

## 1. Deformations of $\text{Rep}(G_{\mathbb{Z}})$ and integral Whittaker categories

There is an interest in considering *topological twistings*<sup>1</sup> of Langlands, as [7] and [8] in geometric and arithmetic setting respectively. Fundamental to this is an understanding of the moduli of  $\mathbb{E}_2$  deformations of the representation category.

$$\mathcal{D}\text{ef}^{(2)}(\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{C}}G) : \text{Art}_{\mathbb{C}}^{(4)} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$$

$$R \mapsto \mathbb{E}_2(\text{LCat}_R) \times_{\mathbb{E}_2(\text{LCat}_{\mathbb{C}})} \{\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{C}}G\}$$

where  $\text{Art}_{\mathbb{C}}^{(4)}$  is the category of  $\mathbb{E}_4$  Artinian  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebras.<sup>2</sup> This is classically the moduli problem of *braided tensor deformations*, studied by Yetter and Crane [16], [3]. Its  $R$ -points consists of the groupoid of pairs

$$(\mathcal{C}, \alpha) : \mathcal{C} \otimes_R \mathbb{C} \simeq \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{C}}G, \mathcal{C} \in \text{LCat}_R$$

We will now describe this moduli problem from the perspective of geometric representation theory. The *Whittaker construction/category* yields an equivalence of *stable (triangulated) categories*, [4],

$$(1) \quad \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{C}}(G) \simeq \text{Whit}(\text{Dmod}_{\mathbb{C}}(\text{Gr}_{\check{G}}))$$

The Grothendieck group of the right hand side is the module of Whittaker functions, in the sense of B. Casselman and J. Shalika, [2].

Consider the topological parameter space of *multiplicative*  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -gerbes:

$$\text{Ge}_{\mathbb{G}_m}(\text{Gr}_{\check{G}}) : R \mapsto \text{Map}_{\mathbb{E}_2(\mathcal{S})}(\text{Gr}_{\check{G}}, B^2\mathbb{G}_m(R))$$

where  $\mathbb{G}_m(R) := (\Omega^{\infty}R)^{\times}$ , the groupoid of invertible elements.

**Theorem 1.1.** [9, 10] The map on  $R$ -points given by *twisting* [7, 2]

$$\eta \mapsto \text{Whit}^{\eta}(\text{Dmod}_{\mathbb{C}}(\text{Gr}_{\check{G}}))$$

yields an equivalence

$$\widehat{\text{Ge}_{\mathbb{G}_m}(\text{Gr}_{\check{G}})} \simeq \mathcal{D}\text{ef}^{(2)}\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{C}}G$$

where the left hand side is the formal completion at the trivial gerbe.

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<sup>1</sup>there are *twists* of different flavours:

	algebro-geometric	differential geometric	Topological
Parameter Type	$K$ -theoretic, [15]	Quantum, [5]	Metaplectic, [7].

The metaplectic version gives rise to *gerbes*, which exists in most sheaf theoretic context, see [17].

<sup>2</sup>The  $\mathbb{E}_4$  condition is technical and it can be ignored: it is so that  $\text{LCat}_R$  is an  $\mathbb{E}_2$  monoidal category.

## 2. Question: is there an integral version of whittaker category?

We describe some main obstructions in this setting in 3. Can one give

- an *integral* Whittaker category/ integral version of (1)?
- a topological description of the  $\mathbb{E}_2$  deformations of  $\mathrm{Rep}_{\mathbb{Z}} G_{\mathbb{Z}}$ ?
- a  $l \neq p$ , mixed characteristic version (for the geometry) of the above construction? This is my current focus with Konrad Zou and Ashwin Iyengar.

Hints of this *rationality* are in the work of T. Richarz and J. Scholbach [13]. To a prestack  $X$ , one constructs presentable stable categories  $\mathrm{DM}(X, \mathbb{Q})$  of motives, extending the theory of Ayoub and Cisinski-Dégliise.

When  $X = \mathrm{LG}_{\mathbb{Z}}^+ \backslash \mathrm{LG}_{\mathbb{Z}} / \mathrm{LG}_{\mathbb{Z}}^+$  is the automorphic Hecke stack,  $X$  is a stratified space. One has a full subcategory of *stratified Tate motives*  $\mathrm{DTM}(X; \mathbb{Q})$ . This has a  $t$  structure whose heart is the *mixed (stratified) Tate motives*:

**Theorem 2.1.** [14, Thm. C] For each finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , there is a symmetric monoidal equivalence,

$$\mathrm{MTM}(\mathrm{LG}_{\mathbb{F}_q}^+ \backslash \mathrm{LG}_{\mathbb{F}_q} / \mathrm{LG}_{\mathbb{F}_q}^+) \simeq \mathrm{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\widehat{G}_1)^{\heartsuit}$$

where  $\widehat{G}_1$  is the *modified Langlands dual*, [1, 5].

Our goal is to give a Whittaker construction/category in this context, obtaining a similar equivalence as (1) at the level of *stable (triangulated) categories*.

## 3. What are the obstructions?

Recall for  $\mathrm{GL}_2$  the universal principal series

$$\mathrm{Fun}(G/U) := \mathrm{Ind}_U^G k := \{f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C} : f(ug) = f(g) : u \in U, g \in G\}$$

the induction from the trivial representation of the unipotent, fails to contain the most interesting representations of  $\mathrm{GL}_2$  and being multiplicity free. Classically, the *Whittaker module* for  $\mathrm{GL}_2$  can address this phenomena via a twist

$$\mathrm{Fun}^{\chi}(G/U) := \mathrm{Ind}_U^G k_{\chi} \{f : G \rightarrow k : f(ug) = \chi(u)f(g), \quad u \in U, v \in G\}$$

where  $\chi$  is a *nondegenerate character*. The geometrization of this condition is easy in *equal* characteristic set up. The condition of a function being  $\chi$  equivariant can be captured by a compatibility condition.

$$\mathrm{act}^* \mathcal{F} \simeq \mathcal{F} \boxtimes \mathcal{L}_{\psi}$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_{\psi}$  is often referred as the *Artin-Schrier sheaf* induced from the *Lang isogeny*

$$\mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{A} \quad x \mapsto x^q - x, \quad |k| = q$$

. To make sense of the above equation see the works of Ngô and Polo, in particular [11, Lem 11.1].

In defining the Whittaker category when the characteristic is *zero*. One can give a definition of Whittaker category, [6], using the *Kirillov model*. The basic object of study is sheaves on  $\mathbb{G}_a \rtimes \mathbb{G}_m$ , and the appropriate fourier transform.

**3.1. Further questions.** We may ask:

- (1) To what generalirty can we allow our geometric objects to be? In de Rham sheaf theory:  $\mathbb{G}_a$  canont be viewed as a  $\mathbb{E}_\infty$ -group scheme over  $\mathbb{S}$ , [10, 1.6.20].
- (2) What the appropriate <sup>3</sup> sheaf theory? <sup>4</sup> In the Betti sheaf theory: we need a notion of *constructible sheaves* with *singular support* in  $\mathrm{Sp}$ . This is unclear but seems more plausible. It may be possible to work out integral case using recent development in *motivic sheaves*.

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<sup>3</sup>A litmus test to a correct sheaf theory, denoted  $\mathrm{Shv}$ , is the property

$$\mathrm{Whit}(\mathrm{Shv}(G/B; \mathrm{Sp})) \simeq \mathrm{Shv}(T, \mathrm{Sp})$$

for triplet  $(B, N, T) = (\text{Borel}, \text{maximal unipotent subgroup}, \text{maximal torus subgroup})$ .

<sup>4</sup>using terminology of [12].



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