

# Effectivity in Faltings' Theorem.

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- ▶ (This is really a theorem about abelian varieties.)



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- ▶ Our key argument closely follows (and indeed we depended quite a bit upon) the paper "Anabelian geometry and descent obstructions on moduli spaces" by Patrikis-Voloch-Zarhin.

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- ▶ We'll solve  $x^6 + 4y^3 = 1$  (and some twists) over such  $K$  using a slightly modified argument.

Quick reminder: Faltings' first proof.



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- ▶ Thus by properness we reduce to dealing with  $\mathcal{A}_g(\mathfrak{o}_{K,S})$ , i.e.  $g$ -dimensional  $A/K$  with good reduction outside  $S$ .

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**It is also evident that the image of the composition is finite!**  
(Purity, aka Weil's proof of RH for curves:  
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- ▶ So, just like in Vojta's proof, the ineffectivity arises because we do not know a priori whether a given  $(a_p)_{p \in T}$  has a corresponding  $A/K$  or not.



But it's not hopeless...

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