

# Weyl group representations and Harish-Chandra cells

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# Language for today

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$G(\mathbb{R})$  real reductive  $\supset K(\mathbb{R}) = G(\mathbb{R})^\theta$

$G \supset K = G^\theta$  complexifications,  $\mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie}(G)$

Cartan and Borel  $\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{b} \subset \mathfrak{g}$ ,  $W = W(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h})$

$\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$  dominant regular  $\rightsquigarrow$  infinitesimal character.

$\mathcal{M}(\mathfrak{g}, K)_\lambda$  = category of  $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ -modules of infl char  $\lambda$

$\text{Irr}(\mathfrak{g}, K)_\lambda$  = (finite) set of irreducible representations

$K\mathcal{M}(\mathfrak{g}, K)_\lambda$  = Grothendieck group.

$K\mathcal{M}(\mathfrak{g}, K)_\lambda$  = fin-rk free  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module, basis  $\text{Irr}(\mathfrak{g}, K)_\lambda$ .

$W(\lambda)$  = integral Weyl group  $\subset W$ .

# What's a Harish-Chandra cell?

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Have preorder  $\underset{LR}{\leq}$  on  $\text{Irr}(\mathfrak{g}, K)_\lambda$ : following Joseph,

$$Y \underset{LR}{\leq} X \iff \exists F, \quad Y \text{ comp factor of } F \otimes X.$$

Here  $F$  is fin-diml rep of  $G^{ad}$ .

Equivalence relation  $Y \underset{LR}{\sim} X$  means  $Y \underset{LR}{\leq} X \underset{LR}{\leq} Y$ .

Strict order  $Y \underset{LR}{<} X$  means  $Y \underset{LR}{\leq} X$  but  $X \not\underset{LR}{\leq} Y$ .

A Harish-Chandra cell is an  $\underset{LR}{\sim}$  equiv class in  $\text{Irr}(\mathfrak{g}, K)_\lambda$ .

Harish-Chandra cells partition  $\text{Irr}(\mathfrak{g}, K)_\lambda$ .

# How is that a Weyl group representation?

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Integral Weyl group  $W(\lambda)$  acts on  $K\mathcal{M}(\mathfrak{g}, K)_\lambda = \mathbb{Z} \text{Irr}(\mathfrak{g}, K)_\lambda$ .

Action defined using tensor products with fin-diml  $G^{\text{ad}}$  reps.

Can therefore use  $W(\lambda)$  rep to describe  $\underset{LR}{\leq}$ :

$$Y \underset{LR}{\leq} X \iff \exists w \in W(\lambda), \quad [Y] \text{ appears in } w \cdot X.$$

$C(X) = \underset{LR}{\sim} X$  equiv class of  $X = \text{HC cell} \subset \text{Irr}(\mathfrak{g}, K)_\lambda$ .

$\overline{C}(X) = \underset{LR}{\leq} X$  interval below  $X = \text{HC cone} \subset \text{Irr}(\mathfrak{g}, K)_\lambda$ .

$$\partial C(X) = \overline{C}(X) - C(X).$$

## Theorem.

1.  $W(\lambda)$  acts on  $\mathbb{Z}\overline{C}(X) = \left[ \sum_{Y \underset{LR}{\leq} X} \mathbb{Z}Y \right] \supset \mathbb{Z}\partial C(X)$ .

2.  $W(\lambda)$  acts on  $\mathbb{Z}C(X) \simeq \mathbb{Z}\overline{C}(X)/\mathbb{Z}\partial C(X)$ .

$\mathbb{Z}C(X)$  is called a **HC cell repn of  $W(\lambda)$** .

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# What's the plan?

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**Cells**  $\rightsquigarrow$  connect **Weyl group reps** and **inf diml g reps**.

**What Joseph did** for highest weight modules.

What Joseph's results give for HC modules.

**Lusztig's calculation** of Joseph's cell representations.

**conjectural extension** of Lusztig's results to HC cells.

<https://1drv.ms/u/s!AuIZ1bpNWacjgVxg4fFkfQkHZfLn>

link to **examples** of Joseph and HC cells.

# What's true about Joseph cells?

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$w \in W_\lambda \rightsquigarrow \text{irr } L(w)$ , highest weight  $w\lambda - \rho$ .

## Theorem (Joseph)

1. Relations  $\sim_L$  and  $\sim_{LR}$  partition  $W(\lambda)$  into left cells and two-sided cells  $C_L(w) \subset C_{LR}(w) \subset W(\lambda)$  ( $w \in W(\lambda)$ ).
2. Free  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $\mathbb{Z}C_L(w) =$  left cell rep of  $W(\lambda)$ .
3.  $\mathbb{Z}C_{LR}(w(\lambda)) =$  2-sided cell rep of  $W(\lambda) \times W(\lambda)$ .
4.  $\sum_{C_{LR}} \mathbb{Z}C_{LR} \simeq_{W(\lambda) \times W(\lambda)} \mathbb{Z}W(\lambda)$ , regular rep of  $W(\lambda)$ .
5. Two-sided cells  $C_{LR}$  partition  $\widehat{W}(\lambda)$  into subsets  $\Sigma(C_{LR})$  called families:  $\mathbb{Z}C_{LR} \simeq \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma(C_{LR})} \sigma \otimes \sigma^*$ .
6. As rep of the first  $W(\lambda)$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}C_{LR} \simeq \sum_{C_L \subset C_{LR}} \mathbb{Z}C_L$ .

# Joseph's Goldie rank $W(\lambda)$ reps

$w \in W_\lambda \rightsquigarrow \text{irr } L(w)$ , highest weight  $w\lambda - \rho$ .

## Theorem (Joseph)

1.  $\text{Ann}(L(w)) = \text{Ann}(L(w')) \iff w, w'$  in same **left** cell  $C_L$ .
2.  $\mathcal{AV}(L(w)) = \mathcal{AV}(L(w'))$  if  $w, w'$  in same **right** cell  $C_R$ .
3. Left cell rep  $\mathbb{Z}C_L$  has "lowest degree" irr  $\sigma_0(C_L)$ , mult one.
4.  $\sigma_0(C_L) = \sigma_0(C'_L) \iff C_L, C'_L$  in same  $C_{LR}$ .
5. Two-sided cells  $C_{LR}$  in **bijection** with  $W(\lambda)$  reps  $\sigma_0(C_{LR})$ .
6.  $\#(\text{left cells in } C_{LR}) = \dim(\sigma_0(C_{LR}))$ .
7.  $\#\text{Prim}_\lambda U(\mathfrak{g}) = \text{sum of dims of reps } \sigma_0$ .

The reps  $\sigma_0(C_{LR})$  are Joseph's **Goldie rank** representations.

Turn out also to be Lusztig's **special**  $W(\lambda)$  representations.

## The moral of this story:

1. Cell reps of  $W(\lambda)$  are **critical** to  $\text{Prim } U(\mathfrak{g})$ .
2. Cell reps are **helpful** to  $\mathcal{AV}(\text{highest wt modules})$ .

More about (2) on the next slide...

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# What's special about Goldie rank reps?

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$w \in W_\lambda \rightsquigarrow \text{irr } L(w)$ , highest weight  $w\lambda - \rho$ .

$C_{LR}$  two-sided cell  $\rightsquigarrow \Sigma(C_{LR}) \subset \widehat{W}(\lambda)$ .

Say  $\sigma_0$  is the (Goldie rank special)  $W(\lambda)$  rep in  $\Sigma(C_{LR})$ .

Write  $b(\sigma_0) =$  smallest integer  $b$  so  $\sigma_0 \subset S^b(\mathfrak{h})$ .

**Theorem** (Joseph)

1.  $b(\sigma_0) < b(\sigma')$  for any other  $\sigma' \in \Sigma(C_{LR})$ .
2.  $W \cdot [\sigma_0 \subset S^{b(\sigma_0)}]$  is an irr rep  $\sigma_1 \in \widehat{W}$ ,  $b(\sigma_0) = b(\sigma_1)$ .
3.  $\sigma_1$  is a Springer rep  $\Leftrightarrow$  nilpotent orbit  $O(\sigma_1) \subset \mathfrak{g}^*$ .
4. For  $w \in C_{LR}$ ,  $\mathcal{AV}(L(w)) \subset \overline{O}(\sigma_1)$ .
5.  $\mathcal{AV}(L(w)) =$  some irr comps of  $\overline{O}(\sigma_1) \cap (\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{b})^*$ .

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Applying Joseph's **clever definitions**, find easily...

## Theorem.

1.  $Y \underset{LR}{\leq} X \implies \mathcal{AV}(Y) \subset \mathcal{AV}(X)$ .
2.  $Y \underset{LR}{<} X \implies \mathcal{AV}(Y) \subsetneq \mathcal{AV}(X)$ .
3.  $Y \underset{LR}{\sim} X \implies \mathcal{AV}(Y) = \mathcal{AV}(X)$ .

Since  $C(X) = \underset{LR}{\sim}$  equiv class of  $X = \text{HC cell} \subset \text{Irr}(\mathfrak{g}, K)_\lambda$ ,

Deduce **associated varieties are constant on HC cells**.

Applying Joseph's **deep thms** about Goldie rk polys, find

**Theorem.** Suppose  $X$  is an irr  $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ -module belonging to Harish-Chandra cell  $C = C(X)$ .

1. All  $W(\lambda)$  reps on  $\mathbb{Z}C(X) \subset \text{one family } \Sigma(C_{LR}) \subset \widehat{W}(\lambda)$ .
2.  $\mathbb{Z}C(X)$  contains (**Goldie rank special**)  $W(\lambda)$  rep  $\sigma_0 \in \Sigma(C_{LR})$ .

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$\text{Irr}(\mathfrak{g}, K)_\lambda$  is partitioned into **Harish-Chandra cells**  $C$ ;

$\mathbb{Z}C$  carries a **HC cell representation** of  $W(\lambda)$ ;

$\mathbb{Z}C$  is built from **one** two-sided cell  $\Sigma \subset \widehat{W}(\lambda)$ ;

$\mathbb{Z}C \supset$  unique **(Goldie rank special)** rep  $\sigma_0(C)$ ;

$\sigma_0(C) \rightsquigarrow$  Springer  $W$  rep  $\sigma_1(C) \rightsquigarrow$  nilp orbit  $O(C) \subset \mathfrak{g}^*$ .

**Kostant-Rallis:**  $O(C) \cap (\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{k})^* =$  finite union of  $K$  orbits.

Analogous to Joseph's **irr comps** of  $\overline{O} \cap (\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{b})^*$ .

Analog of Joseph's result for right cells in  $W(\lambda)$  is

**Theorem.** For any irr HC module  $X \in C$ ,

$$\mathcal{AV}(X) = \text{union of closures of } K\text{-orbits in } O(C) \cap (\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{k})^*.$$

Assoc var (**which** union of closures) depends only on  $C$ .

# What next?

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Jeffrey Adams + DV  $\rightsquigarrow$  algorithm for  $\mathcal{AV}(X)$ .

Nothing parallel known for highest weight modules.

Get **complex nilp orbit** from  $\binom{\text{Goldie rank}}{\text{special}} W(\lambda)$  rep.

Other  $W(\lambda)$  reps in  $\mathbb{Z}C(X)$  carry **more info about  $X$** .

Seek to understand these other reps!

$\mathbb{Z}C(X)$  made of  $W(\lambda)$  reps in **one** family  $\Sigma(C_{LR})$ .

First topic is Lusztig's description of families.

# Springer's description of $\widehat{W}$

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Already used: Springer identified each nilpotent coadjoint orbit  $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathfrak{g}^*$  with a Weyl group rep  $\sigma(\mathcal{O})$ .

Now need to extend that: fix  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}$ , so  $\mathcal{O} \simeq G/G^\eta$ .

Eqvt fundamental group is  $\pi_1^G(\mathcal{O}) = A(\mathcal{O}) =_{\text{def}} G^\eta/G_0^\eta$ .

(Subgps of  $A(\mathcal{O})$ )  $\leftrightarrow$  (covers of  $\mathcal{O}$  with  $G$  action)

**Theorem** (Springer)

1. Each irreducible  $\xi \in \widehat{A}(\mathcal{O}) \rightsquigarrow \sigma(\mathcal{O}, \xi)$ , rep of  $W$ .
2.  $\sigma(\mathcal{O}, \xi)$  is irreducible or zero;  $\sigma(\mathcal{O}, 1) \neq 0$ .
3. "The" Springer rep for  $\mathcal{O}$  is  $\sigma(\mathcal{O}) = \sigma(\mathcal{O}, 1)$ .
4. Nonzero  $\sigma(\mathcal{O}, \xi)$  are all distinct ( $\mathcal{O}$  and  $\xi$  vary).
5. Every irr rep of  $W$  is  $\sigma(\mathcal{O}, \xi)$  for unique  $(\mathcal{O}, \xi)$

$\widehat{W}$  partitioned by nilp orbits into Springer sets

$$S(\mathcal{O}) = \{ \text{nonzero } \sigma(\mathcal{O}, \xi) \mid \xi \in \widehat{A}(\mathcal{O}) \}.$$

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# Lusztig's description of families

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For any finite group  $F$ , Lusztig in 1979 defined

$$\mathcal{M}(F) = \{(x, \xi) \mid x \in F, \xi \in \widehat{F^x}\} / (\text{conjugation by } F)$$

Fix  $(\Sigma \subset \widehat{W})$  **family**  $\leftrightarrow (C_{LR} \subset W)$  **two-sided cell**.

Recall **Joseph**:  $\Sigma \ni \left( \begin{smallmatrix} \text{Goldie rank} \\ \text{special} \end{smallmatrix} \right) \sigma_0 \xleftrightarrow{\text{Springer}} \mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}(\Sigma)$  nilpotent.

$$\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{O}) = \{\sigma(\mathcal{O}, \xi) \mid \xi \in \widehat{A}(\mathcal{O})\} \quad \text{Springer set.}$$

**Theorem** (Lusztig 1984)

1. List  $W$ -reps in  $\Sigma$  attached by Springer to  $\mathcal{O}$ :

$$\Sigma \cap \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{O}) = \{\sigma(\mathcal{O}, \xi_1), \sigma(\mathcal{O}, \xi_2), \dots, \sigma(\mathcal{O}, \xi_r)\}.$$

2. Define  $\overline{A}(\mathcal{O}) = A(\mathcal{O}) / [\cap_j \ker \xi_j]$ .

3. Have **inclusion**  $\Sigma \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}(\overline{A})$ ,  $\sigma \mapsto (x(\sigma), \xi(\sigma))$  so

$$\sigma_0 \mapsto (1, 1), \quad \sigma(\mathcal{O}, \xi_j) \mapsto (1, \xi_j).$$

Source: **bijection**  $\text{Unip}(G(\mathbb{F}_q)) \leftrightarrow$  **all pairs**  $(\mathcal{O}, m)$  ( $m \in \mathcal{M}(\overline{A}(\mathcal{O}))$ )...

... and natural **inclusion** of  $\widehat{W} \subset \text{Unip}(G(\mathbb{F}_q))$ .

# Lusztig's description of left cells: formalism

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Recall that finite group  $F$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(F) &= \{(x, \xi) \mid x \in F, \xi \in \widehat{F^x}\} / (\text{conj by } F) \\ &\simeq \text{irr conj-eqvt coherent sheaves } \mathcal{E}(x, \xi) \text{ on } F. \end{aligned}$$

Sheaf  $\mathcal{E}(x, \xi)$  supported on  $F$ -conjugacy class of  $x$ .

Subgp  $S \subset F \rightsquigarrow$  const sheaf  $\mathcal{S}$  on  $S$  is  $S$ -eqvt for conjugation.

Push forward to  $F$ -eqvt sheaf supp on  $F$ -conjugates of  $S$ :

$$i_*(\mathcal{S}) = \sum_{s, \xi} m_S(s, \xi) \mathcal{E}(s, \xi), \quad m_S(s, \xi) = \dim \xi^{S^s}.$$

Sum runs over  $S$  conj classes  $s \in S$ . Can write this as

$$i_*(\mathcal{S}) = \sum_s \mathcal{E}(s, \text{Ind}_{S^s}^{F^s}(\text{triv})).$$

This construct nonnegative integer combination of elements of  $\mathcal{M}(F)$  from any subgroup  $S \subset F$ .

$$m_S(x, 1) = \#(S\text{-conj classes in } F\text{-conj class of } x).$$

Fin grps question: do numbers  $m_S(x, 1)$  determine  $S$  up to conj in  $F$ ?

# Some examples

Fix  $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}(C_{LR})$  (special) nilpotent orbit.

If  $G$  has only classical simple factors, then  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{O})$  is an elementary abelian 2-group.

That is,  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{O}) = V$ ,  $d$ -diml vector space over  $\mathbb{F}_2$ .

Hence Lusztig's finite set is

$$\mathcal{M}(\overline{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{O})) = V \times V^* = T^*(V),$$

$2d$ -diml symplectic vector space over  $\mathbb{F}_2$ .

If  $S \subset V$  is any subspace, then

$$m_S(x, \xi) = \begin{cases} 1 & \xi|_S = 0 \\ 0 & \xi|_S \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

This is the characteristic function of

$$S \times (V/S)^* = T_S^*(V) \subset T^*(V)$$

a  $d$ -dimensional Lagrangian subspace:

$$|\mathcal{M}(\overline{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{O}))| = 2^{2d}, \quad |T_S^*(V)| = 2^d.$$



# Lusztig's description of left cells

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Fix  $(\Sigma \subset \widehat{W})$  family  $\leftrightarrow (C_{LR} \subset W)$  two-sided cell.

$\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}(C_{LR})$  corresponding (special) nilpotent orbit.

Goal: describe Weyl rep  $\mathbb{Z}C_L$ , each left cell  $C_L \subset C_{LR}$ .

Know:  $\mathbb{Z}C_L$  is nonnegative integer comb of elements of  $\Sigma$ .

Describe the combination using Lusztig's  $\Sigma \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}(\overline{A})$ .

Theorem (Lusztig)

1.  $\exists$  subgp  $\Gamma = \Gamma(C_L) \subset \overline{A}$  so  $\mathbb{Z}C_L \simeq \sum_{(x,\xi)} m_\Gamma(x,\xi)\sigma(x,\xi)$
2.  $m_\Gamma(1,1) = 1$ , so special rep  $\sigma$  appears once in  $\mathbb{Z}C_L$ .
3.  $\exists$  Lusztig cells with  $\Gamma = \overline{A}$ , so  $\mathbb{Z}C_L \simeq \sum_x \sigma(x,1)$ .
4.  $\exists$  Springer cells with  $\Gamma = \{e\}$ , so  $\mathbb{Z}C_L \simeq \sum_{\xi \in \overline{A}} \dim(\xi)\sigma(1,\xi)$ , all Springer reps for  $\mathcal{O}$  in  $\Sigma$ .

## Back to the example board

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$G$  classical, **two-sided cell**  $(C_{LR} \subset W) \leftrightarrow (\Sigma \subset \widehat{W})$  **family**.

Write  $O = O(C_{LR})$ ,  $\bar{A}(O) = V$  (order  $2^d$ ).

**Lusztig**: cardinality of the family in  $\widehat{W}$  is

$$\#\Sigma = \binom{2d+1}{d} = \binom{2d}{d} + \binom{2d}{d-1}.$$

That is the size of  $\text{im}(\Sigma) \subset T^*V$ ,  $\#T^*V = 2^{2d}$ .

Each  $C_L \leftrightarrow T_{\Gamma(C_L)}^*V$ , subspace  $\Gamma(C_L) \subset V$ .

$T_{\Gamma(C_L)}^* \subset \text{im}(\Sigma)$ , so  $\mathbb{Z}C_L =$  **sum of  $2^d$  distinct irrs in family  $\Sigma$** .

**Springer cell** has  $\Gamma = \{0\} \subset V$ ,  $2^d$   $W$  reps  $\sigma(O, \xi) \leftrightarrow V^* = (0, \xi)$ .

**Lusztig cell** has  $\Gamma = \bar{A}(O) = V$ ,  $W$  reps attached to  $(x, 0)$ .

$$2^d \leq \binom{2d+1}{d} \leq 2^{2d}, \text{ equality } \iff d = 0.$$

# Consequences of Lusztig for HC cells

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HC world  $(\mathfrak{g}, K)$ :  $\text{Irr}(\mathfrak{g}, K)_\lambda \supset C = \text{HC cell} \rightsquigarrow W(\lambda) \text{ rep } \mathbb{Z}C$ .

By Joseph etc:  $\mathbb{Z}C \supset$  unique  $\sigma(C)$  special in  $\widehat{W}(\lambda)$ .

$\sigma(C) \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{O}(C) \rightsquigarrow \Sigma \subset \widehat{W}(\lambda)$  family,  $\overline{A}(\mathcal{O})$ ,  $\Sigma \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}(\overline{A}(\mathcal{O}))$ .

**Theorem** (McGovern, Binegar)  $C$  a HC cell in  $\text{Irr}(\mathfrak{g}, K)_\lambda$ .

1.  $\mathbb{Z}C = \sum_{\tau \in \Sigma} m_C(\tau)\tau$ ,  $m_C(\tau) \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m_C(\sigma(C)) = 1$ .
2. **Assume**  $G(\mathbb{R})$  is a real form of  $SO(n)$ ,  $Sp(2n)$ , type  $A$ , any complex group, or any exceptional group. **Then**  $\exists \Gamma(C) \subset \overline{A}$  so  $m_C(\sigma(x, \xi)) = m_\Gamma(x, \xi)$ .
3. **Assume**  $G(\mathbb{R})$  cplx, so  $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_1 \times \mathcal{O}_1$ ,  $\overline{A}(\mathcal{O}) = \overline{A}_1 \times \overline{A}_1$ . **Then** we must take  $\Gamma(C) = (\overline{A}_1)_\Delta$ . (Not one of Lusztig's  $\Gamma$  unless  $A_1 = 1$ .)
4. If  $G$  simple in (2) (excludes complex case), then  $\Gamma(C)$  appears in Lusztig's description of left cells. That is,  $\mathbb{Z}C$  is isomorphic to a left cell representation of  $W(\lambda)$ .

McGovern showed (4) fails for some forms of  $Spin(n)$ ,  $PSp(2n)$ .

**Conjecture.** Part (2) is true for any HC cell  $C$ .

**Next goal:** try to understand geometric origin of  $\Gamma(C)$ .

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# Real forms of $G$

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This page is incomplete at best! Don't trust it.

**Pinning**  $\mathcal{P} = (G, B, H, \{X_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Pi(B, H) \subset X^*(H)\})$ .

**Distinguished inv**  $\delta \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{P})$ , **extended group**  $G^\Gamma = G \rtimes \{1, \delta\}$ .

**Strong real form of  $G$**  =  **$G$ -conj class** of  $x \in G^\delta$ ,  $x^2 \in Z(G)$ .

Strong form  $x \rightsquigarrow$  inv aut  $\theta_x = \text{Ad}(x)$  **Cartan for real form**.

**Summary:** (conj classes of invs in  $G$ )  $\leftrightarrow$  ( $\mathbb{R}$ -forms of  $G$ ).

**Ex:**  $G = GL(n)$ , involution  $x_{p,q} = \begin{pmatrix} I_p & 0 \\ 0 & -I_q \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow U(p, q)$ .

**Coming up:** (involution respecting ??)  $\leftrightarrow$  (real form of ??).

# Real forms of nilpotents

Pinning  $\mathcal{P} = (G, B, H, \{X_\alpha\})$ .

$\theta$  Cartan inv  $\rightsquigarrow \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} \oplus \mathfrak{s}$   $\mathcal{N} = \text{nilp cone} \supset \mathcal{N}_\theta = \mathcal{N} \cap \mathfrak{s}$ .

**Theorem** (Jacobson-Morozov, Kostant, Kostant-Rallis)  
 $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathfrak{g}$  nilpotent orbit.

1.  $\exists$  Lie triple  $(T, E, F), [T, E] = 2E, [T, F] = -2F, [E, F] = T,$

$E \in \mathcal{O}; \quad T \in \mathfrak{h} \text{ dom}; \quad T \text{ is unique } \rightsquigarrow \phi: SL(2) \rightarrow G$

Define  $\mathfrak{g}[j] = \{X \in \mathfrak{g} \mid [T, X] = jX\}$ . **JM parabolic** is

$$\mathfrak{l} = \mathfrak{g}[0], \quad \mathfrak{u} = \sum_{j>0} \mathfrak{g}[j], \quad \mathfrak{q} = \mathfrak{l} + \mathfrak{u}.$$

2.  $G^E = (L^E)(U^E) = G^\phi U^E$  Levi decomp.
3. **BIJECTION** ( $\mathbb{R}$ -forms of  $\mathcal{O}$ )  $\rightsquigarrow$  ( $G^\phi$ -conj classes  
 $\{\ell \in G^\phi \mid \ell^2 \in \phi(-I)Z(G)\}, \ell \mapsto \mathbb{R}\text{-form } x = \ell \cdot \phi \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}$ ).
4. **Summary**: (conj classes of invs in  $G^\phi$ )  $\leftrightarrow$  ( $\mathbb{R}$ -forms of  $\mathcal{O}$ ).