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*Mirkovic-Vilonen polytopes and highest weight characters.*

Methods developed to compute Whittaker coefficients of metaplectic Eisenstein series uncovered a beautiful connection with ideas from the geometric Satake equivalence. In this talk, I will describe work on clarifying and making this connection practicable for the sake of computation of p-adic Whittaker functions in terms of crystal graphs. (Received January 23, 2019)