

**$K3$  SURFACES WITH INVOLUTION, EQUIVARIANT ANALYTIC  
TORSION, AND AUTOMORPHIC FORMS ON THE MODULI  
SPACE III: THE CASE  $r(M) \geq 18$**

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ABSTRACT. We prove the automorphic property of the invariant of  $K3$  surfaces with involution, which we obtained using equivariant analytic torsion, in the case where the dimension of the moduli space is less than or equal to 2.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $(X, \iota)$  be a  $K3$  surface with anti-symplectic holomorphic involution and let  $H_+^2(X, \mathbf{Z})$  be the invariant sublattice of  $H^2(X, \mathbf{Z})$  with respect to the  $\iota$ -action. By Nikulin [12], the topological type of  $\iota$  is determined by the isometry class of  $H_+^2(X, \mathbf{Z})$ . Let  $M$  be a sublattice of the  $K3$ -lattice and let  $M^\perp$  be the orthogonal complement of  $M$  in the  $K3$ -lattice. The pair  $(X, \iota)$  is called a 2-elementary  $K3$  surface of type  $M$  if  $H_+^2(X, \mathbf{Z})$  is isometric to  $M$ . In this case,  $M$  is a primitive, 2-elementary, Lorentzian sublattice of the  $K3$ -lattice by [11]. Let  $\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^o$  be the coarse moduli space of 2-elementary  $K3$  surfaces of type  $M$ . By the global Torelli theorem for  $K3$  surfaces, the period map gives an identification between  $\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^o$  and a Zariski open subset of the modular variety  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+/O^+(M^\perp)$ . Here  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$  is the period domain for 2-elementary  $K3$  surfaces of type  $M$ , which is isomorphic to a symmetric bounded domain of type IV of dimension  $20 - r(M)$ , and  $O^+(M^\perp) \subset O(M^\perp \otimes \mathbf{R})$  is a certain arithmetic subgroup.

In [17], we introduced a real-valued invariant  $\tau_M(X, \iota)$  of  $(X, \iota)$ , which we obtained using equivariant analytic torsion [2] and a Bott–Chern secondary class [3]. (See Sect.2.) Then  $\tau_M$  gives rise to a function on the coarse moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^o$ .

Let  $r(M)$  be the rank of  $M$ . When  $r(M) \leq 17$ , the function  $\tau_M$  on  $\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^o$  is expressed as the Petersson norm of an automorphic form on  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$  characterizing the discriminant locus [17], where the automorphic form takes its values in a certain  $O^+(M^\perp)$ -equivariant line bundle on  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$ . The purpose of this note is to extend the automorphic property of  $\tau_M$  to the case  $r(M) \geq 18$ .

Let  $X^\iota$  be the set of fixed points of  $\iota: X \rightarrow X$ . If  $r(M) \geq 18$ ,  $X^\iota$  is the disjoint union of finitely many compact Riemann surfaces, whose total genus is determined by  $M$  (cf. [12]). Let  $g(M)$  be the total genus of  $X^\iota$ . Then our main result is stated as follows.

**Theorem 1.1** (Theorem 5.3). *There exist an integer  $\nu \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$ , an (possibly meromorphic) automorphic form  $\Psi_M$  on  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$  of weight  $\nu(r(M) - 6)$  and a Siegel modular form  $S_M$  on the Siegel upper half space  $\mathfrak{S}_{g(M)}$  of weight  $4\nu$  such that, for every*

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2-elementary  $K3$  surface  $(X, \iota)$  of type  $M$ ,

$$\tau_M(X, \iota) = \|\Psi_M(\overline{\omega}_M(X, \iota))\|^{-1/2\nu} \|S_M(\Omega(X^\iota))\|^{-1/2\nu}.$$

Here  $\overline{\omega}_M(X, \iota) \in \mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^\circ$  denotes the period of  $(X, \iota)$ ,  $\Omega(X^\iota) \in \mathfrak{S}_{g(M)}/Sp_{2g(M)}(\mathbf{Z})$  denotes the period of  $X^\iota$ , and  $\|\cdot\|$  denotes the Petersson norm.

In [19], we shall use Theorem 1.1 to give explicit formulae for  $\Psi_M$  and  $S_M$ . In fact,  $\Psi_M$  is expressed as an explicit Borcherds lift of a certain elliptic modular form and  $S_M$  is expressed as the product of all even theta constants.

This note is organized as follows. In Sect.2, we recall the invariant  $\tau_M$ . In Sect.3, we recall the moduli space of 2-elementary  $K3$  surfaces of type  $M$  and prove a technical result. In Sect.4, we study the singularity of  $\tau_M$ . In Sect.5, we prove Theorem 1.1. In Sect.6, we prove a technical result used in the proof of the main theorem for a certain  $M$ .

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## 2. $K3$ SURFACES WITH INVOLUTION AND THE INVARIANT $\tau_M$

Let  $X$  be a  $K3$  surface and let  $\iota: X \rightarrow X$  be a holomorphic involution acting non-trivially on holomorphic 2-forms on  $X$ . The pair  $(X, \iota)$  is called a 2-elementary  $K3$  surface. Let  $\mathbb{L}_{K3}$  be a fixed even unimodular lattice of signature  $(3, 19)$ , which is called a  $K3$ -lattice. Then  $H^2(X, \mathbf{Z})$  equipped with the cup-product pairing is isometric to  $\mathbb{L}_{K3}$ . Let  $M \subset \mathbb{L}_{K3}$  be a sublattice. The pair  $(X, \iota)$  is of type  $M$  if the invariant part of  $H^2(X, \mathbf{Z})$  with respect to the  $\iota$ -action is isometric to  $M$ . By [11], there exists a 2-elementary  $K3$  surface of type  $M$  if and only if  $M$  is a primitive, 2-elementary, Lorentzian sublattice of  $\mathbb{L}_{K3}$ .

Let  $(X, \iota)$  be a 2-elementary  $K3$  surface of type  $M$ . Identify  $\mathbf{Z}_2$  with the subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(X)$  generated by  $\iota$ . Let  $\kappa$  be a  $\mathbf{Z}_2$ -invariant Kähler form on  $X$ . Let  $\tau_{\mathbf{Z}_2}(X, \kappa)(\iota)$  be the equivariant analytic torsion of the trivial Hermitian line bundle on  $(X, \kappa)$ . For the definition and the basic properties of (equivariant) analytic torsion, we refer the reader to [13], [3], [2], [8], [9]. Set  $\text{vol}(X, \kappa) := (2\pi)^{-2} \int_X \kappa^2/2!$ . Let  $\eta$  be a nowhere vanishing holomorphic 2-form on  $X$ . The  $L^2$ -norm of  $\eta$  is defined as  $\|\eta\|_{L^2}^2 := (2\pi)^{-2} \int_X \eta \wedge \bar{\eta}$ .

Let  $X^\iota := \{x \in X; \iota(x) = x\}$  be the set of fixed points of  $\iota$  and let  $X^\iota = \sum_i C_i$  be the decomposition into the connected components. By [12], the total genus  $g(X^\iota)$  of  $X^\iota$  depends only on  $M$  and hence is denoted by  $g(M)$ . Set  $\text{vol}(C_i, \kappa|_{C_i}) := (2\pi)^{-1} \int_{C_i} \kappa|_{C_i}$ . Let  $c_1(C_i, \kappa|_{C_i})$  be the Chern form of  $(TC_i, \kappa|_{C_i})$  and let  $\tau(C_i, \kappa|_{C_i})$  be the analytic torsion of the trivial Hermitian line bundle on  $(C_i, \kappa|_{C_i})$ .

By [17, Th. 5.7], the real number

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_M(X, \iota) &:= \text{vol}(X, \kappa)^{\frac{14-r(M)}{4}} \tau_{\mathbf{Z}_2}(X, \kappa)(\iota) \prod_i \text{Vol}(C_i, \kappa|_{C_i}) \tau(C_i, \kappa|_{C_i}) \\ &\quad \times \exp \left[ \frac{1}{8} \int_{X^\iota} \log \left( \frac{\eta \wedge \bar{\eta}}{\kappa^2/2!} \cdot \frac{\text{Vol}(X, \kappa)}{\|\eta\|_{L^2}^2} \right) \Big|_{X^\iota} c_1(X^\iota, \kappa|_{X^\iota}) \right], \end{aligned}$$

is independent of the choice of  $\kappa$ . Hence  $\tau_M(X, \iota)$  is a real-valued invariant of  $(X, \iota)$ . We regard  $\tau_M$  as a function on the moduli space of 2-elementary  $K3$  surfaces of type  $M$ .

### 3. THE MODULI SPACE OF 2-ELEMENTARY $K3$ SURFACES

**3.1. The moduli space of 2-elementary  $K3$  surfaces.** For a complex vector space  $V$ , let  $\mathbf{P}(V)$  denote its projectivization. By the global Torelli theorem for  $K3$  surfaces, the period domain for 2-elementary  $K3$  surfaces of type  $M$  is given by the set

$$\Omega_{M^\perp} := \{[\eta] \in \mathbf{P}(M^\perp \otimes \mathbf{C}); \langle \eta, \eta \rangle = 0, \quad \langle \eta, \bar{\eta} \rangle > 0\},$$

which consists of two connected components  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$  and  $\overline{\Omega_{M^\perp}^+}$ . Since  $\text{sign}(M^\perp) = (2, 20 - r(M))$ ,  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$  is isomorphic to a symmetric bounded domain of type IV of dimension  $20 - r(M)$ . Let  $O(M^\perp)$  be the group of isometries of  $M^\perp$ , which acts projectively on  $\Omega_{M^\perp}$ . Let  $O^+(M^\perp)$  be the subgroup of  $O(M^\perp)$  of index 2, which preserves the connected components of  $\Omega_{M^\perp}$ . We define

$$\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp} := \Omega_{M^\perp}^+ / O^+(M^\perp).$$

The Baily–Borel–Satake compactification of  $\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^*$ , which is a normal projective variety of dimension  $20 - r(M)$  with regular part  $(\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^*)_{\text{reg}}$ .

Recall that the discriminant locus of  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$  is the divisor defined as

$$\mathcal{D}_{M^\perp} := \bigcup_{d \in \Delta_{M^\perp} / \pm 1} H_d, \quad H_d := \{[\eta] \in \Omega_{M^\perp}^+; \langle d, \eta \rangle = 0\},$$

where  $\Delta_{M^\perp} := \{d \in M^\perp; \langle d, d \rangle = -2\}$  is the set of roots of  $M^\perp$ . Let  $\overline{\mathcal{D}}_{M^\perp}$  be the divisor of  $\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^*$  defined as the closure of the image of  $\mathcal{D}_{M^\perp}$  by the projection  $\Pi_M: \Omega_{M^\perp}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}$ . By [17, Th. 1.8], the period map induces an isomorphism between the coarse moduli space of 2-elementary  $K3$  surfaces of type  $M$  and the quasi-projective variety of dimension  $20 - r(M)$

$$\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^o := (\Omega_{M^\perp}^+ \setminus \mathcal{D}_{M^\perp}) / O^+(M^\perp) = \mathcal{M}_{M^\perp} \setminus \overline{\mathcal{D}}_{M^\perp}.$$

The boundary locus of  $\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^*$  is defined as the subvariety:

$$\mathcal{B}_M := \mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^* \setminus \mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}.$$

Since  $\dim \mathcal{B}_M = 1$  if  $r(M) \geq 18$  and  $\dim \mathcal{B}_M = 0$  if  $r(M) = 19$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_M$  is a subvariety of  $\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^*$  with codimension greater than or equal to 2 when  $r(M) \leq 17$  and is a divisor when  $r(M) \geq 18$ .

**3.2. One parameter families of 2-elementary  $K3$  surfaces.** We need a modification of [17, Th. 2.8], which shall be used in Sects. 4 and 6.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $C \subset \mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^*$  be an irreducible projective curve.*

- (1) *There exist a smooth projective curve  $B$ , a morphism  $\varphi: B \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^*$ , an irreducible projective threefold  $X$  with an involution  $\theta: X \rightarrow X$ , and a surjective morphism  $f: X \rightarrow B$  with the following properties:*
  - (a)  $\varphi(B) = C$ .
  - (b) *The involution  $\theta: X \rightarrow X$  preserves the fibers of  $f: X \rightarrow B$ .*
  - (c) *There is a non-empty Zariski open subset  $B^o \subset B$  such that  $(X_b, \theta|_{X_b})$  is a 2-elementary  $K3$  surface of type  $M$  with period  $\varphi(b)$  for  $b \in B^o$ .*
- (2) *Let  $p: \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow \Delta$  be a proper surjective projective morphism from a smooth threefold to the unit disc and let  $\iota: \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}$  be a holomorphic involution preserving the fibers  $Z_t = p^{-1}(t)$  of  $p$ . Assume that  $(Z_t, \iota|_{Z_t})$  is a 2-elementary  $K3$  surface for all  $t \in \Delta^* := \Delta \setminus \{0\}$  and that the period map for  $p: (\mathcal{Z}, \iota)|_{\Delta^*} \rightarrow \Delta^*$  extends to a non-constant holomorphic map  $\gamma: \Delta \rightarrow C$ .*

Let  $\nu \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 0}$ . Then there exist  $\varphi: B \rightarrow C$ ,  $f: X \rightarrow B$ ,  $\theta: X \rightarrow X$  as above in (1) and a point  $\mathfrak{p} \in \varphi^{-1}(\gamma(0))$  and an isomorphism of germs  $\psi: (\Delta, 0) \cong (B, \mathfrak{p})$  with the following properties:

- (d)  $(X_{\mathfrak{p}}, \theta|_{X_{\mathfrak{p}}}) \cong (Z_0, \iota|_{Z_0})$
- (e) The maps of germs  $\varphi: (B, \mathfrak{p}) \rightarrow (C, \gamma(0))$  and  $\gamma: (\Delta, 0) \rightarrow (C, \gamma(0))$  have the same  $\nu$ -jets: For any  $F \in \mathcal{O}_{C, \gamma(0)}$ ,

$$F \circ \varphi \circ \psi(t) - F \circ \gamma(t) \in t^{\nu+1} \mathbf{C}\{t\}.$$

- (f) Let  $\text{Def}(Z_0)$  be the Kuranishi space of  $Z_0$  and let  $\mu_f: (B, \mathfrak{p}) \rightarrow \text{Def}(Z_0)$  and  $\mu_p: (\Delta, 0) \rightarrow \text{Def}(Z_0)$  be the maps of germs induced by the deformations  $f: (X, X_{\mathfrak{p}}) \rightarrow (B, \mathfrak{p})$  and  $p: (Z, Z_0) \rightarrow (\Delta, 0)$ , respectively. Then  $\mu_f$  and  $\mu_p$  have the same  $\nu$ -jets: For any  $F \in \mathcal{O}_{\text{Def}(Z_0)}$ ,

$$F \circ \mu_f \circ \psi(t) - F \circ \mu_p(t) \in t^{\nu+1} \mathbf{C}\{t\}.$$

*Proof.* We follow [17, Th.2.8]. By the same argument as in [17, Proof of Th.2.8 (Step 1) and Claim 1], there exist an irreducible projective variety  $T$  and a family of projective surfaces with involution  $\pi: (\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow T$  with the following properties:

- (i) Let  $D \subset T$  be the discriminant locus of  $\pi: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow T$  and define  $T^o := T \setminus (\text{Sing } T \cup D)$ . Then  $(\mathcal{X}_t, \mathcal{I}_t)$  is a 2-elementary  $K3$  surface of type  $M$  for all  $t \in T^o$ .
- (ii) Let  $\overline{\omega}_{T^o}: T^o \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^o$  be the period map for  $\pi|_{T^o}: (\mathcal{X}|_{T^o}, \mathcal{I}|_{T^o}) \rightarrow T^o$ . Then  $\overline{\omega}_{T^o}(T^o) \subset C$  and  $\overline{\omega}_{T^o}(T^o)$  contains a non-empty open subset of  $C$ .
- (iii) The period map  $\overline{\omega}_{T^o}: T^o \rightarrow C$  extends to a rational map  $\overline{\omega}_T: T \dashrightarrow C$ .
- (iv) In (2), there is a map  $c: \Delta \rightarrow T$  with  $c(\Delta^*) \subset T^o$  such that  $p: (Z, \iota) \rightarrow \Delta$  is induced from  $\pi: (\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow T$  by  $c$ .

(1) Let  $\Gamma \subset T \times C$  be the closure of the graph of  $\overline{\omega}_{T^o}$ . Let  $B$  be a smooth projective curve and let  $h: B \rightarrow \Gamma$  be a holomorphic map with  $\text{pr}_2(h(B)) = C$ . We set  $\varphi := \text{pr}_2 \circ h: B \rightarrow C$ . Let  $\pi_B: (\mathcal{X} \times_T B, \mathcal{I} \times \text{id}_B) \rightarrow B$  be the family of algebraic surfaces with involution induced from  $\pi: (\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow T$  by  $\text{pr}_1 \circ h: B \rightarrow T$ . Then the period map for  $\pi_B: (\mathcal{X} \times_T B, \mathcal{I} \times \text{id}_B) \rightarrow B$  is given by  $\overline{\omega}_T \circ \text{pr}_1 \circ h$ . Since  $\Gamma \subset T \times C$  is the closure of the graph of  $\overline{\omega}_{T^o}$ , we get  $\overline{\omega}_T \circ \text{pr}_1 \circ h = \text{pr}_2 \circ h = \varphi$ . If we set  $B^o := \nu^{-1}(B \cap (T^o \times C))$ , then  $\pi_B: (\mathcal{X} \times_T B, \mathcal{I} \times \text{id}_B) \rightarrow B$  satisfies (a), (b), (c). This proves (1).

(2) To prove (2), we must choose  $B$  more carefully as in [17, Proof of Th.2.8 Claim 2]. Let  $\sigma: \Delta \rightarrow \Gamma$  be the map defined as  $\sigma(t) := (c(t), \gamma(t))$  for  $t \in \Delta$ . Let  $\Sigma: \tilde{\Gamma} \rightarrow \Gamma$  be a resolution such that  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  is projective. Since  $c(\Delta^*) \subset T \setminus \text{Sing } T$  and hence  $\sigma(\Delta^*) \subset \Gamma \setminus \text{Sing } \Gamma$ ,  $\sigma$  lifts to a holomorphic map  $\tilde{\sigma}: \Delta \rightarrow \tilde{\Gamma}$  such that  $\sigma = \Sigma \circ \tilde{\sigma}$ . By [5, Th.1.1], there exist a pointed smooth projective curve  $(B_\nu, \mathfrak{p}_\nu)$ , a holomorphic map  $\tilde{h}_\nu: B_\nu \rightarrow \tilde{\Gamma}$  and an isomorphism of germs  $\psi: (\Delta, 0) \cong (B, \mathfrak{p})$  such that for any  $G \in \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{\Gamma}, \tilde{\sigma}(0)}$ ,

$$(3.1) \quad G \circ \tilde{h}_\nu \circ \psi(t) - G \circ \tilde{\sigma}(t) \in t^{\nu+1} \mathbf{C}\{t\}.$$

Set  $B := B_\nu$ ,  $h := \Sigma \circ \tilde{h}_\nu: B \rightarrow \Gamma$  and we consider the family of 2-elementary  $K3$  surfaces  $\pi_B: (\mathcal{X} \times_T B, \mathcal{I} \times \text{id}_B) \rightarrow B$  of type  $M$ . By construction, we get (a), (b), (c), (d). Since

$$(3.2) \quad \varphi = \text{pr}_2 \circ h = (\text{pr}_2 \circ \Sigma) \circ \tilde{h}_\nu, \quad \gamma = \text{pr}_2 \circ \sigma = (\text{pr}_2 \circ \Sigma) \circ \tilde{\sigma},$$

we get by (3.1), (3.2)

(3.3)

$$F \circ \varphi \circ \psi(t) - F \circ \gamma(t) = (F \circ \text{pr}_2 \circ \Sigma) \circ \tilde{h}(t) - (F \circ \text{pr}_2 \circ \Sigma) \circ \tilde{\sigma}(t) \in t^{\nu+1} \mathbf{C}\{t\}.$$

This proves (e). Let  $\mu_\pi: (T, c(0)) \rightarrow \text{Def}(Z_0)$  be the map induced by the deformation  $\pi: (\mathcal{X}, X_{c(0)}) \rightarrow (T, c(0))$ . Since

(3.4)

$$\mu_f = \mu_\pi \circ \text{pr}_1 \circ h = (\mu_\pi \circ \text{pr}_1 \circ \Sigma) \circ \tilde{h}, \quad \mu_p = \mu_\pi \circ \text{pr}_1 \circ \sigma = (\mu_\pi \circ \text{pr}_1 \circ \Sigma) \circ \tilde{\sigma},$$

we get by (3.1), (3.4)

(3.5)

$$F \circ \varphi \circ \psi(t) - F \circ \gamma(t) = (F \circ \text{pr}_1 \circ \Sigma) \circ \tilde{h}(t) - (F \circ \text{pr}_1 \circ \Sigma) \circ \tilde{\sigma}(t) \in t^{\nu+1} \mathbf{C}\{t\}.$$

This proves (f). This completes the proof of (2).  $\square$

#### 4. THE SINGULARITY OF $\tau_M$

We prove the logarithmic divergence of  $\tau_M$  for any one-parameter degeneration of 2-elementary K3 surfaces of type  $M$ . For this, we recall the following:

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $\pi: X \rightarrow S$  be a proper surjective holomorphic map from a connected projective algebraic manifold  $X$  of dimension  $n+1$  to a compact Riemann surface  $S$ . Let  $G$  be a finite group. Assume that  $G$  acts holomorphically on  $X$  and trivially on  $S$  and that  $\pi: X \rightarrow S$  is  $G$ -equivariant. Hence  $G$  preserves all the fibers  $X_s := \pi^{-1}(s)$ ,  $s \in S$ . Let  $\Delta := \{s \in S; \text{Sing}(X_s) \neq \emptyset\}$  be the discriminant locus.*

*Let  $h_X$  be a  $G$ -invariant Kähler metric on  $X$  and set  $h_s := h_X|_{X_s}$  for  $t \in S \setminus \Delta$ . Let  $\tau_G(X_s, h_s)(g)$  be the equivariant analytic torsion of the trivial Hermitian line bundle on  $(X_s, h_s)$ . Let  $t$  be a local coordinate of  $S$  centered at  $0 \in \Delta$ . If  $N$  is the order of  $g \in G$ , then there exists  $\beta_g(\pi, X_0) \in \sum_{0 \leq k < N} \mathbf{Q} \exp(2\pi i k/N)$  such that*

$$\log \tau_G(X_t, h_t)(g) = \beta_g(\pi, X_0) \log |t|^2 + O(\log(-\log |t|)) \quad (t \rightarrow 0).$$

*Proof.* See [20, Th. 1.1 and Cor. 6.10]. We remark that  $\Delta \neq S$  by Sard's theorem, since  $\Delta$  is the analytic subset of  $S$  defined as the image of the critical locus of  $\pi$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $(S, 0)$  be a pointed smooth projective curve equipped with a coordinate neighborhood  $(U, t)$  centered at 0, let  $X$  be a smooth projective threefold equipped with a holomorphic involution  $\theta: X \rightarrow X$ , and let  $\pi: X \rightarrow S$  be a surjective holomorphic map. Assume the following:*

- (1) *the projection  $\pi: X \rightarrow S$  is  $\mathbf{Z}_2$ -equivariant with respect to the  $\mathbf{Z}_2$ -action on  $X$  induced by  $\theta$  and with respect to the trivial  $\mathbf{Z}_2$ -action on  $S$ .*
- (2)  *$(X_t, \theta|_{X_t})$  is a 2-elementary K3 surfaces of type  $M$  for all  $t \in U \setminus \{0\}$ .*

*Then there exists  $\alpha \in \mathbf{Q}$  such that*

$$\log \tau_M(X_t, \theta|_{X_t}) = \alpha \log |t|^2 + O(\log(-\log |t|^2)) \quad (t \rightarrow 0).$$

*Proof.* Set  $\theta_t := \theta|_{X_t}$ . Let  $h_X$  be a  $\mathbf{Z}_2$ -invariant Kähler metric on  $X$  with Kähler form  $\omega_X$  and set  $\omega_t := \omega_X|_{X_t}$ . By Theorem 4.1, there exists  $\beta \in \mathbf{Q}$  such that

$$(4.1) \quad \log \tau_{\mathbf{Z}_2}(X_t, \omega_t)(\theta_t) = \beta \log |t|^2 + O(\log(-\log |t|^2)) \quad (t \rightarrow 0).$$

Let  $X^\theta$  be the set of fixed points of  $\theta: X \rightarrow X$  and let  $\Delta \subset S$  be the discriminant locus of  $\pi: X \rightarrow S$ . By the  $\mathbf{Z}_2$ -equivariance of  $\pi$ , we have the decomposition

$$X^\theta = X_H^\theta \amalg X_V^\theta,$$

where  $\pi(X_V^\theta) \subset \Delta$  and  $\pi|_{X_H^\theta}$  is a surjective map from any component of  $X_H^\theta$  to  $S$ . Set  $Y := X_H^\theta$  and  $f := \pi|_{X_H^\theta}$ . Then  $Y$  is a smooth complex surface and  $f: Y \rightarrow S$  is a proper surjective holomorphic map such that  $Y_t = X_t^{\theta_t}$  is the disjoint union of compact Riemann surfaces for  $t \in U \setminus \{0\}$ . It follows from Theorem 4.1 again that there exists  $\gamma \in \mathbf{Q}$  with

$$(4.2) \quad \log \tau(X_t^{\theta_t}, \omega_t|_{X_t^{\theta_t}}) = \log \tau(Y_t, \omega_t|_{Y_t}) = \gamma \log |t|^2 + O(\log(-\log |t|^2)) \quad (t \rightarrow 0).$$

Let  $K_{X/S} := \Omega_X^3 \otimes (\pi^* \Omega_S^1)^{-1}$  be the relative canonical bundle. Then the direct image sheaf  $\pi_* K_{X/S}$  is locally free on  $S$  by e.g. [16, Th. 6.10 (iv)]. By assumption (2),  $\pi_* K_{X/S}$  has rank one. By shrinking  $U$  if necessary, there exists  $\Xi \in H^0(\pi^{-1}(U), \Omega_X^3)$  such that  $\eta_{X/S} := \Xi \otimes (\pi^* dt)^{-1}$  generates  $\pi_* K_{X/S}$  as an  $\mathcal{O}_S$ -module over  $U$ . In particular, we may assume  $\eta_{X/S}|_{X_t} \neq 0$  for  $t \neq 0$ . Since  $K_{X/S}|_{X_t}$  is trivial for  $t \neq 0$  by (2), this implies that  $\eta_{X/S}|_{X_t}$  is nowhere vanishing on  $X_t$ ,  $t \neq 0$ . Hence  $\text{div}(\Xi) \subset X_0$ . We set  $\eta_t := \text{Res}_{X_t}[\Xi/(\pi - t)] \in H^0(X_t, \Omega_{X_t}^2)$  for  $t \in U$ . Then  $\eta_{X/S}|_{X_t} = \Xi \otimes (\pi^* dt)^{-1}|_{X_t}$  is identified with  $\eta_t$ .

We prove the existence of  $\delta \in \mathbf{Q}$  such that as  $t \rightarrow 0$

$$(4.3) \quad \int_{X_t^{\theta_t}} \log \left( \frac{\eta_t \wedge \bar{\eta}_t}{\omega_t^2/2!} \cdot \frac{\text{Vol}(X_t, \omega_t)}{\|\eta_t\|_{L^2}^2} \right) \Big|_{X_t^{\theta_t}} c_1(X_t^{\theta_t}, \omega_t|_{X_t^{\theta_t}}) = \delta \log |t|^2 + O(\log(-\log |t|^2)).$$

Let  $\Sigma_\pi \subset X$  be the critical locus of  $\pi$  and let  $TX/S := \ker \pi_*|_{X \setminus \Sigma_\pi}$  be the relative tangent bundle of  $\pi: X \rightarrow S$ . Let  $h_{X/S} := h_X|_{TX/S}$  be the Hermitian metric on  $TX/S$  induced from  $h_X$  and let  $\omega_{X/S}$  be the  $(1,1)$ -form on  $TX/S$  associated to  $h_{X/S}$ . We identify  $\omega_{X/S}$  with the family of Kähler forms  $\{\omega_t\}_{t \in S}$ . Let  $N_{X_t/X}^*$  be the conormal bundle of  $X_t$  in  $X$  for  $t \in U \setminus \{0\}$ . Since  $d\pi = \pi^* dt \in H^0(X_t, N_{X_t/X}^*)$  generates  $N_{X_t/X}^*$  for  $t \in U \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $N_{X_t/X}^*$  is trivial in this case. Since the Hermitian metric on  $\Omega_{X_t}^1$  is induced from  $h_X$  via the  $C^\infty$  identification  $\Omega_{X_t}^1 \cong (N_{X_t/X}^*)^\perp$  and since  $(\omega_{X/S}^2/2!)|_{X_t}$  is the volume form on  $X_t$ , we get on  $X \setminus \Sigma_\pi$

$$(4.4) \quad \frac{\omega_X^3}{3!} = \frac{\omega_{X/S}^2}{2!} \wedge \left( i \frac{d\pi}{\|d\pi\|} \wedge \frac{\bar{d}\pi}{\|\bar{d}\pi\|} \right).$$

Since  $\Xi|_{X_t} = \eta_t \otimes d\pi$ , we get the following equation on  $X \setminus \Sigma_\pi$  by (4.4)

$$(4.5) \quad \frac{\eta_{X/S} \wedge \bar{\eta}_{X/S}}{\omega_{X/S}^2/2!} = \frac{(-1)^3 i^3 \Xi \wedge \bar{\Xi}}{(\omega_{X/S}^2/2!) \wedge (i d\pi \wedge \bar{d}\pi)} = \frac{(-1)^3 i^3 \Xi \wedge \bar{\Xi}}{\omega_X^3/3!} \cdot \frac{1}{\|d\pi\|^2} = \frac{\|\Xi\|^2}{\|d\pi\|^2}.$$

Let  $\Sigma_f \subset Y$  be the critical locus of  $f: Y \rightarrow S$  and let  $h_{TY/S}$  be the metric on the relative tangent bundle  $TY/S := \ker f_*|_{Y \setminus \Sigma_f}$  induced from  $h_X$  via the inclusion

$TY/S \subset TY \subset TX|_Y$ . Define

$$(4.6) \quad \mathcal{A}(X/S) := f_* \left[ \log \left( \frac{\eta_{X/S} \wedge \overline{\eta_{X/S}}}{\omega_{X/S}^2/2!} \right) \Big|_{Y \setminus f^{-1}(\pi(\Sigma_\pi))} c_1(TY/S, h_{TY/S}) \right] \\ + \chi(Y_{\text{gen}}) \log \frac{\text{Vol}(Y_{\text{gen}}, \omega_X|_{Y_{\text{gen}}})}{\|\eta_{X/S}\|_{L^2}^2},$$

where  $Y_{\text{gen}}$  denotes a general fiber of  $f: Y \rightarrow S$  and  $\chi(Y_{\text{gen}})$  denotes its topological Euler number. By [20, Th. 6.8], there exists  $\epsilon_1 \in \mathbf{Q}$  such that

$$(4.7) \quad \log \|\eta_{X/S}\|_{L^2}^2 = \epsilon_1 \log |t|^2 + O(\log(-\log |t|^2)) \quad (t \rightarrow 0).$$

Let  $\varpi: \mathbf{P}(TY) \rightarrow Y$  be the projection from the projective tangent bundle of  $Y$  to  $Y$ . Let  $q: \tilde{Y} \rightarrow Y$  be the resolution of the indeterminacy of the Gauss map  $\nu: Y \setminus \Sigma_f \ni y \rightarrow [T_y Y_{f(y)}] \in \mathbf{P}(TY)$  (cf. [18, Sect. 2]) and set  $\tilde{f} := f \circ q: \tilde{Y} \rightarrow S$  and  $\tilde{\nu} := \nu \circ q: \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}(TY)$ . Then  $\tilde{f}$  and  $\tilde{\nu}$  are holomorphic maps. Let  $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}(TY)$  be the universal line bundle and let  $h_{\mathcal{L}}$  be the metric on  $\mathcal{L}$  induced from  $\varpi^* h_Y$  via the inclusion  $\mathcal{L} \subset \varpi^* TY$ . Then

$$(4.8) \quad c_1(TY/S, h_{TY/S}) = \tilde{\nu}^* c_1(\mathcal{L}, h_{\mathcal{L}}).$$

Substituting (4.5) into (4.6), we get

$$(4.9) \quad \mathcal{A}(X/S) = f_* \left[ \log \left( \frac{\|\Xi\|^2}{\|d\pi\|^2} \right) c_1(TY/S, h_{TY/S}) \right] - \chi_{\text{top}}(Y_{\text{gen}}) \log \|\eta_{X/S}\|_{L^2}^2 + O(1) \\ = \tilde{f}_* [\log(q^* \|\Xi\|^2) \tilde{\nu}^* c_1(\mathcal{L}, h_{\mathcal{L}})] - \tilde{f}_* [\log(q^* \|d\pi\|^2) \tilde{\nu}^* c_1(\mathcal{L}, h_{\mathcal{L}})] \\ - \epsilon_1 \chi_{\text{top}}(Y_{\text{gen}}) \log |t|^2 + O(\log(-\log |t|^2)),$$

where we used (4.7) and (4.8) to get the second equality. Since  $q^* \Xi$  is a holomorphic section of the holomorphic line bundle  $q^* \Omega_X^3$  with  $\text{div}(q^* \Xi) \subset \tilde{\pi}^{-1}(0)$ , there exists by [18, Lemma 4.4] a constant  $\epsilon_2 \in \mathbf{Q}$  such that

$$(4.10) \quad \tilde{f}_* [\log(q^* \|\Xi\|^2) \tilde{\nu}^* c_1(\mathcal{L}, h_{\mathcal{L}})] = \epsilon_2 \log |t|^2 + O(1) \quad (t \rightarrow 0).$$

By [18, Cor. 4.6], there exists  $\epsilon_3 \in \mathbf{Q}$  such that

$$(4.11) \quad \tilde{f}_* [\log(q^* \|d\pi\|^2) \tilde{\nu}^* c_1(\mathcal{L}, h_{\mathcal{L}})] = \epsilon_3 \log |t|^2 + O(1) \quad (t \rightarrow 0).$$

Setting  $\delta := \epsilon_2 - \epsilon_3 - \epsilon_1 \chi_{\text{top}}(Y_{\text{gen}}) \in \mathbf{Q}$ , we get (4.3) by (4.9), (4.10), (4.11).

By the definition of  $\tau_M$ , the result follows from (4.1), (4.2), (4.3).  $\square$

**Theorem 4.3.** *Let  $C \subset \mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^*$  be an irreducible projective curve intersecting  $\overline{\mathcal{D}}_{M^\perp} \cup \mathcal{B}_M$  properly. Let  $\mathfrak{b} \in C \cap (\overline{\mathcal{D}}_{M^\perp} \cup \mathcal{B}_M)$  and let  $C_{\mathfrak{b}} = \bigcup_{i \in I} C_{\mathfrak{b}}^{(i)}$  be the irreducible decomposition of the set germ  $C_{\mathfrak{b}} = (C, \mathfrak{b})$ . Let  $\nu^{(i)}: (\Delta, 0) \rightarrow C_{\mathfrak{b}}^{(i)}$  be the normalization. Then there exists  $\alpha_{\mathfrak{b}}^{(i)} \in \mathbf{Q}$  such that as  $t \rightarrow 0$ ,*

$$\log \tau_M(\nu^{(i)}(t)) = \alpha_{\mathfrak{b}}^{(i)} \log |t| + O(\log(-\log |t|)).$$

*Proof.* Let  $f: (X, \theta) \rightarrow B$  be the family of 2-elementary  $K3$  surfaces of type  $M$  with period map  $\varphi: B \rightarrow C$  as in Theorem 3.1 (1). By [1, Th. 13.4], there exists a resolution of the singularities  $\mu: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  such that  $\theta$  lifts to an involution  $\tilde{\theta}: \tilde{X} \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ . We set  $\tilde{f} := \mu \circ f$ . Since  $\mu$  is an isomorphism outside the singular fibers of  $f$ , the period map for  $\tilde{f}: (\tilde{X}, \tilde{\theta}) \rightarrow B$  coincides with  $\varphi: B \rightarrow C$ . Replacing  $f: (X, \theta) \rightarrow B$  by  $\tilde{f}: (\tilde{X}, \tilde{\theta}) \rightarrow B$  if necessary, we may assume that  $X$  is smooth.

For  $i \in I$ , let  $\mathfrak{p}^{(i)} \in \varphi^{-1}(\mathfrak{b})$  be such that  $\varphi(B_{\mathfrak{p}^{(i)}}) = C_{\mathfrak{b}}^{(i)}$ . Let  $(V^{(i)}, s)$  be a coordinate neighborhood of  $\mathfrak{p}^{(i)}$  in  $B$  with  $s(\mathfrak{p}^{(i)}) = 0$ . Let  $\varphi^{(i)}: V^{(i)} \rightarrow \Delta$  be the holomorphic map such that  $\varphi^{(i)} = (\nu^{(i)})^{-1} \circ \varphi$  on  $V^{(i)} \setminus \{\mathfrak{p}^{(i)}\}$ . There exists  $m_i \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$  and  $\epsilon_i(s) \in \mathbf{C}\{s\}$  such that  $t \circ \varphi^{(i)}(s) = s^{m_i} \epsilon_i(s)$  and  $\epsilon_i(0) \neq 0$ . By Theorem 4.2 applied to the family  $f: (X, \theta) \rightarrow B$ , there exists  $\alpha_i \in \mathbf{Q}$  such that

$$\log \tau_M(\nu^{(i)} \circ \varphi^{(i)}(s)) = \alpha_i \log |s| + O(\log(-\log |s|)) \quad (s \rightarrow 0).$$

This, together with the relation  $t \circ \varphi^{(i)}(s) = s^{m_i} \epsilon_i(s)$ , yields the desired estimate with  $\alpha_{\mathfrak{b}}^{(i)} = \alpha_i/m_i$ .  $\square$

## 5. THE AUTOMORPHIC PROPERTY OF $\tau_M$ : THE CASE $r(M) \geq 18$

In [17, Main Th.], we proved that  $\tau_M$  is expressed as the Petersson norm of an automorphic form on the period domain for 2-elementary  $K3$  surfaces of type  $M$  if  $r(M) \leq 17$ . In this section, we extend this result when  $r(M) \geq 18$ . For  $n \in \mathbf{Z}$ ,  $\langle n \rangle$  denotes the 1-dimensional lattice  $\mathbf{Z}$  equipped with the bilinear form  $\langle x, y \rangle = nxy$ . We denote by  $\mathbb{U}$  the 2-dimensional lattice associated to the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**5.1. Automorphic forms on the moduli space.** We fix a vector  $l_{M^\perp} \in M^\perp \otimes \mathbf{R}$  with  $\langle l_{M^\perp}, l_{M^\perp} \rangle \geq 0$  and set

$$j_{M^\perp}(\gamma, [\eta]) := \frac{\langle \gamma(\eta), l_{M^\perp} \rangle}{\langle \eta, l_{M^\perp} \rangle} \quad [\eta] \in \Omega_{M^\perp}^+, \quad \gamma \in O^+(M^\perp).$$

Since  $\langle l_{M^\perp}, l_{M^\perp} \rangle \geq 0$ ,  $j_{M^\perp}(\gamma, \cdot)$  is a nowhere vanishing holomorphic function on  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$ .

**Definition 5.1.** A holomorphic function  $F \in \mathcal{O}(\Omega_{M^\perp}^+)$  is an automorphic form on  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$  for  $O^+(M^\perp)$  of weight  $\nu$  if the following two conditions are satisfied:

- (i) There exists a unitary character  $\chi: O^+(M^\perp) \rightarrow U(1)$  such that

$$F([\gamma(\eta)]) = \chi(\gamma) j_{M^\perp}(\gamma, [\eta])^\nu F([\eta]), \quad [\eta] \in \Omega_{M^\perp}^+, \quad \gamma \in O^+(M^\perp).$$

- (ii) Denote by  $\|F\|^2 \in C^\infty(\Omega_{M^\perp}^+)$  the Petersson norm of  $F$  (cf. [17, Def. 3.16] with  $p = \nu$ ,  $q = 0$ ), which is regarded as a  $C^\infty$  function on  $\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}$  in the sense of orbifolds. Then  $\log \|F\|^2 \in L_{\text{loc}}^1((\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^*)_{\text{reg}})$  and there exists an effective divisor  $D$  on  $\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^*$  such that

$$-dd^c \log \|F\|^2 = \nu \tilde{\omega}_{M^\perp} - \delta_D$$

as currents on  $(\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^*)_{\text{reg}}$ . Here  $\tilde{\omega}_{M^\perp}$  is the current on  $(\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^*)_{\text{reg}}$  defined as the trivial extension of the Kähler form of the Bergman metric, and  $d^c = \frac{1}{4\pi i}(\partial - \bar{\partial})$  for a complex manifold.

The notion of meromorphic automorphic form is defined in the same manner.



Since  $\mathcal{B}_M$  is a subvariety with codimension greater than or equal to 2 when  $r(M) \leq 17$ , an automorphic form on  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$  for  $O^+(M^\perp)$  of positive weight extends to a holomorphic section of the corresponding Hodge bundle on  $\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^*$  by the Koecher principle (cf. [4, p.498]). In particular, the second condition (ii) follows from the first one (i) in this case.

**5.2. The equation satisfied by  $\tau_M$  on the period domain.** Let  $\mathcal{A}_g$  denote the Siegel modular variety of degree  $g$ , which is the coarse moduli space of principally polarized Abelian varieties of dimension  $g$ . The Petersson norm of a Siegel modular form  $S$  on the Siegel upper half space of degree  $g$  is denoted by  $\|S\|^2$  (cf. [17, Sect.3.2]), which is a  $C^\infty$  function on  $\mathcal{A}_g$  in the sense of orbifolds. If  $k$  is the weight of  $S$ , the  $(1, 1)$ -form  $\omega_{\mathcal{A}_g} := -\frac{1}{k} dd^c \log \|S\|^2$  on  $\mathcal{A}_g$  in the sense of orbifolds is the Kähler form of the Bergman metric.

As an application of Theorem 4.3, we prove the automorphic property of  $\tau_M$  when  $r(M) \geq 18$ . For this, we need an extension of [17, Sect.7].

**Theorem 5.2.** *Let  $\Pi_M: \Omega_{M^\perp}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}$  be the projection and let  $\tau_{\Omega_{M^\perp}^+}$  be the  $O^+(M^\perp)$ -invariant function on  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+ \setminus \mathcal{D}_{M^\perp}$  defined as  $\tau_{\Omega_{M^\perp}^+} = \Pi_M^* \tau_M$ . Then  $\tau_{\Omega_{M^\perp}^+}$  lies in  $L_{\text{loc}}^1(\Omega_{M^\perp}^+)$  and satisfies the following equation of currents on  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$ :*

$$(5.1) \quad dd^c \log \tau_{\Omega_{M^\perp}^+} = \frac{r(M) - 6}{4} \omega_M + J_M^* \omega_{\mathcal{A}_{g(M)}} - \frac{1}{4} \delta_{\mathcal{D}_{M^\perp}}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $O^+(M^\perp)_{[\eta]} \subset O^+(M^\perp)$  be the stabilizer of  $[\eta] \in \Omega_{M^\perp}^+$ . As in [17], set

$$H_d^o := \{[\eta] \in H_d; O^+(M^\perp)_{[\eta]} = \{\pm 1, \pm s_d\}\}, \quad \mathcal{D}_{M^\perp}^o := \bigcup_{d \in \Delta_{M^\perp}} H_d^o$$

and  $Z_{M^\perp} := \bigcup_{d \in \Delta_{M^\perp}} H_d \setminus H_d^o$ . When  $r(M) \leq 18$ ,  $Z_{M^\perp}$  is an analytic subset of  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$  with codimension greater than or equal to 2 by [17, Prop.1.9 (2)]. By [17, Sect.(7.1)],  $\tau_{\Omega_{M^\perp}^+}$  lies in  $L_{\text{loc}}^1(\Omega_{M^\perp}^+ \setminus Z_{M^\perp})$  and satisfies the following equation of currents on  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+ \setminus Z_{M^\perp}$ :

$$(5.2) \quad dd^c \log \tau_{\Omega_{M^\perp}^+} = \frac{r(M) - 6}{4} \omega_M + J_M^* \omega_{\mathcal{A}_{g(M)}} - \frac{1}{4} \delta_{\mathcal{D}_{M^\perp}}.$$

Since  $\text{codim } Z_{M^\perp} \geq 2$  when  $r(M) \leq 18$ , we deduce from (5.2) and [15, p.53, Th.1] that Eq.(5.1) holds in this case. We consider the case  $r(M) \geq 19$ . Since  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$  consists of a unique point when  $r(M) = 20$ , i.e.,  $M^\perp \cong \langle 2 \rangle \oplus \langle 2 \rangle$ , the assertion is trivial in this case. It suffices to prove (5.1) when  $r(M) = 19$ , in which case either  $M^\perp \cong \langle 2 \rangle \oplus \langle 2 \rangle \oplus \langle -2 \rangle$  or  $M^\perp \cong \mathbb{U} \oplus \langle 2 \rangle$  by [12, p.1434, Table 1].

Assume  $M^\perp \cong \mathbb{U} \oplus \langle 2 \rangle$ . By [6, Th.7.1], there exist isomorphisms  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+ \cong \mathfrak{H}$  and  $O^+(M^\perp) \cong SL_2(\mathbf{Z})$  such that the  $O^+(M^\perp)$ -action on  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$  is identified with the projective action of  $SL_2(\mathbf{Z})$  on  $\mathfrak{H}$ . Let  $\mathcal{F} := \{z \in \mathfrak{H}; |z| \geq 1, |\Re z| \leq 1/2\}$  be the fundamental domain for the  $PSL_2(\mathbf{Z})$ -action on  $\mathfrak{H}$ . For  $\tau \in \mathfrak{H}$ , let  $SL_2(\mathbf{Z})_\tau \subset SL_2(\mathbf{Z})$  be the stabilizer of  $\tau$ . Let  $d \in \Delta_{M^\perp}$  and let  $z \in \mathcal{F}$  be the point corresponding to  $[\eta] \in H_d$ . Since  $O^+(M^\perp)_{[\eta]} \supset \mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$  and hence  $\# O^+(M^\perp)_{[\eta]} \geq 4$ , we get  $\# PSL_2(\mathbf{Z})_z \geq 2$ . By e.g. [14], we get  $z \in \{i, e^{\pi i/3}, e^{2\pi i/3}\}$ . If  $z = e^{\pi i/3}$  or  $e^{2\pi i/3}$ , then  $PSL_2(\mathbf{Z})_z \cong \mathbf{Z}_3$ . In this case,  $SL_2(\mathbf{Z})_z \cong O^+(M^\perp)_{[\eta]}$  does not contain a subgroup of order 4, which contradicts the fact  $O^+(M^\perp)_{[\eta]} \supset \{\pm 1, \pm s_d\} = \mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$ . Hence we get  $z = i$ . Since  $\# SL_2(\mathbf{Z})_i = 4$ , we get  $O^+(M^\perp)_{[\eta]} = \{\pm 1, \pm s_d\}$ .

This implies  $H_d^0 = H_d$  and  $Z_M = \emptyset$  when  $M \cong \mathbb{U} \oplus \langle 2 \rangle$ . This proves (5.1) when  $M \cong \mathbb{U} \oplus \langle 2 \rangle$ . For the case  $M^\perp \cong \langle 2 \rangle \oplus \langle 2 \rangle \oplus \langle -2 \rangle$ , see Sect.6.  $\square$

### 5.3. The automorphic property of $\tau_M$ .

**Theorem 5.3.** *There exist an integer  $\nu \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$  and an (possibly meromorphic) automorphic form  $\Psi_M$  on  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$  for  $O^+(M^\perp)$  of weight  $\nu(r(M) - 6)$  and a Siegel modular form  $S_M$  on  $\mathfrak{S}_{g(M)}$  of weight  $4\nu$  such that for every 2-elementary K3 surface  $(X, \iota)$  of type  $M$ ,*

$$\tau_M(X, \iota) = \|\Psi_M(\overline{\omega}_M(X, \iota))\|^{-1/2\nu} \|S_M(\Omega(X^\iota))\|^{-1/2\nu}.$$

Here  $\overline{\omega}_M(X, \iota) \in \mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}$  denotes the period of  $(X, \iota)$  and  $\Omega(X^\iota) \in \mathcal{A}_{g(M)}$  denotes the period of  $X^\iota$ .

*Proof.* Since the assertion was proved when  $r(M) \leq 17$  (cf. [17]), we assume  $r(M) \geq 18$ . Let  $\ell \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$  be sufficiently large. Let  $S$  be a Siegel modular form of weight  $4\ell$  on  $\mathfrak{S}_{g(M)}$  such that the function  $\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^o \ni (X, \iota) \rightarrow \|S(\Omega(X^\iota))\|^2 \in \mathbf{R}_{\geq 0}$  does not vanish identically. Let  $F$  be a non-zero automorphic form on  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$  for  $O^+(M^\perp)$  of weight  $\ell(r(M) - 6)$ . Let  $J_M^* \omega_{\mathcal{A}_{g(M)}}$  be the current defined as the trivial extension of  $(J_M^o)^* \omega_{\mathcal{A}_{g(M)}}$  from  $\Omega_{M^\perp} \setminus \mathcal{D}_{M^\perp}$  to  $\Omega_{M^\perp}$ , where  $J_M^o: \Omega_{M^\perp} \setminus \mathcal{D}_{M^\perp} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{g(M)}$  is the holomorphic map defined as  $J_M^o(\overline{\omega}_M(X, \iota)) = \Omega(X^\iota)$  (cf. [17, Sects. 3.1-3.4]). Then the following equations of currents on  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$  hold:

$$(5.3) \quad -dd^c \log \|S\|^2 = 4\ell J_M^* \omega_{\mathcal{A}_{g(M)}} - \delta_{J_M^* \text{div}(S)},$$

$$(5.4) \quad -dd^c \log \|F\|^2 = \ell(r(M) - 6) \omega_M - \delta_{\text{div}(F)}.$$

We set

$$\varphi := \tau_{\Omega_{M^\perp}^+} (\|F\| \cdot \|S\|)^{1/2\ell}.$$

By (5.1), (5.3), (5.4), there is an  $O^+(M^\perp)$ -invariant  $\mathbf{Q}$ -divisor  $D$  on  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$  satisfying the following equation of currents on  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$ :

$$(5.5) \quad -dd^c \log \varphi = \delta_D.$$

Let  $[\eta_0] \in \Omega_{M^\perp}^+$  and let  $m \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$  be an integer such that  $mD$  is an integral divisor on  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$ . We define  $G([\eta]) := \exp\left(m \int_{[\eta_0]}^{[\eta]} \partial \log \varphi\right)$ . Since the residues of the logarithmic 1-form  $m \partial \varphi$  on  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$  are integral,  $G$  is a meromorphic function on  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$  with  $\text{div}(G) = mD$ . By the definition of  $G$  and the equality  $\overline{\partial \log \varphi} = \bar{\partial} \log \varphi$ , we get

$$(5.6) \quad |G([\eta])|^2 = \exp\left(m \int_{[\eta_0]}^{[\eta]} \partial \log \varphi + \bar{\partial} \log \varphi\right) = \varphi([\eta])^m \varphi([\eta_0])^{-m}.$$

Let  $\gamma \in O^+(M^\perp)$ . By the  $O^+(M^\perp)$ -invariance of  $\varphi$ , we get  $\gamma^* \partial \log \varphi = \partial \log \varphi$ , which yields that  $d \log(\gamma^* G/G) = 0$ . Hence there exists a constant  $\chi(\gamma) \in \mathbf{C}^*$  with

$$(5.7) \quad \gamma^* G = \chi(\gamma) G.$$

Since  $(\gamma\gamma')^* = (\gamma')^*\gamma^*$  for  $\gamma, \gamma' \in O^+(M^\perp)$ , we deduce from (5.7) that  $\chi: O^+(M^\perp) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^*$  is a character. We see that  $|\chi(\gamma)| = 1$ . Indeed, by the definition of  $\chi$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
|\chi(\gamma)|^2 &= \frac{G(\gamma \cdot [\eta])}{G([\eta])} \cdot \overline{\left( \frac{G(\gamma \cdot [\eta])}{G([\eta])} \right)} \\
(5.8) \quad &= \exp \left( m \int_{[\eta_0]}^{\gamma \cdot [\eta_0]} \partial \log \varphi \right) \cdot \exp \left( m \int_{[\eta_0]}^{\gamma \cdot [\eta_0]} \bar{\partial} \log \varphi \right) \\
&= \exp \left( m \int_{[\eta_0]}^{\gamma \cdot [\eta_0]} d \log \varphi \right) \\
&= \exp [m \log \varphi(\gamma \cdot [\eta_0]) - m \log \varphi([\eta_0])] = 1,
\end{aligned}$$

where the second equality follows from the fact  $\bar{\partial} \log \varphi = \bar{\partial} \log \varphi$  and the last equality follows from the  $O^+(M^\perp)$ -invariance of  $\varphi$ . By (5.7) and (5.8),  $G^{-4\ell} F^m$  satisfies Definition 5.1 (1).

Set  $C := \log \varphi([\eta_0])$ . By the definition of  $\varphi$  and (5.6), we get

$$(5.9) \quad \tau_{\Omega_{M^\perp}^+} = e^C |G|^{2/m} (\|F\| \cdot \|S\|)^{-1/2\ell} = e^C (\|G^{-4\ell} F^m\|^2 \cdot \|S^m\|^2)^{-1/4m\ell}.$$

We set  $\nu := m\ell$ ,  $\Psi_M := G^{-4\ell} F^m$  and  $S_M := S^m$ . Then

$$\tau_M = (\|\Psi_M\|^2 \|S_M\|^2)^{-1/4\nu}.$$

Since  $S_M$  is a Siegel modular form of weight  $4\ell m = 4\nu$  and since  $\Psi_M$  is a meromorphic function on  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$  satisfying the functional equation in Definition 5.1 (1) with weight  $(r(M) - 6)\ell m = (r(M) - 6)\nu$ , it suffices to prove that  $\Psi_M$  satisfies the regularity condition (2) in Definition 5.1. Since  $|G|$  is an  $O^+(M^\perp)$ -invariant function on  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+ \setminus \mathcal{D}_{M^\perp}$  by (5.6), we regard  $|G|$  as a function on  $\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^o$ . Since  $F$  is an automorphic form on  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$  and hence satisfies the regularity condition (2) in Definition 5.1, it suffices to prove  $\log |G|^2 \in L_{\text{loc}}^1((\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^*)_{\text{reg}})$  and the existence of a  $\mathbf{Q}$ -divisor  $\mathfrak{D}$  on  $\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^*$  satisfying the following equation of currents on  $(\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^*)_{\text{reg}}$ :

$$(5.10) \quad -dd^c \log |G|^2 = \delta_{\mathfrak{D}}.$$

Let  $\Phi$  be the function on  $\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^o$  such that  $\varphi = \Pi_M^* \Phi$ . Let  $\bar{D}$  be the closure of  $\Pi_M(D)$  in  $\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^*$ . By (5.5), we have the equation of currents on  $(\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^*)_{\text{reg}}$ :

$$(5.11) \quad -dd^c \log \Phi = \delta_{\bar{D}}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{B}_M = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} \mathcal{B}_{M,\alpha}$  be the irreducible decomposition. Since  $r(M) \geq 18$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_M$  is a divisor on  $\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^*$ . Let  $C \subset \mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^*$  be an arbitrary irreducible projective curve intersecting  $\mathcal{B}_M$  properly. Let  $\mathfrak{b} \in C \cap \mathcal{B}_M$  be an arbitrary point and let  $C_{\mathfrak{b}} = \bigcup_{i \in I} C_{\mathfrak{b}}^{(i)}$  be the irreducible decomposition of the set germ  $C_{\mathfrak{b}} = (C, \mathfrak{b})$ . Let  $\nu^{(i)}: (\Delta, 0) \rightarrow C_{\mathfrak{b}}^{(i)}$  be the normalization. By Theorem 4.3, there exists  $\alpha_{\mathfrak{b}}^{(i)} \in \mathbf{Q}$  such that as  $t \rightarrow 0$ ,

$$(5.12) \quad \log \tau_M|_{C_{\mathfrak{b}}^{(i)}}(\nu^{(i)}(t)) = \alpha_{\mathfrak{b}}^{(i)} \log |t| + O(\log(-\log |t|)).$$

Since  $F$  and  $S$  are automorphic forms on  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$  and  $\mathfrak{S}_{g(M)}$  respectively, there exists  $\beta_{\mathfrak{b}}^{(i)}, \gamma_{\mathfrak{b}}^{(i)} \in \mathbf{Z}$  by [10, Th. 3.1] (cf. [17, Prop. 3.12]) such that as  $t \rightarrow 0$ ,

$$(5.13) \quad (\log \|F\|)|_{C_{\mathfrak{b}}^{(i)}}(\nu^{(i)}(t)) = \beta_{\mathfrak{b}}^{(i)} \log |t| + O(\log(-\log |t|)),$$

$$(5.14) \quad (\log \|S\|)|_{C_b^{(i)}}(\nu^{(i)}(t)) = \gamma_b^{(i)} \log |t| + O(\log(-\log |t|)).$$

By (5.12), (5.13), (5.14), there exists  $\epsilon_b^{(i)} \in \mathbf{Q}$  such that

$$(5.15) \quad \log \Phi|_{C_b^{(i)}}(\nu^{(i)}(t)) = \epsilon_b^{(i)} \log |t| + O(\log(-\log |t|)) \quad (t \rightarrow 0).$$

By (5.11), (5.15), there exists  $n_{C,\alpha} \in \mathbf{Q}$  such that the following equation of currents on  $C$  holds:

$$(5.16) \quad -dd^c \log \Phi|_C = \delta_{\overline{D} \cap C} + \sum_{\alpha \in A} n_{C,\alpha} \delta_{\mathcal{B}_{M,\alpha} \cap C}.$$

Since  $C \subset \mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^*$  is arbitrary, this implies that  $\partial \log \Phi$  is a logarithmic 1-form on  $(\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^*)_{\text{reg}}$  and that  $n_{C,\alpha}$  is the residue of  $\partial \log \Phi$  along the irreducible divisor  $\mathcal{B}_{M,\alpha}$  for sufficiently general  $C$ . Since  $n_{C,\alpha}$  is independent of the choice of sufficiently general  $C$ , we write  $n_\alpha$  for  $n_{C,\alpha}$ . By (5.11) and (5.16), we get  $\Phi \in L_{\text{loc}}^1(\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^*)$  and the following equation of currents on  $(\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^*)_{\text{reg}}$ :

$$(5.17) \quad -dd^c \log \Phi = \delta_{\overline{D}} + \sum_{\alpha \in A} n_\alpha \delta_{\mathcal{B}_{M,\alpha}}.$$

Set  $\mathfrak{D} = m(\overline{D} + \sum_{\alpha \in A} n_\alpha \mathcal{B}_{M,\alpha})$ . Since  $\varphi = e^C |G|^{2/m}$  by (5.6), we get (5.10) from (5.17). This completes the proof.  $\square$

*Remark 5.4.* In fact, one can prove that the boundary divisor  $\mathcal{B}_M$  is irreducible when  $r(M) \geq 18$ . The irreducibility of  $\mathcal{B}_M$  plays a crucial role to give an explicit formulae for  $\Psi_M$  and  $S_M$ , when  $r(M) \geq 18$ . See [19, Sect. 11.4] for the details.

## 6. The case $M^\perp = \langle 2 \rangle \oplus \langle 2 \rangle \oplus \langle -2 \rangle$

Throughout Sect.6, we assume

$$M^\perp = \langle 2 \rangle \oplus \langle 2 \rangle \oplus \langle -2 \rangle$$

and prove that (5.1) holds in this case.

**6.1. Preliminaries.** Since  $M^\perp = \langle 2 \rangle \oplus \langle 2 \rangle \oplus \langle -2 \rangle$ , we get the explicit expression:  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+ = \{(x : y : z) \in \mathbf{P}^2; x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 0, |x|^2 + |y|^2 - |z|^2 > 0, |x + iy| > |x - iy|\}$ .

The unit disc  $\Delta = \{z \in \mathbf{C}; |z| < 1\}$  is isomorphic to  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$  by the map

$$(6.1) \quad c: \Delta \ni z \rightarrow \left( \frac{1+z^2}{2} : \frac{1-z^2}{2i} : z \right) \in \Omega_{M^\perp}^+.$$

For  $\epsilon \in ]0, 1[$ , we set  $\Delta(\epsilon) := \{z \in \Delta; |z| < \epsilon\}$  and  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+(\epsilon) := c(\Delta(\epsilon))$ . We also set  $\delta := (0, 0, 1) \in \Delta_{M^\perp}$ . Then  $s_\delta(x : y : z) := (x : y : -z)$  is the reflection on  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$  associated to  $\delta$ , and we have

$$H_\delta \cap \Omega_{M^\perp}^+ = \{c(0)\} = \{(1 : -i : 0)\}.$$

**Lemma 6.1.** *Let  $O^+(M^\perp)_{[\eta]}$  be the stabilizer of  $[\eta] \in \Omega_{M^\perp}^+$  in  $O^+(M^\perp)$ . Then  $\#O^+(M^\perp)_{[\eta]} = 8$ . Moreover, the natural projection  $\Pi_M: \Omega_{M^\perp}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}$  has ramification index 4 at  $c(0) \in \Omega_{M^\perp}^+$ .*

*Proof.* Since

(6.2)

$$O^+(M^\perp)_{c(0)} = \langle -1_{M^\perp} \rangle \times \langle s_\delta \rangle \times \langle \mu \rangle, \quad s_\delta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mu := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

we get the first assertion. Since  $-1_{M^\perp}$ ,  $s_\delta$  and  $\mu$  act on  $\Delta$  as follows under the identification (6.1):

$$(6.3) \quad -1_{M^\perp}(z) = z, \quad s_\delta(z) = -z, \quad \mu(z) = iz,$$

we deduce from (6.2), (6.3) that the projection  $\Pi_{M^\perp}: \Omega_{M^\perp}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}$  at  $c(0) \in \Omega_{M^\perp}^+$  is identified with the map  $\mathbf{C} \ni z \rightarrow z^4 \in \mathbf{C}$  at  $z = 0$ .  $\square$

We recall the notion of ordinary singular families of 2-elementary  $K3$  surfaces. Let  $\mathcal{Z}$  be a smooth complex threefold. Let  $p: \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow \Delta$  be a proper surjective holomorphic function without critical points on  $\mathcal{Z} \setminus p^{-1}(0)$ . Let  $\iota: \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}$  be a holomorphic involution preserving the fibers of  $p$ . We set  $Z_t = p^{-1}(t)$  and  $\iota_t = \iota|_{Z_t}$  for  $t \in \Delta$ . Then  $p: (\mathcal{Z}, \iota) \rightarrow \Delta$  is called an *ordinary singular family* of 2-elementary  $K3$  surfaces of type  $M$  if  $p$  has a unique, non-degenerate critical point on  $Z_0$  and if  $(Z_t, \iota_t)$  is a 2-elementary  $K3$  surface of type  $M$  for all  $t \in \Delta^*$ . See [17, Sects. 2.2 and 2.3] for more about ordinary singular families of 2-elementary  $K3$  surfaces.

**Proposition 6.2.** *There exist  $\epsilon \in ]0, 1[$  and an ordinary singular family of 2-elementary  $K3$  surfaces  $p: (\mathcal{Z}, \iota) \rightarrow \Omega_{M^\perp}^+(\epsilon)/\langle s_\delta \rangle$  of type  $M$  with the following properties:*

- (1) *The period map for  $p: (\mathcal{Z}, \iota) \rightarrow \Omega_{M^\perp}^+(\epsilon)/\langle s_\delta \rangle$  is given by the projection  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+(\epsilon)/\langle s_\delta \rangle \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}$ .*
- (2) *The map  $p: \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow \Omega_{M^\perp}^+(\epsilon)/\langle s_\delta \rangle$  is projective.*

*Proof.* We follow [17, Th. 2.6]. By Lemma 6.1, we get  $H_\delta^g = \emptyset$ . In particular, [17, Th. 2.6] does not apply at once for  $M^\perp = \langle 2 \rangle \oplus \langle 2 \rangle \oplus \langle -2 \rangle$ . However, in the proof of [17, Th. 2.6], the fact  $c(0) \in H_\delta^g$  was used only to deduce the following (i), (ii):

- (i)  $s_\delta(c(t)) = c(-t)$  for all  $t \in \Delta(\epsilon)$ .
- (ii) Under the inclusion  $M^\perp = \langle 2 \rangle \oplus \langle 2 \rangle \oplus \langle -2 \rangle \subset \mathbb{L}_{K3}$ , set

$$\Delta_{c(0)} := \{d \in \Delta_{\mathbb{L}_{K3}}; \langle d, (1, -i, 0) \rangle = 0\}.$$

Then there exists  $m \in M$  such that  $\langle m, m \rangle_M > 0$  and  $m^\perp \cap \Delta_{c(0)} = \{\pm\delta\}$ .

Once (i), (ii) are verified, the proof of [17, Th. 2.6] for the existence of an ordinary singular family of 2-elementary  $K3$  surfaces  $p: (\mathcal{Z}, \iota) \rightarrow \Omega_{M^\perp}^+(\epsilon)/\langle s_\delta \rangle$  with (1), (2) works. (Notice that the condition  $r(M) \leq 17$  was not used in [17, Th. 2.6].) Hence it suffices to prove (i), (ii). By (6.1), we get (i). By [17, Lemma A.2], it suffices to prove  $M^\perp \cap \Delta_{c(0)} = \{\pm\delta\}$ . Since  $c(0) = (1 : -i : 0)$ , we get  $M^\perp \cap \Delta_{c(0)} = \{\pm\delta\}$ . This proves (ii).  $\square$

**Proposition 6.3.** *Set  $\mathfrak{q} := \Pi_{M^\perp}(c(0)) \in \mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}$ . Then there exist a pointed smooth projective curve  $(B, \mathfrak{p})$ , a neighborhood  $U$  of  $\mathfrak{p}$ , a holomorphic map between curves  $\varphi: (B, \mathfrak{p}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^*, \mathfrak{q})$ , a smooth projective threefold  $\mathcal{X}$  with an involution  $\theta: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ , and a surjective holomorphic map  $p: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow B$  with the following properties:*

- (1)  $\varphi(B) = \mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^*$  and the map  $f|_U: (U, \mathfrak{p}) \rightarrow (\varphi(U), \mathfrak{q})$  is a double covering with a unique ramification point  $\mathfrak{p}$ .

- (2) The map  $p: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow B$  is  $\mathbf{Z}_2$ -equivariant with respect to the  $\mathbf{Z}_2$ -action on  $\mathcal{X}$  induced by  $\theta$  and with respect to the trivial  $\mathbf{Z}_2$ -action on  $B$ .
- (3) The family of algebraic surfaces with involution  $p|_{p^{-1}(U)}: (\mathcal{X}, \theta)|_{p^{-1}(U)} \rightarrow U$  is an ordinary singular family of 2-elementary K3 surfaces of type  $M$  with period map  $\varphi|_U$ .

*Proof.* We follow [17, Th. 2.8]. Since  $H_\delta^0 = \emptyset$  and hence  $\mathcal{D}_{M^\perp}^0 = \emptyset$  by Lemma 6.4 below, [17, Th. 2.8] does not apply at once for  $M^\perp = \langle 2 \rangle \oplus \langle 2 \rangle \oplus \langle -2 \rangle$ . Set  $S := \Omega_{M^\perp}^+(\epsilon)/\langle s_\delta \rangle \cong \Delta$ . Let  $\bar{c}(0) \in S$  be the image of  $c(0)$  and let  $\gamma: (S, \bar{c}(0)) \rightarrow (\mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}, \mathfrak{p})$  be the projection induced from  $\Pi_{M^\perp}$ . By Proposition 6.2, there is an ordinary singular family of 2-elementary K3 surfaces  $p: (\mathcal{Z}, \iota) \rightarrow S$  of type  $M$  with period map  $\gamma$ . We set  $C := \mathcal{M}_{M^\perp}^*$ . By Theorem 3.1 (2) applied to  $p: (\mathcal{Z}, \iota) \rightarrow S$ , there exist  $\varphi: B \rightarrow C$ ,  $f: X \rightarrow B$  and  $\theta: X \rightarrow X$  as in Theorem 3.1 satisfying (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f).

We prove that  $\text{Sing } X \cap X_{\mathfrak{p}} = \emptyset$ . Since  $(X_{\mathfrak{p}}, \theta|_{X_{\mathfrak{p}}}) \cong (Z_{\bar{c}(0)}, \iota|_{Z_{\bar{c}(0)}})$  by Theorem 3.1 (d) and since  $Z_0$  has a unique  $A_1$ -singularity  $o := \text{Sing } Z_0$ , the deformations  $p: (X, X_{\mathfrak{p}}) \rightarrow (B, \mathfrak{p})$  and  $p: (\mathcal{Z}, Z_0) \rightarrow (S, \bar{c}(0))$  induce maps  $\rho_f: (B, \mathfrak{p}) \rightarrow \text{Def}(A_1)$  and  $\rho_p: (\Delta, 0) \rightarrow \text{Def}(A_1)$ , where  $\text{Def}(A_1) \cong (\mathbf{C}, 0)$  is the Kuranishi space of 2-dimensional  $A_1$ -singularity. Since  $(Z_0, o)$  is an  $A_1$ -singularity, there is an isomorphism of germs  $(X, o) \cong (\mathcal{Z}, o)$  if and only if  $\text{mult}_{\mathfrak{p}} \rho_f = \text{mult}_0 \rho_p$ .

Recall that  $\text{Def}(Z_0)$  is the Kuranishi space of  $Z_0$  and let  $\rho: \text{Def}(Z_0) \rightarrow \text{Def}(A_1)$  be the map of germs induced by the local semiuniversal deformation of  $Z_0$  over  $\text{Def}(Z_0)$ . Recall that  $\mu_f: (B, \mathfrak{p}) \rightarrow \text{Def}(Z_0)$  and  $\mu_p: (\Delta, 0) \rightarrow \text{Def}(Z_0)$  are the maps induced by the deformations  $f: (X, X_{\mathfrak{p}}) \rightarrow (B, \mathfrak{p})$  and  $p: (\mathcal{Z}, Z_0) \rightarrow (\Delta, 0)$ , respectively. Since  $\rho_f = \rho \circ \mu_f$  and  $\rho_p = \rho \circ \mu_p$ , there exists by Theorem 3.1 (f) an isomorphism of germs  $\psi: (\Delta, 0) \cong (B, \mathfrak{p})$  such that  $\rho_f \circ \psi(t) - \rho_p(t) \in t^\nu \mathbf{C}\{t\}$ . By choosing  $\nu \geq 2$  in Theorem 3.1 (2), this implies that  $\text{mult}_{\mathfrak{p}} \rho_f = \text{mult}_0 \rho_p$ . Since  $\mathcal{Z}$  is smooth, we get  $\text{Sing } X \cap X_{\mathfrak{p}} = \emptyset$ . Let  $U$  be a small neighborhood of  $\mathfrak{p}$  in  $B$ .

Since the map  $\gamma: (S, c(0)) \rightarrow (C, \mathfrak{q})$  has ramification index 2 by Lemma 6.1, we get (1) by Theorem 3.1 (e). We get (2) by Theorem 3.1 (b). By Theorem 3.1 (c),  $(X_b, \theta|_{X_b})$  is a 2-elementary K3 surface of type  $M$  with period  $\varphi(b)$  for  $b \in U \setminus \{\mathfrak{p}\}$ . Since  $p^{-1}(U)$  is smooth,  $p|_{p^{-1}(U)}: (\mathcal{X}, \theta)|_{p^{-1}(U)} \rightarrow U$  is an ordinary singular family of 2-elementary K3 surfaces of type  $M$  with period map  $\varphi|_U$ . This proves (3).

There is a resolution  $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow X$  such that  $\theta$  lifts to an involution  $\tilde{\theta}: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$  [1, Th. 13.4]. Replace  $(X, \theta)$  by  $(\mathcal{X}, \tilde{\theta})$ . Then (1), (2), (3) are satisfied and  $\mathcal{X}$  is smooth. This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 6.4.** *The group  $O^+(M^\perp)$  acts transitively on  $\Delta_{M^\perp}/\pm 1$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $L$  be an odd unimodular lattice of signature  $(2, 1)$  and let  $\delta, \delta' \in L$  be vectors with  $\langle \delta, \delta \rangle = \langle \delta', \delta' \rangle = -1$ . Set  $\Lambda := \delta^\perp$  and  $\Lambda' := (\delta')^\perp$ . Since  $\Lambda^\vee/\Lambda \cong (\mathbf{Z}\delta)^\vee/(\mathbf{Z}\delta)$  and  $(\Lambda')^\vee/\Lambda' \cong (\mathbf{Z}\delta')^\vee/(\mathbf{Z}\delta')$ , the equality  $\langle \delta, \delta \rangle = \langle \delta', \delta' \rangle = -1$  implies that  $\Lambda$  and  $\Lambda'$  are positive-definite unimodular lattices of rank 2. It is classical that  $\Lambda \cong \Lambda'$ . Since  $\mathbf{Z}\delta \oplus \Lambda \subset L$  and since both of  $\mathbf{Z}\delta \oplus \Lambda$  and  $L$  are unimodular, we get  $L = \mathbf{Z}\delta \oplus \Lambda$ . Similarly,  $L = \mathbf{Z}\delta' \oplus \Lambda'$ . Let  $\varphi: \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda'$  be an isometry. Then  $g_\pm: \mathbf{Z}\delta \oplus \Lambda \ni m\delta + \lambda \rightarrow \pm m\delta' + \varphi(\lambda) \in \mathbf{Z}\delta' \oplus \Lambda'$  is an isometry of  $L$  with  $g_\pm(\delta) = \pm\delta'$  such that either  $g_+ \in O^+(L)$  or  $g_- \in O^+(L)$ . This proves the lemma.  $\square$

**6.2. Proof of (5.1).** By [17, Th. 5.9], we have the following equation of  $C^\infty$  (1, 1)-forms on  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+ \setminus \mathcal{D}_{M^\perp}$

$$(6.4) \quad dd^c \log \tau_{\Omega_{M^\perp}^+} = \frac{r(M) - 6}{4} \omega_M + J_M^* \omega_{\mathcal{A}_g(M)}.$$

By Theorem 4.3 and (6.4), there exists  $m_d \in \mathbf{Q}$  for every  $d \in \Delta_{M^\perp}$  such that the following equation of currents on  $\Omega_{M^\perp}^+$  holds:

$$(6.5) \quad dd^c \log \tau_{\Omega_{M^\perp}^+} = \frac{r(M) - 6}{4} \omega_M + J_M^* \omega_{\mathcal{A}_g(M)} - \sum_{d \in \Delta_{M^\perp} / \pm} m(d) \delta_{H_d}.$$

We compute  $m(\delta)$  for  $\delta = (0, 0, 1) \in \Delta_{M^\perp}$ . In Proposition 6.3, we may assume that  $U$  is equipped with a coordinate function  $u$  centered at  $\mathfrak{p}$ . By [17, Th. 7.5] applied to the ordinary singular family  $p|_{p^{-1}(U)} : (X, \theta)|_{p^{-1}(U)} \rightarrow U$  in Proposition 6.3 (3), we get

$$(6.6) \quad \log \tau_M(X_u, \theta|_{X_u}) = -\frac{1}{8} \log |u|^2 + O(\log(-\log |u|^2)) \quad (u \rightarrow 0).$$

Let  $t$  be a coordinate function on  $f(U)$  centered at  $\mathfrak{p}$ . By Proposition 6.3 (1), there exists  $\epsilon(u) \in \mathcal{O}(U)$  with  $\epsilon(0) \neq 0$  such that

$$(6.7) \quad t \circ f(u) = u^2 \epsilon(u).$$

By (6.6) and (6.7), we get

$$(6.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \log \tau_M(f(u)) &= \log \tau_M(X_u, \theta|_{X_u}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{8} \log |u|^2 + O(\log(-\log |u|^2)) \\ &= -\frac{1}{16} \log |t \circ f(u)|^2 + O(\log(-\log |t \circ f(u)|^2)). \end{aligned}$$

Since the projection  $\Pi_{M^\perp} : \Omega_{M^\perp}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_M$  has ramification index 4 at  $c(0)$  by Lemma 6.1, we get by (6.8)

$$(6.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \tau_{\Omega_{M^\perp}^+}(c(z)) &= -\frac{1}{16} (\text{index}_{c(0)} \Pi_{M^\perp}) \log |z|^2 + O(\log(-\log |z|^2)) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \log |z|^2 + O(\log(-\log |z|^2)) \quad (z \rightarrow 0). \end{aligned}$$

By (6.9), we get  $m(\delta) = \frac{1}{4}$ . Since  $\Delta_{M^\perp} / \pm 1 = O^+(M^\perp) \cdot \delta$  by Lemma 6.4 and since  $\tau_{\Omega_{M^\perp}^+}$  is  $O^+(M^\perp)$ -invariant, we get  $m(d) = m(\delta) = \frac{1}{4}$  for all  $d \in \Delta_{M^\perp}$ . Substituting  $m(d) = \frac{1}{4}$  into (6.5), we get (5.1). This completes the proof of (5.1).  $\square$

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