

## 1999c Descent for Shimura Varieties

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The point of the paper was to show that, contrary to statements by Wildeshaus, Moonen, and others there was no gap in the proof of the existence of canonical models: the descent datum given by Langlands's conjecture (proved in my 1983 paper) does satisfy the continuity conditions required to apply Weil's descent theorems, and this could have been verified quite easily by Langlands.<sup>1</sup>

**p207.** "Another proof, based on other ideas..." This was based on the referee's report, since I didn't see Moonen's paper until it was published, about the same time as my paper. In fact, the main difference between the two proofs is that mine avoids recourse to Faltings's theorem (Faltings, G. Arithmetic varieties and rigidity. Seminar on number theory, Paris 1982–83 (Paris, 1982/1983), 63–77, Progr. Math., 51, Birkhäuser Boston, Boston, MA, 1984), and hence to toroidal compactifications etc.. Hence it is more elementary (and simpler). In particular, it uses nothing that wasn't available in 1977 when Langlands wrote his article.

In the published version of the paper, the date of publication of Moonen's article is given as 1999, based on the information on the Cambridge University Press home page. In fact, the copyright page of the book gives 1998 (although it didn't appear until 1999).

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<sup>1</sup>I know of no reason to doubt that Langlands checked this. Certainly, this seems at least as plausible as that Faltings checked all the statements in the paper on which Moonen bases his proof.