# Unipotent representations from a geometric point of view (joint with Ivan Losev and Lucas Mason-Brown)

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#### Unitary representations

G is a simple complex group. Unitary representation is a pair  $(\mathcal{H}, \rho)$ , where  $\mathcal{H}$  – Hilbert space,  $\rho: G \rightarrow U(\mathcal{H})$  – continuous group homomorphism.

Question: [Gelfand, 1930-s]

Describe the set  $\hat{G}$  of irreducible unitary representations of G.

Solved for  $GL_n$  by Vogan in 1986, and for all other complex classical groups by Barbasch in 1989.

#### Orbit method

Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be the Lie algebra of G. Idea (Kirillov, Kostant):

Expectation (orbit method):

There is a connection between the set of coadjoint orbits in  $\mathfrak{g}^*$  and  $\widehat{G}$ .

On the left hand side of correspondence we have symplectic manifolds. On the right hand side we have Hilbert spaces.

Hope:

The conjectured correspondence of the orbit method is given by "quantizing" the orbit.

The process of a "geometric quantization" producing a unitary representation out of a symplectic variety with symmetry is rather complicated. However, we can use a simpler notion of an algebraic quantization that will be defined later.

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#### Unipotent representations

## Let $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathfrak{g}^*$ be a nilpotent coadjoint orbit. Note that the Killing form gives an identification $\mathfrak{g} \simeq \mathfrak{g}^*$ , and in classical types for $G \subset GL_n$ nilpotent elements correspond to nilpotent matrices in $\mathfrak{g} \subset \mathfrak{gl}_n$

#### Hope/Expectation:

There is a finite set  $Unip(\mathcal{O}) \subset \widehat{G}$  of irreducible unitary representation known as unipotent representations, associated with  $\mathcal{O}$ , satisfying certain good properties (to be discussed below).

### Harish-Chandra bimodules

Let  $U(\mathfrak{g})$  be the universal enveloping algebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

Definition:

A Harish-Chandra bimodule X is a  $U(\mathfrak{g})$ -bimodule, such that the adjoint action of  $\mathfrak{g}$  integrates to the action of group G. We write HC(G) for the category of Harish-Chandra bimodules.

A Harish-Chandra bimodule is the same that a Harish-Chandra  $(\mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}, G)$  Harish-Chandra module.

We want to have a notion of unitarizable Harish-Chandra bimodule V. Recall that the real form produces an anti-holomorphic involution  $\sigma$  on  $G \times G$ , such that the diagonal copy  $G \subset G$  is identified with  $(G \times G)^{\sigma}$ . We abuse the notation to denote the corresponding involution of  $\mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}$  by  $\sigma$ .

#### Unitarizable Harish-Chandra bimodules

A Hermitian form on V is a sesquilinear pairing  $\langle \bullet, \bullet \rangle : V \otimes V \to \mathbb{C}$ , such that  $\langle v, w \rangle = \overline{\langle w, v \rangle}$ . We say that a Hermitian form is  $\sigma$ -invariant if  $\langle XvY, w \rangle = \langle x, -\sigma(Y)w\sigma(X) \rangle$  for any  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{g}$ .

Definition:

A HC-bimodule  $V \in HC(G)$  is unitarizable if V can be endowed with a non-degenerate  $\sigma$ -invariant Hermitian form  $\langle \bullet, \bullet \rangle$  such that  $\langle v, v \rangle > 0$  for any non-zero  $v \in V$ .

Deep result (Harish-Chandra):

The categories of unitary representations of G and of unitarizable HC-bimodules over G are equivalent.

#### Support of a Harish-Chandra bimodule

Consider 
$$X \in HC(G)$$
;  
Set  $J = Ann(X) \subset U(\mathfrak{g})$  to be the annihilator of  $X$ ;  
 $U(\mathfrak{g})$  has a PBW filtration,  $F_iU(\mathfrak{g})$  is spanned by monomials of degree  $\leq i$ ;  
gr  $J \subset S(\mathfrak{g}) = \mathbb{C}[\mathfrak{g}^*]$ ;  
For any ideal  $I \subset \mathbb{C}[\mathfrak{g}^*]$  we can consider the associated variety  $V(I) \subset \mathfrak{g}^*$   
of points  $x$ , such that  $f(x) = 0$  for any  $f \in I$ .

Fact: (Joseph)

 $V(\operatorname{gr} J) = \overline{\mathcal{O}}$ , where  $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathfrak{g}^*$  is a nilpotent orbit.

#### Barbasch-Vogan-Luzstig-Spaltenstein duality

In 1985 Barbasch and Vogan constructed some interesting unipotent HC-bimodules. To define them we need a Barbasch-Vogan-Luzstig-Spaltenstein duality.

$$G - a$$
 simple complex Lie group;

 $\mathfrak{g}$  – the Lie algebra of G;

 $G^{\vee}$ ,  $\mathfrak{g}^{\vee}$  – Langlands dual Lie group and Lie algebra.

 $\mathcal{N} \subset \mathfrak{g}, \ \mathcal{N}^{\vee} \subset \mathfrak{g}^{\vee}$  – corresponding nilpotent cones.

**BVLS** duality:

There is an order reversing map  $d : \mathcal{N}^{\vee}/G^{\vee} \to \mathcal{N}/G$  on the sets of nilpotent orbits. Orbits in the image of d are called *special* orbits, and d gives a bijection between the sets of special orbits.

#### **BVLS** duality

The description of BVLS duality is known for all simple Lie algebras g. Moreover, in classical types we have a combinatorial description using the parametrization of orbits by partitions.

Set  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_n$ . Nilpotent orbits in  $\mathfrak{sl}_n$  are parametrized by partitions of n using the Jordan normal form. The BVLS duality corresponds to taking the transpose of a partition.

$$d(\alpha) = \alpha^T$$

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#### Special unipotent representations

$$\mathcal{O} \subset \mathfrak{g}$$
 - a special orbit;  
 $\mathcal{O}^{\vee} \subset \mathfrak{g}^{\vee}$  is an orbit, such that  $d(\mathcal{O}^{\vee}) = \mathcal{O}$ ;  
 $e^{\vee}, f^{\vee}, h^{\vee} - \mathfrak{sl}_2$ -triple for  $\mathcal{O}^{\vee}, h^{\vee} \subset \mathfrak{h}^{\vee}$  is dominant.  
 $Z(U(\mathfrak{g})) \simeq S(\mathfrak{h})^W \simeq \mathbb{C}[\mathfrak{h}^*/W]$ ;  
Recall that the maximal ideals in  $U(\mathfrak{g})$  are parametrized by central  
characters, i.e. points in  $\mathfrak{h}^*/W$ ;  
Set  $I(\mathcal{O}^{\vee}) = I(\frac{1}{2}h^{\vee}) \subset U(\mathfrak{g})$  to be the maximal ideal with central  
character  $\frac{1}{2}h^{\vee}$ .

Definition (Arthur, Barbasch-Vogan)  $Unip^{s}(\mathcal{O}) = \{X \text{ irred., } LAnn(X) = RAnn(X) = I(\mathcal{O}^{\vee}), d(\mathcal{O}^{\vee}) = \mathcal{O}\}.$ 

#### Limitations of the definition

- 1) If  $\mathcal{O}$  is not special, then  $Unip^{s}(\mathcal{O}) = 0$ .
- 2) Set g = sl<sub>2</sub>, and O to be the regular orbit in sl<sub>2</sub>. We have <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>h<sup>∨</sup> = 0. The unique special unipotent representation is Ind<sup>G</sup><sub>T</sub> C. However, we have two unitary representations of SL<sub>2</sub> with the central character <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. Namely, set V<sup>even</sup>, V<sup>odd</sup> ⊂ D(A<sup>1</sup>) to be the subspaces generated by monomials of even and odd degree respectively. Define the left and right actions of sl<sub>2</sub> on D(A<sup>1</sup>) by:

$$E = \frac{i}{2}x^2 \qquad \qquad H = x\frac{d}{dx} + \frac{1}{2} \qquad \qquad F = \frac{i}{2}\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$$

Note that  $V^{even}$  and  $V^{odd}$  are irreducible  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$ -bimodules under these actions. The adjoint action can be lifted to an action of the group  $SL_2$ , and both  $V^{even}$  and  $V^{odd}$  are unitary.

3) The example of 2) can be generalized to a unitary metaplectic representation of  $Sp_{2n}$ , associated with the minimal orbit in  $\mathfrak{sp}_{2n}$ . Such orbit is not special.

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#### Vogan's desiderata

In 1987 Vogan proposed a list of desired properties of unipotent representations.

- 1) Each unipotent representation is a unitary representation associated to a nilpotent orbit  $\mathcal{O}$ .
- 2) For any unipotent representation X,  $LAnn_{U(g)}(X) = RAnn_{U(g)}(X)$  is a maximal ideal.
- 3) All special unipotent representations are unipotent.
- 4) Unipotent representations satisfy Vogan's conjecture to be stated in the next slide.

#### Vogan's conjecture

Consider  $X \in Unip(\mathcal{O})$ ; For a good filtration on X the associated graded gr X is a finitely generated  $S(\mathfrak{g})$ -module; Supp  $(\operatorname{gr} X) = \overline{\mathcal{O}}$ .

Vogan's conjecture/theorem:

There is a good filtration on X and a homogeneous vector bundle M on  $\mathcal{O}$ , such that gr  $X \simeq \Gamma(\mathcal{O}, M)$  as representations of G.

The homogeneous vector bundle M can be roughly understood as the restriction of a  $\mathbb{C}[\mathfrak{g}^*]$ -module gr X to  $\mathcal{O}$ .

#### Quantizations of conical Poisson algebras

A – finitely generated Poisson algebra, i.e. commutative algebra with a Lie bracket satisfying Leibniz identity.

A admits an algebra grading  $A = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} A_i$ ,  $A_0 = \mathbb{C}$ .

 $\{A_i, A_j\} \subset A_{i+j-d}$  for a fixed integer d > 0.

Definition:

(Filtered) quantization of an algebra A is a pair  $(\mathcal{A}, \theta)$ , where

$$\mathcal{A} = \bigcup_{i} F_{i} \mathcal{A} \text{ is a filtered algebra}; [F_{i} \mathcal{A}, F_{j} \mathcal{A}] \subset F_{i+j-d} \mathcal{A}; \theta : \text{gr } \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A} - \text{an isomorphism of graded Poisson brackets, where} {a + F_{i-1} \mathcal{A}, b + F_{j-1} \mathcal{A}} = [a, b] + F_{i+j-d-1} \mathcal{A}.$$

## Examples

1) 
$$A = \mathbb{C}[x, y], \ \mathcal{A} = T(x, y)/(xy - yx - 1) = \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{A}^1).$$
  
2)  $A = S(\mathfrak{g}), \ \mathcal{A} = U(\mathfrak{g}).$ 

## Quantizations of $\mathbb{C}[\mathcal{N}]$

 $\mathcal{N} \subset \mathfrak{g}^*$  – the nilpotent cone.

Theorem (Losev):

Quantizations of  $\mathbb{C}[\mathcal{N}]$  are in bijection with  $\mathfrak{h}^*/W.$ 

$$\begin{split} &\chi \in \mathfrak{h}^*/W \mapsto \mathfrak{m}_{\chi} \subset \mathbb{C}[\mathfrak{h}^*]^W \simeq Z(U(\mathfrak{g})). \\ &I_{\chi} = (m_{\chi}) \subset U(\mathfrak{g}). \\ &\mathcal{A}_{\chi} = U(\mathfrak{g})/I_{\chi}. \\ &\text{Examples show that some interesting unitary representations of G are associated with G-equivariant covers of nilpotent orbits rather than orbits themselves. Thus, we want to have a description of the set of quantizations of  $\mathbb{C}[\widehat{\mathcal{O}}]$  for any orbit  $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathcal{N}$ , and any G-equivariant covering  $\widehat{\mathcal{O}}$  of the orbit  $\mathcal{O}$ .$$

#### Affine conical symplectic singularities

Let X be a normal Poisson variety, and assume that the regular locus  $X^{reg}$  admits a symplectic form  $\omega^{reg}$ . Following Beauville, we say that X has symplectic singularities if X admits a projective resolution of singularities  $\rho: \widetilde{X} \to X$ , such that  $\rho^*(\omega^{reg})$  extends to a regular (not necessarily symplectic) form on  $\widetilde{X}$ .

We say that an affine symplectic singularity X is conical if  $\mathbb{C}[X]$  is a conical Poisson algebra.

Examples of affine symplectic singularities:

- 1) Kleinian singularity  $\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma$ , where  $\Gamma \in Sp_2$  is a finite subgroup;
- 2) Spec( $\mathbb{C}[\mathcal{O}]$ ) for any nilpotent orbit  $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathcal{N}$ ;
- 2) Spec( $\mathbb{C}[\widehat{\mathcal{O}}]$ ) for any *G*-equivariant cover  $\widehat{\mathcal{O}}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$ .

#### Quantizations of affine conical symplectic singularities

Let X be an affine conical symplectic singularity.

Theorem: (Losev)

Quantizations of X are in bijection with  $\mathfrak{P}/W$ , where  $\mathfrak{P}$  is an affine space, and W is a finite group acting on  $\mathfrak{P}$  by reflections.

Examples:

- 1) For  $X = \mathcal{N}$  we have  $\mathfrak{P} = \mathfrak{h}^*$  and W is the Weyl group of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ;
- 2) We can obtain a similar representation-theoretic description of  $\mathfrak{P}$  and W for any  $X = \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[\widehat{\mathcal{O}}])$ . Namely, there is a Levi subalgebra  $\mathfrak{l} \subset \mathfrak{g}$ , such that  $\mathfrak{P} \simeq (\mathfrak{l}/[\mathfrak{l},\mathfrak{l}])^*$ . The description of W is more subtle.

#### Canonical quantizations

Let X be an affine conical symplectic singularity, and set  $A = \mathbb{C}[X]$ .

There is a distinguished quantization  $\mathcal{A}$  of A called the canonical quantization, satisfying the following properties.

 $\mathcal{A}$  is an even quantization, i.e. it admits a filtered anti-involution  $\sigma : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$ , such that gr $\sigma : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  sends  $a \in A_i$  to  $\zeta^i a$ , where  $\zeta$  is a primitive 2*d*-th root of unity;

The action of the group of Poisson automorphisms of X on A lifts to an action on A.

For  $X = \text{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[\widehat{\mathcal{O}}])$  we have an additional properties of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

*G* acts on  $\mathcal{A}$ , and the action admits a unique quantum comoment map  $\Phi : U(\mathfrak{g}) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ .

 $\mathcal{A}$  has a structure of a Harish-Chandra bimodule over G.

We define the ideal  $I(\widehat{\mathcal{O}}) \subset U(\mathfrak{g})$  to be the kernel of  $\Phi$ .

#### Unipotent Harish-Chandra bimodules

Set  $\mathcal{A}$  to be the canonical quantization of  $\mathbb{C}[\widehat{\mathcal{O}}]$ , and let  $\Pi$  be the Galois group of the covering  $\widehat{\mathcal{O}} \to \mathcal{O}$ . The action of  $\Pi$  on  $\mathbb{C}[\widehat{\mathcal{O}}]$  lifts to the action on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

For any irreducible representation V of  $\Pi$  set  $X_V = (\mathcal{A}_0(\widehat{\mathcal{O}}) \otimes V)^{\Pi}$ .

Definition: (Losev, Mason-Brown, M.)

We define the set  $Unip_{\widehat{\mathcal{O}}}(\mathcal{O})$  of unipotent Harish-Chandra bimodules associated with  $\widehat{\mathcal{O}}$  to be the set  $\{X_V\}$  for all irreducible representations Vof  $\Pi$ .

We set  $Unip(\mathcal{O}) = \bigcup_{\widehat{\mathcal{O}}} Unip_{\widehat{\mathcal{O}}}(\mathcal{O})$  to be the set of unipotent Harish-Chandra bimodules corresponding to the orbit  $\mathcal{O}$ .

#### Unipotent Harish-Chandra bimodules

We have the following properties of unipotent Harish-Chandra bimodules.

1)  $X_V$  is irreducible Harish-Chandra bimodule for any irreducible representation V of  $\Pi$ .

2) LAnn
$$(X_V) = \text{RAnn}(X_V) = I(\widehat{\mathcal{O}}).$$

Proposition: (Losev, Mason-Brown, M.)

Suppose G is a classical linear group. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the canonical quantization of  $\mathbb{C}[\widehat{\mathcal{O}}]$ . The ideal  $I(\widehat{\mathcal{O}}) \subset U(\mathfrak{g})$  is maximal.

Proof is based on combinatorial computations, and we expect the proposition to hold for all simple G.

#### Example of $SL_2$

Set  $G = SL_2$ , and  $\mathcal{O}$  to be the regular nilpotent orbit in  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$ .

For a trivial cover  $\mathcal{O}$  we have the unique unipotent Harish-Chandra bimodule in  $Unip_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathcal{O})$  that is the canonical quantization of  $\mathbb{C}[\mathcal{O}] = \mathbb{C}[\mathcal{N}]$ . In fact, this quantization is  $Ind_T^G \mathbb{C}$  and coincides with the special unipotent Harish-Chandra bimodule for  $\mathcal{O}$ .

Consider the universal 2-fold cover  $\widehat{\mathcal{O}} = \mathbb{C}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ . We have  $\mathbb{C}[\widehat{\mathcal{O}}] = \mathbb{C}[x, y]$ , and the canonical quantization is  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{A}^1) = \mathbb{C}[x, \frac{d}{dx}]/(\frac{d}{dx}x - x\frac{d}{dx} - 1)$ . The group  $\Pi = \mathbb{Z}_2$  acts on  $\mathcal{A}$  by sending x to -x and  $\frac{d}{dx}$  to  $-\frac{d}{dx}$ . We have two unipotent Harish-Chandra bimodules:

$$V^{even} = \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}_2};$$
  
 $V^{odd} = (\mathcal{A} \otimes \operatorname{sign})^{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ 

#### Vogan's desiderata

#### 1) Vogan's conjecture.

Follows directly from the definition of a unipotent Harish-Chandra bimodule. Indeed, consider  $X_V \in Unip_{\widehat{\mathcal{O}}}(\mathcal{O})$  for some representation Vof  $\Pi$ . Set  $p : \widehat{\mathcal{O}} \to \mathcal{O}$  be the covering map, and  $M = p_*(S_{\widehat{\mathcal{O}}} \otimes V)^{\Pi}$ . Such M satisfies the condition of Vogan's conjecture.

2) For any  $X \in Unip(G)$ ,  $LAnn_{U(\mathfrak{g})}(X) = RAnn_{U(\mathfrak{g})}(X)$  is a maximal ideal

Proved for classical linear group G, expected to be true for all G.

- 3)  $Unip(\mathfrak{g}) \subset \widehat{G}$ Proved for classical linear group *G*, expected to be true for all *G*.
- 4)  $Unip(\mathcal{O}) \supset Unip^{s}(\mathcal{O})$ Proved for classical linear group *G*, expected to be true for all *G*.

#### Questions to be answered:

- 1) Why do we have  $Unip(\mathcal{O}) \supset Unip^{s}(\mathcal{O})$ ?
- 2) How many irreducible representations are annihilated by the ideal  $I(\hat{O})$ ?
- 3) Why are unipotent representations unitary?

#### Generalized duality

Assume G is a classical linear group. Let  $SpCov(\mathfrak{g})$  be the set of G-equivariant covers of special orbits in  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

Theorem: (Losev, Mason-Brown, M.)

There is an injective map  $\tilde{d} : \mathcal{N}^{\vee}/G^{\vee} \to SpCov(\mathfrak{g})$ , such that  $\tilde{d}(\mathcal{O}^{\vee})$  is a *G*-equivariant cover of  $d(\mathcal{O}^{\vee})$ ;  $I(\tilde{d}(\mathcal{O}^{\vee})) = I(\frac{1}{2}h^{\vee}).$ 

Corollary:  $Unip(\mathcal{O}) \supset Unip^{s}(\mathcal{O}).$ 

#### Almost etale covers

For a *G*-equivariant cover  $\widehat{\mathcal{O}}$  consider the ideal  $I(\widehat{\mathcal{O}})$ .

Proposition:

There is a unique maximal *G*-equivariant cover  $\widetilde{\mathcal{O}}$  of  $\widehat{\mathcal{O}}$  with the Galois group  $\Pi$  of the covering  $\widetilde{\mathcal{O}} \to \mathcal{O}$ , satisfying the following properties.  $I(\widehat{\mathcal{O}}) = I(\widetilde{\mathcal{O}})$ , and therefore  $Unip_{\widehat{\mathcal{O}}}(\mathcal{O}) = Unip_{\widetilde{\mathcal{O}}}(\mathcal{O})$ ;  $X_V$  is not isomorphic to  $X_W$  for two non-isomorphic irreducible representations V and W of  $\Pi$ ; Any irreducible Harish-Chandra bimodule X with  $LAnn(X) = RAnn(X) = I(\widetilde{\mathcal{O}})$  is isomorphic to  $X_V$  for some irreducible representation V of  $\Pi$ .

#### Lusztig-Spaltenstein induction

$$\begin{array}{ll} \Delta - \text{ the set of simple roots of } \mathfrak{g} \\ \Delta = (e_1 - e_2, e_2 - e_3, \ldots, e_{n-1} - e_n) \\ \Phi - \text{ the root system of } \mathfrak{g} \qquad \Phi = (\{e_i - e_j\}) \\ I \subset \Delta \qquad \qquad I = \Delta/\{e_{k-1} - e_k\} \\ \Phi_I \subset \Phi \qquad \qquad \Phi_I = (\{e_i - e_j | i, j \leq k \text{ or } i, j > k\}) \\ \mathfrak{l}_I = \mathfrak{h} \oplus \sum_{\alpha \in \Phi_I} \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha} - \text{Levi subalgebra of } \mathfrak{g} \qquad \mathfrak{l}_I = \mathfrak{s}(\mathfrak{gl}_k \times \mathfrak{gl}_{n-k}); \\ \mathfrak{p}_I = \mathfrak{l}_I \oplus \mathfrak{n}_I - \text{a parabolic subalgebra} \\ P \subset G, \ L \subset G - \text{ corresponding subgroups.} \\ \mathcal{O}_L \subset \mathfrak{l} - \text{a nilpotent } L \text{-orbit.} \end{array}$$

Lusztig-Spaltenstein induction.

The image of the map  $\rho : G \times^{P} (\overline{\mathcal{O}}_{L} \times \mathfrak{n}) \to \mathfrak{g}$  contains the unique open dense orbit  $\mathcal{O}$ . Such orbit  $\mathcal{O}$  is called induced from  $(\mathcal{O}_{L}, \mathfrak{l})$ . If orbit  $\mathcal{O}$  cannot be induced from any proper Levi subalgebra  $\mathfrak{l}$ , we say that  $\mathcal{O}$  is a rigid orbit.

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#### Birational Lusztig-Spaltenstein induction

Let 
$$\mathcal{O}$$
 be induced from  $\mathcal{O}_L \subset \mathfrak{l}$ .  
Let  $\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_L$  be an *L*-equivariant covering of  $\mathcal{O}_L$ .  
 $\rho : G \times^P (\operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_0]) \times \mathfrak{n}) \to \mathfrak{g}$ .  
 $\widehat{\mathcal{O}} = \rho^{-1}(\mathcal{O}).$ 

 $\widehat{\mathcal{O}}$  is a *G*-equivariant covering of  $\mathcal{O}$ . We say that  $\widehat{\mathcal{O}}$  is birationally induced from  $(\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_L, \mathfrak{l})$ . If  $\widehat{\mathcal{O}}$  cannot be birationally induced from any proper Levi subalgebra  $\mathfrak{l}$ , we say that  $\widehat{\mathcal{O}}$  is a birationally rigid cover.

For any covering  $\widehat{\mathcal{O}}$  there is a unique pair  $(\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_L, \mathfrak{l})$ , such that  $\widehat{\mathcal{O}}$  is birationally induced from  $\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_L$ ;  $\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_L$  is a birationally rigid cover.

### Quantum Hamiltonian reduction

Note that  $G \times^P (\operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_0]) \times \mathfrak{n}) = (T^*G \times \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{C}[\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_0]))/\!\!/ P$  is obtained by Hamiltonian reduction.

We can use quantum Hamiltonian reduction to define parabolic induction of quantizations.

Proposition:

Suppose that  $\widehat{\mathcal{O}}$  is birationally induced from  $(\mathfrak{l}, \widehat{\mathcal{O}}_L)$ . Then the canonical quantization of  $\mathbb{C}[\widehat{\mathcal{O}}]$  is parabolically induced from the canonical quantization of  $\mathbb{C}[\widehat{\mathcal{O}}_L]$ .

Proposition:

Assume that  $\mathcal{O}$  is not birationally rigid orbit, and let  $\mathcal{O}_L \subset \mathfrak{l}^*$  be the birationally rigid orbit, such that  $\mathcal{O}$  is birationally induced from  $(\mathfrak{l}, \mathcal{O}_L)$ . Then all  $X \in Unip(\mathcal{O})$  are obtained from  $Unip(\mathcal{O}_L)$  by taking (possibly twisted) parabolic induction and taking isotypic components with respect to the finite group actions.

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#### Unitarity of unipotent representations

Proposition (Barbasch):

If  $\mathcal{O}$  is a rigid orbit, then any  $X \in Unip(\mathcal{O})$  is unitarizable.

It is easy to imply the analogous statement for a birationally rigid  $\mathcal{O}$ . For G classical linear group the operations described in the previous slide send unitarizable Harish-Chandra bimodules to unitarizable Harish-Chandra bimodules. We expect it to be true for general G. That implies that  $Unip(G) \subset \hat{G}$ .