

“Shimura varieties are like laser pointers. No one knows how they’re made but they’re a lot of fun to play with.”

– Jacob Tsimerman

The Trivial Notions Seminar  
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CM points on a product of two modular  
curves

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**Abstract**

CM points on Shimura Varieties are said to be the analogue of torsion points on Abelian Varieties. The Andre-Oort conjecture quantifies one aspect of this statement. We will demonstrate Edixhoven’s proof (conditional on the GRH) of the Andre-Oort conjecture in the case of a product of two modular curves, by classifying all its subvarieties which have a Zariski-dense set of CM points.

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