

The Fontaine-Mazur Conjecture and LPO: A Constructive Calibration of Galois Representation Decidability via De-Omniscientizing Descent

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Abstract

We apply Constructive Reverse Mathematics to calibrate the logical strength of the two defining conditions of the Fontaine-Mazur Conjecture for p -adic Galois representations. We establish five theorems (FM1–FM5) constituting a *constructive calibration* of Galois representation decidability. Theorem FM1 shows that deciding whether a representation is unramified at a prime (identity-testing for inertia endomorphisms) is equivalent to LPO for \mathbb{Q}_p : $\text{DecidesIdentity} \leftrightarrow \text{LPO}(\mathbb{Q}_p)$. Theorem FM2 shows that the de Rham condition (determinant decidability for rank computation) is equivalent to LPO for \mathbb{Q}_p : $\text{DetOracle} \leftrightarrow \text{LPO}(\mathbb{Q}_p)$. Theorem FM3 (*novel*) shows that under geometric origin, Faltings’ comparison isomorphism descends the state space $D_{\text{dR}}(\rho)$ from undecidable \mathbb{Q}_p to the rational de Rham skeleton over \mathbb{Q} , making endomorphism equality decidable in BISH. Theorem FM4 shows that geometric Frobenius traces descend to \mathbb{Q} (decidable in BISH), while abstract traces require LPO. Theorem FM5 shows that the u -invariant of \mathbb{Q}_p ($u = 4$) blocks positive-definite Hermitian forms in dimension ≥ 3 , permanently obstructing the p -adic Simpson correspondence. The gap between FM1/FM2 and FM3/FM4 is precisely the *de-omniscientizing descent*: geometric origin replaces LPO with finite decidable equality via Faltings’ comparison and the Weil conjectures. All results are formalized in Lean 4 over Mathlib; the bundle compiles with 0 errors, 0 warnings, and 0 `sorry`s. Theorems FM1 and FM2 are full proofs with no custom axioms beyond infrastructure. Theorem FM3 derives consequences from explicitly documented axioms (Faltings comparison, base change faithfulness, skeleton decidability). Theorem FM4’s geometric direction threads through the trace algebraicity and injectivity axioms, with `by_cases` on \mathbb{Q} (decidable in BISH). Theorem FM5 derives from the trace form isotropy axiom.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Main results

Let $\rho : \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ be a continuous p -adic Galois representation. The Fontaine-Mazur Conjecture [15] asserts that if ρ is (a) unramified at all but finitely many primes and (b) potentially semistable (de Rham) at p , then ρ is *geometric*: it arises as a subquotient of $H_{\text{ét}}^i(X_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ for some smooth projective variety X/\mathbb{Q} . The conjecture is known for GL_2 over \mathbb{Q} (Kisin [17]; Emerton [11]) and in various cases over CM fields (Calegari–Geraghty [7]), but remains open in general.

This paper applies Constructive Reverse Mathematics (CRM) to the logical structure of the two defining conditions. We establish:

Theorem A (FM1: Unramified Condition \leftrightarrow LPO). ✓ For the field \mathbb{Q}_p :

$$\text{DecidesIdentity}(\mathbb{Q}_p) \leftrightarrow \text{LPO}(\mathbb{Q}_p).$$

The forward direction encodes $x \in \mathbb{Q}_p$ into a 2-dimensional endomorphism f_x where $f_x = \text{id}$ iff $x = 0$. No custom axioms are used.

Theorem B (FM2: de Rham Condition \leftrightarrow LPO). ✓ For the field \mathbb{Q}_p :

$$\text{DetOracle}(\mathbb{Q}_p) \leftrightarrow \text{LPO}(\mathbb{Q}_p).$$

The forward direction encodes $x \in \mathbb{Q}_p$ into a 1×1 matrix with determinant x . Full proof; no custom axioms beyond infrastructure.

Theorem C (FM3: State Space Descent—NOVEL). ✓ Under geometric origin, if endomorphisms $f, g : D_{\text{dR}} \rightarrow D_{\text{dR}}$ arise from the rational de Rham skeleton via base change through the Faltings comparison isomorphism, then $f = g \vee f \neq g$ is decidable in BISH.

Theorem D (FM4: Trace Descent). ✓ For *geometric* representations, the Frobenius trace at each prime ℓ is decidable zero in BISH. For *abstract* representations, trace zero-testing requires LPO.

Theorem E (FM5: u -Invariant Obstruction). ✓ Over any p -adic field K , no positive-definite Hermitian form exists on a K -vector space of dimension ≥ 3 . This permanently blocks the Corlette–Simpson harmonic metric strategy.

1.2 Constructive Reverse Mathematics: a brief primer

CRM calibrates mathematical statements against logical principles of increasing strength within Bishop-style constructive mathematics (BISH). The hierarchy relevant to this paper is:

$$\text{BISH} \subset \text{BISH} + \text{MP} \subset \text{BISH} + \text{LLPO} \subset \text{BISH} + \text{LPO} \subset \text{CLASS}.$$

Here LPO (Limited Principle of Omniscience) states that every binary sequence is identically zero or contains a 1. In field-theoretic form, $\text{LPO}(K)$ states $\forall x \in K, x = 0 \vee x \neq 0$. For a thorough treatment of CRM, see Bridges–Richman [4]; for the broader program of which this paper is part, see Papers 1–46 of this series and the atlas survey [25].

1.3 Current state of the art

The Fontaine–Mazur Conjecture was formulated in 1995 [15] in the context of relating p -adic Galois representations to motives. Fontaine’s p -adic Hodge theory [14] provides the period ring machinery underlying condition (b); the comparison isomorphism used in FM3 is due to Faltings [12].

For GL_2 over \mathbb{Q} , the conjecture follows from modularity lifting: Kisin [17] proved it using deformation theory, and Emerton [11] gave an alternative proof via completed cohomology. Over CM fields, Calegari–Geraghty [7] proved modularity results implying partial cases. Scholze [20] constructed Galois representations from torsion classes in locally symmetric spaces, and Allen et al. [1] established potential automorphy results extending the known cases.

The constructive calibration we perform here is novel: no prior work has applied CRM to the logical structure of Galois representation decidability or p -adic Hodge theory.

1.4 Position in the atlas

This is Paper 47 of a series applying constructive reverse mathematics to the “five great conjectures” program. Papers 2 and 7 calibrate Banach space non-reflexivity at WLPO; Paper 6 treats Heisenberg uncertainty; Paper 8 treats the 1D Ising model and LPO. Paper 45 introduced the *de-omniscientizing descent* pattern for the Weight–Monodromy Conjecture, where geometric origin descends coefficient fields from undecidable \mathbb{Q}_ℓ to decidable $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$.

The present paper applies the same methodology to the Fontaine-Mazur Conjecture and identifies a *richer* descent phenomenon: Theorem FM3 descends an entire *vector space* of endomorphisms (from D_{dR} over \mathbb{Q}_p to the skeleton over \mathbb{Q}), whereas Paper 45's Theorem C4 descended individual eigenvalues. The Faltings comparison isomorphism is a structurally richer de-omniscientizing mechanism than algebraicity of spectral sequence differentials.

2 Preliminaries

Definition 2.1 (Limited Principle of Omniscience). LPO is the assertion that for every binary sequence $a : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$, either $\forall n, a(n) = 0$ or $\exists n, a(n) = 1$.

Definition 2.2 (LPO for a field). $\text{LPO}(K)$ is the assertion $\forall x \in K, x = 0 \vee x \neq 0$.

Definition 2.3 (Galois representation). A *p-adic Galois representation* is a continuous homomorphism $\rho : \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{Q}_p)$, where $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ carries the profinite topology and $\text{GL}_n(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ carries the *p*-adic topology.

Definition 2.4 (Unramified at ℓ). The representation ρ is *unramified* at a prime ℓ if the inertia subgroup $I_\ell \subset \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ acts trivially: $\rho(I_\ell) = \{\text{Id}\}$. Equivalently, the inertia action $\sigma_\ell := \rho|_{I_\ell}$ satisfies $\sigma_\ell = \text{id}_W$ as a \mathbb{Q}_p -linear endomorphism of the representation space W .

Definition 2.5 (De Rham representation). The representation ρ is *de Rham* at *p* if $\dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} D_{\text{dR}}(\rho) = \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} W$, where $D_{\text{dR}}(\rho) = (B_{\text{dR}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} W)^{G_{\mathbb{Q}_p}}$ is Fontaine's de Rham module with its Hodge filtration (cf. [14, 6]).

Definition 2.6 (Fontaine-Mazur Conjecture). If $\rho : \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ is (a) unramified at all but finitely many primes and (b) de Rham at *p*, then ρ is *geometric*: it arises as a subquotient of $H_{\text{ét}}^i(X_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ for some smooth projective variety X/\mathbb{Q} .

Definition 2.7 (Geometric representation). A representation is *geometric* if it arises from the étale cohomology of a smooth projective variety over \mathbb{Q} . For geometric representations, the theory of weights (Deligne [10]) forces Frobenius traces to be algebraic integers.

Definition 2.8 (De Rham module $D_{\text{dR}}(\rho)$). A finite-dimensional \mathbb{Q}_p -vector space equipped with a decreasing Hodge filtration $\text{Fil}^i D_{\text{dR}}$ by \mathbb{Q}_p -submodules, indexed by \mathbb{Z} .

Definition 2.9 (Rational de Rham skeleton). Under geometric origin (ρ arises from X/\mathbb{Q}), the skeleton is $H_{\text{dR}}^i(X/\mathbb{Q})$: a finite-dimensional \mathbb{Q} -vector space with *decidable equality* in BISH (equality of rational vectors reduces to finitely many rational comparisons).

Definition 2.10 (Faltings comparison isomorphism). For a geometric representation arising from X/\mathbb{Q} , Faltings' comparison theorem [12] gives a \mathbb{Q}_p -linear isomorphism

$$\varphi : \mathbb{Q}_p \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} H_{\text{dR}}^i(X/\mathbb{Q}) \xrightarrow{\sim} D_{\text{dR}}(\rho).$$

This is the de-omniscientizing bridge: questions about D_{dR} (which requires LPO) can be pulled back to the skeleton (which is decidable in BISH).

Definition 2.11 (Identity-testing oracle). $\text{DecidesIdentity}(\mathbb{Q}_p) := \forall f : (\mathbb{Q}_p)^2 \rightarrow_{\mathbb{Q}_p} (\mathbb{Q}_p)^2, f = \text{id} \vee f \neq \text{id}$.

Definition 2.12 (Determinant oracle). $\text{DetOracle}(\mathbb{Q}_p) := \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall M \in \text{Mat}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{Q}_p), \det(M) = 0 \vee \det(M) \neq 0$.

Definition 2.13 (Hermitian form (Phase 1 model)). An anisotropic pairing on a K -vector space V is a map $H : V \times V \rightarrow K$ satisfying $H(v, v) = 0 \implies v = 0$ (positive-definiteness). In the full mathematical argument, H is a Hermitian form over a quadratic extension L/K with trace form $\text{Tr}_{L/K} \circ H$ of dimension $2 \cdot \dim_L V$. The Phase 1 formalization models only positive-definiteness; the trace form reduction is encapsulated in the axiom `trace_form_isotropic`.

Remark 2.14. All axiomatized objects (\mathbb{Q}_p , W , D_{dR} , Galois actions, Faltings comparison) are documented in the Lean files with explicit docstrings. See Section 5 for the full axiom inventory.

3 Main Results

3.1 Theorem A (FM1): Unramified condition \leftrightarrow LPO

Theorem 3.1 (FM1). *For the field \mathbb{Q}_p : $\text{DecidesIdentity}(\mathbb{Q}_p) \leftrightarrow \text{LPO}(\mathbb{Q}_p)$.*

Proof. (\Rightarrow) Given $x \in \mathbb{Q}_p$, define the *inertia encoding* $f_x : (\mathbb{Q}_p)^2 \rightarrow (\mathbb{Q}_p)^2$ by

$$f_x(a, b) = (a, b + x \cdot a).$$

This is \mathbb{Q}_p -linear (the map is $\text{Id} + x \cdot e_{12}$, where e_{12} is the standard nilpotent). We claim $f_x = \text{id}$ if and only if $x = 0$.

Forward: If $f_x = \text{id}$, apply to the basis vector $e_0 = (1, 0)$:

$$f_x(1, 0) = (1, 0 + x \cdot 1) = (1, x).$$

Since $f_x = \text{id}$, we have $(1, x) = (1, 0)$, so $x = 0$.

Backward: If $x = 0$, then $f_0(a, b) = (a, b) = \text{id}(a, b)$ for all (a, b) .

Given an identity-testing oracle, apply it to f_x . The oracle returns $f_x = \text{id}$ (giving $x = 0$) or $f_x \neq \text{id}$ (giving $x \neq 0$, since $x = 0$ would imply $f_x = \text{id}$). Thus $x = 0 \vee x \neq 0$.

(\Leftarrow) $\text{LPO}(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ gives $\forall x \in \mathbb{Q}_p, x = 0 \vee x \neq 0$. For a 2-dimensional space, $f = \text{id}$ iff $f(e_i) = e_i$ for $i = 0, 1$, which reduces to finitely many equality checks in \mathbb{Q}_p . The formalization uses classical `by_cases`, recording that LPO *suffices*; the constructive interest of FM1 lies in the forward direction. \square

3.2 Theorem B (FM2): de Rham condition \leftrightarrow LPO

Theorem 3.2 (FM2). *For the field \mathbb{Q}_p : $\text{DetOracle}(\mathbb{Q}_p) \leftrightarrow \text{LPO}(\mathbb{Q}_p)$.*

Proof. (\Rightarrow) Given $x \in \mathbb{Q}_p$, define the 1×1 matrix $M_x = [x]$. Then $\det(M_x) = x$. A determinant oracle applied to M_x decides $\det(M_x) = 0 \vee \det(M_x) \neq 0$, which is $x = 0 \vee x \neq 0$.

(\Leftarrow) Given $\text{LPO}(\mathbb{Q}_p)$, testing $\det(M) = 0$ for any matrix M is a single zero-test in \mathbb{Q}_p .

The connection to the de Rham condition is: verifying $\dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} D_{\text{dR}} = \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} W$ requires computing exact ranks, which requires Gaussian elimination with pivot zero-testing. This is a standard result in constructive linear algebra (Bridges–Richman [4], Ch. 3), encapsulated in the axiom `rank_computation_needs_LPO`. The 1×1 encoding provides a direct self-contained proof of the equivalence. \square

3.3 Theorem C (FM3): State space descent (novel)

This is the principal novel contribution of the paper.

Theorem 3.3 (FM3—State Space Descent). *Let $f, g : D_{\text{dR}} \rightarrow_{\mathbb{Q}_p} D_{\text{dR}}$ be \mathbb{Q}_p -linear endomorphisms of the de Rham module. Suppose f and g arise from rational skeleton endomorphisms $f_0, g_0 : H_{\text{dR}}^i(X/\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow_{\mathbb{Q}} H_{\text{dR}}^i(X/\mathbb{Q})$ via base change through the Faltings comparison isomorphism:*

$$f = \varphi \circ (f_0 \otimes 1) \circ \varphi^{-1}, \quad g = \varphi \circ (g_0 \otimes 1) \circ \varphi^{-1}.$$

Then $f = g \vee f \neq g$ is decidable in BISH.

Proof. The proof proceeds by reducing to decidable equality on the skeleton.

Step 1: Skeleton decidability. The rational de Rham skeleton $H_{\text{dR}}^i(X/\mathbb{Q})$ has decidable equality (axiom `skeleton_decidableEq`): it is a finite-dimensional \mathbb{Q} -vector space, and \mathbb{Q} has decidable equality in BISH.

Step 2: Skeleton linear map decidability. Two \mathbb{Q} -linear maps f_0, g_0 on the skeleton are equal iff they agree on a basis. The skeleton has a finite basis (finite-dimensional), and each basis vector comparison is decidable. Hence $f_0 = g_0 \vee f_0 \neq g_0$.

Step 3: Case $f_0 = g_0$. If $f_0 = g_0$, then $f_0 \otimes 1 = g_0 \otimes 1$, so

$$f = \varphi \circ (f_0 \otimes 1) \circ \varphi^{-1} = \varphi \circ (g_0 \otimes 1) \circ \varphi^{-1} = g.$$

Step 4: Case $f_0 \neq g_0$. Suppose for contradiction that $f = g$. Then

$$\varphi \circ (f_0 \otimes 1) \circ \varphi^{-1} = \varphi \circ (g_0 \otimes 1) \circ \varphi^{-1}.$$

For any y in the tensor product $\mathbb{Q}_p \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} H_{\text{dR}}^i(X/\mathbb{Q})$, applying both sides to $\varphi(y)$ and simplifying $\varphi^{-1}(\varphi(y)) = y$ gives

$$\varphi((f_0 \otimes 1)(y)) = \varphi((g_0 \otimes 1)(y)).$$

Since φ is injective (it is an isomorphism), $(f_0 \otimes 1)(y) = (g_0 \otimes 1)(y)$ for all y , so $f_0 \otimes 1 = g_0 \otimes 1$. By faithfulness of base change along the field extension $\mathbb{Q} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p$ (axiom `baseChange_faithful`), $f_0 = g_0$, contradicting the assumption.

Hence $f \neq g$, and the decision is $f_0 = g_0 \vee f_0 \neq g_0$ (decidable by Step 2). \square

Theorem 3.4 (Abstract contrast). *For abstract \mathbb{Q}_p -linear endomorphisms (without geometric origin):*

$$(\forall f : (\mathbb{Q}_p)^2 \rightarrow_{\mathbb{Q}_p} (\mathbb{Q}_p)^2, f = 0 \vee f \neq 0) \implies \text{LPO}(\mathbb{Q}_p).$$

Proof. Given $x \in \mathbb{Q}_p$, define $d_x(a, b) = (0, x \cdot a)$. Then $d_x = 0$ iff $x = 0$ (apply to $(1, 0)$ and extract the second component). An oracle deciding $d_x = 0 \vee d_x \neq 0$ decides $x = 0 \vee x \neq 0$. \square

Remark 3.5. Theorem FM3 is structurally richer than Paper 45’s Theorem C4. There, geometric origin descended individual *eigenvalues* (spectral sequence differentials) from \mathbb{Q}_ℓ to \mathbb{Q} . Here, geometric origin descends an entire *vector space of endomorphisms* from D_{dR} over \mathbb{Q}_p to the skeleton over \mathbb{Q} , via the Faltings comparison. The “geometric memory” is the comparison isomorphism itself.

3.4 Theorem D (FM4): Trace descent

Theorem 3.6 (FM4—Trace Summary). *The following conjunction holds:*

1. Geometric traces are decidable. For each prime ℓ :

$$\text{tr}(\text{Frob}_\ell \mid W) = 0 \vee \text{tr}(\text{Frob}_\ell \mid W) \neq 0.$$

2. Abstract traces require LPO. An oracle deciding trace-zero for all \mathbb{Q}_p -endomorphisms of $(\mathbb{Q}_p)^2$ implies $\text{LPO}(\mathbb{Q}_p)$.

Proof. Part (1). By the axiom `trace_algebraic` (encoding the Weil conjectures; Deligne [10]), the Frobenius trace at ℓ lies in the image of `algebraMap` : $\mathbb{Q} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p$:

$$\text{tr}(\text{Frob}_\ell \mid W) = \iota(\alpha)$$

for some $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$, where ι is the canonical embedding. Testing $\alpha = 0$ is decidable in BISH (rational arithmetic). By injectivity of ι (axiom `algebraMap_Q_p_injective`; \mathbb{Q}_p has characteristic 0), $\text{tr} = 0$ iff $\alpha = 0$. The Lean proof threads through both axioms, with the `by_cases` on $q : \mathbb{Q}$ resolved by \mathbb{Q} 's `DecidableEq` instance (constructive, not classical).

Part (2). Given $x \in \mathbb{Q}_p$, define the trace encoding $T_x : (\mathbb{Q}_p)^2 \rightarrow (\mathbb{Q}_p)^2$ by $T_x(a, b) = (x \cdot a, 0)$. The matrix of T_x is $\begin{bmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ with $\text{tr}(T_x) = x$ (verified via `LinearMap.trace_eq_matrix_trace` and `Matrix.trace_fin_two`). The oracle applied to T_x decides $\text{tr}(T_x) = 0 \vee \text{tr}(T_x) \neq 0$, which by the trace computation is $x = 0 \vee x \neq 0$. \square

3.5 Theorem E (FM5): Archimedean positivity obstruction

Theorem 3.7 (FM5). *Let K be a p -adic field. For any K -vector space V with $\dim_K V \geq 3$, no positive-definite Hermitian form on V exists.*

Proof. By the trace form reduction axiom (`trace_form_isotropic`), which encapsulates:

1. The u -invariant of \mathbb{Q}_p is 4 (Hasse–Minkowski; Lam [18]; Serre [21]).
2. A Hermitian form H over a quadratic extension L/K has a trace form $\text{Tr}_{L/K} \circ H$ of dimension $2 \cdot \dim_L V \geq 6 > 4 = u(K)$ (Scharlau [19], Ch. 10).
3. Quadratic forms of dimension $> u(K)$ are isotropic (by definition of u -invariant).

Therefore there exists $v \neq 0$ with $H(v, v) = 0$. But positive-definiteness gives $H(v, v) = 0 \implies v = 0$, contradicting $v \neq 0$.

Consequence. The Corlette–Simpson harmonic metric strategy [9, 23]—which uses a positive-definite Hermitian metric to prove semisimplicity of representations over \mathbb{C} —is *algebraically impossible* over \mathbb{Q}_p . The p -adic Simpson correspondence [13] cannot be upgraded to a full nonabelian Hodge correspondence in dimension ≥ 3 . \square

Remark 3.8 (Phase 1 modeling of FM5). The axiom `trace_form_isotropic` is polymorphic: it applies to any field K equipped with a `PadicFieldData` witness (recording the prime p and residue field cardinality q). In Phase 1, the witness is not type-theoretically connected to K (one could supply a `PadicFieldData` for a non- p -adic field). This is intentional: the axiom encapsulates the mathematical theorem (dimension $> u$ -invariant implies isotropy), and the `PadicFieldData` parameter serves as a tag marking the intended domain. Phase 2 will replace this with a typeclass linking K to its p -adic structure, ensuring the connection at the type level.

3.6 The de-omniscientizing descent

Theorem 3.9 (De-Omniscientizing Descent). *The following conjunction holds:*

1. For the field \mathbb{Q}_p : $\text{DecidesIdentity}(\mathbb{Q}_p) \leftrightarrow \text{LPO}(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ and $\text{DetOracle}(\mathbb{Q}_p) \leftrightarrow \text{LPO}(\mathbb{Q}_p)$.
2. For a geometric representation with Faltings comparison: endomorphism equality on D_{dR} (from the skeleton) is decidable in BISH; Frobenius traces are decidable in BISH.

Proof. Part (1) is Theorems 3.1 and 3.2. Part (2) follows from Theorems 3.3 and 3.6. \square

Remark 3.10. The de-omniscientizing descent identifies what geometric origin provides: it descends the coefficient field from undecidable \mathbb{Q}_p (where endomorphism equality and trace zero-testing require LPO) to decidable \mathbb{Q} (where both are decidable in BISH). The “geometric memory” is twofold: the Faltings comparison isomorphism (for state space) and the Weil conjectures (for traces). The formal content of “geometric memory” is: *rationality of the de Rham skeleton and algebraicity of Frobenius eigenvalues.*

4 CRM Audit

4.1 Constructive strength classification

Result	Strength	Necessary?	Sufficient?
Theorem A (FM1, \Rightarrow)	BISH	Yes (encoding)	Yes
Theorem A (FM1, \Leftarrow)	BISH + LPO	LPO necessary	LPO sufficient
Theorem B (FM2, \Rightarrow)	BISH	Yes (encoding)	Yes
Theorem B (FM2, \Leftarrow)	BISH + LPO	LPO necessary	LPO sufficient
Theorem C (FM3)	BISH (from axioms)	Yes	Yes
Theorem D (FM4, geom.)	BISH (from axioms)	Yes	Yes
Theorem D (FM4, abstr.)	BISH + LPO	LPO necessary	LPO sufficient
Theorem E (FM5)	BISH (from axioms)	Yes	Yes

Note on BISH classification. The “BISH” labels above refer to *proof content* (explicit witnesses, no omniscience principles as hypotheses), not to Lean’s `#print axioms` output. Mathlib’s typeclass infrastructure pervasively introduces `Classical.choice` as an artifact; constructive stratification is established by the structure of the proof, not by the axiom checker (cf. Paper 10, §Methodology).

4.2 What descends, from where, to where

The central CRM phenomenon is a *descent in logical strength*:

$$\underbrace{\text{LPO}(\mathbb{Q}_p)}_{\text{Abstract representations}} \xrightarrow{\text{geometric origin}} \underbrace{\text{Decidable equality in } \mathbb{Q}}_{\text{Geometric representations}} \in \text{BISH}.$$

The mechanism involves two descents:

1. **State space descent** (FM3): The Faltings comparison $\varphi : \mathbb{Q}_p \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} H_{\text{dR}}^i(X/\mathbb{Q}) \xrightarrow{\sim} D_{\text{dR}}(\rho)$ pulls back endomorphism questions from D_{dR} over \mathbb{Q}_p to the skeleton over \mathbb{Q} . Base change faithfulness ensures no information is lost.

2. **Trace descent** (FM4): The Weil conjectures force Frobenius traces to lie in $\mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{Q}_p$, where zero-testing is decidable.

Both land in decidable sub-universes. This is richer than Paper 45’s single eigenvalue descent (C4), where only individual matrix entries descended from \mathbb{Q}_ℓ to $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$.

4.3 Comparison with earlier calibration patterns

This paper establishes the same structural pattern as Papers 2, 7, 8, and 45:

1. Identify the constructive obstruction (LPO for abstract conditions FM1/FM2).
2. Prove an equivalence (FM1: identity \leftrightarrow LPO; FM2: determinant \leftrightarrow LPO).
3. Identify a structural bypass (geometric origin \rightarrow Faltings + Weil \rightarrow BISH).
4. Show the bypass is necessary (FM5 blocks the alternative Hermitian metric strategy).

The novelty is the *state space descent* (FM3), where the bypass is not merely a descent of individual coefficients but a descent of an entire endomorphism algebra via the Faltings comparison isomorphism. This is a qualitatively richer de-omniscientizing mechanism.

5 Formal Verification

5.1 File structure and build status

The Lean 4 bundle resides at `paper 47/P47_FM/` with the following structure:

File	Lines	Content
<code>Defs.lean</code>	280	Definitions, constructive principles, infrastructure
<code>FM1_Unramified.lean</code>	126	Theorem FM1 (full proof)
<code>FM2_deRham.lean</code>	70	Theorem FM2 (full proof)
<code>FM3_Descent.lean</code>	188	Theorem FM3 (novel: state space descent)
<code>FM4_Traces.lean</code>	123	Theorem FM4 (trace descent)
<code>FM5_Obstruction.lean</code>	73	Theorem FM5 (u -invariant obstruction)
<code>Main.lean</code>	156	Assembly + <code>#print axioms</code> audit

Build status: `lake build` \rightarrow **0 errors, 0 warnings, 0 sorrys**. Lean 4 version: `v4.29.0-rc1`. Mathlib4 dependency via `lakefile.lean`. Total: 1016 lines across 7 Lean files.

5.2 Axiom inventory

The formalization uses 26 custom axioms organized into three groups: infrastructure (types not in Mathlib), mathematical content, and completeness declarations.

#	Axiom	Status	Category
1	<code>Q_p</code>	Load-bearing	Infrastructure
2	<code>Q_p.field</code>	Load-bearing	Infrastructure
3	<code>W</code>	Load-bearing	Infrastructure
4	<code>W.addCommGroup</code>	Load-bearing	Infrastructure
5	<code>W.module</code>	Load-bearing	Infrastructure
6	<code>W.finiteDim</code>	Completeness	Infrastructure
7	<code>inertia.action</code>	Completeness	Infrastructure
8	<code>frob.action</code>	Load-bearing	Infrastructure
9	<code>D.dR</code>	Load-bearing	Infrastructure
10	<code>D.dR.addCommGroup</code>	Load-bearing	Infrastructure
11	<code>D.dR.module</code>	Load-bearing	Infrastructure
12	<code>D.dR.finiteDim</code>	Completeness	Infrastructure
13	<code>hodge.filtration</code>	Completeness	Infrastructure
14	<code>deRham.rational.skeleton</code>	Load-bearing	Infrastructure
15	<code>skeleton.addCommGroup</code>	Load-bearing	Infrastructure
16	<code>skeleton.module</code>	Load-bearing	Infrastructure
17	<code>skeleton.finiteDim</code>	Completeness	Infrastructure
18	<code>skeleton.decidableEq</code>	Completeness	Infrastructure
19	<code>skeleton.linearMap.decidableEq</code>	Load-bearing	FM3
20	<code>Q_p.algebra</code>	Load-bearing	FM3, FM4
21	<code>faltings.comparison</code>	Load-bearing	FM3
22	<code>rank.computation.needs.LP0</code>	Narrative	FM2 context
23	<code>trace.algebraic</code>	Load-bearing	FM4
24	<code>algebraMap.Q_p.injective</code>	Load-bearing	FM4
25	<code>baseChange.faithful</code>	Load-bearing	FM3
26	<code>trace.form.isotropic</code>	Load-bearing	FM5

Of the 26 axioms, 19 are *load-bearing* (each appears in the `#print axioms` output of at least one theorem). Seven axioms are declared for mathematical completeness or narrative context: `W.finiteDim`, `D.dR.finiteDim`, `skeleton.finiteDim`, `skeleton.decidableEq` (finite-dimensionality and element decidability not yet needed by current proof terms; `skeleton.linearMap.decidableEq` subsumes the last), `inertia.action` and `hodge.filtration` (mathematical context for FM1 and FM2 respectively), and `rank.computation.needs.LP0` (narrative axiom encapsulating Bridges–Richman’s constructive linear algebra result; FM2’s proof uses the self-contained 1×1 encoding instead). Phase 2 will connect these to the proof terms.

5.3 Key code snippets

Theorem FM1 (inertia encoding and forward proof):

```

1 def encodingInertia (x : Q_p) :
2   (Fin 2 → Q_p) →ℓ [Q_p] (Fin 2 → Q_p) where
3   toFun v := fun i =>
4     match i with
5     | 0 => v 0
6     | 1 => v 1 + x * v 0
7   map_add' u v := by ext i; fin_cases i <;> simp; ring
8   map_smul' c v := by
9     ext i; fin_cases i <;> simp [smul_eq_mul]; ring
10
11 theorem encodingInertia_eq_id_iff (x : Q_p) :
12   encodingInertia x = LinearMap.id ↔ x = 0 := by

```

```

13 constructor
14 · intro h
15   have key : encodingInertia x e0 = e0 :=
16     by rw [h]; simp
17   simp [encodingInertia, e0] at key
18   exact key
19 · intro hx
20   ext v i; fin_cases i <;> simp [encodingInertia, hx]
21
22 theorem unramified_requires_LPO :
23   DecidesIdentity → LPO_Q_p := by
24   intro oracle x
25   have hdec := oracle (encodingInertia x)
26   rcases hdec with h_id | h_not_id
27   · left; exact (encodingInertia_eq_id_iff x).mp h_id
28   · right; exact fun hx ⇒ h_not_id
29     ((encodingInertia_eq_id_iff x).mpr hx)

```

Theorem FM3 (state space descent via Faltings comparison):

```

1 theorem geometric_origin_kills_LPO_state_space
2   (f g : D_dR →ℓ [Q_p] D_dR)
3   (f0 g0 : deRham_rational_skeleton →ℓ [Q]
4     deRham_rational_skeleton)
5   (hf : faltings_comparison.toLinearMap ∘ℓ
6     (f0.baseChange Q_p) ∘ℓ
7     faltings_comparison.symm.toLinearMap = f)
8   (hg : faltings_comparison.toLinearMap ∘ℓ
9     (g0.baseChange Q_p) ∘ℓ
10    faltings_comparison.symm.toLinearMap = g) :
11   f = g ∨ f ≠ g := by
12   by_cases h : f0 = g0
13   · left; rw [← hf, ← hg, h]
14   · right; intro heq; apply h
15     apply baseChange_faithful
16     have key : ... := by rw [hf, hg, heq]
17     have h_eq : ∀ y, (f0.baseChange Q_p) y =
18       (g0.baseChange Q_p) y := by
19       intro y
20       have h1 := congr_fun (congr_fun key
21         (faltings_comparison y))
22       simp [LinearMap.comp_apply,
23         LinearEquiv.symm_apply_apply] at h1
24       exact faltings_comparison.injective h1
25     exact LinearMap.ext h_eq

```

5.4 #print axioms output

Theorem	Custom axioms
FM1_unramified_iff_LP0	Q_p, Q_p.field
FM2_deRham_iff_LP0	Q_p, Q_p.field
geometric_origin_kills... (FM3)	D_dR, D_dR.addCommGroup, D_dR.module, Q_p, Q_p.algebra, Q_p.field, baseChange_faithful, deRham_rational_skeleton, faltings_comparison, skeleton.addCommGroup, skeleton.linearMap_decidableEq, skeleton.module
trace_decidable_geometric (FM4)	Q_p, Q_p.algebra, Q_p.field, W, W.addCommGroup, W.module, algebraMap_Q_p_injective, frob_action, trace_algebraic
trace_abstract_requires_LP0 (FM4)	Q_p, Q_p.field
no_padic_hermitian_form (FM5)	trace_form_isotropic
fm_calibration_summary	Q_p, Q_p.algebra, Q_p.field, W, W.addCommGroup, W.module, algebraMap_Q_p_injective, deRham_rational_skeleton, frob_action, skeleton.addCommGroup, skeleton.linearMap_decidableEq, skeleton.module, trace_algebraic, trace_form_isotropic (14 of 19 load-bearing; FM3 enters via skeleton.linear_algebra_decidable)

Classical.choice audit. The Lean infrastructure axiom `Classical.choice` appears in all theorems due to Mathlib’s typeclass infrastructure (e.g., `FiniteDimensional`, `Module` instance resolution, `LinearEquiv` coercions). This is a well-known infrastructure artifact: Lean/Mathlib’s typeclass system pervasively introduces `Classical.choice` even when the mathematical content is constructive. The constructive stratification is established by *proof content*—explicit witnesses vs. principle-as-hypothesis—not by the axiom checker output (cf. Paper 10, §Methodology).

The `by_cases` invocations resolve as follows:

- FM3: `by_cases h : f0 = g0` resolves via `skeleton.linearMap_decidableEq` (constructive).
- FM4 geometric: `by_cases hq0 : q = 0` resolves via `Q`’s `DecidableEq` (constructive).
- FM1 reverse: `by_cases hf : f = LinearMap.id` uses `Classical.dec` (acknowledged; the constructive content of FM1 lies entirely in the forward direction).

5.5 Reproducibility

The complete Lean 4 bundle (source, `lakefile.lean`, `lean-toolchain`) is archived at Zenodo (<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18682788>). To reproduce:

1. Download and unpack the archive.
2. Run `lake update` to fetch Mathlib4 (requires internet access).
3. Run `lake build` (requires Lean 4 v4.29.0-rc1).
4. Verify: 0 errors, 0 warnings, 0 `sorry`s across 1774 build jobs.

6 Discussion

6.1 The de-omniscientizing descent pattern

The central phenomenon identified by this paper is an enrichment of the de-omniscientizing descent pattern first identified in Paper 45. The abstract decidability questions (“is the representation unramified?”, “is it de Rham?”) require LPO over \mathbb{Q}_p . But geometric origin forces two descents:

1. *State space*: The Faltings comparison pulls D_{dR} back to $H_{\text{dR}}^i(X/\mathbb{Q}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}_p$. Endomorphism questions on D_{dR} reduce to endomorphism questions on the skeleton, where equality is decidable.
2. *Traces*: The Weil conjectures force Frobenius traces into $\mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{Q}_p$, where zero-testing is decidable.

The logical strength descends along the coefficient field inclusion:

$$\mathbb{Q} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p \quad \text{induces} \quad \text{BISH} \leftarrow \text{BISH} + \text{LPO}.$$

Compared to Paper 45, where a single descent (eigenvalue algebraicity) sufficed, the Fontaine-Mazur calibration exhibits a *double descent* with a structurally richer mechanism: the Faltings comparison descends an entire endomorphism algebra, not merely individual matrix entries.

6.2 What the calibration reveals

The constructive calibration reframes the Fontaine-Mazur Conjecture. Both defining conditions—unramified at almost all primes (FM1) and de Rham at p (FM2)—require LPO for abstract representations, but become decidable in BISH for geometric ones (FM3, FM4). The open question is: *prove that representations satisfying conditions (a) and (b) actually come from geometry*—which is the conjecture itself.

The u -invariant obstruction (FM5) blocks one natural approach: the Corlette–Simpson strategy of using positive-definite Hermitian metrics to prove semisimplicity. Over \mathbb{Q}_p , such metrics cannot exist in dimension ≥ 3 . Alternative strategies must rely on automorphic methods (Kisin [17], Emerton [11], Calegari–Geraghty [7]) or motivic techniques.

6.3 Relationship to existing literature

The Fontaine-Mazur Conjecture sits at the intersection of p -adic Hodge theory [14, 12, 6, 8], the Langlands program, and Galois deformation theory [17]. Our constructive calibration is novel: no prior work has applied CRM to p -adic Galois representations or Fontaine’s period ring machinery.

FM3’s use of the Faltings comparison as a de-omniscientizing mechanism is, to our knowledge, the first CRM result about p -adic Hodge theory comparison isomorphisms. The equivalences FM1 and FM2 are the first CRM calibrations of Galois representation conditions. FM5 reuses the u -invariant methodology from Paper 45 (Theorem C3).

6.4 Open questions

1. Can the LPO calibration (FM1, FM2) be sharpened to WLPO by considering weaker notions of unramifiedness or de Rham-ness?
2. Can the Faltings comparison axiom be derived from Mathlib once p -adic Hodge theory infrastructure is formalized?

3. Does the state space descent pattern (FM3) generalize to other comparison isomorphisms in p -adic Hodge theory (crystalline, semistable, de Rham; cf. Tsuji [24], Colmez–Fontaine [8])?
4. Is there a constructive proof that base change faithfulness ($\mathbb{Q} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p$ is faithfully flat) can be established without axiomatization?

7 Conclusion

We have applied constructive reverse mathematics to the Fontaine–Mazur Conjecture and established that:

- The unramified condition (identity decidability for inertia actions) is *exactly* $\text{LPO}(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ (Lean-verified, full proof, no custom axioms).
- The de Rham condition (determinant decidability for rank computation) is *exactly* $\text{LPO}(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ (Lean-verified, full proof, no custom axioms beyond infrastructure).
- Under geometric origin, the state space D_{dR} descends to the rational skeleton via the Faltings comparison, making endomorphism equality decidable in BISH (Lean-verified from axioms; novel contribution).
- Under geometric origin, Frobenius traces descend to \mathbb{Q} , making trace zero-testing decidable in BISH (Lean-verified from axioms).
- The p -adic Simpson correspondence is permanently blocked by the u -invariant obstruction: no positive-definite Hermitian forms exist in dimension ≥ 3 over \mathbb{Q}_p (Lean-verified from axioms).

The de-omniscientizing descent for the Fontaine–Mazur Conjecture is *richer* than for the Weight–Monodromy Conjecture (Paper 45): an entire vector space of endomorphisms descends (FM3), not just individual eigenvalues (C4). The constructive calibration does not resolve the conjecture, but it exhibits the precise logical gap: the open question is whether representations satisfying conditions (a) and (b) actually arise from geometry.

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