

# Sieving for quadratic points on bielliptic curves

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- Deepen our understanding of modular curves.
  - Develop techniques for studying low-degree points on curves.
  - Deepen our understanding of the arithmetic of elliptic curves and their Galois representations.
  - Concrete applications to the modular method for solving Diophantine equations.

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Quadratic points have been computed on all  $X_0(N)$  with  $2 \leq g(X_0(N)) \leq 8$ .

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### Theorem (Box, Najman–Vukorepa, 2021)

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### Theorem (M., 2023)

Let  $N \in \mathcal{N} = \{53, 61, 79, 83, 89, 101, 131\}$ . Let  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $|d| < 100$ . Then

$$\exists P \in X_0(N)(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})) \setminus X_0(N)(\mathbb{Q}) \iff d \in \mathcal{D}_N,$$

where

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So far: list of possibilities for  $m \pmod{G_\ell}$ .

- Repeat with several primes  $\ell_1, \ell_2, \dots, \ell_s$ .
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