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# NUMBER THEORY IN DPMMS

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Arithmetic Algebraic Geometry:

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- Tom Fisher
- Tony Scholl
- Nick Shepherd-Barron
- Peter Swinnerton-Dyer

Research students: 12 in AAG

**Postdocs/visitors** 

Seminars/Study groups for staff and students; student seminars

Analytic and Additive Number Theory:

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- [1] N. Shepherd-Barron, R. Taylor: Mod 2 and mod 5 icosahedral representations. J.A.M.S. 10 (1997) 283-298
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