# Local to global principle for the moduli space of K3 surfaces 

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## Example (Deligne)

If $X$ is a smooth projective variety defined over $K,\left\{H_{\mathrm{et}}^{i}\left(X_{\bar{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_{\ell}(j)\right)\right\}_{\ell}$ form a weakly compatible system.

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Then, assuming some well known conjectures, there exists an abelian variety $A$ defined over $K$ such that $\rho_{\ell} \cong V_{\ell}(A)$ for all $\ell$.


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We fix a family of embeddings $\iota_{\ell}: \overline{\mathbb{Q}} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$ and write

$$
H_{\ell}: \mathcal{M}_{K, E} \rightarrow \operatorname{Rep}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}}(\operatorname{Gal}(\bar{K} / K))
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for the $\ell$-adic realisation functors associated to $\iota_{\ell}$.

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We work with compatible systems of $\ell$-adic reps, rather than a fixed $\rho_{\ell}$, to produce an object in $\mathcal{M}_{K}$, rather than $\mathcal{M}_{K, \overline{\mathbb{Q}}}$.

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Note that condition (3) is satisfied if there exists a $K 3$ surface $X_{v} / K_{v}$ of Picard rank $\rho$ and $\rho_{\ell_{2} \mid \operatorname{Gal}\left(\bar{K}_{v} / K_{v}\right)}$ is isomorphic to the representation induced by $T\left(X_{\overline{K_{v}}}\right) \mathbb{Q}_{\ell}$.

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- the transcendental part determines the full $H^{2}$ only in particular cases (Nikulin)...


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Lemma ( $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{V}-\mathrm{Z}$ )
In fact obs $\rho_{\rho}$ lies in

$$
\operatorname{ker}\left(H^{1}\left(\operatorname{Gal}(E / \mathbb{Q}), \mathrm{PGL}_{22-\rho}(E)\right) \rightarrow \prod_{\ell}\left(\operatorname{Gal}\left(E_{\lambda} / \mathbb{Q}_{\lambda}\right), \mathrm{PGL}_{22-\rho}\left(E_{\lambda}\right)\right)\right)
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Tanks to the Betti-de Rham comparison isomorphism we conclude that $H_{B}\left(M_{\mid \mathbb{C}}\right)$ is a polarizable rational Hodge structure of weight two and with Hodge numbers $1-(20-\rho)-1$, since $\rho_{\ell_{2} \mid \operatorname{Gal}\left(\bar{K}_{v} / K_{v}\right)}$ has such multiplicities.

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Thanks to the Hodge conjecture we can lift the isomorphism of Hodge structures to get an isomorphism at the level of motives:

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# THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION! 

