

# Supersingular Loci of Unitary Shimura Varieties

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## Motivation: Modular Curves over $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$

Seek to understand

$$\mathcal{Y}_p(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) = \{\text{elliptic curves } E \text{ over } \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p\} / \cong$$

$j$ -invariant (Dedekind or Klein, 1800's)

There is a bijection:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathcal{Y}_p(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) & \leftrightarrow \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p \\ E : y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B & \mapsto j(E) = \frac{1728(4A)^3}{16(4A^3 + 27B^2)} \\ E_j : y^2 = x^3 - \frac{1}{4}x^2 - \frac{36}{j-1728}x - \frac{1}{j-1728} & \leftarrow j \end{array}$$

## GU( $a, b$ ) Shimura Variety

Fix a quad. im. field  $K$  and  $p \neq 2$  inert in  $K$

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parametrizes  $(A, \iota, \lambda, \eta)$ :

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- $\iota$  an action of  $\mathcal{O} \subseteq K$

Meeting the **signature  $(a, b)$  condition**:

$$\det(T - \iota(k); \text{Lie}(A)) = (T - \varphi_1(k))^a (T - \varphi_2(k))^b.$$

**Example:** Let  $E : y^2 = x^3 - x$ .  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  acts on  $E$ , where:

$$\mathbf{i} : E \rightarrow E$$

$$(x, y) \mapsto (-x, iy)$$

Define  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ -action on  $A = E \times E \times E$  as:

Need signature to define a nice moduli space!

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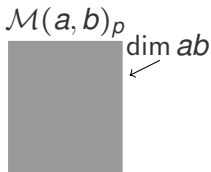
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$$\mathcal{M}(a, b)_p(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) = \{(A, \iota, \lambda, \eta) \text{ over } \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p\} / \cong .$$

This is a moduli space of dimension  $ab$  over  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$ :



# Objectives

1. Study the Newton stratification of  $\mathcal{M}(a, b)_p$ 
  - Describe the geometry of the supersingular locus in several examples
  - See how how the general behavior differs from “low dimensional” cases
2. Discuss the Ekedahl-Oort stratification of  $\mathcal{M}(a, b)_p$
3. See how the Ekedahl-Oort stratification informs (or fails to inform!) the geometry of the supersingular loci

# Newton Stratification of Modular Curve

An e.c.  $E$  over  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$  is **ordinary** if:

- $E[p](\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) = \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$
- $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p}(E)$  is an order in a quad. im. field
- Slopes 0 and 1

An e.c.  $E$  over  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$  is **supersingular** if:

- $E[p](\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) = \text{id}$
- $\text{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p}(E)$  is an order in a quat. alg.
- Slope  $\frac{1}{2}$

The  **$p$ -divisible group** of  $E$  is:

$$E[p^\infty] = \varinjlim E[p^k].$$

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# Newton Stratification of Modular Curve

- Two points  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  of  $\mathcal{Y}_p$  are in the **same Newton stratum** if  $E_1[p^\infty]$  is isogenous to  $E_2[p^\infty]$ .
- $\mathcal{Y}$  has two Newton strata - ordinary and supersingular

## Cor. to Eichler-Deuring Mass Formula:

There are approx.  $\frac{p}{12}$  supersingular elliptic curves over  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$ .

## Newton Stratification of $\mathcal{M}(a, b)_p$

- Two points  $(A_1, \iota_1, \lambda_1, \eta_1)$  and  $(A_2, \iota_2, \lambda_2, \eta_2)$  of  $\mathcal{M}(a, b)_p$  (or of the modular curve  $\mathcal{Y}$ ) are in the same **Newton stratum** if  $A_1[p^\infty]$  is isogenous to  $A_2[p^\infty]$
- $\mathcal{M}(a, b)_p$  has a unique closed Newton stratum - the **supersingular locus**  $\mathcal{M}(a, b)_p^{ss}$
- How to describe the geometry of  $\mathcal{M}(a, b)_p^{ss}$ ?



## Results on Geometry of $\mathcal{M}(a, b)_p^{ss}$

- The geometry of  $\mathcal{M}(a, b)_p^{ss}$  depends on the signature  $(a, b)$ .  $\mathcal{M}(a, b) \cong \mathcal{M}(b, a)$ , so take  $b \geq a \geq 0$ .
- The supersingular loci  $\mathcal{M}(a, b)_p^{ss}$  have been described by...

$(0, m)$	$(1, 1)$	$(1, 2)$	$(1, m-1)$	$(2, 2)$	$(2, m-2)$	$(a, m-a)$ $a \geq 3$
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- We'll consider the  $(1, 2) = (2, 1)$ ,  $(2, 2)$ , and  $(2, 3)$  cases.

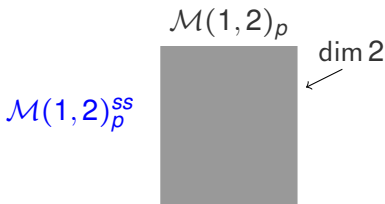
## Ex: The Supersingular Locus of $\mathcal{M}(1, 2)$

### Theorem (Vollaard '08)

Assume  $\eta$  is suff. small. Each irreducible component of  $\mathcal{M}(1, 2)_p^{ss}$  is isomorphic to the Fermat curve

$$C : x_0^{p+1} + x_1^{p+1} + x_2^{p+1} \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{F}_p}^2.$$

There are  $p^3 + 1$  int. pts on each irr. comp., and each int. point is the intersection of  $p + 1$  irr. comps.



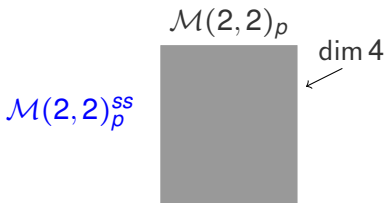
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### Theorem (Howard-Pappas '14)

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$$S: x_0^{p+1} + x_1^{p+1} + x_2^{p+1} + x_3^{p+1} \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{F}_p}^3.$$

Any two irr. components intersect trivially, in a projective line, or in a point.



## Deligne-Lusztig Varieties

Moduli spaces of flags in char.  $p$  vector spaces, with “fixed relative position” to Frobenius-twist:

Given  $G$  over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ ,  $B$ , and  $w \in N_G(T)/T$ :

$$X(w) = \{gB \in G/B \mid g^{-1}Fr(g) \in BwB\}.$$

Example:  $G = \mathrm{SL}_2$ ,  $B$  upper-tri,  $N_G(T)/T = \{1, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}\}$ .

- $G/B \cong \{\text{lines } \ell \subseteq \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p^2\}$
- $\mathrm{rel}(\ell_1, \ell_2) = 1$  if and only if  $\ell_1 = \ell_2$
- If  $\ell = \langle c_0 \mathbf{e}_1 + c_1 \mathbf{e}_2 \rangle$ ,  $Fr(\ell) = \langle c_0^p \mathbf{e}_1 + c_1^p \mathbf{e}_2 \rangle$

• So,

$$X(1) = \{\ell \subseteq \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p^2 \mid \mathrm{rel}(\ell, Fr(\ell)) = 1\} = \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_p)$$

$$X\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \{\ell \subseteq \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p^2 \mid \mathrm{rel}(\ell, Fr(\ell)) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}\} = \mathbb{P}^1(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) \setminus \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_p).$$

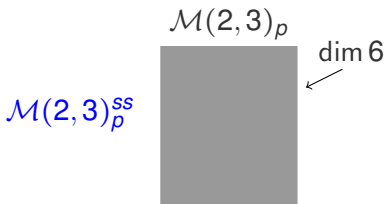
## Ex: The Supersingular Locus of $\mathcal{M}(2, 3)$

### Theorem (Howard-Imai-F.)

Assume  $\eta$  is suff. small. There are two isomorphism classes of irreducible components in  $\mathcal{M}(2, 3)_p^{ss}$ :  $X^1$  and  $X^2$ .

$X^1$  is isomorphic to a Deligne-Lusztig variety, and  $X^2$  is not.

We describe  $X^2$  explicitly via a map to a Deligne-Lusztig variety.



## Next

- Introduce main technique for study of supersingular loci
- Explain why one might expect Deligne-Lusztig varieties
- Explain what “goes wrong” for signatures beyond  $(2, 2)$

# Unitary Rapoport-Zink Spaces

Unitary Rapoport-Zink Space:  $\mathcal{N}(a, b)(S) = \{(\mathbf{G}, \iota, \lambda, \rho)\} / \cong,$

- $\mathbf{G}$  a supersingular  $p$ -div. gp over  $S$  of dim  $a + b$
- $\iota: \mathcal{O} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow \text{End}(\mathbf{G})$  of sign.  $(a, b)$
- $\rho: \mathbf{G}_{S_0} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_{S_0}$ , quasi-isog

## Rapoport-Zink Uniformization

$$\mathcal{M}(a, b)_p^{\text{ss}} \cong \bigsqcup_{j=1}^m \Gamma_j \backslash \mathcal{N}(a, b)$$

The  $\Gamma_j$  are discrete groups (depending on level structure) acting on  $\mathcal{N}(a, b)$ .

Can study the (more “linear-algebraic”) Rapoport-Zink spaces  $\mathcal{N}(a, b)$  to understand the supersingular loci  $\mathcal{M}(a, b)_p^{\text{ss}}$

# Unitary Rapoport-Zink Spaces

## (p-adic) Dieudonné Theory:

There is an equivalence of categories between:

p-adic Dieudonné modules  $(M, F, V)$

$(G, \iota, \lambda)$   
in  $\mathcal{N}(a, b)(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p)$

- $M$  free rk  $2(a + b)$  over  $\check{\mathbb{Z}}_p$
- $F$  has “slopes  $\frac{1}{2}$ ”
- $M$  has action of sign.  $(1, 2)$
- $M = p^i M^\vee$

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$$\mathcal{N}(a, b)(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) = \{M \subseteq \mathbb{N} \mid pM \subseteq FM \subseteq M, \mathcal{O} - \text{stable}, M = p^i M^\vee\}$$



# The $\mathrm{GU}(1, 2)$ Rapoport-Zink Space

## Thm (Volllaard): Geometry of $\mathcal{N}(1, 2)$

- $\mathcal{N}(1, 2)$  decomposes as:

$$\mathcal{N}(1, 2) = \bigcup_{\Lambda \in \mathcal{L}} \mathcal{N}_{\Lambda}$$

indexed by “vertex lattices”  $\Lambda$ .

- The **irr. comp** of  $\mathcal{N}(1, 2)$  are precisely the  $\mathcal{N}_{\Lambda}$ . Each is isomorphic to

$$C : x_0^{p+1} + x_1^{p+1} + x_2^{p+1} = 0 \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{F}_p}^2.$$

(a **Deligne-Lusztig variety**).

- (Further results)

# The $\mathrm{GU}(2, 2)$ Rapoport-Zink Space

Thm (Howard-Pappas):

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## Why Expect Deligne-Lusztig Varieties?

- Replace  $(G, \iota, \lambda, \rho)$  with **p-adic Dieudonné module**  $M$  to identify:

$$\mathcal{N}(1, 2)(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) = \{M \subseteq \mathbb{N} \mid \text{conditions wrt } F\}.$$

- (Convert from  $\mathbb{N}$  to an alternative Hermitian space  $W$  : )

$$\mathcal{N}(1, 2)(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) = \{L \subseteq W \mid \text{conditions wrt } F\}.$$

- Irreducible components  $\mathcal{N}_\Lambda \subset \mathcal{N}(1, 2)$  defined as:

$$\mathcal{N}_\Lambda(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) = \{L \subseteq W \mid p\Lambda \subseteq L \subseteq \Lambda \text{ \& conditions wrt } F\}.$$

- Replace  $L$  with  $\ell = L/p\Lambda$

$$\mathcal{N}_\Lambda(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) = \{\ell \subseteq (\Lambda/p\Lambda)_{\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p} \mid \text{conditions wrt } F\},$$

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- Each  $\mathcal{N}_{\Lambda}$  further decomposes as:

$$\mathcal{N}_{\Lambda} = \mathcal{N}_{\Lambda}^1 \sqcup \mathcal{N}_{\Lambda}^2.$$

- $\mathcal{N}_{\Lambda}^1$  is a **Deligne-Lusztig variety**. We describe  $\mathcal{N}_{\Lambda}^2$  via a map to a Deligne-Lusztig variety.

# Notation

- Let  $\check{\mathbb{Q}}_p = \widehat{\mathbb{Q}_p^{nr}}$ , with ring of integers  $\check{\mathbb{Z}}_p$ .
- $W$  is an 5-dimensional vector space over  $\check{\mathbb{Q}}_p$ , with  $\check{\mathbb{Q}}_p$ -valued Hermitian form.
- For any lattice  $L \subseteq W$ ,  $L^\vee$  denotes the dual lattice.
- $\Lambda \subseteq W$  a fixed self-dual  $\check{\mathbb{Z}}_p$ -lattice.

## Relative Position of Lattices

- Given lattices  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  in  $W$ , we say  $\text{Inv}_{L_1}(L_2) = (n_1, n_2, \dots, n_5)$  if  $L_1 = \text{Span}_{\check{\mathbb{Z}}_p} \{e_i\}_{i=1}^5$  and  $L_2 = \text{Span}_{\check{\mathbb{Z}}_p} \{p^{n_i} e_i\}_{i=1}^5$ .
- Example:  $L_1 = \check{\mathbb{Z}}_p \oplus \check{\mathbb{Z}}_p \oplus \check{\mathbb{Z}}_p$ ,  $L_2 = p^2 \check{\mathbb{Z}}_p \oplus \check{\mathbb{Z}}_p \oplus \check{\mathbb{Z}}_p$ .  
Then  $\text{Inv}_{L_1}(L_2) = (2, 0, 0)$ .
- Example:  $L_1 = \check{\mathbb{Z}}_p \oplus \check{\mathbb{Z}}_p \oplus \check{\mathbb{Z}}_p$ ,  $L_2 = p \check{\mathbb{Z}}_p \oplus p \check{\mathbb{Z}}_p \oplus \check{\mathbb{Z}}_p$ .  
Then  $\text{Inv}_{L_1}(L_2) = (1, 1, 0)$ .

## What goes wrong?

- Replace  $(G, \iota, \lambda, \rho)$  with **p-adic Dieudonné module**  $M$  to identify:

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- Given a vertex lattice  $\Lambda \subseteq W$ , define:  $\mathcal{N}_\Lambda \subset \mathcal{N}(2, 3)$  as:

$$\mathcal{N}_\Lambda(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) = \{L \subseteq W \mid p\Lambda \subseteq L \subseteq \frac{1}{p}\Lambda \text{ \& conditions wrt } F\}.$$

Two issues:

1.  $\frac{1}{p}L/pL$  is not a  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$ -vector space
2.  $\mathcal{N}_\Lambda$  further decomposes

## What goes wrong?

$$\mathcal{N}_\Lambda(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) = \left\{ \text{Lattices } L \subseteq W \mid \begin{array}{l} p\Lambda \subseteq L \subseteq \frac{1}{p}\Lambda, \\ \text{Inv}_L(L^\vee) = (1, 1, 0, 0, 0) \end{array} \right\}$$

- $\mathcal{N}_\Lambda = \mathcal{N}_\Lambda^1 \sqcup \mathcal{N}_\Lambda^2$ , where:

$$\mathcal{N}_\Lambda^1(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) = \left\{ \text{Lattices } L \subseteq W \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{Inv}_\Lambda(L) = (0, 0, 0, 0, -1), \\ \text{Inv}_L(L^\vee) = (1, 1, 0, 0, 0) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{N}_\Lambda^2(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) = \left\{ \text{Lattices } L \subseteq W \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{Inv}_\Lambda(L) = (1, 0, 0, -1, -1), \\ \text{Inv}_L(L^\vee) = (1, 1, 0, 0, 0) \end{array} \right\}$$

- $\mathcal{N}_\Lambda^1$  is analogous to previous cases:

$$\left\{ L \subseteq W \mid \Lambda \subseteq L \subseteq \frac{1}{p}L^\vee \subseteq \frac{1}{p}\Lambda \right\} \xrightarrow{\sim} \left\{ \ell \subseteq \left( \frac{1}{p}\Lambda/\Lambda \right)_{\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p} \mid \dim(\ell) = 1, \ell \subseteq \ell^\perp \right\}$$

$$L \mapsto L/\Lambda$$



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is not analogous to previous cases
- However,

$$p\Lambda \subseteq (L \cap \Lambda) \subseteq \Lambda$$

$$\Lambda \subseteq (L + \Lambda) \subseteq \frac{1}{p}\Lambda.$$

- $L \mapsto (L \cap \Lambda, L + \Lambda)$  defines a map to a Deligne-Lusztig variety

$$\mathcal{N}_\Lambda^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}_\Lambda^2$$

## Results on Geometry of $\mathcal{M}(a, b)_p^{ss}$

- The supersingular loci  $\mathcal{M}(a, b)_p^{ss}$  (equivalently RZ spaces  $\mathcal{N}(a, b)$ ) have been described by...

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- Do not expect irreducible components to be Deligne-Lusztig varieties beyond  $(2, 2)$ .

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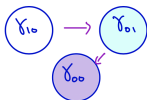
## Ekedahl-Oort Strata

- $(A_1, \iota_1, \lambda, \eta_1)$  and  $(A_2, \iota_2, \lambda, \eta_2)$  are in the same **Ekedahl-Oort stratum** of  $\mathcal{M}(a, b)_p$  if and only if  $(A_1[p], \iota_1, \lambda_1) \cong (A_2[p], \iota_2, \lambda_2)$ .
- By a result of Moonen, for each  $\gamma \in \mathcal{W}$  define  $(H_\gamma, \iota_\gamma, \lambda_\gamma)$  and  $\mathcal{M}(a, b)_\gamma$  as:

$$\{(A, \iota, \lambda, \eta) \in \mathcal{M}(a, b)_p \mid (A[p], \iota, \lambda, \eta) \cong (H_\gamma, \iota_\gamma, \lambda_\gamma)\}.$$

## Ekedahl-Oort Strata of $\mathcal{M}(1,2)_p$

- Index set and closure relations (Moonen, Viehmann-Wedhorn, Wooding):



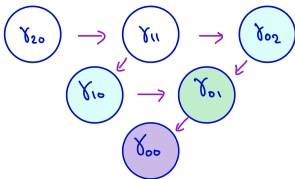
### Theorem (Vollaard-Wedhorn)

$$\mathcal{M}(1,2)^{ss} = \mathcal{M}(1,2)_{00} \cup \mathcal{M}(1,2)_{01},$$

where  $\mathcal{M}(1,2)_{00}$  consists of the intersection points and  $\mathcal{M}(1,2)_{01}$  consists of their complement.

## Ekedahl-Oort Strata of $\mathcal{M}(2, 2)_p$

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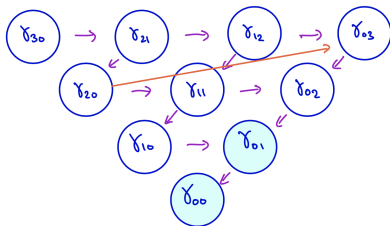
Theorem (Follows from results of Howard-Pappas):

$\mathcal{M}(2, 2)^{ss} = \mathcal{M}(1, 2)_{00} \cup \mathcal{M}(1, 2)_{01} \cup \mathcal{M}(1, 2)_{10} \cup \mathcal{M}(1, 2)_{02}$ ,  
as follows:



# Ekedahl-Oort Strata of $\mathcal{M}(2, 3)_p$

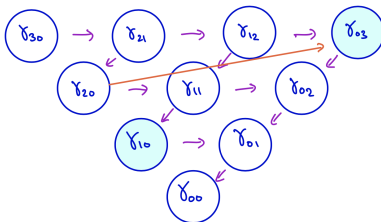
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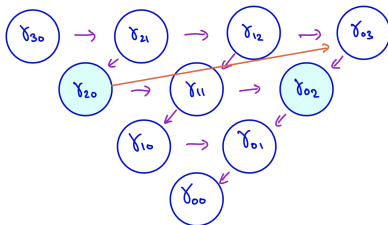
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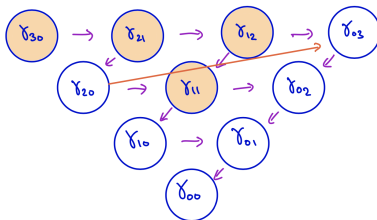
# Ekedahl-Oort Strata of $\mathcal{M}(2, 3)_p$

Explicit construction:



# Ekedahl-Oort Strata of $\mathcal{M}(2, 3)_p$

Comparison with Siegel modular variety (minimal EO strata):



## General Situation

- The signature  $(1, 2)$  and signature  $(2, 2)$  supersingular loci have similar structure: their irr. components are **Deligne-Lusztig varieties**, are a union of **Ekedahl-Oort Strata**.
- These are examples of **Coxeter Type**.
- Most unitary Shimura varieties **do not** have this structure.

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Thank you!

## Ex: The Supersingular Locus of $\mathcal{M}(2, m-2)$

### Theorem (Howard-Imai-F.)

Assume  $\eta$  is suff. small. There are  $\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor$  isomorphism classes of irreducible components in  $\mathcal{M}(2, m-2)_p^{ss}$ :  $X^i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor$ .

We describe each  $X^i$  explicitly via a morphism to a Deligne-Lusztig variety.

Only  $X^1$  and  $X^{\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor}$  (when  $m$  even) are isomorphic to Deligne-Lusztig varieties.

