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*Grothendieck's duality conjecture on connected components of special fibers of
abelian varieties*

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Given an abelian variety and its dual over a local field with perfect residue field, we have the finite groups of connected components of special fibers of their Neron models. Grothendieck, in SGA 7, defined a canonical pairing between these two finite groups and conjectured that the pairing is perfect. In this talk, I will explain my proof of this conjecture. The key construction is a Grothendieck topology on the category of (transcendental) field extensions of the residue field, called the rational étale site. Cohomology groups of local fields with coefficients in abelian varieties can be viewed as sheaves on this new site. With this functorial formalism, we can reformulate Grothendieck's conjecture in such a way that allows us to do Galois descent. Since the semistable case of the conjecture is already known (by Werner), the general case follows.

