

Homogeneity results for invariant distributions on p -adic symmetric spaces

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Characters

$G(F)$ p -adic reductive group: F local field, G/F connected reductive.

Character of $\pi : G(F) \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_{\mathbb{C}}(V)$, finite length smooth representation, is the $\mathrm{Int} G(F)$ -invariant distribution:

$$\Theta_{\pi} : C_c^{\infty}(G(F)) \rightarrow \mathbb{C},$$

$$f \mapsto \mathrm{tr} \left(v \mapsto \int_{G(F)} f(g) \pi(g) \cdot v \, dg \right) \quad (\text{in short, } f \mapsto \mathrm{tr} \pi(f)).$$

Fact (Harish-Chandra, Raphaël Beuzart-Plessis):

$$\Theta_{\pi}(f) = \int_{G(F)} \Theta_{\pi}(g) f(g) \, dg, \quad \Theta_{\pi} \in L_{\mathrm{loc}}^1(G(F)), \quad \text{locally const. on } G(F)_{\mathrm{reg}}.$$

Why characters?

- ▶ Have linear independence of characters.
- ▶ Crucially used in trace formula, endoscopy theory of L -packets, work on Gan-Gross-Prasad conjectures etc.
- ▶ Characters reflect properties: e.g., growth of Θ_π near $1 \in G(F)$ tells us how “big” of a representation π is, existence of Whittaker models etc.
- ▶ Study characters near 1, by pulling them down to **Ad $G(F)$ -invariant** distributions $\mathfrak{g}(F) := \text{Lie } G(F)$.

$$\mathfrak{g}(F) \xrightarrow{\text{open}} \underbrace{\mathcal{U}}_{\substack{\Psi \\ 0}} \xrightarrow{\text{exp}} \underbrace{\mathcal{V}}_{\substack{\Psi \\ 1}} \xrightarrow{\text{open}} G(F).$$

$\Theta_\pi|_{\mathcal{V}} \rightsquigarrow \theta_\pi := \Theta_\pi|_{\mathcal{V}} \circ \text{exp}$ on \mathcal{U} or on $\mathfrak{g}(F)$.

- ▶ “Slogan:” Lie algebra analogue of characters = Fourier transforms of orbital integrals, $\hat{\mu}_{\mathcal{O}_X}$, $X \in \mathfrak{g}^*$ (defined in next two slides).

Fourier transforms

Fourier transform on a f.d.v.s V/\mathbb{R} :

$$\hat{f}(x) = \int_V f(y) \exp(i\langle x, y \rangle) dy,$$

$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ Euclidean inner product.

Similarly, $C_c^\infty(\mathfrak{g}(F)) \ni f \mapsto \hat{f} \in C_c^\infty(\mathfrak{g}(F))$:

$$\hat{f}(X) = \int_{\mathfrak{g}(F)} f(Y) \psi(B(X, Y)) dY,$$

- ▶ $B : \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow F$, symmetric nondegenerate Ad G -invariant bilinear form;
- ▶ $\psi : F \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$ nontrivial additive character.

Better: $C_c^\infty(\mathfrak{g}(F)) \ni f \mapsto \hat{f} \in C_c^\infty(\mathfrak{g}^*(F))$, $X \mapsto \int_{\mathfrak{g}(F)} f(Y) \psi(\langle X, Y \rangle) dY$.

Fourier transform for distributions: $\hat{T}(f) := T(\hat{f})$.

Orbital integrals

Orbital integral: if $\mathcal{O} := \text{Ad } G(F)(X) = \text{adjoint orbit of } X \in \mathfrak{g}(F)$,

$$O_X(f) := \mu_{\mathcal{O}}(f) := \int_{G(F)/G^X(F)} f(\text{Ad } g(X)) \frac{dg}{dg^X} = \int_{\mathcal{O} := \text{Ad } G(F)(X)} f(X) d\mu_{\mathcal{O}}.$$

This is well-defined if F has characteristic zero (or if $p \gg 0$):

- ▶ The centralizer $G^X(F) = \{g \in G(F) \mid \text{Ad } g(X) = X\}$ is unimodular \Rightarrow have a $G(F)$ -invariant measure $dg/dg^X = d\mu_{\mathcal{O}}$ on \mathcal{O} ;
- ▶ $\forall f \in C_c^\infty(\mathfrak{g}(F))$, the integral $\mu_{\mathcal{O}}(f)$ conv. (Ranga Rao if $\text{char } F = 0$).

Of partic. interest: when $\mathcal{O} \in \mathcal{O}(0) := \{\text{nilpotent Ad } G(F)\text{-orbits in } \mathfrak{g}(F)\}$,

i.e., when $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathcal{N}(\mathfrak{g}) := \text{the set of nilpotent elements of } \mathfrak{g}(F)$,

i.e., when $0 \in \bar{\mathcal{O}}^{\text{Hausdorff}} = \overline{\text{Ad } G(F) \cdot X}^{\text{Hausdorff}}$.

Fact: $J(\mathcal{N}(\mathfrak{g})) := \text{the set of Ad } G(F)\text{-invariant distribns supported on } \mathcal{N}(\mathfrak{g})$
 $= \bigoplus_{\mathcal{O} \in \mathcal{O}(0)} \mathbb{C} \cdot \mu_{\mathcal{O}} = \text{sum of nilpotent orbital integrals.}$

Similarly, have nilp. orb. int. on $\mathfrak{g}^*(F) := \text{Hom}(\mathfrak{g}(F), F)$ with “Ad*”-action.

Fourier transforms of orbital integrals

Set $\hat{\mathcal{O}}_X := \hat{\mu}_{\mathcal{O}} :=$ the Fourier transform of $\mu_{\mathcal{O}}$.

$$\mathfrak{g}(F) \supset_{\substack{\text{open} \\ \mathcal{U} \\ \mathbb{0}}} \xrightarrow{\text{exp}} \mathcal{V} \supset_{\substack{\text{open} \\ \mathcal{V} \\ \mathbb{1}}} \subset G(F)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\Theta_{\pi} : C_c^{\infty}(G(F)) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}) \rightsquigarrow (\Theta_{\pi}|_{\mathcal{V}} : C_c^{\infty}(\mathcal{V}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}) \overset{\text{exp}}{\rightsquigarrow} (\theta_{\pi} : C_c^{\infty}(\mathcal{U}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}),$$

or $\theta_{\pi} : C_c^{\infty}(\mathfrak{g}(F)) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, supported on \mathcal{U} . Informally: $\theta_{\pi} = \Theta_{\pi} \circ \text{exp}$.

Howe-Harish-Chandra character expn: \mathcal{U} sufficiently small $\Rightarrow \forall f \in C_c^{\infty}(\mathcal{U})$:

$$\theta_{\pi}(f) := \Theta_{\pi}(f \circ \log) = \sum_{\mathcal{O} \in \mathcal{O}(0)^*} \underbrace{c_{\mathcal{O}}}_{\in \mathbb{C}} \cdot \hat{\mu}_{\mathcal{O}}(f),$$

if we assume that F has characteristic zero.

In other words: $\theta_{\pi}|_{\mathcal{U}} \in J(\widehat{\mathcal{N}(\mathfrak{g}^*)})|_{\mathcal{U}}$.

Question: How big can \mathcal{U} be so this holds (“range of validity of the character expansion”)?

Crude comments on the Howe-Harish-Chandra argument

H.-C. proves the expansion, more generally, for “admissible distributions” Θ .

If $K_0 \subset G(F)$ compact open subgroup such that $\pi^{K_0} \neq 0$ (say π irreducible):

$$\pi|_{K_0} = \bigoplus_{\xi \in \text{Irr}(K_0)} n_\xi \xi,$$

where $n_\xi = 0$ unless $\exists g \in G(F)$ s.t. ξ has a nonz. $gK_0g^{-1} \cap K_0$ -fixed vector.

Rephrase: $\Theta_\pi * \xi = 0$ unless $\exists g$ s.t. ξ has a nonz. $gK_0g^{-1} \cap K_0$ -fixed vector.

Very crude idea, if Θ satisfies this: This forces the Fourier transform of

$\theta = \Theta \circ \exp$, near 0, to have support near nilpotent cone $\mathcal{N}(\mathfrak{g}^*)$.

- ▶ Given π with a K_0 -fixed vector, the above gives information on $\pi|_{K_0}$.
- ▶ Rep. th. of $K_0 = \exp(L_0) \leftrightarrow K_0$ -orbits on \mathfrak{g}^*/L_0^\perp (Howe’s Kirillov th.).
- ▶ Information about Θ_π near 1, or θ_π near 0.

Recall the question: How big can \mathcal{U} be so the character expansion holds?

Moy-Prasad filtrations

If $x \in \mathcal{B}(G) =$ (enlarged) Bruhat-Tits building of G , have Moy-Prasad filtration subgroups (for $r \geq 0$) and sublattices (for $r \in \mathbb{R}$):

$$G(F)_{x,r} \subset G(F), \quad \mathfrak{g}(F)_{x,r} \subset \mathfrak{g}(F), \quad \mathfrak{g}^*(F)_{x,r} \subset \mathfrak{g}^*(F).$$

Exm: If $G = \mathrm{GL}(V)/F$, x is given by a \downarrow filtration $\{L_s\}_{s \in \mathbb{R}}$ of lattices in V :

$$\mathfrak{g}(F)_{x,r} = \{X \in \mathrm{End}(V) \mid X(L_s) \subset L_{s+r} \forall s\}.$$

Have Moy-Prasad G -domains:

$$G(F)_r := \bigcup_{x \in \mathcal{B}(G)} G(F)_{x,r} \stackrel{\text{open}}{\subset} G(F), \quad \mathfrak{g}(F)_r := \bigcup_{x \in \mathcal{B}(G)} \mathfrak{g}(F)_{x,r} \stackrel{\text{open}}{\subset} \mathfrak{g}(F),$$

similarly $\mathfrak{g}^*(F)_r$. Open, closed, $G(F)$ -invariant, and have

$$\mathfrak{g}(F)_r = \bigcap_{x \in \mathcal{B}(G)} (\mathfrak{g}(F)_{x,r} + \mathcal{N}(\mathfrak{g}))$$

(Part of Moy-Prasad theory, take by Adler and DeBacker).

$$\exp : \mathfrak{g}(F)_{x,r} \rightarrow G(F)_{x,r}, \quad \mathfrak{g}(F)_r \rightarrow G(F)_r, \quad \text{if } p \gg 0.$$

$$\mathfrak{g}(F)_{x,r+} := \bigcup_{s > r} \mathfrak{g}(F)_{x,s}, \quad \mathfrak{g}(F)_{r+} := \bigcup_{x \in \mathcal{B}(G)} \mathfrak{g}(F)_{x,r+}, \quad \text{etc.}$$

Moy-Prasad Depth, consequences for $\hat{\theta}_\pi$

Definition (Moy and Prasad)

The **depth of π** is the smallest $\rho(\pi) \geq 0$ such that π has a nonzero $G(F)_{x, \rho(\pi)_+}$ -fixed vector, for some $x \in \mathcal{B}(G)$.

Conjecture (Hales-Moy-Prasad)

For “good” p , the character expn. for $\theta_\pi = \Theta_\pi \circ \exp$ holds on $\mathfrak{g}(F)_{\rho(\pi)_+}$, i.e., the “**range of validity**” of character expansion contains $\mathfrak{g}(F)_{\rho(\pi)_+}$.

DeBacker: True if $p \gg 0$. (Applies more gen. to “ r -admissible distribns”).

$$\underbrace{(G(F)_{x,r}/G(F)_{x,r+})^\wedge}_{\xi} \stackrel{\log}{=} \underbrace{(\mathfrak{g}(F)_{x,r}/\mathfrak{g}(F)_{x,r+})^\wedge}_{\hat{\xi}} \cong \underbrace{\mathfrak{g}^*(F)_{x,-r}/\mathfrak{g}^*(F)_{x,(-r)_+}}_{\hat{\xi}}.$$

Moy-Prasad \Rightarrow For $r > \rho(\pi)$, if ξ occurs in π , then $\hat{\xi} \cap \mathcal{N}(\mathfrak{g}^*) \neq 0$.

Thus, if $\hat{\theta}_\pi(\mathbb{1}_{\hat{\xi}}) \neq 0$, then $\hat{\xi} \cap \mathcal{N}(\mathfrak{g}^*) \neq 0$.

Gener.: $f \in C_c(\mathfrak{g}^*(F)_{x,-s}/\mathfrak{g}^*(F)_{x,(-s)_+})$ ($\hat{f} \in C_c(\mathfrak{g}(F)_{x,r}/\mathfrak{g}(F)_{x,s+})$), $s \geq r$, if $\hat{\theta}_\pi(f) \neq 0$, then $\text{supp } f$ intersects $\mathfrak{g}^*(F)_{x,(-s)_+} + \mathcal{N}(\mathfrak{g}^*)$ (uses exp). 9

Steps

Rename $r \rightsquigarrow -r$, $s \rightsquigarrow -s$. Have $T = \hat{\theta}_\pi$ distribution on

$$\text{FT}(C_c^\infty(\mathfrak{g}(F)_{-r})) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{G})} \sum_{s \leq r} C_c(\mathfrak{g}^*(F)_{x,s} / \mathfrak{g}^*(F)_{x,r+}) =: \mathcal{D}_r,$$

some nice behavior, for all $s \leq r$, on $C_c(\mathfrak{g}^*(F)_{x,s} / \mathfrak{g}^*(F)_{x,r+})$.

Let $\tilde{J}(r) :=$ the space of such distributions, “Waldspurger-DeBacker space”.

To show: it is a linear combination of nilpotent orbital integrals, i.e.,

Show: $\tilde{J}(r)|_{\mathcal{D}_r} = J(\mathcal{N}(\mathfrak{g}^*))|_{\mathcal{D}_r}$.

Strategy (Waldspurger-DeBacker)

Show: $J(\mathcal{N})|_{\mathcal{D}_r} = \tilde{J}(r)|_{\mathcal{D}_r}$, $\mathcal{D}_r := \sum_{x \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{G})} \sum_{s \leq r} C_c(\mathfrak{g}^*(F)_{x,s} / \mathfrak{g}^*(F)_{x,r+})$

(set $\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{N}(\mathfrak{g}^*)$, may informally think $\mathfrak{g}(F)_{x,r} = \mathfrak{g}^*(F)_{x,r}$ etc.).

▶ Easier steps:

- Easy inclusion: $J(\mathcal{N}) \subset \tilde{J}(r)$, so also when restricted to \mathcal{D}_r .
 - For good p , $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} J(\mathcal{N}) = \#\mathcal{O}(0)^*$:= number of nilpotent orbits in $\mathfrak{g}^*(F)$, basis = nilpotent orbital integrals (also when restricted to \mathcal{D}_r).
 - Therefore, enough to show: $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \tilde{J}(r)|_{\mathcal{D}_r} \leq \#\mathcal{O}(0)^*$.
- ▶ “Descent and recovery”: Can replace $\mathcal{D}_r \rightsquigarrow$ the smaller $\mathcal{D}_r^{r+} := \sum C_c(\mathfrak{g}^*(F)_{x,r} / \mathfrak{g}^*(F)_{x,r+})$: $\tilde{J}(r)|_{\mathcal{D}_r} \rightarrow \tilde{J}(r)|_{\mathcal{D}_r^{r+}}$ is an isomorphism.
- ▶ Every element of $\tilde{J}(r)|_{\mathcal{D}_r^{r+}}$ is uniquely determined by its values on a set of $\{X_i + \mathfrak{g}^*(F)_{x_i,r+}\}_i$, where $\{X_i\}$ runs over a set of representatives for nilpotent orbits in $\mathfrak{g}^*(F)$ $\Rightarrow \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \tilde{J}(r)|_{\mathcal{D}_r} \leq \#\mathcal{O}(0)^*$.

The last step uses DeBacker’s classification of nilp. orbits in terms of

$$\{X + \mathfrak{g}^*(F)_{x,r+} \mid x \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{G}), X \in \mathfrak{g}^*(F)_{x,r}\}$$

(identify $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}^*$; sort of an affine version of the Bala-Carter classification).¹¹

Spherical characters

Abstract setting. Let \mathcal{G} finite group, $\mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{G}$ subgroup. Consider “relative harmonic analysis”, for the \mathcal{G} -space \mathcal{G}/\mathcal{H} , in terms of representations (π, V) of \mathcal{G} such that $V^{\mathcal{H}} \neq 0$.

A spherical character is associated to $(\pi, V, \ell, \ell^\vee)$, where (π, V) rep of \mathcal{G} , $\ell^\vee \in V^{\mathcal{H}}, \ell \in (V^\vee)^{\mathcal{H}}$ (equiv., $\ell : V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \ell^\vee : V^\vee \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ \mathcal{H} -invariant):

$$g \mapsto \langle \ell, \pi(g)\ell^\vee \rangle =: \Theta_{\pi, \ell, \ell^\vee},$$

a function on $\mathcal{H} \backslash \mathcal{G}/\mathcal{H}$, i.e., an \mathcal{H} -invariant function on \mathcal{G}/\mathcal{H} .

Example: (“Group case”) $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H} \supset \mathcal{H}$ ‘diagonally’,

$\mathcal{H} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{G}/\mathcal{H} \cong \mathcal{H} \looparrowright \mathcal{H}$ (conjugation).

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ (h_1, h_2)\mathcal{H} \mapsto h_1 h_2^{-1} \end{array}$$

$\pi = \sigma \otimes \sigma^\vee, \pi^\vee = \sigma^\vee \otimes \sigma$ (of $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H}$), $\ell, \ell^\vee =$ “obvious pairings”.

Then $\Theta_{\pi, \ell, \ell^\vee}$ on $\mathcal{G}/\mathcal{H} =$ the character Θ_σ of the representation σ of \mathcal{H} . 12

Our setting (p -adic symmetric spaces)

$$\theta \in \text{Aut}(G), \theta^2 = 1, (G^\theta)^0 \subset H \subset G^\theta. \quad \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}^{\theta=1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}^{\theta=-1} =: \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{p} \begin{array}{l} \hookrightarrow \\ \text{Ad} \end{array} H.$$

(π, V) smooth fin. length representation of $G(F)$, $H(F)$ -invariant functionals

$$l : V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad l^\vee : V^\vee \rightarrow \mathbb{C}.$$

The spherical character of $(\pi, V, l, l^\vee) =$ the distribution

$$\Theta_{\pi, l, l^\vee} : \begin{array}{c} \mathbb{C}_c^\infty(G(F)) \\ \Downarrow \\ \varphi \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} \mathbb{C} \\ \Downarrow \\ \langle \underbrace{l}_{V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}}, \underbrace{\pi(\varphi)l^\vee}_{\epsilon \in V} \rangle \end{array}.$$

It is an $H(F)$ -bi-invariant distribution on $G(F)$, i.e., an $H(F)$ -invariant distribution on $G(F)/H(F)$.

Rader and Rallis, 1996: In characteristic zero, local character expansion at $0 \in T_e(G(F)/H(F)) = \mathfrak{g}(F)/\mathfrak{h}(F) = \mathfrak{p}(F)$ (though not generally loc. int.):

$$\theta_{\pi, l, l^\vee}(f) = \sum_{\mathcal{O} \in \mathcal{N}(\mathfrak{p}^*)/\text{Ad } H(F) =: \mathcal{O}^{\mathfrak{p}^*}(0)} c_{\mathcal{O}} \hat{\mu}_{\mathcal{O}}(f) \quad (f \in C_c^\infty(\mathfrak{p}(F)), \text{ supp. near } 0).$$

Moy-Prasad domains, bringing down to the Lie algebra

Assume $p \neq 2$, recall $\mathfrak{g}(F) = \mathfrak{h}(F) \oplus \mathfrak{p}(F)$. For $x \in \mathcal{B}(H) \stackrel{\text{Prasad-Yu}}{=} \mathcal{B}(G)^\theta$,

$$\mathfrak{g}(F)_{x,r} = (\mathfrak{h}(F) \cap \mathfrak{g}(F)_{x,r}) \oplus (\mathfrak{p}(F) \cap \mathfrak{g}(F)_{x,r}) = \underbrace{\mathfrak{h}(F)_{x,r}}_{\text{fact}} \oplus \underbrace{\mathfrak{p}(F)_{x,r}}_{\text{defn}}.$$

$$\mathfrak{p}(F)_r := \bigcup_{x \in \mathcal{B}(H)} \mathfrak{p}(F)_{x,r} \xrightarrow{\exp} \bigcup_{x \in \mathcal{B}(H)} H(F)_{x,r} \backslash G(F)_{x,r} \stackrel{\text{open}}{\subset} H(F) \backslash G(F)$$

(for good ρ)

\Rightarrow have $\theta_{\pi,\ell,\ell^\vee}$ on $\mathfrak{p}(F)_r$ (descended via \exp from $\Theta_{\pi,\ell,\ell^\vee}$ on $H(F) \backslash G(F)$).

Hope:
$$\theta_{\pi,\ell,\ell^\vee}(f) = \sum_{\mathcal{O} \in \mathcal{N}(\mathfrak{p}^*)/H(F)} c_{\mathcal{O}} \hat{\mu}_{\mathcal{O}}(f), \quad \forall f \in C_c^\infty(\mathfrak{p}(F)_r),$$

whenever $r > \rho(\pi) :=$ the depth of π .

i.e., the range of validity of the character expansion contains $\mathfrak{p}(F)_{\rho(\pi)+}$.

Rough idea of the results

We cannot yet prove this in the most general case (even with $p \gg 0$):

- ▶ Can show (for $p \gg 0$) the analogue of $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \tilde{J}(r)|_{\mathcal{D}_r} \leq \#\mathcal{O}^{\mathfrak{p}^*}(0)$: essentially following the ‘group case’.
- ▶ But $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} J(\mathcal{N}(\mathfrak{p}^*))$ may be strictly less than $\#\mathcal{O}^{\mathfrak{p}^*}(0)$:
 - There may not be an invariant measure on some $\mathcal{O} \in \mathcal{O}^{\mathfrak{p}^*}(0)$: stabilizers may no longer be unimodular.
 - Even if \exists inv. meas. $\mu_{\mathcal{O}}$ on \mathcal{O} , $\mu_{\mathcal{O}}(f)$ may not convg. for $f \in C_c^{\infty}(\mathfrak{p}^*(F))$: e.g., $G = \mathrm{PGL}_2 \supset \mathbb{G}_m = \mathbb{H}$, $\mathfrak{p} = F^2$,
 $h \cdot (x, y) = (hx, h^{-1}y)$.
- ▶ Where these two issues don’t arise, and $p \gg 0$, have the expected range of validity result.
- ▶ In rank one situations — $\mathrm{SL}_n / \mathrm{GL}_{n-1}$, $\mathrm{SO}_{2n} / \mathrm{SO}_{2n-1}$, $\mathrm{SO}_{2n+1} / \mathrm{SO}_{2n}$, $\mathrm{Sp}_{2n} / \mathrm{Sp}_2 \times \mathrm{Sp}_{2n-2}$, F_4 / Spin_9 — can establish the expected range of validity result using direct computation + features particular to rank one.
- ▶ So one hopes to establish the desired range of validity (i.e., $\mathfrak{p}(F)_{\rho(\pi)_+}$) in general, but we don’t have a general approach to proving it.

Some ingredients

- ▶ Moy-Prasad theory: A lot of the results regarding lattices, nilpotents etc. hold in somewhat general settings: a “rational” representation V of H together with a suitable collection of lattices $V_{x,r,\dots}$, but to connect to harmonic analysis on $G(F)$ (e.g., to relate ‘degenerate cosets’ for $H(F) \curvearrowright \mathfrak{p}^*(F)$ and $G(F) \curvearrowright \mathfrak{g}^*(F)$) we of course do make use of our special situation.
- ▶ Classification of “nilpotent orbits” using the building: Known by the work of Ricardo Portilla, involves $\mathcal{B}(H)$ with polysimplicial structure inherited from $\mathcal{B}(G)$. This is a crucial input for us.
- ▶ Like Portilla, one works a lot with normalized \mathfrak{sl}_2 -triplets (Y, M, X) , where the ‘neutral element’ M belongs to $\mathfrak{h}(F)$, the ‘nilpositive element’ X belongs to $\mathfrak{p}(F)$.