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Torelli locus and symmetric subvarieties of a Siegel moduli variety

The purpose of this talk is to present some geometric approaches to study the possibility of realization of a locally symmetric space as a totally geodesic subvariety in the Torelli locus of a Siegel modular space. Restricting to Hermitian symmetric subvarieties of a Siegel modular variety, it is related to conjectures of Coleman and Oort for cases other than complex curves.