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Abstract: The moduli space \mathcal{M}_g of smooth projective curves of genus g is a quasi-projective variety, singular on loci of dimension at most $2g-1$. Let \mathcal{M}_g^0 denote its smooth locus. Not much is known about the cohomology $H^i(\mathcal{M}_g^0, \mathbb{C})$ and even less about the spaces of holomorphic forms $H^i(\Omega^j \mathcal{M}_g^0)$. Notice that \mathcal{M}_g is not compact, so in particular it doesn't carry a Hodge decomposition and thus $H^i(\Omega^j \mathcal{M}_g^0)$ can't be recovered from $H^i(\mathcal{M}_g^0, \mathbb{C})$ just using Hodge theory. In the talk I will present the result for $i=1, j=0$, namely that \mathcal{M}_g do not admit holomorphic 1-forms, and I will briefly discuss its generalization to other moduli spaces realized as finite coverings of \mathcal{M}_g (e.g. spin curves). The techniques comes from Hodge theory on the Deligne-Mumford compactification and intersection theory on the Satake compactification of \mathcal{M}_g . The work is joint with F.F. Favale and G.P.Pirola.) (15:15 - 15:35)