

Mod p points on Shimura varieties

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We will again denote by $\text{Sh}_K(G, X)$ this algebraic variety over $E(G, X)$.

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Such subgroups exist if G is quasi-split at p and split over an unramified extension.

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The $\mathcal{S}_K(\mathrm{GSp}, S^\pm)$ are *smooth* over $\mathcal{O}_{(\lambda)}$ if and only if the degree of the polarization in the moduli problem is prime to p . This corresponds to the condition that ψ induces a perfect pairing on $V_{\mathbb{Z}_p}$.

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The precise definition of the φ involves the *fundamental groupoid* P of the category of motives over $\bar{\mathbb{F}}_p$. Then $P_{\mathbb{Q}}$ is a pro-torus. The φ run over representations $\varphi : P \rightarrow G$ satisfying certain conditions.

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