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*The unitary dual for metaplectic coverings of general linear groups*

Suppose  $F$  is a  $p$ -adic field containing the  $n$ -th roots of unity. A metaplectic covering of  $\mathrm{GL}(r, F)$  is a non-trivial  $n$ -fold covering group of  $\mathrm{GL}(r, F)$ . We shall provide a classification of the irreducible unitary representations of these metaplectic coverings, and discuss an application to the automorphic representations of metaplectic coverings.