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Talk: Introduction to local models of Shimura varieties

Try to give a feel through examples.

1 Motivation

For the purposes of this talk, a Shimura variety is a scheme that solves a moduli problem of abelian varieties with additional data (like polariz. + endomorphisms + level structures).

More precisely let B a semi-simple algebra / \mathbb{Q} with positive involution $*$ and \mathcal{O}_B a $*$ -stable order.

Then one considers a functor

$$(Sch / Spec \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}) \longrightarrow (Sets)$$

which to S associates the tuples $(A, \tau, \lambda, \alpha)$

- where A / S abelian scheme of a fixed dimension,
- $\tau: \mathcal{O}_B \rightarrow \text{End}_S(A)$
- λ a polarization of A
- α a level structure on A

satisfying certain conditions, e.g.

- Rosati involution of λ induces $*$ on \mathcal{O}_B
- rep'n of \mathcal{O}_B on Lie A is given in advance.

Here $E_{\text{global}} \subset \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ is a number field over \mathbb{Q} which this moduli pb. makes sense: Assume repres. by $\text{scheme } M_{\text{global}}$ ^{smooth}

Problem: Fix p and a prime ideal \mathfrak{p} of E_{global}
 Let $E = E_{\text{global}, \mathfrak{p}}$
 over p . \checkmark Construct a scheme M over $\text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_E$

- with generic fiber

$$M \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_E} E \text{ isomorphic to } M_{\text{global}} \otimes_{E_{\text{global}}} E$$

- flat over $\text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_E$, with mild singularities along special fiber.

We want this for 2 reasons:

- (topological): To calculate (semi-simple) zeta function of M_{global} at \mathfrak{p} , via

$$\log Z_g^{\text{ds}}(M_{\text{global}}, T) = \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{M}(K_{g^h})} \text{Tr}^{\text{ds}}(\text{Frob}_{g^h}; R\psi_x) \frac{T^h}{h}$$

To calculate the (semi)simple trace of the Frobenius on the sheaf of nearby cycles need a grip on singularities of M .

ii) (algebraic): To study congruence properties of modular forms need commutative algebra structure of M , e.g. M Cohen-Macaulay (q -expansion principle and refinements).

For the non-specialist: Flatness means continuity of fibres, e.g. equi-dimensional, generic fiber is dense (topological flatness)
 A good theory seems to exist only when the level structure is parahoric at p .

Naive idea: Define M as solution to a moduli problem over $(\text{Sch} / \text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_E)$ which extends the restriction of M to $(\text{Sch} / \text{Spec } E_{\text{global}, f})$. Works in many cases.

2. The Ur-example: moduli space of elliptic curves

Here $E_{\text{global}} = \mathbb{Q}$. Fix $m \geq 3$, $(m, p) = 1$.

Consider functor

$$(Sch/\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \text{Sets}, S \mapsto (A, \alpha), \text{ where}$$

$$\{A \text{ elliptic curve over } S, \alpha: A_m \xrightarrow{\sim} (\mathbb{Z}/m)^2\}$$

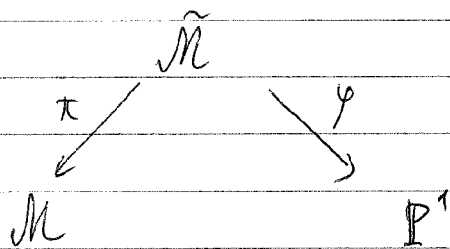
This is representable by quasi-projective scheme $\mathcal{M}_{\text{global}}$ smooth of relative dimension 1 over $\text{Spec } \mathbb{Q}$.

Now take same functor over $(Sch/\text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_E)$

(here $\mathcal{O}_E = \mathbb{Z}_p$), get $\mathcal{M}/\text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_E$.

Thm: \mathcal{M} is smooth over $\text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_E$.

Fancy proof: Consider the following diagram



Here $\tilde{\mathcal{M}} = \{ (A, \alpha, \eta \text{ } \mathcal{O}_S\text{-basis of } H_{1,DR}(A)) \}$,

hence π is phs under GL_2 . Furthermore, φ

maps (A, α, η) to $\eta^{-1}(\omega_A)$,

$$\eta: \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{O}_S^2 & \xrightarrow{\sim} & H_{1,DR}(A) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \eta^{-1}(\omega_A) & & \omega_A \end{array}$$

By the theorems of Grothendieck-Messing + Serre-Tate, η satisfies the infinitesimal criterion for smoothness. Hence η is smooth; where the smoothness of \mathcal{M} //

Now let us consider the $\Gamma_0(p)$ -moduli problem.

Consider functor

$$S \mapsto (A_0 \rightarrow A_1, \alpha)$$

where $A_0 \rightarrow A_1$ is isogeny of degree p between elliptic curves, α a level structure as before (of either A_0 or A_1).

If we take this functor on $(\text{Sch} / \mathbb{Z}_p)$, this is represented by a quasi-projective scheme.

Thm: \mathcal{M} is flat of relative dimension 1 over $\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}_p$.

α, η has semi-stable reduction

Proof: As before get diagram with smooth morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \tilde{M} & \\ \pi \swarrow & & \searrow \varphi \\ M & & M \end{array}$$

Here M is the projective scheme repr. following

functor over \mathbb{Z}_p : Let $V = \mathbb{Q}_p^2$ with std. basis e_0, e_1 .

Let $\Lambda_0 = \text{span}_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \{e_0, e_1\}$, $\Lambda_1 = \text{span} \{p^{-1}e_0, e_1\}$.

Hence $\Lambda_0 \rightarrow \Lambda_1 \xrightarrow{p} \Lambda_0$.

Now $M(S) = \text{isom. - classes of commut. diagrams of } \mathcal{O}_S\text{-hom}$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \Lambda_0 \otimes \mathcal{O}_S & \rightarrow & \Lambda_1 \otimes \mathcal{O}_S & \rightarrow & \Lambda_0 \otimes \mathcal{O}_S \\ \cup & & \cup & & \cup \\ \mathcal{F}_0 & \xrightarrow{\varphi_0} & \mathcal{F}_1 & \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} & \mathcal{F}_0 \end{array}$$

where $\mathcal{F}_0, \mathcal{F}_1$ are loc. direct sums free of rank 1.

Picture for $M \otimes \mathbb{F}_p$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \\ \varphi_0 = 0 \swarrow & & \nwarrow \varphi_1 = 0 \\ & & \end{array}$$

Choose coordinates locally around the worst point

$$(\mathcal{F}_0^0, \mathcal{F}_1^0) = (p\Lambda_1, \Lambda_0) \in M(\mathbb{F}_p)$$

$$\text{eqn: } X_0 X_1 = p.$$

3. The Hilbert - Blumenthal case

Let F_{global} be a totally real extension of degree g of \mathbb{Q} . Fix $m \geq 3$, $(m, p) = 1$. Consider the following functor

$$S \mapsto (A, \iota, \kappa, \alpha)$$

where: A abelian variety of dimension g over S

$$\iota: \mathcal{O}_{F_{\text{global}}} \rightarrow \text{End}_S(A) \quad \text{homo}$$

$$\kappa: \mathcal{I}^{-1} \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{sym}, \mathcal{O}_{F_{\text{global}}}}(A, A^\vee)$$

positive isom. of \mathcal{O}_F -modules (sheaves of)

$$\alpha: A_m \cong (\mathcal{O}_F / \mathfrak{m} \mathcal{O}_F)^2 \quad \mathcal{O}_F\text{-bilinear iso}$$

This is represented by smooth quasi-projective scheme of dimension g over \mathbb{Q} , $\mathcal{M}_{\text{global}}$.

Let \mathcal{M} be defined by same moduli problem / $\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}_p$.

This is not flat!

Explanation: Let $(A, \iota, \kappa, \alpha) / k = \bar{k}$. If $\text{char } k = 0$, then

$$\text{Lie } A \text{ free module over } \mathcal{O}_{F_{\text{global}}} \otimes k = \mathcal{O}_{F_{\text{global}}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} k,$$

hence (*) $\text{char}(b; \text{Lie } A) = \prod_{i=1}^g (T - \gamma_i(b))$, $\forall b \in \mathcal{O}_F$.

If $\text{char } k = p$, where p unramified in F_{global} , have

$$\mathcal{O}_F \otimes k = \bigoplus_{i=1}^g k, \quad \text{Lie } A = \bigoplus_i \text{Lie}^i(A).$$

If $g \geq 2$, it is easy to construct examples where $\text{Lie}^i(A) = 0$ for some i . Then $(A, \mathcal{L}, \kappa, \alpha)$ cannot be lifted to $\text{char } 0$, hence \mathcal{M} not flat.

Impose condition (*) (Kottwitz condition), have

Theorem: The new functor is representable by a group-scheme which is flat over $\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}_p$ and smooth if p unramified in F_{global} .

Put $F = F_{\text{local}} \otimes \mathcal{O}_F$. Again get diagram as before, where \mathcal{M} projective

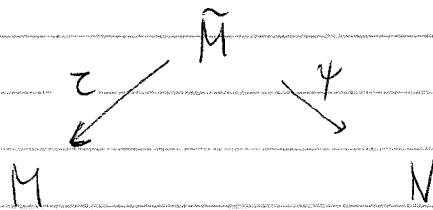
scheme repr. following functor on $(\text{Sch}/\mathbb{Z}_p)$: Let $\Lambda = \mathcal{O}_F^2$.

Then $\mathcal{M}(S) = \left\{ \mathcal{F} \subset \Lambda \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_S} \mathcal{O}_S; \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{F} \text{ loc. direct sum of} \\ \text{of rank } g, \mathcal{O}_F\text{-stable} \end{array} \right\}$
 $\text{char}(b; \mathcal{F}) = \prod (T - \gamma_i(b)).$

2 extreme cases:

p unramified in F_{global} : Then $\mathcal{M} \otimes W(\mathbb{F}_p) = \prod_{i=1}^g \mathbb{P}^1$.

p totally ramified in F_{glob} : Then can relate M to space of matrices, via 2 smooth morphisms,



Here $\tilde{M} = \{ \mathcal{F} \subset \Lambda \otimes \mathcal{O}_S, \eta = \mathcal{O}_S\text{-basis of } \mathcal{F} \}$

$$N = \left\{ X \in M_g; \det(T \cdot I - X) = \prod_{i=1}^g (T - \varphi_i(\pi)), \right. \\
 \left. Q(X) = 0 \right\}$$

Here π denotes a uniformizer in $\mathcal{O}_F = \mathcal{O}_{F_{\text{global}}} \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p$ satisfying a Eisenstein equation $Q(\pi) = 0$. Hence special fiber is

$$N \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} F_p = \left\{ X \in M_g; \det(T \cdot I - X) = T^g \right\} \\
 \Rightarrow X^g = 0 \text{ Cayley-Hamilton}$$

Here $N \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} F_p$ is the "true" nilpotent variety, reduced normal irreduc. (M - variety): Hence the same follows for M .

Again can soup this up to include $\Gamma_0(p)$ -moduli pb

4. The Hilbert - Seigel case

Let F_{global} as before, and $m \geq 3$, $(m, p) = 1$. Consider the following functor for fixed $r \geq 1$,

$$S \mapsto (A, \iota, \lambda, \alpha)$$

where A abelian variety of dimension $g \cdot r$ over S

$$\iota: \mathcal{O}_F \rightarrow \text{End}_S(A)$$

λ $\mathcal{O}_{F_{\text{global}}}$ - linear polarization

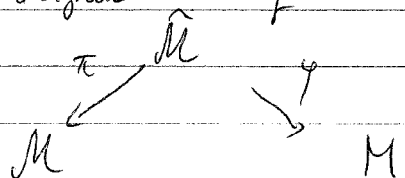
$$\alpha \text{ level } m\text{-structure } A_m \cong (\mathcal{O}_F / m \mathcal{O}_F)^{2r}$$

s.t.

$$\text{char}(b; \text{Lie } A) = \left(\prod_{i=1}^g (T - \gamma_i(b)) \right)^r, \quad b \in \mathcal{O}_F$$

Represented by quasi-proj. scheme \mathcal{M} over $\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}_p$.

Again have diagram of smooth morphisms,



\mathcal{O}_F -module of rank $2r$

Let \wedge free \mathbb{V} with symplectic form \langle, \rangle s.t. $\langle b_0, \omega \rangle = \langle \omega, b_0 \rangle$

Then $\mathcal{M}(S) = \left\{ \mathcal{F} \subset \wedge \otimes \mathcal{O}_S; \begin{array}{l} \text{loc. dived summand free of rank } g \cdot r \\ \text{totally isotropic for } \langle, \rangle, \\ \mathcal{O}_F\text{-stable with } \text{char}(b; \mathcal{F}) = \left(\prod_{i=1}^g (T - \gamma_i(b)) \right)^r \end{array} \right\}$

Hence if p unramified in F , then

$M \otimes V(\bar{F}_p) =$ product of g copies of Grassm. of
Lagrangian subspaces in sympl. vs. of dim $2r$

Hence, Theorem: If p unramified in F_{global} , then M is smooth.

Other extreme: p totally ramified in F

Theorem: Let M^{can} be the scheme-theoretic closure
(hence M^{can} flat)

of the generic fiber in MY . Then $M^{\text{can}} = M_{\text{red}}$ and

M^{can} has a reduced irreducible special fiber which is normal,

CM, with only rational singularities.

Conjecture: $M^{\text{can}} = M$, i.e. M is flat. (seems difficult).

Principle of proof: Suffices to consider local model M .

Let K be the Galois closure of F . Define a

scheme \tilde{M} as regards the following factor on $(\text{Sch}/\text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_K)$

Number the embeddings $\varphi_i: F \rightarrow K$, $i=1, \dots, g$.

$$\tilde{M}(S) = \{ (0) = F^0 \subset F^1 \subset \dots \subset F^g \subset \wedge^g \mathcal{O}_S \};$$

F^i loc. dir. sums of rk i , stable \mathcal{O}_F

$$(k \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes \psi_i(a)) (F^i) \subset F^{i-1}$$

splitting model

F^i totally isotropic and

$$\prod_{i+1 \leq j \leq g} (k \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes \psi_j(b)) (F^i)^\perp \subset F^i, \quad \{K_i\}$$

One now checks: \tilde{M} is smooth over $\text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_K$ with generic

fiber $M \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{O}_K$, get a morphism $(F^0 \mapsto F^g)$.

$$\tilde{M} \rightarrow M \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{O}_K \rightarrow M, \quad \text{projecting iso on generic fibers.}$$

Hence $M^{\text{can}} = \text{image of } \tilde{M} \text{ in } M.$

Now relate special fibers to affine Grassmannian, apply

Thm of Faltings-Görtz on normality of Schubert varieties.

Can soup this up to include other parabolic level structures.

- if p unramified, then naive method gives a flat model with

reduced fiber whose irreducible components are normal, CH ,
rational singularities (Görtz)

- if p ramified, can again define splitting model and take
its image in naive local model. This has all good
properties.