

# Poisson varieties and D-modules (1)

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## Outline (2)

- I. “Classical” story: Quotient singularities; deformation and resolution
- II. “Quantum” story: Noncommutative deformations; Poisson varieties; theorems on finite-dimensional irreducible representations
- III. Poisson traces and applications
- IV.  $D$ -module approach

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- ▶ Types  $E_6, E_7, E_8$ : preimage of tetrahedral, octahedral, and icosahedral rotation groups under  $\mathrm{SU}_2(\mathbf{C}) = \mathrm{Spin}_3 \xrightarrow{2:1} \mathrm{SO}_3(\mathbf{R})$  ( $X \subseteq \mathrm{Nil}(\mathfrak{e}_6), \mathrm{Nil}(\mathfrak{e}_7), \mathrm{Nil}(\mathfrak{e}_8)$ )

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