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92697. *Base rings for global (φ, Γ) -modules.*

This talk is about adapting to number fields a theory which has been used to study cohomology theories of varieties over p -adic fields. We first recall the existing theory. Let X be a variety over the field of p -adic numbers, \mathbb{Q}_p . Under suitable assumptions, the associated étale cohomology groups with p -adic coefficients live in the category of \mathbb{Z}_p -modules equipped with a continuous action of the absolute Galois group $G_{\mathbb{Q}_p}$. The theory of (φ, Γ) -modules concerns certain equivalent categories, in which the objects are again modules equipped with certain actions. In the new category the actions come from simpler objects than $G_{\mathbb{Q}_p}$, but the base rings for the modules are much more complicated than \mathbb{Z}_p . In this talk we will construct a global analogue of these base rings, which makes use of big Witt vectors, overconvergence conditions, and inverse limits under the Witt vector Frobenius maps. We will indicate why this is a reasonable analogue. This is joint work with Kiran Kedlaya, who will be giving a follow-up talk. (Received September 12, 2012)