

## On the proof of Serre's conjecture

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which is irreducible and odd. The theorem says that given  $\bar{\rho}$ , there is an  $f$  and an  $\iota$  such that  $\bar{\rho}$  is isomorphic to the reduction of  $\rho_{f,\iota}$ . The proof relies on a generalisation of the theorem of modularity of Wiles:  $\bar{\rho}$  modular, a lift  $\rho$  of  $\bar{\rho}$  which is geometric is modular, and also uses systematically the trick of changing primes of Wiles.

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