

# Shimura varieties mod $p$

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# Siegel moduli problem

- Define  $A_{g,N}(\mathbb{C}) := \{(A, \lambda, \phi_N)\} / \cong$  with
  - $(A, \lambda)$  principally polarized abelian  $\mathbb{C}$ -variety  
( $g = 1 \implies$  every  $A$  has a unique pp)
  - $\phi_N: ((\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^{2g}, \text{std. sympl. form}) \rightarrow (A(\mathbb{C})[N], \text{Weil pairing})$   
is a symplectic similtude. (This is called a level  $N$  structure.)  
( $g = 1 \implies$  every isom.  $(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^2 \cong A(\mathbb{C})[N]$  is a sympl. similt.)
- With  $K(N)$  defined by  
 $1 \rightarrow K(N) \rightarrow \text{GSp}_{2g}(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}) \rightarrow \text{GSp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_{g,N}(\mathbb{C}) &\cong \bigsqcup_{\varphi(N) \text{ copies}} \Gamma(N) \backslash \mathbb{H}_g \quad (\Gamma(N) \subseteq \text{Sp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Z})) \\
 &= \text{Sh}_{K(N)}(\text{GSp}_{2g}, \mathbb{H}_g^{\pm})(\mathbb{C})
 \end{aligned}$$

# Shimura varieties

This is one way of thinking about Shimura varieties<sup>1</sup> and one reason why to care about them at all:

Shimura varieties arise as moduli spaces of abelian varieties (with extra structure (e.g. polarization, level structure)).

*Fact:* Shimura varieties actually are algebraic varieties (resp. schemes in the limit); “canonically” defined over a number field, the so-called **reflex field** ( $= \mathbb{Q}$  in the Siegel case with the  $\varphi(N)$  connected components each defined over  $\mathbb{Q}[\zeta_N]$ ).

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<sup>1</sup>Shimura varieties of Hodge type anyway

# The integral model

- Let  $p \nmid N \geq 3$ . We define a model of  $\mathrm{Sh}_{K(N)}(\mathrm{GSp}_{2g}, \mathbb{H}_g^\pm)$  over  $\mathbb{Z}[1/N]$ . Let

$$\mathrm{Sh}_{K(N)}^{\mathrm{int}} : (\mathbb{Z}[1/N]\text{-schemes})^{\mathrm{op}} \rightarrow (\mathrm{sets}),$$

$$S \mapsto \{\text{isom. classes of } (A, \lambda, \phi_N)\},$$

where  $(A, \lambda)$  is a principally polarized abelian  $S$ -scheme and  $\phi_N : (\underline{\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}}_S)^{2g} \rightarrow A[N]$  a symplectic level  $N$  structure.

- This is (representable by) a smooth quasi-projective  $\mathbb{Z}[1/N]$ -scheme.

## A remark on $K(N)$

- We have  $K(N) = K_p K^p$ , where  $K^p = \prod_{\ell \neq p} K_\ell \subseteq \mathrm{GSp}_{2g}(\mathbb{A}_f^p)$  and

$$K_\ell = \begin{cases} \mathrm{GSp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Z}_\ell), & \ell \nmid N \text{ (e.g., } \ell = p), \\ \{g \in \mathrm{GSp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Z}_\ell) \mid g \equiv I_2 \pmod{\ell^{r_\ell}}\}, & r_\ell = v_\ell(N). \end{cases}$$

- The following considerations will almost exclusively depend on  $K_p$ , the part at  $p$ , and not on  $K^p$ , the part away from  $p$ .

## Parahoric subgroups

- Consider the lattice chain

$$\dots \subset \mathbb{Z}_p^{2g} \subset p^{-1}\mathbb{Z}_p \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p^{2g-1} \subset p^{-1}\mathbb{Z}_p^2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p^{2g-2} \subset \dots$$

and define  $I$  to be the stabilizer of this lattice chain in  $\mathrm{GSp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ .

Then  $I$  is an **Iwahori** subgroup. It corresponds to  $\Gamma_0(p)$ .

Roughly, working with it instead of  $\mathrm{GSp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Z}_p)$  means replacing abelian schemes by isogeny chains of abelian schemes.

- In a more general setting, one deals with the Bruhat-Tits building of a reductive group over a local ( $p$ -adic) field. A **parahoric** subgroup then is the connected stabilizer of a facet. Special cases:
  - facet is a hyperspecial vertex  $\rightsquigarrow$  hyperspecial subgroup (example:  $K_p = \mathrm{GSp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Z}_p) \subseteq \mathrm{GSp}_{2g}(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ );
  - facet is an alcove  $\rightsquigarrow$  Iwahori subgroup.

## Mod $p$ reduction

- The mod  $p$  reduction of  $\mathrm{Sh}_{K(N)}(\mathrm{GSp}_{2g}, \mathbb{H}_g^\pm)$  is

$$\mathrm{Sh}_{K(N)}^{\mathrm{red}} := \mathrm{Sh}_{K(N)}^{\mathrm{int}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[1/N]} \mathbb{F}_p.$$

- By definition (+ Yoneda lemma), it comes with a universal abelian scheme

$$\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathrm{Sh}_{K(N)}^{\mathrm{red}},$$

hence with a universal  $p$ -divisible group

$$\mathcal{G} := \mathcal{A}[p^\infty] \rightarrow \mathrm{Sh}_{K(N)}^{\mathrm{red}} =: S.$$



# Newton stratification

- Using the  $p$ -divisible group  $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow S$ , we can partition  $S(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p)$  according to the isogeny class of

$$\mathcal{G}_{\bar{s}}, \quad \bar{s} \in S(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p),$$

which is a  $p$ -divisible group over  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$ .

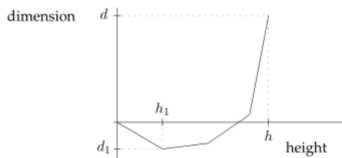
- This partition is called the **Newton (polygon) stratification**.

## Rational Dieudonné modules

- Recall: A  $p$ -divisible group (always over  $\bar{\mathbb{F}}_p$ ) is (up to isomorphism) determined by its Dieudonné module  $M$ , a free  $\mathcal{O}_{\check{\mathbb{Q}}_p}$ -module (where  $\check{\mathbb{Q}}_p := \widehat{\mathbb{Q}}_p^{\text{ur}} = W(\bar{\mathbb{F}}_p)[\frac{1}{p}]$ ) of rank  $\text{rk}(M) = \text{ht}(G) = 2g$  together with a  $\sigma$ -linear map  $F: M \rightarrow M$  and a  $\sigma^{-1}$ -linear map  $V: M \rightarrow M$  such that  $FV = p$  (so that  $V$  is uniquely determined by  $F$ ).
- $X \rightarrow Y$  of  $p$ -divisible groups is an isogeny iff the induced map between Dieudonné modules becomes an isomorphism after inverting  $p$ .
- Thus: A  $p$ -divisible group is *up to isogeny* determined by its **rational Dieudonné module**  $M[\frac{1}{p}] = M \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{\check{\mathbb{Q}}_p}} \check{\mathbb{Q}}_p$ .

# Newton polygons

- Rational Dieudonné modules are F-isocrystals and these form a semisimple category with simple objects indexed by  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
- The decomposition of an F-isocrystal into simple objects is the slope decomposition, best visualized by the associated **Newton polygon**: Let  $\lambda_1 = \frac{d_1}{h_1} \leq \dots \leq \lambda_r = \frac{d_r}{h_r}$  be the slopes, then the Newton polygon is the convex polygon starting in  $(0, 0) \in \mathbb{Q}^2$ , then going right  $h_1$  and up  $d_1$ , and so on.
- Partial order:  $NP_1 \leq NP_2$  iff they have the same endpoints and  $NP_1$  lies below  $NP_2$ .



# The image of the Newton map

- We get the Newton map  $\nu: S(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) \rightarrow \{\text{Newton polygons}\}$ .
- Its image consists of the Newton polygons with:
  - slopes between 0 and 1,
  - endpoint  $(2g, g)$ ,
  - the symmetry condition: the  $i$ 'th slope and the  $(i - 1)$ 'th to last slope add up to 1 for all  $i$ .
- In particular the Newton polygons with slope sequences  $(0^{(g)}, 1^{(g)})$  (minimal, ordinary) resp.  $((\frac{1}{2})^{(2g)})$  (maximal, supersingular) are in the image.

# Grothendieck's semicontinuity theorem

## Theorem

For every fixed Newton polygon  $\nu_0$  the set

$$\{\bar{s} \in S(\bar{\mathbb{F}}_p) \mid \nu(\bar{s}) \geq \nu_0\} \subseteq S(\bar{\mathbb{F}}_p)$$

is Zariski-closed.

## Corollary (Weak stratification property)

$$\overline{\nu^{-1}(\nu_0)} \subseteq \bigcup_{\nu_1 \leq \nu_0} \nu^{-1}(\nu_1)$$

In particular, the ordinary Newton stratum is dense and the supersingular Newton stratum is closed.

# The Newton strata are locally closed

## Corollary

The Newton strata are locally closed.  
(Hence they are the sets of  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$ -valued points of reduced subschemes  $S_\nu \subseteq S$ .)

*Proof:* Only finitely many Newton polygons in the image of the Newton map lie below a given Newton polygon.  
Hence, by Grothendieck's semicontinuity theorem, the Newton strata are *finite* intersections of closed sets and open sets.

## Oort's central leaves

- We can also partition by isomorphism classes instead of isogeny classes, i.e., consider the central leaves

$$\{\bar{s} \mid \mathcal{G}_{\bar{s}} \cong X\}, \quad X/\bar{\mathbb{F}}_p \text{ } p\text{-divisible group.}$$

- The central leaves are closed within their respective Newton strata. In particular, they are locally closed, hence the sets of  $\bar{\mathbb{F}}_p$ -valued points of reduced subschemes. Proof uses results on slope filtrations of  $p$ -divisible groups with constant Newton polygon.
- Remark: Actually one should take polarizations into account here, but for simplicity we won't.

## Nicer index sets

- Choosing a basis, the information contained in the rational Dieudonné module  $M[\frac{1}{p}] = M \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{\check{\mathbb{Q}}_p}} \check{\mathbb{Q}}_p$  really just is an element

$$[b] \in \mathrm{GL}_{2g}(\check{\mathbb{Q}}_p) / \mathrm{GL}_{2g}(\check{\mathbb{Q}}_p)_\sigma =: B(\mathrm{GL}_{2g})$$

$$([b] = [b'] \text{ if } b' = gb\sigma(g)^{-1}).$$

- And the information contained in  $M$  is an element

$$[b] \in \mathrm{GL}_{2g}(\check{\mathbb{Q}}_p) / \mathrm{GL}_{2g}(\mathcal{O}_{\check{\mathbb{Q}}_p})_\sigma =: C(\mathrm{GL}_{2g}).$$



## Nicer index sets (cont.)

So the Newton stratification is indexed by  $B(\mathrm{GL}_{2g}) = \mathrm{GL}_{2g}(\check{\mathbb{Q}}_p) / \mathrm{GL}_{2g}(\check{\mathbb{Q}}_p)_\sigma$  and Oort's foliation by  $C(\mathrm{GL}_{2g}) = \mathrm{GL}_{2g}(\check{\mathbb{Q}}_p) / \mathrm{GL}_{2g}(\mathcal{O}_{\check{\mathbb{Q}}_p})_\sigma$ . The Newton strata resp. leaves are the fibers of maps  $\delta$  resp.  $\Upsilon$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 S(\bar{\mathbb{F}}_p) & \xrightarrow{\Upsilon} & C(\mathrm{GL}_{2g}) & \longrightarrow & B(\mathrm{GL}_{2g}) \\
 & & \searrow & & \nearrow \\
 & & & \delta & 
 \end{array}$$

This point of view leads to group-theoretical and combinatorial considerations and generalizes nicely.

# Generalization

- Two directions of generalization:
  - Consider a wider class of Shimura varieties.
  - Consider a wider class of level structures (at the prime in consideration).
- First we need an integral canonical model at the prime in consideration. For parahoric level structures and Shimura data of Hodge type where the underlying reductive group is (at  $p$ ) split over a tamely ramified extension, Kisin-Pappas have constructed these.
- They come with a “universal” isogeny chain of abelian schemes with additional structure.

## Generalization (cont.)

- Now one can apply the Dieudonné module functor etc. and arrive at

$$S(\bar{\mathbb{F}}_p) \xrightarrow{\Upsilon} G(\check{\mathbb{Q}}_p)/G(\check{\mathbb{Q}}_p)_\sigma \longrightarrow G(\check{\mathbb{Q}}_p)/\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{O}_{\check{\mathbb{Q}}_p})_\sigma$$

$$\delta$$

where  $\mathcal{G}$  is the parahoric group scheme over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  associated with the parahoric level  $K_p \subseteq G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ .

- Are the leaves locally closed? smooth? Are the Newton strata locally closed? What are the dimensions? What are the images of  $\delta, \Upsilon$ ? How do things behave under change of the parahoric level? ...