

# Endoscopic Relative Orbital Integrals on $U_3$

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# Distinction of Automorphic Representations

# Automorphic representations

Global setting:  $K$  is a number field, and  $G$  is a reductive group over  $K$ .

- ▶ Consider the vector space

$$V = L^2([G]) = L^2(G(K)\backslash G(\mathbb{A}_K)).$$

- ▶ Right regular representation: an action of  $G$  (thus a representation)  $R : G(\mathbb{A}_K) \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}(V)$  by translation

$$R(g) \cdot \varphi(x) = \varphi(xg).$$

- ▶ Ultimate goal: to study the decomposition and constituents of  $(V, R)$ . The isotypic components of  $V$  are called *automorphic representations*.

# Distinction of automorphic representations

Let  $H \subset G$  be a closed subgroup.

## Definition

1. For any automorphic representation  $\pi$  and  $\varphi \in V_\pi$ , define the **period integral** of  $\varphi$  with respect to  $H$  to be

$$P_H(\varphi) = \int_{[H]} \varphi(h) dh.$$

2. An automorphic representation  $\pi$  is  **$H$ -distinguished** if  $P_H(\varphi) \neq 0$  for some  $\varphi \in V_\pi$ .

# Examples of distinguished representations

1.  $H$ : a maximal unipotent. Then cuspidal representations  $\Leftrightarrow$  not distinguished by  $H$ .
2.  $L/K$  is quadratic.  $G = \text{Res}_{L/K} \text{GL}_n$  and  $H = \text{U}_n$ . Then  $H$ -distinguished  $\Leftrightarrow$  a base change lifting from  $\text{GL}_n$  (**Flicker, Mok and Zinoviev**).
3.  $G = \text{GL}_n$  and  $H = \text{GO}_n$ . Then  $H$ -distinguished  $\Leftrightarrow$  a metaplectic lifting from  $\widetilde{\text{GL}}_n$  (conjecture of **Jacquet**, verified in  $n = 3$  by **Mao**).
4. Distinction is also related to central  $L$ -values.

# Motivation behind distinction problem

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Distinction problem is fruitful from several perspectives:

1. The subject of the relative Langlands program introduced by Sakellaridis and Venkatesh.
2. To study algebraic cycles on Shimura varieties.
3. Related to the Ichino-Ikeda conjecture and its generalizations.

# The Comparison of Relative Trace Formulae



# A strategy for distinction

- ▶ Philosophy (**Jacquet**): to study distinction problems through the *comparison of relative trace formulae*.
- ▶ The proof of the unitary case of Gan-Gross-Prasad conjecture.
- ▶ An approach by **Getz-Wambach** that considers a triple of involutions.  
Distinction problems on classical groups  $\longrightarrow$  Distinction problems on general linear groups.

# The automorphic kernel

- ▶ For  $f \in C_c^\infty(G(\mathbb{A}_K))$ , we can define an operator  $R(f)$  via

$$R(f)\varphi(x) = \int_{G(\mathbb{A}_K)} f(y)\varphi(xy)dy.$$

- ▶ The operator  $R(f)$  has a kernel

$$K_f(x, y) = \sum_{\gamma \in G(K)} f(x^{-1}\gamma y)$$

referred to as the *automorphic kernel* associated to  $f$ .

- ▶ With some additional conditions, the automorphic kernel allows a *spectral expansion*

$$K_f(x, y) = \sum_{\pi \in \hat{G}} m(\pi) \sum_{\phi \in \mathcal{B}_\pi} \pi(f)\phi(x)\overline{\phi(y)}.$$

# Relative trace: the spectral side

Let  $G_1, G_2$  be two algebraic subgroups of the reductive group  $G$ .

- ▶ We consider  $\int_{[G_1 \times G_2]} K_f(x, y) dx dy$ .
- ▶ If we use the spectral expansion for  $K_f(x, y)$ , this integral is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\pi \in \hat{G}} m(\pi) \sum_{\phi} \int_{[G_1]} \int_{[G_2]} \pi(f) \phi(x) \overline{\phi(y)} dx dy \\ &= \sum_{\pi \in \hat{G}} m(\pi) J_{\pi}(f). \end{aligned}$$

# Relative trace: the geometric side

- ▶ On the other hand, the *geometric expansion* considers the same integral, but decomposed by equivalence classes.
- ▶ It becomes a sum over classes  $\gamma \in G_1(K) \backslash G(K) / G_2(K)$ :

$$\sum_{\gamma} a(\gamma) O_{\gamma}(f).$$

Here

$$O_{\gamma}(f) = \int_{I_{\gamma}(\mathbb{A}_K) \backslash G_1 \times G_2(\mathbb{A}_K)} f(x^{-1}\gamma y) dx dy$$

is the *relative orbital integral*.

# The relative trace formula

- ▶ The *relative trace formula* thus asserts (roughly)

$$\sum_{\pi} m(\pi) J_{\pi}(f) = \sum_{\gamma} a(\gamma) O_{\gamma}(f),$$

- ▶ Here each  $J_{\pi}(f)$  are related to the period integrals of functions in  $V_{\pi}$  with respect to  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  because

$$J_{\pi}(f) = \sum_{\phi \in \mathcal{B}_{\pi}} P_{G_1}(f \cdot \phi) \overline{P_{G_2}(\phi)}.$$

- ▶ Assume  $f = \prod_v f_v$ , so that the relative orbital integrals  $O_{\gamma}(f)$  is a product of its local factors.
- ▶ Strategy: using the (local) comparison on the geometric side to study the spectral data.

# The Getz-Wambach comparison

- ▶ Setting: let  $L/K$  be a quadratic extension of number fields and  $H = \text{Res}_{L/K} \text{GL}_n$ .
- ▶ Given a pair of commuting involutions (automorphism of order 2) on  $H$ :  $\theta$  and  $\sigma$ . Let  $\tau = \sigma \circ \theta$ .
- ▶ Twisted relative trace formula of  $H \longleftrightarrow$  Relative trace formula of  $G = H^\tau$ .

# A general principle

- ▶ With the previous setting, they suggested that (roughly speaking) one should have

## Ansatz (Getz-Wambach)

*An automorphic representation  $\pi$  of  $H(\mathbb{A}_K)$  is distinguished by both  $H^\sigma$  and  $H^\theta \Leftrightarrow \pi$  is a lifting of an  $G^\sigma$ -distinguished automorphic representation on  $G(\mathbb{A}_K)$ .*

They proposed a relative trace formula method of proof.

- ▶ Relates directly to the relative Langlands program because symmetric subgroups are always spherical.

# Studied examples

- ▶ The biquadratic case: a theorem of **Getz-Wambach** says that (with some additional condition) the ansatz holds for the case of  $U_n \subset \text{Res}_{L/K} U_n$ , where  $L$  is a quadratic extension over  $K$ .
- ▶ The unitary Friedberg-Jacquet case: for  $U_n \times U_n \subset U_{2n}$ .
  - ( $\Rightarrow$ ) The work of **S. Leslie** and the work of **J. Xiao** and **W. Zhang**.
  - ( $\Leftarrow$ ) The work of **Pollack-Wan-Zydor**.



# Case of interest and its conjecture

- ▶ Let  $L/K$  be a quadratic extension.  $H = \text{Res}_{L/K} \text{GL}_n$ ,  $\sigma$  be a quasi-split orthogonal involution, and  $\theta$  be the nontrivial Galois conjugate.
- ▶ Thus  $G = \text{U}_n$  and  $G^\sigma = \text{O}_n$  are quasi-split reductive groups.

## Conjecture (L.)

*A cuspidal automorphic representation  $\pi$  of  $\text{U}_n(\mathbb{A}_K)$  is distinguished by  $\text{O}_n \Leftrightarrow$  its base change lifting to  $\text{Res}_{L/K} \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{A}_K)$  is a metaplectic lifting from  $\text{Res}_{L/K} \widetilde{\text{GL}}_n(\mathbb{A}_K)$ .*

# The associated symmetric variety

- ▶ We consider the integrals on  $H^\sigma \backslash H / H^\theta$  and the integrals on  $G^\sigma \backslash G / G^\sigma$ . Furthermore, we will be focusing on the latter for the rest of the talk.
- ▶ The symmetrization map

$$\begin{aligned} G &\rightarrow G \\ g &\mapsto gg^{-\sigma} \end{aligned}$$

has kernel  $G^\sigma$ .

- ▶ Instead of considering  $G/G^\sigma$ , we consider the schematic image of this map, denoted as  $\mathcal{S}$ .
- ▶  $\mathcal{S}$  is a spherical variety under the adjoint action of  $G$ .
- ▶ Studying setting: fix  $n = 3$  and consider the adjoint action of  $G_1 := \mathrm{SO}_3$  on the symmetric space  $\mathcal{S}$ .

# Pre-stabilization and Endoscopy

# The pre-stabilization of the relative trace formulae

The adelic ring:  $\mathbb{A}_K = \prod_v^{\text{res}} K_v$ . Fix a nonarchimedean local field  $K_v = F$  and denote its valuation ring by  $\mathcal{O}_F$ .

- ▶ On the geometric side of the relative trace formula: relative orbital integrals with local factors

$$O_\gamma(f) = \int_{G_{1\gamma}(F) \backslash G_1(F)} f(g^{-1} \cdot \gamma) dg.$$

- ▶ Over the algebraic closure, there is a *norm map* to match orbits.
- ▶ Difficulty: the  $F$ -points of  $G_{1\gamma} \backslash G_1$  can be different to  $G_{1\gamma}(F) \backslash G_1(F)$ .
- ▶ The solution to this issue is called the *pre-stabilization*.

# Stable orbits versus rational orbits

- ▶ Stable orbits:  $F$ -points of  $G_{1\gamma} \backslash G_1 \longleftrightarrow G_1(\overline{F})$ -classes in  $\mathcal{S}(F)$ .
- ▶ Rational orbits:  $G_{1\gamma}(F) \backslash G_1(F) \longleftrightarrow G_1(F)$ -classes.
- ▶ The set of rational orbits inside a stable orbit is parametrized by a group  $\mathfrak{D}(F, G_{1\gamma}, G_1) := \ker[H^1(F, G_{1\gamma}) \rightarrow H^1(F, G_1)]$ .
- ▶ Harmonic analysis: to stabilize, one should consider the local  $\kappa$ -orbital integrals.

# Relative $\kappa$ -orbital integrals

- ▶ For each  $\kappa \in \mathfrak{D}(F, G_{1\gamma}, G_1)^D$ , define the  $\kappa$ -orbital integral

$$SO_{\gamma}^{\kappa}(f) = \sum_{\gamma' \sim_{\text{st}} \gamma} \kappa(\gamma') O_{\gamma}(f).$$

- ▶  $SO_{\gamma}(f) := SO_{\gamma}^1(f)$  is called the *stable relative orbital integral*.
- ▶ We say that  $SO_{\gamma}^{\kappa}(f)$  is an *endoscopic relative orbital integral* if  $\kappa$  is nontrivial.
- ▶ Expectation: proceed inductively by relating the endoscopic relative orbital integrals to stable relative orbital integrals on other (simpler) spaces.

# Endoscopic Relative Orbital Integrals

# Unitary relative endoscopy

Local setting: let  $E = F[\xi]$  be an unramified quadratic extension of local fields. Denote the uniformizer by  $\varpi$ .

- ▶ Recall:  $G = U_3$  and  $G^\sigma = O_3$  are quasi-split.  
 $\mathcal{S}$  is the space of (twisted) symmetric unitary matrices.  
 $G_1 := SO_3$ .
- ▶ The generic stabilizer  $G_{1\gamma}$  is *disconnected* and *finite*.
- ▶ For any regular semisimple point  $\gamma \in \mathcal{S}(F)$ , we want to compute  $SO_\gamma^\kappa(f)$  for  $f = \mathbb{1}_{\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{O}_F)}$  for  $\kappa$  nontrivial.
- ▶ In particular, we consider only those  $\gamma$  with a nontrivial  $\mathfrak{D}(F, G_{1\gamma}, G_1)$ .



# Classification of stable orbits

- ▶ It turns out that  $\mathfrak{D}(\gamma, G_{1\gamma}, G_1)$  can be computed by the isomorphism classes of  $G_\gamma$ , which occurs in **J**.  
Rogawski's work.

- ▶ Let

$$T_\nu(R) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ \nu y & x \end{pmatrix} \in U_3(R) \mid x, y, z \in E \otimes_F R \right\}.$$

## Lemma (L.)

*Any regular semisimple stable orbit with a nontrivial  $\mathfrak{D}(F, G_{1\gamma}, G_1)$  contains an element in (some unique)  $T_\nu(F)$  with  $\nu \in \{1, \xi^2, \varpi, \xi^2\varpi\}$ .*

# Types of the endoscopic stable orbits

- ▶ The stable orbits of interest are represented by elements in  $T_\nu(F)$  for some  $\nu \in \{1, \xi^2, \varpi, \xi^2\varpi\}$ .
- ▶ Types of tori: we say that  $T_\nu$  is of

$$\begin{cases} \text{Type I} & \text{if } \nu = \xi^2, \\ \text{Type II} & \text{if } \nu = 1, \\ \text{Type III} & \text{if } \nu = \varpi \text{ or } \xi^2\varpi. \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Later, we will compute the formula on type I tori as an explicit example.

## Related cohomological data

- ▶ Recall:  $\mathfrak{D}(F, G_{1\gamma}, G_1) = \ker[H^1(F, G_{1\gamma}) \rightarrow H^1(F, G_1)]$  parametrizes rational orbits inside the stable orbits of  $\gamma$ . In general, those are *Galois cohomology pointed sets*.

### Lemma (L.)

*In our case, there exist a natural group structure on  $\mathfrak{D}(F, G_{1\gamma}, G_1)$  so that*

$$\mathfrak{D}(F, G_{1\gamma}, G_1) \cong \begin{cases} F^\times \backslash N(E^\times) & \text{for Type I tori,} \\ F^\times \backslash (F^\times)^2 & \text{for Type II and III tori.} \end{cases}$$

- ▶ In particular,  $|\mathfrak{D}(F, G_{1\gamma}, G_1)| = 2$  for  $\gamma$  in a Type I torus.

# Iwasawa decomposition

- ▶ Recall that we are considering

$$O_\gamma(f) = \int_{G_1\gamma(F)\backslash G_1(F)} \mathbb{1}_{\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{O}_F)}(g^{-1} \cdot \gamma) dg.$$

- ▶ Iwasawa decomposition:  $G(F) = N(F)A(F)G(\mathcal{O}_F)$ .  
Since  $f$  is  $G(\mathcal{O}_F)$ -invariant we have (with the suitable choice of measure)

$$O_\gamma(f) = \int_{F \times F^\times} f \left( \left( \begin{pmatrix} t & u & -t^{-1}u^2/2 \\ & 1 & -t^{-1}u \\ & & t^{-1} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \cdot \gamma \right) \frac{dud^\times t}{|t|}.$$

# Relative orbital integral

- ▶ Rational orbits in the stable orbit of  $\gamma$  are given by

$$\gamma_\mu = \begin{pmatrix} x & \mu y \\ \mu^{-1}\nu y & x \end{pmatrix} z.$$

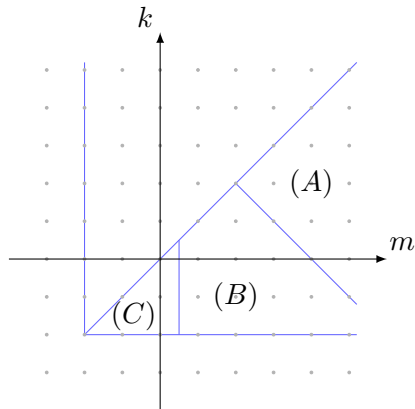
- ▶ The entries of  $\begin{pmatrix} t & u & -t^{-1}u^2/2 \\ 1 & -t^{-1}u & t^{-1} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \cdot \gamma_\mu$  are (excluding the repeated ones):

1.  $x - \frac{1}{2}u^2\mu^{-1}\nu y,$
2.  $t^{-1}(ux - uz - \frac{1}{2}u^3\mu^{-1}\nu y),$
3.  $t^{-2}(\mu y - u^2x + u^2z + \frac{1}{4}u^4\mu^{-1}\nu y),$
4.  $tu\mu^{-1}\nu y,$
5.  $u^2\mu^{-1}\nu y + z,$
6.  $t^2\mu^{-1}\nu y.$

- ▶ Problem: computing the measure of those  $u$  and  $t$  that makes all these entries integral.

## A few technical remarks

- ▶ Notice that by Iwasawa decomposition, the orbital integral can be reduced to a double integral taken over  $F \times F^\times$ .
- ▶ We will write  $v(t) = m$  and  $v(u) = k$ , then separate the orbital integral accordingly:



# Some invariants

- ▶ Goal: express the relative orbital integrals in terms of invariants.
- ▶ Let  $\lambda_i$  denote the eigenvalues of  $\gamma$  (we fix an ordering so that  $\lambda_2 = z$ ).
- ▶ Invariants associated to the stable orbit of  $\gamma$ :

$$M_{ij} := v(\lambda_i - \lambda_j),$$

$$N_{ij} := v(\lambda_i + \lambda_j).$$

The nature of computation varies on different parts of the orbital integral.

- ▶ On  $(A)$ , it involves solving a quadratic equation

$$u^4 \equiv 4\mu^2\xi^{-2} \pmod{\varpi^{m+k-M_{13}+v(\mu)}}.$$

- ▶ On  $(B)$ , it also depends on solving a quadratic equation, along with a combinatorial datum

$$2k + 2M_{12} \geq 2m > 2k + M_{12}.$$

- ▶ On  $(C)$  all the conditions are combinatorial:

$$2M_{12} - M_{13} + v(\mu) \geq 2m > -M_{13} + v(\mu) \text{ and} \\ 4m > 4k \geq 2m - M_{13} + v(\mu).$$



# The formula for relative orbital integrals

- ▶ The expressions for  $O_{\gamma_\mu}(f)$  depends on  $M_{ij}$ .
- ▶ I have computed the formula for  $O_{\gamma_\mu}(f)$  for any  $\gamma_\mu$ .
- ▶ For instance, when  $M_{13} > M_{12} > 0$ ,  $O_{\gamma_\mu}(\mathbb{1}_{\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{O}_F)})$  is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \left( (M_{13} - M_{12} + \delta(M_{12}, 1)) q^{\lfloor M_{12}/2 \rfloor} \right. \\ & \quad + 2(1 + \delta(M_{12} - M_{13}, \mu)) \frac{q^{\lceil M_{12}/2 \rceil - 1}}{q-1} \\ & \quad \left. + \delta(M_{13}, \mu) - 1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\delta$  is a function that detects parity.

# The formula

For every  $\gamma$  in type I, II and III tori I have computed the formula for endoscopic relative orbital integrals. In particular,

## Theorem (L.)

Let  $\gamma$  be in a type I torus. The endoscopic orbital integral  $SO_{\gamma}^{\kappa}(\mathbb{1}_{S(\mathcal{O}_F)})$  is computed as in the following table:

	$\kappa \neq 1$
$M_{13} = 0$	$\frac{1}{2}$
$M_{13} > M_{12} = 0$	$\frac{1}{2}(-1)^{M_{13}}$
$M_{13} > M_{12} > 0$	$(-1)^{M_{12}-M_{13}} \frac{q^{\lceil M_{12}/2 \rceil} - 1}{q-1} + \frac{1}{2}(-1)^{M_{13}}$
$M_{12} = M_{13} = M_{23} > 0$	$\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \left( \frac{z^2 - \xi^2}{F} \right) \right) \frac{q^{\lfloor M_{12}/2 \rfloor} - 1}{q-1} + \frac{1}{2}(-1)^{M_{12}}$

Thank you for your attention.