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1 Classical case.



 $J o \Delta^*$ : Family of elliptic curves, ( ber over 0)  $\cong \mathbb{G}_m(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ .

Higher weight case

## 2 Two ways of construction.

Let  $(\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Z}}, \mathcal{F})$  be a VHS (Variation of polarized Hodge Structure) of weight 2n-1 over  $\Delta^*$ . We assume that the monodromy is **unipotent**. Let  $J \to \Delta^*$  be the family of **intermediate Jacobians**. Our main concern is

## What's the boundary of J?

#### 2.1 Green-Griffiths-Kerr's work.

The Neron model  $J^{\operatorname{\mathbf{GGK}}} \to \Delta$  by Green-Griffiths-Kerr is roughly

# boundary points = values of ANF at 0.

Here 'ANF' means Admissible Normal Functions. **NF** Since the monodromy is unipotent, we have the canonical extension  $(\mathcal{H}_e, \mathcal{F}_e)$  over  $\Delta$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Z},e}$  be the direct image of  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Z}}$  by  $\Delta^* \hookrightarrow \Delta$ . A Normal Function is a section of  $\mathcal{F}_e^n \backslash \mathcal{H}_e / \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Z},e}$  satisfying transversality condition.

**ANF** Let  $\mathcal{J}_{e,\nabla}$  be the sheaf of NF. The sheaf  $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}_{e,\nabla}$  of ANF is characterized by the following exact sequence:

$$0 o \mathcal{J}_{e, 
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abla} o G_0 o 0.$$

Here  $G_0$  is a skyscraper sheaf supported at 0 whose stalk is a **nite abelian group** G. For example, in the case of §1,  $G = \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ . **Properties of**  $J^{\text{GGK}} \rightarrow \Delta$   $J^{\text{GGK}}$  includes values of ANF at 0. The fiber over 0 is

 $\left(F_{e,0}^{\mathrm{Inv},n}ackslash H_{e,0}^{\mathrm{Inv}}/\mathcal{H}_{e,\mathbb{Z}}
ight) imes G,$ 

where 'Inv' means the **monodromy invariant part**. Then the dimension of the central fibre may be lower than the dimension of a general fibre. Especially  $J^{\text{GGK}}$ may **not** be an analytic space.

### 2.2 Kato-Nakayama-Usui's work.

The Neron model  $J^{\mathbf{KNU}} \to \Delta$  by Kato-Nakayama-Usui is roughly

### boundary points = nilpotent orbits.

Let  $\Delta^* \to \Gamma \backslash D$  be the period map arising from the VHS. Assume also the monodromy is **unipotent**. By using log Hodge theory, this period map can be extended to the log period map  $\Delta \to \Gamma \backslash D_{\Sigma}$ .  $J^{\text{KNU}}$  is the fiber product



in the category of **log manifolds**. Here  $\Gamma' \setminus D'_{\Sigma'}$  is the extended period domain of the MHS corresponding to the intermediate Jacobian.

## 3 Our main result.

**Theorem.** ([H] arXiv. 0912.4334)

 $J^{\text{KNU}}$  is homeomorphic to  $J^{\text{GGK}}$ .

It is well known that ANF are corresponding to AVMHS.  $L \rightarrow R$  is given by taking the **logarithm** of the monodromy and the **limiting HS** of the AVMHS.