
JOHN LABUTE, McGill University

Linking Numbers, Mild Groups and the Fontaine-Mazur Conjecture

Let p be a prime, let S be a finite set of primes $q \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ but $q \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p^2}$ and let G_S be the Galois group of the maximal p -extension of \mathbb{Q} unramified outside of S . If ρ is a continuous homomorphism of G_S into $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ we use the Koch presentation of G_S and the theory of mild pro- p -groups to show that if $p > 3$ then, under certain conditions on the linking numbers of the primes in S , either $\rho = 1$ or $\rho(G_S)$ is a Sylow p -subgroup of $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}_p)$. Under certain conditions on S with $|S| = 2, 3$, we show that $\rho = 1$.