

# Geometric Iwasawa theory and modular forms (mod $p$ )

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Now use formal groups on supersingular elliptic curves to calculate  $N$  (see Katz-Mazur, §12).



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