

BEILINSON-BERNSTEIN LOCALIZATION VIA WONDERFUL ASYMPTOTICS

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- Introduction and motivation
- Filtrations on \mathcal{O}_G and \mathcal{D}_G
- The horocycle space, Vinberg semigroup, and wonderful compactification
- Results and relations to other work

This talk is based on joint work with D. Ben-Zvi: [arXiv:1901.01226](https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.01226) (new version on the way).

Let G be a connected reductive group over \mathbb{C}

- Suppose X is a smooth G -variety
- The infinitesimal action of G :

$$\mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie}(G) \rightarrow \Gamma(X, \mathcal{T}_X) = \{\text{vector fields on } X\}$$

- Algebra homomorphism:

$$U\mathfrak{g} \rightarrow D_X = \Gamma(X, \mathcal{D}_X) = \{\text{differential operators on } X\}$$

- Localization functor:

$$\text{Loc} : U\mathfrak{g}\text{-mod} \rightarrow D(X) = \{\text{D-modules on } X\}$$

$$M \mapsto \mathcal{D}_X \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{g})} M$$

MORE ON LOCALIZATION

Take $X = G/B$ to be the flag variety. Beilinson-Bernstein Localization:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U\mathfrak{g}\text{-mod} & \xrightarrow{\text{Loc}} & D(G/B) \\ \uparrow & \nearrow \simeq & \\ U\mathfrak{g}\text{-mod}_0 & & \end{array}$$

where $U\mathfrak{g}\text{-mod}_0$ is the subcategory of modules with trivial central character.

Application: Proof of the Kazhdan-Lusztig conjecture on multiplicities of simples in standards.

Remark: Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a G -equivariant map. Localization does not commute with pullback or pushforward in general:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & U\mathfrak{g}\text{-mod} & & & \\ & \swarrow \text{Loc} & & \searrow \text{Loc} & \\ D(X) & & ? \longleftrightarrow ? & & D(Y) \end{array}$$

We'll be interested in the action of $G \times G$ on:

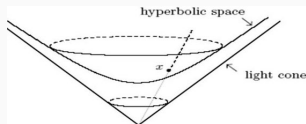
- G itself by right and left multiplication
- the horocycle space \mathcal{Y} for G
- the Vinberg semigroup \mathbb{V}_G

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathcal{Y} & \hookrightarrow & \mathbb{V}_G & \longleftarrow & G \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi & & \downarrow \\
 \{0\} & \hookrightarrow & \mathbb{A}^r & \longleftarrow & \{\text{generic}\}
 \end{array}$$

INSPIRATION FROM HARMONIC ANALYSIS ON HYPERBOLIC SPACE

- Let $\mathbb{H} = \mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R})/\mathrm{SO}_2(\mathbb{R})$ be hyperbolic space.
- Let $Y = \mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R})/\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & * \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$ be the light cone minus $\{0\}$. This can be identified with the space of horocycles in \mathbb{H} .
- Let V be the closure of the interior of the light cone, minus $\{0\}$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 Y & \hookrightarrow & V & \longleftarrow & \mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{R}_{>0} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \hookrightarrow & \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} & \longleftarrow & \mathbb{R}_{>0}
 \end{array}$$



- $V/\mathbb{R}_{>0} = \overline{\mathbb{H}}$ is the usual compactification of hyperbolic space.
- *Very* roughly:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathrm{Fun}(\mathbb{H}) & \xrightarrow{\text{horocycle transform}} & \mathrm{Fun}(Y) \\
 \downarrow \text{wave equation} & & \uparrow \text{restrict} \\
 \mathrm{Fun}(\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}) & \xrightarrow{\text{"scattering theory"}} & \mathrm{Fun}(V)
 \end{array}$$

NOTATION

We work over \mathbb{C} .

- Fix $T \subseteq B \subseteq G$.
- Let $\Lambda = X^*(T)$ be the character lattice of T , i.e. weight lattice of G .
- Let $\Delta = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r\} \subseteq \Lambda$ be the positive simple roots. We have the following partial order on Λ :

$$\mu \leq \lambda \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \lambda - \mu = \sum_i n_i \alpha_i, \quad n_i \geq 0$$

- Let $\Lambda^+ \subseteq \Lambda$ be the cone of dominant weights.

We have a bijection:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{finite-dimensional irreducible} \\ \text{representations of } G \end{array} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \Lambda^+.$$

$$V_\lambda \longleftrightarrow \lambda$$

Let \mathcal{O}_G denote the algebra of functions on G .

Peter-Weyl Theorem

There is an isomorphism of $G \times G$ representations

$$\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda^+} V_\lambda^* \otimes V_\lambda \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_G$$

given by matrix coefficients: $f \otimes v \mapsto [g \mapsto \langle f, g \cdot v \rangle]$.

Lemma. There is a Λ -filtration on \mathcal{O}_G given by:

$$(\mathcal{O}_G)_{\leq \lambda} = \bigoplus_{\mu \leq \lambda} V_\mu^* \otimes V_\mu.$$

Reason: If $V_\nu \subseteq V_\lambda \otimes V_\mu$, then $\nu \leq \lambda + \mu$.

Consider $G \times G$ acting on G by right and left multiplication. We have an algebra homomorphism:

$$\mu : U\mathfrak{g} \otimes U\mathfrak{g} \rightarrow D_G = \Gamma(G, \mathcal{D}_G)$$

Proposition

The image of μ can be identified with $U\mathfrak{g} \otimes_{Z(U\mathfrak{g})} U\mathfrak{g}$. Moreover, there is a Λ -filtration on D_G given by

$$(D_G)_{\leq \lambda} = \text{Image}(\mu) \cdot (\mathcal{O}_G)_{\leq \lambda}.$$

Another way to think about this filtration:

$$\text{Derv}(\mathcal{O}_G)_{\leq \lambda} = \{\theta \in \text{Derv}(\mathcal{O}(G)) \mid \theta(\mathcal{O}(G)_{\leq \mu}) \subseteq \mathcal{O}(G)_{\leq \lambda + \mu}\}$$

EXAMPLE OF SL_2

Let $G = SL_2$. Then $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}$ and $\Delta = \{2\}$, so the partial order is:

$$\dots \leq -4 \leq -2 \leq 0 \leq 2 \leq 4 \leq \dots$$

$$\dots \leq -3 \leq -1 \leq 1 \leq 3 \leq 5 \leq \dots$$

We have $\mathcal{O}_{SL_2} = \mathbb{C}[a, b, c, d]/(ad - bc = 1)$.

Trivializing D_{SL_2} using right-invariant vector fields we obtain

$$\mu : U(\mathfrak{sl}_2) \otimes U(\mathfrak{sl}_2) \rightarrow D_{SL_2} \simeq \mathcal{O}(SL_2) \star U(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$$

$$X \otimes 1 \mapsto X$$

$$1 \otimes E \mapsto -a^2E + c^2F + acH$$

$$1 \otimes F \mapsto b^2E - d^2F + bdH$$

$$1 \otimes H \mapsto 2abE - 2cdF - (ad + bc)H$$

Note: $\mu(1 \otimes \text{Casimir}) = \mu(\text{Casimir} \otimes 1)$, where

$\text{Casimir} = H^2 + 2EF + 2FE$ is a generator of the center of $U(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$.

HOROCYCLE SPACE FOR G

Notation: Let B^- denote the opposite Borel, with unipotent radical $N^- = R_{\text{unip}}(B^-)$. We have $B \cap B^- = T$.

Definition

The horocycle space for G is $\mathcal{Y} = \frac{G/N \times N^- \setminus G}{T}$.

- **Fact:** The space \mathcal{Y} is a degeneration of G , in the sense that

$\text{Spec}(\text{gr}(\mathcal{O}_G))$ is the affine closure of \mathcal{Y} .

- There is a $G \times G$ -equivariant principle T -bundle

$$q : \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow G/B \times B^- \setminus G$$

- **Example:** For $G = \text{SL}_2$:

$$\mathcal{Y}_{\text{SL}_2} = \frac{\mathbb{C}^2 \setminus \{0\} \times \mathbb{C}^2 \setminus \{0\}}{\mathbb{C}^\times} = \{\text{rank one 2 by 2 matrices}\} \xrightarrow{q} \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$$

$$M \mapsto (\text{kernel}(M), \text{image}(M))$$

Let

$$\text{Rees}(\mathcal{O}_G) = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{O}(G)_{\leq \lambda} z^\lambda \subseteq \mathcal{O}(G) \otimes \mathbb{C}[\Lambda]$$

be the Rees algebra associated to \mathcal{O}_G with the Peter-Weyl filtration.

Definition

The Vinberg semigroup for G is $\mathbb{V}_G = \text{Spec}(\text{Rees}(\mathcal{O}_G))$.

- $\text{Rees}(\mathcal{O}(G))$ is naturally a bialgebra (not Hopf!).
- $\Lambda = X^*(T)$ grading on $\text{Rees}(\mathcal{O}(G)) \quad \Rightarrow \quad T\text{-action on } \mathbb{V}_G$.
- For $\lambda \in \Lambda^+$ regular, we denote the λ -semistable locus of \mathbb{V}_G for the action of T by $\mathbb{V}_G^\circ (= S^{\text{pr}}$ in Vinberg¹).

Remark. This is not Vinberg's original definition; see work of Brion².

¹Vinberg, On reductive algebraic semigroups, Trans. of AMS-Series 2 169 (1995), 145–182

²Brion, The total coordinate ring of a wonderful variety, J. of Algebra 313 (2007), no. 1, 61–99.

THE WONDERFUL COMPACTIFICATION

The inclusion $\mathbb{C}[z^\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Delta] \hookrightarrow \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{V}_G) = \text{Rees}(\mathcal{O}(G))$ induces a $G \times G \times T$ -equivariant map

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{Y} & \hookrightarrow & \mathbb{V}_G^\circ & \longleftarrow & \frac{G \times T}{Z(G)} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi & & \downarrow \\ \{0\} & \hookrightarrow & \mathbb{A}^r & \longleftarrow & \frac{T}{Z(G)} \end{array}$$

The map π is flat with smooth fibers. The torus T acts on \mathbb{V}_G° freely.

Theorem (Martens-Thaddeus)

For $\lambda \in \Lambda^+$ regular, the GIT quotient of \mathbb{V}_G at λ is the de Concini – Procesi ‘wonderful’ compactification of the adjoint group $G_{\text{adj}} = G/Z(G)$, i.e. $\overline{G_{\text{adj}}} = \mathbb{V}_G //_{\lambda} T$.

→ Martens and Thaddeus, Compactifications of reductive groups as moduli stacks of bundles, Compositio Math. 152 (2016), no. 1, 62–98.

EXAMPLE OF SL_2

Example: For $G = SL_2$, we have that $\mathbb{V}_{SL_2} = \text{Mat}_{2 \times 2}$. The diagram on the previous slide becomes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathcal{Y} = \{\text{rk } 1\} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{V}_G^\circ = \text{Mat}_{2 \times 2} \setminus \{0\} \hookleftarrow \supset \frac{SL_2 \times \mathbb{C}^\times}{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}} = GL_2 \\
 \downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow \pi = \det \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow \\
 \{0\} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{A}^1 \hookleftarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \supset \mathbb{C}^\times
 \end{array}$$

The wonderful compactification in this case is $\overline{PSL_2} = \mathbb{P}^3$.

RELATIVE DIFFERENTIAL OPERATORS

Recall the matrix coefficients filtration on \mathcal{D}_G .

Question: What is $\text{Rees}(\mathcal{D}_G)$?

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathcal{Y} & \hookrightarrow & \mathbb{V}_G^\circ & \longleftarrow & \frac{G \times T}{Z(G)} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi & & \downarrow \\
 \{0\} & \hookrightarrow & \mathbb{A}^r & \longleftarrow & \frac{T}{Z(G)}
 \end{array}$$

Definition. Let $\mathcal{D}_\pi \subseteq \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{V}_G^\circ}$ be the subsheaf relative differential operators on \mathbb{V}_G° (generated by vector fields that preserve the fibers of π).

Proposition. There is a natural identification $\text{Rees}(\mathcal{D}_G) \simeq \mathcal{D}_\pi$, and a functor

$$\text{Rees} : D(G)^{\text{flt}} \rightarrow D(\pi) := \mathcal{D}_\pi\text{-mod}$$

$$M \mapsto \bigoplus_{\lambda} M_{\leq \lambda} z^\lambda$$

WEAKLY EQUIVARIANT D -MODULES

Let K be any linear algebraic group acting on an algebraic variety X .
We have:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & K \times X & \\ \text{act} \swarrow & & \searrow \pi_2 \\ X & & X \end{array}$$

Definition. A K -equivariant quasicoherent sheaf on X is the data of a quasicoherent sheaf \mathcal{F} on X , together with an isomorphism

$$\Phi : \text{act}^* \mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_2^* \mathcal{F},$$

satisfying an associativity condition.

Fact: The sheaf \mathcal{D}_X of differential operators carries a natural K -equivariant structure

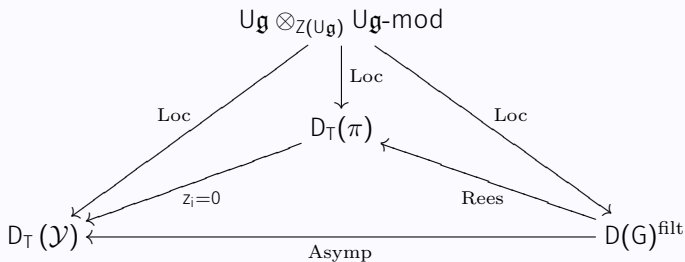
Definition. A weakly K -equivariant D -module on X is a D -module \mathcal{M} on X equipped with an isomorphism $\Phi : \text{act}^* \mathcal{M} \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_2^* \mathcal{M}$ of $\mathcal{O}_K \boxtimes \mathcal{D}_X$ -modules.

MAIN RESULT

Recall that the spaces \mathcal{Y} and \mathbb{V}_G° carry actions of T . Let $D_T(\bullet)$ denote the category of weakly T -equivariant D -modules, i.e. D -modules with a compatible T -equivariant structure.

Theorem (Ben-Zvi – G.)

There are well-defined functors that fit into a commutative diagram



IDEA BEHIND THE COMMUTATIVITY OF THE DIAGRAM

Note that $\mathcal{D}_\pi|_{\pi^{-1}(a)} = \mathcal{D}_{\pi^{-1}(a)}$ for all $a \in \mathbb{A}^r$, and $\text{Rees}(\mathcal{D}_G)|_{\mathbb{V}_G^\circ} = \mathcal{D}_\pi$.

Now, for a $U\mathfrak{g} \otimes U\mathfrak{g}$ -module M , we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Asymp}(\text{Loc}_G(M)) &= \text{Rees}(\mathcal{D}_G \otimes_{U\mathfrak{g} \otimes U\mathfrak{g}} M)|_{\mathcal{Y}} \\ &= \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \left((\mathcal{D}_G)_{\leq \lambda} \otimes_{U\mathfrak{g} \otimes U\mathfrak{g}} M \right) z^\lambda|_{\mathcal{Y}} \\ &= \text{Rees}(\mathcal{D}_G)|_{\mathcal{Y}} \otimes_{U\mathfrak{g} \otimes U\mathfrak{g}} M \\ &= \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{Y}} \otimes_{U\mathfrak{g} \otimes U\mathfrak{g}} M = \text{Loc}_{\mathcal{Y}}(M)\end{aligned}$$

PARABOLIC RESTRICTION

Fix $I \subseteq \Delta = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r\}$. Correspondingly, we have:

- $P_I \supseteq B$ a parabolic subgroup of G and $N_I = R_u(P_I)$ its unipotent radical.
- $L = L_I$ the Levi quotient with Lie algebra \mathfrak{l}_I and center $Z_I = Z(L_I)$.
- A point $e_I \in \mathbb{A}^r$ with i th coordinate 1 if $\alpha_i \in I$ and zero otherwise.
- $\mathcal{Y}_I = G/N_I \times_{L_I} N_I^- \backslash G$ the partial horocycle space, which includes in fiber of $\mathbb{V}_G \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbb{A}^r$ over e_I .

Fibration:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L_I & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{Y}_I \\ & & \downarrow q_I \\ & & G/P_I \times P_I^- \backslash G \end{array}$$

Fix $y \in \mathcal{Y}_I$ and let $q_I(y) = (P, P') \in G/P_I \times P_I^- \backslash G$. Choice of y gives an inclusion $L_I \simeq q_I^{-1}(q_I(y)) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{Y}_I$. Parabolic restriction functor for $\mathfrak{p} = \text{Lie}(P)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{res}_{\mathfrak{p}} : U\mathfrak{g} &\rightarrow U\mathfrak{l}_I \\ V &\mapsto (V)_{\mathfrak{n}_{\mathfrak{p}}} = V/\mathfrak{n}_{\mathfrak{p}}V \end{aligned}$$

PARABOLIC RESTRICTION CONTINUED

Theorem (Ben-Zvi – G.)

For any parabolics P, P' conjugate to P_I, P_I^- respectively, there is a functor $\overline{\text{Asymp}}_I : D(G)^{\text{filt}} \rightarrow D_{Z_I}(L_I)$ that fits into the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 U\mathfrak{g} \otimes U\mathfrak{g}\text{-mod} & \xrightarrow{\text{res}_P \otimes \text{res}_{P'}} & U\mathfrak{l}_I \otimes U\mathfrak{l}_I\text{-mod} \\
 \downarrow \text{Loc}_G & & \downarrow \text{Loc}_L \\
 D(G)^{\text{filt}} & \xrightarrow{\overline{\text{Asymp}}_I} & D_{Z_I}(L_I)
 \end{array}$$

Ingredients:

(1) **Fact:** If G acts on X transitively, the localization of a $U\mathfrak{g}$ -module V to X is the coinvariants of $V \otimes \mathcal{O}_X$ with respect to the kernel of $\mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \Gamma(X, \mathcal{T}_X)$.

(2) Commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & U\mathfrak{g} \otimes_{Z(U\mathfrak{g})} U\mathfrak{g}\text{-mod} & \\
 \text{Loc} \swarrow & & \searrow \text{Loc} \\
 D_{Z_I}(\mathcal{Y}_I) & \xleftarrow{\overline{\text{Asymp}}_I} & D(G)^{\text{filt}}
 \end{array}$$

Assume for simplicity that $Z(G) = 1$. Let $j : G \hookrightarrow \bar{G}$ be the inclusion of the open orbit in the wonderful compactification, and let Z_1, \dots, Z_r be the boundary divisors of \bar{G} . We have:

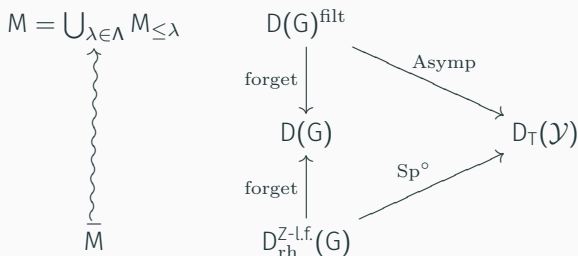
- A Λ -filtration on $\mathcal{D}_{\bar{G}}$ coming from the V-filtrations with respect to the Z_i 's.
- An induced Λ -filtration on $j_*\mathcal{D}_G$, and on its global sections D_G .
- For any regular holonomic D-module \mathcal{M} on G , a Λ -filtration on $\Gamma(\bar{G}, j_*\mathcal{M}) = \Gamma(G, \mathcal{M})$, coming from Kashiwara–Malgrange.

Proposition

1. The V-filtration on D_G coincides with the matrix coefficients filtration on D_G .
2. For any regular holonomic D-module \mathcal{M} on G , the Kashiwara–Malgrange filtration on its global section is compatible with the matrix coefficients filtration on D_G .

Definition. Let $D_{\text{rh}}^{\text{Z-l.f.}}(G)$ denote the category of regular holonomic D-modules on G with the property that the action of $Z(\mathfrak{U}\mathfrak{g})$ is locally finite.

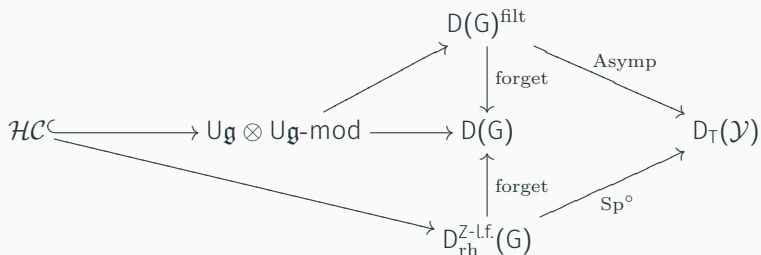
By [BFO]³, there is a functor $\text{Sp}^\circ : D_{\text{rh}}^{\text{Z-l.f.}}(G) \rightarrow D_{\text{T}}(\mathcal{Y})$. This is related to our asymptotics functor in the following way:



³Bezrukavnikov, Finkelberg, Ostrik, Character D-modules via Drinfeld center of Harish-Chandra bimodules, *Inventiones math.* 188 (2012), no. 3, 589–620

RELATION TO HARISH-CHANDRA BIMODULES

Definition. A finitely-generated $U\mathfrak{g} \otimes U\mathfrak{g}$ -module V is called a Harish-Chandra bimodule if it is locally finite as a $U(\mathfrak{g}_\Delta)$ -module, and locally finite as a $Z\mathfrak{g} \otimes Z\mathfrak{g}$ -module. Notation: \mathcal{HC} .

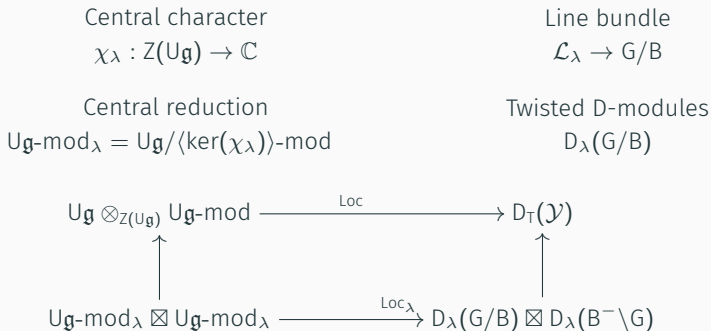


Bottom left diagonal arrow is due to Ginzburg⁴.

⁴Ginzburg, Admissible modules on a symmetric space, *Astérisque* 173-74 (1989), 199–255.

RELATION TO BEILINSON-BERNSTEIN LOCALIZATION

Given $\lambda \in \Lambda = X^*(T)$ there are two relevant constructions:



If λ is regular, then Loc_λ is an abelian equivalence [BB]⁵. On the level of dg categories, the functor Loc gives an equivalence up to a categorical version of Weyl group symmetries on the $D_T(\mathcal{Y})$ side [BN]⁶.

⁵ Beilinson and Bernstein, Localisation de \mathfrak{g} -modules, C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris (1981), 15–18.

⁶ Ben-Zvi and Nadler, Beilinson–Bernstein localization over the Harish-Chandra center, arXiv:1209.0188 (2012).

We expect our results to generalize in two directions:

- **Arbitrary symmetric spaces:** Replace $(G \times G)/G_{\Delta}$ with the quotient G/K of G by the fixed points K of an involution. Then the horocycle space \mathcal{Y} is replaced by G/MN where MN a satellite subgroup of K .
- **Quantum groups:** There are quantum versions of the wonderful compactification and Vinberg semigroup. Established notions of quantum differential operators on the group should lead to a quantum version of the localization diagram with interesting degenerations in the classical limit.

THANKS!