

# An introduction to the representation theory of $p$ -adic $r$ groups

## Lecture 2: Tempered representations

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## Definition

A representation  $(\pi, V)$  of a  $p$ -adic reductive group  $G$  is **unitarizable** if there exists a  $G$ -invariant (positive definite Hermitian) inner product on  $V$ .

Then, after completing  $V$  with respect to the given inner product, we obtain a **unitary** representation of  $G$  in a Hilbert space.

## Proposition

The discrete series of  $G$  splits into two classes :

- supercuspidal representations : irreducible unitary representations whose matrix coefficients are compactly supported (mod the center of  $G$ ),
- generalized special representations : irreducible unitary representations whose matrix coefficients are square-integrable (mod the center of  $G$ ), and which are subrepresentations of representations induced from proper parabolic subgroups of  $G$ .

### Example

The basic example of a discrete series representation that is (generally) not supercuspidal is the Steinberg representation.

### Proposition

Suppose that  $(\pi, V)$  is irreducible smooth and square integrable modulo the center. Then  $(\pi, V)$  is unitarizable and there exists a unique  $\text{fddeg}(\pi) > 0$  such that

$$\int_{G/Z_G} \langle u, \pi(g^{-1})u \rangle \cdot \langle v, \pi(g)v \rangle d\bar{g} = \text{fddeg}(\pi)^{-1} \langle \tilde{u}, v \rangle \cdot \langle \tilde{v}, u \rangle.$$

### Definition

The constant  $\text{fddeg}(\pi)$  is called the **formal degree** of  $\pi$ . (Note that  $\text{fddeg}(\pi)$  depends on a choice of Haar measure on  $G/Z_G$ .)

### Definition

If  $\pi$  is such that  $\pi \otimes \chi$  is square integrable modulo the center for some quasi character (i.e., one-dimensional smooth representation)  $\chi$  of  $G$ , then  $\pi$  is said to be **essentially square integrable modulo the center**, and we set

$$\text{fdeg}(\pi) := \text{fdeg}(\pi \otimes \chi).$$

### Proposition

Let  $(\tau, W)$  be an irreducible smooth representation of an open compact modulo center subgroup  $H$  of  $G$ . Suppose that the representation  $\pi := \text{c} - \text{Ind}_H^G \tau$  is irreducible.

Then  $\pi$  is essentially square integrable modulo the center and

$$\text{fdeg}(\pi) = \text{meas}(H/Z_G)^{-1} \text{deg}(\tau).$$

## The $SL_2(F)$ case

The center of  $SL_2(F)$  is  $\{\pm 1\}$ . It follows that the discrete series of  $SL_2(F)$  consists of those irreducible unitary representations whose matrix coefficients lie in  $L^2(SL_2(F))$ .

## Proposition

Let  $G = SL_2(F)$  and  $\chi$  be a character of the torus  $T \simeq F^\times$ .

Then the representation  $\pi_\chi := i_{T,B}^G(\chi)$  is reducible if and only if  $\chi$  is quadratic character of  $F^\times$  (i.e.,  $\chi^2 = 1$  with  $\chi \neq 1$ ), that is, for  $\chi \in \{\text{sgn}_{\varepsilon_F}, \text{sgn}_{\varpi_F}, \text{sgn}_{\varepsilon_F \varpi_F}\}$ .

When  $\pi_\chi$  is reducible, it is a direct sum of two irreducible components  $\pi_\chi^+$  and  $\pi_\chi^-$ .

## Classification of the irreducible unitary representations of $SL_2(F)$ ( $p \neq 2$ ) :

- 1 The unitary principal series  $\pi_\chi$ , where  $\chi \in \text{Irr}(F^\times)$  and  $\chi$  is not of order two. We observe that  $\pi_\chi \simeq \pi_{\chi^{-1}}$ ;
- 2 The irreducible components  $\pi_\chi^+$  and  $\pi_\chi^-$  of the principal series  $\pi_\chi$ , where  $\chi$  is a quadratic character of  $F^\times$ .
- 3 The supercuspidal discrete series.
- 4 The complementary series  $\pi_\chi = i_{T,B}^G(\chi_s)$ , where  $\chi_s(t) := |t|_p^s$  and  $0 < s < 1$ .
- 5 Two additional irreducible unitary representations : these are obtained by considering the representation  $\pi_\chi$ , where  $\chi(x) = |x|$ , which occurs at the “end of the complementary series”. The representation  $\pi_\chi$  has a composition series of length 2 : one subquotient is the trivial representation, and the other is the Steinberg representation, which is square-integrable.

## Characteristic spaces

Let  $P = LU$  be a parabolic subgroup of  $G$ ,  $(\pi, V)$  an admissible representation of  $G$ ,  $\chi$  a smooth character of  $A_L$  (the  $F$ -points of  $\mathbf{A}_L$ , the maximal  $F$ -split torus lying in the center of  $\mathbf{L}$ ),  $K_L$  an open compact subgroup of  $L$ . We define  $(r_{L,P}^G V)_\chi^{K_L}$  to be the set of  $v \in (r_{L,P}^G V)^{K_L}$  such that there exists  $d \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  with

$$(r_{L,P}^G(\pi)(t) - \chi(t)\text{Id}_V)^d \cdot v = 0 \quad \text{for all } t \in A,$$

We have

$$(r_{L,P}^G V)^{K_L} = \bigoplus_{\chi} (r_{L,P}^G V)_\chi^{K_L},$$

where  $\chi$  describes the set of smooth characters of  $A$ .

## Exponents

If  $K'_L \subset K_L$  is another open compact subgroup of  $G$ , we have  $(r_{L,P}^G V)_\chi^{K_L} \subset (r_{L,P}^G V)_\chi^{K'_L}$ , and we set

$$(r_{L,P}^G V)_\chi := \bigcup_{K_L} (r_{L,P}^G V)_\chi^{K_L},$$

where  $K_L$  runs over the set of open compact subgroups of  $G$ .

## Definition

If  $(r_{L,P}^G V)_\chi \neq \{0\}$ , we say that  $\chi$  is an **exponent** of  $\pi$  for  $P$ . The set of these exponents will be denoted by  $\text{Exp}(A_L, r_{L,P}^G V)$ .



## Notation

Fix a minimal parabolic subgroup  $P_0 = L_0 U_0 \subset P$  such that  $A_L \subset A_0 := A_{L_0}$ . Let  $X^*(A_L)$  be the group of rational characters of  $A_L$ , and  $X_*(A_L) := \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(X_*(A_L), \mathbb{Z})$ . We write

$$\mathfrak{a}_L := X_*(A_L) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{R} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathfrak{a}_L^* := X^*(A_L) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{R}.$$

Let  $\Sigma(A_0)$  be the set of roots of  $A_0$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$ , and  $\Sigma_{\text{red}}(A_0)$  the subset of reduced roots :  $\Sigma_{\text{red}}(A_0) := \{\alpha \in \Sigma(A_0) : \alpha/m \notin \Sigma(A_0) \text{ if } m \geq 2\}$ . Let  $\Delta_0$  be the set of simple roots in  $\Sigma_{\text{red}}(A_0)$ , and set

$$\Delta(P) := \{\alpha|_{\mathfrak{a}_L} : \alpha \in \Delta_0 \setminus \Delta_0^L\},$$

where  $\Delta_0^L$  is the analog of  $\Delta_0$  where  $G$  is replaced by  $L$ .

## Casselman's criterion

Let  $(\pi, V) \in \text{Irr}(G)$  with unitary central character. Then  $\pi$  is square integrable modulo the center if and only if, for any parabolic subgroup  $P = LU$  of  $G$  and any  $\chi \in \text{Exp}(A, r_{L,P}^G V)$ , we have  $\Re(\chi) \in {}^+[\mathfrak{a}_L^*]_P^G$ , where

$${}^+[\mathfrak{a}_L^*]_P^G := \left\{ \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta(P)} m_\alpha \alpha : m_\alpha > 0 \right\}.$$

## Notation

We write

$${}^+[\overline{\mathfrak{a}_L^*}]_P^G := \left\{ \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta(P)} m_\alpha \alpha : m_\alpha \geq 0 \right\}.$$

## Definition

A representation  $(\pi, V)$  of  $G$  is **tempered** if it is admissible, and if for any parabolic subgroup  $P = LU$  of  $G$ , every  $\chi \in \text{Exp}(A, r_{L,P}^G V)$  satisfies  $\Re(\chi) \in {}^+ \overline{[\mathfrak{a}_L^*]}_P^G$ .

## Proposition

An irreducible unitary representation of  $G$  is tempered if and only if its matrix coefficients lie in  $L^{2+\epsilon}(G/Z)$  for all  $\epsilon > 0$ .

## Notation

Let  $\text{Irr}^2(G)$  denote the set of equivalence classes of irreducible square integrable modulo the center representations of  $G$  and let

$$\text{Irr}^t(G) \supset \text{Irr}^2(G)$$

be the set of equivalence classes of irreducible tempered representations of  $G$ .

## Theorem [Harish-Chandra]

Any irreducible tempered representation  $\pi$  of  $G$  occurs as an irreducible component of a parabolically induced representation  $i_{M,Q}^G(\omega)$ , where  $Q$  is a parabolic subgroup of  $G$  with Levi factor  $M$  and  $\omega \in \text{Irr}^2(M)$ .

The  $G$ -conjugacy class  $(M, \omega)_G$  of  $(M, \omega)$  is uniquely determined and is called the **discrete support** of  $\pi$ .

## Notation

We write

$$\Omega(G) := \{(L, \sigma)_G : L \text{ Levi subgroup of } G, \sigma \text{ irred. supercuspidal}\}$$

$$\Omega^t(G) := \{(M, \omega)_G : M \text{ Levi subgroup of } G, \omega \text{ discrete series}\}$$

and denote by

$$\nu: \text{Irr}^t(G) \rightarrow \Omega(G) \quad \text{and} \quad \nu^t: \text{Irr}^t(G) \rightarrow \Omega^t(G)$$

the corresponding supercuspidal support map and discrete support map.

## Compatibility of the discrete support and supercuspidal maps

The following diagram commutes :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \text{Irr}^t(G) & \\
 \nu^t \swarrow & & \searrow \nu \\
 \Omega^t(G) & \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{z}} & \Omega(G)
 \end{array}$$

where  $\mathfrak{z}: (M, \omega)_G \mapsto$  supercuspidal support of  $\omega$ .

## Remark

For  $G = \text{GL}_n(F)$ , the map  $\mathfrak{z}$  is injective and  $\nu^t$  is bijective (since unitary induction is irreducible for  $\text{GL}_n(F)$ ).

## Unitary unramified characters

**Definition :** A character  $\chi: M \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  is **unramified** if  $\chi$  is trivial on every compact subgroup of  $M$ .

**Notation :** Let  $\mathcal{X}(M)$  be the abelian group of unramified characters of  $M$ , and  $\mathcal{X}_u(M)$  the subgroup of the **unitary unramified** characters.

## Orbits under unitary unramified characters

Let  $\omega$  be a square-integrable irred. repres. of  $M$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}$  denote the orbit of  $\omega$  under  $\mathcal{X}_u(M)$  :

$$\mathcal{O} := \{\omega \otimes \chi : \chi \in \mathcal{X}_u(M)\} = \mathcal{X}_u(M) \cdot \omega.$$

## Notation/Definition

- Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the set of pairs  $(Q = MN, \mathcal{O})$ , where  $Q$  is a semi-standard parabolic subgroup of  $G$  and  $\mathcal{O}$  as above.
- Two pairs  $(Q = MN, \mathcal{O})$  and  $(Q' = M'N', \mathcal{O}')$  in  $\mathcal{P}$  are associated if there exists  $w \in W^G$  such that  $w \cdot M = M'$  and  $w\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}'$ .
- We fix a set  $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}$  of representatives in  $\mathcal{P}$  for the classes of association.
- We write  $W(M, \mathcal{O}) := \{n \in N_G(M) : n\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}\} / M$ .
- For each  $f \in C_c^\infty(G)$ , the function  $f^\vee$  is defined by

$$f^\vee(g) := f(g^{-1}) \quad \text{for } g \in G.$$

- Recall : if  $(\pi, V)$  is a smooth representation of  $G$ , given  $f \in C_c^\infty(G)$ , the operator  $\pi(f): V \rightarrow V$  is defined by

$$\pi(f)v := \int_G f(g)\pi(g)v dg, \quad \text{for } v \in V.$$

## The Plancherel formula after Harish-Chandra [Waldspurger, JIMJ 2003]

For each  $f \in C_c^\infty(G)$  and each  $g \in G$ , we have

$$f(g) = \sum_{(Q, \mathcal{O}) \in \tilde{\mathcal{P}}} c_{G, M} |W(M, \mathcal{O})|^{-1} \int_{\mathcal{O}} \mu_{G|M}(\omega) \cdot \text{fddeg}(\omega) \cdot \theta_\omega^G(\lambda(g)f^\vee) d\omega,$$

where

$$\theta_\omega^G := \text{tr}(\pi(f)), \quad \text{where } \pi = i_{M, Q}^G(\omega),$$

$c_{G, M}$  is a constant depending on  $G$  and  $M$ , and  $\mu_{G|M}$  is the Plancherel measure defined by Harish-Chandra.



## Definition

The  $G$ -conjugacy class  $\Theta := (M, \mathcal{O})_G$  of a discrete pair  $(M, \mathcal{O})$  is called an **inertial discrete pair** in  $G$ . We write also  $\Theta = [M, \omega]_G$  for  $\omega \in \mathcal{O}$ . We denote by  $\mathfrak{B}^2(G)$  the set of inertial discrete pairs in  $G$ .

## Notation

If  $Q$  is a parabolic subgroup of  $G$  with Levi factor  $M$ , then  $\text{Irr}_{\Theta}^t(G)$  is defined to be the set of irreducible representations of  $G$  that occur in one of the induced representations  $i_{M, Q}^G(\omega \otimes \chi)$ ,  $\chi \in \mathcal{X}_u(M)$  :

$$\text{Irr}_{\Theta}^t(G) := (\nu^t)^{-1}(\Theta).$$

A decomposition of Bernstein type of  $\text{Irr}^t(G)$  [Plymen 1990]

$$\text{Irr}^t(G) = \bigsqcup_{\Theta \in \mathfrak{B}^2(G)} \text{Irr}_{\Theta}^t(G).$$

**Goal :** to describe the structure of the  $\text{Irr}_{\Theta}^{\dagger}(G)$ 's up to strong Morita equivalence.

### Definition

Choose a left-invariant Haar measure on  $G$  and form the Hilbert space  $L^2(G)$ .

The left regular representation  $\lambda$  of  $L^1(G)$  is given by  $(\lambda(f))(h) := f * h$ , where  $f \in L^1(G)$  and  $h \in L^2(G)$ , and  $*$  denotes convolution.

### Definition

The **reduced  $C^*$ -algebra** of  $G$ , denoted as  $C_r^*(G)$ , is the  $C^*$ -algebra generated by the image of  $\lambda$ .

Its spectrum may be identified to the tempered dual  $\text{Irr}^{\dagger}(G)$  of  $G$ .

## The $C^*$ -blocks decomposition

We will describe a decomposition :

$$C_r^*(G) = \bigoplus_{\Theta \in \mathfrak{B}^2(G)} C_r^*(G; \Theta),$$

where  $C_r^*(G; \Theta)$  is a subalgebra of  $C_r^*(G)$  with spectrum  $\text{Irr}_\Theta^t(G)$ .

Let  $\omega \in \text{Irr}^2(M)$ . We fix a Haar measure on  $G$  and a maximal compact subgroup  $K$  of  $G$ , with measure of total mass one. We may and will assume that  $K$  is a good special maximal compact subgroup in “good relative position” with  $M$  (in particular,  $G = KQ$ ).

## Notation

- $E_Q(\tau)$ , for  $(\tau, V_\tau) \in \mathcal{O}$ , is the space of functions  $f: G \rightarrow V_\tau$  that are right-invariant under some compact open subgroup of  $G$  and satisfy

$$f(xmn) = \delta_Q^{-\frac{1}{2}}(m)(\tau)(m)^{-1}f(x), \quad \text{for } x \in G, m \in M, n \in N.$$

and  $I_Q(\tau)$  the representation of  $G$  on  $E_Q(\tau)$  by left translation.

- $E_Q^K$  the space of functions  $f: K \rightarrow V_\tau$  that are right-invariant under some open subgroup of  $K$  and satisfy

$$f(kmn) = \tau(m)^{-1}f(k), \quad \text{for } k \in K, m \in M \cap K, n \in N \cap K.$$

Let  $\mathcal{H}_Q, \mathcal{H}_Q^K$  denote the Hilbert completions of  $E_Q(\tau), E_Q^K$  with respect to the inner product

$$\langle f, f' \rangle = \int_K \langle f(k), f'(k) \rangle_{V_\tau} dk.$$

We still write  $I_Q(\tau)$  for the representation of  $G$  on  $\mathcal{H}_Q(\tau)$ .

For  $\chi \in \mathcal{X}_u(M)$ , we consider the linear isomorphism

$$F_Q^K(\chi): \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{H}_Q(\omega \otimes \chi) & \rightarrow & \mathcal{H}_Q^K \\ f & \mapsto & f|_K \end{array}$$

- Then  $I_Q^K(\omega \otimes \chi)$  denotes the representation of  $G$  on  $\mathcal{H}_Q^K$  such that

$$I_Q^K(\omega \otimes \chi)(g) = F_Q^K(\chi) \circ I_Q(\omega \otimes \chi)(g) \circ F_Q^K(\chi)^{-1}.$$

- For every smooth and compactly supported function  $f \in C_c^\infty(G)$ , the operator

$$\pi_\tau(f) := \int_G f(g) I_Q^K(\tau)(g) dg.$$

It is compact, and depends continuously on  $\tau$ .

- Let  $\mathfrak{K}(\mathcal{H}_Q^K)$  be the algebra of compact operators on  $\mathcal{H}_Q^K$ .

Definition of the subalgebra  $C_r^*(G; \Theta)$ 

- We obtain a linear map

$$\begin{aligned} C_c^\infty(G) &\rightarrow \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{O}, \mathfrak{K}(\mathcal{H}_Q^K)) \\ f &\mapsto (\tau \mapsto \pi_\tau(f)). \end{aligned}$$

- Upon completing  $C_c^\infty(G)$  to  $C_r^*(G)$ , there arises a  $C^*$ -morphism

$$C_r^*(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{O}, \mathfrak{K}(\mathcal{H}_Q^K)).$$

Let  $C_r^*(G; \Theta)$  denote the image of  $C_r^*(G)$  by this morphism.

## Conclusion

From the above discussion, we obtain a morphism

$$C_r^*(G) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\Theta \in \mathfrak{B}^2(G)} C_r^*(G; \Theta). \quad (1)$$

## Theorem [Plymen 1990]

The map in (1) is a  $C^*$ -isomorphism.

The stabilizer of  $\mathcal{O}$ 

Let  $\Theta = [M, \omega]_G \in \mathfrak{B}^2(G)$ . We set

$$N_G(\Theta) := \{n \in N_G(M) : {}^n\omega \simeq \omega \otimes \chi \text{ for some } \chi \in \mathcal{X}_u(M)\},$$

and define the stabilizer of  $\mathcal{O}$  (so called the **inertial stabilizer** of  $\omega$ ) as :

$$W_\Theta := N_G(\Theta)/M.$$

Structure of  $C_r^*(G; \Theta)$  [Afgoustidis-A.]

When  $F = \mathbb{R}$ , Wassermann gave a simple determination of  $C_r^*(G; \Theta)$  up to strong Morita equivalence. We will see that an analogous results holds when  $F$  is  $p$ -adic, under the assumption that the action of  $W_\Theta$  on  $\mathcal{O}$  admits a **good fixed-point**.

- For  $\omega \in \text{Irr}^2(M)$ , we denote by  $W_\omega$  its **stabilizer** in  $N_G(M)/M$  :

$$W_\omega := \{n \in N_G(M) \mid {}^n\omega \simeq \omega\} / M,$$

where  ${}^n\omega: m \mapsto \omega(n^{-1}mn)$  of  $M$ .

- **Knapp-Stein decomposition** of  $W_\omega$  : we have  $W_\omega = W'_\omega \rtimes R_\omega$ , where :

- **Definition of  $W'_\omega$**  : To each  $\alpha \in \Delta$  is attached a Levi subgroup  $M_\alpha \supset M$ . Let  $\Delta$  be the set of roots for  $(G, M)$ . We have  $\mu^{M_\alpha}: \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ . The set

$$\Delta' := \left\{ \alpha \in \Delta : \mu^{M_\alpha}(\omega) = 0 \right\}$$

is itself a root system, and the group  $W'_\omega$  is its Weyl group.

- **Definition of  $R_\omega$**  : We fix a positive system  $\Delta'_+$  in  $\Delta'$ , and set

$$R_\omega := \{w \in W_\omega : w(\Delta'_+) = \Delta'_+\}.$$



## Remark

Obviously :  $W_\omega \subset W_\Theta$  for any  $\omega \in \mathcal{O}$ .

## Proposition

When  $F = \mathbb{R}$ , the action of  $W_\Theta$  on  $\mathcal{O}$  has always a fixed point, i.e., there exists  $\omega \in \mathcal{O}$  such that  $W_\omega = W_\Theta$ .

## Question (open in general)

When  $F$  is  $p$ -adic and  $\Theta = (M, \mathcal{O})_G \in \mathfrak{B}^2(G)$ , does the action of  $W_\Theta$  on  $\mathcal{O}$  always admit a fixed point ?

## Theorem [Afgoustidis-A. 2020]

Let  $G$  be a quasi-split symplectic, orthogonal or unitary group over a  $p$ -adic field  $F$ . Then for every  $\Theta = (M, \mathcal{O})_G \in \mathfrak{B}^2(G)$ , the action of  $W_\Theta$  on  $\mathcal{O}$  has a fixed point.

## Assumption

We fix  $\Theta \in \mathfrak{B}^2(G)$  and we assume that the action of  $W_\Theta$  on  $\mathcal{O}$  has a fixed-point, say  $\omega$ .

## Definition

The fixed point  $\omega$  is **good** if for every point  $\tau \in \mathcal{O}$ , the Knapp-Stein decompositions  $W_\tau = W'_\tau \rtimes R_\tau$  and  $W_\omega = W'_\omega \rtimes R_\omega$  are compatible in the following sense :

- 1 we have  $W'_\tau \subset W'_\omega$ ,
- 2 and the  $R$ -group  $R_\tau$  is isomorphic with a subgroup of  $R_\omega$ .

## Intertwining operators (works of Waldspurger, Langlands, Arthur)

For each  $w \in W_\Theta$  and every  $\chi \in \mathcal{X}_u(M)$ , there is an operator

$$\mathcal{A}(w, \omega \otimes \chi): \mathcal{H}_Q^K \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_Q^K$$

that intertwines  $I_Q^K(\omega \otimes \chi)$  and  $I_Q^K(\omega \otimes (w\chi))$ , and satisfies

$$\mathcal{A}(w_1 w_2, \omega \otimes \chi) = \eta_\omega(w_1, w_2) \mathcal{A}(w_1, \omega \otimes (w_2 \chi)) \mathcal{A}(w_2, \omega \otimes \chi),$$

for any  $w_1, w_2$  in  $W_\Theta$  and  $\chi \in \mathcal{X}_u(M)$ , where

$$\eta_\omega: W_\Theta \times W_\Theta \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times \text{ is a 2-cocycle.}$$

## Proposition

For every  $\tau \in \mathcal{O}$ , the map  $r \mapsto \mathcal{A}(r, \tau)$  defines a projective representation of  $R_\tau$  on  $\mathcal{H}_Q^K$ . The multiplier of this projective representation is the restriction  $\eta_\tau: R_\tau \times R_\tau \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  of the cocycle  $\eta_\omega$ .

Central extensions of  $R$ -groups [Arthur]

The theory of the  $R$ -group can be brought to full fruition once chosen a central extension

$$1 \rightarrow Z_\omega \rightarrow \tilde{R}_\omega \rightarrow R_\omega \rightarrow 1$$

with the property that the 2-cocycle of  $\tilde{R}_\omega$  induced by  $\eta_\omega$  is a coboundary.

## Theorem [Arthur]

The irreducible components of  $i_{M,Q}^G(\omega)$  are in natural bijection with the set of irreducible representations of  $\tilde{R}_\omega$  with  $Z_\omega$ -central character  $\zeta_\omega$ , where  $\zeta_\omega : Z_\omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\star$  is given by  $\zeta_\omega(z) := \xi_\omega(z)^{-1}$  for  $z \in Z_\omega$ .

The extension  $\tilde{R}_\omega$  comes with a central idempotent  $\tilde{p}$  acting on the group algebra of  $\tilde{R}_\omega$  : it is a minimal idempotent in  $\mathbb{C}[Z_\omega]$  such that

$$\tilde{p}\mathbb{C}[\tilde{R}_\omega] \simeq \mathbb{C}[R_\omega, \eta_\omega].$$

## Theorem [Afgoustidis-A. 2020]

Assume that  $\omega$  is a good fixed-point for the action of  $W_\Theta$  on  $\mathcal{O}$ . Then we have the strong Morita equivalence

$$C_r^*(G, \Theta) \underset{\text{Morita}}{\sim} \tilde{\rho} \left[ C(\mathcal{O}/W'_\omega) \rtimes \tilde{R}_\omega \right].$$

How to interpret the result above :

- Strong Morita equivalence preserves spectra : if  $A$  and  $B$  are strongly Morita equivalent  $C^*$ -algebras, then their spectra are homeomorphic.
- We have a strong Morita equivalence between a highly noncommutative  $C^*$ -block and (the image under  $\tilde{\rho}$  of) an almost commutative  $C^*$ -algebra, namely the crossed product of a commutative  $C^*$ -algebra by a finite group. This allows one to infer the topology on the tempered dual, in a way which reflects reducibility of the induced representations.