

On the cohomology of simple Shimura varieties at non-quasi split primes

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Outline

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Cohomology of Shimura varieties in the Langlands program

- A Shimura variety $\mathrm{Sh}_K := \mathrm{Sh}_K(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{X})$ is a variety defined in terms of a connected reductive group \mathbb{G} over \mathbb{Q} and a Hermitian symmetric domain \mathbb{X} for $\mathbb{G}(\mathbb{R})$, satisfying certain axioms of Deligne, together with a sufficiently small compact open subgroup $K \subset \mathbb{G}(\mathbb{A}_f)$.
- The tower $\{\mathrm{Sh}_K(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{X})\}_K$ consists of quasi-projective varieties all defined over a number field \mathbb{E} , called the reflex field. *For simplicity below, assume they are **projective** over \mathbb{E} .*
- Fix any prime number ℓ and ξ an algebraic representation of \mathbb{G} giving ℓ -adic local systems $\mathcal{F}_{\xi, K}$ on Sh_K (e.g. $\mathcal{F}_{\xi, K} = \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$).
- The ℓ -adic étale cohomology groups

$$H_{\xi}^i := \varinjlim_K H_{\text{ét}}^i(\mathrm{Sh}_K \otimes_{\mathbb{E}} \overline{\mathbb{Q}}, \mathcal{F}_{\xi, K}).$$

carry actions of $\mathbb{G}(\mathbb{A}_f) \times \mathrm{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{E})$.

- Overarching Goal: describe **explicitly** the virtual $\mathbb{G}(\mathbb{A}_f) \times \mathrm{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{E})$ -module $H_{\xi}^* := \sum_i (-1)^i H_{\xi}^i$.

Relation to global Langlands correspondence

- We can write $H_\xi^* = \bigoplus_{\pi_f} \pi_f \otimes \sigma_\xi(\pi_f)$.
- Here π_f ranges over irreducible admissible representations of $\mathbb{G}(\mathbb{A}_f)$ and $\sigma_\xi(\pi_f)$ is a virtual finite dimensional representation of $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{E})$ or, looking locally, of $W_{\mathbb{E}_p}$.
- In principle this should give a description of each local factor of the Hasse-Weil zeta function $\zeta_p(\text{Sh}_K, s)$ in terms of local factors of automorphic L -functions $L(s, \pi_p, r_p)$.
- The map $\pi_f \mapsto \sigma_\xi(\pi_f)$ is supposed to reflect aspects of the **global Langlands correspondence** for the group \mathbb{G} .
- Expect local-global compatibility: **roughly**, if $\pi_f = \pi^p \otimes \pi_p$ for $p \neq \ell$, then $\pi_p \in \text{Irrep}(\mathbb{G}(\mathbb{Q}_p))$ should belong to the **local L -packet** given by $\pm \sigma_\xi(\pi_f)|_{W_{\mathbb{E}_p}}$ where $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{E}})$ has $\mathfrak{p}|p$.
- First step: understand H_ξ^* as virtual $\mathbb{G}(\mathbb{A}_f) \times W_{\mathbb{E}_p}$ -module, for the local Weil group $W_{\mathbb{E}_p} \subset \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}/\mathbb{E}_p)$.

Example: Modular curves

- The **modular curves** are attached to $\mathbb{G} = \mathrm{GL}_2$ and $\mathbb{X} = \mathfrak{H}^\pm$.
- Here the Sh_K are (finite unions of) open Riemann surfaces.
- If for example $K = K(N) \subset \mathrm{GL}_2(\widehat{\mathbb{Z}})$ are the principal congruence subgroups for $N \geq 3$, then

$$\mathrm{Sh}_{K(N)}(\mathbb{C}) = \coprod_{\varphi(N)} \Gamma(N) \backslash \mathfrak{H}^+.$$

- They are moduli spaces of “elliptic curves + full level- N structure”.
- $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{A}_f)$ -action is given by classical Hecke operators.
- The study of their H_ξ^* and the associated modularity of the Hasse-Weil zeta functions was essentially completed by Eichler-Shimura in the 1950's.

About the Kottwitz simple Shimura varieties

These have the following properties:

- They are moduli spaces of abelian varieties with PEL structure, initially defined over a number field (sometimes over a ring of integers.)
- As Shimura varieties, they are attached to a “fake” unitary group (more later).
- They are compact (more precisely, projective over the number field of definition).
- They have “no global endoscopy” – a technical result which means that the isogeny classes of their points modulo p have the simplest possible group-theoretic interpretation via Honda-Tate theory – almost as if they were modular curves.

More Shimura data and notation

- (\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{X}) : \mathbb{G} connected reductive \mathbb{Q} -group, $\mathbb{X} = \mathbb{G}(\mathbb{R})/K_\infty$ Hermitian symmetric space; these are required to satisfy the axioms of Deligne.
- In particular, $\mathbb{X} \ni h : \text{Res}_{\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{G}_{m,\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_{\mathbb{R}}$ gives rise to a $\mathbb{G}(\mathbb{C})$ -conjugacy class $\{\mu\}$ of *minuscule* cocharacters $\mathbb{G}_{m,\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_{\mathbb{C}}$ (the Shimura cocharacters).
- Example: $\mathbb{G} = \text{GL}_2$, $\mathbb{X} = \mathfrak{H}^\pm = \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$, and $\mu(z) = \text{diag}(z, 1)$, i.e., $\mu = (1, 0)$.
- Let $\mathbb{E} \subset \mathbb{C}$ be the field of definition of $\{\mu\}$. Then for $K \subset \mathbb{G}(\mathbb{A}_f)$ ranging over compact open subgroups,

$$\text{Sh}(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{X})(\mathbb{C}) := \varprojlim_K \text{Sh}_K(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{X})(\mathbb{C}) := \varprojlim_K \mathbb{G}(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash [\mathbb{X} \times \mathbb{G}(\mathbb{A}_f)] / K,$$

is the \mathbb{C} -points of inverse limit of quasi-projective varieties over \mathbb{E} .

- Abbreviate $\text{Sh}_K := \text{Sh}_K(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{X})$. Fix primes $p \neq \ell$.

Statement of the problem

- Write $G = \mathbb{G}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}$, $E = \mathbb{E}_p$, ${}^L G = \widehat{G}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \rtimes W_{\mathbb{Q}_p}$, and ${}^L G_E = \widehat{G}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell) \rtimes W_E$.
- The Shimura cocharacter $\mu : \mathbb{G}_{m, \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p} \rightarrow G_{\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p}$ gives rise to an algebraic representation $r_{-\mu} : {}^L G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V_{-\mu})$ on the highest weight \widehat{G} -rep. $V_{-\mu}$.

Theorem (Target Theorem)

For “nice” unitary Shimura varieties (e.g., simple Kottwitz type, i.e., compact, no global endoscopy), we have an isomorphism of virtual $\mathbb{G}(\mathbb{A}_f^p) \times K_p^0 \times W_{\mathbb{E}_p}$ -modules

$$H_\xi^* \cong \sum_{\pi_f = \pi^P \otimes \pi_p} a(\pi_f) \pi_f^p \otimes \pi_p \otimes (r_{-\mu} \circ \varphi_{\pi_p}|_{W_{\mathbb{E}_p}}) \Big| \cdot \Big|_{\mathbb{E}_p}^{-\dim \text{Sh}/2}.$$

for certain “virtual multiplicities” $a(\pi_f) = a_\xi(\pi_f) \in \mathbb{Z}$ defined by Kottwitz.

- Here $K_p^0 \subset G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ is a compact open subgroup (for us, a parahoric), and $\varphi_{\pi_p} : W_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \rightarrow {}^L G$ is the **semisimple** local Langlands parameter attached to π_p (exists in general by Fargues-Scholze).

Consequence for local Hasse-Weil zeta functions

We now take $\mathcal{F}_{\xi, K} = \bar{\mathbb{Q}}_{\ell}$.

Corollary

In the above situation, let $K \subset \mathbb{G}(\mathbb{A}_f)$ be any sufficiently small compact open subgroup contained in K_p^0 . Then the semisimple local Hasse-Weil factor of Sh_K at the place \mathfrak{p} of \mathbb{E} is given by

$$\zeta_{\mathfrak{p}}^{\text{ss}}(\text{Sh}_K, s) = \prod_{\pi_f} L^{\text{ss}}\left(s - \frac{\dim \text{Sh}_K}{2}, \pi_p, r_{\mathfrak{p}}\right)^{a(\pi_f) \dim \pi_f^K}$$

Here

$$r_{\mathfrak{p}} = \text{Ind}_{\hat{G} \rtimes W_{\mathbb{E}_{\mathfrak{p}}}}^{\hat{G} \rtimes W_{\mathbb{Q}_p}} r_{-\mu}.$$

Our target case: Kottwitz simple Shimura varieties

- The Kottwitz simple Shimura varieties: let $\mathbb{F} \supset \mathbb{F}_0 \supset \mathbb{Q}$ be a CM field, let $(\mathbb{D}, *)$ be a central division algebra over \mathbb{F} of rank n^2 , with involution $*$ of 2nd type, let $G = \mathrm{GU}(\mathbb{D}, *)$.
- We get a “fake” unitary group Shimura variety, which is projective, and has no global endoscopy.
- We do not assume G quasi-split over \mathbb{Q}_p .
- We **do** assume p is unramified in \mathbb{F}_0 and splits in \mathbb{F} .
- Assume $K = K^p \times K_p$.
- It is PEL type. Also, for K_p parahoric $\mathrm{Sh}_{K^p K_p}$ has integral \mathcal{O}_E -model the moduli space of abelian schemes with additional structure $(A_\bullet, \lambda, \iota, \eta^p)$. (Rapoport-Zink parahoric integral model).
- The endomorphism structure $\iota : \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{D}^{\mathrm{op}}} \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \rightarrow \mathrm{End}(A) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ must satisfy Kottwitz’ determinant condition, and η^p is a K^p -level structure on A .

Some History: Target Theorem proved by

- Kottwitz: in good reduction situation, where G/\mathbb{Q}_p is unramified, $K_p^0 = \mathcal{G}(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ for a hyperspecial maximal parahoric group scheme \mathcal{G} . All π_p appearing are unramified.
- Harris-Taylor: in the Harris-Taylor cases. Among other things, essentially $\mathbb{G}_{\mathbb{R}} = \mathrm{GU}(1, n-1) \times \mathrm{GU}(0, n)^{[\mathbb{F}_0:\mathbb{Q}]-1}$. That is, essentially $\mu = (1, 0^{n-1})$. And $G = \prod_i \mathrm{GL}_{n_i} \times \prod_j D_j^{\times}$.
- Scholze-Shin: like Kottwitz (any signature at ∞ , any μ), but require $G = \mathbb{G}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}$ a product of Weil-restrictions of GL_n 's.
- Xu Shen: like Harris-Taylor, essentially $\mu = (1, 0^{n-1})$, but G required to be a certain product of units of division algebras with invariants $\pm 1/n_j$ (p -adic uniformization situation).

Theorem (Chi-H.)

The Target theorem holds in the Scholze-Shin situation, except we may allow G to be any inner form of a product of Weil-restrictions of GL_n 's.

- We thus generalize both Scholze-Shin and Shen, but we do not rely on their results (there is some overlap in method of course).

One caveat

- At the moment, Jingren and I cannot identify the π_p -factor as a representation of all of K_p^0 , when $\mathbb{G}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}$ is not quasi-split.
- That is, we only understand Hecke operators at p given by functions $h \in C_c^\infty(K_p^0) = C_c^\infty(\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{Z}_p))$ which are **base change transfers** (more later) of elements $\tilde{h} \in C_c^\infty(G(\mathbb{Q}_{p^r}))$ for all sufficiently large r .
- This class includes the unit elements $h = 1_{K_p}$ for any congruence subgroup $K_p \subset K_p^0$.
- Hence, we have enough information to determine local Hasse-Weil zeta functions.

Counting Points

- We fix a parahoric $\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{Z}_p) = K_p^0$, and integral model $\mathcal{S}_{K_p^0} = \mathrm{Sh}_{K^p K_p^0}$ over \mathcal{O}_E . For $K_p \subset K_p^0$, we have finite étale morphisms $\pi_{K_p K_p^0} : \mathrm{Sh}_{K^p K_p} \rightarrow \mathrm{Sh}_{K^p K_p^0}$.
- From now on, fix sufficiently small $K = K^p K_p$ with $K_p \subset K_p^0$ arbitrarily deep. We drop ξ from the notation.
- Let $f^p \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{G}(\mathbb{A}_f^p) // K^p)$, $h \in C_c^\infty(K_p^0 // K_p)$, $\tau \in \mathrm{Frob}^j I_E$, $r = j[\kappa_E : \mathbb{F}_p]$ (sufficiently large).
- Then Grothendieck-Lefschetz trace formula applied to Frobenius-Hecke correspondence **should** give a formula (for *some* function $\phi_{\tau, h} \in C_c^\infty(G(\mathbb{Q}_{p^r}))$)

$$\mathrm{Tr}(\tau \times h f^p | H^*) = \sum_{(\gamma_0, \gamma, \delta)} c(\gamma_0, \gamma, \delta) O_\gamma(f^p) T O_{\delta\sigma}(\phi_{\tau, h}).$$

- Point: RHS resembles the geometric side of the Arthur-Selberg trace formula for \mathbb{G} . So after (pseudo)stabilization, this would connect H^* with automorphic representations.

- Much work has shown: if K_p parahoric (and $h = e_{K_p}$), ϕ_τ is determined by $\mathrm{Tr}(\tau | R\Psi^{\mathcal{M}_{K_p}^{\mathrm{loc}}}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell))$ (in the **center** of a parahoric Hecke algebra).
- For deep K_p there is no integral model \mathcal{S}_{K_p} and no local model $\mathcal{M}_{K_p}^{\mathrm{loc}}$, but nevertheless we still expect to be able to take a function in the **stable Bernstein center**.

Conjecture (The Test Function Conjecture, H.-Kottwitz)

For any Shimura variety, a formula like the above holds with $\phi_{\tau,h} = Z_{\tau,-\mu,r} \star \tilde{h}$. Here $\tilde{h} \in C_c^\infty(G(\mathbb{Q}_{p^r}))$ is any function with “base-change transfer” $h \in C_c^\infty(G(\mathbb{Q}_p))$.

- Here $Z_{\tau,-\mu,r}$ is an element in the usual Bernstein center $\mathfrak{Z}(G/\mathbb{Q}_{p^r})$ which is the image of an element $Z_{\tau,V_{-\mu,r}}$ in the stable Bernstein center $\mathfrak{Z}^{\mathrm{st}}(G/\mathbb{Q}_{p^r})$.
- “Base change transfer” is like the usual special case of twisted endoscopic transfer, except G/\mathbb{Q}_p is not assumed quasi-split. So not every \tilde{h} has a “base change transfer” h and not every given h comes from a \tilde{h} .

(Stable) Bernstein center – motivated by Vogan

- Change notation: F non-arch. local, G connected reductive over F . Choose isom $\mathbb{C} \cong \overline{\mathbb{Q}}_\ell$.
- The Bernstein variety: a variety structure on the set of supercuspidal supports $(M(F), \sigma)_G$. (Act by twisting σ by elements of the torus $X^{\text{un}}(M) = \text{Hom}(M(F)/M(F)^1, \mathbb{C}^\times)$.)
- The Bernstein center is the ring of regular functions $\mathfrak{Z}(G/F)$.
- The stable Bernstein variety: a variety structure on \widehat{G} -conjugacy classes of semisimple Langlands parameters $\varphi : W_F \rightarrow {}^L G$.
- If $\varphi : W_F \rightarrow {}^L G$ **factors minimally** through ${}^L M \subset {}^L G$, we can twist it by any 1-cocycle in the torus $H^1(\text{Frob}_F, Z(\widehat{M})^{I_F})^\circ \cong X^{\text{un}}(M)$.
- Stabilizers are finite, so get infinite union of tori mod finite groups. The **stable Bernstein center** is the ring of regular functions $\mathfrak{Z}^{\text{st}}(G/F)$.

Theorem (Fargues-Scholze)

For every G/F , there is a semisimple local Langlands correspondence $\pi \mapsto \varphi_\pi$, which is compatible with unramified twists, with normalized parabolic induction, and which is suitably functorial. Consequently, there is a natural homomorphism of commutative rings $\mathfrak{Z}^{\text{st}}(G/F) \rightarrow \mathfrak{Z}(G/F)$.

- In particular, given $Z \in \mathfrak{Z}^{\text{st}}(G/F)$, we can take its image Z in $\mathfrak{Z}(G/F)$ (thus view Z as a distribution on $G(F)$).
- Given any $(V, r) \in \text{Rep}({}^L G)$, we get $Z_{\tau, V} \in \mathfrak{Z}^{\text{st}}(G/F)$ by

$$Z_{\tau, V}(\varphi) := \text{tr}(\tau | r \circ \varphi).$$

- **Upshot:** The Test Function Conjecture is now unconditional, thanks to Fargues-Scholze: they provided the missing homomorphism $\mathfrak{Z}^{\text{st}}(G/F) \rightarrow \mathfrak{Z}(G/F)$.

- Scholze constructed functions $\phi_{\tau,h}$ which satisfy the point counting formula, using deformations of p -divisible groups.
- This applies to PEL Shimura varieties (Alex Youcis made progress extending this to abelian type Shimura varieties).
- Recall we don't have an integral model at level K_p . Scholze suggested pushing down to the integral model $\mathcal{S}_{K_p^0}$ and studying the nearby cycles of the sheaf $\pi_{K_p^0 K_p, *}(F_\xi)$ on the generic fiber $\mathrm{Sh}_{K_p^0}$.
- But he still needed a purely local construction of the test function $\phi_{\tau,h}$, which he defined as follows.
- Setting: $\kappa \supset \kappa_E$ perfect field of characteristic p , endowed with $\mathcal{O}_E \rightarrow \kappa$. Let H_\bullet chain of p -divisible groups over κ . (Really, consider those with (P)EL structure: action of \mathcal{O}_B , Kottwitz determinant condition, etc.).

Definition

The deformation space \mathcal{X}_{H_\bullet} of H_\bullet is the functor that associates to any Artin local \mathcal{O}_E -algebra R with residue field κ the set of isomorphism classes of p -divisible groups (with (P)EL-structure) \tilde{H}_\bullet over $\mathrm{Spec}(R)$, together with an isomorphism $\tilde{H}_\bullet \otimes_R \kappa \xrightarrow{\sim} H_\bullet$, i.e. an isomorphism of p -divisible \mathcal{O}_B -modules $\tilde{H}_\bullet \otimes_R \kappa \xrightarrow{\sim} H_\bullet$.

- Scholze proved: The functor \mathcal{X}_{H_\bullet} is represented by a complete Noetherian local \mathcal{O}_E -algebra R_{H_\bullet} with residue field κ .
- Let X_{H_\bullet} denote the Raynaud generic fiber of the formal scheme $\mathrm{Spf}(R_{H_\bullet})$. This is a rigid analytic space over $k := W_{\mathcal{O}_E}(\kappa)[\frac{1}{p}]$.
- If chain H_\bullet corresponds to parahoric $\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{Z}_p)$, any $K \subset \mathcal{G}(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ gives étale cover $\pi_K : X_{H_\bullet, K} \rightarrow X_{H_\bullet}$ (parametrize level- K structures on universal p -adic Tate module).
- Rational covariant Dieudonné module $M_\bullet \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ with σ -linear Frobenius F can be integrally rigidified:

$$(M_\bullet, F) \cong (\Lambda_\bullet, p\delta\sigma),$$

for $\delta \in G(W_{\mathcal{O}_E}(\kappa)[\frac{1}{p}])$, well-defined up to $G(W_{\mathcal{O}_E}(\kappa))$ - σ -conjugacy.

- The association $H_\bullet \mapsto \delta \in G(W_{\mathcal{O}_E}(\kappa)[\frac{1}{p}]) / \sim$ is an injection.

End of Scholze construction

Definition

Let $\delta \in G(\mathbb{Q}_{p^r})$. If δ comes from an H_\bullet over $\kappa = \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$ with controlled cohomology, then set

$$\phi_{\tau,h}(\delta) = \text{tr}(\tau \times h \mid H^*(X_{H_\bullet, K} \otimes_k \hat{k}, \mathbb{Q}_\ell)),$$

where K is any normal pro- p open compact subgroup such that h is K -biinvariant. If δ does not arise this way, set $\phi_{\tau,h}(\delta) = 0$.

- Scholze: the function $\phi_{\tau,h}$ is locally constant \mathbb{Q} -valued, compactly supported function on $G(\mathbb{Q}_{p^r})$. It is $\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{Z}_{p^r})$ - σ -conjugacy invariant. It is independent of $\ell \neq p$.
- His main result: This function $\phi_{\tau,h}$ satisfies the point counting formula (PEL type cases):

$$\text{tr}(\tau \times hf^p \mid H^*) = \sum_{(\gamma_0; \gamma, \delta)} c(\gamma_0, \gamma, \delta) O_\gamma(f^p) TO_{\delta\sigma}(\phi_{\tau,h}).$$

Why controlled cohomology?

This just means the cohomology of the rigid analytic space is the same as that of some quasi-compact admissible open subset, where finiteness theorems are known.

Local to global geometry in Scholze's method

- Let $\pi : Sh_{K_p K^p} \rightarrow Sh_{K_{\mathcal{L}} K^p}$ be the natural projection to the parahoric level $K_{\mathcal{L}}$, which has an integral model $\mathcal{S}_{K_{\mathcal{L}} K^p}$ over \mathcal{O}_E .
- By the proper base change theorem,

$$H^*(Sh_{K_p K^p} \otimes_{\mathbb{E}} \overline{\mathbb{E}}, \mathcal{F}_{\xi}) \cong H^*(Sh_{K_{\mathcal{L}} K^p} \otimes_{\mathbb{E}} \overline{\mathbb{E}}, \pi_* \mathcal{F}_{\xi})$$

is

$$H^*(\mathcal{S}_{K_{\mathcal{L}} K^p} \otimes_{\kappa_E} \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p, R\psi \pi_* \mathcal{F}_{\xi}).$$

- Say $f^p = 1_{K^p g^p K^p}$. Then

$$\mathrm{tr}(\tau \times h f^p | H_{\xi}^*) = \sum_{x \in \mathrm{Fix}_{j, \mathcal{L}}(g^p)} \mathrm{tr}(\tau \times h f^p | (R\psi \pi_* \mathcal{F}_{\xi})_x).$$

- Now use “Serre-Tate”: deforming an abelian variety is the same as deforming its p -divisible group.

Wrinkle

$$\mathrm{Tr}(\tau \times hf^p | H^*) = \sum_{(\gamma_0; \gamma, \delta)} c(\gamma_0, \gamma, \delta) O_\gamma(f^p) TO_{\delta\sigma}(\phi_{\tau, h}).$$

- Wrinkle: Scholze requires G/\mathbb{Q}_p *unramified*, in particular, quasi-split.
- In general, there is an obstruction to constructing the triple $(\gamma_0; \gamma, \delta)$ from a Frobenius-Hecke fixed point: if G is **not quasi-split**, then there is no reason that $N_r(\delta) := \delta\sigma(\delta) \cdots \sigma^{r-1}(\delta)$ should be stably conjugate to an element in $G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$.
- This is the main source of difficulty we encounter for non-quasi-split groups.
- To make things work, we need to know the **vanishing property**: $TO_{\delta\sigma}(\phi_{\tau, h}) = 0$ if $N_r(\delta)$ is not stably conjugate to $G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$.
- Also needed for spectral reasons: How is Scholze's $\phi_{\tau, h}$ related to the conjectural test functions $Z_{\tau, -\mu, r} \star \tilde{h}$?

Relation between test functions

- How is Scholze's $\phi_{\tau, h}$ related to the conjectural test function $Z_{\tau, -\mu, r} \star \tilde{h}$ and their transfers to $G^*(\mathbb{Q}_p)$, where G^* is the quasi-split inner form of G/\mathbb{Q}_p ?

Theorem (Chi-H.)

In the various situations of the Target Theorem, the two test functions essentially agree, in the sense that for any $\delta \in G(\mathbb{Q}_p^r)$ with $N_r(\delta)$ semisimple, we have $TO_{\delta\sigma}(\phi_{\tau, h}) = TO_{\delta\sigma}(Z_{\tau, -\mu, r} \star \tilde{h})$.

- Thus, in light of Scholze point-counting formula, the Test Function Conjecture holds here.

- Our main local results are the following.

Theorem (Chi-H.)

In the situation of the Target Theorem,

- (1) *The Scholze function $\phi_{\tau,h}$ satisfies the vanishing property. Thus it has a base-change to a function $b(\phi_{\tau,h}) \in C_c^\infty(G(\mathbb{Q}_p))$.*
- (2) *If h is the base-change transfer of a function $\tilde{h} \in C_c^\infty(G(\mathbb{Q}_p^r))$, then we have $b(\phi_{\tau,h}) = Z_{\tau,-\mu,1} \star h$.*

- The unusual notion of base-change in (1) appears because we need to use **pseudo-stabilization** to rewrite the point-counting formula in terms of automorphic representations for \mathbb{G} .
- Global method: (1) is proved first: by embedding the local situation into that attached to a certain global inner form \mathbb{G}'' with $\mathbb{G}_{\mathbb{Q}_p} = \mathbb{G}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}''$. Using Harris-Taylor and Fargues methods, we can arrange

$$\mathrm{tr}(\tau \times h f^p | H_{\mathbb{G}''}^*) = \sum_{\pi} m(\pi) \mathrm{tr}(f_{\tau,h} f^p f_{\infty}^{\mathbb{G}''} | \pi)$$

where $f_{\tau,h} := Z_{\tau,-\mu,1} \star h$ and the sum ranges over automorphic representations of \mathbb{G}'' .

- The stable Bernstein center at p does not change when \mathbb{G}'' is replaced by a global inner form \mathbb{G}' which is isomorphic to \mathbb{G}'' outside p, ∞ , but which is **quasi-split** at p .
- For a well-chosen \mathbb{G}' , we can count points using *generalized Kottwitz triples* $(\gamma'_0; \gamma, \delta)$ attached to \mathbb{G}' . Recall $\mathbb{G}'_{\mathbb{Q}_p}$ is quasi-split by assumption. We get

$$\mathrm{tr}(\tau \times hf^p | H_{\mathbb{G}''}^*) = \sum_{(\gamma'_0; \gamma, \delta)} c(\gamma'_0; \gamma, \delta) O_\gamma(f^p) TO_{\delta\sigma}(\phi_{\tau, h})$$

where $(\gamma'_0; \gamma, \delta)$ ranges over generalized Kottwitz triples such that $\gamma'_0 \in \mathbb{G}'(\mathbb{Q})$ is transferred from $\delta \in \mathbb{G}(\mathbb{Q}_{p^r}) = G(\mathbb{Q}_{p^r})$.

- The RHS is $\sum_{\pi'} m(\pi') \mathrm{tr} \pi'(f_{\tau, h}^* f^p f_\infty^{\mathbb{G}'})$, where the sum is over automorphic representations π' **of $\mathbb{G}'(!)$** and $f_{\tau, h}^* \in \mathbb{G}'(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ is the twisted endoscopic transfer of $\phi_{\tau, h} \in \mathbb{G}(\mathbb{Q}_{p^r})$.

- Then a comparison of global trace formulas for \mathbb{G}' vs \mathbb{G}'' (namely global Jacquet-Langlands) allows us to prove that $z_{\tau, -\mu} * h$ is the Langlands-Jacquet transfer of $f_{\tau, h}^*$.
- We can then deduce (1,2) for the local data (G, μ) .
- The Target Theorem follows from the local results, using standard pseudo-stabilization techniques of Kottwitz.
- One more interesting local ingredient, proved by a global method.

Twisted local Jacquet-Langlands transfer

- Notation: F p -adic field, F_r/F unramified extension of degree r , $\text{Gal}(F_r/F) = \langle \sigma \rangle$.
- G^* a product of Weil restrictions of general linear groups over finite extensions of F , G any F -inner form of G^* .
- $G_r^* = \text{Res}_{F_r/F} G_{F_r}^*$ with F -automorphism σ^* ; Similarly (G_r, σ) .
- A key result is: if $\phi \in \mathcal{H}(G_r)$ has the vanishing property for its $TO_{\delta\sigma}$, and $Z_r \in \mathcal{Z}(G_r)$, then $Z_r * \phi$ has the vanishing property.

The main tool in proving the above fact about the vanishing property is the following result.

Theorem

Let π^* be an irreducible tempered representation of G^* and let Π^* be the base change lift of π^* , which is by definition a σ -stable representation of G_r^* with canonical intertwining operator I_σ^* , see Arthur-Clozel.

- 1 If Π^* has a Langlands-Jacquet transfer to an irreducible tempered representation Π of G_r , then Π is σ -stable and we can choose an intertwining operator I_σ on Π such that for any $\phi \in C_c^\infty(G_r)$ with stable base change transfer $\phi^* \in C_c^\infty(G^*)$ we have

$$\mathrm{Tr}(\phi I_\sigma | \Pi) = e(\mathbf{G}_r) \mathrm{Tr}(\phi^* | \pi^*).$$

- 2 If Π^* does not have a Langlands-Jacquet transfer to G_r , then for any $\phi \in C_c^\infty(G_r)$ with stable base change transfer $\phi^* \in C_c^\infty(G^*)$ we have

$$\mathrm{Tr}(\phi^* | \pi^*) = 0.$$

The above gives rise to the following criterion for the vanishing property.

Proposition

Let $\phi \in C_c^\infty(G(F_r))$ and let $\phi^ \in C_c^\infty(G^*(F))$ be its stable base change transfer. Then ϕ has the vanishing property if and only if $\mathrm{Tr}(\phi^*|\pi^*) = 0$ for any irreducible tempered representation π^* of $G^*(F)$ that does not have a Langlands-Jacquet transfer to $G(F)$.*