

# HIDA FAMILIES OF YOSHIDA LIFTS AND THE RANKIN-SELBERG CONVOLUTION

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This short note is a summary of my talk on a joint work with Zheng Liu in the RIMS conference “Arithmetic aspects of automorphic forms and automorphic representations” during January 20-24, 2025. The author thanks the organizers for their hospitality during the conference. The talk was a report on the connection between the endoscopic congruence on  $\mathrm{GSp}(4)$ , two-variable  $p$ -adic Rankin-Selberg  $L$ -function and the Iwasawa-Greenberg main conjectures for the Rankin-Selberg convolution.

The first example of endoscopic congruence appeared in a series of pioneering works of Hida and Tilouine in 1993-1994, where they proved that the characteristic power series of anticyclotomic Selmer group for CM fields is divisible by the anticyclotomic Katz  $p$ -adic  $L$ -functions by using the CM congruence for Hilbert modular forms. In [AK13] and [BDSP12], the authors made the first attempt to use the Yoshida congruence to study the Bloch-Kato conjecture for the Rankin-Selberg convolution. The goal of our project is to extend these works to the Iwasawa-Greenberg main conjecture for the Rankin-Selberg convolution associated with Hida families.

## 1. THE IWASAWA-GREENBERG MAIN CONJECTURE FOR RANKIN-SELBERG CONVOLUTION

**1.1. Hida families of elliptic modular forms.** Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be a ring of integers of a finite extension of  $\mathbf{Q}_p$ . Let  $\mathbf{I}$  be a normal local domain finite flat over the one-variable Iwasawa algebra  $\mathcal{O}[[T]]$  with the maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}_{\mathbf{I}}$ . For a primitive cuspidal Hida family  $\mathcal{F} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \mathbf{a}(n, \mathcal{F})q^n \in \mathbf{I}[[q]]$  of tame conductor  $N_{\mathcal{F}}$ , let  $\rho_{\mathcal{F}} : \Gamma_{\mathbf{Q}} = \mathrm{Gal}(\overline{\mathbf{Q}}/\mathbf{Q}) \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathrm{Frac} \mathbf{I})$  be the associated big Galois representation such that  $\mathrm{Tr} \rho_{\mathcal{F}}(\mathrm{Frob}_{\ell}) = \mathbf{a}(\ell, \mathcal{F})$  for primes  $\ell \nmid N_{\mathcal{F}}$ , where  $\mathrm{Frob}_{\ell}$  is the geometric Frobenius at  $\ell$  and let  $V_{\mathcal{F}}$  denote the natural realization of  $\rho_{\mathcal{F}}$  inside the étale cohomology groups of modular curves. Thus,  $V_{\mathcal{F}}$  is a lattice in  $(\mathrm{Frac} \mathbf{I})^2$  with the continuous Galois action via  $\rho_{\mathcal{F}}$ , and the  $G_{\mathbf{Q}_p} := \mathrm{Gal}(\overline{\mathbf{Q}_p}/\mathbf{Q}_p)$ -invariant subspace  $\mathrm{Fil}^0 V_{\mathcal{F}} := V_{\mathcal{F}}^{I_p}$  fixed by the inertia group  $I_p$  at  $p$  is free of rank one over  $\mathbf{I}$  ([Oht00, Corollary, page 558]). Denote by  $\mathbf{T}_1(N_{\mathcal{F}})$  the Hecke  $\mathbf{I}$ -algebra acting on the space of ordinary  $\mathbf{I}$ -adic cusp forms of tame level  $N_{\mathcal{F}}$ . Let  $\lambda_{\mathcal{F}} : \mathbf{T}_1(N_{\mathcal{F}}) \rightarrow \mathbf{I}$  be the Hecke eigensystem associated with  $\mathcal{F}$  such that  $\lambda_{\mathcal{F}}(T_{\ell}) = \mathbf{a}(\ell, \mathcal{F})$  for all  $\ell \nmid pN_{\mathcal{F}}$  and let  $\mathfrak{m}_{\mathcal{F}}$  be the maximal ideal of  $\mathbf{T}_1(N_{\mathcal{F}})$  containing  $\mathrm{Ker} \lambda_{\mathcal{F}}$ . We consider the following

**Hypothesis (CR).** The residual Galois representation  $\bar{\rho}_{\mathcal{F}} := \rho_{\mathcal{F}} \pmod{\mathfrak{m}_{\mathbf{I}}} : \Gamma_{\mathbf{Q}} \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_2(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p)$  is absolutely irreducible and  $p$ -distinguished.

Recall that  $\rho_{\mathcal{F}}$  is  $p$ -distinguished if the semi-simplification of the restriction of the residual Galois representation  $\rho_{\mathcal{F}} \pmod{\mathfrak{m}_{\mathbf{I}}}$  to the decomposition at  $p$  is a sum of two characters  $\chi_{\mathcal{F}}^+ \oplus \chi_{\mathcal{F}}^-$  with  $\chi_{\mathcal{F}}^+ \not\equiv \chi_{\mathcal{F}}^- \pmod{\mathfrak{m}_{\mathbf{I}}}$ . We collect basic facts about the

Hecke algebra and the Galois representation associated with  $\mathcal{F}$  with this hypothesis (CR). The local ring  $\mathbf{T}_1(N_{\mathcal{F}})_{\mathfrak{m}_{\mathcal{F}}}$  is known to be Gorenstein by [MW86, Prop.2, §9] and [Wil95, Corollary 2, page 482], and with this Gorenstein property, Hida proved in [Hid88a, Theorem 0.1] that the congruence module for  $\mathcal{F}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{I}/(\eta_{\mathcal{F}})$  for some non-zero element  $\eta_{\mathcal{F}} \in \mathbf{I}$ . Denote by  $\varepsilon : \Gamma_{\mathbf{Q}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_p^\times$  be the  $p$ -adic cyclotomic character. Put  $\mathbf{u} = 1 + 2p \in 1 + 2p\mathbf{Z}_p$ . Define the character

$$\varepsilon_T : \Gamma_{\mathbf{Q}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_p[[T]], \quad \varepsilon_T(\sigma) := (1 + T)^{\frac{\log_p \varepsilon(\sigma)}{\log_p \mathbf{u}}}.$$

Moreover, we may further assume  $\rho_{\mathcal{F}} : \Gamma_{\mathbf{Q}} \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathrm{Frac}(\mathbf{I}))$  takes values in  $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbf{I})$  and

$$(1.1) \quad \rho_{\mathcal{F}}(\sigma) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{\mathcal{F},p} & \\ 0 & \alpha_{\mathcal{F},p}^{-1} \varepsilon_T^{-1}(\sigma) \end{pmatrix} \text{ for any } \sigma \in G_{\mathbf{Q}_p},$$

where  $\alpha_{\mathcal{F},p} : G_{\mathbf{Q}_p} \rightarrow \mathbf{I}^\times$  is the unramified character with  $\alpha_{\mathcal{F},p}(\mathrm{Frob}_p) = \mathbf{a}(p, \mathbf{f})$ .

**1.2.  $p$ -adic Rankin-Selberg  $L$ -functions.** For simplicity we shall assume  $\mathbf{I} = \mathcal{O}[[T]]$  in this note. Let

$$\mathbf{f} = \sum_{n>0} \mathbf{a}(n, \mathbf{f})q^n; \quad \mathbf{g} = \sum_{n>0} \mathbf{a}(n, \mathbf{g})q^n \in \mathcal{O}[[T]][[q]]$$

be primitive Hida families of elliptic modular forms of tame conductor  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  with the trivial tame character defined over the one-variable Iwasawa algebra  $\mathcal{O}[[T]]$ . We assume  $\mathbf{f}$  and  $\mathbf{g}$  both satisfy Hypothesis (CR).

For any  $k \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 2}$  with  $k \equiv 0 \pmod{p-1}$ , the specializations

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{f}_k &:= \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}^k - 1) \in S_{k+2}^{\mathrm{ord}}(\Gamma_0(N_1p)); \\ \mathbf{g}_k &:= \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}^k - 1) \in S_{k+2}^{\mathrm{ord}}(\Gamma_0(N_2p)). \end{aligned}$$

are  $p$ -stabilized newforms. Hida constructed the  $p$ -adic Rankin-Selberg  $L$ -functions associated to  $\mathbf{f}$  and  $\mathbf{g}$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** *There exists  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}} \in \mathcal{O}[[T_1, T_2]]$  such that for  $(k_1, k_2) \in \mathbf{Z}^2$  with  $k_1 > k_2 \geq 0$  and  $k_1 \equiv k_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{p-1}$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}(k_1, k_2) &:= L_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}(\mathbf{u}^{k_1} - 1, \mathbf{u}^{k_2} - 1) \\ &= (\sqrt{-1})^{-1-k_1} \frac{L\left(\frac{k_1+k_2}{2} + 2, \mathbf{f}_{k_1} \otimes \mathbf{g}_{k_2}\right)}{(-2\sqrt{-1})^{k_1} \|\mathbf{f}_{k_1}\|^2} \cdot E_p(1, \mathbf{f}_{k_1} \otimes \mathbf{g}_{k_2}) \cdot \eta_{\mathbf{f}}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $E_p(1, \mathbf{f}_{k_1} \otimes \mathbf{g}_{k_2})$  is the modified Euler factor at  $p$  à la Coates and Perrin-Riou.

This  $p$ -adic  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}$  is obtained as the specialization of the three-variable  $p$ -adic Rankin-Selberg  $L$ -function constructed in [Hid88b] (See also [CH20, Theorem A] for the refinement of the interpolation formula).

**1.3. Selmer groups.** We consider Selmer groups associated with  $\mathbf{f}$  and  $\mathbf{g}$ . Let  $S$  be the set of primes containing the prime factors of  $pN_1N_2$ . Let  $G_{\mathbf{Q},S}$  be the Galois group of the maximal algebraic extension of  $\mathbf{Q}$  that is unramified outside  $S$ . Let  $\rho_{\mathbf{f}}, \rho_{\mathbf{g}} : G_{\mathbf{Q},S} \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathcal{O}[[T]])$  be the associated Galois representations such that the restrictions to  $G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}$  satisfy (1.1). Let  $\Lambda = \mathcal{O}[[T_1, T_2]]$ . Let  $i_1, i_2 : \mathcal{O}[[T]] \hookrightarrow \Lambda$

be the  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebra homomorphisms defined by  $i_1(T) = T_1$  and  $i_2(T) = T_2$ . Define  $\chi_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}} : \Gamma_{\mathbf{Q}} \rightarrow \Lambda^\times$  by

$$\chi_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}} := (i_1(\det \rho_{\mathbf{f}})i_2(\det \rho_{\mathbf{g}})^{-1})^{\frac{1}{2}} = \varepsilon_{T_1}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \varepsilon_{T_2}^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Define the Galois representations  $\rho_i : G_{\mathbf{Q},S} \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_2(\Lambda)$  for  $i = 1, 2$  by

$$(1.2) \quad \rho_1 = i_1 \rho_{\mathbf{g}} \otimes \chi_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}; \quad \rho_2 = i_2 \rho_{\mathbf{f}}$$

Let  $T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}} = M_2(\Lambda)$  with  $G_{\mathbf{Q},S}$ -action given by

$$\rho_{T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}}(g)x = \rho_1(\sigma)x\rho_2(\sigma^{-1}), \quad x \in M_2(\Lambda).$$

Then

$$\rho_{T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}} \simeq \rho_1 \otimes \rho_2^\vee \simeq \rho_{\mathbf{f}}^\vee \otimes \rho_{\mathbf{g}} \otimes \chi_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}.$$

Let  $F^+T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}} \subset T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}$  be the  $\Lambda$ -submodule given by

$$F^+T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & * \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

Then  $F^+T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}$  is a  $G_{\mathbf{Q},S}$ -submodule of  $T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}$ . In addition,  $T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}$  along with the critical specializations  $\{(k_1, k_2) \in \mathbf{Z}^2 \mid k_1 > k_2 \geq 0\}$  satisfies the Panchishkin condition [Gre94, p. 217]. If  $A$  is a locally compact abelian group, denote by  $A^* = \mathrm{Hom}_{cts}(A, \mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z})$  the Pontryagin dual of  $A$ . If  $A$  is a  $\Lambda$ -module, then  $A^*$  is a  $\Lambda$ -module such that  $\lambda \cdot f(a) = f(\lambda a)$  for any  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  and  $f \in A^*$ . Introduce the Greenberg's local conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} L_\ell &= \ker \left( \mathrm{H}^1(\mathbf{Q}_\ell, T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}} \otimes_\Lambda \Lambda^* \rightarrow \mathrm{H}^1(\mathbf{Q}_\ell^{\mathrm{ur}}, T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}} \otimes_\Lambda \Lambda^*)) \text{ if } \ell \neq p; \\ L_p &= \ker \left( \mathrm{H}^1(\mathbf{Q}_p, T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}} \otimes_\Lambda \Lambda^* \rightarrow \mathrm{H}^1(\mathbf{Q}_p^{\mathrm{ur}}, T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}/F^+T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}} \otimes_\Lambda \Lambda^*)) \right), \end{aligned}$$

and consider the Greenberg Selmer group:

$$\mathrm{Sel}_{\mathbf{Q}}(T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}) = \ker \left\{ \mathrm{H}^1(G_{\mathbf{Q},S}, T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}} \otimes_\Lambda \Lambda^*) \rightarrow \prod_{\ell < \infty} \frac{\mathrm{H}^1(\mathbf{Q}_\ell, T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}} \otimes_\Lambda \Lambda^*)}{L_\ell} \right\}.$$

For any finitely generated  $\Lambda$ -module  $X$ ,  $\mathrm{Char}_\Lambda X$  be the characteristic ideal of  $X$ . Now we are in a position to state the Iwasawa-Greenberg main conjecture for the Galois representation  $T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}$  following [Gre94].

**Conjecture 1.** *Suppose that  $\mathbf{f}$  and  $\mathbf{g}$  both satisfy Hypothesis (CR). Then we have the following equality of ideals in  $\Lambda$*

$$\mathrm{Char}_\Lambda(\mathrm{Sel}_{\mathbf{Q}}(T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}})^*) = (\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}).$$

In a joint work with Zheng Liu, we aim to prove the one-sided divisibility

$$(1.3) \quad \mathrm{Fitt}_\Lambda(\mathrm{Sel}_{\mathbf{Q}}(T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}})^*) \subset (\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}) \iff \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}} \mid \mathrm{Char}_\Lambda(\mathrm{Sel}_{\mathbf{Q}}(T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}})^*)$$

by using the Yoshida congruence.

## 2. HIDA THEORY FOR SIEGEL MODULAR FORMS

2.1. **Hermitian domain.** Let  $\mathrm{GSp}_4$  be the algebraic group defined by

$$\mathrm{GSp}_4 = \left\{ g \in \mathrm{GL}_4 \mid g \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{1}_2 \\ -\mathbf{1}_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} {}^t g = \nu(g) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{1}_2 \\ -\mathbf{1}_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

with the similitude character  $\nu : \mathrm{GSp}_4 \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_m$ . For  $(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{G}_m^3$ , put

$$[a, b; c] = \begin{pmatrix} a & & & \\ & b & & \\ & & a^{-1}c & \\ & & & b^{-1}c \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{GSp}_4.$$

If  $N$  is a positive integer, put

$$K_0(N) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{GSp}_4(\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}) \mid C \equiv 0 \pmod{N} \right\}$$

be an open-compact subgroup of  $\mathrm{GSp}_4(\mathbf{A}_f)$ . For each non-negative integer  $r$ , put

$$\mathcal{I}_r = \left\{ g \in \mathrm{GSp}_4(\mathbf{Z}_p) \mid g \equiv \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & * & * \end{pmatrix} \pmod{p^r} \right\};$$

$$K_r = \{g \in K_0(N) \mid g_p \in \mathcal{I}_r\}.$$

2.2. **Vector-valued Siegel modular forms.** The Siegel upper half plane of degree 2 is defined by

$$\mathfrak{H}_2 = \{Z \in \mathrm{M}_2(\mathbf{C}) \mid Z = {}^t Z, \mathrm{Im} Z \text{ is positive definite}\}.$$

Then  $\mathfrak{H}_2$  is equipped with an action of  $\mathrm{Sp}_4(\mathbf{R})$  given by

$$g \cdot Z = (AZ + B)(CZ + D)^{-1}$$

for  $g = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$  and  $Z \in \mathfrak{H}_2$ , and define the automorphy factor

$$J : \mathrm{GSp}_4(\mathbf{R})^+ \times \mathfrak{H}_2 \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbf{C}), \quad J(g, Z) = CZ + D.$$

Let  $\kappa = (\kappa_1, \kappa_2) \in \mathbf{Z}^2$  with  $\kappa_1 - \kappa_2 \in 2\mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}$  and let  $\kappa^\vee = (-\kappa_2, -\kappa_1)$ . For any torsion-free ring  $R$ , put

- $\mathcal{L}_\kappa(R) = R[X, Y]_{\kappa_1 - \kappa_2}$  be the space of two-variable homogeneous polynomials of degree  $\kappa_1 - \kappa_2$ .
- $\rho_\kappa : \mathrm{GL}_2(R) \rightarrow \mathrm{Aut} \mathcal{L}_\kappa(R)$  is the representation defined by

$$\rho_\kappa \left( \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \right) P(X, Y) = P(Xa + Yc, Xb + Yd)(ad - bc)^{\kappa_2}.$$

- $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \mathcal{L}_\kappa(R) \times \mathcal{L}_{\kappa^\vee}(R) \rightarrow R \otimes \mathbf{Q}$  is the  $\mathrm{GL}_2(R)$ -equivariant pairing such that  $\langle X^{\kappa_1 - \kappa_2}, Y^{\kappa_1 - \kappa_2} \rangle = 1$ .

Let  $S_\kappa(K_r, \mathbf{C})$  be the space of cuspidal Siegel modular forms of weight  $\kappa$  and level  $K_r$ , consisting of vector-valued holomorphic functions

$$\vec{F} : \mathfrak{H}_2 \times \mathrm{GSp}_4(\mathbf{A}_f) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_\kappa(\mathbf{C})$$

such that for any  $\alpha \in \mathrm{GSp}_4(\mathbf{Q})^+$ ,  $u \in K_r$ , we have

$$\vec{F}(\alpha \cdot Z, \alpha g_f u) = \rho_\kappa(J(\alpha, Z)) \vec{F}(Z, g_f).$$

For any  $\ell \mid N$ , the Atkin-Lehner involution  $\tau_\ell \in \mathrm{End} S_\kappa(K_r, \mathbf{C})$  is defined by

$$\tau_N \vec{F}(Z, g_f) := \vec{F}\left(Z, g_f \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{1}_2 \\ -\ell \cdot \mathbf{1}_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}\right).$$

**2.3. Integral Siegel modular forms.** Every  $\vec{F} \in S_\kappa(K_r, \mathbf{C})$  admits the Fourier expansion:

$$\vec{F}(Z, \mathbf{1}_4) = \sum_{S \in \mathrm{Sym}_2(\mathbf{Z})_+^\vee} a(S, \vec{F}) e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1} \mathrm{Tr}(SZ)}.$$

Here

$$\mathrm{Sym}_2(\mathbf{Z})_+^\vee = \left\{ S = \begin{pmatrix} a & b/2 \\ b/2 & c \end{pmatrix} > 0 \mid a, b, c \in \mathbf{Z} \right\}.$$

We call the formal power series

$$\vec{F}(q) := \sum_{S \in \mathrm{Sym}_2(\mathbf{Z})_+^\vee} a(S, \vec{F}) q^S \in \mathcal{L}_\kappa(\mathbf{C})[[q^{\mathrm{Sym}_2(\mathbf{Z})_+^\vee}]]$$

the  $q$ -expansion of  $\vec{F}$ . Let  $\mathcal{O}_0 := \mathbf{Z}[1/N, \zeta_N] \subset \mathbf{C}$ . If  $R$  is a  $\mathcal{O}_0$ -subalgebra of  $\mathbf{C}$ , define  $S_\kappa(K_r, R)$  to be the subspace of cuspidal Siegel modular form defined over  $R$ , consisting of  $\vec{F} \in S_\kappa(K_r, \mathbf{C})$  such that

$$\vec{F}(q) \in \mathcal{L}_\kappa(R) \otimes R[[q^{\mathrm{Sym}_2(\mathbf{Z})_+^\vee}]].$$

We fix  $\iota_p : \overline{\mathbf{Q}} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{C}_p$ . Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be the  $p$ -adic completion of  $\iota_p(\mathcal{O}_0)$  in  $\mathbf{C}_p$ . We put

$$S_\kappa(K_r, \mathcal{O}) := S_\kappa(K_r, \mathcal{O}_0) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_0} \mathcal{O}.$$

**2.4. Hecke algebras and the ordinary projector.** The Hecke operators

- $T_\ell = K_0[\ell, \ell; \ell] K_0$  and  $R_\ell = K_0[\ell^2, \ell; \ell^2] K_0$  for primes  $\ell \nmid pN$ ;
- $U_P := K_1[p, p; p] K_1$  and  $U_Q := K_1[p^2, p; p^2] K_1$ .

act on  $S_\kappa(K_1, \mathcal{O})$ . Let  $e_{\mathrm{ord}}$  be Hida's ordinary projector defined by

$$e_{\mathrm{ord}} := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (U_P U_Q)^{n!}.$$

Define the space of ordinary Siegel modular forms by

$$S_\kappa^{\mathrm{ord}}(K_1, \mathcal{O}) := e_{\mathrm{ord}} S_\kappa(K_1, \mathcal{O}).$$

Let  $T_\kappa^{\mathrm{ord}}(K_1, \mathcal{O})$  be the  $\mathcal{O}$ -subalgebra in  $\mathrm{End}(S_\kappa^{\mathrm{ord}}(K_1, \mathcal{O}))$  generated by the above Hecke operators as well as the Atkin-Lehner involutions  $\{\tau_\ell\}_{\ell \mid N}$ .

**2.5. Ordinary  $\Lambda$ -adic forms.** Let  $\Lambda := \mathcal{O}[[X_1, X_2]]$  and  $\mathfrak{m}_\Lambda$  be the maximal ideal of  $\Lambda$ . Let  $\mathbf{u} = 1 + 2p$ . Put

$$\mathfrak{X}^{\mathrm{cls}} := \left\{ \kappa = (\kappa_1, \kappa_2) \in \mathbf{Z}^2 \mid \kappa_1 \geq \kappa_2 \geq 4, \kappa_1 \equiv \kappa_2 \equiv 2 \pmod{p-1} \right\}.$$

**Definition 2.1** (Ordinary  $\Lambda$ -adic forms). Let  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathrm{ord}}(N)$  be the space of the  $q$ -expansions

$$\mathbf{F} = \sum_S \mathbf{a}(S, \mathbf{F}) q^S \in \Lambda[[q^{\mathrm{Sym}_2(\mathbf{Z})_+^\vee}]].$$

such that for any  $\kappa \in \mathfrak{X}^{\mathrm{cls}}$

$$\mathbf{F}(\kappa) := \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{u}^{\kappa_1} - 1, \mathbf{u}^{\kappa_2} - 1) = \langle \vec{\mathbf{F}}_\kappa, Y^{\kappa_1 - \kappa_2} \rangle = \vec{\mathbf{F}}_\kappa|_{X=1, Y=0}.$$

for some unique  $\vec{\mathbf{F}}_\kappa \in S_\kappa^{\text{ord}}(K_1, \mathcal{O})$ .

**2.6. Hida theory for Siegel modular forms.** Let  $\mathbb{T}^{\text{ord}}(N)$  be the  $\Lambda$ -subalgebra of  $\text{End}_\Lambda(\mathbf{S}^{\text{ord}}(N))$  generated by Hecke operators. Let  $P_\kappa := (X_1 - \mathbf{u}^{\kappa_1} + 1, X_2 - \mathbf{u}^{\kappa_2} + 1)$  be the height one ideal of  $\Lambda$ .

**Theorem 2.2** (Hida-Pilloni). *(1)  $\mathbf{S}^{\text{ord}}(N)$  is a free  $\Lambda$ -module with finite rank, (2) For every weight  $\kappa \in \mathfrak{X}^{\text{cls}}$ , we have the Hecke module isomorphism*

$$\mathbf{S}^{\text{ord}}(N) \otimes_\Lambda \Lambda/P_\kappa \simeq S_\kappa^{\text{ord}}(K_1, \mathcal{O}), \quad \mathbf{F} \mapsto \vec{\mathbf{F}}_\kappa.$$

*(3) The specialization map  $\mathbf{T}^{\text{ord}}(N)/P_\kappa \rightarrow T_\kappa^{\text{ord}}(N)$  is surjective and its kernel is contained in the kernel of  $\mathbf{T}^{\text{ord}}(N)/P_\kappa$ .*

### 3. CONGRUENCE IDEAL FOR YOSHIDA LIFTS

**3.1.  $\Lambda$ -adic Yoshida lifts.** We shall impose the following running hypotheses  $(\star)$

**Hypothesis  $(\star)$ .** Let  $N^- := \gcd(N_1, N_2)$ .

- (1) The tame conductors  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  are square-free.
- (2)  $\mathbf{f}$  and  $\mathbf{g}$  both satisfy the Hypothesis (CR), and

$$\bar{\rho}_{\mathbf{f}} \not\cong \bar{\rho}_{\mathbf{g}}.$$

- (3) There exists a prime  $q \mid N^-$  such that  $\bar{\rho}_{\mathbf{f}}$  and  $\bar{\rho}_{\mathbf{g}}$  are both ramified at  $q$ .
- (4) The Atkin-Lehner eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{f}$  and  $\mathbf{g}$  at all primes  $\ell \mid N^-$  have the same sign  $\epsilon_\ell \in \{\pm 1\}$ .
- (5)  $p$ -distinction:  $\mathbf{a}(p, \mathbf{f}) \not\equiv \mathbf{a}(p, \mathbf{g}) \pmod{\mathfrak{m}_\Lambda}$ .

Let  $N = \text{lcm}(N_1, N_2)$ . Write  $\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{f}} = \mathbf{T}_1(N_1)_{\mathfrak{m}_{\mathbf{f}}}$  and  $\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{g}} = \mathbf{T}_1(N_2)_{\mathfrak{m}_{\mathbf{g}}}$ . Let  $\eta : \Lambda \simeq \Lambda$  be the  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebra isomorphism defined by

$$\eta(T_1) = \mathbf{u}^{-4}(1 + T_1)(1 + T_2) - 1, \quad \eta(T_2) = (1 + T_1)(1 + T_2)^{-1} - 1.$$

**Proposition 3.1** (Zheng Liu-H.). *With the Hypothesis  $(\star)$ , there exists a  $\Lambda$ -algebra homomorphism*

$$\theta : \mathbf{T}_2^{\text{ord}}(N) \otimes_{\Lambda, \eta} \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{f}} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}[[T]]} \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{g}}$$

determined by

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(T_\ell) &= T_\ell \otimes 1 + \langle \ell \rangle_{T_1}^{\frac{1}{2}} \langle \ell \rangle_{T_2}^{-\frac{1}{2}} 1 \otimes T_\ell, \\ \theta(U_P) &= U_P \otimes 1, \quad \theta(U_Q) = U_P \otimes U_P \\ \theta(\tau_\ell) &= \begin{cases} \epsilon_\ell & \text{if } \ell \mid N^-/q \\ -\epsilon_q & \text{if } \ell = q. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, there exists a Hida family  $\theta_{\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}} \in \mathbf{S}^{\text{ord}}(N)$  such that

- (1)  $\mathbf{a}(S, \theta_{\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}}) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{\mathfrak{m}_\Lambda}$  for infinitely  $S \in \text{Sym}_2(\mathbf{Z})_+^\vee$ .
- (2) The homomorphism  $\lambda_{\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}} := (\lambda_{\mathbf{f}} \otimes \lambda_{\mathbf{g}}) \circ \theta$  is the Hecke eigensystem associated with  $\theta_{\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}}$ .

**Remark 3.2.** For any  $\kappa = (\frac{k_1+k_2}{2} + 2, \frac{k_1-k_2}{2} + 2) \in \mathfrak{X}^{\text{cls}}$ , we have

$$L(s, \theta_{\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}}(\kappa)) = L(s, \mathbf{f}_{k_1})L(s + \frac{k_2 - k_1}{2}, \mathbf{g}_{k_2}).$$

We call the Hecke eigenform  $\theta_{\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}}$  the  $\Lambda$ -adic Yoshida lift.

The construction of  $\theta_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}$  relies on the  $p$ -adic interpolation of explicit theta liftings from  $O(D)$  to  $\mathrm{Sp}(4)$ , where  $D$  is the definite quaternion algebra ramified at  $\infty$  and the prime  $q$  in the Hypothesis  $(\star)$ .

The non-vanishing mod  $p$  of  $\mathbf{a}(S, \theta_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}})$  is obtained by proving the non-vanishing mod  $p$  of the Bessel period  $B_\xi(\theta_{\mathbf{f}_{k_1}, \mathbf{g}_{k_2}})$  for infinitely many anticyclotomic characters  $\xi$  in [HN17].

**3.2. Congruence ideals.** Let  $F_\Lambda = \mathrm{Frac}(\Lambda)$  and  $\mathfrak{m}$  be the maximal ideal of  $\mathbf{T} := \mathbf{T}_2^{\mathrm{ord}}(N)$  containing  $\mathrm{Ker} \lambda_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}$ . There is a decomposition of Hecke modules

$$\mathbf{S}^{\mathrm{ord}}(N)_{\mathfrak{m}} \otimes F_\Lambda = \mathbf{S}^{\mathrm{end}} \oplus \mathbf{S}^{\mathrm{st}},$$

where  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathrm{end}}$  is the subspace spanned by Hida families of Yoshida lifts. Namely, the subspace  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathrm{end}}$  is annihilated by  $\mathrm{Ker} \theta$  for  $\theta$  in Proposition 3.1. Using Arthur's endoscopic classifications of representations of  $\mathrm{GSp}(4)$ , we can show that the subspace  $\mathbf{S}^{\mathrm{end}}$  only contains Hida families of Yoshida lifts arising from  $O(D)$  by an analysis of the Atkin-Lehner eigenvalues. This implies that we have a Hecke module decomposition

$$\mathbf{S}^{\mathrm{end}} = F_\Lambda \theta_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}} \oplus \mathbf{S}'$$

such that  $\lambda_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}$  does not appear in any Hecke eigensystems of  $\mathbf{S}'$ . Put

$$\mathbf{S}^\perp := \mathbf{S}' \oplus \mathbf{S}^{\mathrm{st}}.$$

For  $? = \perp$  or  $\mathrm{st}$ , define  $\mathbf{T}^?$  to be the  $\Lambda$ -subalgebra of  $\mathrm{End} \mathbf{S}^?$  generated by Hecke operators  $\{T_\ell, R_\ell\}_{\ell|pN}$  and  $\{U_P, U_Q\}$ . Let  $\mathfrak{a}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}^?$  be the ideal of  $\mathbf{T}^?$  generated by the relations satisfied by the Hecke eigensystem  $\lambda_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}$ :

$$T_\ell - \mathbf{a}(\ell, \mathbf{f}) - \langle \ell \rangle_{T_1}^{\frac{1}{2}} \langle \ell \rangle_{T_2}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{a}(\ell, \mathbf{g}), U_P - \mathbf{a}(p, \mathbf{f}); U_Q - \mathbf{a}(p, \mathbf{f})\mathbf{a}(p, \mathbf{g}).$$

The congruence ideal  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}^?$  of  $\Lambda$  is defined by the kernel of the structure morphism  $\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbf{T}^?/\mathfrak{a}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}^?$ . By definition, we have

$$\Lambda/\mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}^? \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbf{T}^?/\mathfrak{a}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}^?.$$

Moreover, we can show that

$$\mathbf{T}_{\mathfrak{m}} \otimes F_\Lambda \simeq \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}} \otimes F_\Lambda \oplus \mathbf{T}^{\mathrm{st}} \otimes F_\Lambda$$

is an isomorphism as  $F_\Lambda$ -algebras. Therefore, applying [TU22, Corollary 2.7] to our situation  $T = \mathbf{T}_{\mathfrak{m}}$  and  $T' = \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}$ , we obtain that

$$(3.1) \quad \eta_{\mathbf{f}} \eta_{\mathbf{g}} \cdot \mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}^{\mathrm{st}} \subset \mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}^\perp.$$

#### 4. THE ALGEBRAIC SIDE

In this section, we explain briefly the proof of the divisibility

**Theorem 4.1.** *With the hypotheses  $(\star)$ , we have*

$$\mathrm{Fitt}_\Lambda(\mathrm{Char}_\Lambda \mathrm{Sel}_{\mathbf{Q}}(T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}})^*) \subset \mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}^{\mathrm{st}}.$$

following closely the approach in the proof of [Urb01, Theorem 3.7]. Let  $R = \mathbf{T}_{\mathfrak{m}}^{\mathrm{st}}$  be the localization of  $\mathbf{T}^{\mathrm{st}}$  at the maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  containing  $\mathfrak{a}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}$  and let  $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{a}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}R$ . Let  $\mathcal{T}_R : G_{\mathbf{Q},S} \rightarrow R$  be the pseudo character characterized by

$$\mathcal{T}_R(\mathrm{Frob}_\ell) = T_\ell.$$

By the very definition,

$$\mathcal{T}_R \equiv \text{Tr } \rho_1 + \text{Tr } \rho_2 \pmod{\mathfrak{a}},$$

where  $\rho_1, \rho_2$  are Galois representations introduced in (1.2). According to [BC09, Theorem 1.4.4], we can associate to  $\mathcal{T}_R$  a pseudo representation

$$\rho_R : G_{\mathbf{Q}, S} \rightarrow \text{GL}_4(\text{Frac}(R)).$$

Let  $\mathcal{R} := R[\rho_R(G_{\mathbf{Q}, S})] \subset \text{M}_4(\text{Frac}(R))$ . Then  $\mathcal{R}$  is the GMA (generalized matrix algebra) of the form

$$\mathcal{R} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{M}_2(R) & \text{M}_2(R_{12}) \\ \text{M}_2(R_{21}) & \text{M}_2(R) \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $R_{12}$  and  $R_{21}$  fractional ideals in  $\text{Frac}(R)$  and  $R_{12}R_{21} \subset \mathfrak{a}$ . For  $\sigma \in G_{\mathbf{Q}, S}$ , we can write

$$\rho_R(\sigma) = \begin{pmatrix} A_\sigma & B_\sigma \\ C_\sigma & D_\sigma \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_\sigma, D_\sigma \in \text{M}_2(R), B_\sigma \in \text{M}_2(R_{12}), C_\sigma \in \text{M}_2(R_{21})$$

with

$$A_\sigma \equiv \rho_1(\sigma) \pmod{\mathfrak{a}}; \quad D_\sigma \equiv \rho_2(\sigma) \pmod{\mathfrak{a}}.$$

Let  $e_i$  be the standard basis in  $(\text{Frac } R)^4$  and let  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{R}e_4 = R_{12}e_1 \oplus R_{12}e_2 \oplus Re_3 \oplus Re_4$ . Then we have exact sequence of  $G_{\mathbf{Q}, S}$ -modules

$$(4.1) \quad 0 \rightarrow \rho_1 \otimes_{\Lambda} R_{12}/\mathfrak{a}R_{12} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}/\mathfrak{a}\mathcal{L} \rightarrow \rho_2 \otimes_{\Lambda} R/\mathfrak{a} \rightarrow 0.$$

**Lemma 4.2.** *The  $G_{\mathbf{Q}, S}$ -module  $\mathcal{L}$  has no quotient isomorphic to  $\rho_1 \otimes R/\mathfrak{m}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $k = R/\mathfrak{m}$  be the residue field. Suppose that there exists a surjective  $G_{\mathbf{Q}, S}$ -module homomorphism  $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow \rho_1 \otimes k$  and let  $\mathcal{N}$  be the kernel. Then we must have  $\mathcal{N} + \rho_1 \otimes R_{12} = \mathcal{L}$ . Otherwise,  $\mathcal{L}/(\mathcal{N} + \rho_1 \otimes R_{12})$  would be a non-trivial quotient of the irreducible module  $\rho_1 \otimes k$ , and hence  $\rho_1 \otimes R_{12} \subset \mathcal{N}$ , which in turns implies the existence of a surjective homomorphism  $\rho_2 \otimes k = \mathcal{L}/(\rho_1 \otimes R_{12} + \mathfrak{m}\mathcal{L}) \rightarrow \rho_1 \otimes k = \mathcal{L}/\mathcal{N}$ . This contradicts to  $\rho_1 \otimes k \not\cong \rho_2 \otimes k$ . On the other hand, the element  $E_{11} = \begin{pmatrix} I_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{R}$ , so we have

$$e_4 \in E_{11}\mathcal{L} = E_{11}\mathcal{N} \subset \mathcal{N} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L} \subset \mathcal{N},$$

which is a contradiction.  $\square$

The sequence (4.1) induces the exact sequence of discrete  $G_{\mathbf{Q}, S}$ -modules

$$(4.2) \quad 0 \rightarrow (\rho_2 \otimes \rho_1^\vee \otimes R/\mathfrak{a})^* \rightarrow (\mathcal{L} \otimes \rho_1^\vee \otimes R/\mathfrak{a})^* \rightarrow (\rho_1 \otimes \rho_1^\vee \otimes R_{12}/\mathfrak{a}R_{12})^* \rightarrow 0.$$

Taking Galois cohomology, we obtain the connecting homomorphism:

$$\delta : ((\rho_1 \otimes \rho_1^\vee \otimes R_{12}/\mathfrak{a}R_{12})^*)^{G_{\mathbf{Q}, S}} \rightarrow \text{H}^1(\mathbf{Q}, (\rho_2 \otimes \rho_1^\vee \otimes R/\mathfrak{a})^*).$$

Let  $\text{Tr} : \rho_1 \otimes \rho_1^\vee \rightarrow R$  be the trace morphism. Since  $\rho_1$  is residually irreducible,  $\text{Tr}$  induces isomorphism

$$\text{Tr}^* : (R_{12}/\mathfrak{a}R_{12})^* \simeq ((\rho_1 \otimes \rho_1^\vee \otimes R_{12}/\mathfrak{a}R_{12})^*)^{G_{\mathbf{Q}, S}}.$$

Define the  $R$ -module homomorphism

$$\mathbf{c} := \delta \circ \text{Tr}^* : (R_{12}/\mathfrak{a}R_{12})^* \rightarrow \text{H}^1(\mathbf{Q}, (\rho_2 \otimes \rho_1^\vee \otimes R/\mathfrak{a})^*) = \text{H}^1(\mathbf{Q}, \rho_1 \otimes \rho_2^\vee \otimes (R/\mathfrak{a})^*).$$

For each  $f \in (R_{12}/\mathfrak{a}R_{12})^*$ , the class  $\Delta(f)$  is represented by the cocycle  $\mathbf{c}(f) : G_{\mathbf{Q},S} \rightarrow (\rho_2 \otimes \rho_1^\vee \otimes R/\mathfrak{a})^*$  given by

$$(4.3) \quad \langle \mathbf{c}(f)(\sigma), y \rangle := f(\mathrm{Tr}(B_\sigma \rho_2(\sigma^{-1})y)) \quad y \in \rho_2 \otimes \rho_1^\vee \otimes R/\mathfrak{a}.$$

Let  $\mathrm{ht}_1(\Lambda)$  be the set of height one primes of  $\Lambda$ .

**Proposition 4.3.** (1) *The map  $\Delta$  is injective;*  
(2) *For each  $P \in \mathrm{ht}_1(\Lambda)$ , there exists  $t_P \in \Lambda - P$  such that*

$$\mathrm{loc}_p([t_P \cdot \mathbf{c}_f]) = 0 \in H^1(\mathbf{Q}_p^{\mathrm{ur}}, T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}/F^+T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}} \otimes_\Lambda (\Lambda/C_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}^{\mathrm{st}})^*)$$

for any  $f \in (R_{12}/\mathfrak{a}R_{12})^*$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 4.2, we have

$$((\mathcal{L} \otimes \rho_1^\vee \otimes R/\mathfrak{m})^*)^{G_{\mathbf{Q},S}} = \{0\},$$

which implies that

$$((\mathcal{L} \otimes \rho_1^\vee \otimes R/\mathfrak{a})^*)^{G_{\mathbf{Q},S}} = \{0\},$$

so the connection homomorphism  $\delta$  is injective; hence  $\Delta = \delta \circ \mathrm{Tr}^*$  is injective.

To see (2), consider the specialization  $\rho_R(Q)$  of  $\rho_R$  at  $Q \in \mathfrak{X}$  with  $k_1 = k_{Q_1} > k_2 = k_{Q_2}$  and  $k_1 \equiv k_2 \equiv 2 \pmod{p-1}$ . The local Galois representation at  $p$  is of the form

$$\rho_R(k_1, k_2)|_{I_p} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & * & * & * \\ \varepsilon^{\frac{k_2-k_1}{2}} & * & * & * \\ & \varepsilon^{1-\frac{k_1+k_2}{2}} & * & * \\ & & & \varepsilon^{1-k_1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

By [Urb01, Theorem 3.4], we thus have

$$\rho_R|_{G_{\mathbf{Q}_p}} \sim \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 & * & * & * \\ & \xi_2 & * & * \\ & & \xi_3 & * \\ & & & \xi_4 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_1 &= \alpha_1, & \xi_2 &= \alpha_2 \langle \varepsilon \rangle_{(1+T_2)(1+T_1)^{-1}-1}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \\ \xi_3 &= \alpha_3 \varepsilon^{-1} \langle \varepsilon \rangle_{\mathbf{u}^{-4}(1+T_1)(1+T_2)^{-1}}^{-\frac{1}{2}}, & \xi_4 &= \alpha_4 \varepsilon^{-1} \langle \varepsilon \rangle_{\mathbf{u}^{-2}(1+T_1)^{-1}}^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

and  $\alpha_i$  are unramified characters such that

$$\alpha_1 \equiv \alpha_4^{-1} \equiv \alpha_{\mathbf{f},p} \pmod{\mathfrak{a}}; \quad \alpha_2 \equiv \alpha_3^{-1} \equiv \alpha_{\mathbf{g},p} \pmod{\mathfrak{a}}.$$

There exists non-zero  $v \in \mathcal{L}_P$  fixed by  $I_p$  and  $\rho_R(\mathrm{Frob}_p)v = \mathbf{a}(p, \mathbf{f})v$ . By the  $p$ -distinction assumption  $\mathbf{a}(p, \mathbf{f}) \not\equiv \mathbf{a}(p, \mathbf{g}) \pmod{\mathfrak{m}}$ , the residual characters  $\xi_i \pmod{\mathfrak{m}}$  are distinct. Therefore, we may take we write  $v = ae_1 + ce_2 + t_P e_3 + de_4$  with  $t_P \in \Lambda - P$ ,  $a, c \in R_{12}$  and  $d \in \mathfrak{a}$ . The equation  $\rho_R(I_p)v = v$  yields

$$A_\sigma \begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix} + B_\sigma \begin{pmatrix} t_P \\ d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix} \text{ for } \sigma \in I_p.$$

For  $\sigma \in I_p$ ,  $\rho_2(\sigma) \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & * \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \pmod{\mathfrak{a}}$ , so we find that

$$\begin{aligned} & t_P \cdot B_\sigma \rho_2(\sigma^{-1}) \pmod{T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}} \otimes_\Lambda \mathfrak{a}R_{12} + F^+T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}} \otimes_R R_{12}} \\ & \equiv B_\sigma \begin{pmatrix} t_P & 0 \\ d & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rho_2(\sigma^{-1}) \equiv \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rho_2(\sigma^{-1}) - A_\sigma \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rho_2(\sigma^{-1}) \\ & \equiv \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \rho_1(\sigma) \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rho_2(\sigma^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that the class

$$\text{loc}_p(t_P[\mathbf{c}_f]) = 0 \text{ in } H^1(I_p, T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}/F^+T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}} \otimes_\Lambda (\Lambda/C_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}})^*).$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

Proposition 4.3 and the exact sequence (4.2) produce a surjective map

$$(4.4) \quad \text{Fitt}_\Lambda(\text{Sel}_{\mathbf{Q}}(T_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}})^*) \twoheadrightarrow R_{12}/\mathfrak{a}R_{12}.$$

A crucial point is that the fractional ideal  $R_{12}$  is a faithful  $R$ -module. Otherwise we can apply the modularity results for  $\text{GL}(2)$  to show that there exists a  $\Lambda$ -adic Yoshida lift in  $\mathbf{S}^{\text{st}}$ . We thus conclude Theorem 4.1 from (4.4) and the faithfulness of  $R_{12}$ .

## 5. THE ANALYTIC SIDE: WORK IN PROGRESS

In an ongoing work with Zheng Liu, we aim to the inclusion

$$(5.1) \quad \mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}^\perp \subset (\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}})\eta_{\mathbf{f}}\eta_{\mathbf{g}}.$$

It is clear that (1.3) is a consequence of Theorem 4.1, (3.1) and (5.1). The strategy to prove (5.1) is as follows.

Step 1. We begin with constructing the  $\Lambda$ -adic form  $\mathcal{E} \in \mathbf{S}^{\text{ord}}(N)$  obtained by the pull-back of a nice  $\Lambda$ -adic Kligen-Eisenstein series on  $U(2, 2)$  attached to a CM form  $\theta_\chi$ .

Step 2. Write down the spectral decomposition

$$\eta_{\mathbf{f}}\eta_{\mathbf{g}}\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}} \cdot \mathcal{E} = A \cdot \theta_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}} + \mathcal{H}, \quad \mathcal{G} \in \mathbf{S}^\perp.$$

The element  $A \in F_\Lambda$  enjoys the interpolation formula:

$$A(\kappa) = \frac{\langle \mathcal{E}(\kappa), \theta_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}(\kappa) \rangle_{\text{Pet}}}{\langle \theta_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}(\kappa), \theta_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}(\kappa) \rangle_{\text{Pet}}} \cdot \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}(k_1, k_2) \cdot \eta_{\mathbf{f}}(k_1)\eta_{\mathbf{g}}(k_2)$$

for almost  $\kappa = (\frac{k_1+k_2}{2} + 2, \frac{k_1-k_2}{2} + 2) \in \mathfrak{X}^{\text{cls}}$ . We prove that

$$(NV) \quad A \in \Lambda^\times.$$

This would imply that  $\mathcal{H} \in \mathbf{S}^\perp \cap \mathbf{S}^{\text{ord}}(N)_{\mathfrak{m}}$  and the existence of a non-trivial congruence

$$(5.2) \quad \mathcal{H} \equiv \theta_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}} \pmod{\eta_{\mathbf{f}}\eta_{\mathbf{g}}\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}}.$$

Step 3. We may assume  $L_p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) \in \mathfrak{m}_\Lambda$ . Then  $\mathfrak{a}(S, \mathcal{H}) \in \Lambda^\times$  for some  $S$ . The  $\Lambda$ -linear map

$$\mathbf{T}^\perp \twoheadrightarrow \Lambda, \quad t \mapsto \frac{\mathfrak{a}(S, t\mathcal{H})}{\mathfrak{a}(S, \mathcal{H})}$$

becomes a  $\Lambda$ -algebra homomorphism modulo  $\eta_{\mathbf{f}}\eta_{\mathbf{g}}\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}$ . It follows from (5.2) that

$$\Lambda/\mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}^{\perp} \simeq \mathbf{T}^{\perp}/\mathfrak{a}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}} \twoheadrightarrow \Lambda/(\eta_{\mathbf{f}}\eta_{\mathbf{g}}\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}).$$

This shows that  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}^{\perp} \subset (\eta_{\mathbf{f}}\eta_{\mathbf{g}}\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}})$ .

**Remark 5.1.** Proving (NV) is the most challenging part of the project. We can also understand that (NV) is about creating the non-trivial Yoshida congruence. The idea is to use Zheng Liu's construction of 4-variable  $p$ -adic  $L$ -functions for  $\mathrm{GSp}(4) \times \mathrm{GL}(2)$  via Furusawa's pull-back formula. By the explicit Petersson norm formula of  $p$ -ordinary Yoshida lifts

$$\frac{\langle \theta_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}(\kappa), \theta_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}(\kappa) \rangle_{\mathrm{Pet}}}{\|\mathbf{f}_{k_1}\|^2} = \eta_{\mathbf{g}}(k_2) \cdot L_p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g})(k_1, k_2),$$

Zheng Liu's four-variable  $p$ -adic  $L$ -functions yields the congruence relation

$$\begin{aligned} A(\kappa) \pmod{\mathfrak{m}_{\Lambda}} &= \eta_{\mathbf{f}}(k_1) \frac{\langle \mathcal{E}(\kappa), \theta_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{g}}(\kappa) \rangle_{\mathrm{Pet}}}{\|\mathbf{f}_{k_1}\|^2} \pmod{\mathfrak{m}_{\Lambda}} \\ &\approx B_{\xi}(\theta_{\mathbf{f}_{k_1}, \mathbf{g}_{k_2}}(\kappa)) \cdot \frac{L(\frac{k_1}{2} + 1, \mathbf{f}_{k_1} \otimes \theta_{\chi})}{\|\mathbf{f}_{k_1}\|^2} \cdot \frac{L(\frac{k_2}{2} + 1, \mathbf{g}_{k_2} \otimes \theta_{\chi})}{\|\theta_{\chi}\|^2}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\chi$  is a Hecke character of an imaginary quadratic field with the infinity type  $(m, -m)$  and  $1 + k_2/2 \leq m \leq k_1/2$ . Therefore, we can then apply known results on the non-vanishing mod  $p$  of  $L$ -values with anticyclotomic twists (Cornut-Vatsal, Hida, Chida-H. and H.) to prove that  $A \in \Lambda$  and  $A(\kappa)$  is a  $p$ -adic unit.

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