

**Abstract:** We produce congruences between certain Saito-Kurokawa forms and certain stable holomorphic automorphic forms on  $GSp(4)$ . The idea is to descend to a compact inner form  $G$  by theta correspondence, apply an analogue of Ribet's level-raising result for  $G$ , and then transfer back to  $GSp(4)$  using the stable trace formula. We then discuss an application to the Bloch-Kato conjecture for classical modular forms.