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FINITUDE DES SURFACES K3 ET DES VARIÉTÉS HYPERKÄHLERIENNES POLARISÉES

ABSTRACT. — In the moduli space of polarized varieties (X, L) the same unpolarized variety X can occur more than once. However, for K3 surfaces, compact hyperkähler manifolds, and abelian varieties the ‘orbit’ of X , i.e. the subset $\{(X_i, L_i) \mid X_i \simeq X\}$, is known to be finite, which may be viewed as a consequence of the Kawamata–Morrison cone conjecture. In this note we provide a proof of this finiteness not relying on the cone conjecture and, in fact, not even on the global Torelli theorem. Instead, it uses the geometry of the moduli space of polarized varieties to conclude the finiteness by means of Baily–Borel type arguments. We also address related questions concerning finiteness in twistor families associated with polarized K3 surfaces of CM type.

RÉSUMÉ. — Dans l’espace de modules des variétés polarisées (X, L) la variété (non-polarisée) X peut apparaître plus d’une fois. Néanmoins, pour les surfaces K3, les variétés hyperkähleriennes compactes et les variétés abéliennes il est connu que l’orbite de la variété X , i.e. l’ensemble $\{(X_i, L_i) \mid X_i \simeq X\}$, est fini, ce qui peut être vu comme une conséquence de la conjecture du cône de Kawamata–Morrison. Nous donnons ici une démonstration de la finitude qui ne repose pas sur la conjecture du cône et qui n’utilise même pas le théorème de Torelli global. La finitude de l’orbite se déduit plutôt de la géométrie de l’espace de modules

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des variétés polarisées et d'arguments à la Baily–Borel. Le problème de la finitude pour la famille de twisteurs associée à une surface K3 à multiplication complexe est également traité.

The paper studies the connection between moduli spaces of polarized varieties, on the one hand, and the shape of the ample cone on a fixed variety, on the other hand. To illustrate our point of departure, let us review a few well-known results.

0.1. The classical Torelli theorem shows that two complex smooth projective curves C and C' are isomorphic if and only if their polarized Hodge structures are isomorphic, i.e. there exists a Hodge isometry $H^1(C, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq H^1(C', \mathbb{Z})$, or, equivalently, if their principally polarized Jacobians $J(C) \simeq J(C')$ are isomorphic. Dropping the compatibility with the polarizations, so only requiring isomorphisms of unpolarized Hodge structures or unpolarized abelian varieties, the geometric relation between C and C' becomes less clear. In moduli theoretic terms, one may wonder about the geometric nature of the quotient map $\mathcal{M}_g \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_g/\sim$. Here, \mathcal{M}_g denotes the moduli space of genus g curves and $C \sim C'$ if and only if $J(C) \simeq J(C')$ unpolarized.

Similarly, two polarized K3 surfaces (S, L) and (S', L') are isomorphic if and only if there exists a Hodge isometry $H^2(S, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq H^2(S', \mathbb{Z})$ that maps L to L' . Dropping the latter condition has a clear geometric meaning and corresponds to considering isomorphisms between unpolarized surfaces S and S' . Therefore, dividing out by the resulting equivalence relation yields a map $M_d \rightarrow M_d/\sim$ from the moduli space of polarized K3 surfaces (S, L) of degree d to the space of isomorphism classes of K3 surfaces that merely admit a polarization of this degree. Considering only isomorphisms of Hodge structures without any further compatibilities leads to the analogue of the aforementioned question for curves. At this time, there is no clear picture of what the existence of an unpolarized isomorphism of Hodge structures could mean for the geometry of the two K3 surfaces, but finiteness has recently been established in [Efi17].

Other types of varieties, like abelian varieties, Calabi–Yau or hyperkähler varieties, can be discussed from the same perspective.

0.2. Let us move to the cone side. For a K3 surface S , the ample cone $\text{Amp}(S) \subset \text{NS}(S) \otimes \mathbb{R}$ and its closure, the nef cone $\text{Nef}(S)$, are complicated and usually not rationally polyhedral. The situation changes when the natural action of $\text{Aut}(S)$ is taken into account. More precisely, there exists a fundamental domain $\Pi \subset \text{Nef}^+(S)$ for the action of $\text{Aut}(S)$ on the effective nef cone that is rational polyhedral, see [Ste85] or [Huy16, Chapter 8]. Its generalization to smooth projective varieties with trivial canonical bundle is the cone conjecture of Kawamata [Kaw97] and Morrison [Mor93]. It has been proved for abelian varieties [PS12] and for hyperkähler manifolds [AV17, AV16, MY15]. For recent progress in the case of Calabi–Yau varieties see [LOP15].

The cone conjecture has the following somewhat less technical consequence: Up to the action of the group of automorphisms, there exist at most finitely many polarizations of a fixed degree, see [Ste85] for the argument. For abelian varieties the result had been observed already in [NN81].

0.3. These two circles of ideas are of course linked. For example, for K3 surfaces the fibre over S_0 of the map $M_d \rightarrow M_d/\sim$ is naturally identified with the set $\{L \mid \text{ample, } (L)^2 = d\} / \text{Aut}(S_0)$. Due to the cone conjecture for K3 surfaces, this set is finite and, therefore, all fibres of $M_d \rightarrow M_d/\sim$ are finite. Similarly, for the moduli space $\mathcal{A}_{g,d}$ of polarized abelian varieties of dimension g and degree d and a fixed (unpolarized) abelian variety A_0 there exist at most finitely many polarized abelian varieties $(A_1, L_1), \dots, (A_n, L_n) \in \mathcal{A}_{g,d}$ with $A_i \simeq A_0$, i.e. the fibres of $\mathcal{A}_{g,d} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{g,d}/\sim$, and consequently also of $\mathcal{M}_g \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_g/\sim$, are finite.

It is worth emphasizing that the quotients M_d/\sim , \mathcal{M}_g/\sim , and $\mathcal{A}_{g,d}/\sim$ have no reasonable geometric structure, which is mainly due to the fact that the fibres of the quotient maps are all finite but of unbounded cardinality. See Section 1.5, where this is discussed for K3 surfaces.

Note that the local Torelli theorem for these types of varieties immediately implies that the fibres of $M_d \rightarrow M_d/\sim$, $\mathcal{A}_{g,d} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{g,d}/\sim$, and $\mathcal{M}_g \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_g/\sim$, i.e. the sets

$$M_d(S_0) := \{(S, L) \mid S \simeq S_0\} \subset M_d, \quad \mathcal{A}_{g,d}(A_0) := \{(A, L) \mid A_i \simeq A_0\} \subset \mathcal{A}_{g,d},$$

$$\text{and } \mathcal{M}_g(C_0) := \{C \mid \text{Jac}(C) \simeq \text{Jac}(C_0)\} \subset \mathcal{M}_g,$$

are discrete subsets of the corresponding moduli spaces. The present paper is motivated by the question whether the geometric nature of the three moduli spaces M_d , $\mathcal{A}_{g,d}$, and \mathcal{M}_g (and others), namely being quasi-projective varieties, can alternatively be used to deduce from their discreteness the finiteness of the three sets $M_d(S_0)$, $\mathcal{A}_{g,d}(A_0)$, and $\mathcal{M}_g(C_0)$. There are well-known instances where this naive idea indeed yields finiteness of certain discrete sets in appropriate moduli spaces by verifying their algebraicity. As an example, we recall in Section 1.6 the proof for the finiteness of $\text{Aut}(S, L)$ along these lines.

Although, finiteness of the sets $M_d(S_0)$, $\mathcal{A}_{g,d}(A_0)$, or $\mathcal{M}_g(C_0)$ cannot be deduced quite so easily, we will show that the quasi-projectivity of certain related moduli spaces can indeed be exploited. We will demonstrate this for the moduli space M_d of compact hyperkähler manifolds of fixed degree and fixed dimension by proving the following result.

THEOREM 0.1. — *Fix a compact hyperkähler (or irreducible holomorphic symplectic) manifold X_0 . Let $M_d(X_0) \subset M_d$ be the set of polarized compact hyperkähler manifolds (X, L) of degree $(L)^{2n} = d$ with $X \simeq X_0$. Then $M_d(X_0)$ is finite.*

In other words, the set of ample line bundles on X_0 of fixed degree is finite up to the action of the group $\text{Aut}(X_0)$ of automorphisms of X_0 . As the cone conjecture for hyperkähler manifolds has recently been established in great generality in [AV17, AV16], see also [MY15] for a proof for the two standard series, the theorem can also be seen as a consequence of the cone conjecture. In fact, the full conjecture is not needed to conclude the above result from the global Torelli theorem, a shortcut is outlined in Section 1.4. However, our approach shows that finiteness results of this type can be deduced more directly and without using any version of the global Torelli theorem from moduli space considerations and Baily–Borel type arguments. Alternatively, Griffiths’ extension theorem can be used. To complete the picture, we shall outline in Section 3 a proof of Theorem 0.1 that reduces the assertion to the case of abelian varieties via the Kuga–Satake construction.

0.4. Finiteness results of this type are clearly fundamental. However, as they fail in the non-algebraic setting, they are also quite remarkable. Recall that there indeed exist non-isotrivial families of K3 surfaces or hyperkähler manifolds with a dense subset of fibres all isomorphic to one of the fibres. More precisely, the set of period points corresponding to K3 surfaces or hyperkähler manifolds isomorphic to a fixed one is dense except when the complex plane $(H^{2,0} \oplus H^{0,2})$ contains a non-trivial integral class, see [Ver15, Ver17] and [BL16, Remark 5.7]. Theorem 0.1 now says that this cannot happen for polarized families. The second goal of this paper is to prove a similar result for certain families ‘orthogonal’ to the polarized case. More precisely, we study families provided by the twistor space construction. Let us restrict to K3 surfaces for simplicity and recall that associated with any K3 surface S_0 endowed with a Kähler class ω_0 , e.g. the one given by a polarization L_0 , one associates a twistor family $\mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ of K3 surfaces \mathcal{S}_t , $t \in \mathbb{P}^1$, with a natural Kähler class ω_t . Only countably many of the fibres \mathcal{S}_t are projective and the complex manifold \mathcal{S} is not even Kähler. We then prove the following non-algebraic analogue of Theorem 0.1, see Proposition 2.8.

THEOREM 0.2. — *Let $\mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ be the twistor space associated with a polarized K3 surface (S_0, L_0) . Assume that S_0 has CM. Then at most finitely many twistor fibres \mathcal{S}_t are isomorphic to S_0 .*

Despite the similarities between the two finiteness results, they are rather different from another perspective. Namely, in Theorem 0.1 the number $|M_d(S_0)|$ is finite but unbounded for varying S_0 , whereas in Theorem 0.2 the number of fibres isomorphic to S_0 only depends on the CM field and can be universally bounded by 132, cf. Remark 2.9. At this point, it is not clear whether the assumption on S_0 to have CM is really necessary, but the proof suggests that it might.

0.5. We are also interested in the metric aspect. Recall that to any polarization L on a compact hyperkähler manifold X there is naturally associated a hyperkähler metric g_L on the underlying manifold. The resulting Riemannian manifold shall be denoted (X, g_L) . From the Riemannian perspective it is then natural to wonder how often the same Riemannian manifold occurs for $(X, L) \in M_d$. Again restricting to the case of K3 surfaces for simplicity, we prove the following result, see Corollary 2.3.

THEOREM 0.3. — *Let M_d be the moduli space of polarized K3 surfaces (S, L) of degree $(L)^2 = d$. Then the set $M_d(S_0, g_{L_0}) \subset M_d$ of polarized K3 surfaces $(S, L) \in M_d$ for which there exists an isometry $(S_0, g_{L_0}) \simeq (S, g_L)$ of the underlying Riemannian manifolds is finite.*

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1. Finiteness of polarizations on hyperkähler manifolds

Without using the global Torelli theorem, finiteness of polarizations of fixed degree on a compact hyperkähler manifold can be proved by applying Baily–Borel type arguments that ensure that certain arithmetic quotients and maps between them are algebraic.

1.1. Consider $H^2(X_0, \mathbb{Z})$ of a compact hyperkähler (or irreducible holomorphic symplectic) manifold X_0 with its Beauville–Bogomolov form q_{X_0} as an abstract lattice Λ . For example, if X_0 is a K3 surface, then $\Lambda \simeq E_8(-1)^{\oplus 2} \oplus U^{\oplus 3}$. In general, nothing is known about Λ beyond the fact that it is non-degenerate of signature $(3, b_2(X_0) - 3)$ and a few restrictions on $b_2(X_0)$ in low dimensions. For X_0 projective, the Hodge index theorem implies that the Néron–Severi lattice $H^{1,1}(X_0, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq \text{NS}(X_0)$ is a non-degenerate primitive sublattice of signature $(1, \rho(X_0) - 1)$.

Remark 1.1. — We shall use the following elementary facts from lattice theory, cf. [Kne02, Satz 30.2], the second being a special case of the first. Let N and Λ be arbitrary lattices.

- (1) Up to the action of the orthogonal group $O(\Lambda)$, there exist at most finitely many (primitive) embeddings $\eta_i: N \hookrightarrow \Lambda$, $i = 1, \dots, k$. In the following, we often denote the lattices given as the orthogonal complements by $T_i := \eta_i(N)^\perp \subset \Lambda$.
- (2) Up to the action of $O(N)$, there exist only finitely many (primitive) classes $\ell \in N$ with fixed square $(\ell)^2 = d$.
- (3) If Λ is definite, then there exist at most finitely many embeddings $N \hookrightarrow \Lambda$.

1.2. Assume now that N has signature $(1, \rho(X) - 1)$ and fix an element $\ell \in N$ with $(\ell)^2 = d$. Then consider the moduli stack $\mathcal{M}_{(N, \ell)}$ of (N, ℓ) -polarized hyperkähler manifolds of deformation type (or just diffeomorphic or homeomorphic to) X_0 . So, $\mathcal{M}_{(N, \ell)}(T)$ consists of families $\pi: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow T$ of compact hyperkähler manifolds deformation equivalent to X_0 together with an embedding $\iota: \underline{N} \hookrightarrow R^2\pi_*\mathbb{Z}$ of locally constant systems on T which fibrewise induces a primitive embedding of lattices $N \hookrightarrow \text{Pic}(\mathcal{X}_t) \simeq \text{NS}(\mathcal{X}_t) \simeq H^{1,1}(\mathcal{X}_t, \mathbb{Z}) \subset H^2(\mathcal{X}_t, \mathbb{Z})$ mapping ℓ to an ample line bundle L_t on \mathcal{X}_t .

Standard moduli space constructions yield the following result.

PROPOSITION 1.2. — *The stack $\mathcal{M}_{(N, \ell)}$ of (N, ℓ) -polarized compact hyperkähler manifolds deformation equivalent to X_0 is a Deligne–Mumford stack with a quasi-polarized coarse moduli space $M_{(N, \ell)}$.*

Proof. — We sketch the main steps in the construction. Variants of this can be found in the literature, see [Bea04, Dol96] and Section 4 for further comments.

Denote by \mathcal{M}_d the moduli stack of polarized hyperkähler manifolds (X, L) of degree d . This is a Deligne–Mumford stack with a quasi-projective coarse moduli space, see [Vie95] and [Huy16, Chapter 5] for further references in the case of K3 surfaces.⁽¹⁾ The map $(\mathcal{X} \rightarrow T, \iota) \mapsto (\mathcal{X} \rightarrow T, \iota(\ell))$ defines a morphism $f: \mathcal{M}_{(N, \ell)} \rightarrow$

⁽¹⁾The degree of a polarization L would usually be given as the top intersection form $(L)^{2m}$ or, equivalently, as $c_F \cdot q(L)^m$ with the Fujiki constant c_F . As we are only looking at varieties deformation

\mathcal{M}_d . As there exist at most finitely many isometric embeddings $\ell^\perp \hookrightarrow \iota(\ell)^\perp \subset \text{Pic}(X)$ (use Remark 1.1(3)), the morphism is quasi-finite. In [Bea04] $\mathcal{M}_{(N,\ell)}$ is realized as an open and closed substack of $\text{Pic}_{\mathcal{X}/\mathcal{M}_d}^{\rho(X)}$, where $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_d$ is the universal family. This is enough to conclude that $\mathcal{M}_{(N,\ell)}$ is a Deligne–Mumford stack [LMB00, Proposition 4.5].

It is not difficult to show that $f: \mathcal{M}_{(N,\ell)} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_d$ is actually proper and hence finite. Therefore, also the induced morphism between their coarse moduli spaces $M_{(N,\ell)} \rightarrow M_d$ is finite. For the existence of the coarse moduli spaces (as algebraic spaces) one needs to use the finiteness of the stabilizers (Matsusaka–Mumford, as for K3 surfaces), see [KM97]. Using that M_d is quasi-projective [Vie95], yields the quasi-projectivity of $M_{(N,\ell)}$. \square

According to Remark 1.1, there exist, up to the action of $O(N)$, at most finitely many $\ell_1, \dots, \ell_m \in N$ with $(\ell_j)^2 = d$. In this sense, the quasi-projective variety

$$M_{N,d} := M_{(N,\ell_1)} \sqcup \dots \sqcup M_{(N,\ell_m)}$$

can be understood as the moduli space of N -polarized hyperkähler manifolds of deformation type X_0 and degree d .⁽²⁾

As explained in the above proof, mapping $(\mathcal{X} \rightarrow T, \iota: \underline{N} \hookrightarrow R^2\pi_*\mathbb{Z})$ to $(\mathcal{X} \rightarrow T, \iota(\ell))$ defines a morphism from $\mathcal{M}_{(N,\ell)}$ to the moduli stack \mathcal{M}_d of polarized compact hyperkähler manifolds of deformation type X_0 and degree d . This yields a morphism between their quasi-projective coarse moduli spaces

$$(1.1) \quad M_{N,d} = M_{(N,\ell_1)} \sqcup \dots \sqcup M_{(N,\ell_m)} \rightarrow M_d.$$

Its image consists of all the points that correspond to polarized hyperkähler manifolds (X, L) of deformation type X_0 for which the polarization L is contained in a primitive sublattice of the Néron–Severi lattice abstractly isomorphic to N . In particular, for $N = \text{NS}(X_0)$ the set $M_d(X_0) := \{(X, L) \in M_d \mid X \simeq X_0\}$ is contained in the image of (1.1). Clearly, if $N = \mathbb{Z}(d)$, then (1.1) is an isomorphism $M_{N,d} \xrightarrow{\sim} M_d$.

According to Remark 1.1, the moduli space $M_{N,d}$ also decomposes into a finite disjoint union

$$M_{N,d} = M_{N,d}^1 \sqcup \dots \sqcup M_{N,d}^k.$$

Here, $M_{N,d}^i$ parametrizes N -polarized hyperkähler manifolds (X, ι) for which the composition $\iota: N \hookrightarrow H^{1,1}(X, \mathbb{Z}) \subset H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq H^2(X_0, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq \Lambda$ is equivalent to the embedding η_i . A similar decomposition exists for each fixed ℓ_j , so $M_{(N,\ell_j)} = \sqcup M_{(N,\ell_j)}^i$.⁽³⁾

equivalent to X_0 , the Fujiki constant is fixed and so prescribing the Beauville–Bogomolov square $q(L)$ or the classical degree $(L)^{2m}$ amounts to the same. In particular, it would be enough to fix the topological type of X_0 in our discussion.

⁽²⁾ ... with the slight ambiguity that a primitive embedding of N may send more than one ℓ_j to an ample class.

⁽³⁾ As a side remark, but very much in the spirit of our discussion, the fact that $M_{N,d}$ is quasi-projective allows one to circumvent Remark 1.1(1), as it implies that there can be at most finitely many equivalence classes of embeddings $N \hookrightarrow \Lambda$ obtained as composition $N \hookrightarrow H^{1,1}(X, \mathbb{Z}) \hookrightarrow H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq H^2(X_0, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq \Lambda$.

Remark 1.3. — The image of $M_{N,\ell_j}^i \rightarrow M_d$ defines a special cycle in the sense of [Kud13]. In particular, each $M_d(X_0)$ is contained in a finite union of special cycles of codimension $\rho(X_0) - 1$.

1.3. For each of the lattices $T_i = \eta_i(N)^\perp \subset \Lambda$ we consider the usual period domain

$$D_i \subset \mathbb{P}(T_i \otimes \mathbb{C})$$

defined by the closed condition $(x)^2 = 0$ and the open condition $(x.\bar{x}) > 0$. Recall that D_i can be identified with the Grassmannian of positive oriented planes in $T_i \otimes \mathbb{R}$ and that it consists of two connected components, cf. [Huy16, Chapter 6].

The orthogonal group $O(T_i)$ acts naturally on D_i and due to Baily–Borel [BB66] the quotient $O(T_i) \backslash D_i$ is a quasi-projective variety with finite quotient singularities.

PROPOSITION 1.4. — *Mapping $(X, \iota: N \hookrightarrow \text{NS}(X))$ to its period $\varphi(H^{2,0}(X))$ yields a well defined and algebraic map*

$$\pi_i: M_{N,d}^i \rightarrow O(T_i) \backslash D_i.$$

Here, $\varphi: H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \Lambda$ is any marking for which $\varphi \circ \iota = \eta_i$.

Proof. — Note that the primitive embedding $\iota: N \hookrightarrow \text{NS}(X)$ composed with the inclusion $\text{NS}(X) \simeq H^{1,1}(X, \mathbb{Z}) \subset H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$ and a marking $H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq \Lambda$ yields a primitive embedding $\eta: N \hookrightarrow \Lambda$. By definition of $M_{N,d}^i$ this primitive embedding is equivalent to η_i and, hence, there indeed exists a marking φ with $\varphi \circ \iota = \eta_i$. In particular, the sublattices $T_i = \eta_i(N)^\perp$ and $\varphi(\iota(N))^\perp$ of Λ coincide. Hence, $\varphi(H^{2,0}(X)) \subset T_i \otimes \mathbb{C}$, which thus defines a point in D_i . Changing φ to φ' still satisfying $\varphi' \circ \iota = \eta_i$ yields a period in the same orbit of the $O(T_i)$ -action on D_i . It is easy to check that isomorphic N -polarized (X, ι) and (X', ι') , i.e. both defining the same point in $M_{N,d}^i$, yield the same point in $O(T_i) \backslash D_i$.

Introducing markings globally over $M_{N,d}^i$ (by passing to the appropriate principal bundle) and applying local period maps, one finds that $\pi_i: M_{N,d}^i \rightarrow O(T_i) \backslash D_i$ is holomorphic.⁽⁴⁾ The crucial input now is Borel’s result [Bor72] which shows that π_i is automatically algebraic. Note that Borel’s result only allows quotients by torsion free groups. However, introducing finite level structures one obtains a finite cover of $M_{N,d}^i$ that then maps holomorphically to a smooth quotient $\Gamma \backslash D_i$ for some finite index torsion free subgroup $\Gamma \subset O(T_i)$. \square

COROLLARY 1.5. — *The fibres of $\pi_i: M_{N,d}^i \rightarrow O(T_i) \backslash D_i$ are finite.*

Proof. — By the local Torelli theorem, non-trivial local deformations of (X, η) are detected by their periods, i.e. by their images under π_i . Thus, the fibres of π_i are discrete. Now use that π_i is algebraic, which immediately implies finiteness. \square

1.4. Proofs of Theorem 0.1. As announced in the introduction, we shall now present a proof of the finiteness of $M_d(X_0)$ for hyperkähler manifolds X_0 that avoids the Kawamata–Morrison cone conjecture and, in fact, the global Torelli theorem. We shall also sketch an argument that uses the global Torelli theorem directly. For a third proof via the Kuga–Satake construction see Section 3.

⁽⁴⁾This is completely analogous to the standard arguments, see e.g. [Bea04, Dol96, Huy16].

– Let X_0 be a compact hyperkähler manifold which is assumed to be projective. Hence, $N := \text{NS}(X_0) \simeq H^{1,1}(X_0, \mathbb{Z}) \subset H^2(X_0, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq \Lambda$ is a primitive sublattice of signature $(1, \rho(X_0) - 1)$ (which by [Huy99] is known to be equivalent to the projectivity of X_0).

The set $M_d(X_0) \subset M_d$ of all polarized (X, L) of degree d with $X \simeq X_0$ is contained in the image of the map (1.1). So, let $(X, \iota) \in M_{N,d}$ with $X \simeq X_0$. Then $\iota: N \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{NS}(X)$, because an embedding of abstractly isomorphic lattices is automatically an isomorphism. Hence, (X, ι) and $(X_0, \iota_0: N \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{NS}(X_0))$ are both contained in the same part $M_{N,d}^i \subset M_{N,d}$. Moreover, picking an isomorphism $f: X \xrightarrow{\sim} X_0$ yields a Hodge isometry $f^*: \text{NS}(X_0)^\perp \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{NS}(X)^\perp$, which shows that (X, ι) and (X_0, ι_0) have the same image under $\pi_i: M_{N,d}^i \rightarrow \text{O}(T_i) \setminus D_i$.

Therefore, $M_d(X_0)$ is contained in the image under the map (1.1) of a fibre of π_i . Now use Corollary 1.5, to conclude the finiteness of $M_d(X_0)$. \square

Remark 1.6. — For Calabi–Yau threefolds a similar idea has been exploited by Szendrői [Sze99] and it seems plausible that his arguments can be generalized to cover Calabi–Yau manifolds of arbitrary dimensions. Instead of Baily–Borel, so the algebraicity of the holomorphic period map, he applies Griffiths’ extension theorem [CGGH83] which ensures the existence of a proper holomorphic extension.

In fact, quite generally, quasi-finiteness can alternatively be deduced from the extension theorem. See [JL18] for an in depth discussion of various aspects of the quasi-finiteness of period maps and references.

– As has been mentioned, Theorem 0.1 can also be deduced from the global Torelli theorem which in turn relies on the existence of Ricci-flat metrics, twistor spaces, etc. Here is a quick outline of the argument. The reader may, for simplicity, restrict to the case of K3 surfaces.

The group of diffeomorphisms acts by a finite index subgroup on $H^2(X_0, \mathbb{Z})$, often called the monodromy group $\text{Mon}(X_0) \subset \text{O}(H^2(X_0, \mathbb{Z}))$. For K3 surfaces the index has been determined in [Bor86] (finiteness was known to Weil). The same argument combined with [Huy03] proves finiteness for arbitrary hyperkähler manifolds. The subgroup respecting the Hodge structure yields a finite index subgroup $\text{Mon}_{\text{Hdg}}(X_0) \subset \text{O}(\text{NS}(X_0))$. (The finite index of the inclusion $\text{NS}(X_0) \oplus \text{NS}(X_0)^\perp \subset H^2(X_0, \mathbb{Z})$ intervenes here.) We know that $\text{O}(\text{NS}(X_0))$ acts with finitely many orbits on the set of all $\ell \in \text{NS}(X_0)$ with fixed $(\ell)^2 = d$, see Remark 1.1. The last step now is to describe the image of $\text{Aut}(X_0) \rightarrow \text{O}(\text{NS}(X_0))$ as the subgroup of finite index of all $g \in \text{O}(\text{NS}(X_0))$ such that g maps (at least) one Kähler class again to a Kähler class. This last assertion is part of the global Torelli theorem, cf. [Huy16, Chapter 15] for the case of K3 surfaces and [Mar11, Ver13] for the higher-dimensional case. \square

COROLLARY 1.7. — *Let $\pi: (\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{L}) \rightarrow T$ be a polarized family of compact hyperkähler manifolds (e.g. of polarized K3 surfaces) over a quasi-projective base T . Then for any X_0 the set $\{t \in T \mid \mathcal{X}_t \simeq X_0\}$ is Zariski closed.* \square

COROLLARY 1.8. — *Let N be a lattice of signature $(1, m)$ and $\ell \in N$ a primitive class. Then for any compact hyperkähler manifold X_0 there exist, up to the action of $\text{Aut}(X_0)$, at most finitely many isometric embeddings $N \hookrightarrow \text{NS}(X_0)$ mapping ℓ to an ample class.*

Proof. — The result can be proved in the spirit of the discussion above, by means of moduli spaces of lattice polarized hyperkähler manifolds and again using Baily–Borel arguments. It can also be deduced from Theorem 0.1 directly. Indeed, up to the action of $\text{Aut}(X_0)$ there are only finitely many ample classes $L \in \text{NS}(X_0)$ with $(L)^2 = (\ell)^2$. An isometric embedding $N \hookrightarrow \text{NS}(X_0)$ mapping ℓ to a fixed L is then determined by the induced $\ell^\perp \hookrightarrow L^\perp$. As L^\perp is negative definite by the Hodge index theorem, there are only finitely many such embeddings, see Remark 1.1. \square

1.5. The cardinality of the ‘orbits’ cannot be bounded. For abelian surfaces this has been observed in [Hay68, Lan06]. This suggests a similar behavior for the associated Kummer surfaces, but controlling the degree of the polarizations is technical. Here, we exhibit an example of polarized K3 surfaces (S, L) of degree $(L)^2 = d = 4d_0$ for any fixed odd $d_0 > 0$ not divisible by any p^3 showing that $|M_d(S)|$ cannot be bounded.

For this, consider an increasing sequence of primes $p_i \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$. By Siegel’s theorem, the sequence of class numbers $h_i := h(p_i) = |\text{Cl}(K_i)|$ of the imaginary quadratic field $K_i := \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-p_i})$ cannot be bounded. Then use the interpretation of $\text{Cl}(K_i)$ as the set of $\text{Sl}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ -equivalence classes of binary quadratic forms $aX^2 + bXY + cY^2$ of discriminant $-p_i = b^2 - 4ac$ or, equivalently, as the set of isomorphism classes of oriented positive definite lattices Γ of rank two with intersection matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 2a & b \\ b & 2c \end{pmatrix}$. It is classically known that two forms are in the same genus if they differ by forms in $\text{Cl}(K_i)^2$ (Gauss principal genus theorem) and that under our assumptions in fact $\text{Cl}(K_i)^2 = \text{Cl}(K_i)$. cf. [Cox89, Proposition 3.11]. Hence, for all i there exist non-isomorphic $\Gamma_{i1}, \dots, \Gamma_{ih_i}$ within the same genus.

Hence, the indefinite lattices $\tilde{\Gamma}_{ij} := \Gamma_{ij} \oplus \mathbb{Z}(-d_0)$, $j = 1, \dots, h_i$, of rank three are in the same genus for fixed i . However, the genus of an indefinite ternary form determines the isomorphism class assuming that its discriminant is odd and indivisible by any cube, cf. [CS98, Chapter 15, Theorem 21]. Hence, $\tilde{\Gamma}_{i1} \simeq \dots \simeq \tilde{\Gamma}_{ih_i}$ and we shall denote this isomorphism type by $\tilde{\Gamma}_i$. Then the generators of $\mathbb{Z}(-d_0)$ correspond to elements $\alpha_{ij} \in \tilde{\Gamma}_i$. As their orthogonal complements α_{ij}^\perp are isomorphic to Γ_{ij} , the orbits $\text{O}(\tilde{\Gamma}_i) \cdot \alpha_{ij} \subset \tilde{\Gamma}_i$ are all distinct. Finally, set $N_i := \tilde{\Gamma}_i(-4)$, which is lattice of signature $(1, 2)$ containing classes $\alpha_{i1}, \dots, \alpha_{ih_i}$ of square $(\alpha_{ij})^2 = d = 4d_0$ with distinct $\text{O}(N_i)$ -orbits. By the surjectivity of the period map, there exist K3 surfaces S_i with $\text{NS}(S_i) \simeq N_i$. As the lattices N_i do not contain any (-2) -classes, up to sign the α_{ij} , $j = 1, \dots, h_i$ correspond to ample line bundles L_{ij} with pairwise distinct $\text{O}(\text{NS}(S_i))$ -orbits and, hence, pairwise distinct $\text{Aut}(S_i)$ -orbits. In other words, $(S_i, L_{ij}) \in M_d$, $j = 1, \dots, h_i$, are h_i distinct points, all contained in $M_d(S_i)$.

1.6. We conclude this section by a few additional remarks.

– The kind of finiteness we have discussed for K3 surfaces, hyperkähler manifolds, and abelian varieties does not generalize to arbitrary varieties. In fact, it already fails for blow-ups of K3 surfaces. For a concrete example, consider an automorphism $f: S \xrightarrow{\sim} S$ of infinite order of a K3 surface S . Then consider the family $\pi: \mathcal{X} := \text{Bl}_\Delta(S \times S) \xrightarrow{\sigma} S \times S \xrightarrow{p_1} S$, which over a point $s \in S$ is the blow-up of S in s . Fix a sufficiently ample line bundle L on S and the induced π -ample line bundle $p_1^*L(-E)$,

where $E \rightarrow \Delta$ is the exceptional divisor. Then for an infinite orbit $\{s_i := f^i(s)\}$ the infinitely many fibres \mathcal{X}_{s_i} are all isomorphic. These isomorphisms will be mostly unpolarized, as $\{f^{i*}L\}$ will be infinite for every ample line bundle L on S . Hence, in the corresponding moduli space, the orbit $M_{d-1}(\text{Bl}_s(S))$ will be infinite.

– There are indeed instances where finiteness can be deduced by combining a local argument, showing discreteness of a set, with algebraicity. For example, for a polarized K3 surface (S, L) the quasi-projectivity of the Hilbert scheme $\text{Hilb}^P(S \times S)$ (of closed subschemes of $S \times S$ with fixed Hilbert polynomial $P(n) = \chi(S, L^{2n})$) implies that the group $\text{Aut}(S, L)$ of automorphisms $f: S \xrightarrow{\sim} S$ with $f^*L \simeq L$ is finite, cf. [Huy16, Chapter 5]. Note that the finiteness of the group of polarized automorphisms implies that the moduli stacks discussed previously are Deligne–Mumford stacks.

2. Finiteness of hyperkähler metrics and in twistor families

Let X be a compact hyperkähler manifold, for example a K3 surface S , and $\omega \in H^{1,1}(X)$ a Kähler class. Then there exists a unique hyperkähler metric g on X whose Kähler form $g(I, \cdot)$ represents ω . This can in particular be applied to the Kähler class provided by the first Chern class of an ample line bundle L on X . The associated hyperkähler metric shall be denoted g_L and then (X, g_L) is the underlying Riemannian manifold (with the complex structure of X dropped).

We shall first address the question how many polarized hyperkähler manifolds $(X, L) \in M_d$ of fixed degree realize the same Riemannian manifold, i.e. for a given (X_0, L_0) we study the set

$$M_d(X_0, g_{L_0}) \subset M_d$$

of all $(X, L) \in M_d$ such that there exists an isometry $(X_0, g_{L_0}) \simeq (X, g_L)$ between the underlying Riemannian manifolds.

We will then turn to families ‘orthogonal’ to the moduli spaces M_d provided by the twistor construction. Recall that to each hyperkähler metric g there exists an S^2 of complex structures compatible with g . This leads to the twistor family $\pi: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ consisting of a complex manifold \mathcal{X} with underlying differentiable manifold $X \times \mathbb{P}^1$ and the holomorphic projection π to the second factor. Each fibre $\mathcal{X}_t, t \in \mathbb{P}^1$, comes with an associated Kähler class $\omega_t \in H^{1,1}(\mathcal{X}_t)$. Altogether they span a positive three-space $\langle \omega_t \rangle_{t \in \mathbb{P}^1} \subset H^2(X, \mathbb{R})$, which is alternatively described as $\mathbb{R} \cdot \text{Re}(\sigma) \oplus \mathbb{R} \cdot \text{Im}(\sigma) \oplus \mathbb{R} \cdot \omega$. Here, $0 \neq \sigma \in H^{2,0}(X)$ is the unique (up to scaling) holomorphic two-form. We shall denote by \mathcal{X}_0 the fibre that corresponds to X and so $\omega_0 = \omega$. Note that the Beauville–Bogomolov form is constant on $\{\omega_t\}$ or, in other words, $\int \omega_t^{2n} \equiv \text{const}$.

We then ask whether there are fibres $\mathcal{X}_t, t \in \mathbb{P}^1$, biholomorphic to X or such that $(\mathcal{X}_t, \omega_t) \simeq (X, \omega)$ as Kähler manifolds? Are the following sets finite:

$$\{t \in \mathbb{P}^1 \mid (\mathcal{X}_t, \omega_t) \simeq (X, \omega)\} \text{ and } \{t \in \mathbb{P}^1 \mid \mathcal{X}_t \simeq X\}?$$

We prove finiteness in the first case and for K3 surfaces with CM in the second.

2.1. Consider the twistor family $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ associated with a compact hyperkähler manifold X endowed with a Kähler class.

LEMMA 2.1. — *There exist only finitely many $t \in \mathbb{P}^1$ such that the natural Kähler class ω_t is integral, i.e. given by an ample line bundle L_t on \mathcal{X}_t . In particular, if ω is the class of an ample line bundle L , then at most finitely many polarized fibres $(\mathcal{X}_t, \omega_t)$ are isomorphic to (X, L) .*

Proof. — The positive three-space $\langle \omega_t \rangle = (H^{2,0} \oplus H^{0,2})(X, \mathbb{R}) \oplus \mathbb{R} \cdot \omega$ intersects the lattice $H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$ in a positive definite lattice (of rank ≤ 3). As the number of classes of fixed square in a positive definite lattice is finite, the set $\{\omega_t\} \cap H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$ is finite. As the class ω_t determines $t \in \mathbb{P}^1$ up to complex conjugation, for only finitely many fibres \mathcal{X}_t the class ω_t can be integral. \square

Remark 2.2. — Note that in most cases the natural class ω_t on \mathcal{X}_t will be integral or just rational for only two of the fibres. Indeed, $\omega_t \in P := \mathbb{R} \cdot \operatorname{Re}(\sigma) \oplus \mathbb{R} \cdot \operatorname{Im}(\sigma) \oplus \mathbb{R} \cdot \omega$ and $P \cap H^2(X, \mathbb{Q}) = \mathbb{Q} \cdot \omega$ for very general $(X, \omega := c_1(L))$ and then only the fibres corresponding to X and its complex conjugate (corresponding to the positive plane $(H^{2,0} \oplus H^{0,2})(X, \mathbb{R})$ with reversed orientation) have rational ω_t . At the other extreme, P is defined over \mathbb{Q} if and only if $\rho(X) = h^{1,1}(X)$.

The remaining cases with $P \cap H^2(X, \mathbb{Q})$ of dimension two are parametrized by a countable union of real Lagrangians in M_d . Let us spell this out for K3 surfaces. Define $\Lambda_d := \ell^\perp \subset \Lambda$ as the orthogonal complement of a primitive class ℓ in the K3 lattice Λ with $(\ell)^2 = d$. Then M_d is an open subset of the arithmetic quotient $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}(\Lambda_d) \setminus D$ of the period domain $D \subset \mathbb{P}(\Lambda_d \otimes \mathbb{C})$ (viewed as the set of positive oriented planes in $\Lambda_d \otimes \mathbb{R}$) by the stabilizer of ℓ , cf. [Huy16, Chapter 6]. Now, for any $\alpha \in \Lambda_d$ with $(\alpha)^2 > 0$ consider the positive cone $\mathcal{C}_{\alpha^\perp} \subset \alpha^\perp \otimes \mathbb{R}$. Note that α^\perp is of signature $(1, 19)$. The image $\mathcal{L}_\alpha \subset M_d$ of the natural map

$$\mathcal{C}_{\alpha^\perp} / \mathbb{R}^* \hookrightarrow D \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{O}}(\Lambda_d) \setminus D,$$

that sends $\beta \in \mathcal{C}_{\alpha^\perp}$ to the plane spanned by α and β , or rather its intersection with the open set M_d , describes the set of all polarized K3 surfaces (S, L) with $\alpha \in (H^{2,0} \oplus H^{0,2})(S, \mathbb{Z})$. Each of the countably many $\mathcal{L}_\alpha \subset M_d$ is of real dimension 19 and isotropic with respect to the natural symplectic form on M_d . Compare this to [BL16, Remark 5.7].

Let us rephrase Lemma 2.1 more algebraically in the case of K3 surfaces. Consider the moduli space M_d of polarized K3 surfaces (S, L) of degree d . For $(S_0, L_0) \in M_d$ let $M_d(S_0, g_{L_0}) \subset M_d$ be the set of polarized K3 surfaces (S, L) such that the underlying Riemannian manifold (S, g_L) is isometric to (S_0, g_{L_0}) .

COROLLARY 2.3. — *The set $M_d(S_0, g_{L_0}) \subset M_d$ is always finite. For a very general (S_0, L_0) the set $M_d(S_0, g_{L_0})$ consists of (S_0, L_0) and its conjugate (\bar{S}_0, L_0^*) . However, there exist polarized K3 surfaces $(S_0, L_0) \in M_d$ with $|M_d(S_0, g_{L_0})| > 2$.*

Proof. — Indeed, $(S, L) \in M_d(S_0, g_{L_0})$ if and only if S and S_0 with the Kähler classes induced by L and L_0 are isomorphic to fibres $(\mathcal{S}_t, \omega_t)$ and $(\mathcal{S}_0, \omega_0)$ of one twistor family $\mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$. However, as explained above, for only finitely many fibres of the twistor family associated with (S_0, ω_0) the Kähler class ω_t can be integral. In

fact, as discussed in Remark 2.2, for (S_0, L_0) in the complement of the countable union $\bigcup \mathcal{L}_\alpha \subset M_d$ of real Lagrangians, only for the fibres \mathcal{S}_t corresponding to S_0 and to its conjugate \bar{S}_0 the class ω_t will be integral and thus correspond to the Kähler class of the form g_L .

To construct examples with more interesting $M_d(S_0, g_{L_0}) \subset M_d$, take (S_0, L_0) with $(L_0)^2 = 2$, $T(S_0) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$, and such that $T(S_0) \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cdot L \subset H^2(S_0, \mathbb{Z})$ is primitive. Then the fibres $(\mathcal{S}_t, \omega_t)$ of the form $(S, L) \in M_2$ correspond to elements $\alpha \in T(S_0) \oplus \mathbb{Z}(2)$ with $(\alpha)^2 = 2$. For example, S_0 corresponds to the basis vector e_3 and another fibre \mathcal{S}_t corresponds to the standard vector e_1 . As their orthogonal complements $T(S_0)$ and $T(\mathcal{S}_t) \simeq \mathbb{Z} \cdot (e_1 - 2e_2) \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cdot e_3$ have distinct discriminants, the two fibres are not isomorphic or complex conjugate to each other. Hence, in this case $|M_d(S_0, g_{L_0})| > 2$. \square

It should be possible, using the above construction, to show that $|M_d(S_0, g_{L_0})|$ is unbounded for varying $(S_0, L_0) \in M_d$ and fixed d , analogously to Section 1.5.

Remark 2.4. — The two sets $M_d(S_0), M_d(S_0, g_{L_0}) \subset M_d$ associated with a polarized K3 surface $(S_0, L_0) \in M_d$ are not related and, in particular, not contained in each other. Indeed, $|M_d(S_0, g_{L_0})| \leq 2$ for all K3 surfaces S_0 with $(H^{2,0} \oplus H^{0,2})(S_0, \mathbb{Q}) = 0$. However, the latter condition is unrelated to the question how many non-isomorphic polarizations L on S_0 there are with $(L)^2 = (L_0)^2$. Also, the $M_d(S_0)$ come in algebraic families parametrized by quasi-projective varieties, see Corollary 4.1, whereas the $M_d(S_0, g_{L_0})$ come in families parametrized by the Lagrangians \mathcal{L}_α discussed above.

2.2. The lattice theory in the unpolarized situation is more involved and we will restrict for simplicity again to the case of K3 surfaces.

Let T be a lattice of signature $(2, n - 2)$ with a fixed basis $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n \in T$. We consider Hodge structures of K3 type on T . Up to scaling, such a Hodge structure is given by a class $\sigma \in T \otimes \mathbb{C}$ with $(\sigma)^2 = 0$ and $(\sigma, \bar{\sigma}) > 0$. We let $\sigma_i := (\gamma_i, \sigma)$, where we may choose σ such that $\sigma_1 = 1$ (after permuting the γ_i if necessary or by assuming $(\gamma_1)^2 > 0$ from the start). The *period field* of σ is defined as

$$K_\sigma := \mathbb{Q}(\sigma_i) \subset \mathbb{C},$$

which is also generated by the coordinates of σ . The Hodge structure determined by σ is *general* if there does not exist a proper primitive sublattice $T' \subset T$ with $\sigma \in T' \otimes \mathbb{C}$.

Consider now an isometric embedding $\varphi: T \hookrightarrow T \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cdot e$ with $(e)^2 = d > 0$ and such that

$$(2.1) \quad \varphi_{\mathbb{C}}(\sigma) = \lambda \cdot \sigma + \mu \cdot e.$$

Note that then λ is automatically an algebraic integer, for it is an eigenvalue of the composition $\psi := \text{pr}_1 \circ \varphi: T \hookrightarrow T \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cdot e \twoheadrightarrow T$.

LEMMA 2.5. — *Assume that $\sigma \in T \otimes \mathbb{C}$ defines a general Hodge structure of K3 type on T such that K_σ is a subfield of a CM field. Then there exist at most finitely many isometric embeddings $\varphi: T \hookrightarrow T \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cdot e$ satisfying (2.1).*

Proof. — Consider an isometric embedding φ satisfying (2.1). For the induced map $\psi: T \rightarrow T$ one then has $\psi_{\mathbb{C}}(\sigma) = \lambda \cdot \sigma$. Hence, $\lambda = \lambda(\sigma.\gamma_1) = (\psi_{\mathbb{C}}(\sigma).\gamma_1) = (\sigma.\psi^t(\gamma_1)) \in K_{\sigma}$. Therefore, $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_{K_{\sigma}}$ and, as $\varphi_{\mathbb{C}}(\sigma) \in (T \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cdot e) \otimes K_{\sigma}$, also $\mu \in K_{\sigma}$.

From equation (2.1) one deduces $(\sigma.\bar{\sigma}) = (\lambda\bar{\lambda})(\sigma.\bar{\sigma}) + (\mu\bar{\mu})d$ or, equivalently,

$$(2.2) \quad 1 = \lambda\bar{\lambda} + (\mu\bar{\mu})d/(\sigma.\bar{\sigma}).$$

The assumption that K_{σ} is contained in a CM field implies that any embedding $g: K_{\sigma} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ commutes with complex conjugation. Hence, g applied to (2.2) also shows $1 = g(\lambda)\overline{g(\lambda)} + (g(\mu)\overline{g(\mu)})d/g(\sigma.\bar{\sigma})$. Observe that $g(\sigma.\bar{\sigma}) > 0$ and that, therefore, the second summand is non-negative. Indeed, choose $z \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $(z\sigma, \bar{z}\bar{\sigma}) = 1$. Then $|g(z)|^2 g(\sigma.\bar{\sigma}) = (g(z\sigma), g(\bar{z}\bar{\sigma})) = 1$, as g commutes with complex conjugation. Hence, $|g(\lambda)| \leq 1$ for all $g: K_{\sigma} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$. By Minkowski theory there are only finitely many such $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_{K_{\sigma}}$. In fact, λ is a root of unity (Kronecker’s theorem).

From the finiteness of the λ ’s one concludes the assertion by observing that λ determines φ essentially uniquely. Indeed, if φ and φ' are both isometric embeddings satisfying (2.1), then $\sigma \in \text{Ker}(\psi - \psi') \otimes \mathbb{C}$, where, as above, $\psi, \psi': T \rightarrow T$ are the compositions of φ, φ' with the projection to T . Hence, by assumption $\psi = \psi'$. Using that φ and φ' are both isometric embeddings allows one to conclude. \square

Remark 2.6. — The proof shows more. It allows one to control the number of isometric embeddings $\varphi: T \hookrightarrow T \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cdot e$ satisfying (2.1). Indeed, up to a certain sign, such a φ is determined by a root of unity in $\mathcal{O}_{K_{\sigma}}$. Hence, the number of such maps φ is bounded by twice the number of roots of unity in $\mathcal{O}_{K_{\sigma}}$, which is bounded from above by a number depending only on $[K_{\sigma} : \mathbb{Q}]$.

Remark 2.7. — The hypotheses can be relaxed a little. For example, one can consider isometric embeddings of T into a fixed finite index overlattice of $T \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cdot e$ (e.g. the saturation of $T(S) \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cdot e$ in $H^2(S, \mathbb{Z})$). Indeed, instead of working with φ in the proof above one uses $n \cdot \varphi$, where n is the index of the overlattice, and then replaces the left hand side of (2.2) by n^2 . Also, $(e)^2 \in 2\mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ can be replaced by $(e)^2 \in K_{\sigma}$ satisfying $g((e)^2) \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ for all embeddings $g: K_{\sigma} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

Consider the twistor space $\mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ associated with a polarized K3 surface (S_0, L_0) .

PROPOSITION 2.8. — *Assume that S_0 is a K3 surface with CM. Then there exist at most finitely many $t \in \mathbb{P}^1$ such that the fibre \mathcal{S}_t is isomorphic to S_0 . In fact, there are at most finitely many $t \in \mathbb{P}^1$ such that \mathcal{S}_t and S_0 are Fourier–Mukai partners.*

The arguments below only use that the period field K_{σ} is a CM field and, therefore, in particular algebraic. It is known, that under the additional assumption that S_0 is defined over \mathbb{Q} the period field K_{σ} is algebraic if and only if S_0 has CM, see [Tre15].

Proof. — Recall that a K3 surface with CM is a projective K3 surface S_0 for which the endomorphism field $K = \text{End}_{\text{Hdg}}(T(S_0) \otimes \mathbb{Q})$ of endomorphisms of the rational Hodge structure $T(S_0) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ given by the transcendental lattice $T(S_0)$ is a CM field with $\dim_K(T(S_0) \otimes \mathbb{Q}) = 1$, see [Huy16, Chapter 3] for references. It is known that any K3 surface with CM is defined over \mathbb{Q} , but this will not be used in the argument.

Let K_{σ} be the field generated by the periods σ_i of S_0 as above. We claim that $K_{\sigma} \subset K$. For this it is enough to show that $(\gamma.\sigma) \in K$ for all $\gamma \in T(S_0)$. As

$\dim_K(T(S_0) \otimes \mathbb{Q}) = 1$ by assumption, $T(S_0)$ is contained in the \mathbb{Q} -span of all $\alpha(\gamma_1)$, $\alpha \in K \subset \text{End}(T(S_0) \otimes \mathbb{Q})$, where γ_1 is as above the first vector of a basis $\gamma_i \in T(S_0)$ with $(\sigma \cdot \gamma_1) = 1$. Hence, for $\gamma \in T(S_0)$, $(\sigma \cdot \gamma)$ is a \mathbb{Q} -linear combination of numbers of the form $(\sigma \cdot \alpha(\gamma_1))$, $\alpha \in K$. As $(\sigma \cdot \alpha(\gamma_1)) = (\alpha' \sigma \cdot \gamma_1) = \alpha' \in K$, this proves $K_\sigma \subset K$. (Recall that $\alpha \mapsto \alpha'$ is an automorphism of the CM field K which under any embedding corresponds to complex conjugation.)

Let us now turn to the proposition itself. Clearly, it is enough to show the finiteness of Fourier–Mukai partners in a twistor family. Suppose that a twistor fibre \mathcal{S}_t is derived equivalent to S_0 , i.e. that there exists an exact linear equivalence $D^b(\mathcal{S}_t) \simeq D^b(S_0)$ between their derived categories. Hence, in addition to the identification of lattices $H^2(\mathcal{S}_t, \mathbb{Z}) = H^2(S_0, \mathbb{Z})$ induced by the twistor diffeomorphism $\mathcal{S} \simeq S_0 \times \mathbb{P}^1$, any chosen equivalence $D^b(S_0) \xrightarrow{\sim} D^b(\mathcal{S}_t)$ provides us with an additional Hodge isometry between the transcendental lattices $T(S_0) \xrightarrow{\sim} T(\mathcal{S}_t)$. The composition of the two induces an isometric embedding $\varphi: T(S_0) \xrightarrow{\sim} T(\mathcal{S}_t) \hookrightarrow H^2(S_0, \mathbb{Z})$ with the additional property that $\varphi(\sigma)$ is contained in $\mathbb{C} \cdot \sigma \oplus \mathbb{C} \cdot \bar{\sigma} \oplus \mathbb{C} \cdot e$, where $e := c_1(L_0)$. Hence, $\varphi(T(S_0))$ is contained in the saturation of $T(S_0) \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cdot e \subset H^2(S_0, \mathbb{Z})$. For simplicity assume that $\varphi: T(S_0) \hookrightarrow T(S_0) \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cdot e$, but see Remark 2.7.

According to Lemma 2.5, under our assumptions there exist only finitely many such φ . Here we use that the transcendental lattice is general, for it is the minimal primitive sublattice containing σ in its complexification. As $\varphi(\sigma)$ determines t up to sign, only finitely many fibres \mathcal{S}_t are derived equivalent to S_0 . □

Remark 2.9. — Using Remark 2.6, we conclude that for a polarized K3 surface (S_0, L_0) with CM one can bound the cardinality of the two finite sets

$$(2.3) \quad |\{t \in \mathbb{P}^1 \mid \mathcal{S}_t \simeq S_0\}| \text{ and } |\{t \in \mathbb{P}^1 \mid D^b(\mathcal{S}_t) \simeq D^b(S_0)\}|$$

by a constant $c(K)$ only depending on the CM field $K = \text{End}_{\text{Hdg}}(T(S_0) \otimes \mathbb{Q})$. In fact, as $[K : \mathbb{Q}] = \text{rk } T(S_0) \leq 21$, the Euler function $\varphi(m)$ of the m -th roots of unity that can occur in the proof of Lemma 2.5 is bounded by 21 and hence $m \leq 66$. Taking complex conjugation into account, this shows that the numbers in (2.3) are universally bounded by 132.

Note however that infinitely many of the fibres \mathcal{S}_t may come with a polarization L_t yielding infinitely many points (\mathcal{S}_t, L_t) in the moduli space of polarized K3 surfaces M_d of fixed degree, which could be loosely phrased as saying that a twistor line usually intersects the quasi-projective moduli space M_d in infinitely many points, only that the underlying K3 surfaces will not be isomorphic to each other.

2.3. It may be instructive to look at K3 surfaces S_0 of maximal Picard number $\rho(S_0) = 20$. Those are known to have CM, cf. [Huy16, Remark 3.3.10]. In this case, the arguments simplify. Indeed, the transcendental lattice $T(S_0)$ is then positive definite (of rank two) and there exist only finitely many isometric embeddings of $T(S_0)$ into any other fixed positive definite lattice, e.g. $T(S_0) \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cdot e$. So finiteness in Lemma 2.5 follows directly.

K3 surfaces of maximal Picard rank can also be used to construct examples of twistor families with isomorphic distinct fibres. Indeed, if S_0 is a K3 surface with $T(S_0) \simeq \mathbb{Z}(d)^{\oplus 2}$ with orthogonal basis e_1, e_2 and such that there exists a polarization

L of degree d for which $T(S_0) \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cdot L \subset H^2(S_0, \mathbb{Z})$ is saturated, then the two fibres $\mathcal{S}_1, \mathcal{S}_2$ corresponding to $T(\mathcal{S}_i) = e_i^\perp$ have both transcendental lattices isomorphic to $T(S_0)$. Therefore, by Orlov’s result, $D^b(\mathcal{S}_i) \simeq D^b(S_0)$ and, as $\rho(\mathcal{S}_i) = 20$, in fact $\mathcal{S}_i \simeq S_0$.

A closer inspection of this case also reveals that Proposition 2.8 will be difficult to strengthen. For example, one could ask how many of the fibres \mathcal{S}_t are isogenous to S_0 , i.e. such that there exists a Hodge isometry $H^2(S, \mathbb{Q}) \simeq H^2(\mathcal{S}_t, \mathbb{Q})$ (or, equivalently, a Hodge isometry $T(S) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \simeq T(\mathcal{S}_t) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$), or how many of them have the same Chow motive $\mathfrak{h}(S_0) \simeq \mathfrak{h}(\mathcal{S}_t)$, see [Huy17] for the relation between the two notions. However, finiteness fails in these settings. Indeed, for $\rho(S_0) = 20$ the projective fibres \mathcal{S}_t are up to conjugation uniquely determined by primitive classes e_t in (the saturation of) $T(S_0) \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cdot e \subset H^2(S_0, \mathbb{Z})$. It is essentially $(e_{t_1})^2 / (e_{t_2})^2 \in \mathbb{Q}^* / \mathbb{Q}^{*2}$ that decides whether \mathcal{S}_{t_1} and \mathcal{S}_{t_2} are isogenous. So one will usually have infinitely many fibres \mathcal{S}_t that are isogenous to S_0 and infinitely many that are not.

3. Finiteness via Kuga–Satake and abelian varieties

An approach to the finiteness of polarizations of fixed degree on an abelian variety A_0 modulo the action of $\text{Aut}(A_0)$ similar to the one presented in Section 1 can be worked out. It provides a new proof of the classical result of Narasimhan and Nori [NN81], cf. [Mil86, Section 18]. Note that the finiteness of $\mathcal{A}_{g,d}(A_0) \subset \mathcal{A}_{g,d}$ can be quickly reduced to the case of principally polarized abelian varieties via Zarhin’s trick [Zar85] which provides a (non-canonical) quasi-finite morphism $\mathcal{A}_{g,d} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{8g} := \mathcal{A}_{8g,1}$, $(A, L) \mapsto ((A \times \hat{A})^4, \mathcal{L})$ to the moduli space of principally polarized abelian varieties, see e.g. the account in [OS18, Section 4.1].

The question how many principal polarizations an abelian variety can admit has been studied by Lange [Lan87], who in particular describes bounds for the cardinality of $\mathcal{A}_g(A_0) \subset \mathcal{A}_g$ for A_0 with real multiplication. Further results for products of elliptic curves can be found in [Hay68, Lan06], where, for example, it is shown that $|\mathcal{A}_2(E_1 \times E_2)|$ is unbounded for isogenous elliptic curves E_1, E_2 without complex multiplication. See also [How01, How05].

We shall now indicate an alternative proof of Theorem 0.1 based on the Kuga–Satake construction which reduces the problem to the finiteness for abelian varieties. For simplicity, we restrict to the case of K3 surfaces and leave the necessary modifications in the higher-dimensional case to the reader.

Starting with the Hodge structure of weight two $H^2(S, \mathbb{Z})_{L\text{-pr}}$ of an arbitrary polarized K3 surface (S, L) , the Kuga–Satake construction produces an abelian variety $\text{KS}(S, L)$ of dimension $g = 2^{19}$. By choosing a pair of positive orthogonal vectors in $H^2(S, \mathbb{Z})_{L\text{-pr}}$, e.g. $e_1 + f_1, e_2 + f_2$ in the two copies of the hyperbolic plane U in the decomposition $H^2(S, \mathbb{Z})_{L\text{-pr}} \simeq E_8(-1)^{\oplus 2} \oplus U^{\oplus 2} \oplus \mathbb{Z}(-d)$, one can define a polarization on $\text{KS}(S, L)$ of a fixed degree d' , cf. [Huy16, Chapter 4]. Suppressing the choice of finite level structures, this leads to a morphism

$$(3.1) \quad M_d \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{g,d'},$$

which is known to be quasi-finite, see [And96, Riz10] and [Mau14, Proposition 5.10].

The Kuga–Satake construction applies to any Hodge structure of K3 type, in particular to the transcendental lattice $T(S)$ of a K3 surface, which is independent of the polarization, and to $T(S) \oplus L^\perp$. Here, $L^\perp \subset \text{NS}(S)$ denotes the primitive sublattice orthogonal to an ample $L \in \text{NS}(S)$. Moreover,

$$\text{KS}(T(S) \oplus L^\perp) \simeq \text{KS}(T(S))^{2\rho(S)-1}.$$

In particular, for two different polarizations L_1, L_2 on a K3 surface S one has $\text{KS}(T(S) \oplus L_1^\perp) \simeq \text{KS}(T(S))^{2\rho(S)-1} \simeq \text{KS}(T(S) \oplus L_2^\perp)$. Now, the natural inclusion $\iota_i : T(S) \oplus L_i^\perp \subset H^2(S, \mathbb{Z})_{L_i\text{-pr}}$ defines a finite index sublattice, leading to an isogeny

$$\text{KS}(T(S))^{2\rho(S)-1} \simeq \text{KS}(T(S) \oplus L^\perp) \twoheadrightarrow \text{KS}(S, L).$$

Its degree depends only on the index of ι_i . There may be infinitely many polarizations L_i of fixed degree but only finitely many inequivalent ones under the action of $\text{O}(\text{NS}(S))$. Hence, the inclusions ι_i have bounded index and, therefore, the $\text{KS}(S, L_i)$ are all quotients of bounded degree of the abelian variety $\text{KS}(T(S))^{2\rho(S)-1}$.

This then shows the following result which allows one to deduce from the finiteness of $\mathcal{A}_{g,d}(A_0)$ for abelian varieties [NN81, Mil86] the finiteness of $M_d(S_0)$ for K3 surfaces (and more generally of $M_d(X_0)$ for compact hyperkähler manifolds).

COROLLARY 3.1. — *For any K3 surface S_0 the image of $M_d(S_0) \subset M_d$ under the quasi-finite map (3.1) is contained in a finite union of sets $\mathcal{A}_{g,d}(A_i) \subset \mathcal{A}_{g,d}$, where the finitely many abelian varieties A_i are quotients of the abelian variety $\text{KS}(T(S))^{2\rho(S)-1}$ of a fixed degree. \square*

Using the finiteness of $\mathcal{A}_{g,d}(A_i)$ [NN81] and the finiteness of the fibres of (3.1), this proves Theorem 0.1 once again.

4. Parametrization by special cycles and FM interpretation

The discussion in Section 1 can be understood more explicitly in the case of K3 surfaces, although most issues related to lattice theory remain, for example the decomposition of the moduli space according to the various $\ell \in N$ and the possible choices for the primitive embeddings $N \hookrightarrow \Lambda$ still occur (unless N is of small rank as in [Bea04]).

4.1. Moduli spaces of lattice polarized K3 surfaces have first been studied in [Dol96] and later also in [Bea04]. Dolgachev shows (using the global Torelli theorem) that the moduli space of ‘ample N -polarized’ K3 surfaces M_N injects into the quotient $\tilde{\text{O}}(T_i) \backslash D_{T_i}$. Here, $\tilde{\text{O}}(T_i) \subset \text{O}(T_i)$ is the finite index subgroup of orthogonal transformations that extend to all of Λ by the identity on $\eta_i(N)$. Note that in [Dol96] the embedding $N \hookrightarrow \Lambda$ is actually fixed so that only one period domain D_i has to be considered and that $\iota(N)$ is only requested to contain an ample class (but without fixing $\ell \in N$ or its image $\iota(\ell)$). So there exists a quasi-finite morphism $M_{N,d} \rightarrow M_N$ inducing injections $M_{(N,\ell)} \hookrightarrow M_N$. In [Bea04] the rank of N is small enough to ensure that the embedding is actually unique, so that again only one period domain occurs.

For K3 surfaces there exists an interpretation of all points in the fibre of the map $\pi_i: M_{N,d}^i \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(T_i) \setminus D_i$ through a very general (S_0, ι_0) . They correspond to N -polarized K3 surfaces whose transcendental part is Hodge isometric to $T_i \simeq T(S_0)$. Those are known to be the Fourier–Mukai partners of S_0 with Néron–Severi lattice isomorphic to $\text{NS}(S_0)$, see [Huy16, Chapter 16] for references.

Hence, for K3 surfaces π_i factorizes as

$$\pi_i: M_{N,\ell_j}^i \hookrightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{O}}(T_i) \setminus D_i \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{O}(T_i) \setminus D_i,$$

where the degree of the second map is essentially the number of Fourier–Mukai partners for the very general K3 surfaces parametrized by $M_{N,d}^i$ with fixed Néron–Severi lattice $\text{NS}(S_0)$.

4.2. As the sets $M_d(S_0)$ (or $\mathcal{A}_{g,d}(A_0)$, $M_d(X_0)$, etc.) are finite, one may wonder whether they can be realized as fibres of a finite map from M_d to some variety or space. Clearly, since $|M_d(S_0)|$ for varying $(S_0, L_0) \in M_d$ is unbounded (cf. Section 1.5), this cannot be true literally. However, we shall explain that this idea can be turned into a correct statement, which then also sheds light on the distributions of the $M_d(S_0)$. For this purpose it is more convenient to replace the sets $M_d(S_0) \subset M_d$ by the sets

$$M_d(\text{D}^b(S_0)) \subset M_d$$

of all $(S, L) \in M_d$ for which there exists an exact linear equivalence

$$(4.1) \quad \text{D}^b(S_0) \simeq \text{D}^b(S)$$

between the bounded derived categories of coherent sheaves on S and S_0 . According to a result of Mukai and Orlov, the condition is equivalent to the existence of a Hodge isometry

$$(4.2) \quad T(S) \simeq T(S_0).$$

Recall that for $\rho(S_0) \geq 12$ the existence of a Hodge isometry (4.2) is in fact equivalent to the existence of an isomorphism $S \simeq S_0$. In general, as $M_d(S_0)$ also the set $M_d(\text{D}^b(S_0))$ is finite and the arguments in Section 1 in fact reprove this result. See [Huy16, Chapter 16] for references and further details and [HP13] proving finiteness of Fourier–Mukai orbits in the moduli space of quasi-polarized K3 surfaces.

COROLLARY 4.1. — *Consider a polarized K3 surface $(S_0, L_0) \in M_d$ with transcendental lattice $T := T(S_0)$ and its associated period domain $D_T \subset \mathbb{P}(T \otimes \mathbb{C})$. Then there exist a quasi-projective variety M_{S_0} of dimension $20 - \rho(S_0)$ and morphisms*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M_{S_0} & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & M_d \\ \pi \downarrow & & \\ \bar{M}_{S_0} := \mathcal{O}(T) \setminus D_T, & & \end{array}$$

such that: (i) π is quasi-finite and dominant; (ii) $M_d(\text{D}^b(S_0)) = \Phi(\pi^{-1}(t_0))$ for some point $t_0 \in \bar{M}_{S_0}$, and (iii) $M_d(\text{D}^b(S_t)) = \Phi(\pi^{-1}(t))$ for very general $t \in \bar{M}_{S_0}$ and any $(S_t, L_t) \in \Phi(\pi^{-1}(\pi(t)))$. \square

In other words, the Fourier–Mukai orbits $M_d(D^b(S_0))$ are indeed (images of) fibres of a certain quasi-finite morphism of some subvariety of M_d of dimension $20 - \rho(S_0)$.

Remark 4.2. — Note that for the case of Picard rank one, $T(S_0) \simeq \Lambda_d$ and π is simply the composition

$$M_d \hookrightarrow \tilde{O}(\Lambda_d) \setminus D_d \rightarrow O(\Lambda_d) \setminus D_d.$$

This map has been studied in [HLOY04, Ogu02, Ste08]. Its degree, which is the number of Fourier–Mukai partners for the very general K3 surface, is known to be $2^{\tau(d)-1}$, where $\tau(d)$ is the number of prime divisors of $d/2$.

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