# Modulformen und das inverse Galois-Problem

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In this talk focus on two cases:

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- The  $\mathrm{GSp}_{2n}$ -case:  $G=\mathrm{PSp}_{2n}(\mathbb{F}_{\ell^d})$ .

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Theorem (Deligne, Shimura, Eichler, Igusa, Serre).

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Theorem B (Dieulefait, W. 2011). Given d,  $\exists$  positive density set of primes  $\mathcal{L}$  s.t.  $\forall \ell \in \mathcal{L}$ :  $\mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbb{F}_{\ell^d})$  occurs as  $\overline{\rho}_{f,\ell}^{\mathrm{proj}}(G_{\mathbb{Q}})$  with only  $\ell$  and at most three other primes (not dep. on  $\ell$ ) ramifying.



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Expected Theorem (W. 2012). Given d. Assume Maeda's conjecture on level 1 modular forms (the Galois closure of the coefficient field of every newform  $f \in S_k(1)$  is  $\operatorname{Sym}_{\dim S_k(1)}$ ).

Then the density of the set of primes  $\ell$  such that  $\mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbb{F}_{\ell^d})$  occurs as  $\overline{\rho}_{f,\ell}^{\mathrm{proj}}(G_{\mathbb{Q}})$  with only  $\ell$  ramifying is 1.

(Proof needs to be checked and written up.)



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$$\sigma \rho \sim \rho \otimes \epsilon \Leftrightarrow \sigma(\operatorname{Tr}(\rho(\operatorname{Frob}_p))) = \operatorname{Tr}(\rho(\operatorname{Frob}_p))\epsilon(\operatorname{Frob}_p) \ \forall \text{ unramified } p.$$



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Theorem (Arias-de-Reyna, Dieulefait, W., 2012).

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- (1)  $\exists \rho'$  such that  $\rho'^{\text{proj}} \sim \rho^{\text{proj}}$  and  $\rho'^{\text{proj}}$  factors through  $K_{\rho}$ .
- (2)  $K_{\rho}$  is the smallest subfield of  $\overline{K}$  with this property.

Morale: The inner twists determine the smallest field over which  $\rho^{\rm proj}$  can be defined.

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