A Note
on the Automorphic Langlands Group

To Robert Moody on his sixtieth birthday

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Abstract. Langlands has conjectured the existence of a universal group, an extension of the absolute Galois group, which would play a fundamental role in the classification of automorphic representations. We shall describe a possible candidate for this group. We shall also describe a possible candidate for the complexification of Grothendieck’s motivic Galois group.