

BASE CHANGE AND IWASAWA MAIN CONJECTURES FOR GL_2

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ABSTRACT. Let E be an elliptic curve defined over \mathbb{Q} of conductor N , p an odd prime of good ordinary reduction such that $E[p]$ is an irreducible $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -module, and K an imaginary quadratic field with all primes dividing Np split. We prove Iwasawa Main Conjectures for the \mathbb{Z}_p -cyclotomic and \mathbb{Z}_p -anticyclotomic deformations of E over \mathbb{Q} and K respectively, dispensing with any of the ramification hypotheses on $E[p]$ in previous works.

The strategy employs base change and the two-variable zeta element associated to E over K , via which the sought after main conjectures are deduced from Wan's divisibility towards a three-variable main conjecture for E over a quartic CM field containing K .

As an application, we prove cases of the two-variable main conjecture for E over K . The aforementioned one-variable main conjectures imply the p -part of the conjectural Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer formula for E if $\mathrm{ord}_{s=1} L(E, s) \leq 1$. They are also an ingredient in the proof of Kolyvagin's conjecture and its cyclotomic variant in our joint work with Grossi [BCGS23].

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let E be an elliptic curve defined over \mathbb{Q} , p an odd prime of good ordinary reduction for E , and K an imaginary quadratic field. In this paper we study Iwasawa theory of E along the cyclotomic \mathbb{Z}_p -extension of \mathbb{Q} and the anticyclotomic \mathbb{Z}_p -extension of K , proving corresponding Iwasawa Main Conjectures (see Theorems 1.1.2, 1.2.2 and 1.2.3).

1.1. Cyclotomic Main Conjecture. Let \mathbb{Q}_{∞} be the cyclotomic \mathbb{Z}_p -extension of \mathbb{Q} . Put $\Gamma = \mathrm{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}_{\infty}/\mathbb{Q})$, and let $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}_p[[\Gamma]]$ be the cyclotomic Iwasawa algebra.

We consider the classical Selmer group $\mathrm{Sel}_{p^{\infty}}(E/\mathbb{Q}_{\infty}) = \varprojlim_n \mathrm{Sel}_{p^{\infty}}(E/\mathbb{Q}_n)$, where \mathbb{Q}_n is the subfield of \mathbb{Q}_{∞} with $[\mathbb{Q}_n : \mathbb{Q}] = p^n$. Its Pontryagin dual

$$\mathfrak{X}_{\mathrm{ord}}(E/\mathbb{Q}_{\infty}) := \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(\mathrm{Sel}_{p^{\infty}}(E/\mathbb{Q}_{\infty}), \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p)$$

is a finitely generated Λ -module. Let $\mathcal{L}_p(E/\mathbb{Q}) \in \Lambda \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p$ be the p -adic L -function attached to E by Mazur–Swinnerton-Dyer [MSD74]. In [Maz72], Mazur conjectured the following.

Conjecture 1.1.1 (Mazur's Main Conjecture). *The Λ -module $\mathfrak{X}_{\mathrm{ord}}(E/\mathbb{Q}_{\infty})$ is torsion, with*

$$\mathrm{ch}_{\Lambda}(\mathfrak{X}_{\mathrm{ord}}(E/\mathbb{Q}_{\infty})) = (\mathcal{L}_p(E/\mathbb{Q}))$$

as ideals in Λ .

Note that implicit in Conjecture 1.1.1 is the integrality statement $\mathcal{L}_p(E/\mathbb{Q}) \in \Lambda$; this is most well-understood under the assumption that p is odd and

$$(\mathrm{irr}_{\mathbb{Q}}) \quad E[p] \text{ is an irreducible } G_{\mathbb{Q}}\text{-module}$$

(see [GV00, Prop. 3.1]) where $G_{\mathbb{Q}} := \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ is the absolute Galois group of \mathbb{Q} . (We similarly use G_L to denote the absolute Galois of a number field L .) Let T be the p -adic Tate module of E .

In [Kat04], Kato proved the Λ -torsionness of $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(E/\mathbb{Q}_{\infty})$ and the inclusion $p^c \cdot \mathcal{L}_p(E/\mathbb{Q}) \in \text{ch}_{\Lambda}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(E/\mathbb{Q}_{\infty}))$ for some $c \geq 0$, with $c = 0$ when T has “large” image. These results are consequences of his seminal construction of an Euler system for T . Let N be the conductor of E . Assuming further that

(mult) there exists a prime $q \parallel N$ such that $E[p]$ is ramified at q ,

the converse divisibility, and hence Conjecture 1.1.1 was proved by Skinner–Urban [SU14]. Their work employs Eisenstein congruences on the unitary group $\text{GU}(2, 2)$ over imaginary quadratic fields.

Our main result towards Conjecture 1.1.1 removes the hypothesis (mult):

Theorem 1.1.2. *Let E be an elliptic curve defined over \mathbb{Q} and p a prime of good ordinary reduction for E .*

(a) *If $p > 3$ satisfies (irr $_{\mathbb{Q}}$), then $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(E/\mathbb{Q}_{\infty})$ is Λ -torsion, with*

$$\text{ch}_{\Lambda_{\mathbb{Q}}}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(E/\mathbb{Q}_{\infty})) = (\mathcal{L}_p(E/\mathbb{Q}))$$

in $\Lambda \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p$.

(b) *If in addition*

(im) *there exists an element $\sigma \in G_{\mathbb{Q}(\mu_{p^{\infty}})}$ such that $T/(\sigma - 1)T \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p$,*

then the equality holds in Λ , and hence Conjecture 1.1.1 holds.

Remark 1.1.3.

(i) For non-CM curves the condition (im) holds for all sufficiently large primes p by Serre’s open image theorem [Ser72]. In fact, it is expected that $p \geq 37$ suffices.

(ii) The only prior result towards Conjecture 1.1.1 without assuming the hypothesis (mult) is due to Wan [Wan15], based on Eisenstein congruences on the unitary group $\text{GU}(2, 2)$ over CM fields. However, it is conditional on a p -integral comparison of certain automorphic periods, which still remains open. Our proof of Theorem 1.1.2 relies on a main result of [Wan15] but sidesteps the period comparison.

1.2. Anticyclotomic Main Conjectures. Assume that the discriminant $D_K < 0$ satisfies

(disc) D_K is odd and $D_K \neq -3$.

Moreover, assume that K satisfies the *Heegner hypothesis*, namely

(Heeg) every prime $\ell \mid N$ splits in K ,

and that

(spl) $p = v\bar{v}$ splits in K

for v the prime of K above p induced by an embedding $\overline{\mathbb{Q}} \hookrightarrow \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p$, which we fix throughout.

Let K_{∞}^{-}/K be the anticyclotomic \mathbb{Z}_p -extension, $\Gamma_K^{-} = \text{Gal}(K_{\infty}^{-}/K)$, and $\Lambda_K^{-} = \mathbb{Z}_p[[\Gamma_K^{-}]]$ the anticyclotomic Iwasawa algebra. In view of (Heeg) and the p -ordinarity hypothesis, the Kummer images of Heegner points of p -power conductor give rise to a Λ_K^{-} -adic class

$$\kappa_1^{\text{Heeg}} \in H_{\mathcal{F}_{\Lambda}}^1(K, \mathbf{T}).$$

Here $\mathbf{T} = \varprojlim_n \text{Ind}_{K_n^{-}/K}(T)$, with K_n^{-} the subfield of K_{∞}^{-} with $[K_n^{-} : K] = p^n$, and $H_{\mathcal{F}_{\Lambda}}^1(K, \mathbf{T}) \subset H^1(K, \mathbf{T})$ is the compact ordinary Selmer group¹ interpolating the classical Selmer groups $\varprojlim_m \text{Sel}_{p^m}(E/K_n^{-})$ as n varies. Let $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(E/K_{\infty}^{-})$ be the Pontryagin dual of $\text{Sel}_{p^{\infty}}(E/K_{\infty}^{-}) = \varprojlim_n \text{Sel}_{p^{\infty}}(E/K_n^{-})$.

The formulation of a Main Conjecture in this setting is due to Perrin-Riou [PR87].

Conjecture 1.2.1 (Heegner point Main Conjecture). *The Λ_K^{-} -modules $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(E/K_{\infty}^{-})$ and $H_{\mathcal{F}_{\Lambda}}^1(K, \mathbf{T})$ have Λ_K^{-} -rank one, and*

$$\text{ch}_{\Lambda_K^{-}}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(E/K_{\infty}^{-})_{\text{tor}}) = \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K^{-}}(H_{\mathcal{F}_{\Lambda}}^1(K, \mathbf{T})/(\kappa_1^{\text{Heeg}}))^2$$

as ideals in Λ_K^{-} .

¹See e.g. [CGLS22, §4.1] for a review of the construction, whose notations we largely follow.

The first general results towards Perrin-Riou's Heegner point Main Conjecture are due to Bertolini [Ber95] and Howard [How04], relying on the Heegner point Kolyvagin system. These works established the rank statements in Conjecture 1.2.1, and the latter proved the divisibility " \supseteq " if

$$(sur) \quad \bar{\rho}_E : G_{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(E[p]) \text{ is surjective.}$$

The first cases of the opposite divisibility, and hence of Conjecture 1.2.1 appeared in [BCK21], which builds on Wei Zhang's resolution of Kolyvagin's conjecture [Zha14b] and assumes the hypothesis (sur) in addition to certain ramification hypotheses on $E[p]$. Via level raising and rank lowering, Wei Zhang's work and [BCK21] rely on the results of Skinner–Urban [SU14], inheriting the hypotheses therein. Prior to [BCK21], Wan [Wan20] established the first cases of the Heegner point Main Conjecture under a generalized (non-classical) Heegner hypothesis. It employs Eisenstein congruences on the unitary group $GU(3, 1)$. In addition to (sur), it requires that N is square-free and a ramification hypotheses on $E[p]$.

Our different approach dispenses with any of the ramification hypotheses, leading to the following result.

Theorem 1.2.2. *Let E be an elliptic curve defined over \mathbb{Q} of conductor N , p be a prime of good ordinary reduction for E , and K an imaginary quadratic field satisfying (disc), (Heeg), and (spl).*

- (a) *If $p > 3$ satisfies (irr $_{\mathbb{Q}}$), then both $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(E/K_{\infty}^-)$ and $H_{\mathcal{F}\Lambda}^1(K, \mathbf{T})$ have Λ_K^- -rank one, and*

$$\text{ch}_{\Lambda_K^-}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(E/K_{\infty}^-)_{\text{tor}}) = \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K^-}(H_{\mathcal{F}\Lambda}^1(K, \mathbf{T})/(\kappa_1^{\text{Heeg}}))^2$$

$$\text{in } \Lambda_K^- \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p.$$

- (b) *If further $p > 3$ satisfies (sur), then the equality holds in Λ_K^- and hence Conjecture 1.2.1 holds.*

Such an equality has applications to the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture. For example, it yields a p -converse to the Gross–Zagier and Kolyvagin theorem:

$$\text{corank}_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \text{Sel}_{p^\infty}(E) = 1 \implies \text{ord}_{s=1} L(E, s) = 1$$

(cf. [Ski20, Wan21, Cas17, BT20, BST21]). Note that the p -converse does not assume finiteness of $\text{III}(E)[p^\infty]$, in fact deduces it as a consequence.

In light of the Λ_K^- -adic analogue of the p -adic Waldspurger formula of [BDP13] (see [CH18]), Conjecture 1.2.1 is equivalent to the prediction that the p -adic L -function $\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{BDP}}(E/K) \in \Lambda_K^{-, \text{ur}}$ constructed in *op. cit.* generates the characteristic ideal of the anticyclotomic Selmer group $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(E/K_{\infty}^-)$ whose classes are locally trivial (resp. unrestricted) at the primes above \bar{v} (resp. v). Here we put

$$\Lambda_K^{-, \text{ur}} = \Lambda_K^- \hat{\otimes}_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathbb{Z}_p^{\text{ur}},$$

where \mathbb{Z}_p^{ur} denotes the completion of the ring of integers of the maximal unramified extension of \mathbb{Q}_p . Hence, Theorem 1.2.2 also yields the following.

Theorem 1.2.3. *Let (E, p, K) be as in Theorem 1.2.2.*

- (a) *If $p > 3$ satisfies (irr $_{\mathbb{Q}}$), then $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(E/K_{\infty}^-)$ is Λ_K^- -torsion, and*

$$\text{ch}_{\Lambda_K^-}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(E/K_{\infty}^-)) = (\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{BDP}}(E/K))$$

$$\text{in } \Lambda_K^{-, \text{ur}} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p.$$

- (b) *If further $p > 3$ satisfies (sur), then the equality of characteristic ideals holds in $\Lambda_K^{-, \text{ur}}$.*

1.3. Application to the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer formula. A consequence of Theorems 1.1.2 and 1.2.3 is the following.

Corollary 1.3.1. *Let E/\mathbb{Q} be a non-CM elliptic curve. Let $p > 3$ be a prime of good ordinary reduction such that (irr $_{\mathbb{Q}}$) and (im) hold. If $\text{ord}_{s=1} L(E, s) = r \in \{0, 1\}$, then*

$$\left| \frac{L^{(r)}(E, 1)}{\text{Reg}(E) \cdot \Omega_E} \right|_p^{-1} = \left| \# \text{III}(E) \prod_{\ell \nmid \infty} c_\ell(E) \right|_p^{-1}$$

and hence the p -part of the conjectural BSD formula for E is true.

Proof. In the case $r = 0$, this follows from the equality of characteristic ideals in Theorem 1.1.2, the interpolation property of $\mathcal{L}_p(E/\mathbb{Q})$ at the trivial character, and the formula (up to a p -adic unit) in the control theorem [Gre99, Thm. 4.1] for the value of a characteristic power series for $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(E/\mathbb{Q}_{\infty})$ at the trivial character.

Similarly, for a suitably chosen imaginary quadratic field K , the result in the case $r = 1$ follows from Theorem 1.2.3, the p -adic Waldspurger formula [BDP13] for the value of $\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{BDP}}(E/K)$ at the trivial character, the anticyclotomic control theorem [JSW17, Thm. 3.3.1], and the $r = 0$ result for the K -quadratic twist of E . (See also [Cas24, §1] for a more detailed review of these arguments.) \square

Remark 1.3.2. The condition (im) in Corollary 1.3.1 excludes only finitely many primes p (cf. Remark 1.1.3(i)). For an overview of prior results, the reader may refer to [BST21, BSTW23].

1.4. On the two-variable Main Conjectures. Our approach to the above theorems also gives a proof of the two-variable Iwasawa Main Conjectures for E/K under an additional hypothesis on $E[p]$.

For the precise statement, following a terminology from [Dia97] consider the set of “vexing primes” for $E[p]$:

$$\mathcal{V} := \{\ell \equiv -1 \pmod{p} \mid \bar{\rho}_E|_{G_{\mathbb{Q}_{\ell}}} \text{ is irreducible and } \bar{\rho}_E|_{I_{\ell}} \text{ is reducible}\},$$

where $I_{\ell} \subset G_{\mathbb{Q}_{\ell}}$ are inertia and decomposition groups at ℓ , respectively.

Let K_{∞}/K denote the \mathbb{Z}_p^2 -extension of K , and put $\Gamma_K = \text{Gal}(K_{\infty}/K)$ and $\Lambda_K = \mathbb{Z}_p[[\Gamma_K]]$. Let $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(E/K_{\infty})$ be the Pontryagin dual of the Selmer group $\text{Sel}_{p^{\infty}}(E/K_{\infty})$, and let $\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{PR}}(E/K) \in \Lambda_K$ be the two-variable p -adic Rankin L -series constructed by Perrin-Riou [PR88] (normalized as in [CGS23, §1.2]).

Theorem 1.4.1. *Let (E, p, K) be as in Theorem 1.2.2. Assume that $\mathcal{V} = \emptyset$.*

(a) *If $p > 3$ satisfies (irr $_{\mathbb{Q}}$), then $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(E/K_{\infty})$ is Λ_K -torsion, with*

$$\text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(E/K_{\infty})) = (\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{PR}}(E/K))$$

in $\Lambda_K \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p$.

(b) *If further $p > 3$ satisfies (sur), then the equality of characteristic ideals holds in Λ_K .*

Remark 1.4.2. Since the global root number of E over K equals -1 (cf. (Heeg)), Theorem 1.4.1 complements the results on the two-variable Iwasawa Main Conjecture in [SU14]. On the other hand, some cases of the two-variable Main Conjecture when $\varepsilon(E/K) = -1$ for semistable elliptic curves E appeared in [CW22, Thm. A]. However, the latter excludes classical Heegner hypothesis and assumes a ramification hypothesis on $E[p]$.

1.5. About the proofs. The key new idea is to base change E to a quartic CM field M containing K for which the main result of [Wan15] towards a three-variable Main Conjecture applies, and utilize the two-variable zeta element associated to E over K as recently constructed in [BSTW23].

To begin, the main result of [Wan15] yields the divisibility

$$(1.1) \quad (\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{PR}}(E/K) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\text{PR}}(E^F/K)) \supset \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(E/K_{\infty})) \cdot \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(E^F/K_{\infty}))$$

in $\Lambda_K \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p$, where E^F is the quadratic twist of E for the real subfield F contained in M . In view of the two-variable zeta elements of [BSTW23] and their explicit reciprocity laws, this translates into the divisibility

$$(1.2) \quad (\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(E/K) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(E^F/K)) \supset \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(E/K_{\infty})) \cdot \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(E^F/K_{\infty}))$$

in $\Lambda_K^{\text{ur}} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p$, where $\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(E/K) \in \Lambda_K^{\text{ur}} := \Lambda_K \hat{\otimes}_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathbb{Z}_p^{\text{ur}}$ is a two-variable p -adic Rankin L -series specializing to $\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{BDP}}(E/K)$ (up to a unit) under the natural projection $\Lambda_K^{\text{ur}} \rightarrow \Lambda_K^{-, \text{ur}}$, and $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(E/K_{\infty})$ is the counterpart of $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(E/K_{\infty}^-)$ over K_{∞}/K .

In view of the vanishing of the Iwasawa μ -invariant of $\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{BDP}}(E/K)$ proved in [Hsi14, Bur17] following ideas in [Hid10], the divisibilities (1.1) and (1.2) both hold integrally.

The proof of Theorem 1.1.2 then follows from (1.1) (for a suitably chosen K) by descending to the cyclotomic \mathbb{Z}_p -extension K_{∞}^+/K and appealing to Kato’s work [Kat04]. Similarly, the proof of Theorem 1.2.3 (and hence of Theorem 1.2.2) follows from (1.2) by descending to K_{∞}^-/K and appealing to the Kolyvagin system bound developed in [CGLS22, CGS23] applied to the Heegner point Euler system. Without any restriction on \mathcal{V} , we thus arrive at the equality

$$(1.3) \quad (\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{PR}}(E/K) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\text{PR}}(E^F/K)) = \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(E/K_{\infty})) \cdot \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(E^F/K_{\infty}))$$

(and likewise for (1.2)), and assuming $\mathcal{V} = \emptyset$ we separate the two factors, concluding the proof of Theorem 1.4.1.

Remark 1.5.1. An Euler system for E/K extending² the construction in [BSTW23] would give rise to a divisibility

$$\text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(E/K_{\infty})) \supset (\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{PR}}(E/K)),$$

possibly after inverting p . With this divisibility in hand, the proof of Theorem 1.4.1 follows from (1.3) without the additional hypothesis that $\mathcal{V} = \emptyset$.

Remark 1.5.2. In the main text we prove Theorems 1.1.2, 1.2.2, 1.2.3, and 1.4.1 for any weight two elliptic newform with good ordinary reduction at p .

We conclude this Introduction by noting that when $p > 3$ satisfies (irr $_{\mathbb{Q}}$), Theorems 1.1.2 and 1.2.3 are one of the key ingredients³ in the proof of Kolyvagin's conjecture and its analogue for Kato's Euler systems in the joint work [BCGS23] of the authors with Grossi. When $p > 3$ satisfies (sur), Theorems 1.1.2 and 1.2.3 are also used in [BCGS23] to prove the refinement of Kolyvagin's conjecture and its cyclotomic analog formulated by W. Zhang [Zha14a] and C.-H. Kim [Kim22], respectively.

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2. MAIN CONJECTURE OVER CM FIELDS

In this section we briefly recall the formulation of the Iwasawa Main Conjecture over CM fields M/F at the base of the proof of our main results.

2.1. Setting. Let F be a totally real field of degree $d = [F : \mathbb{Q}]$.

Let $g \in S_2(\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}))$ be a Hilbert modular newform over F of parallel weight 2. Let p be a prime with

$$(ur) \quad p \nmid D_F,$$

where D_F denotes the discriminant of F/\mathbb{Q} . For a prime λ of the Hecke field F_g over p , let $\rho_g : G_F \rightarrow GL_2(F_{g,\lambda})$ be the associated Galois representation and $V_g := V_{g,\lambda}$ the underlying $F_{g,\lambda}$ -vector space. Let $T_g \subset V_g$ be a G_F -stable $\mathcal{O} := \mathcal{O}_{F_{g,\lambda}}$ -lattice and,

$$\bar{\rho}_g : G_F \rightarrow GL_2(\bar{\mathbb{F}}_p)$$

the corresponding residual representation. Suppose that g is ordinary at each prime w of F over p , which we abbreviate as p being a prime of ordinary reduction for g . Let $0 \subset \text{Fil}_w^+(V_g) \subset V_g$ be the associated filtration of $F_{g,\lambda}[G_{F_w}]$ -modules and put $\text{Fil}_w^+(T_g) = T_g \cap \text{Fil}_w^+(V_g)$.

Let M be a CM quadratic extension of F such that

$$(spl_F) \quad \text{any prime of } F \text{ above } p \text{ splits in } M.$$

Denote by Γ_M^- (resp. Γ_M^+) the Galois group of the anticyclotomic \mathbb{Z}_p^d -extension M_{∞}/M (resp. cyclotomic \mathbb{Z}_p -extension M_{∞}^+/M). Let $M_{\infty} = M_{\infty}^- M_{\infty}^+$ be the compositum, and put $\Gamma_M = \text{Gal}(M_{\infty}/M)$ and $\Lambda_M = \mathcal{O}[[\Gamma_M]]$.

Selmer groups. We consider the $\mathcal{O}[G_M]$ -module

$$\mathcal{M}_g = T_g \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \Lambda_M^{\vee},$$

where $\Lambda_M^{\vee} = \text{Hom}_{\text{cts}}(\Lambda_M, \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p)$ denotes the Pontryagin dual, and G_M acts on Λ_M and Λ_M^{\vee} via $\Psi : G_M \rightarrow \Gamma_M \hookrightarrow \Lambda_M^{\times}$ and Ψ^{-1} , respectively. For every prime w of M above p , put $\mathcal{M}_{g,w}^+ = \text{Fil}_w^+(T_g) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \Lambda_M^{\vee}$. Let Σ be a finite set of places of M containing the primes above $\mathfrak{np}\infty$, let M^{Σ} be the maximal extension of M unramified outside Σ , and define the *ordinary Selmer group* by

$$H_{\mathcal{F}_A}^1(M, \mathcal{M}_g) := \ker \left\{ H^1(M^{\Sigma}/M, \mathcal{M}_g) \rightarrow \prod_{w \in \Sigma, w \nmid p} H^1(M_w, \mathcal{M}_g) \times \prod_{w|p} H^1(I_w, \mathcal{M}_g/\mathcal{M}_{g,w}^+) \right\}.$$

²The construction of such an Euler system will complement the one in [LLZ15], where the authors need to twist by a non-Eisenstein and p -distinguished Hecke character.

³A similar input when (irr $_{\mathbb{Q}}$) is not satisfied is provided by the main results of [CGS23].

We put $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g/M_\infty) = H_{\mathcal{F}_\Lambda}^1(M, \mathcal{M}_g)^\vee$ to denote the Pontryagin dual, and for any subextension M' of M_∞/M let $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g/M')$ be the analogously defined Selmer group with $\text{Gal}(M'/M)$ in place of Γ_M .

We shall also consider the *Greenberg Selmer group*

$$H_{\mathcal{F}_{\text{Gr}}}^1(M, \mathcal{M}_g) := \ker \left\{ H^1(M^\Sigma/M, \mathcal{M}_g) \rightarrow \prod_{w \in \Sigma, w \nmid p} H^1(M_w, \mathcal{M}_g) \times \prod_{w|\bar{v}} H^1(I_w, \mathcal{M}_g) \right\}$$

and its Pontryagin dual $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g/M_\infty)$, as well as their variants for any M' as above.

p-adic L-functions. Assume that the prime p is odd and unramified in F . Let M/F be a CM quadratic field extension satisfying (spl_F) and such that

(Δ) M is not contained in H_F , and any prime ramified in F/\mathbb{Q} splits in M .

Here H_F denotes the Hilbert class field of F . Let

$$\mathcal{L}_p(g/M) \in \Lambda_M \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p$$

be the associated $(d+1)$ -variable p -adic L -function as in [Wan15, §7.3], which interpolates the central L -values $L^{\text{alg}}(g/M \otimes \chi, 1)$ as χ varies over finite order characters of Γ_M (cf. [Wan15, Thm. 82(i)]). If an underlying Hecke algebra is Gorenstein, then [Wan15, Thm. 82(ii)] shows the inclusion $\mathcal{L}_p(g/M) \in \Lambda_M$.

2.2. Iwasawa Main Conjecture.

Conjecture 2.2.1. *Let $g \in S_2(\Gamma_0(\mathfrak{n}))$ be a Hilbert modular newform over a totally real field F and p an odd prime unramified in F and good ordinary for g . Let M/F be a CM quadratic extension satisfying (spl_F) and such that*

(irr $_M$) $\bar{\rho}_g$ is irreducible as G_M -representation.

Then $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g/M_\infty)$ is Λ_M -torsion, with

$$\text{ch}_{\Lambda_M}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g/M_\infty)) = (\mathcal{L}_p(g/M)).$$

Remark 2.2.2. Without conditions (ur), and (irr $_M$), the conjecture is still expected to hold, with the equality of characteristic ideals being possibly up to tensoring with \mathbb{Q}_p .

3. MAIN CONJECTURES OVER QUARTIC CM FIELDS

We describe a consequence of a result [Wan15] towards Conjecture 2.2.1 which will be central to the proofs of main results.

3.1. A hypothesis. The results of [Wan15] are conditional on the following hypothesis.

Hypothesis 3.1.1.

- (H1) $\bar{\rho}_g|_{G_{F(\zeta_p)}}$ is absolutely irreducible, and for $p = 5$ the following case is excluded: the projective image \bar{G} of $\bar{\rho}_g|_{G_F}$ is isomorphic to $\text{PGL}_2(\mathbb{F}_p)$ and the mod p cyclotomic character factors through $G_F \rightarrow \bar{G}^{\text{ab}} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ (in particular $[F(\zeta_5) : F] = 2$).
- (H2) There is a minimal modular lifting of $\bar{\rho}_g|_{G_F}$ (cf. [Fuj06, Def. 6.11]).
- (H3) For any finite place v of F , if $\bar{\rho}_g|_{G_{F_v}}$ is absolutely irreducible and $\bar{\rho}_g|_{I_v}$ is absolutely reducible, then $q_v \not\equiv -1 \pmod{p}$.

Here $I_v \subset G_{F_v}$ are inertia and decomposition groups at v , respectively, and q_v denotes the size of the residue field of v .

Remark 3.1.2.

- (i) Hypothesis (H1) implies that a certain Hecke algebra is Gorenstein (cf. [Fuj06, Thm. 11.1]), hence one has $\mathcal{L}_p(g/M) \in \Lambda_M$. (Note that here $\bar{\rho}_g$ is automatically p -distinguished in the sense of *loc. cit.*)
- (ii) Under (H3), the exceptional case 0_E in [Fuj06, p. 16] does not occur, and hence the results of [Fuj06] apply to the setting of [Wan15, §7–9] (cf. [Fuj06, p. 57]).
- (iii) The case excluded by (H1) does not occur for g corresponding to elliptic curves (cf. [Fuj06, Prop. 9.8]).

3.2. The result.

Theorem 3.2.1 (Wan). *Let $g \in S_2(\Gamma_0(N))$ be an elliptic newform, and let $p > 3$ be a prime of good ordinary reduction for g . Let F be a real quadratic field with $(pN, D_F) = 1$, and let g_F denote the base-change of g to F . Let M/F be a CM quadratic extension satisfying (spl_F) , (Δ) , and $(N\mathcal{O}_F, D_{M/F}) = (1)$. Write*

$$N\mathcal{O}_F = \mathfrak{n}^+ \mathfrak{n}^-,$$

with \mathfrak{n}^+ (resp. \mathfrak{n}^-) divisible only by primes which are split (resp. inert) in M/F . Suppose that:

- (i) $\bar{\rho}_{g_F} = \bar{\rho}_g|_{G_F}$ satisfies (irr_M) .
- (ii) Hypothesis 3.1.1 holds.
- (iii) \mathfrak{n}^- is the square-free product of an even number of primes.
- (iv) $\bar{\rho}_{g_F}$ is ramified at every prime dividing \mathfrak{n}^- .

Then we have the divisibility

$$(\mathcal{L}_p(g_F/M)) \supset \text{ch}_{\Lambda_M}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g/M_\infty))$$

in Λ_M .

Proof. By [Wan15, Thm. 3], we have the divisibility

$$(\mathcal{L}_p(\mathbf{g}_F/M)) \supset \text{ch}_{\mathbb{I}[\Gamma_M]}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(\mathbf{g}/M_\infty))$$

in $\mathbb{I}[\Gamma_M]$, where \mathbf{g}_F denotes the parallel weight Hida family passing through g_F (cf. [Hid88], [Hid89]) and \mathbb{I} is its coefficient ring.

Since $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(\mathbf{g}/M_\infty)$ specializes to $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g/M_\infty)$ under the map induced by the specialization $\mathbb{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$ corresponding to the p -ordinary stabilization of g_F (cf. [SU14, (3.5)]), and $\mathcal{L}_p(g_F/M)$ is defined as an analogous specialization of $\mathcal{L}_p(\mathbf{g}_F/M)$, the assertion follows. \square

4. MAIN CONJECTURES OVER IMAGINARY QUADRATIC FIELDS

We collect some known results in the direction of Conjecture 2.2.1 (and some variants) in the case $F = \mathbb{Q}$. Although some of these results are known under weaker hypotheses, here we shall assume that

$$(\text{irr}_K) \quad \bar{\rho}_g \text{ is irreducible as } G_K\text{-representation,}$$

where $K = M$ is imaginary quadratic in this section.

We refer the reader to §§1.2 and 1.4 of [CGS23] for a review of the construction and interpolation property of the two-variable p -adic L -functions $\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{PR}}(g/K) \in \Lambda_K$ and $\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(g/K) \in \Lambda_K^{\text{ur}}$ appearing below.

4.1. Two-variable Main Conjectures.

Conjecture 4.1.1. *Let $g \in S_2(\Gamma_0(N))$ be a newform and $p > 2$ a prime of good ordinary reduction for g . Let K be an imaginary quadratic field satisfying (irr_K) . Then $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g/K_\infty)$ is Λ_K -torsion, with*

$$(\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{PR}}(g/K)) = \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g/K_\infty)).$$

Note that it follows from the comparison of p -adic L -functions in [Wan15, Prop. 84] that Conjecture 4.1.1 is nothing but Conjecture 2.2.1 in the current setting.

Conjecture 4.1.2. *Let $g \in S_2(\Gamma_0(N))$ be a newform and $p > 2$ a prime of good reduction for g . Let K be an imaginary quadratic field satisfying (spl) . Then $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g/K_\infty)$ is Λ_K -torsion, with*

$$(\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(g/K)) = \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g/K_\infty))$$

as ideals in Λ_K^{ur} .

The central result of [BSTW23] is the existence of two-variable zeta element for E over K (see also [KLZ17]), which leads to the following useful equivalence between the preceding two-variable main conjectures of different nature.

Theorem 4.1.3. *Let $g \in S_2(\Gamma_0(N))$ be an elliptic newform, and $p \nmid 2N$ an ordinary prime for g . Let K be an imaginary quadratic field satisfying (spl) , $(D_K, N) = 1$, and (irr_K) . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i) $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g/K_\infty)$ is Λ_K -torsion, with

$$(\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{PR}}(g/K)) \supset \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g/K_\infty)) \quad \text{in } \Lambda_K \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p.$$

(ii) $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g/K_\infty)$ is Λ_K -torsion, with

$$(\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(g/K)) \supset \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g/K_\infty)) \quad \text{in } \Lambda_K^{\text{ur}} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p.$$

The same conclusion holds for the opposite divisibilities, and before inverting p . In particular, Conjecture 4.1.1 and Conjecture 4.1.2 are equivalent.

Proof. This is shown in [BSTW23, §9.3.2] (cf. [CGS23, Prop. 3.2.1] or [Cas24, §3.3]) building on a pair of four-term exact sequences coming from Poitou–Tate duality. \square

Taking the direct sum of two pairs of four-term exact sequences as in the proof of Theorem 4.1.3, one deduces the following.

Corollary 4.1.4. *Let $g \in S_2(\Gamma_0(N))$ and $g' \in S_2(\Gamma_0(N'))$ be newforms, $p \nmid 2NN'$ an ordinary prime for both g and g' , and K an imaginary quadratic field satisfying (spl) and $(D_K, NN') = 1$, and such that (irr_K) holds for both g and g' . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i) $(\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{PR}}(g/K) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\text{PR}}(g'/K)) \supset \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g/K_\infty)) \cdot \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g'/K_\infty)).$
- (ii) $(\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(g/K) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(g'/K)) \supset \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g/K_\infty)) \cdot \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g'/K_\infty)).$

Moreover, the same holds for the opposite divisibility.

4.2. Anticyclotomic Main Conjectures. A refinement of Kolyvagin’s methods (in the style of [How04] and [Nek07]) developed in [CGLS22, CGS23] yields the first part of the following result.

Theorem 4.2.1. *Let $g \in S_2(\Gamma_0(N))$ be an elliptic newform and p an odd prime of good ordinary reduction for g . Let K be an imaginary quadratic field satisfying (disc), (Heeg), and (irr_K). Then the following hold:*

- (a) Both $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g/K_\infty^-)$ and $H_{\mathcal{F}_\Lambda}^1(K, T_g \otimes \Lambda_K^-)$ have Λ_K^- -rank one, and

$$\text{ch}_{\Lambda_K^-}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g/K_\infty^-)_{\text{tor}}) \supset \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K^-}(H_{\mathcal{F}_\Lambda}^1(K, T_g \otimes \Lambda_K^-)/(\kappa_1^{\text{Heeg}}))^2 \quad \text{in } \Lambda_K^- \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p.$$

- (b) If K also satisfies (spl), then $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g/K_\infty^-)$ is Λ_K^- -torsion, and

$$\text{ch}_{\Lambda_K^-}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g/K_\infty^-))\Lambda_K^{-,\text{ur}} \supset (\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{BDP}}(g/K)) \quad \text{in } \Lambda_K^{-,\text{ur}} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p.$$

Moreover, if (sur) holds, then both divisibilities hold integrally.

Proof. Part (a) is contained in [CGS23, Thm. 5.5.2], and part (b) then follows from [BCK21, Thm. 5.2]. Under (sur), part (a) follows from [How04, Thm. B], and part (b) again from [BCK21, Thm. 5.2]. \square

The following vanishing of μ -invariant result based on Hida’s ideas [Hid10] will also play an important role in our arguments.

Proposition 4.2.2. *Let $g \in S_2(\Gamma_0(N))$ be an elliptic newform with good reduction at $p > 2$, and suppose K is an imaginary quadratic field satisfying (disc), (Heeg), (spl), and (irr_K). Then*

$$\mu(\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(g/K)) = \mu(\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{BDP}}(g/K)) = 0.$$

Proof. By [Hsi14, Thm. B], $\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{BDP}}(g/K)$ has vanishing μ -invariant. Since a direct comparison of the interpolation properties shows that the projection of $\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(g/K)$ to $\Lambda_K^{-,\text{ur}}$ generates the same ideal as $\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{BDP}}(g/K)$ (see [CGS23, Prop. 1.4.5]), the result follows. \square

5. BASE CHANGE

Let $g \in S_2(\Gamma_0(N))$ be an elliptic newform, and $p > 3$ a good ordinary prime for g such that (irr_Q) holds.

5.1. Base change. Let M/F be a CM quadratic extension of a real quadratic field F for the form $M = FK$ with K an imaginary quadratic field.

For the \mathbb{Z}_p^2 -extension $\tilde{K}_\infty := FK_\infty$ of M , put $\tilde{\Lambda}_K := \mathcal{O}[\text{Gal}(\tilde{K}_\infty/M)]$ and let

$$\pi_K : \Lambda_M \rightarrow \tilde{\Lambda}_K \simeq \Lambda_K$$

denote the map arising from the projection $\text{Gal}(M_\infty/M) \twoheadrightarrow \text{Gal}(\tilde{K}_\infty/M)$.

Lemma 5.1.1. *We have the divisibility*

$$\pi_K(\text{ch}_{\Lambda_M}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g/M_\infty))) \supset \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g/K_\infty)) \cdot \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g^F/K_\infty))$$

in Λ_K , where g^F is the twist of g by the quadratic character corresponding to F/\mathbb{Q} .

Proof. It follows readily from Shapiro's lemma and [SU14, Prop. 3.6 and Prop. 3.7] that the restriction map $H^1(M, T_g \otimes \tilde{\Lambda}_K^\vee) \rightarrow H^1(M, \mathcal{M}_g)[I_K]$, where $I_K = \ker(\pi_K)$, induces Λ_K -module isomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\mathcal{F}_\Lambda}^1(M, \mathcal{M}_g)[I_K] &\simeq H_{\mathcal{F}_\Lambda}^1(M, T_g \otimes \tilde{\Lambda}_K^\vee) \\ &\simeq H_{\mathcal{F}_\Lambda}^1(M, T_g \otimes \Lambda_K^\vee) \oplus H_{\mathcal{F}_\Lambda}^1(M, T_g \otimes \eta_F \otimes \Lambda_K^\vee). \end{aligned}$$

Here η_F is the non-trivial character of $\text{Gal}(F/\mathbb{Q}) \simeq \text{Gal}(M/K)$ and so

$$T_g \otimes \eta_F \simeq T_{g^F}.$$

Since by [SU14, Cor. 3.8] we have the divisibility

$$\pi_K(\text{ch}_{\Lambda_M}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g/M_\infty))) \supset \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g/M_\infty)/I_K)$$

in $\Lambda_M/I_K \simeq \Lambda_K$, the proof concludes. \square

Lemma 5.1.2. *Let the setting be as in Lemma 5.1.1. Then we have*

$$(\pi_K(\mathcal{L}_p(g_F/M))) = (\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{PR}}(g/K) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\text{PR}}(g^F/K))$$

in $\Lambda_K \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p$.

Proof. This just follows from a direct comparison of the interpolation properties (cf. [Wan21, Prop. 84]). \square

5.2. Proofs of main results. We can now complete the proof of the results stated in §1. We begin with the following key proposition.

Proposition 5.2.1. *Let $g \in S_2(\Gamma_0(N))$ be an elliptic newform and $p \geq 5$ a prime of good ordinary reduction for g . Let K be an imaginary quadratic field satisfying (disc), (Heeg), (spl), and (irr $_K$). Suppose F is a real quadratic field of discriminant D_F satisfying the following hypotheses:*

- (i) p is inert in F .
- (ii) D_F is odd and every prime dividing D_F splits in K .
- (iii) Every prime $\ell|N$ is inert in F if $\ell \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$, and is split in F otherwise.
- (iv) (irr $_M$) holds for $M = FK$.
- (v) $\bar{\rho}_g|_{G_{F(\zeta_p)}}$ is irreducible.
- (vi) If $p = 5$, then $F \neq \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_5)^+$.

Then we have the divisibilities

$$(\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{PR}}(g/K) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\text{PR}}(g^F/K)) \supset \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g/K_\infty)) \cdot \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g^F/K_\infty)) \quad \text{in } \Lambda_K,$$

and

$$(\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(g/K) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(g^F/K)) \supset \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g/K_\infty)) \cdot \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g^F/K_\infty)) \quad \text{in } \Lambda_K^{\text{ur}}.$$

Proof. Note that the CM quadratic extension M/F and the residual representation $\bar{\rho}_g|_{G_F}$ satisfy the hypotheses of Theorem 3.2.1. Indeed, the conditions $(pN, D_F) = 1$ and $(N\mathcal{O}_F, D_{M/F}) = 1$ are clear, and hypotheses (i)–(iii) and (Heeg) imply (spl $_F$) and (Δ). Further (ii) implies $\mathfrak{n}^- = \mathcal{O}_F$ and so hypotheses (iii) and (iv) of Theorem 3.2.1 are vacuous. Hypothesis 3.1.1 is readily verified: (H1) follows by (v) and (vi), (H2) follows as in [Wan21, Thm. 103] (indeed, by our choice of F , the base change to F of a minimal modular lifting of $\bar{\rho}_g$ gives a minimal modular lifting of $\bar{\rho}_{g_F}$), and (H3) also follows by condition (iii) on F .

Now Theorem 3.2.1 leads to the divisibility

$$(\pi_K(\mathcal{L}_p(g_F/M))) \supset \pi_K(\text{ch}_{\Lambda_M}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g/M_\infty)))$$

in Λ_K , and so by Lemmas 5.1.1 and 5.1.2, we have

$$(\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{PR}}(g/K) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\text{PR}}(g^F/K)) \supset \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g/K)) \cdot \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g^F/K))$$

in $\Lambda_K \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p$. In turn Proposition 4.1.3 (and its proof) implies

$$(5.1) \quad (\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(g/K) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(g^F/K)) \supset \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g/K)) \cdot \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g^F/K))$$

in $\Lambda_K^{\text{ur}} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p$. Since $\mu(\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(g/K) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(g^F/K)) = 0$ by Proposition 4.2.2, the divisibility (5.1) holds integrally in Λ_K^{ur} . By again appealing to Proposition 4.1.3, the proof concludes. \square

Remark 5.2.2. In the case $p = 5$, if g corresponds to an elliptic curve E/\mathbb{Q} , then the condition $F \neq \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_5)^+$ is inessential (cf. Remark 3.1.2(iii)).

The existence of F satisfying the conditions in Proposition 5.2.1 is easily verified:

Lemma 5.2.3. *Let $g \in S_2(\Gamma_0(N))$ be an elliptic newform and $p \geq 5$ a prime of good ordinary reduction for g such that $\bar{\rho}_g$ is irreducible as $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -representation. Then there exist an imaginary quadratic field K satisfying (disc), (Heeg), (spl), and (irr_K), and a real quadratic field F satisfying (i)–(vi) in Proposition 5.2.1.*

Proof. Since $p \nmid N$ by hypothesis, (i) and (iii) are independent splitting conditions which hold for a positive proportion of real quadratic fields F ; fix one such F with odd discriminant D_F . Similarly, (spl), (Heeg), and (ii) hold for a positive proportion of imaginary quadratic fields K , and we can fix one such K satisfying these conditions in addition (disc) and (irr_K).

In view of (irr_K), if FK is not a subfield of the splitting field of $\rho_g|_{G_K}$, then (irr_M) holds for $M = FK$. For such F , if $\bar{\rho}_g|_{G_{F(\zeta_p)}}$ is reducible, then $\bar{\rho}_g|_{G_F}$ is induced by an index 2 subgroup G_L of G_F which contains $G_{F(\zeta_p)}$; but this forces $p = 5$ and $F = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_5)^+$, so the result follows. \square

Proof of Theorem 1.1.2. Pick an imaginary quadratic field K and a real quadratic field F as in Lemma 5.2.3.

Then by Proposition 5.2.1,

$$(5.2) \quad (\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{PR}}(g/K) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\text{PR}}(g^F/K)) \supset \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g/K_{\infty})) \cdot \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g^F/K_{\infty})).$$

By [CGS23, Prop. 1.2.4] and Propositions 3.6 and 3.9 in [SU14], taking the image under the maps induced by the projection $\pi_+ : \Gamma_K \twoheadrightarrow \Gamma_K^+$, from (5.2) we get the divisibilities

$$(5.3) \quad \begin{aligned} & (\mathcal{L}_p(g/\mathbb{Q}) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p(g^K/\mathbb{Q}) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p(g^F/\mathbb{Q}) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p(g^{FK}/\mathbb{Q})) \\ & \supset \pi_+(\text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g/K_{\infty})) \cdot \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g^F/K_{\infty}))) \\ & \supset \text{ch}_{\Lambda}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g/\mathbb{Q}_{\infty})) \cdot \text{ch}_{\Lambda}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g^K/\mathbb{Q}_{\infty})) \cdot \text{ch}_{\Lambda}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g^F/\mathbb{Q}_{\infty})) \cdot \text{ch}_{\Lambda}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g^{FK}/\mathbb{Q}_{\infty})) \end{aligned}$$

in $\Lambda_K^+ \simeq \Lambda$.

On the other hand, by [Kat04, Thm. 17.4] we have the divisibility

$$(5.4) \quad (\mathcal{L}_p(g/\mathbb{Q})) \subset \text{ch}_{\Lambda}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{ord}}(g/\mathbb{Q}_{\infty}))$$

in Λ if hypothesis (im) holds, and in $\Lambda \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p$ otherwise. Similar divisibilities hold for the twists g^K , g^F , and g^{FK} . Noting that a proper divisibility in (5.4) would contradict (5.3), the proof concludes. \square

Proof of Theorem 1.2.2 and Theorem 1.2.3. Pick a real quadratic field F as in Lemma 5.2.3.

Then by Theorem 5.2.1,

$$(5.5) \quad (\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(g/K) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(g^F/K)) \supset \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g/K_{\infty})) \cdot \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g^F/K_{\infty})).$$

By [CGS23, Prop. 1.4.5] and [JSW17, Cor. 3.4.2], taking the image under the maps induced by the projection $\pi_- : \Gamma_K \twoheadrightarrow \Gamma_K^-$, from (5.5) we get the divisibilities

$$\begin{aligned} & (\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{BDP}}(g/K) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\text{BDP}}(g^F/K)) \supset \pi_-(\text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g/K_{\infty})) \cdot \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K^-}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g^F/K_{\infty}))) \\ & \supset \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K^-}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g/K_{\infty}^-)) \cdot \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K^-}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g^F/K_{\infty}^-)) \end{aligned}$$

in $\Lambda_K^{-, \text{ur}}$. Together with Theorem 4.2.1, this concludes the proof. \square

Proof of Theorem 1.4.1. Pick an imaginary quadratic field K and two different real quadratic fields F, F' as in Lemma 5.2.3.

For each of the pairs (K, F) , (K, F') , the equalities of characteristic ideals of Theorem 1.2.3, the divisibility (5.5), and the non-vanishing of the p -adic L -functions $\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{BDP}}(g/K)$ for $\cdot \in \{\emptyset, F, F'\}$ yields (by an application of [SU14, Lem. 3.2]) the equalities

$$\begin{aligned} & (\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(g/K) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(g^F/K)) = \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g/K_{\infty})) \cdot \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g^F/K_{\infty})), \\ & (\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(g/K) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(g^{F'}/K)) = \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g/K_{\infty})) \cdot \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g^{F'}/K_{\infty})), \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$(\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(g/K)^2 \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(g^F/K) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(g^{F'}/K)) = \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g/K_{\infty}))^2 \cdot \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g^F/K_{\infty})) \cdot \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g^{F'}/K_{\infty})).$$

When $\mathcal{V} = \emptyset$, condition (H3) in Hypothesis 3.1.1 is vacuous, and therefore the argument in the proof of Theorem 1.2.3 applies for any real quadratic F_0 satisfying conditions (i)-(ii) and (iv)-(vi) in Lemma 5.2.3, but not necessarily (iii). Thus taking F_0 to be the third real quadratic field in the compositum FF' , as above we obtain the equality

$$(\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(g^F/K) \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(g^{F'}/K)) = \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g^F/K_{\infty})) \cdot \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g^{F'}/K_{\infty})).$$

The combination of the last two equalities immediately gives $(\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{Gr}}(g/K)) = \text{ch}_{\Lambda_K}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{Gr}}(g/K_{\infty}))$, which together with Proposition 4.1.3 yields the result. \square

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