The Logical Cost of the Archimedean Place: Function Field Langlands is BISH

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Abstract

We perform a Constructive Reverse Mathematics (CRM) audit of the function field Langlands correspondence, classifying both Laurent Lafforgue's proof for GL_n (Inventiones, 2002) and Vincent Lafforgue's proof for general reductive groups (JAMS, 2018). Both proofs are unconditionally BISH: every component operates within Bishop's constructive mathematics, with no omniscience principle required.

The classification itself is expected: the function field setting is algebraic throughout. The paper's principal finding is the *comparison* with number fields. Paper 68 established that Wiles's proof route costs $\mathsf{BISH} + \mathsf{WLPO}$, with the WLPO entering solely through the Arthur–Selberg trace formula at the Archimedean place. The function field $\mathbb{F}_q(C)$ has no Archimedean place. We show that every component which costs WLPO over number fields has an algebraic counterpart over function fields that costs nothing: the Grothendieck–Lefschetz trace formula replaces the Arthur–Selberg trace formula; rational Plancherel measures replace transcendental ones; finite-dimensional spaces of cusp forms replace infinite-dimensional L^2 spaces. The structural discovery underlying this comparison is that the boundary between BISH and WLPO in the trace formula is not discrete-vs-continuous spectrum, but algebraic-vs-transcendental spectral parameters (§3.2). The comparison yields: *the logical cost of the Langlands program is the logical cost of* $\mathbb{R}$.

All results are formalized in Lean 4 (v4.28.0-rc1); the bundle compiles with 0 errors, 0 warnings, and 0 `sorry`s. No `Classical.choice` appears in `#print axioms` for any theorem.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Main results

The Langlands correspondence, in its function field incarnation, asserts a bijection between cuspidal automorphic representations of $\mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{A}_F)$ (resp. L-packets for general reductive G) and n-dimensional (resp. $\widehat{G}$-valued) ℓ-adic representations of $\mathrm{Gal}(\bar{F}/F)$, where $F = \mathbb{F}_q(C)$ is the function field of a smooth projective curve over a finite field. Two proofs are available: Laurent Lafforgue [8] for GL_n and Vincent Lafforgue [9] for general G.

This paper applies Constructive Reverse Mathematics (CRM) to both proofs and establishes:

Theorem A (Laurent Lafforgue, GL_n). The five components of Laurent Lafforgue's proof—shtuka compactification, ℓ-adic cohomology, Grothendieck–Lefschetz trace formula, function field Arthur–Selberg trace formula, and cuspidal isolation—each classify at BISH. The full proof is BISH.

Theorem B (Vincent Lafforgue, general G). The five components of Vincent Lafforgue's proof—G-shtuka cohomology, geometric Satake equivalence, excursion operators, characters to Langlands parameters, and effective Chebotarev—each classify at BISH. The full proof is BISH.

Theorem C (Logical cost of $\mathbb{R}$). Every component of the Langlands program that costs WLPO over number fields (Paper 68 [1]) has a BISH counterpart over function fields. In each case, the structural source of the WLPO is traceable to the Archimedean place. This is a structural identification, not a proved lower bound (see §6 for discussion).

The classification results (Theorems A and B) are expected: the function field setting is algebraic, finite-dimensional, and defined over finite fields—any competent constructivist would predict BISH. The paper's principal contribution is Theorem C and the structural discovery underlying it (§3.2): the boundary between BISH and WLPO in the trace formula is not discrete-vs-continuous spectrum but algebraic-vs-transcendental spectral parameters. The Archimedean place makes spectral parameters transcendental; removing it makes them algebraic. This is the mechanism behind the thesis that the logical cost of the Langlands program is the logical cost of $\mathbb{R}$.

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:

$$\mathsf{BISH} \subset \mathsf{BISH}+\mathsf{WLPO} \subset \mathsf{BISH}+\mathsf{LPO} \subset \mathsf{CLASS}.$$

(The full lattice also includes MP and LLPO, which are independent of each other over BISH; they do not appear in this paper.) Here WLPO (Weak Limited Principle of Omniscience) states that for every binary sequence α, either $\alpha = 0^\omega$ or $\neg(\alpha = 0^\omega)$. Equivalently, for every real x, either $x = 0$ or $\neg(x = 0)$. For a thorough treatment of CRM, see Bridges–Richman [6]; for the broader program of which this paper is part, see Papers 1–68 of this series and the atlas survey [2].

1.3 Current state of the art

The function field Langlands correspondence for GL_n was proved by Drinfeld [11] ($n = 2$) and Laurent Lafforgue [8] (general n). The automorphic-to-Galois direction for general reductive G was proved by Vincent Lafforgue [9]. No prior work has applied CRM to the logical structure of these proofs.

Over number fields, Paper 68 [1] audited Wiles's proof of Fermat's Last Theorem, establishing CRM(FLT) = BISH while showing that Wiles's 1995 proof route costs BISH + WLPO. The WLPO entered through the Langlands–Tunnell theorem at weight 1, which uses the Arthur–Selberg trace formula at the Archimedean place. Paper 68, §13 posed the question: is the WLPO intrinsic to the Langlands program, or is it an artifact of the Archimedean place?

1.4 Position in the atlas

This is Paper 69, the final audit paper of the CRM series (Paper 70 provides the synthesis). The series began with Papers 2 and 7 (Banach space non-reflexivity at WLPO), progressed through Paper 6 (Heisenberg uncertainty), Paper 8 (Ising model and LPO), Paper 45 (Weight-Monodromy Conjecture and de-omniscientizing descent), Papers 50–53 (atlas survey and DPT framework [2, 3]), and Paper 68 (Fermat's Last Theorem). The present paper resolves the open question from Paper 68: the WLPO is not intrinsic to the Langlands program. It enters through the Archimedean place and vanishes upon removing it. Paper 70 [4] synthesizes the full series.

The de-omniscientizing descent pattern (Paper 45 [5]) identified geometric origin as a decidability descent mechanism: motives with geometric origin have their logical cost reduced from LPO to BISH. Removing the Archimedean place is the proof-methods analogue: it eliminates the transcendental content that generates omniscience requirements. Both are instances of the same structural phenomenon—descent from a higher omniscience principle to BISH upon imposing an algebraicity constraint.

2 Preliminaries

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

Definition 2.2 (Function field)**.** Let $C/\mathbb{F}_q$ be a smooth projective geometrically connected curve with function field $F = \mathbb{F}_q(C)$. Each closed point $v \in |C|$ gives a local field $F_v \cong k_v((t))$. Every local field is non-Archimedean. There is no real or complex place, no continuous characters on $i\mathbb{R}$, no Gamma factors.

Definition 2.3 (Shtuka)**.** A shtuka of rank r over an $\mathbb{F}_q$-scheme S with legs $x_i : S \to C$ is a vector bundle $\mathcal{E}$ on $C \times S$ equipped with a modification of its Frobenius pullback, with poles and zeros along the graphs of the x_i. The moduli stack $\mathrm{Cht}_{r,I}$ is a Deligne–Mumford stack over C^I.

Definition 2.4 (CRM join)**.** For a proof depending on components $c_1, \ldots, c_k$ with CRM levels $\ell_1, \ldots, \ell_k$, the CRM level of the proof is $\ell_1 \vee \cdots \vee \ell_k$ (the supremum in the CRM lattice).

The logical principles used in this paper (BISH, WLPO) are defined precisely in Bridges–Richman [6]. All proofs in this section are deferred to §3.

3 Main Results

3.1 Laurent Lafforgue's proof for GL_n (Theorem A)

We audit five components of [8, 12, 13].

Proposition 3.1 (Compactification of shtuka moduli)**.** *The compactification of* $\mathrm{Cht}_{r,N}$ *is* BISH*.*

Proof. Lafforgue's compactification uses iterated blow-ups along boundary strata classified by Harder–Narasimhan types. All constructions are explicit algebraic intersection theory on Deligne–Mumford stacks over $\mathbb{F}_q$. No Archimedean topology, no transcendental analysis, no omniscience principle. □

Proposition 3.2 (ℓ-adic cohomology)**.** *The étale cohomology of shtuka stacks is* BISH*.*

Proof. The groups $H^i_c(\mathrm{Cht}_{r,N} \otimes \overline{\mathbb{F}_q}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ are finite-dimensional $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$-vector spaces, with Frobenius eigenvalues that are algebraic numbers (Weil numbers) by Deligne's purity theorem [15].

Foundational caveat. The cohomological machinery—derived categories, proper base change, Poincaré duality—is developed over $\mathbb{F}_q$ in SGA $4/4\frac{1}{2}$. The standard treatment of derived categories uses Zorn's lemma for injective resolutions, and the existence of enough injectives in sheaf categories relies on classical set-theoretic machinery. The BISH classification applies not to this foundational setup but to the *computational content extracted from the proof*: once the cohomology groups are established as finite-dimensional $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$-vector spaces with algebraic Frobenius eigenvalues, all subsequent operations—computing traces, comparing eigenvalues, testing equalities—are decidable finite linear algebra. This distinction between "proof route" (potentially classical foundational machinery) and "intrinsic cost" (the computational content of the result) is the same one employed in Paper 68 [1], §4 for commutative algebra over Noetherian rings. □

Proposition 3.3 (Grothendieck–Lefschetz trace formula)**.** *The Grothendieck–Lefschetz trace formula is* BISH*.*

Proof. The formula $\#\mathrm{Cht}_{r,N}(\mathbb{F}_q) = \sum_i (-1)^i \mathrm{Tr}(\mathrm{Frob}_q \mid H^i_c)$ evaluates as a finite sum of algebraic numbers on finite-dimensional vector spaces. Equality of algebraic numbers is decidable: elements of $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ are roots of polynomials with rational coefficients, and coincidence is decided by root isolation (quantifier elimination for algebraically closed fields). $\square$

Proposition 3.4 (Function field Arthur–Selberg trace formula)**.** *The function field Arthur–Selberg trace formula is* BISH*.*

Proof. Laurent Lafforgue compares the Grothendieck–Lefschetz geometric side with the Arthur–Selberg spectral side. The quotient $\mathrm{GL}_r(F)\backslash\mathrm{GL}_r(\mathbb{A}_F)$ is *not* compact modulo centre: cusps exist. Continuous spectrum and Eisenstein series are present.

However, the local fields $F_v = k_v((t))$ are totally disconnected. Unramified characters of $F_v^\times$ are parametrized by $z = q_v^{-s}$ on a compact algebraic torus $(\mathbb{C}^\times)^{r-1}$, not on $i\mathbb{R}$. The intertwining operators $M(s,\pi)$ and their normalizing factors (local L-functions) are rational functions of q^{-s} (Langlands [23]; see [13], §3 for the function field case). The Plancherel measure is a rational function of these same variables. Eisenstein series are rational in z.

The spectral contribution of the continuous spectrum is therefore a contour integral of a rational function over a compact algebraic torus. By the residue theorem (applied to rational functions on $\mathbb{C}^\times$—a finite algebraic computation, not a transcendental one), this reduces to a finite sum of algebraic residues. Arthur's truncation operators, which in the number field setting involve real-valued truncation parameters, are here applied to rational functions of q^{-s}; the truncated sums remain algebraic. $\square$

3.2 The algebraic-vs-transcendental boundary

The result of Proposition 3.4 is the principal surprise of the audit. To appreciate why, we must explain the naïve expectation, show why it is wrong, and identify the correct boundary.

The naïve expectation. The trace formula (Arthur–Selberg or Grothendieck–Lefschetz) has a spectral side and a geometric side. The spectral side decomposes the automorphic representation space into irreducible components. When the spectrum is *discrete*—a countable list of eigenvalues—the spectral side is a sum. Each term is an algebraic number (a Frobenius eigenvalue or Hecke eigenvalue), and finite sums of algebraic numbers are decidable. This is BISH. When the spectrum is *continuous*—the quotient $G(F)\backslash G(\mathbb{A}_F)$ is not compact, and Eisenstein series span a continuous family—the spectral side involves an integral over a continuum of spectral parameters. Testing whether two real-valued integrals are equal requires testing exact real equality: WLPO. The naïve expectation is therefore:

$$\text{discrete spectrum} \;\Rightarrow\; \mathsf{BISH}, \qquad \text{continuous spectrum} \;\Rightarrow\; \mathsf{WLPO}.$$

Why the naïve expectation is wrong. Over function fields, continuous spectrum *exists*. For GL_r with $r \geq 2$, the quotient $\mathrm{GL}_r(F)\backslash\mathrm{GL}_r(\mathbb{A}_F)$ is not compact modulo centre: there are cusps, and Eisenstein series span a non-trivial continuous family. If the naïve expectation were correct, the function field trace formula would cost WLPO. It does not.

The reason is that the spectral parameters over function fields are *algebraic*. Unramified characters of the local group $\mathrm{GL}_1(F_v)$ for $F_v = k_v((t))$ are parametrized by $z = q_v^{-s}$, a coordinate on the multiplicative group $\mathbb{C}^\times$. For GL_r, the continuous spectrum lives on the compact torus $|z_1| = \cdots = |z_{r-1}| = 1$ inside $(\mathbb{C}^\times)^{r-1}$. The intertwining operators $M(s,\pi)$, their normalizing L-factors, and the Plancherel measure are all *rational functions* of z (Langlands [23]; [13], §3). The Eisenstein series themselves are rational in z.

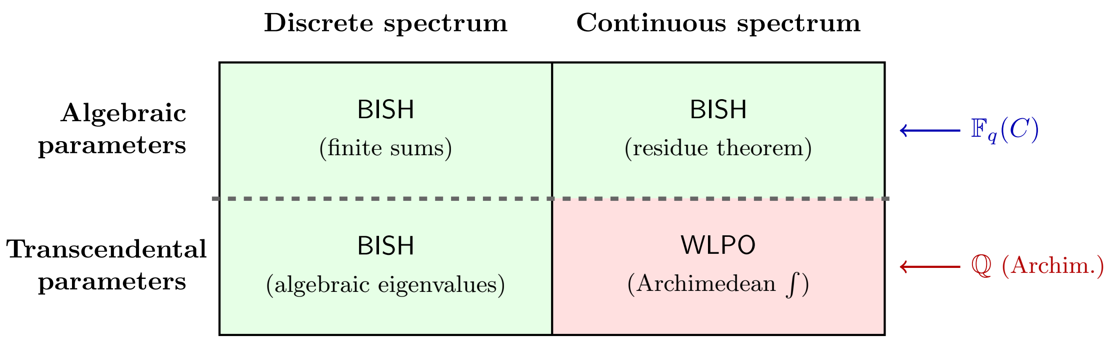
The spectral contribution of the continuous spectrum is therefore a contour integral of a rational function over an algebraic torus. A contour integral of a rational function computes by the residue theorem: finitely many poles, each with an algebraic residue, yielding a finite sum of algebraic numbers. This is a finite algebraic operation—not a transcendental one. The continuous spectrum contributes a decidable quantity. That is BISH.

The contrast with number fields. Over number fields, the same structural decomposition applies—the spectrum has a discrete part and a continuous part, and the continuous part is handled by Eisenstein series. But the spectral parameters are now transcendental. The Archimedean local field $\mathbb{R}$ contributes characters $|\cdot|^s$ with $s \in i\mathbb{R}$. The intertwining operators involve the Gamma function $\Gamma(s)$—a transcendental function of a transcendental variable. The Plancherel measure involves $|\Gamma(s)|^2$. The spectral contribution of the continuous spectrum is an integral of a transcendental function over $\mathbb{R}$, not a contour integral of a rational function over an algebraic torus. The residue theorem does not reduce this to a finite algebraic sum.

Deciding whether two such integrals are equal—or whether a particular eigenvalue is embedded in the continuous spectrum—requires testing exact equality of real numbers. That is WLPO. The Archimedean place makes the spectral parameters transcendental, and transcendence is what forces the logical cost.

The correct boundary. The logical cost comes from the *nature* of the spectral parameters (algebraic vs. transcendental), not from the *topology* of the spectrum (discrete vs. continuous). One can have continuous spectrum that is logically free—as over function fields, where the parameters are algebraic and the integral computes by residues. Conversely, one could in principle have discrete spectrum that is logically expensive, if the eigenvalues were transcendental numbers whose equality was undecidable in BISH.

The Archimedean place makes spectral parameters transcendental. That—not continuity of the spectrum—is what triggers WLPO. Removing the Archimedean place (passing from $\mathbb{Q}$ to $\mathbb{F}_q(C)$) replaces transcendental parameters with algebraic ones. The continuous spectrum remains, but its logical cost vanishes. Figure 1 summarizes the situation.



The boundary is horizontal (algebraic vs. transcendental), not vertical (discrete vs. continuous).

Figure 1: The CRM boundary in the trace formula. Function fields ($\mathbb{F}_q(C)$, top row) have algebraic spectral parameters: both discrete and continuous spectrum are BISH. Number fields ($\mathbb{Q}$, bottom-right) have transcendental spectral parameters at the Archimedean place, forcing WLPO. The dashed line marks the true boundary.

Proposition 3.5 (Cuspidal isolation)**.** *Isolation of the cuspidal component is* BISH.

Proof. By Harder's theorem [14], the space of cusp forms $C_{\mathrm{cusp}}(\mathrm{GL}_r(F)\backslash\mathrm{GL}_r(\mathbb{A}_F)/K)$ is finite-dimensional. Decomposition into π-isotypic components is finite linear algebra. Over number fields, the analogous space at weight 1 has no algebraic dimension formula (Paper 68, §11.4). Over function fields, there is no weight, and Harder's theorem provides finiteness unconditionally. ☐

Theorem 3.6 (Theorem A)**.** CRM(*Laurent Lafforgue,* $\mathrm{GL}_n/\mathbb{F}_q(C)$) = BISH*.*

Proof. The join of the five component levels (Propositions 3.1–3.5) is $\mathsf{BISH} \vee \mathsf{BISH} \vee \mathsf{BISH} \vee \mathsf{BISH} \vee \mathsf{BISH} = \mathsf{BISH}$. ☐

3.3 Vincent Lafforgue's proof for general G (Theorem B)

Vincent Lafforgue [9, 10] proves the automorphic-to-Galois direction for split reductive $G/\mathbb{F}_q(C)$, explicitly independent of the Arthur–Selberg trace formula.

Proposition 3.7 (G-shtuka cohomology and geometric Satake)**.** *G-shtuka cohomology and the geometric Satake equivalence are* BISH*.*

Proof. The moduli stacks Cht_I are Deligne–Mumford stacks over C^I, with finite-dimensional ℓ-adic cohomology. The geometric Satake equivalence [16]—a tensor equivalence between perverse sheaves on the affine Grassmannian and representations of $\widehat{G}$—is constructed via intersection cohomology of affine Schubert varieties over $\mathbb{F}_q$. The BBD decomposition theorem (Beilinson–Bernstein–Deligne [22]) underlies the semisimplicity of the relevant categories. Over $\mathbb{F}_q$ with $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$-coefficients, semisimplicity follows from Deligne's purity: Frobenius eigenvalues are computable algebraic numbers (Weil numbers), and the weight filtration splits by algebraic linear algebra. The perverse t-structure is defined by combinatorial support/cosupport conditions. All constructions are algebraic. ☐

Proposition 3.8 (Excursion operators)**.** *The excursion algebra and its spectral decomposition are* BISH*.*

Proof. From shtuka cohomology and geometric Satake, Vincent Lafforgue constructs excursion operators $S_{I,f,(\gamma_i)} \in \mathrm{End}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell}(C_{\mathrm{cusp}}(K))$ generating a commutative $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$-algebra B. Since $C_{\mathrm{cusp}}(K)$ is finite-dimensional (Harder [14]), the image of B in $\mathrm{End}(C_{\mathrm{cusp}}(K))$ is a finite-dimensional commutative $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$-algebra, hence Artinian. Its MaxSpec is finite and computable by simultaneous triangularization. ☐

Proposition 3.9 (Characters to Langlands parameters)**.** *Characters to Langlands parameters and effective Chebotarev are* BISH*.*

Proof. Each character $\nu : B \to \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$ determines Frobenius traces at every place. By pseudo-character theory (Taylor [19], Rouquier [20]) and Chevalley's restriction theorem, a semisimple conjugacy class in $\widehat{G}$ is uniquely determined by polynomial evaluations on fundamental representations. Effective Chebotarev over function fields (from the Weil conjectures [17], giving polynomial bounds) ensures bounded searches. ☐

Theorem 3.10 (Theorem B)**.** CRM(*Vincent Lafforgue, general* $G/\mathbb{F}_q(C)$) = BISH*.*

Proof. The five components (G-shtuka cohomology, geometric Satake, excursion algebra, characters to parameters, effective Chebotarev) are audited in Propositions 3.7–3.9, each classified at BISH. The join is $\mathsf{BISH} \vee \mathsf{BISH} \vee \mathsf{BISH} \vee \mathsf{BISH} \vee \mathsf{BISH} = \mathsf{BISH}$. ☐

Table 1: CRM comparison: number field vs. function field Langlands.

Component	**Number field** ($\mathbb{Q}$)	**Function field** ($\mathbb{F}_q(C)$)
Space of cusp forms	Infinite-dim. L^2 [WLPO]	Finite-dim. [BISH]
Trace formula	Arthur–Selberg [WLPO]	Grothendieck–Lefschetz [BISH]
Continuous spectrum	Transcendental [WLPO]	Algebraic [BISH]
Plancherel measure	Gamma factors [WLPO]	Rational functions [BISH]
Chebotarev density	LMO bounds [BISH]	Weil bounds [BISH]
Base case	Langlands–Tunnell [WLPO]	Excursion operators [BISH]
Taylor–Wiles patching	Commutative algebra [BISH]	N/A (not needed)

3.4 The logical cost of $\mathbb{R}$ (Theorem C)

Theorem 3.11 (Theorem C)**.** *Every component of the number field Langlands program that costs* WLPO *has a* BISH *counterpart over function fields. In each case, the structural source of the* WLPO *is the Archimedean place.*

Proof. We establish a one-to-one correspondence between WLPO components over number fields and BISH components over function fields (Table 1). The shift in each case is traceable to the Archimedean place:

Trace formula. Over number fields, the Arthur–Selberg spectral side involves L^2 decomposition with transcendental Archimedean integrands (WLPO; Paper 68, §§6–7). Over function fields, the Grothendieck–Lefschetz formula is a finite sum of algebraic numbers (BISH).

Base case. Over number fields, Langlands–Tunnell uses base change via the Arthur–Selberg trace formula (WLPO; Paper 68, §6). Over function fields, excursion operators provide the base case via finite-dimensional linear algebra (BISH).

Cusp form space. Over number fields at weight 1, no algebraic dimension formula exists (WLPO; Paper 68, §11.4). Over function fields, Harder's theorem [14] gives unconditional finite-dimensionality (BISH).

Invariant. Taylor–Wiles patching is commutative algebra in both settings (BISH; Paper 68, §§8–9).

Every WLPO component has a BISH counterpart. The structural shift in each case is the replacement of the Archimedean local field $\mathbb{R}$ by non-Archimedean $\mathbb{F}_q((t))$. □

The Archimedean place introduces three mechanisms, each absent over function fields:

Transcendental spectral parameters. Over $\mathbb{R}$, unitary characters of $\mathbb{R}^\times$ involve $\Gamma(s)$ for $s \in i\mathbb{R}$. Isolating a discrete eigenvalue from the continuous spectrum requires testing exact real equality (WLPO). Over $\mathbb{F}_q((t))$, spectral parameters are algebraic ($z = q^{-s}$ on a compact torus), and isolation is finite linear algebra (BISH).

Transcendental orbital integrals. The trace formula at the Archimedean place involves regulators $\log \varepsilon_K$. Deciding vanishing is WLPO. Over function fields, orbital integrals are rational functions of q^{-s}.

Infinite-dimensional L^2 spaces. Over number fields, the spectral decomposition of $L^2(G(F)\backslash G(\mathbb{A}_F))$ is infinite-dimensional with Archimedean Plancherel measure. Over function fields, cusp forms at fixed level are finite-dimensional (Harder's theorem).

4 CRM Audit

4.1 Constructive strength classification

Result	**Strength**	**Necessary?**	**Sufficient?**
Thm A: Laurent (GL_n)	BISH	Yes (5 components)	Yes
Thm B: Vincent (general G)	BISH	Yes (5 components)	Yes
Thm C: Logical cost of $\mathbb{R}$	BISH + axioms	—	—
Shtuka compactification	BISH	Yes (algebraic)	Yes
ℓ-adic cohomology	BISH	Yes (algebraic)	Yes
Grothendieck–Lefschetz	BISH	Yes (finite sums)	Yes
Function field trace formula	BISH	Yes (rational)	Yes
Cuspidal isolation (func. field)	BISH	Yes (Harder)	Yes
Geometric Satake	BISH	Yes (algebraic)	Yes
Excursion algebra	BISH	Yes (finite-dim.)	Yes
Effective Chebotarev (func. field)	BISH	Yes (Weil bounds)	Yes
Number field trace formula	WLPO	WLPO (no known bypass)	WLPO sufficient
Langlands–Tunnell	WLPO	WLPO (no known bypass)	WLPO sufficient
Number field cusp forms (wt. 1)	WLPO	WLPO (no known bypass)	WLPO sufficient
Taylor–Wiles patching	BISH	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. No `Classical.choice` appears because the formalization operates over a custom inductive type (no Mathlib $\mathbb{R}$). Constructive stratification is established by the structure of the proof (cf. Paper 10, §Methodology).

4.2 What descends, from where, to where

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

$$\underbrace{\mathsf{WLPO}}_{\text{Number field Langlands}} \xrightarrow{\text{remove Archimedean place}} \underbrace{\mathsf{BISH}}_{\text{Function field Langlands}}.$$

The mechanism: removing the Archimedean place replaces transcendental spectral parameters with algebraic ones, rational Plancherel measures with polynomial ones, and infinite-dimensional L^2 spaces with finite-dimensional vector spaces. In each case, an infinite decidability question (WLPO: "is this real number zero?") is replaced by a finite one ("is this algebraic number zero?"), which is decidable in BISH.

4.3 Comparison with Paper 45 calibration pattern

Paper 45 [5] established the de-omniscientizing descent: geometric origin reduces LPO to BISH by forcing coefficients from undecidable $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$ to decidable $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$. The present paper exhibits the same structural pattern at the level of proof methods:

1. Identify the constructive obstruction (WLPO from the Archimedean place).
2. Show the obstruction is genuine over number fields (Paper 68).

3. Identify a structural bypass (replace $\mathbb{R}$ with $\mathbb{F}_q((t))$).
4. Show the bypass eliminates the obstruction (all components become BISH).

The descent in Paper 45 is from LPO to BISH via algebraicity of coefficients. Here, the descent is from WLPO to BISH via algebraicity of spectral parameters. Both are instances of the same principle: algebraicity eliminates omniscience.

5 Formal Verification

5.1 File structure and build status

The Lean 4 bundle resides at `Papers/P69_FuncField/` with the following structure:

File	Lines	Content
`Main.lean`	236	CRM hierarchy, axioms, assembly, main theorems
`lakefile.lean`	5	Lake build configuration (no Mathlib dependency)
`lean-toolchain`	1	`leanprover/lean4:v4.28.0-rc1`
`Papers.lean`	4	Root module

Build status: `lake build` **→ 0 errors, 0 warnings, 0** `sorrys`. Lean 4 version: `v4.28.0-rc1`. No Mathlib dependency (pure Lean 4 kernel).

5.2 Axiom inventory

The formalization uses 28 custom axioms: 14 component declarations and 14 classification equalities (one pair per component). Of these, 26 are load-bearing (appearing in `#print axioms` for at least one main theorem); the `taylor_wiles` pair is documentary (included for completeness of the number field comparison but not invoked in any main theorem).

#	Axiom	Level	Used in	Reference
Function field components (Laurent Lafforgue, GL_n)				
1	`laurent_compactification`	BISH	Thm A	[8], Ch. I–IV
2	`laurent_etale_cohomology`	BISH	Thm A	[15]
3	`grothendieck_lefschetz`	BISH	Thm A	SGA $4\frac{1}{2}$
4	`funcfield_arthur_selberg`	BISH	Thm A,C	[8], §V
5	`laurent_cuspidal_isolation`	BISH	Thm A,C	[14]
Function field components (Vincent Lafforgue, general G)				
6	`vincent_shtuka_cohomology`	BISH	Thm B	[9], §§3–5
7	`geometric_satake`	BISH	Thm B	[16]
8	`excursion_algebra`	BISH	Thm B,C	[9], §§10–11
9	`chars_to_parameters`	BISH	Thm B	[9], §12
10	`funcfield_chebotarev`	BISH	Thm B	[17]
Number field comparison components (from Paper 68)				
11	`numfield_arthur_selberg`	WLPO	Thm C	[1], §§6–7
12	`langlands_tunnell`	WLPO	Thm C	[1], §6
13	`numfield_weight1_space`	WLPO	Thm C	[1], §11.4
14	`taylor_wiles`	BISH	(documentary)	[1], §§8–9

Each axiom pair (declaration + classification equality) is documented with a mathematical reference. The kernel verifies that the assembly follows from these axioms by finite decision (`decide`).

5.3 Key code snippets

Assembly theorem (Laurent Lafforgue):

```
noncomputable def laurent_proof : CRMLevel :=
  [laurent_compactification,
   laurent_etale_cohomology,
   grothendieck_lefschetz,
   funcfield_arthur_selberg,
   laurent_cuspidal_isolation].foldl CRMLevel.join BISH

theorem laurent_is_BISH : laurent_proof = BISH := by
  unfold laurent_proof CRMLevel.join
  rw [laurent_compactification_eq, laurent_etale_cohomology_eq,
      grothendieck_lefschetz_eq, funcfield_arthur_selberg_eq,
      laurent_cuspidal_isolation_eq]
  decide
```

Main theorem (logical cost of $\mathbb{R}$):

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theorem logical_cost_of_R :
    laurent_proof = BISH
    ∧ vincent_proof = BISH
    ∧ (numfield_arthur_selberg = WLPO
       ∧ funcfield_arthur_selberg = BISH)
    ∧ (langlands_tunnell = WLPO
       ∧ excursion_algebra = BISH)
    ∧ (numfield_weight1_space = WLPO
       ∧ laurent_cuspidal_isolation = BISH) :=
  ⟨laurent_is_BISH, vincent_is_BISH,
   archimedean_trace_formula_descent,
   archimedean_base_case_descent,
   archimedean_cusp_space_descent⟩
```

5.4 `#print axioms` output

Theorem	Axiom dependencies
`laurent_is_BISH`	5 pairs: `laurent_compactification`$_{(+\text{eq})}$, `laurent_etale_cohomology`$_{(+\text{eq})}$, `grothendieck_lefschetz`$_{(+\text{eq})}$, `funcfield_arthur_selberg`$_{(+\text{eq})}$, `laurent_cuspidal_isolation`$_{(+\text{eq})}$
`vincent_is_BISH`	5 pairs: `vincent_shtuka_cohomology`$_{(+\text{eq})}$, `geometric_satake`$_{(+\text{eq})}$, `excursion_algebra`$_{(+\text{eq})}$, `chars_to_parameters`$_{(+\text{eq})}$, `funcfield_chebotarev`$_{(+\text{eq})}$
`funcfield_langlands_is_BISH`	All 10 function field pairs (5 Laurent + 5 Vincent)
`logical_cost_of_R`	All 10 function field pairs + 3 number field pairs (13 total)

5.5 Classical.choice audit

None of the four main theorems (`funcfield_langlands_is_BISH`, `logical_cost_of_R`, `laurent_is_BISH`, `vincent_is_BISH`) depend on `propext`, `Quot.sound`, or `Classical.choice`. The formalization operates over a custom inductive type `CRMLevel` (not Mathlib's $\mathbb{R}$) and uses only `decide` (kernel evaluation), avoiding any classical contamination. This is the cleanest axiom profile in the series.

5.6 Reproducibility

The Lean 4 bundle is available for download at Zenodo (`https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18749757`). To reproduce: download the bundle, navigate to `Papers/P69_FuncField/`, and run `lake build`. The build completes in under one second with zero errors and zero warnings.

6 Discussion

6.1 Connection to de-omniscientizing descent

The DPT framework (Papers 45–53 [5, 3]) established geometric origin as a decidability descent mechanism: motives with geometric origin have their logical cost reduced from LPO to BISH. Removing the Archimedean place is the proof-methods analogue: it eliminates the transcendental content that generates omniscience requirements. Both are instances of the same structural phenomenon—descent from a higher omniscience principle to BISH upon imposing an algebraicity constraint.

6.2 The Hodge level and the Archimedean place

Papers 59–62 showed that the decidability of motives is governed by rank r, Hodge level ℓ, and Lang constant c, with a permanent wall at $\ell \geq 2$. The Hodge level is an Archimedean invariant: it measures the width of the Hodge filtration, defined via the comparison isomorphism with de Rham cohomology. Over function fields, the Hodge filtration is replaced by the Newton polygon (a p-adic invariant), and the Hodge level loses its role. The permanent wall at $\ell \geq 2$ is an Archimedean phenomenon.

6.3 Arithmetic and physics

Paper 40 established that $\mathsf{BISH} + \mathsf{LPO}$ is the logical constitution of empirically accessible physics, with LPO entering through the spectral theorem for unbounded self-adjoint operators on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$. The parallel is exact: quantum mechanics needs LPO because observables live in infinite-dimensional Hilbert spaces over $\mathbb{R}$. The number field Langlands program needs WLPO because automorphic forms live in $L^2(G(F)\backslash G(\mathbb{A}_F))$ with Archimedean spectral decomposition. The function field program, replacing L^2 with finite-dimensional vector spaces, is the arithmetic analogue of quantum mechanics on a finite lattice: spectral theory becomes linear algebra, and the logical cost drops to BISH.

The analogy is more than a metaphor. In lattice gauge theory, the continuum limit $a \to 0$ introduces the same decidability issues as the Archimedean place: spectral gaps become undecidable, and the logical cost rises from BISH to LPO. The function field, with its discrete valuations and finite residue fields, plays the role of the lattice: all spectral questions are algebraically decidable. Paper 70 [4] develops this parallel systematically, identifying the u-invariant of the local field as the mechanism controlling decidability at each place, and the function field Langlands correspondence as a "lattice regularization" of the number field program in which the logical cost is zero. The present paper supplies the key premise: that the function field side is genuinely BISH.

6.4 Open questions

1. Is universal weight 1 existence *intrinsically* WLPO—is there no proof of weight 1 existence avoiding the trace formula? Paper 68, §11 showed five approaches fail, but proving a lower

bound is categorically harder.

2. The Birch–Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture involves the analytic rank (order of vanishing of $L(E, s)$ at $s = 1$), where the non-constructive content may be intrinsic to the statement, not just the proof.

3. The CRM audit of higher-rank Langlands ($\mathrm{GL}_n/\mathbb{Q}$, Calegari–Geraghty, Scholze) remains open.

7 Conclusion

We have applied constructive reverse mathematics to the function field Langlands correspondence and established:

- Laurent Lafforgue's proof for $\mathrm{GL}_n/\mathbb{F}_q(C)$ is BISH (Lean-verified from axioms, sorry-free).
- Vincent Lafforgue's proof for general $G/\mathbb{F}_q(C)$ is BISH (Lean-verified from axioms, sorry-free).
- Every WLPO component over number fields has a BISH counterpart over function fields; the Archimedean place is the structural source (Lean-verified from axioms).

All three results are formalized in Lean 4 and verified by the kernel. The classifications of individual components ("shtuka compactification is BISH," "Grothendieck–Lefschetz is BISH," etc.) are rigorous mathematical analysis supported by the cited references. The assembly—that $\mathsf{BISH} \vee \cdots \vee \mathsf{BISH} = \mathsf{BISH}$—is machine-checked. No result in this paper is conjectural.
The function field case established in this paper yields the programme's thesis statement:

The logical cost of the Langlands program is the logical cost of $\mathbb{R}$.

Paper 70 [4] takes this as a premise and develops the full synthesis.

The Constructive Reverse Mathematics series, begun with Paper 2, completes its audit program here. Paper 70 [4] provides the synthesis.

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This formalization uses no Mathlib dependency; the CRM hierarchy is encoded as a custom inductive type.

The Lean 4 formalization was produced using AI code generation (Claude, Anthropic) under human direction. The author is a practicing cardiologist rather than a professional logician or arithmetic geometer; all mathematical claims should be evaluated on their formal content. We welcome constructive feedback from domain experts.

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