

# Arf symbols and the absolute Galois group of a local field

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## Abstract

Using Arf's approach ([1]), which gives a description of the separable closure  $\mathbb{F}_q((t))^{\text{sep}}$  of the field of formal Laurent series  $\mathbb{F}_q((t))$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  and of the absolute Galois group  $V_{\mathbb{F}_q((t))}$  of the maximal tamely ramified closure  $\mathbb{F}_q((t))^{\text{tr}}$  of  $\mathbb{F}_q((t))$  in terms of certain symbols called Arf symbols in this talk, together with Fontaine-Wintenberger theory of fields of norms ([4, 5]), we give a description of the absolute Galois group  $G_K$  of *any* local field  $K$  via non-abelian topological group extensions.

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