

# Introduction

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## § Motivation

(1) Classical motivation:

Hecke:  $\pi$  rep of  $PGL_2(\mathbb{A}_Q)$

$$\rightsquigarrow L(\frac{1}{2}+s, \pi) \approx \int_{(\mathbb{R}^*)} f(h) \cdot |h|^s dh$$

period integral

unfold  $\rightarrow$  Whittaker functionals  $\forall v$  place,

i.e.  $W: PGL_2(\mathbb{Q}_v) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  with some  $\psi: \mathbb{Q}_v \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

$$\text{s.t. } W\left(\begin{pmatrix} t & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} g\right) = \psi(t) W(g), \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{Q}_v.$$

Generalization: GGP conjs, etc.

(2) Local motivation:

$F$  local field,  $G$  conn red grp /  $F$ ,

$X$  "reasonable" homogeneous  $G$ -space

s.t.  $X(F) \subseteq G(F)$  assuming  $\exists$  invariant measure.

Spectral decomp (in abstracts)

$$L^2(X) = \int_{\hat{G}}^\oplus d\mu_{\text{Plancherel}}(\pi).$$

$\pi$ -isotypic unitary rep of  $G(F)$

Goal Make this explicit.

E.g. What is  $\mu_{\text{Plancherel}}$ ?

Reformulation/Refinement:  $\Phi_i \in \mathcal{S}(X)$  Schwartz func,  $i=1,2$

$$\rightsquigarrow L^2 \text{ inner product } (\Phi_1 | \Phi_2)_{L^2(X)} = \int \mathcal{I}_\pi(\Phi_1, \Phi_2) d\mu_{\text{Plancherel}}(\pi)$$

where  $J_\pi : f(x) \otimes \overline{f(x)} \xrightarrow{\text{quotient}} (f(x))_{\pi\text{-iso}} \otimes (\overline{f(x)})_{\pi\text{-iso}}^v$   
 $\xrightarrow{G\text{-invariant}} \mathbb{C}$

E.g.  $G = H \times H$ ,  $X = H \hookrightarrow H \times H$ .

$$L^2(H) \stackrel{H\text{-c}}{=} \int_{\text{Temp}(H)}^\oplus \overbrace{\sigma \boxtimes \sigma}^\pi \text{d}\mu_{\text{Plancherel}}(\pi)$$

- Everything is explicit here.

Now Assume  $X$  is spherical

i.e.  $\exists$  open  $B$ -orbit in  $X$  ( $B$  Borel subgroup of  $G$ ).

say  $G$  is split here.

In [SV17], it is conjectured:

(i) Can construct  $G_x$  together with  $G_x \times \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow G^v$   
↑  
dual grp of  $G$

(ii)  $(\mathbb{I}_1, \mathbb{I}_2)_{L^2(X)} = \int_{W_F \times G_x} J_\varphi^{\text{Plancherel}}(\mathbb{I}_1, \mathbb{I}_2) \cdot d\nu_x(\varphi)$

with  $\nu_x =$  the "standard measure" on such  $\varphi$ .

•  $J_\varphi^{\text{Plancherel}} : f(x) \otimes \overline{f(x)} \rightarrow \Pi_\varphi \otimes \overline{\Pi_\varphi} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

•  $\Pi_\varphi = \bigoplus$  (irreps of Arthur-packet) (with multiplicities?)

attached to  $W_F \times \text{SL}_2 \rightarrow G_x \times \text{SL}_2 \rightarrow G^v$ .

(3) Global motivation

$F$  global field,  $X \hookrightarrow G$  spherical

Roughly,  $\text{RTF}_X(\mathbb{I}_1, \mathbb{I}_2) = \int_\varphi J_\varphi^{\text{global}}(\mathbb{I}_1, \mathbb{I}_2) d\nu_x(\varphi)$   
↑  
 $L$ -parameters into  $G_x$ .

Here  $\mathbb{I}_1, \mathbb{I}_2 \in f(X(\mathbb{A}))$ ,  $\mathbb{A} = \mathbb{A}_F$ .

$$\prod_v \frac{J_{\Psi_v}^{\text{global}}}{J_{\Psi_v}^{\text{Plancherel}}} \text{ expected} \approx |\text{Periods of autom forms}|^2 \times (L\text{-value})^{-1}$$

### § Relative trace formula (modulo convergence)

Let the theta series

$$\Theta_{\mathbb{F}}^X(g) = \sum_{x \in X(\mathbb{F})} \mathbb{F}(xg), \quad g \in G(\mathbb{A})$$

$$\Theta^X: \mathcal{f}(X(\mathbb{A})) \longrightarrow \text{Fun}(G(\mathbb{F}) \backslash G(\mathbb{A}), \mathbb{C}) \quad G(\mathbb{A})\text{-equivariant.}$$

$X_1, X_2$  spherical varieties

$$\text{Then } \text{RTF}(\mathbb{F}_1, \mathbb{F}_2) = \int_{G(\mathbb{F}) \backslash G(\mathbb{A})} \Theta_{\mathbb{F}_1}^{X_1} \overline{\Theta_{\mathbb{F}_2}^{X_2}}, \quad \mathbb{F}_i \in \mathcal{f}(X_i(\mathbb{A}))$$

(assume  $G$ -semisimple).

Suppose  $X_i = H_i \backslash G$ . More common:  $\forall f \in \mathcal{f}(G(\mathbb{A}))$ ,

$$\text{RTF}(f) = \int_{H_1(\mathbb{F}) \backslash H_1(\mathbb{A})} \int_{H_2(\mathbb{F}) \backslash H_2(\mathbb{A})} \sum_{\gamma \in G(\mathbb{F})} f(x\gamma y^{-1}) dx dy.$$

$\Rightarrow$  Same result if  $X_i(\mathbb{A}) = H_i(\mathbb{A}) \backslash G(\mathbb{A})$  &  $X_i(\mathbb{F}) = H_i(\mathbb{F}) \backslash G(\mathbb{F})$ .

Idea RTF should be a linear functional on  $\mathcal{f}$  of

(forget about complex conj)

$$(H_1(\mathbb{A}) \backslash G(\mathbb{A}) \times H_2(\mathbb{A}) \backslash G(\mathbb{A})) / G(\mathbb{A}).$$

$\uparrow$   
 $H_1(\mathbb{A}) \backslash G(\mathbb{A}) / H_2(\mathbb{A})$

Have  $\mathcal{f}([(H_1(\mathbb{A}) \backslash G(\mathbb{A}) \times H_2(\mathbb{A}) \backslash G(\mathbb{A})) / G(\mathbb{A})])$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \uparrow & & \uparrow \approx \\ \mathcal{f}(H_1(\mathbb{A}) \backslash G(\mathbb{A}) \times H_2(\mathbb{A}) \backslash G(\mathbb{A})) & & \mathcal{f}([H_1(\mathbb{A}) \backslash G(\mathbb{A}) / H_2(\mathbb{A})]) \quad \mathbb{F}_1 \otimes \mathbb{F}_2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \mathcal{f}(G(\mathbb{A}) \times G(\mathbb{A})) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{f}(G(\mathbb{A})) \\ \mathcal{f}_1 \otimes \mathcal{f}_2 & \longleftarrow & \mathcal{f} = \mathcal{f}_1 * \mathcal{f}_2^\vee \end{array}$$

### § Unramified local situation

$\hookrightarrow \Phi_x \in \mathcal{J}(x)$  "basic" function

" $\mathbb{1}_{x(\mathfrak{o})}$ " if  $x$  is smooth.

In the geometric / unramified local setting,

we impose structures

replacing  $L^2(x)$  by  $\mathcal{C}_c^\infty(X_F/G_{\mathfrak{o}})$  where  $\mathfrak{O} \subset F$ .  
 $\mathcal{C}_c^\infty(G(F) \backslash G(\mathbb{A}))$  by  $\mathcal{C}_c^\infty(G(F) \backslash G(\mathbb{A})/G(\hat{\mathfrak{O}}))$   
 with Hecke alg action.

So (unramified local)  $(\Phi_x | h \cdot \Phi_x)_{L^2(x)}$

$\uparrow$   
 $h$ : Hecke operator

(global geom)  $\text{RTF}(\prod_v \Phi_{x_v} | h \cdot \prod_v \Phi_{x_v})$

$\uparrow$   
 $h$ : global Hecke operator

Remark We also have to accommodate the case  $\mathcal{C}_c^\infty(H(F) \backslash G(F), \psi)$

(say  $F$  local)

where  $\psi: H(F) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  subject to the conditions

(e.g. "genericity")

• This is the Whittaker induction setting.

### § Tiers of Langlands

"Arithmetic part"

# TF of  $G$  / global  $F$

v.s. {Autom forms} =  $A(G)$  / global  $F$

cat  $\text{Rep } G(F)$  / local  $F$

"Geometric part"

Shw Geometrizations of TF.

Cat Cat of custom sheaves / Bung (F global)

2-Cat Categorical rep of  $LG = G/F/G_0$  (F local)

Prob L-functions doesn't appear in this picture.

§ Relative Langlands

"Arithmetic part"

#  $RTF^{X_1, X_2}$  / global F

versus  $\mathbb{Q}_F^\times$  for various  $\mathbb{F} \ni$  Hecke operator

#  $(\cdot | \cdot)_{\mathbb{F}(x)}$  / local F

versus  $\mathbb{F} \in \mathcal{J}(x)$  for various  $\mathbb{F} \ni$  Hecke operator.

"Geometric part"

Replace  $\mathbb{Q}_F^\times$  by X-period sheaves /  $\text{Sh}(Bung)$

$\mathbb{F}$  by categorical rep of LG /  $\text{Sh}(LX) \ni LG$

Also RTF algebra, Plancherel algebra.

Endomorphisms of "basic X-period shws"  
or "basic X-period shws on  $LX/LG$ " } need  $\infty$ -Cat.  
with Hecke operators inserted.

See p.9 of [BZSV].

## § Spectral side

(favorable)  $X$  spherical  $G$ -var  $\hookrightarrow T^*X$  Hamiltonian  $G$ -space  
 (good)  $\hat{M}$  Hamiltonian  $G$ -space  
 hyperspherical  $\uparrow$   
 $M^\vee$  Hamiltonian  $G^\vee$ -space  
 (not necessarily a  $T^*(-)$ ).

### Expectation

	Local	Global
geometric	Coh sheaves on $M^\vee/G^\vee$	"L-sheaves" on the spectral side
	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
arithmetic	In §9.4 spherical fns on $X$	L-fun appeared in $RTF^{X,X}$
		Innovation in [BZSV].

Meta-Conjecture The relative setting  
 automorphic  $\longleftrightarrow$  Spectral

## § Final remarks

$\exists$  Plenty examples of  $X, M, M^\vee, L$ -funs  
 Explanations from TQFT  
 $\hookrightarrow$  motivates the work of  $M, M^\vee$ .