

Generic ABV-packets for p -adic groups

Clifton Cunningham

2021-11-16

Happy Birthday, Bill!

Abstract

In this talk we propose an adaptation of Shahidi's enhanced genericity conjecture to ABV-packets for p -adic groups: for every Langlands parameter, the associated ABV-packet contains a generic representation if and only if the orbit of the parameter in the moduli space is open. We relate this genericity conjecture for ABV-packets to other standard conjectures. Along the way we sketch a proof of the tempered parameter case of Vogan's conjecture on Arthur packets for p -adic groups and discuss the genericity conjecture of Gross-Prasad and Rallis.

Joint work with Andrew Fiori, Ahmed Moussaoui and Qing Zhang.

Shahidi's enhanced genericity conjecture

Relative Aspects of the Langlands Program,
L-Functions and Beyond Endoscopy, CIRM,
May 2021:

Conjecture (Shahidi)

An A-packet $\Pi_\psi(G)$ contains a generic representation if and only if it contains only tempered representations.

In this case, the A-packet $\Pi_\psi(G)$ is an L-packet.

Here, G must be a group for which A-packets are known.



F. Shahidi
(Joint with Baiying Liu) CIRM, May 25, 2021
Enhanced generic (tempered) L-Packet Conj.
 $G = \text{quasisplit}/F$ $F = p\text{-adic}$
Conj. An A-Packet is tempered iff it contains
a generic member (Enhanced version of 1970 Arthur Conj.)
Harish-Chandra $\pi = \text{irr. adm. rep. of } G(F)$

Genericity conjecture for ABV-packets

Conjecture ([CFMZ])

An ABV-packet $\Pi_{\phi}^{\text{ABV}}(G)$ contains a generic representation if and only if $L(s, \phi, \text{Ad})$ is regular at $s = 1$.

The objective of this talk is to

- recall ABV-packets for p -adic groups,
- explain how the conjecture above relates to Shahidi's enhanced genericity conjecture, and
- show how the geometric perspective gives a proof of one part of the genericity conjecture of Gross-Prasad and Rallis.

Open parameters

Definition

The *infinitesimal parameter* of a Langlands parameter $\phi : W'_F \rightarrow {}^L G$ is the homomorphism $\lambda_\phi : W_F \rightarrow {}^L G$ defined by $\lambda_\phi(w) := \phi(w, \text{diag}(|w|^{1/2}, |w|^{-1/2}))$.

Proposition ([CFMZ])

$L(s, \phi, \text{Ad})$ is regular at $s = 1$ if and only if the \widehat{G} -orbit of ϕ is Zariski-open in the moduli space of Langlands parameters with shared infinitesimal parameter.

In this case we say ϕ is *open*.

Proposition ([CFMZ])

ϕ is *tempered* if and only if ϕ is open and of Arthur type.

Langlands parameters with shared infinitesimal parameter

For fixed infinitesimal parameter $\lambda; W_F \rightarrow {}^L G$, consider the set

$$\left\{ \phi : W'_F \rightarrow {}^L G \mid \phi \left(w, \begin{pmatrix} |w|^{1/2} & 0 \\ 0 & |w|^{-1/2} \end{pmatrix} \right) = \lambda(w) \right\}.$$

Every such ϕ is determined by λ and $x \in \text{Lie } \widehat{G}$ such that

$$\exp(x) = \phi \left(1, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right).$$

Langlands parameters with shared infinitesimal parameter

The moduli space of Langlands parameters with shared infinitesimal parameter λ is

$$V_\lambda := \{x \in \text{Lie } \widehat{G} \mid \text{Ad}(\lambda(w))(x) = |w|x, \forall w \in W_F\}.$$

which carries an action by

$$H_\lambda := \{g \in \widehat{G} \mid \text{Inn}(\lambda(w))(g) = g, \forall w \in W_F\}.$$

inherited from the adjoint action of \widehat{G} on $\text{Lie } \widehat{G}$.

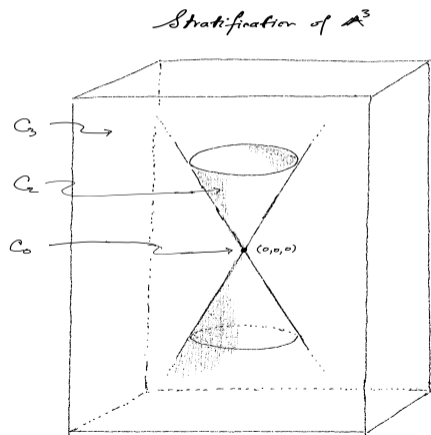
Remark: H_λ is a reductive algebraic group, not necessarily connected.

Prehomogeneous vector space

V_λ is a prehomogeneous vector space for the action of H_λ .

In particular, V_λ is a finite-dimensional vector space, stratified into H_λ -orbits, with a unique open orbit.

Eg. $V_\lambda = \text{Sym}^2(\mathbb{C}^2)$ (vector space of homogenous quadratics in two variables) with $H_\lambda = \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{C})$ action.



Component groups are fundamental groups

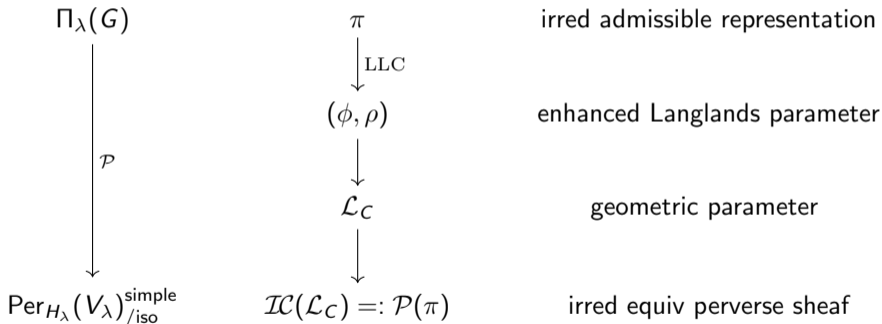
The component group $A_\phi = Z_{\widehat{G}}(\phi)/Z_{\widehat{G}}(\phi)^\circ$ is an equivariant fundamental group:

$$A_\phi = \pi_0(Z_{\widehat{G}}(\phi)) = \pi_1^{H_\lambda}(C_\phi, x_\phi).$$

So,

$$\text{Rep}(A_\phi) = \text{Rep}(\pi_1^{H_\lambda}(C_\phi, x_\phi)) \cong \text{Loc}_{H_\lambda}(C_\phi).$$

Admissible representations and equivariant perverse sheaves



Moduli space of Langlands parameters

The quotient

$$X_\lambda := (\widehat{G} \times V_\lambda) / H_\lambda,$$

exists in varieties, for the action $h \cdot (g, x) := (gh^{-1}, Ad(h)x)$, and carries a \widehat{G} -action

$$g' \cdot [g, x] := [g'g, x].$$

Then X_λ is the moduli space of Langlands parameters ϕ for which λ_ϕ is \widehat{G} -conjugate to λ .

Proposition ([CFMZ])

$L(s, \phi, Ad)$ is regular at $s = 1$ if and only if the \widehat{G} -orbit of ϕ is open in X_{λ_ϕ} , or equivalently, if the H_{λ_ϕ} -orbit of ϕ is open in V_{λ_ϕ} .

Lie algebra perspective on the cotangent space

The cotangent space for V_λ :

$$T^*(V_\lambda) = V_\lambda \times V_\lambda^*$$

where

$$V_\lambda^* := \{x \in \text{Lie } \widehat{G} \mid \text{Ad}(\lambda(w))(x) = |w|^{-1} x, \forall w \in W_F\},$$

which also carries an action by H_λ inherited from the adjoint action of \widehat{G} on $\text{Lie } \widehat{G}$. The action of V_λ^* on V_λ is given by the Killing form on $\text{Lie } \widehat{G}$, which in turn defines

$$f : T^*(V_\lambda) \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1.$$

Regular part of the conormal bundle

The Lie algebra perspective on the cotangent space $T^*(V_\lambda)$ also leads to a pleasant description of conormal bundle

$$\Lambda_\lambda := \{(x, y) \in T^*(V_\lambda) \mid [x, y] = 0\}.$$

For any H_λ -orbit $C \subset V_\lambda$, set

$$\Lambda_C := \{(x, y) \in \Lambda_\lambda \mid x \in C\}$$

and

$$\Lambda_C^{\text{reg}} := \Lambda_C \setminus \bigcup_{C < C'} \overline{\Lambda_{C'}}.$$

These are components in

$$\Lambda_\lambda^{\text{reg}} = \bigcup_C \Lambda_C^{\text{reg}}.$$

Connection with Arthur parameters

Let ψ be an Arthur parameter with infinitesimal parameter λ and let $x_\psi \in V_\lambda$ be the Langlands parameter ϕ_ψ as an element of the moduli space V_λ . Then

$$\exp(x_\psi) = \psi \left(1, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, 1 \right).$$

Define $y_\psi \in V_\lambda^*$ by

$$\exp(y_\psi) = \psi \left(1, 1, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right).$$

Then

$$(x_\psi, y_\psi) \in \Lambda_{C_\psi}^{\text{reg}}.$$

Component groups are fundamental groups again

A second miracle about component groups and equivariant fundamental groups:

$$H_\lambda \cdot (x_\psi, y_\psi) = \Lambda_{C_\psi}^{\text{reg}}$$

and

$$A_\psi = \pi_0(Z_{\widehat{G}}(\psi)) = \pi_1^{H_\lambda}(\Lambda_{C_\psi}^{\text{reg}}, (x_\psi, y_\psi)).$$

Consequently

$$\text{Rep}(A_\psi) = \text{Rep}(\pi_1^{H_\lambda}(\Lambda_{C_\psi}^{\text{reg}}, (x_\psi, y_\psi))) \cong \text{Loc}_{H_\lambda}(\Lambda_{C_\psi}^{\text{reg}})$$

Microlocal vanishing cycles

For any H_λ -orbit $C \subset V_\lambda$, consider the functor

$$\mathrm{Evs}_C : \mathrm{Per}_{H_\lambda}(V_\lambda) \rightarrow \mathrm{Loc}_{H_\lambda}(\Lambda_C^{\mathrm{reg}})$$

defined [CFM⁺22] by

$$\mathrm{Evs}_C \mathcal{F} := (\mathrm{R}\Phi_f[-1](\mathcal{F} \boxtimes \mathbb{1}_{C^*}^!)) |_{\Lambda_C^{\mathrm{reg}}}[-\mathrm{codim} C^*],$$

where $C^* \subset V_\lambda^*$ is the Pyasetskii dual orbit.

This functor is designed so that

$$(\mathrm{Evs}_C \mathcal{F})_{(x,y)} = (\mathrm{R}\Phi_y[-1]\mathcal{F})_x[-\mathrm{codim} C^*], \quad (x,y) \in \Lambda_C^{\mathrm{reg}}.$$

ABV-packets and coefficients

For any Langlands parameter ϕ with infinitesimal parameter λ ,

$$\Pi_{\phi}^{\text{ABV}}(G) := \{ \pi \in \Pi_{\lambda}(G) \mid \text{Evs}_{C_{\phi}} \mathcal{P}(\pi) \neq 0 \}.$$

ABV-packet coefficients are defined by

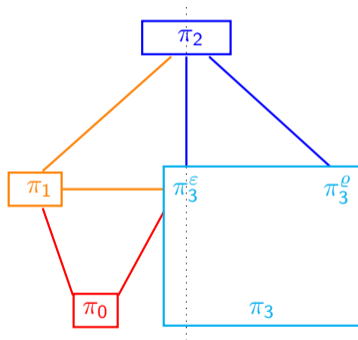
$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \Pi_{\phi}^{\text{ABV}}(G) & \xrightarrow{\text{LLC}} & \text{Per}_{H_{\lambda}}(V_{\lambda}) & \xrightarrow{\text{NEvs}_{C_{\phi}}} & \text{Loc}_{H_{\lambda}}(\Lambda_{C_{\phi}}^{\text{gen}}) & \longrightarrow & \text{Rep}(A_{\phi}^{\text{ABV}}) \\ \pi & \mapsto & \mathcal{P}(\pi) & \mapsto & \text{NEvs}_{C_{\phi}} \mathcal{P}(\pi) & \mapsto & \langle \cdot, \pi \rangle_{\phi}^{\text{ABV}} \end{array}$$

Remark: The normalization NEvs of Evs and the definition of Λ^{gen} is subtle and explained in [CFM⁺22].

ABV-packets and coefficients

- We compute numerous examples of ABV-packets in [CFM⁺22], mainly for $G = \mathrm{SO}_{2n+1}$.
- We compute ABV-packets for all unipotent representations of $G_2(F)$ in [CFZ21] and [CFZ].
- See [CFK] for non-singleton ABV-packets for general linear groups.

Some ABV-packets for $G_2(F)$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \Theta_{\psi_0} &= \Theta_{\pi_0} + 2\Theta_{\pi_1} + \Theta_{\pi_3^\epsilon} \\
 \Theta_{\psi_1} &= \Theta_{\pi_1} - \Theta_{\pi_2} + \Theta_{\pi_3^\epsilon} \\
 \Theta_{\psi_2} &= \Theta_{\pi_2} - \Theta_{\pi_3^\theta} - \Theta_{\pi_3^\epsilon} \\
 \Theta_{\psi_3} &= \Theta_{\pi_3} + 2\Theta_{\pi_3^\theta} + \Theta_{\pi_3^\epsilon}
 \end{aligned}$$

Vogan's conjecture on Arthur packets

Conjecture (Vogan, [CFM⁺22])

For any Arthur parameter $\psi : W_F'' \rightarrow {}^L G$,

$$\Pi_\psi(G) = \Pi_{\phi_\psi}^{\text{ABV}}(G),$$

where $\phi_\psi : W_F' \rightarrow {}^L G$ is the Langlands parameter defined by $\phi_\psi(w, x) = \psi(w, x, dw)$.

- This conjecture is verified in numerous examples in [CFM⁺22], mainly for odd special orthogonal groups SO_{2n+1} .
- The proof for general linear groups is under construction, joint with Mishty Ray.

Arthur-type case of the genericity conjecture for ABV-packets

Thus, the Arthur-type case of the genericity conjecture for ABV-packets, together with Vogan's conjecture on Arthur parameters, is precisely Shahidi's enhanced genericity conjecture.

Tempered case of Vogan's conjecture

Proposition ([CFMZ])

For any connected reductive G , if ϕ is open, then

$$\Pi_{\phi}^{\text{ABV}}(G) = \Pi_{\phi}(G).$$

Consequently, if ψ is tempered, then Vogan's conjecture is true:

$$\Pi_{\psi}(G) = \Pi_{\phi_{\psi}}^{\text{ABV}}(G).$$

Crux.

If the orbit C_{ϕ} of ϕ in the moduli space $V_{\lambda_{\phi}}$ is open then its Pyasetskii dual C_{ϕ}^* is closed and in fact $C_{\phi}^* = \{0\}$. In this case we can compute the vanishing cycles:

$$\text{Evs}_{C_{\phi}} \mathcal{IC}(\mathcal{L}_C) = (R\Phi_f(\mathcal{IC}(\mathcal{L}_C) \boxtimes \mathbb{1}_0^!)) |_{\Lambda_{C_{\phi}}^{\text{reg}}}[-\dim V_{\lambda_{\phi}}] = \begin{cases} 0, & C \neq C_{\phi}; \\ \mathcal{L}_{\Lambda_{C_{\phi}}^{\text{reg}}}, & C = C_{\phi}. \end{cases}$$

Genericity conjecture of Gross-Prasad and Rallis

Conjecture (Gross-Prasad and Rallis)

$L(s, \phi, \text{Ad})$ is regular at $s = 1$ if and only if $\Pi_\phi(G)$ contains a generic representation.

The genericity conjecture for ABV-packets now implies one direction of the conjecture of Gross-Prasad and Rallis: if $L(s, \phi, \text{Ad})$ is regular at $s = 1$ then $\Pi_\phi(G)$ contains a generic representation.

Generic
ABV-packets for
 p -adic groups

**Clifton
Cunningham**

Genericity
conjectures

Open parameters

Conormal bundle
to the moduli
space

Vogan's
conjecture on
Arthur packets

**Genericity
conjecture of
Gross-Prasad and
Rallis**

References and
Acknowledgments

Generic
ABV-packets for
 p -adic groups

Clifton
Cunningham

Genericity
conjectures

Open parameters

Conormal bundle
to the moduli
space

Vogan's
conjecture on
Arthur packets

Genericity
conjecture of
Gross-Prasad and
Rallis

References and
Acknowledgments

More information

Fields Institute course: January 2022

<http://www.fields.utoronto.ca/activities/21-22/local-arthur-packets>

- [CFM⁺22] Clifton Cunningham, Andrew Fiori, Ahmed Moussaoui, James Mracek, and Bin Xu, *Arthur packets for p -adic groups by way of microlocal vanishing cycles of perverse sheaves, with examples*, *Memoirs of the American Mathematical Society* (2022). <https://arxiv.org/abs/arXiv:1705.01885>.
- [CFZ21] Clifton Cunningham, Andrew Fiori, and Qing Zhang, *Arthur packets for G_2 and perverse sheaves on cubics*, *Advances in Mathematics* (2021). <https://arxiv.org/abs/2005.02438>.
- [CFZ] ———, *Toward the endoscopic classification of unipotent representations of p -adic G_2* . <https://arxiv.org/abs/2101.04578>.
- [CFMZ] Clifton Cunningham, Andrew Fiori, Ahmed Moussaoui, and Qing Zhang, *Generic ABV-packets for p -adic groups*. In preparation.
- [CFK] Clifton Cunningham, Andrew Fiori, and Nicole Kitt, *Appearance of the Kashiwara-Saito singularity in the representation theory of p -adic GL_{16}* . <https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.04538>.
- [JM17] James Mracek, *Applications of Algebraic Microlocal Analysis in Symplectic Geometry and Representation Theory* (2017). Thesis (Ph.D.)—University of Toronto, ProQuest LLC, 2017.

Other references

- [ABV92] Jeffrey Adams, Dan Barbasch, and David A. Vogan Jr., *The Langlands classification and irreducible characters for real reductive groups*, Progress in Mathematics, vol. 104, Birkhäuser Boston, Inc., Boston, MA, 1992. MR1162533
- [CS98] William Casselman and Freydoon Shahidi, *On irreducibility of standard modules for generic representations*, Ann. Sci. École Norm. Sup. (4) **31** (1998), no. 4, 561–589, DOI 10.1016/S0012-9593(98)80107-9.
- [CG10] Neil Chriss and Victor Ginzburg, *Representation theory and complex geometry*, Modern Birkhäuser Classics, Birkhäuser Boston, Ltd., Boston, MA, 2010. Reprint of the 1997 edition. MR2838836
- [HO13] Volker Heiermann and Eric Opdam, *On the tempered L -functions conjecture*, Amer. J. Math. **135** (2013), no. 3, 777–799, DOI 10.1353/ajm.2013.0026.
- [Sha90] Freydoon Shahidi, *A proof of Langlands' conjecture on Plancherel measures; complementary series for p -adic groups*, Ann. of Math. (2) **132** (1990), no. 2, 273–330, DOI 10.2307/1971524.

Thanks also to the whole army:



Clifton Cunningham (Calgary), Andrew Fiori (Lethbridge), Qing Zhang (KAIST), Ahmed Moussaoui (Poitiers), Bin Xu (Beijing/Yau), Sarah Dijols (MPIM), Jerrod Smith (Calgary), James Mracek (Amazon), Mishty Ray (Calgary, PhD student), James Steele (Calgary, PhD student), Kristaps Balodis (Calgary, PhD student), Nicole Kitt (Waterloo, PhD student)