

# Renormalized Volume of Hyperbolic 3-Manifolds

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# Fefferman-Graham expansion

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Let  $g$  be a complete, conformally compact Einstein metric on  $M^{n+1}$

i.e.  $\exists \rho : \rho^2 g$  extends to  $\partial M$

$$\rho \Big|_{\partial M} = 0, \quad d\rho \Big|_{\partial M} \neq 0$$

Then:

$M$  asymptotically hyperbolic i.e.  $|R_g + 1| = O(\rho^2)$

can define boundary metric  $\gamma := \rho^2 g \Big|_{\partial M}$

with conformal class  $[\gamma]$  canonically defined

**Foliate  $M$  (near  $\partial M$ ) by  $\rho = \text{const}$  surfaces**

$$ds^2 = \frac{d\rho^2}{\rho^2} + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \left( \gamma + \rho^2 g_{(2)} + \rho^4 g_{(4)} + \dots \right. \\ \left. + \begin{cases} n_{\text{odd}} & \rho^{n-1} g_{(n-1)} + \rho^n g_{(n)} + \rho^{n+1} g_{(n+1)} + \dots \\ n_{\text{even}} & \rho^n g_{(n)} + \rho^n \log \rho h_{(n)} + \dots \end{cases} \right)$$

$n_{\text{odd}}$   $g_{(2k)}$   $k \leq (n-1)/2$  **computable in terms of  $\gamma$**   
 $g_{(n)}$  **free apart from**  $\nabla^\gamma g_{(n)} = 0, \quad \text{Tr}_\gamma g_{(n)} = 0$

$n_{\text{even}}$   $g_{(2k)}$   $k \leq (n-2)/2$  **computable in terms of  $\gamma$**   
 $h_{(n)}$  **traceless, transverse** }  
 $g_{(n)}$  **free apart from**  $\nabla^\gamma g_{(n)} = \tau, \quad \text{Tr}_\gamma g_{(n)} = \delta$

$\forall n$   $\{\gamma, g_{(n)}\}$  free data

can integrate Einstein eqs in a finite neighborhood of  $\partial M$

However, if  $\partial M$  connected and  $\pi_1(M, \partial M) = 0$

Then  $\gamma$  can be freely varied, while  $g_{(n)}$  is determined by  $\gamma$

Hard to characterize explicitly

Interesting to compare with bounded metrics

$$ds^2 = d\rho^2 + \gamma + \rho B + \dots$$

no linear term - no second fundamental form in AH case!

# Volume

$$V(\epsilon) = \int_{\epsilon} \frac{d\rho}{\rho^{n+1}} \sqrt{\det(\gamma + \rho^2 g_{(2)} + \dots)} =$$

$$\begin{cases} \epsilon^{-n} v_{(0)} + \epsilon^{-n+2} v_{(2)} + \dots + \epsilon^{-1} v_{(n-1)} + V + O(\epsilon) \\ \epsilon^{-n} v_{(0)} + \epsilon^{-n+2} v_{(2)} + \dots + \epsilon^{-2} v_{(n-2)} + \log(\epsilon) L + V + O(\epsilon) \end{cases}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} n_{\text{odd}} \quad V \\ n_{\text{even}} \quad L \end{array} \right\} \text{canonical invariants of } M$$

Define Renormalized volume  $RVol(M) := V$

depends on the foliation for  $n_{\text{even}}$

Example:  $n = 3$  Anderson'01

$$\int_{M^4} |W|^2 = 8\pi^2 \chi(M) - \text{RVol}(M)$$

renormalized volume controls the  $L^2$   
norm of the Weyl curvature

Very special case:  $n = 2$

Weyl curvature vanishes identically, AH=hyperbolic

FG expansion stops [Skenderis, Solodukhin hep-th/9910023](#)

$$ds^2 = \frac{d\rho^2}{\rho^2} + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \left( 1 + \frac{\rho^2}{2} g_{(2)} \gamma^{-1} \right) \gamma \left( 1 + \frac{\rho^2}{2} \gamma^{-1} g_{(2)} \right)$$

$$g_{(2)} \text{ free apart from } \nabla^\gamma g_{(2)} = 0, \quad \text{Tr}_\gamma g_{(2)} = R_\gamma$$

There is no log term!

Compare with the known fact that in 3D given the first and second fundamental forms can write down the equidistant foliation metric explicitly

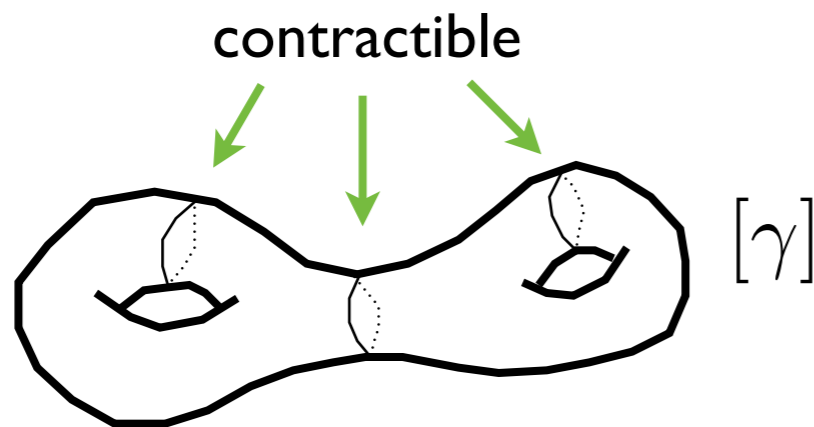


# “Geometrization”

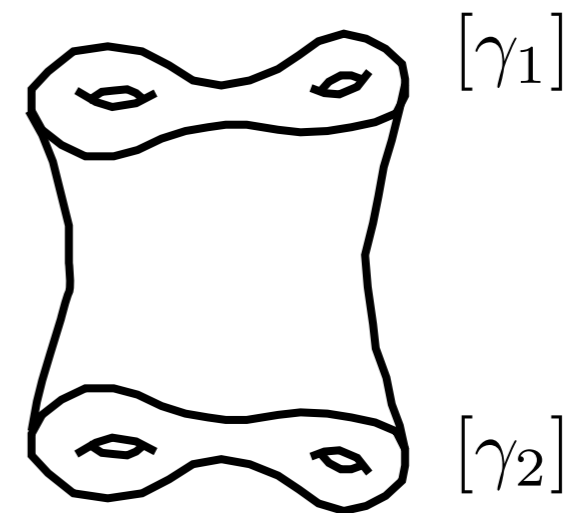
$M$  is completely determined by  $[\gamma]$

(plus possibly topological information)

E.g. **Schottky**



E.g. **quasi-Fuchsian**



$g^{(2)}$  is determined by  $[\gamma]$  of all boundary components

Tracefree part of  $g^{(2)}$  - holomorphic quadratic differential - projective structure

$RVol(M, \rho)$  depends on foliation ( $\rho$  -coordinate)

**Lemma:** Given  $\gamma$  on all components of  $\partial M \exists!$  foliation of  $M$  by equidistant surfaces  $S_\rho$  such that

$$\frac{1}{2} (\gamma_\rho + B_\rho + \gamma_\rho^{-1} B_\rho \gamma_\rho^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\rho^2} \gamma$$

here  $\gamma_\rho, B_\rho$  are fundamental forms of  $S_\rho$

Can be described explicitly - Epstein surfaces in the covering space. Breaks down inside (typically)

$$RVol(M, \rho) = RVol(\gamma)$$

Can be computed explicitly, but even without an explicit result variational formulas can be obtained

de Haro, Skenderis, Solodukhin hep-th/0002230

$$\delta RVol(\gamma) = -\frac{1}{4} \int da_\gamma \langle \tilde{g}_{(2)} - Ric_\gamma, \delta\gamma \rangle$$

where

$$\tilde{g}_{(2)} = g_{(2)} - \frac{1}{2} R_\gamma \gamma \quad \text{tracefree}$$

subcase of a general  $n$  result, computation involving a regularization before the variation is taken

**Important formula!**

Consider variations not changing the conformal structure:  $\delta\gamma = 2u\gamma$  (with fixed total area)

$$\mathcal{F} = \text{Vol}(\gamma) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \int da_\gamma$$

variation

$$\delta\mathcal{F} = \frac{1}{4} \int da_\gamma \langle \text{Ric}_\gamma + \lambda\gamma, \delta\gamma \rangle$$

$\implies$

$$\text{Ric}_\gamma = -\lambda\gamma$$

critical points (local maxima) - constant curvature metrics

**Define:**

$$RVol(M) = RVol(\gamma)$$

computed on  $\gamma : R_\gamma = -1$

renormalized volume maximized among all volumes for the same conformal structure and area of the boundary

canonically defined for  $M$  (with the normalization chosen) otherwise up to a constant

Consider variations of the conformal class

$$\delta RVol(M) = -\frac{1}{4} \int da_\gamma \langle \tilde{g}_{(2)}, \delta\gamma \rangle$$

Well-known that  $\nabla^\gamma \tilde{g}_{(2)} = 0$ ,  $\text{Tr}_\gamma \tilde{g}_{(2)} = 0$

$$\implies g_{(2)} = \text{Re}(Q)$$

where  $Q$  holomorphic quadratic differential on  $\partial M$

(with respect to complex structure of  $\gamma$ )

Can characterize  $Q$  explicitly -

encodes the projective structure of  $M$

$\exists \phi_i : \partial_i M \rightarrow H_2$  holomorphic w.r.t.  $[\gamma_i]$

$\phi_i$  - uniformization map for the  $\partial_i M$  component

$Q_i = S(\phi_i)$  Schwarzian derivative

difference of two projective structures on  $\partial_i M$

$Q_i$  - holomorphic cotangent vector on  $\mathcal{T}_g$

$$\implies Q_i = -4 \partial_i \text{RVol}(M)$$

Can now be shown that

Schottky - Takhtajan-Zograf' 88

$$\bar{\partial}_i Q_i = \omega_{WP}$$

$\implies$  Weil-Petersson symplectic form

Schottky - KK' 00

Renormalized Volume is a Kaehler potential for WP form on the appropriate moduli space - Schottky, Teichmueller

for Teichmueller uses quasi-Fuchsian manifolds; the quantity  $\bar{\partial}_1 Q_1$  does not depend on the complex structure of the other component - use Fuchsian

McMullen' 00

can be established by complex-analytic methods in both cases needs a technical result on reciprocity in quasi-Fuchsian case



## Remark:

The variational formula is reminiscent of that of Schlaefli

If  $V$  is a volume of a hyperbolic polyhedron

$$dV = \frac{1}{2} \sum_e L_e d\theta_e$$

and so if defines dual volume

$$V^* = V - \frac{1}{2} \sum_e L_e \theta_e$$

then

$$dV^* = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_e \theta_e dL_e$$

more than an analogy - can be derived  
from a version of the Schlaefli formula

## Historical remarks:

The Renormalized Volume can be computed “explicitly”

Schottky manifolds

[KK hep-th/0005106](#)

Quasi-Fuchsian, Kleinian manifolds

[Takhtajan-Teo math/0204318](#)

$$RVol(\gamma) = S_{\text{Liouv}}(\gamma)$$

Liouville action as defined by Takhtajan and Zograf’ 88  
(Takhtajan and Teo ’02)

The Kaehler potential property follows from  
this relation to Liouville and results of TZ-TT

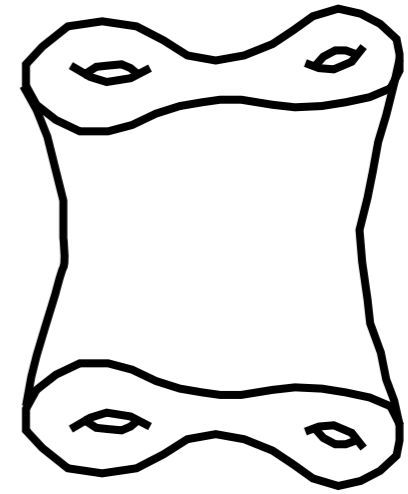
Kaehler potential on  $\mathcal{T}_g$  is an essentially 3D quantity!

## Application I: McMullen's QF reciprocity

A stronger statement can be formulated as:

Consider  $\phi_1 : \mathcal{T}_g \times \mathcal{T}_g \rightarrow T^*\mathcal{T}_g \times T^*\mathcal{T}_g$

Simultaneous uniformization,  
corresponding projective structure



Theorem:  $\phi_1(\mathcal{T}_g \times \mathcal{T}_g)$  - Lagrangian submanifold in  $T^*\mathcal{T}_g \times T^*\mathcal{T}_g$

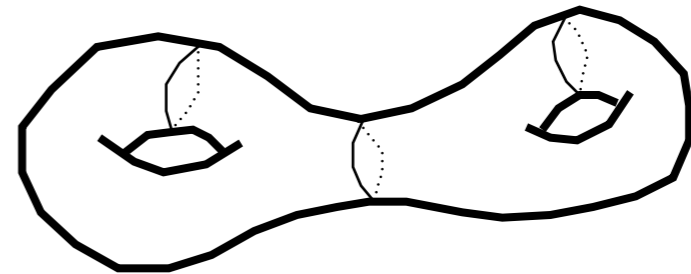
A version of  $\mathcal{L} : p^i(x) = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_i}$

$\implies$

$$\sum_i dp^i \wedge dx_i \Big|_{\mathcal{L}} = \sum_i \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} dx_j \wedge dx_i = 0$$

## Application 2: Schottky manifolds

Consider  $\phi_2 : \mathcal{S}_g \rightarrow T^*\mathcal{S}_g$



Schottky space, corresponding projective structure

Theorem:  $\phi_2(\mathcal{S}_g)$  Lagrangian submanifold in  $T^*\mathcal{S}_g$

### Application 3: Grafting map is symplectic

Consider  $\phi_3 : \mathcal{T}_g \times \mathcal{ML} \rightarrow T^*\mathcal{T}_g = \mathcal{CP}$

projective structure obtained by grafting a conformal metric as specified by a measured geodesic lamination

Consider the corresponding hyperbolic end; the inner boundary is a surface pleated along  $\mathcal{ML}$ ; a version of renormalized volume proves

Theorem:  $\phi_3$  is symplectic; alternatively, the image in

$$\mathcal{T}_g \times \mathcal{ML} \times \mathcal{CP}$$

corresponding to hyperbolic ends is a Lagrangian submanifold

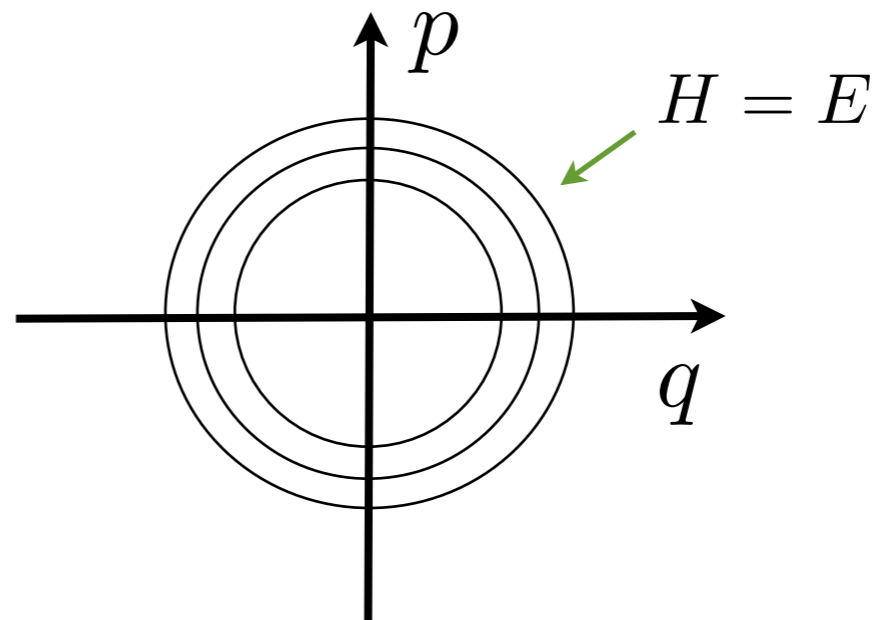
## Why is this interesting to a physicist?

Geometric quantization in real polarization:

Foliation of  $\mathcal{P}$  by Lagrangian  
submanifolds; states as integral leaves

E.g. Harmonic Oscillator

$$H = p^2 + q^2$$



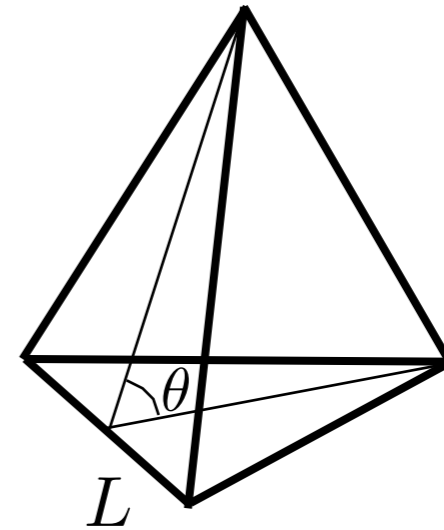
Integral leaves

$$H = E_n \sim n + 1/2$$

This program is realized in the context of flat  
(or hyperbolic) polyhedra!

$$S_{\text{Regge}} = \sum_e \theta_e(L) L_e$$

$$\delta S_{\text{Regge}} = \sum_e \theta_e(L) \delta L_e$$



Phase space  $\mathcal{P}_{tet} = \{L_e, \theta_e\}$

Flat tetrahedron gives a Lagrangian submanifold  $\theta_e = \theta_e(L)$

$$\exists \Psi(L_e) \sim e^{(i/\hbar) \sum_e \theta_e(L) L_e}$$

Ponzano-Regge

SU(2) irreps (6j)-symbol of Wigner

Can also be done for hyperbolic  
tets - (6j)-symbol of the quantum  
group  $SL_q(2, \mathbb{C})$  Freidel, Roche

Back to hyperbolic manifolds:

$\Lambda < 0$  3D gravity can be formulated as a Hamiltonian system

phase space - space  
of complex projective  
structures

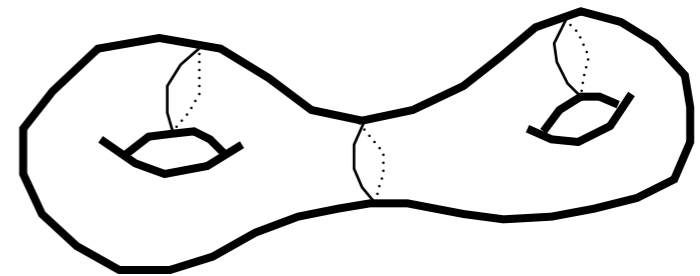
$$\mathcal{P} = \{\gamma, \tilde{g}_{(2)}\} = T^*\mathcal{T}_g = \mathcal{CP}$$

Can show that the  
gravitational  
symplectic  
structure coincides  
with that in  $T^*\mathcal{T}_g$

Quantization of  $\mathcal{P} \Rightarrow \mathcal{H} = L^2(\mathcal{T}_g)$

According to axioms of  
TQFT, 2-surfaces - Hilbert  
spaces, 3-manifolds - states

E.g. Schottky



What is the corresponding state?

Same question can be asked in the context of Chern-Simons theory on a handlebody, compare Weitsman '91



Do we have a Lagrangian foliation of  $T^*\mathcal{T}_g$  ?

Can one use level surfaces of traces of the  $3g-3$  holonomies of the flat  $\mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{C})$  connection?

reminiscent to the Lagrangian foliation in Hitchin '88 The self-duality equations on a Riemann surface

Possible to construct “Schottky states” in  $L^2(\mathcal{T}_g)$  ?

$\Rightarrow$

Interesting functions on  $\mathcal{T}_g$  if expanded in powers of  $\hbar$

Semi-classically  $\Psi \sim e^{i \mathit{RVol}(c)/\hbar}$

“Quantization of hyperbolic 3-manifolds”

## Conclusions:

- 3D Renormalized Volume as a Kaehler potential for the 2D Teichmueller space
- (Hyperbolic) 3-Manifolds correspond to Lagrangian submanifolds in the boundary phase space - natural setup for quantization