

# A superficial introduction to Langlands functoriality

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## Preliminaries remarks on representations: the algebraic case

$G/K$  reductive algebraic group over an algebraically closed field  $K$  of characteristic zero.

The *Borel-Weil-Bott* theorem classifies algebraic representations of  $G$ , that is, algebraic homomorphisms

$$\rho : G \longrightarrow \operatorname{Aut}(V),$$

where  $V$  is a finite-dimensional  $K$ -vector space.

In fact, suffices to classify irreducible ones, since  $G$  is reductive (e.g.  $GL_n$ ).

## Preliminary remarks on representations: the algebraic case

Let  $T \subset B \subset G$  be a maximal torus and a Borel subgroup (e.g.  $\mathbb{G}_m^n \subset \{\text{upper triangular matrices}\} \subset GL_n$ ).

Because  $B \simeq U \rtimes T$ , any character

$$\chi : T \longrightarrow \mathbb{G}_m$$

or *weight* can be extended to  $B$ .

Define

$$V_\chi := \{f : G \longrightarrow V \mid f(bg) = \chi(b)f(g)\}.$$

Then  $V_\chi$  has a  $G$ -action defined by

$$f^g(h) = f(hg).$$

Here,  $f$  is required to be algebraic. Thus, this construction could be called *algebraic induction*.

## Preliminary remarks on representations: the algebraic case

BWB theorem:

Suppose  $\chi$  is a dominant weight. Then  $V_\chi$  is a non-zero irreducible representation. All irreducible representations are obtained this way. If  $\chi \neq \chi'$  are dominant, then  $V_\chi$  is not isomorphic to  $V_{\chi'}$ .

Thus, the set of irreducible reps of  $G$  are parametrized by  $X^*(T)_+$ , the set of dominant weights of  $T$ .

Example:  $G = GL_n$ .

$$\chi = \prod_i t_i^{w_i} : \mathbb{G}_m^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{G}_m$$

is dominant if  $w_1 \geq w_2 \geq \cdots \geq w_n$ ,

## Preliminary remarks on representations: some notation

$T$ : torus.

The weight lattice  $X^*(T)$  denotes the group of characters

$$T \longrightarrow \mathbb{G}_m.$$

The coweight lattice  $X_*(T)$  denotes the group of cocharacters

$$\mathbb{G}_m \longrightarrow T.$$

Note that there is a pairing

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : X^*(T) \times X_*(T) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}.$$

Remark:  $T = \operatorname{Spec}(K[X^*(T)])$ .

## Preliminary remarks on representations: some notation

The *roots*  $\Phi \subset X^*(T)$  of  $G$  are the characters appearing in the representation of  $T$  on  $\mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie}G$ .

One can define a set coroots  $\Phi^* \subset X_*(T)$  together with a bijection

$$\Phi \simeq \Phi^*,$$

$$\alpha \mapsto \alpha^*$$

such that  $s_\alpha(x) = x - \langle x, \alpha^* \rangle \alpha$  is a reflection of the weight lattice.

The quadruple

$$(X^*(T), \Phi, X_*(T), \Phi^*)$$

is the *root datum* of  $G$ .

## Preliminary remarks on representations: some notation

Example:

$$G = GL_n.$$

$$X^*(T) \simeq \mathbb{Z}^n, \Phi = \{e_i - e_j\}.$$

$$X_*(T) \simeq \mathbb{Z}^n, \Phi^* = \{e_i - e_j\}.$$

In general,  $B$  determines a notion of positivity for roots via

$$\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{t} \oplus_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha,$$

as well as a notion of dominance:

A weight  $\chi$  is dominant if

$$\langle \chi, \alpha^* \rangle \geq 0$$

for all positive  $\alpha$ .

## Preliminary remarks on representations: alternative description of the parametrisation

The Weyl group

$$W = N(T)/T$$

acts on  $X^*(T)$  by conjugation, and for every weight  $\chi$ , there is a unique dominant weight in its  $W$  orbit.

That is, we can identify the set of dominant weights with the  $W$  orbits in  $X^*(T)$ , which then gives another description of the parameter space for representations.

The dual torus  $T^*$  is defined as

$$T^* = \operatorname{Spec}(K[X_*(T)]).$$

Thus,

$$X^*(T^*) = X_*(T); \quad X_*(T^*) = X^*(T).$$



## Preliminary remarks on representations: alternative description of the parametrisation

So representations of  $G$  are parametrized by  $W$  orbits of homomorphisms

$$\mathbb{G}_m \longrightarrow T^*.$$

In fact, there is a *Langlands dual* group  $G^* \supset T^*$  such that the root datum for  $G^*$  is

$$(X_*(T), \Phi^*, X^*(T), \Phi)$$

and  $W = N(T^*)/T^*$ .

The union of the conjugates of  $T^*$  are exactly the semi-simple elements  $[G^*]^{ss}$  of  $G^*$ . Thus, we can view the representations as being parametrized by  $G^*$ -orbits of homomorphisms

$$\mathbb{G}_m \longrightarrow [G^*]^{ss}.$$

Denote a homomorphism corresponding to the representation  $\rho$  by  $\ell(\rho)$ .

## Preliminary remarks on representations: 'functoriality'

Algebraic functoriality:

For reductive groups  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , a homomorphism

$$f : G_1^* \longrightarrow G_2^*$$

induces a transfer

$$\rho \mapsto f_*(\rho)$$

from irreducible representations of  $G_1$  to irreducible representations of  $G_2$

$$\mathbb{G}_m \xrightarrow{\ell(\rho)} [G_1^*]^{ss} \xrightarrow{f} [G_2^*]^{ss}.$$

## Preliminary remarks on representations: 'functoriality'

A subtle point:

Suppose  $G$  is defined over a number field  $F$  and we are interested in  $F$ -rational representations

$$\rho : G \longrightarrow \mathrm{Aut}(V).$$

Clearly, we need to start with a  $\chi$  defined over  $F$  to get  $V_\chi$  defined over  $F$ . Thus, we need to consider the action of  $\Gamma_F := \mathrm{Gal}(\bar{F}/F)$  on

$$(X^*(T), \Phi, X_*(T), \Phi^*).$$

This induces an action on  $G^*/\bar{F}$ , and it becomes useful to consider the  $L$ -group

$${}^L G = G^* \rtimes \Gamma_F.$$

## Langlands functoriality: big picture

$G/F$  reductive algebraic group over a number field  $F$ . We are interested in complex automorphic representations of  $G(\mathbb{A}_F)$ .

We will also denote  $G(\mathbb{A}_F)$  by just  $G$  and the set of isomorphism classes of irreducible automorphic representations of  $G$  by

$$\mathcal{A}(G).$$

Goal (fantasy): Parametrize automorphic representations of  $G$  via conjugacy classes of admissible homomorphisms

$$\mathcal{L} \longrightarrow {}^L G(\mathbb{C}) = G^*(\mathbb{C}) \rtimes \Gamma_F,$$

where  $\mathcal{L}$  is the *Langlands group*.

If  $G$  is quasi-split, then every continuous algebraic homomorphism should be admissible.

## Langlands functoriality: big picture

The Langlands group is supposed to have quotient groups as follows:

$$\mathcal{L} \twoheadrightarrow G_M \twoheadrightarrow \Gamma_F,$$

where  $G_M$  is the *motivic Galois group* over  $F$ .

Thus, Galois representations

$$\Gamma_F \longrightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{C})$$

and more general motives

$$G_M \longrightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{C})$$

over  $F$  are supposed to have automorphic representations

$$\mathcal{L} \longrightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{C})$$

of  $GL_n(\mathbb{A}_F)$  associated to them.

## Langlands functoriality: big picture

If the goal were realized, then given a homomorphism

$$f : {}^L G_1 \longrightarrow {}^L G_2,$$

the parameter

$$\mathcal{L} \longrightarrow {}^L G_1,$$

for any automorphic representation could be composed

$$\mathcal{L} \longrightarrow {}^L G_1 \xrightarrow{f} {}^L G_2.$$

### *Langlands Functoriality*

A homomorphism  $f : {}^L G_1 \longrightarrow {}^L G_2$  with  $G_2$  quasi-split, induces a map

$$f_* : \mathcal{A}(G_1) \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}(G_2).$$

# Langlands functoriality: big picture

Examples include

- Jacquet Langlands correspondence:  $G_1 = D^*$  for a quaternion algebra  $D$  and  $G_2 = GL_2$ .
- Base-change.
- Symmetric powers:  $f : GL(V) \longrightarrow GL(\mathrm{Sym}^k(V))$ , e.g.  $GL_2 \longrightarrow GL_{k+1}$ .

## Big picture: small improvement

Break up  $G(\mathbb{A}_F)$  as

$$\prod'_v G(F_v).$$

Representation  $\pi \in \mathcal{A}(G)$  can be written as a restricted tensor product

$$\pi \simeq \otimes'_v \pi(v),$$

where  $\pi(v)$  is an *admissible representation* of  $G_v = G(F_v)$  and most of them are *unramified*.

*Local Langlands correspondence*

Proposes to parametrize admissible representations of  $G(F_v)$  in terms of admissible homomorphisms

$$WD_v \longrightarrow {}^L G(\mathbb{C}),$$

where  $WD_v$  is the *Weil-Deligne group* of  $F_v$ .



## Local Langlands correspondence: a few definitions

A representation

$$\pi : G_v \longrightarrow \operatorname{Aut}(V)$$

on a complex vector space  $V$  is admissible if

- (1) For any compact open subgroup  $J \subset G_v$ ,  $V^J$  is finite-dimensional.
- (2) For any  $v \in V$ , the stabilizer of  $v$  is open in  $G_v$ .

## Local Langlands correspondence: a few definitions

The Weil group of  $F_v$  is

$$W_v = I_v \sigma^{\mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathrm{Gal}(\bar{F}_v/F_v),$$

where  $I_v$  is the inertia subgroup and  $\sigma$  is a Frobenius element.

Topologize as  $W_v \simeq I_{F_v} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}$ . Note that

$$W^{ab} \simeq I_{F_v}^{ab} \times \mathbb{Z} \simeq \mathcal{O}_v^* \times \mathbb{Z} \simeq F_v^*.$$

The Weil-Deligne group is

$$WD_v = \mathbb{G}_a \rtimes W_{F_v},$$

where  $w \in W_{F_v}$  acts on  $\mathbb{G}_a$  by

$$wx = |w|x.$$

Here,  $|\cdot|$ , the norm on  $W_{F_v}$ , is defined by

$$W_{F_v} \longrightarrow W_{F_v}^{ab} \simeq F_v^* \longrightarrow q^{\mathbb{Z}},$$

where  $q = |\mathcal{O}_v/m_v|$ .

## Local Langlands correspondence: a few definitions

A homomorphism  $\rho : WD_v \longrightarrow {}^L G$  is admissible if

(1)

$$WD_v \longrightarrow {}^L G \longrightarrow \Gamma_F$$

is the composition

$$WD_v \longrightarrow W_v \hookrightarrow \mathrm{Gal}(\bar{F}_v/F_v) \hookrightarrow \Gamma_F.$$

(2)  $\rho$  is continuous;

(3)  $\rho(\mathbb{G}_a)$  is unipotent;

(4)  $\rho(\sigma)$  is semi-simple;

(5) A certain relevance condition having to do with the field of definition of parabolic subgroups. (Ignore for quasi-split groups.)

## Local Langlands correspondence: a few definitions

An admissible  $\rho$  is in bijection with pairs

$$(\phi, N)$$

in  $G^*$  such that  $\phi$  is semi-simple,  $N$  is nilpotent, and

$$\phi N \phi^{-1} = qN.$$

## Local Langlands correspondence for $GL_n$

There is a bijection:

Irreducible admissible representations  $\pi$  of  $GL_n(F_v)$



Admissible homomorphisms  $\rho : WD_v \longrightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ .



$(\phi, N) \in GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $\phi$  semi-simple,  $N$  nilpotent,  $\phi N \phi^{-1} = qN$ .

Denote by  $(\phi(\pi), N(\pi))$  the pair, the *Langlands parameter* corresponding to an admissible representation  $\pi$ .

For a general group, one Langlands parameter is supposed to correspond to several admissible representations, an *L-packet*.

## Local Langlands correspondence: a few definitions

Remark:

A continuous  $l$ -adic Galois representation

$$\mathrm{Gal}(\bar{F}_v/F_v) \longrightarrow \mathrm{GL}_n(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_l)$$

gives rise to a complex WD representation. When it arises from  $H^1$  of a variety, it is admissible. Hence, there is a corresponding admissible representation of  $\mathrm{GL}_n(F_v)$ .

## Local Langlands correspondence: Examples

$n = 1$ .

The objects are supposed to be irreducible admissible reps of  $GL_1(F_v) = F_v^*$  and continuous homomorphisms  $W_v \longrightarrow GL_1(\mathbb{C})$ , which all factor to  $W_v^{ab} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$ .

But irreducible admissible reps of  $F_v^*$  are necessarily 1-dim, so the correspondence in this case reduces to local class field theory  $W_v^{ab} \simeq F_v^*$ .

Note that for  $F_v^*$ , the admissible 1-dim reps are those characters  $\chi : F_v^* \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$  such that  $\chi(1 + m_v^n) = 1$  for some  $n$ .

Also, for any  $GL_n(F_v)$ , we have the admissible rep

$$\chi \circ \det.$$

## Local Langlands correspondence: Examples

For  $n = 2$ , need to construct a substantial family of admissible representations of  $G_v$ .

$$K = GL_2(\mathcal{O}_v)$$

$J_n = I + t_v^n M_2(\mathcal{O}_v)$ , where  $t_v \in m_v \subset \mathcal{O}_v$  denotes a generator of the maximal ideal.

$T$ : diagonal matrices

$B$ : upper-triangular matrices.

$U$ : (identity)+(strictly upper-triangular).

Thus,  $B = U \rtimes T$ . Also  $G_v = BK$ .

For

$$b = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\delta(b) = |a/c|^{1/2}.$$



## Local Langlands correspondence: Examples

From  $\chi_1, \chi_2$ , two admissible characters of  $F_v^*$ , we can form the character  $\chi = \chi_1\chi_2$  of  $T$  and hence  $B$ .

Then  $P(\chi_1, \chi_2)$  consists of the locally constant functions

$$f : G_v \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

such that

$$f(bg) = \chi(b)\delta(b)f(g).$$

The action of  $G_v$  is defined by  $(gf)(h) = f(hg)$ .

## Local Langlands correspondence: Examples

### Theorem

$P(\chi_1, \chi_2)$  is an admissible representation.

### Proof.

$P(\chi_1, \chi_2)$  injects by restriction into the locally constant functions on  $K$ . Since  $K$  is compact, for each  $f$ , there is an open  $J$  such that  $f$  is constant on the left coset of  $J$ . Hence,  $f$  is fixed by  $J$ .

On the other hand, for any open  $J$ , let  $f \in P(\chi_1, \chi_2)^J$ . Then  $f|_K$  factors through  $K/J$ , which is finite. Thus,  $P(\chi_1, \chi_2)^J$  is finite-dimensional. □

## Local Langlands correspondence: Examples

In fact,  $P(\chi_1, \chi_2)$  is irreducible if  $\chi_1/\chi_2 \neq |\cdot|^{\pm 1}$ . We then denote the representation by  $\pi(\chi_1, \chi_2)$ . Call these the *principal series*.

If  $\chi_1/\chi_2 = |\cdot|$ , then

$$P(\chi_1, \chi_2) = P(\chi|\cdot|^{1/2}, \chi|\cdot|^{-1/2}) \simeq P(|\cdot|^{1/2}, |\cdot|^{-1/2}) \otimes (\chi \circ \det).$$

Similarly, if  $\chi_1/\chi_2 = |\cdot|^{-1}$ , then

$$P(\chi_1, \chi_2) = P(\chi|\cdot|^{-1/2}, \chi|\cdot|^{1/2}) \simeq P(|\cdot|^{-1/2}, |\cdot|^{1/2}) \otimes (\chi \circ \det).$$

The representation  $P(|\cdot|^{1/2}, |\cdot|^{-1/2})$  has an irreducible quotient by a one-dim subspace, called the Steinberg representation, denoted

$St$ .

Similarly,  $P(|\cdot|^{-1/2}, |\cdot|^{1/2})$  has a one-dim quotient and an irreducible subspace also isomorphic to  $St$ . Thus, we get a collection of *special irreducible representations*

$$\pi(\chi) = St \otimes (\chi \circ \det).$$

## Local Langlands correspondence: Examples

There is another family of *supercuspidal representations* for  $G_v$  that do not occur in the principal series in any way. They correspond to admissible characters  $\chi$  of  $L^*$ , where  $L/F_v$  is a quadratic extension, where  $\chi$  is required not to come from  $F_v^*$ .

## Local Langlands correspondence: Examples

The Langlands correspondence in this case works as follows:

1.  $\chi \circ \det$  corresponds to  $\chi|\cdot|^{1/2} \oplus \chi|\cdot|^{-1/2}$ .
2.  $\pi(\chi_1, \chi_2)$  for  $\chi_1/\chi_2 \neq |\cdot|^{\pm 1}$  correspond to the rep.  $\chi_1 \oplus \chi_2$  of  $W_v$ , ( $N = 0$ ).
3.  $St \otimes (\chi \circ \det)$  corresponds to  $\chi \oplus \chi|\cdot|$  with  $N = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,
4. The supercuspidal representation associated to a character  $\chi$  of  $L^*$  corresponds to  $Ind_{W_v(L)}^{W_v}$ .

## Local Langlands correspondence: Examples

$V = T_l E \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p$ : Galois representation corresponding to an elliptic curve  $E$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

$l$ -adic representation of  $\text{Gal}(\bar{\mathbb{Q}}_p/\mathbb{Q}_p)$ ;

→ admissible representation  $WD_p \rightarrow GL_2(\mathbb{C})$ ;

→ admissible representation  $\pi$  of  $GL_2(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ .

## Local Langlands correspondence: Examples

Facts:

- (1)  $\pi$  is an unramified principal series iff  $E$  has good reduction at  $p$ .
- (2)  $\pi$  is special iff  $E$  has potentially semi-stable reduction at  $p$ ;
- (3)  $\pi$  is unramified special iff  $E$  has semi-stable reduction at  $p$ ;
- (4)  $\pi$  is ramified principal or supercuspidal iff  $E$  has bad but potentially good reduction at  $p$ .
- (4')  $\pi$  is a ramified principal series iff  $E$  has good reduction over an abelian extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ .

## Local Langlands correspondence: Examples

Even for a fairly general group  $G$ , there is one family of representations relatively easy to parametrize.

These are the *unramified* representations. That is, we assume  $K \subset G_v$  is a hyperspecial subgroup, i.e., like  $GL_n(\mathcal{O}_v) \subset GL_n(F_v)$ .

An irreducible representation  $V$  is unramified if  $V^K \neq 0$ . In fact,  $V^K$  must be an irreducible representation of the spherical Hecke algebra  $\mathcal{H}(G_v, K)$  consisting of locally constant functions on  $G$  that are bi-invariant under  $K$ .

Thus,  $V$  determines

$$c : \mathcal{H}(G, K) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$$

and is determined by it.



## Local Langlands correspondence: Examples

But in fact,

$$\mathcal{H}(G, K) \simeq \mathbb{C}[X_*(T)]^W.$$

To get a sense of this when  $G = GL_n$ , note the Cartan decomposition

$$GL_n(F_v) = \cup_w K w K,$$

where  $w$  consists of matrices of the form

$$w = \text{diag}(t_v^{w_1}, t_v^{w_2}, \dots, t_v^{w_n})$$

with

$$w_1 \geq w_2 \cdots \geq w_n.$$

## Local Langlands correspondence: Examples

Thus,

unramified representations  $V$  of  $G_v$  are in bijection with

algebra homomorphisms  $\mathcal{H}(G_v, K) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , which are in bijection with

algebra homomorphisms  $\mathbb{C}[X_*(T)]^W \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , which are in bijection with

points of  $T^*/W$ , which are in bijection with

conjugacy classes of semi-simple elements in  $G^*$ .

## Back to global conjectures

Recall that the functoriality conjecture proposes that

$$f : {}^L G_1 \longrightarrow {}^L G_2$$

induces a map

$$f_* : \mathcal{A}(G_1) \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}(G_2)$$

as least for  $G_2$  quasi-split.

How to think of this in absence of Langlands group?

## Back to global conjectures

Given an automorphic rep  $\pi_1$  of  $G_1$ , can associate a family of local admissible reps

$$(\pi_1(v)) \in \prod_v' A([G_1]_v)$$

Thus, get a collection of Langlands parameters

$$(\phi(\pi_1(v)), N(\pi_1(v))),$$

in  $G_1^*$ .

Using  $f$ , we then get a collection

$$(f(\phi(\pi_1(v))), f(N(\pi_1(v))))$$

of Langlands parameters in  $G_2^*$ .

## Back to global conjectures

We would like to know that  $(f(\phi(\pi_1(v))), f(N(\pi_1(v))))$  corresponds to a global  $\pi_2 \in \mathcal{A}(G_2)$ .

This might follow from *converse theorems*.

- Hecke

- Weil

- Cogdell, Piatetskii-Shapiro, H. Kim

- Applications to functoriality due to Cogdell, Piatetskii-Shapiro, Shahidi, H. Kim

## Back to global conjectures

That is, if  $r : G^L \longrightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{C})$  is a representation and  $\pi(v)$  is a local admissible rep, then have an  $L$ -function

$$L(\pi(v), r, s) = \det(I - q_v^{-s} r(\phi(\pi(v)))) |E^{r(N(\pi(v)))}|^{-1}.$$

Conjecture: If

$$\prod_v L(\pi(v), r, s)$$

is nice for every  $r$ , then the collection  $\pi(v)$  comes from a global representation. (See, for example, the conjecture of Piatetskii-Shapiro.)

## Back to global conjectures

However, the transfer  $f_*$  preserves local  $L$ -functions, that is, for a representation

$$r : {}^L G_2 \longrightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{C})$$

of  ${}^L G_2$ ,

$$r \circ f : {}^L G_1 \longrightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{C})$$

is a representation of  ${}^L G_1$ .

## Back to global conjectures

Furthermore,

$$L(\pi_1(v), r \circ f, s) = L(f_*(\pi_1(v)), r, s).$$

So, nice properties for

$$\prod_v L(f_*(\pi_1(v))), r, s)$$

should follow from those for

$$\prod_v L(\pi_1(v)), r \circ f, s) = L(\pi_1, r, s).$$



## Back to global conjectures

That is, we are supposed to have something like a fiber product diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{A}(G) & \xrightarrow{L} & \text{Nice entire functions} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \prod_v' \mathcal{A}(G_v) & \xrightarrow{L} & \text{Euler products} \end{array}$$

## Back to global conjectures

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{A}(G_1) & & \mathcal{A}(G_2) & \xrightarrow{L} & \text{Nice entire functions} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \prod_v' \mathcal{A}(G_v) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & \prod_v \mathcal{A}(G_v) & \xrightarrow{L} & \text{Euler products} \end{array}$$

## Back to global conjectures

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## Back to global conjectures

In practice, Langlands expects the implication to go the other way: Use functoriality to show that general automorphic  $L$ -functions are nice.

He also seems to place much more hope in the trace formula approach to functoriality than converse theorems.

## Motivation: Diophantine geometry

$X/F$  variety.

We would like to understand

$$X(F) \subset X(\mathbb{A}_F).$$

Construct a family of motives parametrized by  $X$ :

$$Z \longrightarrow X$$

A point  $(x_v) \in X(\mathbb{A}_F)$  gives a family of motives  $(Z_{x_v})$  over  $\mathbb{A}_F$ .

If  $(x_v) = x \in X(F)$ , then there is a global motive  $Z_x$  such that  $Z_{x_v} = Z_x \otimes F_v$ .

So the local-to-global principle becomes encoded into the problem of whether or not the adelic collection  $(Z_{x_v})$  is global.

## Motivation: Diophantine geometry

If all of Langlands work out, there is a reductive group  $G$  (for example  $GL_n$ ) and for each  $Z_{x_v}$  an admissible representation  $\pi(v)$  of  $G_v$ .

But then, if  $(x_v) = x \in X(F)$ , then there should be a global automorphic  $\pi$  corresponding to it.

That is, we get the following kind of obstruction theory

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X(F) & \longrightarrow & A(G) & \longrightarrow & \boxed{\text{Nice entire functions}} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X(\mathbb{A}_F) & \longrightarrow & \prod_v' A(G_v) & \longrightarrow & \boxed{\text{Euler Products}} \end{array}$$

Currently, desirable to generalize  $Z$  to a family of *mixed motives*. But then, the automorphic theory doesn't work so well, so needs to be generalized to non-reductive groups.

## Motivation from Diophantine geometry

More precisely, the Langlands-Hasse-Weil diagram is supposed to be like

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \{\text{global pure motive}\} & \longrightarrow & \text{Nice entire functions} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \{\text{family of local pure motives}\} & \longrightarrow & \text{Euler products} \end{array}$$

What we more or less understand is the situation where  $M$  is a global motive and we would just like to understand the extensions  $\text{Ext}(1, M)$ . Then we know an obstruction theory for

$$\text{Ext}(1, M) \longrightarrow \prod^{\prime} \text{Ext}_v(1, M) \cdots \cdots \longrightarrow$$

# Motivation: Diophantine geometry

Would like an amalgamation like

