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# Complete verification of strong BSD for some absolutely simple RM abelian surfaces

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Compare with the analytic class number formula!

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## **Our results in dimension 2**

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Solution to the “horizontal” problem:

### **Theorem: explicit Euler system of Kolyvagin–Logachëv**

Let  $A$  be an RM abelian variety over  $\mathbf{Q}$ .

One has  $\text{III}(A/\mathbf{Q})[p] = 0$  for all  $p$  with

- $\rho_p : \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbf{Q}}|\mathbf{Q}) \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{\mathbf{F}_p}(A[p](\overline{\mathbf{Q}}))$  irreducible and
- $p \nmid 2 \cdot c \cdot \text{gcd}_K(I_K)$  with Heegner indices  $I_K$  and the Tamagawa product  $c$ .

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We solve the problems for concretely given  $A = \text{Jac}(C)$ .

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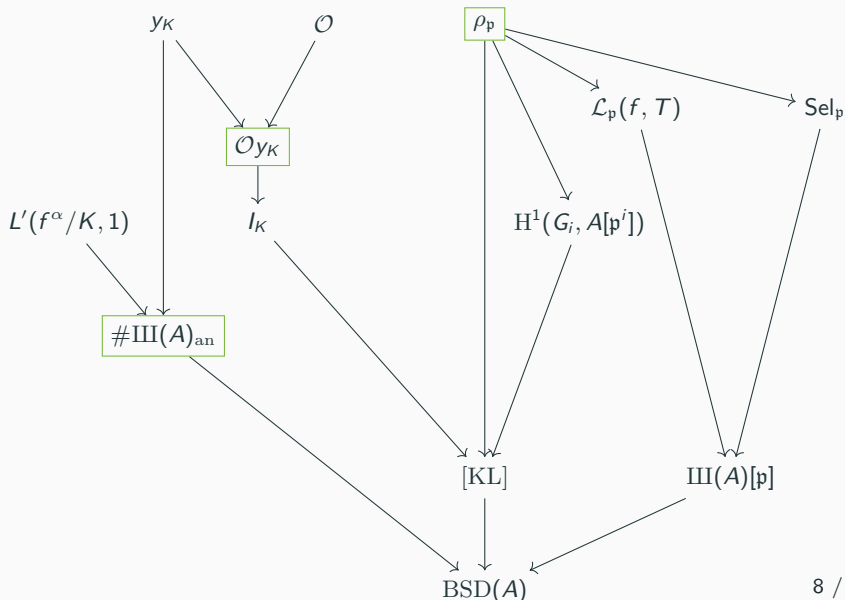
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- Compute the  **$p$ -adic  $L$ -function** and use the  $\text{GL}_2$  IMC.
  - Can be computed very efficiently with overconvergent modular symbols using the POLLACK–STEVENS–GREENBERG algorithm.
  - Requires  $\rho_p$  to be **irreducible**.  
(**But:** work in progress joint with YIN)
  - Requires the computation of the  $p$ -adic regulator if  $r_{\text{an}} > 0$  or if the reduction is split multiplicative.  
(work in progress by KAYA–MASDEU–MÜLLER–VAN DER PUT)

# How do we verify the conjecture?



## Sketch of some algorithms

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## Computing (a multiple of) the Heegner index $l_K$

Let  $J = \text{Jac}(X)$ . There is an isogeny

$$\pi: J_0(N)/\text{Ann}_{\mathbf{T}}(f) =: A_f \rightarrow J.$$

Let  $K$  be a Heegner field for  $J$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A_f(K) & \hookrightarrow & A_f(\mathbf{C}) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \mathbf{C}^g/\Lambda_f \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ J(K) & \hookrightarrow & J(\mathbf{C}) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \mathbf{C}^g/\Lambda \end{array}$$

Reconstruct  $\hat{h}_{2\vartheta}(\pi(y_K))$  from  $\hat{h}(y_K)$  computed using Gross–Zagier.

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- **$L$ -rank 1** case is reduced to the rank 0 case and the Gross–Zagier–Zhang formula.

## Examples in dimension 2

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- The  $\bar{\mathfrak{p}}$ -adic  $L$ -function has constant term a unit in  $\mathcal{O}_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}} \simeq \mathbf{Z}_7$ ,  
hence the IMC shows  $\text{Sel}_{\bar{\mathfrak{p}}}(A/\mathbf{Q}) = 0$ .



# All Atkin-Lehner quotients of genus 2 of our type (I)

$X$	$r$	$\mathcal{O}$	$\#\text{III}_{\text{an}}$	$\rho_p$ red.	$c$	$(D, I_D)$	$\#\text{III}$
$X_0(23)$	0	$\sqrt{5}$	1	$11_1$	11	$(-7, 11)$	$11^0$
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$X_0(87)/w_{29}$	0	$\sqrt{5}$	1	$\sqrt{5}$	5	$(-23, 5)$	$5^0$
$X_0(93)^*$	2	$\sqrt{5}$	1		1	$(-11, 1)$	1
$X_0(103)^+$	2	$\sqrt{5}$	1		1	$(-11, 1)$	1
$X_0(107)^+$	2	$\sqrt{5}$	1		1	$(-7, 1)$	1
$X_0(115)^*$	2	$\sqrt{5}$	1		1	$(-11, 1)$	1
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$X_0(177)^*$	2	$\sqrt{5}$	1		1	$(-11, 1)$	1
$X_0(191)^+$	2	$\sqrt{5}$	1		1	$(-7, 1)$	1
$X_0(205)^*$	2	$\sqrt{5}$	1		1	$(-31, 1)$	1
$X_0(209)^*$	2	$\sqrt{2}$	1		1	$(-51, 1)$	1
$X_0(213)^*$	2	$\sqrt{5}$	1		1	$(-11, 1)$	1
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$X_0(287)^*$	2	$\sqrt{5}$	1		1	$(-31, 1)$	1
$X_0(299)^*$	2	$\sqrt{5}$	1		1	$(-43, 1)$	1
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Thank you!