (X, \xi) \text{ is a polarized hyper-Kähler variety of} \\ \text{degree } d \text{ of type } M \text{ over } F, \text{ and for any} \\ \text{height 1 prime ideal } \mathfrak{p} \in \mathrm{Spec} R, \text{ the cohomol-} \\ \text{ogy } H_{\mathrm{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{F}}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell) \text{ is unramified at } \mathfrak{p} \text{ for some} \\ \ell \neq \mathrm{char}(k(\mathfrak{p})) \end{array} \right. \right\} / \cong_F. \quad (3.2)$$

Here, $H_{\mathrm{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{F}}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ is *unramified* at $\mathfrak{p}$ if the inertia group $I_{k(\mathfrak{p})}$ acts trivially on it. For $n = 1$ (K3 surfaces), the unramifiedness conditions in (3.1) and (3.2) are independent of the choice of $\ell \neq \mathrm{char}(R/\mathfrak{p})$; see [Tak20, Section 5]. Unfortunately, we do not know the ℓ -independence of unramifiedness in higher dimensions. Therefore, we also consider the following slightly more restrictive versions of (3.1) and (3.2): for a prime number $\ell \in R^\times$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{Shaf}_M^{\mathrm{hom}_\ell}(F, R) &= \left\{ X \left| \begin{array}{l} X \text{ is a hyper-Kähler variety of type } M \text{ over } F, \\ \text{and for any height 1 prime ideal } \mathfrak{p} \in \mathrm{Spec} R, \\ H_{\mathrm{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{F}}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell) \text{ is unramified at } \mathfrak{p} \end{array} \right. \right\} / \cong_F, \\ \mathrm{Shaf}_{M,d}^{\mathrm{hom}_\ell}(F, R) &= \left\{ (X, \xi) \left| \begin{array}{l} (X, \xi) \text{ is a polarized hyper-Kähler variety of type } M \\ \text{over } F \text{ with } (\xi)^{2n} = d, \text{ and for any height 1 prime} \\ \text{ideal } \mathfrak{p} \in \mathrm{Spec} R, \text{ the cohomology } H_{\mathrm{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{F}}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell) \text{ is un-} \\ \text{ramified at } \mathfrak{p} \end{array} \right. \right\} / \cong_F. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the unpolarized Shafarevich set $\mathrm{Shaf}_M(F, R)$ admits a natural map from the union of polarized Shafarevich sets by forgetting the polarization:

$$\coprod_{d \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}} \mathrm{Shaf}_{M,d}(F, R) \twoheadrightarrow \mathrm{Shaf}_M(F, R),$$

which is surjective, and similarly for the cohomological Shafarevich sets $\mathrm{Shaf}^{\mathrm{hom}}$ and $\mathrm{Shaf}^{\mathrm{hom}_\ell}$.

By the smooth and proper base change theorems (see [AGV73, Théorème XII.5.1] and [Sta24, Theorem 0DG2]), having good reduction implies the unramifiedness. Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{Shaf}_M(F, R) &\subset \mathrm{Shaf}_M^{\mathrm{hom}_\ell}(F, R) \subset \mathrm{Shaf}_M^{\mathrm{hom}}(F, R), \\ \mathrm{Shaf}_{M,d}(F, R) &\subset \mathrm{Shaf}_{M,d}^{\mathrm{hom}_\ell}(F, R) \subset \mathrm{Shaf}_{M,d}^{\mathrm{hom}}(F, R). \end{aligned}$$

The difference between $\mathrm{Shaf}_M(F, R)$ and $\mathrm{Shaf}_M^{\mathrm{hom}}(F, R)$ is partially explained by the following observation.

PROPOSITION 3.3. *Let X and Y be hyper-Kähler varieties over F . Suppose that X and Y are birationally equivalent over F . Then $X \in \mathrm{Shaf}_M^{\mathrm{hom}}(F, R)$ if and only if $Y \in \mathrm{Shaf}_M^{\mathrm{hom}}(F, R)$.*

Proof. For any height 1 prime ideal $\mathfrak{p}$ of R , let $F_{\mathfrak{p}}$ be the completion of F at $\mathfrak{p}$. The birational isomorphism between X and Y is an isomorphism in codimension 1; hence we have an isomorphism

$$H_{\mathrm{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{F}_{\mathfrak{p}}}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell(1)) \cong H_{\mathrm{ét}}^2(Y_{\bar{F}_{\mathfrak{p}}}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell(1))$$

as $\mathrm{Gal}(\bar{F}_{\mathfrak{p}}/F_{\mathfrak{p}})$ -modules for all ℓ and $\mathfrak{p}$. It follows that $H_{\mathrm{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{F}_{\mathfrak{p}}}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ is unramified at $\mathfrak{p}$ if and only if $H_{\mathrm{ét}}^2(Y_{\bar{F}_{\mathfrak{p}}}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ is unramified at $\mathfrak{p}$. $\square$

In other words, the unramifiedness condition cannot distinguish birationally equivalent objects in $\mathrm{Shaf}_M^{\mathrm{hom}}(F, R)$. This suggests our approach towards the Shafarevich conjecture: we have the finiteness of isomorphism classes within a birational equivalence class (this is guaranteed

by [Tak25a], recalled above as Theorem 2.13); on the other hand, we study the finiteness of birational equivalence classes in various Shafarevich sets, which is the main goal of the paper, accomplished in Section 7.

3.2 Shafarevich sets of hyper-Kähler varieties with essentially good reduction

To take into account the birational transformations, we introduce the following notion of *essentially good reduction* of hyper-Kähler varieties, which roughly means having good reduction after birational modification over an unramified base change.

DEFINITION 3.4 (Essentially good reduction). Let X be a hyper-Kähler variety over F . Let $\mathfrak{p}$ be a height 1 prime ideal of R . We say that X has *essentially good reduction* at $\mathfrak{p}$ if there exists a finite étale extension S of the completion $\widehat{R}_{\mathfrak{p}}$ with respect to the maximal ideal such that there exists a smooth proper algebraic space $\mathcal{Y}$ over S whose generic fiber $\mathcal{Y}_{\text{Frac}(S)}$ is a hyper-Kähler variety that is $\text{Frac}(S)$ -birationally isomorphic to $X_{\text{Frac}(S)}$.

Remark 3.5. The requirement on base change is meaningful: already in dimension 2, there are examples of K3 surfaces over $\mathbb{Q}_p$ which do not admit good reduction but admit good reduction after a finite unramified extension of $\mathbb{Q}_p$ (see [LM18, Theorem 1.6]).

DEFINITION 3.6 (Essential Shafarevich sets). Keep the notation as above. We define

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Shaf}_M^{\text{ess}}(F, R) &= \left\{ X \left| \begin{array}{l} X \text{ is a hyper-Kähler variety of type } M \text{ over } F, \\ \text{and for any height 1 prime ideal } \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } R, \\ X \text{ has essentially good reduction at } \mathfrak{p} \end{array} \right. \right\} / \cong_F, \\ \text{Shaf}_{M,d}^{\text{ess}}(F, R) &= \left\{ (X, \xi) \left| \begin{array}{l} (X, \xi) \text{ is a polarized hyper-Kähler variety of} \\ \text{type } M \text{ over } F, \text{ with } (\xi)^{2n} = d, \\ \text{and for any height 1 prime ideal } \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } R, \\ X \text{ has essentially good reduction at } \mathfrak{p} \end{array} \right. \right\} / \cong_F. \end{aligned}$$

By definition, we have

$$\text{Shaf}_M(F, R) \subset \text{Shaf}_M^{\text{ess}}(F, R) \subset \text{Shaf}_M^{\text{hom}_\ell}(F, R) \subset \text{Shaf}_M^{\text{hom}}(F, R),$$

and similarly for polarized Shafarevich sets. The difference between the middle two sets is partially explained in Section 8.

4. Moduli of polarized hyper-Kähler varieties

In this section, we review the moduli theory of polarized hyper-Kähler varieties. A good reference is Bindt's PhD thesis [Bin21].

4.1 Moduli stacks of polarized hyper-Kähler varieties

Given positive integers n and d , consider the groupoid fibration $\mathcal{F}_d \rightarrow (\text{Sch}/\mathbb{Q})$ of $2n$ -dimensional polarized hyper-Kähler varieties of degree d . Let us write it in the form of a moduli functor

$$\mathcal{F}_d: (\text{Sch}/\mathbb{Q})^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow \text{Groupoids}$$

defined as follows: for any $\mathbb{Q}$ -scheme T ,

$$\mathcal{F}_d(T) = \left\{ (f: \mathfrak{X} \rightarrow T, \xi) \left| \begin{array}{l} \mathfrak{X} \rightarrow T \text{ is a family of } 2n\text{-dimensional hyper-Kähler varieties, and} \\ \xi \in \text{Pic}_{\mathfrak{X}/T}(T) \text{ is a polarization with } (\xi_t^{2n}) = d \text{ for all } t \in T(\bar{k}) \end{array} \right. \right\}$$

(see Section 2.3 for the notion of polarization), and for any morphism $T_1 \rightarrow T_2$ of $\mathbb{Q}$ -schemes, the functor $\mathcal{F}_d(T_2) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_d(T_1)$ is given by pulling back families. Here, an isomorphism between $(\mathfrak{X}_1 \rightarrow T, \xi_1)$ and $(\mathfrak{X}_2 \rightarrow T, \xi_2)$ in the groupoid $\mathcal{F}_d(T)$ is a Cartesian diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathfrak{X}_1 & \xrightarrow[\sim]{\psi} & \mathfrak{X}_2 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ T & \xrightarrow{\sim} & T \end{array}$$

together with an isomorphism $\psi^*(\xi_2) \xrightarrow{\sim} \xi_1$ in the groupoid $\text{Pic}_{\mathfrak{X}_1/T}(T)$.

PROPOSITION 4.1 (Bindt). *The moduli functor $\mathcal{F}_d$ is represented by a separated smooth Deligne–Mumford stack of finite type over $\mathbb{Q}$, still denoted by $\mathcal{F}_d$.*

Proof. Theorem 3.3.2 and Lemma 3.3.9 of [Bin21] show that $\mathcal{F}_d$ is a separated smooth Deligne–Mumford stack locally of finite type over $\mathbb{Q}$. To show that it is of finite type, applying Kollár–Matsusaka [KM83], since $(\xi^{2n}) = d$ is fixed, we know that there are only finitely many possibilities for the Hilbert polynomial. Hence $\mathcal{F}_d$ is of finite type. $\square$

We shall introduce the moduli stack $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_d$ of *oriented* polarized hyper-Kähler spaces of degree d as a finite covering of $\mathcal{F}_d$.

DEFINITION 4.2 (Orientation). Let T be a $\mathbb{Q}$ -scheme, and let $f: \mathfrak{X} \rightarrow T$ be a family of hyper-Kähler varieties with $b_2 > 3$ (see Section 2.3). An *orientation* on $\mathfrak{X}/T$ is an isomorphism of sheaves over $S_{\text{ét}}$:

$$\omega: \underline{\mathbb{Z}}/4\underline{\mathbb{Z}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \det R_{\text{ét}}^2 f_* \mu_4.$$

This pair $(\mathfrak{X}/S, \omega)$ is called a *family of oriented hyper-Kähler varieties* over T .

The following observation in [Bin21, Lemma 4.3.2] shows that the “orientation” defined here is equivalent to that in Taelman [Tae18], at least over a normal base.

LEMMA 4.3. *Let S be a normal scheme of finite type over $\mathbb{Q}$. For any family of oriented hyper-Kähler varieties $(f: \mathfrak{X} \rightarrow S, \omega)$, there are unique isomorphisms of lisse $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -local systems*

$$\omega_{\text{ét}}: \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \det R_{\text{ét}}^2 f_* \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}(1)$$

on S and

$$\omega_{\text{an}}: \underline{\mathbb{Z}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \det R_{\text{an}}^2 f_* \mathbb{Z}(1)$$

on $S_{\mathbb{C}}$, whose reductions on $\mathbb{Z}/4\underline{\mathbb{Z}}$ are ω and $\omega_{\text{ét}}|_{S_{\mathbb{C}}} = \omega_{\text{an}} \otimes \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$.

We denote by $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_d$ the moduli stack of oriented polarized hyper-Kähler varieties of degree d . The natural forgetful functor $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_d \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_d$ is a finite étale covering by Lemma 4.3; it is of degree 2. Thus, the stack $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_d$ is a smooth Deligne–Mumford stack of finite type over $\mathbb{Q}$, by Proposition 4.1.

Remark 4.4. For K3 surfaces, the moduli stack $\mathcal{F}_d$ can be defined over $\mathbb{Z}$ and is smooth over $\mathbb{Z}[1/2d]$. It is natural to ask whether the same assertion holds for higher-dimensional hyper-Kähler varieties. This is known to be true for some families, such as the Fano varieties of lines on cubic fourfolds [And96]. However, this is a rather difficult problem in general, since the deformation theory and even the “right” definition of hyper-Kähler varieties over mixed characteristic fields are unclear at present. See [Yan23] for the discussion on those of $\text{K3}^{[n]}$ -type.

Unlike in the case of K3 surfaces, the moduli stack $\mathcal{F}_d$ is not necessarily (geometrically) connected. In practice, as there are only finitely many connected components, we may work with a connected component of the moduli stack $\mathcal{F}_d$ or $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_d$ each time.

Remark 4.5. It is also natural to consider the moduli stack of polarized hyper-Kähler varieties of degree d of a given deformation type, which is a union of some geometric connected components of $\mathcal{F}_d$. However, we do not know whether such a stack is defined over $\mathbb{Q}$, as it is unclear to us whether the hyper-Kähler varieties in a connected component of $\mathcal{F}_d$ are deformation equivalent. Instead, one can consider the moduli stack $\mathcal{F}_{M,d}$ of polarized hyper-Kähler varieties of a given $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -numerical type M (Section 2.2); this will be a substack of $\mathcal{F}_d$ defined over $\mathbb{Q}$ as M is stable under the $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ -action. In this way, we can view $\text{Shaf}_{M,d}(F, R)$ as a subset of isomorphism classes in $\mathcal{F}_{M,d}(F)$.

4.2 Level structures

Let $\mathcal{F}_d^\dagger$ be a connected component of $\mathcal{F}_d$. Choose a point $(X_0, \xi_0) \in \mathcal{F}_d^\dagger(\mathbb{C})$. Let Λ be the BB lattice of X_0 . Let Λ_h be the orthogonal complement of $h = c_1(\xi_0)$ in Λ . For any geometric point (X, ξ) in $\mathcal{F}_d^\dagger(\mathbb{C})$, there is an isomorphism of $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -lattices

$$\phi: \Lambda \otimes \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \xrightarrow{\sim} H_{\text{ét}}^2(X, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$$

such that $\phi(h) = c_1(H)$ by the connectedness of $\mathcal{F}_d^\dagger$ (cf. [Bin21, Lemma 4.5.1]).

We write $G = \text{SO}(\Lambda_h, \mathbb{Q})$ and let $K \rightarrow G(\mathbb{A}_f)$ be a continuous group homomorphism from a profinite group, with compact open image and finite kernel. Following [Riz06] or [BL19], we say that $K \rightarrow G(\mathbb{A}_f)$, or simply K , is *admissible* if the image of every element of K can be viewed as an isometry of $\Lambda \otimes \mathbb{A}_f$ fixing h and stabilizing $\Lambda_h \otimes \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$. Recall that there is an injection

$$K_h := \{g \in \text{SO}(\Lambda)(\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}) \mid g(h) = h\} \longrightarrow G(\mathbb{A}_f).$$

By definition, K_h is admissible, and K is admissible if and only if its image in $G(\mathbb{A}_f)$ lies in K_h .

Consider $\mathcal{J}_h$, the sheafification of the presheaf of sets on $(\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_d^\dagger)_{\text{ét}}$, with sections over a connected $\mathbb{Q}$ -scheme T given by the $\pi_1^{\text{ét}}(T, \bar{t})$ -invariant set

$$(f: \mathfrak{X} \rightarrow T, \xi; \omega) \rightsquigarrow \left\{ \alpha: \Lambda \otimes \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \xrightarrow{\sim} H_{\text{ét}}^2(\mathfrak{X}_{\bar{t}}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}(1)) \mid \begin{array}{l} \alpha \text{ is an isometry such that} \\ \alpha(h) = c_1(\xi_{\bar{t}}) \text{ and } \det(\alpha) = \omega_{\text{ét}} \end{array} \right\}^{\pi_1^{\text{ét}}(T, \bar{t})}.$$

Here c_1 is the $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -first Chern class map (2.2).

By construction, any admissible subgroup K naturally acts on $\mathcal{J}_h(T)$ (via the source of each α). Write $K \backslash \mathcal{J}_h$ for the quotient of $\mathcal{J}_h$ by the left action of K , which is well defined in the category of étale sheaves on $(\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_d)_{\text{ét}}^\dagger$.

DEFINITION 4.6. A *K-level structure* on a polarized family of hyper-Kähler varieties $f: \mathfrak{X} \rightarrow T$ is a section over T of the étale sheaf $K \backslash \mathcal{J}_h$.

Let $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_{d,K}$ be the moduli stack of oriented polarized hyper-Kähler varieties of degree d with a K -level structure. It can be viewed as a finite étale cover of the original moduli stack (cf. [Mad15, Proposition 3.11]).

PROPOSITION 4.7. *The stack $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_{d,K}^\dagger$ is a smooth Deligne–Mumford stack, and the forgetful map*

$$\pi_{d,K}: \widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_{d,K}^\dagger \longrightarrow \widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_d^\dagger$$

is finite and étale.

For any field F of characteristic zero, the objects in $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_{d,K}^\dagger(F)$ are those $(X, H, \omega; \alpha)$ such that

- (X, H, ω) is an oriented polarized family of hyper-Kähler varieties over F , and
- α is a K -level structure $\alpha: \Lambda \otimes \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \xrightarrow{\sim} H_{\text{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{F}}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}(1))$ satisfying

$$\alpha(\rho)(\text{Gal}(\bar{F}/F)) \subseteq K,$$

where $\rho: \text{Gal}(\bar{F}/F) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(H_{\text{ét}}^2(X, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}(1)))$ is the Galois representation and we have $\alpha(\rho)(\sigma) = \alpha^{-1} \circ \rho(\sigma) \circ \alpha$ for any $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(\bar{F}/F)$.

In this paper, we mainly consider the following level structures on hyper-Kähler varieties.

DEFINITION 4.8. Keep the notation as above.

- (i) The *full-level- m structure* is defined by the admissible group

$$K_{h,m} := \{g \in \text{SO}(\Lambda)(\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}) \mid g(h) = h, g \equiv 1 \pmod{m}\} \longrightarrow G(\mathbb{A}_f).$$

- (ii) As in [Riz10], we define the *spin level structures* as follows. Let $\text{Cl}^+(\Lambda_h)$ be the even Clifford algebra of $\Lambda_{h,\mathbb{Q}}$. Let

$$\text{GSpin}(\Lambda_h)(\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}) = \text{GSpin}(\Lambda_h)(\mathbb{A}_f) \cap \text{Cl}^+(\Lambda_h \otimes \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$$

and

$$K_m^{\text{sp}} = \{g \in \text{GSpin}(\Lambda_h)(\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}) \mid g \equiv 1 \pmod{m}\}.$$

Recall that one has an adjoint representation

$$\text{ad}: \text{GSpin}(\Lambda_h) \longrightarrow G$$

defined by $\text{ad}(x) = (v \mapsto vxv^{-1})$. The spin-level- m structure is the map

$$K_m^{\text{sp}} \xrightarrow{\text{ad}} G(\mathbb{A}_f).$$

We set $K_m^{\text{ad}} \subseteq G(\widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$ to be the image of K_m^{sp} under the adjoint representation: it is an open compact subgroup of $G(\mathbb{A}_f)$.

For the following usage, we denote by $K_{L,m}^{\text{ad}}$ and $K_{L,m}^{\text{sp}}$ the corresponding level structures for a different lattice L .

It could happen that the action of the automorphism group of a hyper-Kähler variety is not faithful on the second cohomology (see Example 2.10). Therefore, $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_{d,K}$ is not represented by a scheme in this case, even when K is very small, but we have the following remedy.

COROLLARY 4.9. *If the automorphism group of a very general member of hyper-Kähler varieties parametrized by $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_d$ is trivial, then $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_{d,K_{h,m}}^\dagger$ is represented by a $\mathbb{Q}$ -scheme for $m \geq 3$, still denoted by $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_{d,K_{h,m}}^\dagger$.*

Proof. It suffices to show that any geometric point $(X, \xi, \omega; \alpha)$ in $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_{d,K_m^{\text{ad}}}^\dagger(\mathbb{C})$ has only trivial automorphisms. Under our assumption, this follows from the fact the automorphism group of X acts faithfully on $H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}(1))$ and any finite-order automorphism of the pair $(P^2(X, \mathbb{Z}(1)), \alpha)$ is trivial for $m \geq 3$ (cf. [Riz06, Lemma 1.5.12]). $\square$

5. Arithmetic period map and uniform Kuga–Satake

In this section, we recall the construction of the arithmetic period map for the moduli space $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_d$ of polarized oriented hyper-Kähler varieties of degree d . Moreover, we will construct a Kuga–

Satake map which is independent of the degree of polarization, which will be called the *uniform Kuga–Satake map* (see Section 5.5).

5.1 Orthogonal Shimura varieties

We firstly recall the notion of Shimura varieties attached to a lattice. Let L be the lattice over $\mathbb{Z}$ of signature $(2, n)$ with $n \geq 1$, and let $G = \mathrm{SO}(L_{\mathbb{Q}})$ be the special orthogonal group scheme over $\mathbb{Q}$ associated with $L_{\mathbb{Q}} := L \otimes \mathbb{Q}$.

Consider the pair (G, D) , where D is the space of oriented negative-definite planes in $L_{\mathbb{R}}$:

$$D = \mathrm{SO}(2, n) / \mathrm{SO}(2) \times \mathrm{SO}(n),$$

where $\mathrm{SO}(2, n) = \mathrm{SO}(L)(\mathbb{R})$. With any admissible level structure $K \rightarrow G(\mathbb{A}_f)$, one can associate a Shimura stack $\mathrm{Sh}_K(G, D)$. It is a smooth Deligne–Mumford stack over the reflex field. When K is neat, $\mathrm{Sh}_K(G, D)$ is moreover a smooth quasi-projective variety. The complex points of $\mathrm{Sh}_K(G, D)$ can be identified with the double coset quotient stack:

$$\mathrm{Sh}_K(G, D)(\mathbb{C}) = G(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash D \times G(\mathbb{A}_f) / K.$$

The pair (G, D) is called the Shimura datum of orthogonal type. It is well known that the reflex field of the Shimura datum (G, D) is equal to $\mathbb{Q}$ (see [And96, Appendix]).

Remark 5.1. In [Tae18] and [Bin21], the notation $\mathrm{Sh}_K[G, D]$ is used for Shimura stacks to distinguish them from the classical Shimura varieties. For ease of notation, we will use the classical notation to denote the Shimura stack.

For simplicity, we denote by K_L the *discriminant kernel* of $G(\mathbb{A}_f)$, which is the largest subgroup of $G(\widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$ that acts trivially on the discriminant of L . Its $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -component is just the image of $\mathrm{GSpin}(L)(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ for $p \geq 3$. In particular, we have

$$K_{L,m}^{\mathrm{ad}} \subseteq K_L \tag{5.1}$$

as a compact open subgroup for $2 \nmid m$, where $K_{L,m}^{\mathrm{ad}}$ is defined in Definition 4.8. We simply write

$$\mathrm{Sh}(L) := \mathrm{Sh}_{K_L}(G, D)$$

for the orthogonal Shimura stack with level K_L , and

$$\mathrm{Sh}_K(L) := \mathrm{Sh}_K(G, D)$$

for any open compact subgroup $K \subset K_L$. For any $m \geq 3$, the inclusion (5.1) induces a finite cover

$$\mathrm{Sh}_{K_{L,m}^{\mathrm{ad}}}(L) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Sh}(L)$$

of degree $[K_L : K_{L,m}^{\mathrm{ad}}]$. If L contains a hyperbolic lattice, the Shimura variety $\mathrm{Sh}(L)(\mathbb{C}) = \Gamma_L \backslash D$ is irreducible and Γ_L is the largest subgroup of $G(\mathbb{Z})$ that acts trivially on the discriminant (see [Mad15, (4.1)]).

Let $\underline{L}$ be the local system on $\mathrm{Sh}(L)(\mathbb{C})$ attached to the tautological representation L of $\mathrm{O}(L)$. The non-degenerate symmetric bilinear form on L gives rise to an injective map of local systems

$$\underline{L} \longrightarrow \underline{L}^{\vee}.$$

The finite local system $\underline{L}^{\vee} / \underline{L}$ with its $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ -valued quadratic form is canonically isomorphic to the locally constant sheaf $\underline{\mathrm{disc}}(L)$ over $\mathrm{Sh}(L)(\mathbb{C})$.

The Shimura stack $\mathrm{Sh}(L)$ has the following modular description (see [Mil94, § 3] or [Bin21, Lemma 4.4.4]).

PROPOSITION 5.2. *The groupoid $\mathrm{Sh}(L)(S)$ is the solution of the moduli problem of classifying tuples $(H, q, \xi, \omega, \alpha_{K_L})$, where*

- H is a variation of $\mathbb{Z}$ -Hodge structures over S whose fibers are Hodge lattices of K3-type with signature $(3, m)$,
- $q: H \times H \rightarrow \underline{\mathbb{Z}}$ is a bilinear form of variation of Hodge structures,
- ξ is a global section of H of type $(0, 0)$ such that $q(\xi, \xi) > 0$,
- $\omega: \underline{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow \det(H)$ is an isomorphism of local systems,
- α_{K_L} is a K_L -level structure on (H, q, ξ) ,

such that for any point $s \in S$, there is a rational Hodge isometry $\beta_s: H_s \otimes \mathbb{Q} \xrightarrow{\sim} \Lambda \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ such that $\beta_s(\xi_s) = h$ that preserves the determinant.

5.2 Integral model of Shimura varieties

Keep the same notation as in the previous section. We recall some results on the existence of integral canonical models of the orthogonal Shimura varieties $\mathrm{Sh}(L)$.

We refer to [Mad16, Definition 4.2] for the definition of a (smooth) integral canonical model. Among the requirements of this definition, the most important one for our usage is the smooth extension property. For the convenience of readers, we record it here.

DEFINITION 5.3. A (pro-)scheme $\mathcal{S}$ over $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ has the (smooth) extension property if for any regular and locally healthy (formally smooth) scheme $\mathcal{X}$ over $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$, any morphism $\mathcal{X}_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ can be extended to $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$.

Then we have the following result.

THEOREM 5.4. *Suppose that the discriminant group $\mathrm{disc}(L \otimes \mathbb{Z}[1/N])$ is cyclic. Then the Shimura varieties $\mathrm{Sh}(L)$ admits a canonical regular integral models $\mathcal{S}_L$ over $\mathbb{Z}[1/2N]$. Moreover, for any neat $K \subset K_L$ such that the p -primary component satisfies $K_p = K_{L,p}$ for some $p \nmid 2N$, there is a finite extension $\mathcal{S}_{L,K} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_L$ that is étale on $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$.*

Proof. For any $p \nmid 2N$, the $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -lattice $L \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ has cyclic discriminant group. Let $K_p \subset G(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ be the p -primary component of the decomposition $K_L = K^p K_p$. Applying [Mad16, Theorem 4.4], we will obtain an integral model $\mathcal{S}_{L,K_p} = \{\mathcal{S}_{L,K_p}\}_{K \subset K^p}$ over $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ as a pro-scheme with étale connect morphisms

$$\mathrm{Sh}(L)_{(p)} := \mathrm{Sh}_{K_p}(G, D) = \varprojlim_{K \subset K^p} \mathrm{Sh}_{KK_p}(G, D),$$

which is formally smooth and with smooth extension property. We can consider the union of quotients

$$\mathcal{S}_L = \bigcup_{p \nmid 2N} \mathcal{S}_{L,K_p}/K^p,$$

which is an integral canonical model of $\mathrm{Sh}(L)$ over $\mathbb{Z}[1/2N]$, as required. $\square$

Given an L of signature $(2, n)$, suppose that we can find a primitive embedding of $\mathbb{Z}$ -lattices

$$L \hookrightarrow L_0$$

such that L_0 has signature $(3, n)$. Let N_0 be the product of all primes in $|\mathrm{disc}(L_0)|$. Then L_0 is unimodular over $\mathbb{Z}[1/N_0]$, and the discriminant group $\mathrm{disc}(L \otimes \mathbb{Z}[1/N_0])$ is cyclic. We deduce the following consequence of Theorem 5.4.

COROLLARY 5.5. *Let $m \geq 3$ be an integer. Let N be the product of all primes in $2m|\text{disc}(\Lambda)|$. Then $\text{Sh}_{K_m^{\text{ad}}}(\Lambda_h)$ admits a regular integral canonical model over $\mathbb{Z}[1/2N]$ for all Λ_h .*

Remark 5.6. The requirement for $\text{disc}(L \otimes \mathbb{Z}[1/N])$ being cyclic can be relaxed with some modification of L . Actually, we can take the regular integral model with parahoric levels given in [KP18, PZ22] instead. This will allow us to consider the periods of lattice-polarized hyper-Kähler varieties.

5.3 Period map and its descent

Let $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_d^\dagger$ be a fixed connected component which contains a geometric point (X_0, H_0) as in Section 4.2. There is an isometry of $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -lattices

$$\phi: \Lambda \otimes \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \xrightarrow{\sim} H_{\text{ét}}^2(X, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$$

such that $\phi(h) = \widehat{c}_1(H)$ for any $(X, H) \in \widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_d^\dagger(\mathbb{C})$. This $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -isometry also induces an isomorphism

$$\Lambda_h^\vee / \Lambda_h \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{disc}(c_1(\xi)^\perp).$$

With the modular description of the orthogonal Shimura stack given in Proposition 5.2, we thus obtain a holomorphic map, called the *period map*:

$$\mathcal{P}_{d,K,\mathbb{C}}: \widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_{d,K}^\dagger(\mathbb{C}) \longrightarrow \text{Sh}_K(\Lambda_h)(\mathbb{C}),$$

which sends (X, H, ω, α) to $((P_B^2(X, \mathbb{Z}), F_{\text{Hdg}}^\bullet), q_X, \omega, c_1(H), \alpha)$. The global Torelli theorem for polarized hyper-Kähler varieties implies the following.

THEOREM 5.7 ([Ver13, Theorem 8.4]). *The period map*

$$\mathcal{P}_{d,K,\mathbb{C}}: \widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_{d,K}^\dagger(\mathbb{C}) \longrightarrow \text{Sh}_K(\Lambda_h)(\mathbb{C})$$

is étale.

Let F be a number field. Fix a complex embedding $F \subset \mathbb{C}$. Let (X, H) be a polarized hyper-Kähler variety over F . Let V be its deformation space. Consider its universal deformation $f: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow V$.

PROPOSITION 5.8 ([Cha13, Proposition 16]). *There exist a finite extension F' of F and a formally étale morphism of F' -schemes $V \rightarrow \text{Sh}(\Lambda_h)_{F'}$ which factors through $\mathcal{P}_{d,\mathbb{C}}$ after taking a field extension along $F' \subset \mathbb{C}$.*

Globally, we have the following result of Bindt.

PROPOSITION 5.9 ([Bin21, Theorem 4.5.2]). *For any admissible level $K \subset K_{\Lambda_h}$, there is an étale morphism over $\mathbb{Q}$*

$$\mathcal{P}_{d,K}: \widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_{d,K}^\dagger \longrightarrow \text{Sh}_K(\Lambda_h)$$

such that $\mathcal{P}_{d,K} \otimes \mathbb{C} = \mathcal{P}_{d,K,\mathbb{C}}$. Moreover, we have a 2-Cartesian diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_{d,K}^\dagger & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}_{d,K}} & \text{Sh}_K(\Lambda_h) \\ \pi_{d,K} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_d^\dagger & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}_d} & \text{Sh}_{K_h}(\text{SO}(\Lambda_h), D_{\Lambda_h}). \end{array} \tag{5.2}$$

We sometimes write $\mathcal{P}$ for a period map for short.

Remark 5.10. By Theorem 5.4, there exists an integral model for $\mathrm{Sh}_K(\Lambda_h)$. However, it is not clear if one can extend the period map $\mathcal{P}_{d,K}$ integrally as in the case of polarized K3 surfaces.

5.4 Kuga–Satake constructions in general

The Kuga–Satake map plays a central role in our approach. The classical Kuga–Satake construction for polarized hyper-Kähler varieties is recalled here. We will construct in the next section a uniform Kuga–Satake map for all polarization types.

Given a lattice L of signature $(2, n)$ for $n \geq 1$ and an element $e \in \mathrm{Cl}^+(L)$ that is sent to $-e$ under the canonical involution of the Clifford algebra, the spin representation defines a morphism of Shimura datum

$$\mathbf{sp}_e: (\mathrm{GSpin}(L), \tilde{D}_L) \longrightarrow (\mathrm{GSp}(W), \Omega^\pm),$$

where $W = (\mathrm{Cl}(L), \varphi_e)$ and $\Omega^\pm$ is the Siegel half space. This induces morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Sh}_K(\mathrm{GSpin}(L), \tilde{D}_L) & & \\ \downarrow \mathrm{ad} & \searrow \mathbf{sp}_e & \\ \mathrm{Sh}_{K''}(\mathrm{SO}(L), D_L) & & \mathrm{Sh}_{K'}(\mathrm{GSp}(W), \Omega^\pm) \end{array} \quad (5.3)$$

between the canonical models of Shimura varieties, where $\mathbf{sp}_e(K) \subseteq K'$ and $\mathrm{ad}(K) \subseteq K''$.

If we take the levels K and K'' to be the so-called spin levels as in Definition 4.8, then there exists a (non-canonical) section

$$\gamma_{\mathbb{C}}: \mathrm{Sh}_{K''}(\mathrm{SO}(L), D_L)(\mathbb{C}) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Sh}_K(\mathrm{GSpin}(L), \tilde{D}_L)(\mathbb{C}) \quad (5.4)$$

of ad (see [Riz10, § 5.5]). It has a descent over a number field E , denoted by γ_E . The field E only depends on the group K . The composition

$$\mathbf{sp}_e(\mathbb{C}) \circ \gamma_{\mathbb{C}}: \mathrm{Sh}_K(L)(\mathbb{C}) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Sh}_{K'}(\mathrm{GSp}(W), \Omega^\pm)(\mathbb{C})$$

is called the *Kuga–Satake map*.

Geometrically, write $W_R = W \otimes R$. Then $W_{\mathbb{R}}$ is naturally a G -module (action by left multiplication), which gives rise to a polarizable Hodge structure of weight 1 on $W_{\mathbb{Z}}$. This defines a complex abelian variety $A(W)$ of dimension 2^N , called the *Kuga–Satake variety* attached to $(W_{\mathbb{Z}}, \varphi)$, by the condition that $H_1(A, \mathbb{Z}) = W_{\mathbb{Z}}$ is a Hodge structure. André has shown that ψ_L can be defined over some number field, and this construction is the main ingredient to prove the polarized Shafarevich conjecture in [And96].

If one takes L to be Λ_h , the composition

$$\psi_h: \widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_{d,K}^\dagger \longrightarrow \mathrm{Sh}_K(\Lambda_h) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Sh}_{K'}(\mathrm{GSp}(W), \Omega^\pm)$$

is the classical Kuga–Satake morphism constructed by Deligne [Del72] and André [And96].

5.5 Uniform Kuga–Satake construction for hyper-Kähler varieties

Given a deformation type M of hyper-Kähler varieties with $\Lambda_M = \Lambda$, we can define the so-called *uniform Kuga–Satake construction*, which extends the construction in [She17]. The idea of the uniform Kuga–Satake construction has its origin in [Cha16], which uses the theory of the moduli space of stable sheaves instead of the Shimura variety, and is called Zarhin’s trick for K3 surfaces.

The first step is to embed the lattice Λ_h of signature $(2, n)$ primitively into a fixed unimodular lattice of signature $(2, *)$ for any h .

LEMMA 5.11 (Uniform lattice). *Given an even lattice (Λ, q) of signature $(3, n)$, there exists an even unimodular lattice Σ of signature $(2, *)$, depending only on $\text{rk}(\Lambda)$, such that there is a primitive embedding*

$$h^\perp = \Lambda_h \hookrightarrow \Sigma \quad (5.5)$$

for any $h \in \Lambda$ with $q(h) > 0$.

Proof. By Nikulin [Nik79, Theorem 1.12.4], any even lattice L of signature $(2, n)$ admits a primitive embedding into a fixed even unimodular lattice Σ of signature $(2, N)$ with $N \geq 2\text{rk}(L) - 2$ and $8 \mid (N - 2)$. One can thus choose $N \geq 2n + 2$ satisfying $8 \mid (N - 2)$ and let

$$\Sigma = U^{\oplus 2} \oplus E_8^{\oplus d}$$

with $d = (N - 2)/8$. □

Remark 5.12. If the Beauville–Bogomolov lattice Λ is not even (see Remark 2.1), Lemma 5.11 does not apply. Nevertheless, we can always multiply the Beauville–Bogomolov quadratic form on $H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$ by 2; this operation will not affect any construction. From here on, we assume that the lattice Λ (hence also Λ_h) is even.

For a lattice L , we write $G_L = \text{SO}(L_{\mathbb{Q}})$ for short. The inclusion (5.5) defines a map $D_{\Lambda_h} \rightarrow D_{\Sigma}$, which gives an embedding of Shimura data

$$\iota_h: (G_{\Lambda_h}, D_{\Lambda_h}) \longrightarrow (G_{\Sigma}, D_{\Sigma}).$$

Let $K' \subseteq G_{\Sigma}(\mathbb{A}_f)$ be a compact open subgroup. Then for any compact open subgroup K of $G_{\Lambda_h}(\mathbb{A}_f)$ with $\iota_h(K) \subseteq K'$, we have a finite and unramified map

$$\text{Sh}_K(G_{\Lambda_h}, D_{\Lambda_h}) \longrightarrow \text{Sh}_{K'}(G_{\Sigma}, D_{\Sigma})$$

defined over $\mathbb{Q}$.

For a spin level structure K , there is a section as (5.4) for

$$\text{ad}(\mathbb{C}): \text{Sh}_{K^{\text{sp}}}(\text{GSpin}(\Sigma), \tilde{D}_L)(\mathbb{C}) \longrightarrow \text{Sh}_K(G_{\Sigma}, D_L)(\mathbb{C}) = \text{Sh}_K(\Sigma)(\mathbb{C}).$$

In particular, we take the following level- m structures for $m \geq 3$:

$$\mathbf{K}_m := K_{\Lambda_h, m}^{\text{ad}}, \quad \mathbf{K}'_m := K_{\Sigma, m}^{\text{ad}}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{K}''_m := \{g \in \text{GSp}(W)(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}) \mid g \equiv 1 \pmod{m}\}, \quad (5.6)$$

where $W = (\text{Cl}(\Sigma), \varphi_e)$ is the symplectic space described in Section 5.4. For any $d \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$, we have the following commutative diagram of stacks over $\mathbb{Q}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \text{Sh}_{K_{\Sigma, m}^{\text{sp}}}(\text{GSpin}(\Sigma), \tilde{D}_{\Sigma}) \\ & \nearrow \gamma_{E_m} & \downarrow \text{sp} \\ \widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_{d, \mathbf{K}_m}^{\dagger} & \xrightarrow{j_{\Sigma} \circ \mathcal{P}_{d, \mathbf{K}_m}} \text{Sh}_{\mathbf{K}'_m}(\Sigma) & \xrightarrow{\text{ad}} \text{Sh}_{\mathbf{K}''_m}(\text{GSp}(W), \Omega^{\pm}) \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \\ \widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_{d, K_{\Lambda_h}}^{\dagger} & \xrightarrow{j_{\Sigma} \circ \mathcal{P}_d} \text{Sh}(\Sigma), & \end{array} \quad (5.7)$$

where γ_{E_m} is the descent of a chosen section $\gamma_{\mathbb{C}}$ to the finite abelian extension E_m of $\mathbb{Q}$ corresponding to $\mathbb{R}_{>0} \mathbb{Q}^{\times} \mathbf{N}(K_{\Sigma, m}^{\text{sp}}) \subseteq \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\times}$ via the class field theory. We now obtain a map

$$\Psi_{d, \mathbf{K}_m, \mathbb{C}}^{\text{KS}}: \widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_{d, \mathbf{K}_m}^{\dagger}(\mathbb{C}) \longrightarrow \text{Sh}_{\mathbf{K}''_m}(\text{GSp}(W), \Omega^{\pm})(\mathbb{C})$$

as the composition, which is quasi-finite. It is called the *uniform Kuga–Satake map*. By construction, we have the following descent theorem.

THEOREM 5.13. *The uniform Kuga–Satake map $\Psi_{d, \mathbf{K}_m, \mathbb{C}}^{\text{KS}}$ descends to map*

$$\Psi_{d, \mathbf{K}_m}^{\text{KS}} : \widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_{d, \mathbf{K}_m}^{\dagger} \longrightarrow \text{Sh}_{\mathbf{K}_m''}(\text{GSp}(W), \Omega^{\pm})$$

over the number field E_m . The field E_m is clearly independent of d and h .

Proof. The map $\Psi_{d, \mathbf{K}_m, \mathbb{C}}^{\text{KS}}$ has a descent over E_m as the period map $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_{d, \mathbf{K}_m}^{\dagger}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \text{Sh}_{\mathbf{K}_m}(\Lambda_h)(\mathbb{C})$ has a descent over $\mathbb{Q}$ by Proposition 5.9. It is clear that E_m is independent of h . $\square$

DEFINITION 5.14. Let $f: T \rightarrow \widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_{d, \mathbf{K}_m}^{\dagger}$ be a map corresponding to a polarized oriented hyper-Kähler space with level structure $(\mathfrak{X}, \xi, \alpha)$ over T . We define the uniform Kuga–Satake abelian space $\mathcal{A}_T \rightarrow T$ associated with f as the pullback of the universal polarized abelian scheme on $\text{Sh}_{\mathbf{K}_m''}(\text{GSp}(W), \Omega)$ under the composition

$$T \rightarrow \widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_{d, \mathbf{K}_m}^{\dagger} \longrightarrow \text{Sh}_{\mathbf{K}_m''}(\text{GSp}(W), \Omega^{\pm}).$$

Suppose that $f: \text{Spec } F \rightarrow \text{Sh}_{\mathbf{K}_m'}(\Sigma)$ comes from an F -point of $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_{d, \mathbf{K}_m}^{\dagger}$, which represents the tuple of polarized hyper-Kähler variety (X, H, α) with a $\mathbf{K}_m$ -level structure.

PROPOSITION 5.15. *Let (A, L) be the associated uniform Kuga–Satake polarized abelian variety of (X, H, α) . Then there are Galois-equivariant embeddings*

$$\text{P}_{\text{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{F}}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}(1)) \hookrightarrow f^*(\Sigma) \hookrightarrow \text{End}_{\text{Cl}^+(\Sigma)}(\text{H}_{\text{ét}}^1(A_{\bar{F}}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}))$$

such that $\text{Gal}(\bar{F}/F)$ acts trivially on the orthogonal complement of the first lattice embedding.

Proof. The asserted embeddings, together with their Galois equivariance and the triviality of the Galois action on the orthogonal complement, are established in [Mad15]; see also [She17, § 3.5] for a summary of the construction. $\square$

COROLLARY 5.16. *Let $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } R$ be a prime ideal of height 1. If X has essentially good reduction at $\mathfrak{p}$, then the associated Kuga–Satake variety A_X admits good reduction at $\mathfrak{p}$; that is, there exists a smooth projective model over the localization $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ whose generic fiber is isomorphic to A_X .*

Proof. By the argument in [And96, Lemma 9.3.1] (see also [TY23, Proposition 4.2.4]), it suffices to show that $\text{H}_{\text{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{k}}, \mathbb{Z}_{\ell})$ is unramified at $\mathfrak{p}$ for some odd prime number ℓ which is different from the residue characteristic of $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$. Here, we use the fact that m is coprime to the residue characteristic of $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ and $m \geq 3$ so that we can apply the Raynaud semi-abelian reduction criterion.

We take a finite unramified extension V of $\widehat{R}_{\mathfrak{p}}$ and a smooth proper algebraic space $\mathcal{Y}$ over V as in Definition 3.4. Let F be the fraction field of V . By the smooth and proper base change theorem, $\text{H}_{\text{ét}}^2(\mathcal{Y}_{\bar{F}}, \mathbb{Z}_{\ell})$ is unramified at $\mathfrak{p}$ as a $\text{Gal}(\bar{F}/F)$ -representation. By the proof of Proposition 3.3, this concludes the proof. $\square$

6. Finiteness of twists admitting essentially good reduction

As an intermediate step towards the Shafarevich conjecture for polarized hyper-Kähler varieties, we prove, in Proposition 6.3 below, the finiteness of twists/models of polarized hyper-Kähler varieties admitting essentially good reductions. We will make use of results in the appendix on the specialization of birational automorphisms (Matsusaka–Mumford) in the setting of algebraic spaces.

LEMMA 6.1. *Let R be a discrete valuation ring with fraction field K of characteristic zero. Let s be the closed point of $\operatorname{Spec} R$ and $k(s)$ the residue field. Let $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow \operatorname{Spec} R$ be a smooth proper morphism of algebraic spaces such that the generic fiber $\mathcal{X}_\eta$ is a hyper-Kähler variety over K . Then the special fiber $\mathcal{X}_s$ is a non-ruled algebraic space over $k(s)$.*

For the notion of (non-)ruled, see Definition A.1.

Proof. The relative canonical sheaf

$$\omega_{\mathcal{X}/R} := \bigwedge \Omega_{\mathcal{X}/R}^1$$

is trivial, since the special fiber $\mathcal{X}_s$ is a principal Cartier divisor of $\mathcal{X}$. Therefore, the special fiber $\mathcal{X}_s$ is a smooth proper algebraic space over $k(s)$ with trivial canonical sheaf. Suppose, towards a contradiction, that $\mathcal{X}_s$ were ruled. Take a normal projective variety V over $k(s)$ such that $\mathbb{P}_{k(s)}^1 \times V$ is birationally equivalent to $\mathcal{X}_s$. By using Chow's lemma and taking the elimination of indeterminacies, we deduce that there exists a projective normal scheme W over $k(s)$ with projective birational morphisms $f: W \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_s$ and $g: W \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{k(s)}^1 \times V$. Take a canonical (Weil) divisor K_W on W . We define the Weil divisor $K_{\mathcal{X}_s}$ as the push-forward $f_*(K_W)$. We also set $K_{\mathbb{P}_{k(s)}^1 \times V} := g_*(K_W)$. By étale descent, we have $\mathcal{O}(K_{\mathcal{X}_s}) \simeq \omega_{\mathcal{X}_s/k(s)}$. Moreover, we have a natural isomorphism $f_*(\mathcal{O}_W(K_W)) \simeq \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}_s}(K_{\mathcal{X}_s})$, since $\mathcal{X}_s$ has terminal singularities étale locally. On the other hand, we have a natural inclusion $g_*(\mathcal{O}_W(K_W)) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_{k(s)}^1 \times V}(K_{\mathbb{P}_1 \times V})$. Thus $\Gamma(\mathbb{P}_{k(s)}^1 \times V, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_{k(s)}^1 \times V}(K_{\mathbb{P}_1 \times V})) \neq 0$, so we have a contradiction. $\square$

LEMMA 6.2. *Let R be a henselian discrete valuation ring with $K = \operatorname{Frac} R$. Let $(X, \mathcal{L})$ and $(Y, \mathcal{M})$ be polarized hyper-Kähler varieties over K . Let $f: (X_{\overline{K}}, \mathcal{L}_{\overline{K}}) \xrightarrow{\sim} (Y_{\overline{K}}, \mathcal{M}_{\overline{K}})$ be an isomorphism of polarized varieties over $\overline{K}$ with associated 1-cocycle*

$$\alpha_f: \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K) \longrightarrow \mathcal{G} := \operatorname{Aut}(X_{\overline{K}}, \mathcal{L}_{\overline{K}})$$

defined by $\alpha_f(\sigma) = f^{-1} \circ \sigma \circ f$. Assume that

- the order of $\mathcal{G}$ is invertible in the residue field of R ,
- there exist proper smooth algebraic spaces $\mathcal{X}'$ and $\mathcal{Y}'$ over R whose generic fibers are hyper-Kähler varieties such that there are birational maps $X \dashrightarrow \mathcal{X}'_\eta$ and $Y \dashrightarrow \mathcal{Y}'_\eta$ over K .

Then the restriction of α_f to the inertia subgroup $I_K \subset \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$ is trivial.

Proof. Take a finite Galois extension L/K such that $\mathcal{G} = \operatorname{Aut}(X_L, \mathcal{L}_L)$ and f come from an isomorphism $f_L: (X_L, \mathcal{L}_L) \xrightarrow{\sim} (Y_L, \mathcal{M}_L)$ over L . The 1-cocycle α_f comes from a 1-cocycle

$$\alpha_{f,L}: \operatorname{Gal}(L/K) \longrightarrow \mathcal{G}$$

corresponding to f_L . Let $I_{L/K} \subset \operatorname{Gal}(L/K)$ be the inertia group. For an element $\sigma \in I_{L/K}$, we have $\alpha_{f,L}(\sigma) := (f_L)^{-1} \circ \sigma \circ f_L$, and we shall show that $\alpha_{f,L}(\sigma) = \operatorname{id}$.

Let $\mathcal{X}'_{\mathcal{O}_{L,s}}$ and $\mathcal{Y}'_{\mathcal{O}_{L,s}}$ be the special fibers of $\mathcal{X}'_{\mathcal{O}_L} := \mathcal{X}' \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_K} \mathcal{O}_L$ and $\mathcal{Y}'_{\mathcal{O}_L} := \mathcal{Y}' \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_K} \mathcal{O}_L$, respectively. We note that the isomorphism $f_L: X_L \xrightarrow{\sim} Y_L$ can be considered as a birational map

$$f_L: \mathcal{X}'_L \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{Y}'_L.$$

Here, we put $\mathcal{X}'_L := \mathcal{X}' \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_K} L$ and $\mathcal{Y}'_L := \mathcal{Y}' \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_K} L$. By Theorem A.2 and Lemma 6.1, the birational map f_L extends to an isomorphism

$$\tilde{f}_L: (\mathcal{X}'_{\mathcal{O}_L} \setminus V) \xrightarrow{\sim} (\mathcal{Y}'_{\mathcal{O}_L} \setminus W)$$

over $\mathcal{O}_L$ for some proper closed subsets $V \subset \mathcal{X}'_{\mathcal{O}_L}$ and $W \subset \mathcal{Y}'_{\mathcal{O}_L}$ satisfying $V_s \neq \mathcal{X}'_{\mathcal{O}_L, s}$ and $W_s \neq \mathcal{Y}'_{\mathcal{O}_L, s}$. Enlarging V and W if necessary, by Lemma A.3, we may assume that the following holds: the action of $\mathcal{G} = \text{Aut}(X_L, \mathcal{L}_L)$ on X_L extends to a homomorphism

$$\psi: \mathcal{G} \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathcal{X}'_{\mathcal{O}_L} \setminus V).$$

Since $\sigma \in \text{I}_{L/K}$ acts trivially on the residue field of $\mathcal{O}_L$, the isomorphisms

$$\tilde{f}_L: (\mathcal{X}'_{\mathcal{O}_L} \setminus V) \xrightarrow{\sim} (\mathcal{Y}'_{\mathcal{O}_L} \setminus W) \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma \tilde{f}_L: (\mathcal{X}'_{\mathcal{O}_L} \setminus \sigma(V)) \xrightarrow{\sim} (\mathcal{Y}'_{\mathcal{O}_L} \setminus \sigma(W))$$

induce the same morphism on the special fiber. Thus, the element

$$\alpha_{f,L}(\sigma) = (f_L)^{-1} \circ \sigma f_L \in \mathcal{G} \subset \text{Bir}(\mathcal{X}_L)$$

sits in the kernel of the specialization map

$$\bar{\psi}: \mathcal{G} \longrightarrow \text{Aut}((\mathcal{X}'_{\mathcal{O}_L} \setminus V)_s).$$

Since the order of $\mathcal{G}$ is invertible in the residue field of R , the specialization maps

$$\mathcal{G} \longrightarrow \text{Aut}((\mathcal{X}'_{\mathcal{O}_L} \setminus V)_s)$$

is injective by Lemma A.3(ii). Therefore, we have $\alpha_{f,L}(\sigma) = \text{id}$. $\square$

PROPOSITION 6.3. *Let R be a finitely generated $\mathbb{Z}$ -algebra that is a normal integral domain with fraction field F . Let X be a hyper-Kähler variety over F which admits essentially good reduction at any height 1 prime ideal $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } R$. Let $\mathcal{L}$ be an ample line bundle on X . Then there exist only finitely many isomorphism classes of polarized varieties $(Y, \mathcal{M})$ over F satisfying the following conditions:*

- *The variety Y admits essentially good reduction at any height 1 prime $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } R$.*
- *There exists an isomorphism of polarized varieties $(X_{\bar{F}}, \mathcal{L}_{\bar{F}}) \simeq (Y_{\bar{F}}, \mathcal{M}_{\bar{F}})$ over $\bar{F}$.*

Proof. We put $\mathcal{G} := \text{Aut}(X_{\bar{F}}, \mathcal{L}_{\bar{F}})$. Shrinking $\text{Spec } R$ if necessary, we may assume that the order of $\mathcal{G}$ is invertible in R . Note that $\mathcal{G}$ can be considered as a finite subgroup of $\text{Bir}(X_{\bar{F}})$.

We take a finite Galois extension L/F such that $\text{Aut}(X_L, \mathcal{L}_L) = \text{Aut}(X_{\bar{F}}, \mathcal{L}_{\bar{F}})$. Let

$$f: (X_{\bar{F}}, \mathcal{L}_{\bar{F}}) \simeq (Y_{\bar{F}}, \mathcal{M}_{\bar{F}})$$

be any isomorphism of polarized varieties over $\bar{F}$, where $(Y, \mathcal{M})$ is any polarized variety satisfying the properties in the statement. The associated 1-cocycle $\alpha_f: \text{Gal}(\bar{F}/F) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ is defined by $\alpha_f(\sigma) := (f)^{-1} \circ \sigma f$. It is enough to show that there are only finitely many possibilities for the 1-cocycle α_f .

Note that $\alpha_f|_{\text{Gal}(\bar{F}/L)}: \text{Gal}(\bar{F}/L) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ is a group homomorphism. Therefore, the field extension M/L corresponding to the kernel of $\alpha_f|_{\text{Gal}(\bar{F}/L)}$ satisfies $[M : L] < |\mathcal{G}|$. Let R' be a normalization of R in L , and $\mathfrak{p}$ a height 1 prime ideal of R' . By the assumption, there exists a finite étale extension $\widehat{R'}_{\mathfrak{p}} \subset S$ such that there exist smooth proper algebraic spaces over S whose generic fibers are hyper-Kähler varieties that are birationally equivalent to $X_{\text{Frac } S}$ and $Y_{\text{Frac } S}$, respectively. Therefore, by Lemma 6.2, the inertia subgroup $\text{I}_{\mathfrak{p}} \subset \text{Gal}(\bar{F}/L)$ (which is defined by fixing the extension of valuation $\mathfrak{p}$ to $\bar{F}$) is contained in the kernel of $\alpha_f|_{\text{Gal}(\bar{F}/L)}$. By Zariski–Nagata’s purity theorem, $\alpha_f|_{\text{Gal}(\bar{F}/L)}$ factors through $\pi_1(\text{Spec } R', \bar{F})$. By [HH09, Proposition 2.3 and Theorem 2.9], the family of subsets

$$\mathcal{C} := \{H \subset \pi_1(\text{Spec } R', \bar{F}) : \text{open subgroup} \mid [\pi_1(\text{Spec } R', \bar{F}) : H] \leq |\mathcal{G}|\}$$

is a finite set. Let M' be the fraction field of the finite étale cover of R' corresponding to $\bigcap_{H \subset C} H$, and M'' the Galois closure of M' over K . We note that M'' does not depend on $(Y, \mathcal{M})$. Then α_f factors through the finite group $\text{Gal}(M''/L)$, so there are only finitely many possibilities for the 1-cocycle α_f . This finishes the proof. $\square$

7. Finiteness of (unpolarized) Shafarevich sets

In this section, we prove the unpolarized Shafarevich conjecture stated in Theorem 1.4.

7.1 Some reductions

In order to apply the uniform Kuga–Satake map, we need to associate each polarized oriented hyper-Kähler variety with a level structure. We start with the following result.

LEMMA 7.1. *Keep the notation the same as in (5.6). Let M be a $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -numerically equivalent class of hyper-Kähler varieties. For a hyper-Kähler variety X over a field F of characteristic zero in M , we have*

$$[K_{\Lambda_h} : \mathbf{K}_m] \leq C m^{2^{(b_2(M)-2)}},$$

where we set

$$C := [\text{SO}(H_{\text{ét}}^2(X_{\overline{F}}, \mathbb{Z}_2)) : \text{ad}(\text{GSpin}(H_{\text{ét}}^2(X_{\overline{F}}, \mathbb{Z}_2)))]$$

and $\text{ad}: \text{GSpin} \rightarrow \text{SO}$ is the natural homomorphism defined by conjugation.

Proof. This follows from the same argument as in [Tak20, proof of Corollary 3.1.8]. $\square$

Let $\delta(m, d, M)$ be the constant $C m^{2^{(b_2(M)-2)}} (d |\text{disc } \Lambda|)^{b_2(M)-1}$, which depends only on m , d , and the $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -numerical type M .

PROPOSITION 7.2. *Let R be a finitely generated $\mathbb{Z}$ -algebra that is an integral domain, and let F be its fraction field. Let M be a $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -numerical type.*

- (i) *For any oriented polarized hyper-Kähler variety (X, H, ω) of type M defined over F , there is a finite field extension E/F of degree at most $\delta(m, q(h), M)$ such that (X_E, H_E) is equipped with a $\mathbf{K}_m$ -level structure.*
- (ii) *There exists a finite Galois extension E_m over F such that for every $X \in \text{Shaf}_M^{\text{ess}}(F, R)$, the following hold:*
 - (a) *There exist a polarization λ on X of degree d , an orientation ω on X_{E_m} , and a $\mathbf{K}_m$ -level structure α on X_{E_m} .*
 - (b) *We have $\text{Pic}_{X_{E_m}} = \text{Pic}_{X_{\overline{F}}}$.*

Proof. For statement (i), we note that we have the Cartesian diagram (5.2). Since

$$[K_h : K_{\Lambda_h}] \leq (q(h) |\text{disc } \Lambda|)^{b_2(M)-1},$$

we may assume that the image of ρ_x lies in the discriminant kernel K_{Λ_h} after a finite extension of degree at most $(q(h) |\text{disc } \Lambda|)^{b_2(M)-1}$. It suffices to show that for any map $\text{Spec } F \rightarrow \text{Sh}(\Lambda_h)$, there exists an extension E/F such that we can find a lift to $\text{Sh}_{\mathbf{K}_m}(\Lambda_h)$ after a finite base change to E . Consider the composition

$$\text{Gal}(\overline{F}/F) \xrightarrow{\rho_x} K_{\Lambda_h} \longrightarrow K_{\Lambda_h}/\mathbf{K}_m,$$

and let E be the Galois extension corresponding to its kernel. Then the image of $\mathrm{Gal}(\bar{F}/E)$ lies in $\mathbf{K}_m$, so the required lift exists. Combining the degree bound for the first extension with Lemma 7.1, we obtain a total degree of at most $\delta(m, q(h), M)$.

For statement (ii), we note that the representation ρ_x factors through a continuous homomorphism $\rho_{x,R}: \pi_1(R, \bar{F}) \rightarrow K_{\Lambda_h}$ under the condition of essentially good reduction. The Hermite–Minkowski theorem (see [FWG⁺92, § VI.2] or [HH09, Proposition 2.3 and Theorem 2.9]) implies that there are only finitely many compositions of $\rho_{x,R}$ with the quotient map $K_{\Lambda_h} \rightarrow K_{\Lambda_h}/\mathbf{K}_m$. Thus we can take a finite dominant étale morphism $\mathrm{Spec}(\tilde{R}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Spec}(R)$ such that the image of $\pi_1(\tilde{R}, \bar{F}) \subset \pi_1(R, \bar{F})$ lies in $\mathbf{K}_m$ under any such ρ_x . Let E be the fraction field of $\tilde{R}$. Then any X_E will be equipped with a $\mathbf{K}_m$ -level structure by the construction. With a similar argument, we can also assume that any X_E has an orientation ω .

On the other hand, the image of the Galois action

$$\gamma: G_F \longrightarrow \mathrm{GL}(\mathrm{Pic}_{X_{\bar{F}}})$$

is a finite subgroup. Since a finite subgroup is mapped injectively to $\mathrm{GL}(\mathrm{Pic}_{X_{\bar{F}}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}_3)$, we have $|G_F/\ker \gamma| \leq |\mathrm{GL}(r, \mathbb{F}_3)|$, where r is the Picard number of $X_{\bar{F}}$, which is bounded above by $b_2(M) - 2$. Hence we can take a field E_m satisfying both conditions (a) and (b) by the Hermite–Minkowski theorem. $\square$

The following result allows us to take finite field extensions in proving the finiteness of Shafarevich sets.

LEMMA 7.3. *Let R_E/R be a finite Galois extension between finitely generated normal domains whose fraction field is E/F . We define*

$$\mathrm{Shaf}_M(E/F, R_E) = \{X' \in \mathrm{Shaf}_M(E, R_E) \mid X' \cong X \times_F \mathrm{Spec}(E) \text{ for some } X \in \mathrm{Shaf}_M(F, R)\}.$$

For any $X \in \mathrm{Shaf}(F, R)$, the set

$$\{Y \in \mathrm{Shaf}_M(F, R) \mid Y_E \cong X_E\}$$

is finite. If $\mathrm{Shaf}_M(E/F, R_E)$ is finite, then $\mathrm{Shaf}_M(F, R)$ is finite. A similar result holds for the finiteness of birational isomorphism classes of the Shafarevich sets.

Proof. See [She17, Lemma 4.1.4]. $\square$

7.2 Finiteness of Picard lattices

The key application of the uniform Kuga–Satake map is the following finiteness result on Picard lattices; compare to She [She17, Corollary 4.1.14].

THEOREM 7.4. *Suppose that F contains the number field E_4 in Proposition 7.2(ii). Then the set*

$$\{\mathrm{Pic}_X \mid X \in \mathrm{Shaf}_M^{\mathrm{ess}}(F, R)\} / \text{lattice isometry}$$

is finite.

Proof. This follows from the same argument as in [She17, Tak20]. We nevertheless give some details of the proof for hyper-Kähler varieties. The main difference with the case of K3 surfaces is that the BB form is now not unimodular in general. As there are only finitely many deformation types with a given $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -numerical type, we may assume that all $X \in \mathrm{Shaf}_M^{\mathrm{ess}}(F, R)$ are geometrically deformation equivalent. Let E be the finite extension of F such that all elements in $\mathrm{Shaf}_M^{\mathrm{ess}}(F, R)$

admit $\mathbf{K}_4$ -level structures. Consider the transcendental lattice

$$\mathrm{T}(X_E) := \mathrm{Pic}_{X_E}^\perp \subseteq \mathrm{H}^2(X_{\mathbb{C}}, \mathbb{Z}).$$

Then from the Tate conjecture over finitely generated fields (Proposition 2.7), we know that

$$\mathrm{T}(X_E) \otimes \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \cong (\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{et}}^2(X_{\bar{F}}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}(1))^{G_E})^\perp \subseteq \mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{et}}^2(X_{\bar{F}}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}(1)).$$

On the other hand, Proposition 5.15 implies that

$$(\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{et}}^2(X_{\bar{F}}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}(1))^{G_E})^\perp \cong (f^*(\underline{\Sigma})^{G_E})^{\perp_\Sigma}.$$

Here $\perp_\Sigma$ denotes the orthogonal complement taken in $f^*(\underline{\Sigma})$. Since the image in $\mathrm{Sh}_{\mathbf{K}_4'}(\Sigma)(E)$ of the E -isomorphism classes in the set $\mathrm{Shaf}_M^{\mathrm{hom}^\ell}(F, R)$ is finite by Corollary 5.16 and [FWG⁺92, § VI.1, Theorem 2], we can show that

$$\{(\mathrm{T}(X_E))^\perp \mid X \in \mathrm{Shaf}_M^{\mathrm{ess}}(F, R)\} / \text{lattice isometry}$$

is a finite set.

Now, using [Kne02, San 30.2], we know that the collection of primitive embeddings $\mathrm{T}(X_E) \rightarrow \Lambda$ is finite. It follows that the set of lattices $\mathrm{Pic}_{X_E} = \mathrm{T}(X_E)^\perp$ is finite. As there are only finitely many conjugacy classes of homomorphisms $\mathrm{Gal}(E/F) \rightarrow \mathrm{O}(\mathrm{Pic}_{X_E})$ (see [PR94, Theorem 4.3]), we get the finiteness of Pic_X . $\square$

7.3 Proof of Theorem 1.4

Let us consider the natural maps

$$\coprod_{d \leq N} \mathrm{Shaf}_{M,d}^{\mathrm{ess}}(F, R) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Shaf}_M^{\mathrm{ess}}(F, R) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Shaf}_M^{\mathrm{ess}}(F, R) / \sim_{F\text{-bir}}. \quad (7.1)$$

First, we have the following result for the polarized Shafarevich set with essentially good reductions.

THEOREM 7.5. *The set $\mathrm{Shaf}_{M,d}^{\mathrm{ess}}(F, R)$ is finite.*

Proof. Thanks to Proposition 6.3, it suffices to show that there are only finitely many geometric isomorphism classes in $\mathrm{Shaf}_{M,d}^{\mathrm{ess}}(F, R)$. In [And96, Section 9.4], André has shown that there are only finitely many geometric isomorphism classes in $\mathrm{Shaf}_{M,d}(F, R)$ via the usual Kuga–Satake construction. A similar proof also applies here:

For any $(X, H) \in \mathrm{Shaf}_{M,d}^{\mathrm{ess}}(F, R)$ equipped with a $\mathbf{K}_4$ -level structure α over F , the corresponding uniform Kuga–Satake abelian variety has good reductions according to Corollary 5.16. Therefore, the image under $\Psi_{d, \mathbf{K}_4, \mathbb{C}}^{\mathrm{KS}}$ of the set of $\mathbb{C}$ -points corresponding to those (X, H, α) is finite by [FWG⁺92, § VI.1, Theorem 2]. As the uniform Kuga–Satake map is geometrically quasi-finite, this means that the geometric isomorphism classes of (X, H, α) are finite, which proves our assertion. $\square$

THEOREM 7.6. *There exists an integer N such that for any $X \in \mathrm{Shaf}_M^{\mathrm{ess}}(F, R)$, there is a polarized hyper-Kähler variety $(Y, H) \in \mathrm{Shaf}_{M,d}^{\mathrm{ess}}(F, R)$ such that Y is F -birational to X and $d \leq N$. In other words, the composition map in (7.1) is surjective for some N .*

Proof. By Theorem 7.4, there are only finitely many isomorphism classes of lattices Pic_X for $X \in \mathrm{Shaf}_M^{\mathrm{ess}}(F, R)$. Fix an embedding $F \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$. By Proposition 7.2(ii) and Lemma 7.3, we may further assume that $\mathrm{Pic}_X \cong \mathrm{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}})$ for every $X \in \mathrm{Shaf}_M^{\mathrm{ess}}(F, R)$. Let us fix a (geometric) Picard

lattice Ξ and consider the moduli space of Ξ -lattice-polarized hyper-Kähler varieties of a given deformation type M . As the space is of finite type over a field, it suffices to consider its geometric irreducible components one by one.

Fix such a component, and take an $X \in \text{Shaf}_M^{\text{ess}}(F, R)$ in this component such that $\text{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}}) \cong \text{Pic}_X \cong \Xi$ (if there is no such X , then the component is irrelevant to the question). We claim that there exists an integer N such that for each hyper-Kähler variety X' defined over F satisfying the conditions

- $\text{Pic}(X'_{\mathbb{C}}) \cong \text{Pic}_{X'} \cong \Xi$,
- the Ξ -lattice-polarized hyper-Kähler manifolds $(X_{\mathbb{C}}, \text{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}}))$ and $(X'_{\mathbb{C}}, \text{Pic}(X'_{\mathbb{C}}))$ are deformation equivalent,

there exists a hyper-Kähler variety Y defined over F which is F -birational to X' and endowed with a polarization H of Beauville–Bogomolov square at most N .

Let $\mathcal{W}(X_{\mathbb{C}}) \subseteq \Xi$ be the collection of wall divisors on $X_{\mathbb{C}}$. We define N as follows:

$$N := \inf \{v^2 > 0 \mid v \in \Xi \text{ and } v \cdot w \neq 0, \forall w \in \mathcal{W}(X_{\mathbb{C}})\}.$$

From the assumption, the deformation invariance of wall divisors (see [AV15]) induces an identification between $\mathcal{W}(X'_{\mathbb{C}})$ and $\mathcal{W}(X_{\mathbb{C}})$. Recall that the set of birational ample classes in $\text{Pic}_{X'}$ is given by

$$\{v \in \text{Pic}_{X'} \mid v \cdot w \neq 0, \forall w \in \mathcal{W}(X'_{\mathbb{C}})\}.$$

It follows that $d := \inf \{v^2 > 0 \mid v \in \text{Pic}_{X'} \text{ and } v \cdot w \neq 0, \forall w \in \mathcal{W}(X'_{\mathbb{C}})\}$ is no greater than N . Take $H' \in \text{Pic}_{X'}$ with $(H')^2 = d$, and consider the polarized variety over F

$$(Y, H) := \left(\text{Proj} \bigoplus_m H^0(X', \mathcal{O}(mH')), \mathcal{O}(1) \right).$$

By the minimal model theory for hyper-Kähler varieties, $(Y_{\mathbb{C}}, H)$ is a polarized hyper-Kähler variety, which is F -rationally equivalent to X , hence of deformation type M by [Huy99, Theorem 4.6]. Hence (Y, H) is also hyper-Kähler and satisfies all the desired properties. $\square$

Now let us conclude the proof of Theorem 1.4. The finiteness of $\text{Shaf}_M^{\text{ess}}(F, R)_{/F\text{-bir}}$ follows from the combination of Theorems 7.5 and 7.6. If $b_2(M) \geq 5$, then the second map in (7.1) has finite fibers by Theorem 2.13, and the finiteness of $\text{Shaf}_M^{\text{ess}}(F, R)$ follows.

8. Cohomological Shafarevich conjecture

In this section, we give examples where $\text{Shaf}_M^{\text{hom}}(F, S)$, even $\text{Shaf}_{M,d}^{\text{hom}}(F, S)$, is infinite. Hence, the naive cohomological generalization of the Shafarevich conjecture fails in general. We propose a remedy by taking into account the cohomology of degrees other than 2.

8.1 Failure of the (second) cohomological Shafarevich conjecture

Let X be a hyper-Kähler variety defined over a number field F and H be a polarization of degree d . There is a bijection between the set (assumed non-empty) of all F -forms of $X_{\bar{F}}$ and the Galois cohomology

$$H^1(\text{Gal}(\bar{F}/F), \text{Aut}(X_{\bar{F}})), \quad (8.1)$$

via the construction of twisting [BS64]. Since $\text{Aut}(X_{\bar{F}})$ is finitely generated by Cattaneo–Fu [CF19], up to replacing F by a finite extension, we can assume that $\text{Gal}(\bar{F}/F)$ acts trivially

on $\text{Aut}(X_{\bar{F}})$.

Recall from Section 2.4 that

$$\text{Aut}_0(X) := \ker(\text{Aut}(X) \rightarrow \text{GL}(\text{H}_{\text{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{F}}, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}))).$$

As a result, $\text{H}^1(\text{Gal}(\bar{F}/F), \text{Aut}_0(X_{\bar{F}}))$ is identified with a subset of (8.1). If X is in $\text{Shaf}_{M,d}^{\text{hom}}(F, S)$, then twisting by distinct elements in $\text{H}^1(\text{Gal}(\bar{F}/F), \text{Aut}_0(X_{\bar{F}}))$ gives rise to different F -forms of $(X_{\bar{F}}, H_{\bar{F}})$ (respectively, $X_{\bar{F}}$), while the unramifiedness condition on the second cohomology is preserved by construction, that is, all those F -forms are in $\text{Shaf}_{M,d}^{\text{hom}}(F, S)$ (respectively, $\text{Shaf}_M^{\text{hom}}(F, S)$). If $\text{Aut}_0(X_{\bar{F}})$ is non-trivial, the cohomology

$$\text{H}^1(\text{Gal}(\bar{F}/F), \text{Aut}_0(X_{\bar{F}})) \simeq \text{Hom}(\text{Gal}(\bar{F}/F), \text{Aut}_0(X_{\bar{F}}))$$

is infinite in general, giving rise to infinitely many elements in $\text{Shaf}_{M,d}^{\text{hom}}(F, S)$.

Let us give some concrete examples. Let X be a $2n$ -dimensional generalized Kummer type hyper-Kähler variety. As before, by using [CF19], we may assume that $\text{Aut}(X_{\bar{F}}) = \text{Aut}(X)$. Then the group $\text{Aut}_0(X)$ is isomorphic to the semi-direct product $(\mathbb{Z}/(n+1)\mathbb{Z})^4 \rtimes (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})$ by [BNS11, Corollary 5]. As there are infinitely many degree 2 extensions of F , we obtain infinitely many homomorphisms

$$\text{Gal}(\bar{F}/F) \twoheadrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z},$$

hence infinitely many elements in $\text{Hom}(\text{Gal}(\bar{F}/F), \text{Aut}_0(X))$. Similarly, for OG_6 -type hyper-Kähler varieties X , the group $\text{Aut}_0(X)$ is isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^{\times 8}$. By [MW17, Theorem 5.2], we obtain infinitely many elements in $\text{Shaf}_{M,d}^{\text{hom}}(F, S)$.

We have obtained the following result.

PROPOSITION 8.1. *Let ℓ be any prime number and S the set of places consisting of places v with $v \mid \ell$ and ramified places of the $\text{Gal}(\bar{F}/F)$ -module $\text{H}_{\text{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{F}}, \mathbb{Z}_{\ell})$.*

(i) *The following subset of $\text{Shaf}_{M,d}^{\text{hom}_{\ell}}(F, S)$ is infinite:*

$$\{Y \in \text{Shaf}_{M,d}^{\text{hom}_{\ell}}(F, S) \mid Y_{\bar{F}} \cong X_{\bar{F}}\} / \cong_F. \quad (8.2)$$

(ii) *Let T be any finite set of finite places of F . Then for almost all X in (8.2), there exists a finite place $v \notin S \cup T$ (depending on X) such that X does not admit essentially good reduction at v though $\text{H}_{\text{ét}}^2(X_{\bar{F}}, \mathbb{Z}_{\ell})$ is unramified at v . Moreover, enlarging T if necessary, we may assume that X admits a potentially good reduction at v .*

Proposition 8.1(ii) states that the analogue of [LM18, Theorem 1.3(ii)] (see also [Tak20, Introduction]) does not hold for higher-dimensional hyper-Kähler varieties when Aut_0 is non-trivial.

8.2 Full-degree cohomological generalization

We have seen that the non-faithfulness of the action of automorphisms on H^2 leads to the infiniteness of the cohomological Shafarevich sets. We provide a remedy by taking into account more cohomological degrees other than 2. Throughout this section, let I be a subset of $\mathbb{N}$ containing 2.

Define the following group:

$$\text{Aut}_I(X) := \bigcap_{i \in I} \ker(\text{Aut}(X_{\bar{k}}) \rightarrow \text{GL}(\text{H}_{\text{ét}}^i(X_{\bar{k}}, \mathbb{Q}_{\ell}))).$$

By the Artin comparison theorem, the group $\text{Aut}_I(X)$ is independent of ℓ , and the group $\text{Aut}_0(X)$ (respectively, $\text{Aut}_{00}(X)$) defined in Section 2.4 is nothing but $\text{Aut}_{\{2\}}(X)$ (respectively, $\text{Aut}_{\mathbb{N}}(X)$).

We use the following definition of level structure on the cohomology groups in several degrees. Let k be a field of characteristic zero, and X a hyper-Kähler variety over k . We denote the torsion-free part of $\bigoplus_{i \in I} H_{\text{ét}}^i(X_{\bar{k}}, \mathbb{Z}_{\ell})$ by $H_{\ell}^I(X_{\bar{k}})$.

DEFINITION 8.2. Let H be the abstract $\mathbb{Z}_{\ell}$ -module which is isomorphic to $H_{\ell}^I(X_{\bar{k}})$. A *level ℓ^n structure* β on X of degree I is a $\text{Gal}(\bar{k}/k)$ -invariant $\text{GL}(H, \ell^n)$ -orbit of an isomorphism of $\mathbb{Z}_{\ell}$ -modules

$$H \xrightarrow{\sim} H_{\ell}^I(X_{\bar{k}}).$$

Here, we put

$$\text{GL}(H, \ell^n) := \{g \in \text{GL}(H) \mid g \equiv 1 \pmod{\ell^n}\}.$$

Now let R be a finitely generated $\mathbb{Z}$ -algebra which is a normal domain, with fraction field denoted by F . Suppose that $1/\ell \in R$. Define the following *generalized* cohomological Shafarevich set:

$$\text{Shaf}_M^{I\text{-hom}_{\ell}}(F, R) := \left\{ X \in \text{Shaf}_M^{\text{hom}_{\ell}}(F, R) \mid \begin{array}{l} H_{\ell}^I(X_{\bar{F}}) \text{ is unramified at any} \\ \text{height 1 prime } \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } R \end{array} \right\} / \cong_F.$$

THEOREM 8.3. Consider M to be a deformation type or a $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -numerical type of hyper-Kähler varieties with $b_2(M) \geq 5$. The set

$$\{X \in \text{Shaf}_M^{I\text{-hom}_{\ell}}(F, R) \mid \text{Aut}_I(X) = \{1\}\} / \cong_F$$

is finite.

Proof. The proof is similar to [Tak20, Section 4]. We need to use integral models of Shimura varieties, an idea taught to the third author by Yoichi Mieda.

Assume $b_2(M) \geq 4$. We will first prove the polarized case, that is, the finiteness of the following set for any positive number d :

$$S_1 := \left\{ (X, \lambda) \mid \begin{array}{l} X \in \text{Shaf}_M^{I\text{-hom}_{\ell}}(F, R) \text{ with } \text{Aut}_I(X) = \{1\}, \\ \text{and } \lambda \text{ is a polarization of BB-degree } d \end{array} \right\} / \cong_F.$$

Note that we may assume that $1/\ell \in R$ and that R is regular.

In the following, we fix an integer m which is a sufficiently large power of ℓ . To avoid using the unramifiedness of 2-adic cohomology groups, we consider the congruence level- m subgroup

$$\tilde{\mathbf{K}}_m := \{g \in G_{\Sigma}(\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}) \mid g \equiv 1 \pmod{m}\}$$

instead of the spin-level- m subgroup in (5.7). We have the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & & \text{Sh}_{K_{\Sigma, m}^{\text{sp}}}(\text{GSpin}(\Sigma), \tilde{D}_{\Sigma}) & \\ & & \swarrow f_{\Sigma} & \downarrow \text{sp} & \\ \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{d, K_{h, m}}^{\dagger} & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}} & \text{Sh}_{K_{h, m}}(G_{\Lambda_h}, D_{\Lambda_h}) & \xrightarrow{j_{\Sigma}} & \text{Sh}_{\tilde{\mathbf{K}}_m}(G_{\Sigma}, D_{\Sigma}) & \text{Sh}_{\mathbf{K}_m''}(\text{GSp}(W), \Omega^{\pm}). \end{array}$$

Note that the construction of a section for f_{Σ} as in (5.7) fails as $\mathbf{K}_m' \cap G_{\Sigma}(\mathbb{Q}) \subset \tilde{\mathbf{K}}_m \cap G_{\Sigma}(\mathbb{Q})$ may be a proper arithmetic subgroup.

Consider the set

$$S_2 := \left\{ (X, \lambda, \omega, \alpha) \left| \begin{array}{l} (X, \lambda, \omega, \alpha) \in \widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_{d, K_{h,m}}^\dagger(F) \text{ and} \\ H_{\text{ét}}^2(X_{\overline{F}}, \mathbb{Z}_\ell) \text{ is unramified at any height 1 prime } \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } R \end{array} \right. \right\} / \cong_F.$$

Firstly, we show that there are only finitely many geometric isomorphism classes in S_2 . By [Kis10, Sections 2 and 3], the map f_Σ can be extended to a morphism of integral models over R

$$\widetilde{f}_\Sigma: \mathcal{S}_{K_{\Sigma,m}^{\text{sp}}}(\text{GSpin}(\Sigma)) \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}_{\widetilde{\mathbf{K}}_m}(\Sigma).$$

We may assume that $\widetilde{f}_\Sigma$ is a finite étale cover. A similar proof as that of Lemma 7.2 shows that there exists a finite extension F_M/F such that, for any object $x \in S_2$, the F -rational point $j_\Sigma \circ \mathcal{P}(x)$ can be lifted to an F_M -valued point of z_x of $\text{Sh}_{K_{\Sigma,m}^{\text{sp}}}(\text{GSpin}(\Sigma))$. Combining [FWG⁺92, § VI.1, Theorem 2], Corollary 5.16, and the quasi-finiteness of $j_\Sigma \circ \mathcal{P}$, we can see that the set of geometrical isomorphism classes in S_2 is finite.

By the choice of the level structure, the unramifiedness condition, and the proof of Lemma 7.2, one can show that there exists a finite Galois extension E over F such that for every $(X, \lambda) \in S_2$, there exists a $\widetilde{\mathbf{K}}_m$ -level structure on $(X, \lambda)_E$. Now, by the same argument as in the proofs of Lemma 7.2 and Theorem 7.5, the problem is reduced to showing that

$$S_3 := \left\{ (X, \lambda, \omega, \alpha, \beta) \left| \begin{array}{l} (X, \lambda, \omega, \alpha) \in S_2, \\ \beta \text{ is a } \widetilde{\mathbf{K}}_m\text{-level structure on } X \text{ of degree } I, \\ \text{and } \text{Aut}_I(X) = \{1\} \end{array} \right. \right\} / \cong_F$$

is a finite set. Since the automorphism group of any object $(X, \lambda, \omega, \alpha, \beta) \in S_3$ is trivial, the finiteness of S_3 follows from the finiteness of S_2 modulo geometric isomorphic equivalences. This finishes the proof of the polarized case.

Finally, for the general (unpolarized) case, by the choice of $\widetilde{\mathbf{K}}_m$ and Lemma 7.2, we can take a finite extension E/F which satisfies the following:

- (i) The field E contains the above field F_M .
- (ii) For any element $X \in \text{Shaf}_M^{I\text{-hom}_\ell}(F, R)$, there exist a polarization λ on X , an orientation ω on X_E , and a level $\widetilde{\mathbf{K}}_m$ structure α on X_E .
- (iii) For any element $X \in \text{Shaf}_M^{I\text{-hom}_\ell}(F, R)$, we have $\text{Pic}_{X/F}(E) = \text{Pic}_{X/F}(\overline{F})$.

By a proof similar to that of Theorem 7.4, one can also show that the set

$$\{\text{Pic}_{X/F}(E) \mid X \in \text{Shaf}_M^{I\text{-hom}_\ell}(F, R)\} / \text{lattice isometry}$$

is finite. Using the same argument as for Theorem 7.6 and [Tak25a, Theorem 1.0.1], we can get the boundedness of polarization when $b_2 \geq 5$. The desired finiteness follows from the finiteness of S_1 . $\square$

8.3 Some consequences

We deduce from Theorem 8.3 finiteness results for the (second or full) cohomological Shafarevich sets for projective hyper-Kähler varieties of known deformation types and unconditionally in dimension 4.

COROLLARY 8.4. *The following sets are finite:*

- (i) $\text{Shaf}_{K3^{[n]}}^{\text{hom}_\ell}(F, R)$ and $\text{Shaf}_{\text{OG}_{10}}^{\text{hom}_\ell}(F, R)$,

- (ii) $\mathrm{Shaf}_{\mathrm{Kum}_n}^{I-\mathrm{hom}_\ell}(F, R)$ and $\mathrm{Shaf}_{\mathrm{OG}_6}^{I-\mathrm{hom}_\ell}(F, R)$ for $I = \mathbb{N}$,
- (iii) $\mathrm{Shaf}_M^{I-\mathrm{hom}_\ell}(F, R)$ for $\dim(M) = 4$ and $I = \mathbb{N}$.

Proof. By Theorem 8.3, it suffices to check the vanishing of Aut_0 or Aut_{00} for the corresponding complex projective hyper-Kähler varieties. These vanishing results are collected in Example 2.10. $\square$

Remark 8.5. In Corollary 8.4, for the generalized Kummer type and OG_6 -type, one may be able to choose I to be a smaller set. For example, for the OG_6 -type, $I = \{2, 6\}$ is in fact enough: for some projective OG_6 -type hyper-Kähler manifolds X constructed as crepant resolutions of singular moduli spaces $\overline{X}$, the 3-dimensional subvarieties lying over the 256 singular points of the singular locus of $\overline{X}$ have distinct cohomology classes in $H^6(X, \mathbb{Q})$ and are permuted by $\mathrm{Aut}_0(X)$ as a regular representation. Then by Proposition 2.9 (which holds more generally for Aut_I with the same proof) and the density of projective members in the moduli space, we see that $\mathrm{Aut}_{\{2,6\}}$ vanishes for all OG_6 -type manifolds.

9. Finiteness of CM type hyper-Kähler varieties

Recall that a hyper-Kähler variety X over $\mathbb{C}$ is called of *CM type* if the Mumford–Tate group $\mathrm{MT}(\mathrm{T}(X))$ is abelian, where $\mathrm{T}(X) \subset H^2(X, \mathbb{Q})$ is the transcendental (rational) cohomology. The following results allow us to study hyper-Kähler varieties of CM type through abelian varieties of CM type.

LEMMA 9.1. *The Kuga–Satake variety of a complex hyper-Kähler variety X is of CM type if and only if X is of CM type. In particular, the point*

$$\Psi_{d, \mathbf{K}_4}^{\mathrm{KS}}(X, \xi, \omega; \alpha) \in \mathrm{Sh}_{\mathbf{K}_4'}(\mathrm{GSp}(W), \Omega^\pm)(\mathbb{C})$$

is a CM point if X is of CM type.

Proof. A proof for the statement for K3 surfaces can be found in, for example, [IIK21, Proposition 9.3], which works for general Hodge structures of K3 type. We sketch it here for the convenience of the reader.

Let A be the (uniform) Kuga–Satake abelian variety of X . Let $\mathrm{MT}(A)$ be the Mumford–Tate group of $W := H_1(A, \mathbb{Q})$. The Hodge structure of W factors through $\tilde{h}$ in the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{S} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{h}} & \mathrm{GSpin}(\Sigma)_{\mathbb{R}} \hookrightarrow \mathrm{GSp}(W) \\ & \searrow h & \downarrow \mathrm{ad} \\ & & G_{\Sigma, \mathbb{R}} \end{array}$$

Therefore, the Mumford–Tate group $\mathrm{MT}(A)$ is contained in $\mathrm{GSpin}(\Sigma)_{\mathbb{Q}}$. The commutativity of the diagram implies that $\mathrm{MT}(\mathrm{T}(X))$ is contained in $\mathrm{ad}(\mathrm{MT}(A))$.

If A is of CM type, then $\mathrm{MT}(A)$ is abelian, and so is its image in G_{Σ} under ad . Therefore, $\mathrm{MT}(\mathrm{T}(X))$ is also abelian. Conversely, we note that $\tilde{h}(\mathbb{S}) \subseteq \mathrm{ad}^{-1}(\mathrm{MT}(\mathrm{T}(X))_{\mathbb{R}})$. Thus $\mathrm{MT}(A)$ is a subgroup of $\mathrm{ad}^{-1}(\mathrm{MT}(\mathrm{T}(X)))$, and both are solvable if $\mathrm{MT}(\mathrm{T}(X))$ is abelian. Since $\mathrm{MT}(A)$ is reductive, $\mathrm{MT}(A)$ is abelian if $\mathrm{MT}(\mathrm{T}(X))$ is abelian. $\square$

Remark 9.2. Lemma 9.1 also implies that for a hyper-Kähler variety X over a field F of characteristic zero, being of CM type is independent of the embedding $F \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

The following finiteness result for abelian varieties of CM type was obtained by Orr and Skorobogatov.

THEOREM 9.3 ([OS18, Theorem 2.5]). *The geometric isomorphism classes of abelian varieties of CM type defined over a number field of bounded degree form a finite set.*

Moreover, they used this to deduce a finiteness result for CM points on a Shimura variety of abelian type.

THEOREM 9.4 ([OS18, Proposition 3.1]). *Let Sh be a component of the complex points of a Shimura variety of abelian type. The set of CM points in Sh defined over a number field of bounded degree is finite.*

We now give a proof of the generalizations of these results for hyper-Kähler varieties of CM type.

Proof of Theorem 1.10. We need to show the finiteness of the following set:

$$\mathbf{CM}_d(M) = \left\{ X \left| \begin{array}{l} X \text{ is a hyper-Kähler variety over a number field } F \text{ of degree at most } d, \\ \text{and } X_{\mathbb{C}} \text{ is of deformation type } M \text{ and of CM type for some } F \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C} \end{array} \right. \right\}.$$

We first prove that the isometry class of $\{\text{NS}(X_{\mathbb{C}}) \mid X \in \mathbf{CM}_d(M)\}$ is finite. By Proposition 7.2(i), for any positive integer N , we can find an integer $\delta(4, N, M)$ such that every $X/F \in \mathbf{CM}_d(M)$ with a polarization H of degree at most N has a $\mathbf{K}_4$ -level structure over a finite extension F'/F with $[F' : F] \leq \delta(4, N, M)$. Note that $\delta(4, N, M)$ is independent of the field F and the embedding $F \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

By Lemma 9.1 and Theorem 9.4, the collection

$$\left\{ \Psi_{d, \mathbf{K}_4}^{\text{KS}}(X_{\mathbb{C}}, \xi_{\mathbb{C}}, \omega_{\mathbb{C}}; \alpha_{\mathbb{C}}) \left| \begin{array}{l} (X, \xi, \omega; \alpha) \text{ is a polarized oriented hyper-Kähler with a } \mathbf{K}_4\text{-level} \\ \text{structure defined over } F' \text{ with } [F' : \mathbb{Q}] \leq \delta(4, M)d, \\ \text{and } X \in \mathbf{CM}_d(M) \end{array} \right. \right\}$$

is finite. By an argument similar to that for Theorem 7.4, one can obtain the finiteness of the set of isometry classes of geometric transcendental lattices $\text{T}(X_{\mathbb{C}})$, which implies the finiteness of the set of isometry classes of $\text{Pic}(X_{\mathbb{C}})$.

According to the proof in Theorem 7.6, up to a birational transformation, there exists a polarization on $X_{\mathbb{C}}$ of degree at most N for some N . Note that the geometric isomorphism classes of the polarized hyper-Kähler varieties (X, ξ) with $X \in \mathbf{CM}_d(M)$ and $(\xi)^2 \leq N$ are finite because the Kuga–Satake map over $\mathbb{C}$ is quasi-finite. Thus, the geometric birational isomorphism class of $\mathbf{CM}_d(M)$ is finite.

When $b_2 \geq 5$, the last assertion follows from Theorem 2.13. $\square$

Proof of Corollary 1.12. For a hyper-Kähler variety Y , the uniform boundedness of the order $|\text{Br}(Y)/\text{Br}_0(Y)|$ follows from the uniform boundedness of $|\text{Br}(Y)/\text{Br}_1(Y)|$, by a proof similar to that of [VV17, Proposition 6.3]. Here, $\text{Br}_1(Y) := \ker(\text{Br}(Y) \rightarrow \text{Br}(Y_{\bar{F}}))$ is the *algebraic Brauer group* of Y . On the other hand, we have an inclusion

$$\text{Br}(Y)/\text{Br}_1(Y) \subseteq \text{Br}(Y_{\bar{F}})^{\text{Gal}(\bar{F}/F)}.$$

Therefore, it is sufficient to prove the uniform boundedness of $|\text{Br}(Y_{\bar{F}})^{\text{Gal}(\bar{F}/F)}|$.

According to [OS18, Theorem 5.1], for any positive integer d , there is a constant $C(d, X)$ such that, for any L -form Y of X with $[L : F] \leq d$,

$$|\text{Br}(Y_{\bar{F}})^{\text{Gal}(\bar{F}/L)}| < C(d, X)$$

if the integral Mumford–Tate conjecture in codimension 1 holds. By Theorem 1.10, there is a constant $C(d)$ which is independent of X and satisfies $C(d, X) \leq C(d)$. Then we can conclude the uniform boundedness.

We claim that the integral Mumford–Tate conjecture holds true for hyper-Kähler varieties with $b_2 \geq 4$. From [CM20, Proposition 6.2], we can see that the Hodge structure on $H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$ is Hodge-maximal. Then we can follow the proof of Theorem 6.6 in [CM20] to show that the classical Mumford–Tate conjecture of X implies the integral version, in which we need the arithmetic period map given in Proposition 5.9. However, the Mumford–Tate conjecture in codimension 1 holds true for all hyper-Kähler varieties with $b_2 \geq 4$ (see [And96, Corollary 1.5.2]). $\square$

Appendix. The Matsusaka–Mumford theorem for algebraic spaces

The Matsusaka–Mumford theorem [MM64] states that a birational map between two algebraic varieties over the fraction field of a discrete valuation ring specializes to a birational map between the special fibers if the special fibers are non-ruled. In this appendix, we extend this theorem to birational maps between algebraic spaces that are not necessarily schemes and study the specialization homomorphism. (Such birational maps appear naturally in the study of hyper-Kähler varieties. See [LM18, Section 4.4].) The result should be known to experts, but we could not find an appropriate reference.

We recall that for an integral and separated algebraic space X , there exists an open subspace that is a scheme and contains a generic point of X . Moreover, there exists a largest such open subspace, called the *schematic locus* of X .

DEFINITION A.1. Let X be an n -dimensional integral separated algebraic space of finite type over a field k . We say that X is ruled if the schematic locus X' of X is ruled, that is, X' is k -birationally isomorphic to $\mathbb{P}_k^1 \times Y$ for some scheme Y of dimension $n - 1$ over k .

In what follows, let R be a discrete valuation ring, $K = \text{Frac } R$ its fraction field, s the closed point of $\text{Spec } R$, and $k(s)$ the residue field.

THEOREM A.2 (Matsusaka–Mumford for algebraic spaces). *Let $\mathcal{X}$ and $\mathcal{Y}$ be integral smooth proper algebraic spaces over R . Suppose that the special fiber $\mathcal{Y}_s$ is not ruled. Let $f: \mathcal{X}_\eta \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{Y}_\eta$ be a birational map between the generic fibers. Then there exist closed algebraic subspaces $V \subset \mathcal{X}$ and $W \subset \mathcal{Y}$ with special fibers V_s and W_s satisfying $V_s \neq \mathcal{X}_s$ and $W_s \neq \mathcal{Y}_s$ such that f extends to an isomorphism over R*

$$\tilde{f}: \mathcal{X} \setminus V \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{Y} \setminus W.$$

Proof. The same proof as that of [MM64, Theorem 1] (see also [Mat15, Theorem 5.4]) works, by using the notion of generic points and Henselian local rings of decent algebraic spaces. $\square$

We thank Tetsushi Ito for his help with the proof of the following lemma.

LEMMA A.3. *Let $\mathcal{X}$ be an integral proper smooth algebraic space over R . Suppose that the special fiber $\mathcal{X}_s$ is not ruled. Let $\text{Bir}(\mathcal{X}_\eta)$ be the group of F -birational automorphisms of the generic fiber $\mathcal{X}_\eta$. Let G be a finite subgroup of $\text{Bir}(\mathcal{X}_\eta)$.*

- (i) *There exist a proper closed subspaces $V \subset \mathcal{X}$ with $V_s \neq \mathcal{X}_s$ and a homomorphism*

$$\psi: G \longrightarrow \text{Aut}_R(\mathcal{X} \setminus V)$$

such that $\psi(f)|_{\mathcal{X}_\eta} = f$ for any $f \in G$.

(ii) Let $\bar{\psi}$ be the specialization morphism defined as the composition

$$G \xrightarrow{\psi} \operatorname{Aut}_R(\mathcal{X} \setminus V) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Aut}((\mathcal{X} \setminus V)_s)$$

given by $\bar{\psi}(f) := \psi(f)|_{(\mathcal{X} \setminus V)_s}$. If the characteristic of the residue field of R is 0, then the map $\bar{\psi}$ is injective. If the characteristic of the residue field of R is $p > 0$, then the kernel of $\bar{\psi}$ is a p -group.

Proof. (i) We put $G = \{f_1 = \operatorname{id}, \dots, f_r\}$. Let $V_{f_i}, W_{f_i} \subset \mathcal{X}$ be proper closed subspaces associated with f_i given by Theorem A.2 (that is, f_i extends to an isomorphism $\tilde{f}_i: \mathcal{X} \setminus V_{f_i} \simeq \mathcal{X} \setminus W_{f_i}$). Here, we put $V_{f_1} = \emptyset$. We put $V' := \bigcup_{i=1}^r V_{f_i}$ and

$$V := \bigcup_{i=1}^r \tilde{f}_i^{-1}(V').$$

First, since $|\tilde{f}_i^{-1}(V') \cup V_{f_i}|$ is a closed subset of $|\mathcal{X}|$, the subset V is a closed subspace of $\mathcal{X}$. Moreover, since we have

$$|\tilde{f}_i^{-1}(\tilde{f}_j^{-1}(V'))| \subset |(\widetilde{f_j \circ f_i})^{-1}(V') \cup V_{f_j \circ f_i}|,$$

we have $\tilde{f}_i^{-1}(V) \subset V$. Since $V' \subset V$, the morphism $\tilde{f}_i$ restricts to an R -morphism

$$f'_i: \mathcal{X} \setminus V \longrightarrow \mathcal{X} \setminus V.$$

Since $(f_i)' \circ (f_i^{-1})' = (f_i^{-1})' \circ (f_i)' = \operatorname{id}$, the morphism f'_i is an isomorphism, and V satisfies the desired condition.

(ii) Take an automorphism $f \in \ker \bar{\psi}$. Let $\operatorname{ord}(f)$ be the order of f . Assume that $\operatorname{ord}(f)$ is invertible in the residue field of R . We shall show that f is the identity.

Since f acts trivially on $(\mathcal{X} \setminus V)_s$, it fixes every closed point $x \in (\mathcal{X} \setminus V)_s$. Let $k(s)$ be the residue field of R . We can take a $k(s)$ -valued point x of $(\mathcal{X} \setminus V)_s$ such that x is contained in the schematic locus of $(\mathcal{X} \setminus V)_s$. It is enough to show that the action of f on the local ring $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ is trivial. Let π be a uniformizer of R . Since π is not invertible in $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$, we have $\bigcap_{n \geq 1} \pi^n \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x} = (0)$ by Krull's intersection theorem; see [Mat89, Theorem 8.10]. Therefore, it is enough to show that the action of f on $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}/\pi^n \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$ is trivial for every $n \geq 1$. We shall prove the assertion by induction on n . We put $A_n := \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}/\pi^n \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X},x}$. When $n = 1$, the assertion follows because f acts trivially on the special fiber $(\mathcal{X} \setminus V)_s$. If the assertion holds for some $n \geq 1$, the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \pi^n A_{n+1} \longrightarrow A_{n+1} \longrightarrow A_n \longrightarrow 0$$

shows that, for an element $a \in A_{n+1}$, we have $f^*(a) = a + \pi^n b$ for some $b \in A_{n+1}$ (here the action of f on A_{n+1} is denoted by f^*). Since $\pi^{n+1} = 0$ in A_{n+1} , we have $(f^*)^r(a) = a + r\pi^n b$ for every $r \geq 1$. In particular, we have

$$(f^*)^{\operatorname{ord}(f)}(a) = a + \operatorname{ord}(f)\pi^n b = a.$$

Since $\pi^n A_{n+1}$ is a vector space over $k(x)$ and $\operatorname{ord}(f)$ is invertible in the residue field, we have $\pi^n b = 0$. Thus, the action of f on A_{n+1} is trivial. By induction on n , the assertion is proved. $\square$

Remark A.4. If $\operatorname{Aut}(\mathcal{X}_\eta)$ is infinite, a homomorphism

$$\operatorname{Aut}(\mathcal{X}_\eta) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Aut}(\mathcal{X} \setminus V)$$

may not exist for any choice of $V \subset \mathcal{X}_s$. The problem is that there might be infinitely many closed subsets that should be removed from $\mathcal{X}$ if we apply Lemma A.2. On the other hand, there

is a well-defined specialization homomorphism

$$\mathrm{Bir}(\mathcal{X}_\eta) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Bir}(\mathcal{X}_s),$$

where $\mathrm{Bir}(-)$ denotes the group of birational automorphisms; see [Kol96, Exercises IV.1.17].

Remark A.5. There does not exist a specialization map

$$\mathrm{Aut}(\mathcal{X}_\eta) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Aut}(\mathcal{X}_s)$$

in general. The problem is that an automorphism of the generic fiber does not always extend to an automorphism of the integral model. Such an extension exists for abelian varieties [BLR90, Theorem 1.4.3], but fails in general for K3 surfaces [LM18, Example 5.4]. However, since any birational map between K3 surfaces can be extended to an automorphism, there still exists a map $\mathrm{Aut}(\mathcal{X}_\eta) \rightarrow \mathrm{Aut}(\mathcal{X}_s)$ for K3 surfaces. On the other hand, suppose that there exists a polarization on $\mathcal{X}$ (this does not hold in general, see [Mat15, Example 5.2]), then by Matsusaka–Mumford [MM64, Theorem 2], there always exists a specialization map

$$\mathrm{Aut}(\mathcal{X}_\eta, \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{X}_\eta}) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Aut}(\mathcal{X}_s, \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{X}_s})$$

provided that the special fiber is non-ruled. This map is used in André’s proof of the Shafarevich conjecture for (very) polarized hyper-Kähler varieties; see the proof of [And96, Lemma 9.3.1].

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